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Dry weather dents South Plains cotton

After back-to-back record cotton crops in 2004 and 2005, South Plains cotton farmers are watching the sky and keeping their fingers crossed. Rain is badly needed, yet scarce, commodity for dryland and irrigated producers right now.

The 22-county area surrounding Lubbock, often called the "world's largest cotton patch," has received only spotty rainfall since planting began in mid-May.

After almost 60 days of hot, dry weather, dryland farmers are faced with "zeroing-out" some or all of their acreage. Producers with irrigation, and higher energy/fuel bills, wonder when Mother Nature will lend a hand with some crop-quenching, area-wide rainfall.

"We began assessing and releasing non-emerged dryland acres with a May 31 crop insurance final planting date on June 17," said Dr. Randy Boman, Texas Cooperative extension agronomist based at Lubbock. "Producers in counties with a June 10 crop insurance planting date were eligible for adjustments as of June 27."

"We may be destined to fail perhaps around 1 million acres in Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Dawson, Gaines, Glasscock, Hockley, Howard, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Terry and Yoakum counties this year. To put that in perspective, these counties have produced more than 1.64 million bales from 1.39 million harvested acres last year."

Many dryland fields from Lubbock to Crosby counties northward are either in poor condition or haven't emerged at all, Boman added.

Scattered showers accompanied by high winds brought some moisture to portions of the South Plains the week of June 21, but it was not enough to help most fields, Boman said.

According to the National Weather Service, Lubbock received less than one inch of rainfall in June, two inches below average. Lubbock has received 5.64 inches of precipitation for the year to date, more than 3 inches shy of its average of 80.96.

Since July 1, rainfall across the South Plains has ranged from trace amounts up to 1.67

inches in some locations. National Weather Service climatic data is online at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov>.

Producers with spotty stands of cotton can either take their chances with what's out there, or join those with no stand at all and plow it up and plant another crop if timely rainfall occurs.

Fortunately, there are two Extension publications available to help producers take stock of their situation.

"*Making Replant Decisions, Effect of Stand Loss and Skips on Cotton Yields*" and "*2006 Alternative Crop Option After Failed Cotton and Late-Season Crop Planting for the Texas South Plains*" are available at the Lubbock center, from area Extension offices and online at: <http://www.lubbock.tamu.edu>.

"Farmers should evaluate the plant density in damaged fields before deciding to zero-out those acres," Boman said.

"If you've got a stand of at least 1.5 healthy plants per foot of row, you should consider sticking with the crop. Given better growing conditions, it could still make acceptable yields."

"If you decide to zero it out, be sure and double-check your replanting options so you will remain in compliance with farm program regulations."

Farmers with failed cotton acres may still have time to plant a catch crop such as corn, grain sorghum, sunflowers, soybeans, guar, sesame, peas or beans, said Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist based at Lubbock.

Trostle's alternative crop and late-season planting guide discusses herbicide concerns, crop maturity requirements recommended last planting dates, pest problems, marketing options, and realistic yield expectations for these crops. It also contains information on forage sorghums, sorghum-sudan and hybrid pearl millet forage crops.

Producers can also obtain "2006 Texas South Plains Catch Crop Budgets" online in the What's New column of the Lubbock Center Web site.



A Walk to Remember ...

These Motley County Greenbelt Golf Club members will most likely remember their walks on the golfing trail as they participated in tournaments this summer around the area. Bryson Elliott, left, and Bryant Taylor, will join other Motley County team members as they compete at the Memphis Tournament Thursday, July 13 for their last tournament of the Summer. Watch for results in next week's paper.

Matador Tribune days: 1966-67 Recollections from a former employee

by Larry Elliott

Editor's Note: This is the first article recounting the memories of a former Tribune employee. We hope to receive similar articles from other former Tribune employees.

I worked at the Matador Tribune during my senior year in high school, from the fall of 1966 to the summer of 1967. I was what newspaper people once called "printer's devil," bedeviling journalism legend Douglas Meador and doing everything from feeding hot lead to the Linotype machine to tarring the roof when it leaked after a big rain.

I got hooked up with the Tribune through my sister, Karen Elliott, who worked there the year before, when I would sometimes come down on Wednesday night, the night the weekly paper was actually printed on the hand-fed press, to help get the paper out. "Mr. Meador" as I always called him, ran the press, and Hazel Donovan, Lila Meador and Karen were the usual crew. During the time I was there, he switched from the "hot type" newspaper to the "paste up" print-ready new technology that meant we didn't use the printing press any more. Instead, we would drive his "pasted up" pages to rotary presses in Slaton or Floydada to print them or bring them back to Matador. The old "Tribune" printing press was now obsolete, and driving the paper many miles away and waiting for someone else to print it made the nights longer. We got back to Matador at 8 a.m. one Thursday morning when the paper came out and I had just enough time to change my clothes and get to 9 a.m. class at Matador High School.

I can honestly say I wasn't good at any of the dozens of skilled jobs Mr. Meador asked me to do except for one thing that seemed very important to him at the time: I could make Mr. Meador laugh again and again even when he was dead tired at 3 o'clock in the morning.

I was 17 and Mr. Meador was well into his 60s, but we always seemed the same age mentally because we laughed at the same things. He laughed at me because I was a crazy 17-year-old,

and I laughed at him because he could think like a 17-year-old. He always "got the joke;" humor was his medicine for getting through a lot of long, late-night hours. I used to tell my mother: "He's the funniest guy I know. He thinks like a kid!"

We laughed about everything because we had no one to talk to except each other late at night and we both realized our job was to entertain each other with wit and words. If nothing else, I knew part of my job was to keep a very tired man over 60 awake and working even when he didn't feel like it any more. If he had the radio playing real low I would turn it up loud for Beach Boy songs like "Fun, Fun, Fun" and shout at him: "Listen to these words; isn't this the greatest song? Doesn't this make you want to dance?" He would give me that shy smile he had, a short, low laugh, and say "It sounds like they're in pain. Are they calling for help? Are you sure that's music? And we would both laugh again.

One night after midnight I decided he should stop smoking when we were putting the pages of the paper together and he had three unfiltered Camels going at the same time; one sitting at the Linotype where he was typing page corrections, one curling up smoke into my face from the metal "stone" where he inserted the still-warm lines of lead type into the page proofs and one in the next room where he had put the third smoking Camel down to pick up a lead "pig" for the Linotype machine that produced each line of type in the paper. He loved smoking those unfiltered Camels so much he would leave one part of the press room, start working across the room and light another cigarette and then another as he went along.

So when he walked back to the page proof where he left one of the smoking cigarettes and started to insert a line of type, I raised the rubber hammer high that we used to tap the lines smoothly into place and brought it down on the smoking Camel, smashing it into a flat mess of shredded paper and loose tobacco. He looked up at me through his thick glasses where he was bending over the page, gave a short, incredulous laugh at the madness of someone

smashing his cigarette and said: "You've killed a good friend, Larry. I'm gonna have to fire you."

He didn't fire me, not then or the next time I did it. I told him I thought smoking was bad for him as he lit up another one. After that, the rubber hammer stop smoking campaign continued intermittently as he learned never to put a smoking Camel down on a flat surface where I could reach it with the mallet and I learned that in the late night hours after midnight those Camels kept a very tired man going. I stopped smashing the cigarettes out of respect for him but he never stopped smoking.

I went on to work at the Texas Tech "University Daily" student newspaper in college and worked as a reporter for another 14 years in television,

magazines and newspapers. At every one of those places I relived what I learned at the Matador Tribune, the knowledge that journalism as a job is just an excuse to hang around with very witty people who enjoy news, new ideas and questioning everybody and everything, especially "the rules" of life, like not annoying your boss by smashing his smoking cigarettes.

These days I teach journalism and writing courses and tell students it's the most fun you can have with your clothes on, a line inspired by Douglas Meador. He never stopped smoking unfiltered Camels, and died, sadly — far too soon — of lung cancer, but he taught me you can love your work and find joy in it every day of your life. That's what I learned at the Matador Tribune, the joy of journalism.

Dust kicking action will take place at Jr. Rodeo this weekend

Some real dust kicking action will take place at the 32nd Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo set for this weekend in Roaring Springs. Events will kick off on Friday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday event will get underway at 4:00 p.m. Events will include Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Goat tying, Goat Ribbon Pull, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Break-away Roping, Steer Daubing, Chute Dogging, Team Roping and Steer and Calf Riding.

First place in all events, all age groups, will receive buckles. The All-Around Pre-Kid boy and girl will receive All Around buckles. For Pee-Wees, the All Around cowboy and cowgirl will win handmade bits by Kevin Elkins of May, Texas. Spurs, crafted by Kevin, will go to the All Around Juniors, and saddles made by Danny Vernon from Post will go to the All Around Seniors.

A concession stand will be available both nights. Don't miss this action filled event and see some talented young cowboys and cowgirls demonstrate their rodeo abilities. For more information contact D'anna Russell at 806-347-2621 or 806-347-2601, or the Extension Office at 347-2733 (leave message). See page 3 for saddle photo.

Motley County Commissioners meet Budget workshops set, Election Judges named

Motley County Commissioners Court met for their regular meeting Monday, July 10. Members of the court present were Ed D. Smith, County Judge, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, precinct 1, Donnie Turner, precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, precinct 3, and Russell Alexander, precinct 4 and Kate Hurt County Clerk. Also in attendance were County Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador.

The County Clerk read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-collector, Justice of the Peace and Library. Commissioners approved the minutes, all bills and reports.

Judge Smith informed the court it is time to review the \$10 Road and Bridge fee that is charged on vehicle registrations. Commissioners voted to keep the fee on registrations.

Names submitted for County Election judges by the Republican and Democratic chairmen were reviewed and approved for 2-year terms as follows:

- Republican:
Precinct 1, Marihelen Wason.
Precinct 2, Connie Franks.
Precinct 6, Betty Luckett
Democrat:
Precinct 1, Zacha Guerrero.
Precinct 2, E.G. Reed.
Precinct 3, Betty Simpson.
Precinct 4, Nancy Long.
Precinct 5, Danika Jameson.

Precinct 6, Frances Dixon.

It was brought to the court's attention the appointment of Zacha Guerrero in Precinct 1 needs to be changed as Mrs. Guerrero has moved to Precinct 4. Commissioners approved Mrs. Guerrero for Precinct 4. Judge Smith asked the County Chairman to find someone else for Precinct 1. The county needs more volunteers to serve as election judges. If anyone is interested please contact the County Clerk's office.

Judge Smith informed the court, Craig Turner has volunteered his time to serve the County as Emergency Management Coordinator. Commissioners approved and would like to thank Mr. Turner for filling this vacancy. The county is still in need of a Veterans Officer. If anyone is interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Judge Smith.

The County Agent's resignation was effective June 30, 2006.

The Fire Department budget was discussed, but tabled until more information is obtained.

July 20, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. is set for the first County Budget workshop. July 27 at 8:30 a.m. is set for the second County Budget workshop.

The personnel policy manual was tabled.

The NaCo Prescription Drug Policy died for lack of a motion.

Judge Smith informed the court repairs on the courtroom were to begin July 11.



You know those people who think they know everything? We have probably all known someone like that. The following list is a few things I'll bet everyone doesn't know. This was an email I received recently; I don't know if everything listed is fact, but it's interesting.

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
- A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
- If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
- If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Leonardo DaVinci invented the scissors.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel fuel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

The words "racecar", "kayak" and "level" are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewables Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

Okay now you know everything!

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



The summer reading program for kids is not over even though there will be no more meetings at the library. The kids who are reading for prizes still have the rest of July to read. The bike will be given away at the end of July.

New books in the library include the "Betsy" series by Beth Patillo. The library offers *Heavens to Betsy* and *Earth to Betsy*. Other new books include John Sanford's *Dead Watch* and James Patterson's *Beach Road*.

Other new books in the library include *At Risk* by Patricia Cornwell and *The Two Minute Rule* by Robert Crais. The new non-fiction book by

Nathaniel Philbrick, *Mayflower* is now ready to be checked out. The library also has Danielle Steel's newest, *Coming Out* and the new novel by Linda Howard, *Cover of Night*.

For the little kids (and the big ones) we have *Fancy Nancy* a colorful book with a darling little girl who teaches her family to dress fancy. We also have a lovely version of *Swan Lake* in

the juvenile section. In the Young Adult section the library offers *Just Listen* by Sarah Dessen.

We thank all the people who helped with and attended the Library Art Gallery last Friday. Twelve young artists displayed their work. These are Katie Barton, Jonah Meredith, Parker Mereith, Angelica Meredith, Alexis Moore, Jordan Moore, Michael Martin, Matthew Mount, Cassidy Turner, Darrion Moore, Talor Karamazyn, and Meagan Ford. We thank Patricia Green, Ruby McGuire, Marihelen Wason, Evelyn Garrison and Lindy Stafford for their help with the reception of the art show.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



LADIES PLAYDAY

July 6
18 hole players were Judy Cartwright, Dartha Westbrook, Liv Barton, Louise Barton, Geneva Wilson. Louise won the ball - most bogies on odd holes.

9 hole players were Mary Jones, Nell Berryman, Frances Hobbs, Judy Renfro, Marihelen Wason, Tommye Keith, Kay Bailey, Pat Warren.

Frances won the ball - most bogies on odd holes.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS & VIEWS

by Marisue Powell

Our reporter, Marie Lieber-Harkourt, is on leave from Matador in her home of Berlin, Germany. This is her account of events taking place while she visits friends and goes through a series of medical appointments:

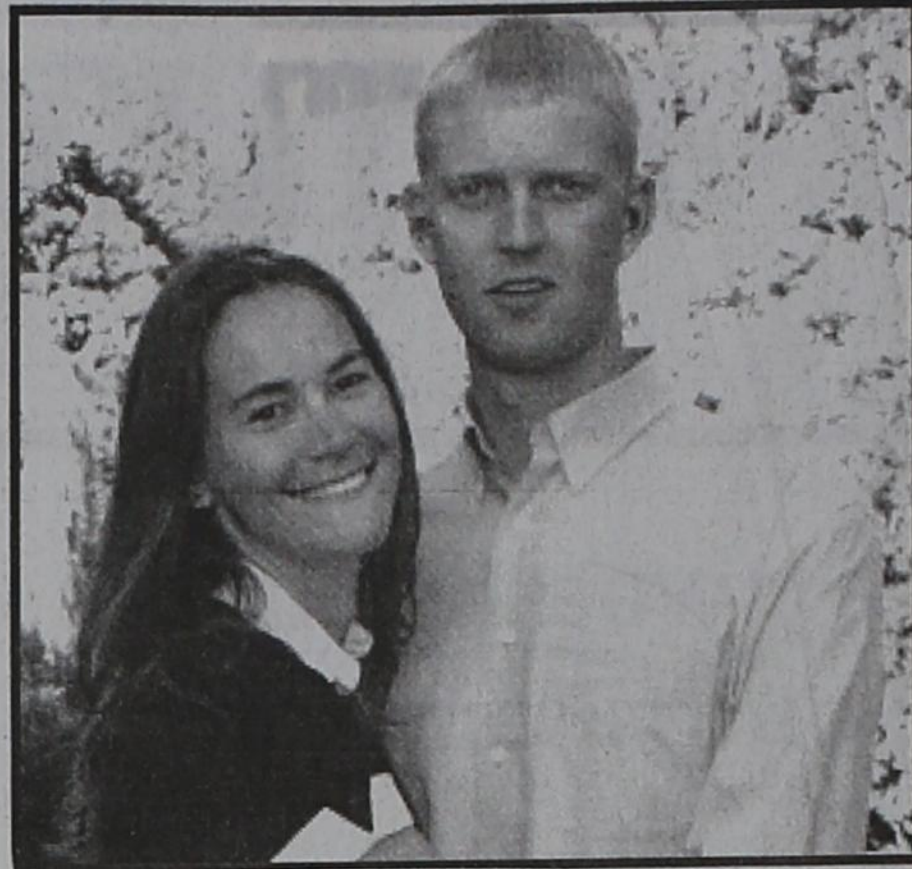
Germany is currently engaged in one big party-- the World Cup games are played in cities all around the country, and huge numbers of fans come to cheer their teams. For example, this evening is a match between England and Sweden, and 85,000 (yep, eighty-five thousand) Swedes are expected to turn up for the match-- no estimates of the thousands of Brits that will be here, too. Germany plays Ecuador this afternoon in Berlin-- you can imagine what is going on here.

The other item of note in the news is the antics of the brown bear that has been named Bruno. He immigrated to Germany from Austria, and has caused havoc all around Bavaria, eating one girl's pet rabbit, turning over bee hives and eating 25 pounds of honey, and generally leading a merry chase. The tree huggers don't want him shot, so they have imported tracker dogs from Finland and they are running after him, with a veterinarian in tow, who is supposed to shoot an anesthetic at the bear, so he can be captured and returned to Austria. Every newscast features the news about Bruno, including the costs, which yesterday were at about \$150,000 spent on trying to capture him. But it keeps raining, so the trail is washed away, and the dogs have to start over wherever he was last seen. I am sure you are particularly interested in Bruno, and I will keep you posted

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Melanie Letendre and Wade Arrington

Couple to wed in September

Mario Letendre and Francine Valle of St. Lambert-de-Lauzon, Quebec, Canada, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melanie Letendre, to Wade Arrington, the son of Mike and Debbie Arrington of Canadian.

The bride-elect graduated from Limoilon College in Quebec City, Quebec, with a Civil Engineering Technology degree. She is currently a project manager for Basden Steel in Burleson, Texas, and is studying Civil Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington. The groom-elect graduated from Canadian High School and attended flight school. He is a corporate pilot in Ft. Worth.

The couple will wed on Saturday, September 2, at the First Presbyterian Church in Canadian with Rev. Mert Cooper officiating. They will reside in Ft. Worth.

Wade is the grandson of Ronald and Wayne Clay of Flo-mot.

Need for heat precautions rises with temperatures

Calendars mean little in terms of Texas heat. Intensely hot temperatures are just as likely in spring and fall as they are in summer. But whatever the time of year, extreme heat can create serious health problems, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHA).

The elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are those most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

Preliminary figures for 2005 show 59 heat-related deaths in Texas, up from the 44 heat-related deaths marked in 2004 and in 2003. Typically, the most deaths are recorded in July, followed by August, then June.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry

skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and death.

To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning.

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.
- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening when the temperature is lower.
- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- Wear sunscreen SPF 15 or higher, wide-brimmed hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light
- Dress infants and children

in cool, loose clothing. Shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella.

• Check frequently on the elderly, the ill and others who may need help.

• Adjust to the environment. A sudden change in temperature -- an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate -- will be stressful to the body. Limit physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

• Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

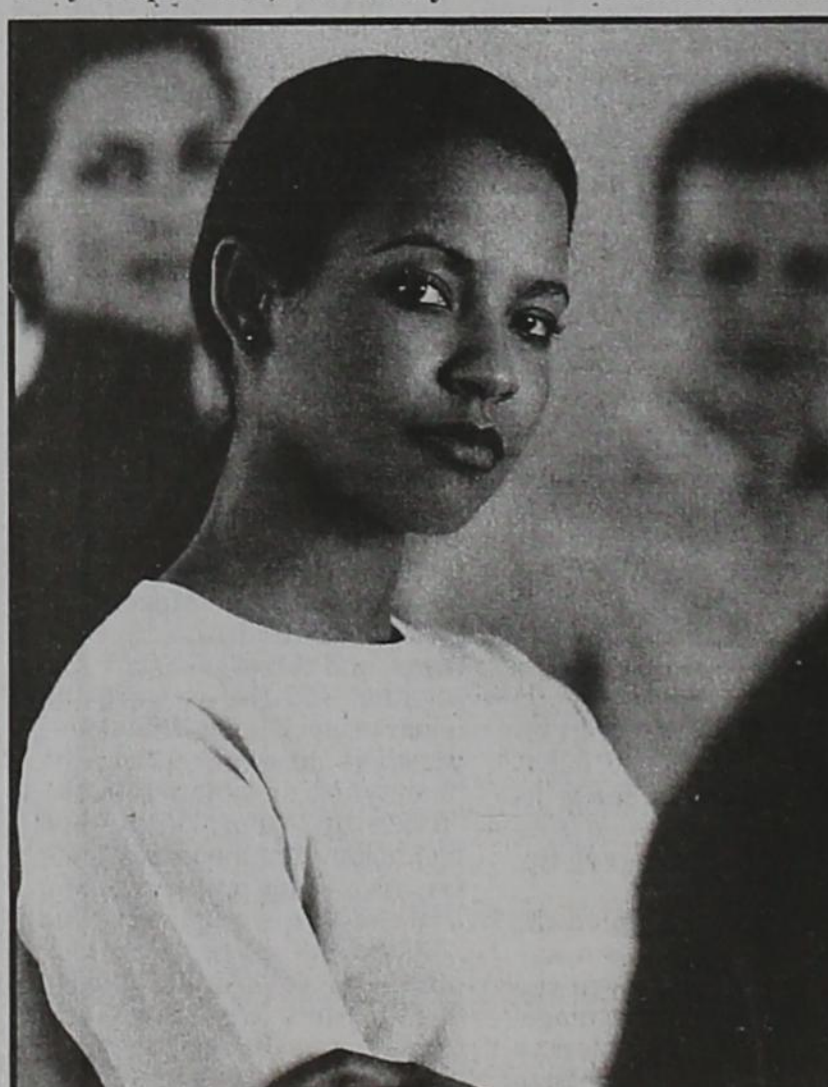
The body normally cools down by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough. The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dangerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death.

A combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat may not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. The stress of hard physical activity, fatigue, dehydration, heart disease, obesity, poor circulation, sunburn and prescription drug and alcohol use also contribute to heat-related health problems.

Prevention is the best defense against heat-related illness. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities are essential to staying healthy in hot weather.

Grace went to a membership meeting of her fellow electric co-op owners. Which meant the whole county was there.

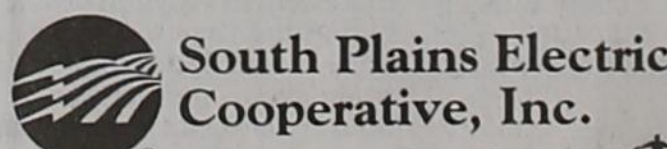
Only your local electric co-op makes every customer an owner of the business. Unlike other electric utilities, your co-op exists to make sure your needs are always met, not to make a profit. And since every electric co-op is locally owned and operated, your co-op is always there with you, reinvesting in your community. That's why in an electric co-op, the



SPEC Dickens Division Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 20 • Registration 5:30 p.m.
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The meeting is at the local office on FM 836 in Spur. Call (806) 271-3311 for information.



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Far too many of us assume that we can adopt a neutral stance. Perhaps we feel that we can be noncommittal. Thereby remaining detached, uninvolved yet be a Christian. Our Lord pointed out in His sermon on the mount, that this attitude is impossible. He said, "You can not serve two masters at once."

To be in Christ is to be involved. We are all a part of the human experience. We are therefore involved in humanity. There are many ways in which you and I might become involved. Here are some suggestions to get us started. First, don't hurry out the door after services on Sunday. Take time to greet and listen to the concerns of others. Remember this, that listening is the opening of involvement.

There is nothing that makes us more Christ-like than listening to the cares of others and then responding in a concerned manner. Words of comfort, cheer and encouragement are often just the thing that is needed. Sometimes there is action required on our part but then that is what involvement is all about. Remaining neutral is simply not the Christian response.

ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. • WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

Texas rancher elected Lions International President

Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, USA, was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 89th International Convention, held June 30-July 4, 2006, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Ross is a rancher and retired judge. His special interests are community service, membership extension and strengthening local lions clubs. He has been involved in chartering more than 500 Lions clubs around the world.

President Ross will lead the world's largest international service club organization, which has nearly 1.35 million members in 45,000 clubs in 199 countries and geographic areas around the world. Lions clubs are

known for their efforts to preserve sight and eradicate blindness, as well as their commitment to community service and helping youth.

As president, Ross will help set the direction for the association and oversee Lions Clubs International Foundation and the foundation's SightFirst Program, a US \$200 million effort to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness.

President Ross has been active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was a member of the Water Control & Improvement Board and the District Juvenile Probation Board as well as chairperson of the board of the All Emergency Systems in 26 counties of Texas.

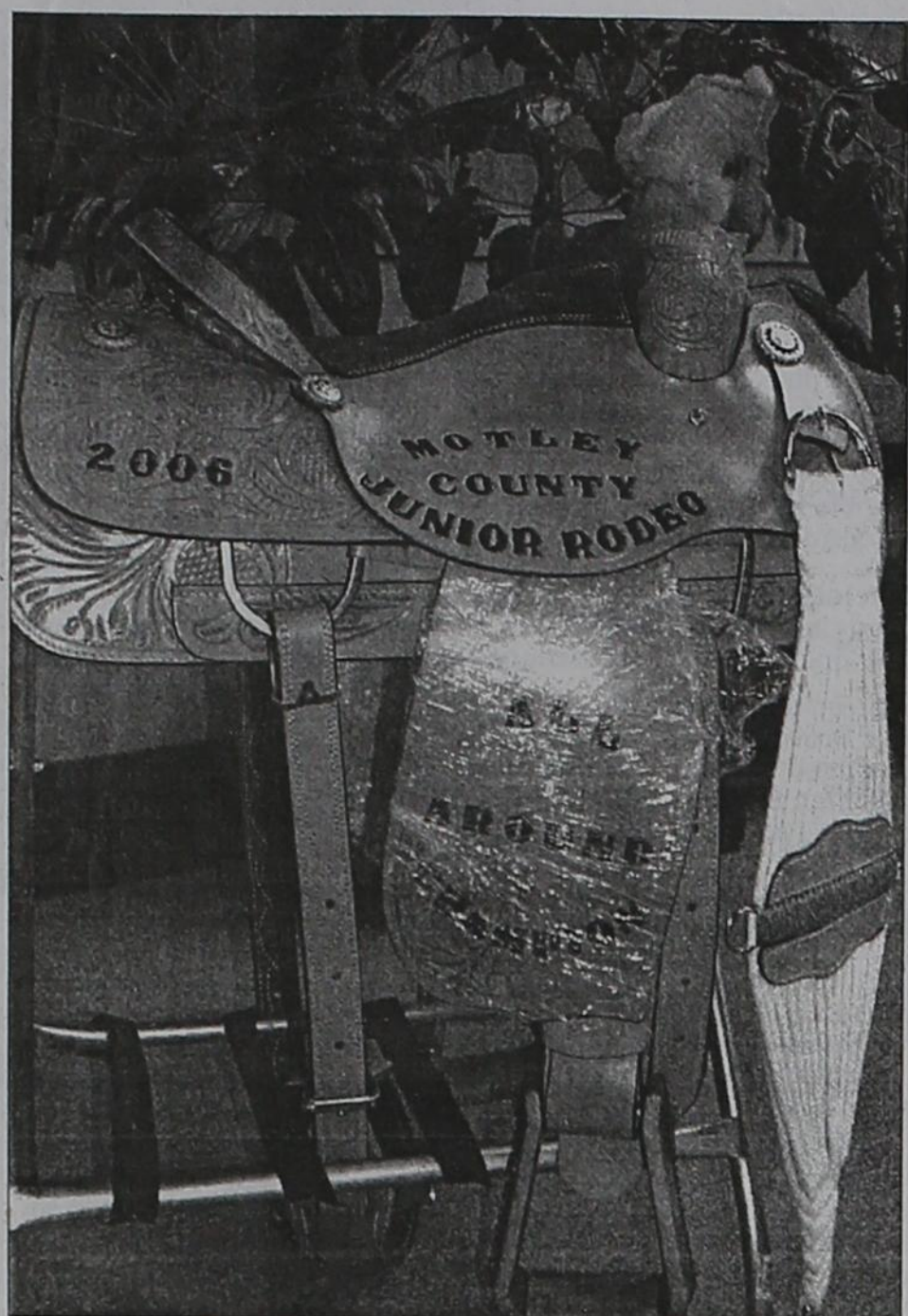
A Lions member since 1969, President Ross has held many positions in Lions Clubs International at the local district and international levels. Additionally he has taken part in eye-glass recycling missions to South America. He has received numerous awards from the Lions Clubs International, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed upon association members.

President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two son-in-laws and one granddaughter.

To learn more about the Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.



Jimmy Ross
International
Lions Club President



RODEO ALL-AROUND SADDLE — This beautiful saddle is one of two which will be awarded to the Senior All-Around boy and girl at the 32nd Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo to be held this Friday and Saturday in Roaring Springs. The saddles are handmade by Danny Vernon from Post.

Honored for years of service

Motley County ISD employees were awarded years of service pins at the end of year faculty breakfast. Pictured at right (top photo) are employees awarded 20 years of service pins. Pictured left to right are Rosalee Davis, 24 years, Beverly Darsey, 23, Jim Cooper, 21, and Barbara Parks, 24.

Employees pictured in the bottom photo (left to right) received 15 years of service pins, Judy Cooper, 16, Clara Mangram, 17, Kathy Gillespie, 18, and Walter Taylor, 18.



Comptroller Strayhorn reports tobacco settlement funds distribution up 43%

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced she has distributed \$72.1 million to three cities, 158 counties and 131 hospital districts from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Account.

Because of solid investments performance and prudent oversight by my staff and the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account investment Advisory Committee, this year's distribution to local entities increased 43 percent over last year's distribution, Strayhorn said. These funds from the tobacco settlement provide a shot-in-the-arm for hospitals that are burdened with the responsibility of treating patients who cannot afford health care, including hurricane evacuees who have sought care at Texas hospitals and tens of thousands of children who have been dropped from the Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP) under this governor's administration.

The \$2.2 billion trust fund, which was built up from payments under the state's tobacco settlement, provides annual distributions each year to local governments and hospital districts to help offset the cost of indigent health care provided during the previous year. The Comptroller manages and oversees the fund,

with the advice and counsel of the eleven-member Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account Investment Advisory Committee.

The three cities, 158 counties and 131 hospital districts received the tobacco settlement funds based upon their unreimbursed indigent health care costs during 2005.

Since the first distribution of funds from the Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account in April 2001, local entities have received nearly \$205 million from the fund.



Parent's Club plans & projects

by Mary Ann Potts

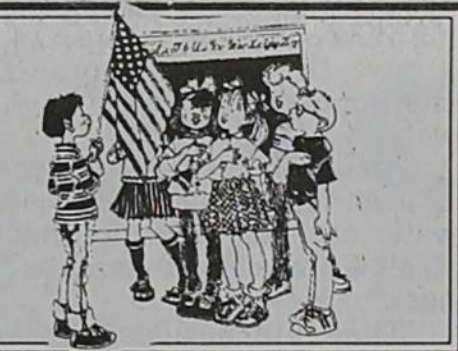
by Mary Ann Potts

Since I'm a little late in bringing everyone up-to-date on the MCPC May activities, I'll give you a quick overview of the meeting's agenda.

First of all, D'anna Russell, MCPC President, announced all items purchased with the Lowe's Register Receipt points. Also, because D'anna registered MCS early, the school ac-

quired \$5,000 in Bonus points. After consulting with the school faculty, D'anna purchased a megaphone, laminating paper, construction paper, tempered paints, Adventures in Science CD's, and many other necessary classroom supplies.

Also, MCS collected a total of 2,087 Box Tops Labels which yielded MCPC a check for \$208.70. Many thanks to all the students, faculty, family and



friends who contributed Box Tops and Lowe's Register Receipts to our school.

The annual scholarship awards were discussed and voted upon. The 2006 MCPS \$100 Scholarship Recipients are as follows: Colton Russell, Sr. Boy, Monica Huddleston, Sr. Girl, and Ashley Green, Most UIL points. The Motley County Parents Club is proud to award scholarships to students who strive for excellence. We wish them well in attaining their future goals.

And, of course, on May 27th the All-Night Party took center stage at MCS. All attending students were well entertained. Door prizes were awarded throughout the evening, and in the Casino Room students were given the opportunity to choose fun and necessary prizes for college life. This event takes countless hours of planning, setting-up and cleaning-up. We appreciated all parents, teachers and community members for their creativity and helping hands.

Lastly, the 2006-2007 Motley County Parents Club officers were selected. They are as follows: Brooke Barton and Mary Ann Potts, Co-Presidents; Denise Ford and Cathey Turner, Co-Secretaries, and Olivia Osborn, Treasurer.

Have a wonderful summer!

Homecoming date set

Tom Edwards, President of the Motley County Exes Association announces that the 2006 Homecoming will be September 22 and 23. Mark your calendars!

"Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back."
— John Ruskin

Motley County Treasurer's Report Quarterly Report

OF EVA BARKLEY, COUNTY TREASURER OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM APRIL 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2006

FUND	BALANCE April 1, 2006	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE June 30, 2006
GENERAL FUND Operating	\$ 9,122.56	\$ 110,568.42	\$ 105,718.12	\$ 13,972.86
GENERAL FUND - Investment	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 85,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
SPECIAL FUND	\$ 28.11	\$ 33,772.32	\$ 2,505.87	\$ 31,294.56
SPECIAL FUND - Investment	\$ 33,450.00	\$ 800.00		\$ 34,250.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 1 Operating	\$ 1,356.31	\$ 13,363.14	\$ 13,636.65	\$ 1,082.80
R+B # 1 - Investment	\$ 26,500.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 21,500.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 2 Operating	\$ 1,045.59	\$ 15,431.35	\$ 15,937.05	\$ 539.89
R+B # 2 - Investment	\$ 24,550.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 17,550.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 3 Operating	\$ 1,088.37	\$ 16,251.28	\$ 16,282.51	\$ 1,057.14
R+B # 3 - Investment	\$ 62,600.00		\$ 8,200.00	\$ 54,400.00
ROAD & BRIDGE # 4 Operating	\$ 1,094.09	\$ 14,603.89	\$ 14,704.49	\$ 993.49
R+B # 4 - Investment	\$ 26,350.00		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 19,850.00
LATERAL ROAD	\$ 8,051.96			\$ 8,051.96
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 52.64	\$ 773.94	\$ 800.00	\$ 26.58
BOND PROGRAM	\$ 489.00			\$ 489.00
INVESTMENT	\$ 92,250.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 86,050.00
COUNTY FUNDS TOTAL	\$ 488,028.63	\$ 206,364.34	\$ 288,284.69	\$ 406,108.28
STATE COURT COSTS	\$ 89.10	\$ 20,844.30	\$ 13,390.75	\$ 7,542.65
LIBRARY	\$ 16,021.18	\$ 3,678.55	\$ 5,471.04	\$ 14,228.69
HOT CHECK	\$ 2,773.17	\$ 547.59	\$ 722.59	\$ 2,598.17
TOTALS	\$ 506,912.08	\$ 231,434.78	\$ 307,869.07	\$ 430,477.79

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED EVA BARKLEY, MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER, WHO BEING SWORN, AND UPON OATH, SAYS THAT THE WITHIN AND FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

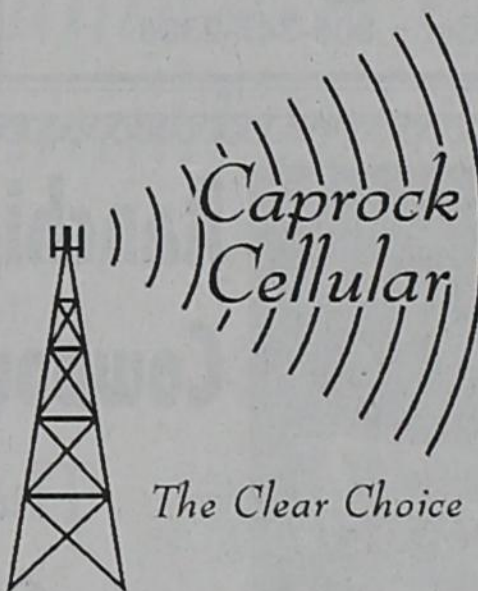
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COUNTY TREASURER

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NEW MATADOR POSTMASTER — Carol Taylor is the new Postmaster at the Matador Post Office. Mrs. Taylor and her husband, Steven, live in Dickens. Mr. Taylor is employed at CapRock Telephone. They have two children, Ashley, 11, and Bradley, 7, and a baby boy, Brock, on the way. Mrs. Taylor previously worked in the Post Office. She has worked for the postal service for six years.

American Cancer Society reacts to new Surgeon General's report on secondhand smoke

Report findings reinforce need for smoke-free laws to protect health of all Americans

Austin — American Cancer Society staff and volunteers in Texas marked the release of Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona's new report on the harmful effects of secondhand tobacco smoke by calling on local communities across the state to protect the health of workforce employees by enacting a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance. Currently, Texas has 43 communities with smoke-free ordinances.

The report, titled "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke" released June 27, is the first report by the Surgeon General's office on secondhand smoke in 20 years. The last report, released in 1986, marked the first comprehensive scientific analysis of the health data surrounding secondhand smoke. The new report reinforces this and years of scientifically irrefutable evidence on the health hazards of secondhand smoke. It also comes at a time of unprecedented gains in the numbers of states and communities that are adopting smoke-free laws.

In addition to addressing the health effects of secondhand smoke exposure, including lung cancer, the new report states that ventilation systems are ineffective at reducing the harm caused by the emission of cigarette smoke in restaurants and bars. The report also highlights the unequal occupational hazard for restaurant, casino, bar and hotel employees. It is estimated that only 43 percent of the country's food service workers are protected against secondhand smoke, while 76 percent of white-collar workers are. Furthermore, children and ethnic minorities also remain more at risk than other segments of the population.

The report identifies comprehensive smoke-free workplace laws as a key and effective way to protect all Americans and help eliminate these disparities. It also refutes the argument that these laws are detrimental to the financial well being of businesses.

The Surgeon General's report is a touchstone to the progress the Society, its volunteers and partners throughout the nation have made to pass smoke-free laws. Currently, 16 states, Washington, DC and more than 2,200 communities have passed smoke-free laws. Most recently the city of Philadelphia and the states of Hawaii and Louisiana passed smoke-free laws, both to be implemented in the next several months.

"The first Surgeon General's report on this issue in 1986 emphasized the strong need to pass smoke-free workplace laws," said James Gray, Director of Government Relations for the American Cancer Society in Texas. "Since the early 1990s, the Society has been working to engage lawmakers across the country in the public policy solutions for tobacco-related diseases. This new report reenergizes these efforts. We have made great advances, but the majority of Americans remain unprotected and until we change that, we will continue to push for passage of these laws."

"The number of comprehensive smoke-free laws passed has more than tripled since the early 1990s," said Gray. Now is the right time for the remaining Texas communities to put public health first.

It is estimated that secondhand smoke causes 35,000 to 45,000 deaths each year from

heart disease and 3,000 more deaths from lung cancer among nonsmokers. The Society has long been committed to studying the health consequences of secondhand smoke; the

Society's Hammond-Horn study initiated in 1952 confirmed the link between tobacco and cancer; and its successor, Cancer Prevention Study I (CPS-1) provided the data that enabled the first Surgeon General's report in 1964 on smoking stating

that smoking was irrefutably linked to cancer. More than 564,000 Americans will die from cancer this year, and 30 percent

of those deaths will be caused by tobacco. The American Cancer Society and its sister advocacy organization, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN), are committed to improving health for all people and providing everyone the right to breathe clean air.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

IT'S GETTING DEEPER

We've sidetracked somewhat on certain aspects of the Flood that I hope you've found interesting, but the focus is still on the age of the Earth and universe. It is hoped you have a better understanding of how some of the leftovers from the Flood tend to mislead some into believing the Earth is old, when it most probably isn't. The fossil record, geologic column, and Darwinian Evolution, are all discredited as competent evidence of the age of the Earth. This leaves only two chronometers, relied upon by "old-earthers," for consideration - atomic decay and the speed of light, which will lead us into cosmology, physics, Einstein, gravity and black holes, therefore some of the following articles are going to be deep, as we are trying to reach everybody, and some scientific types are reading this stuff.

Here's a few goodies from cosmology. Galaxies wind themselves up too fast to be 10-20 billion years old. Our Milky Way galaxy is a spiral galaxy. The

stars rotate about the galactic center at different speeds, the inner ones rotating faster than the outer ones. The rotation speeds are so fast that if the galaxy were billions of years old, there would be no spiral, but a featureless disc of stars. This has been known for 50 years, and has completely stumped evolutionist "old-earthers."

Comets disintegrate too quickly. Evolutionists assert that comets are the same age as the Solar System, claimed to be about 5 billion years old. But, each time a comet orbits, close to the sun, it loses so much of its material that it could not survive more than 100,000 years maximum, and many comets clearly have an age of less than 10,000 years. If 5 billion years old, there would be no comets left!

Finally, we know that the universe is expanding, and it's estimated to be approximately 30 billion light years across. Does this mean it has been expanding for 15 billion years? Don't believe it. Stay tuned.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, food and prayers during my recent surgery. My recovery has been so much easier with your support and the support of my family. Ellis and I truly appreciate each one of you.

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Be water smart Simple steps for conservation

Did you know that a faucet that leaks just one drop per second can waste over 2,000 gallons of water per year? That a leaking toilet can waste 200 gallons a day? Or that an average shower uses 20-30 gallons of water?

Americans use an average of over 400 million gallons of water each day; much of that water is wasted due to carelessness.

The International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC) offers these simple water saving tips to conserve our most valuable and vital natural resource:

Indoors

- Turn faucets off when you are not using them; for example, do not leave the water running when washing dishes by hand or brushing your teeth.

- Make sure to repair any leaking faucets, pipes and toilets.

- Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave instead of running hot water over it.

- Dispose of toxic chemicals properly; do not pour them down the drain.

- Install water saving fixtures such as ultra low consumption toilets, efficient faucets and showerheads.

- Do not throw trash into the toilet as it will result in unnecessary and wasteful toilet flushing; instead, dispose of trash in the proper containers.

- Take a quick shower rather than a bath and save an average of 20 gallons of water.

- Clean vegetables in a sink or pan partially filled with water rather than running water from the tap.

- Re-use the water that vegetables are washed in for watering houseplants or for cleaning.

- Insulate water pipes; it'll make your water hotter faster and avoid the waste that comes when heating water.

- Instead of waiting for tap water to get cold enough for drinking, keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator.

- Whenever possible, compost food scraps or dispose of them in the garbage rather than using the garbage disposal, which requires a high level of water for operation.

- Only run your dishwasher when it is full to make the best use of water, energy and detergent.

- Cut down on the amount of rinsing you do before loading the dishwasher. Most modern dishwashers do an excellent job of cleaning dishes, pots and pans.

- Wait until you have a full load of laundry before running the machine to save both water and energy. If you can't wait for a full load, use the right water level to match the size of the load.

- When washing clothes by hand, the water should not be left running. Fill a laundry tub with water, and re-use wash and rinse water as much as possible. Likewise with the dishes.

Outdoors

- Water your lawn early in the morning or at night to avoid evaporation. Similarly, do not water your lawn on windy days as it can also help to avoid excess evaporation.

- Don't follow a fixed water schedule. Water when the grass

or plants show signs of needing it. Over watering is bad for plants and lawns. It promotes shallow root growth, making your lawn less hardy. To determine if your lawn needs to be watered, simply walk across the grass. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.

- Cover swimming pools to minimize the loss of water due to evaporation. Also install a more efficient water saving filter.

- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks or driveways.

- Install efficient irrigation devices that can be adjusted according to seasonal irrigation needs. Install moisture sensors in each irrigation zone (sunny, shady, etc.) to better determine irrigation needs.

- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses on unattended; it can result in leaks and over watering.

- Maintain a lawn height of 2 1/2 to 3 inches to help protect the roots from heat stress and reduce the loss of moisture to evaporation. Allowing the grass to grow slightly taller reduces water loss by providing more ground shade for the roots and

by promoting water retention in the soil.

- Watering in several short sessions rather than one long one allows the lawn to better absorb water and helps reduce the risk of over watering.

- Check sprinkler system valves periodically for leaks and keep the heads in good repair.

- Make sure your sprinkler is placed so it only waters the lawn, not the pavement.

- Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist, which increases evaporation.

- Wash your car with a bucket of soapy water and use a nozzle to stop the flow of water from the hose between rinsing.

- Consider washing your car on the lawn, if possible, to reduce runoff.

- Consider Xeriscape landscaping which takes into consideration how the yard will be used and how it can provide the greatest benefit with the least amount of maintenance. This includes growing plants that are indigenous to the area and appropriate maintenance to reduce water use.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

Psalm 27:14

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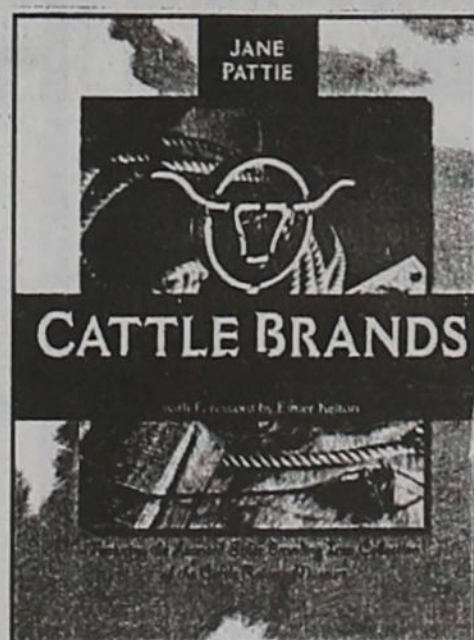
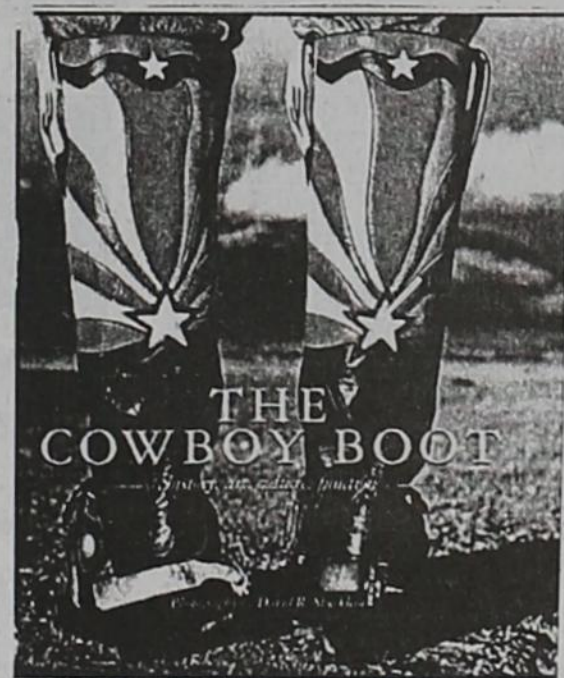
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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

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How I like to get a letter
There's a certain drawback though.
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'More letter that I owe!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Shonda and Roger Lee honored Mrs. Penny Taylor of Floydada and Mrs. Martha Taylor of Plainview on their birthdays in their home, June 30 with a hamburger cook out, decorated cakes, ice cream and soft drinks.

Guests were Bud Taylor of Floydada, Wanda and Rex Davey and Brandon Lee of Plainview, Ruth and Orville Lee and Josh Lee of Flomot.

Mrs. Judy Stark attended to business in Brady last week where she and husband, Lynn will be moving soon. En route home, she visited in Abilene with daughter-in-law, Mrs. Erin Stark.

Visiting the July 4th holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Cruse were children, Leah Cruse and Derrick Cruse of Canyon.

Bengie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Kaitlynn of Royce city visited last weekend with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended the birthday party of their granddaughter, Kacee, daughter of Mrs. Teresa Lee of Turkey. She was 14 and they celebrated with a swimming party and all the trimmings.

Mrs. Janice Hughes was in Lubbock Saturday to celebrate the 8th birthday of grandson, Brennan Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes. The fun filled party was held at the Lights Off Golf in the South Plains Mall. She was in Floydada, Sunday to attend a baby shower given for grandson, Kason

Lee, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hughes.

On July 4th, Mrs. Leona Degan, Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers enjoyed a family celebration at the home of Donna Sue and Stanley Degan in Kalgary. Other guests were Shawn, Jeff, Jake and Allie Abernathy of Abilene, Jimmy, Shay, Seth and Luke McDaniel of Lubbock and Dane, Kyler and Kason Degan of Crosbyton.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mrs. Julie Edwards, Jaxon and Laney visited from Wednesday until Sunday in Clifton with Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They enjoyed shopping in Hillsboro and attending baseball games in which Karlee competed.

Donnie Rogers met daughter, Brooke Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia at Amarillo Airport, Friday. She returned home with him to visit. They and his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers visited in Post, Saturday and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary and Dane Degan, Kyler and Kason of Crosbyton. Donna Sue has a booth at the Old Mill Trade Days in Post.

Visiting from Friday until Monday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were grandchildren, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg and Brian Sehon of Ropesville.

Lindsey Martin of Amarillo visited Thursday and Friday with her grandfather, Wilburn Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn visited in Matador at the Gwinn home Friday with his sister, Aly Gwinn of Lubbock.

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It's summertime and the livin' is supposed to be easy! Wonder where the writer of that song lived? It seems busy nearer describes Motley County Summers! They must not have had hot droughty summers nor needed to keep plenty of feed and water out for cattle. Keeping a yard watered and mowed in this heat is not too easy either.

Some kids are off to camp this week. The Methodist churches at Matador and Roaring Springs have sponsored three boys to camp at Ceta Canyon this session. Roaring Springs' Patrick Harvey was one recipient of their generosity. I am sure he will have a great time.

Crossview Camp at Dickens and The Assembly of God Youth Camp are both in full swing with lots of boys and girls participating. Camps are a wonderful opportunity for kids to play and learn about God together.

Kevin and Lesa Keltz, Kaitlyn, Kenzie and little Kagen attended a family reunion of Lesa's dad, "Coach" Prather, who was a Motley County coach a number of years ago.

A golf tournament for the Greenbelt Summer Golf League was held in Wellington, Texas last Thursday. Several of our young people played in the tournament. Those playing from Roaring Springs were Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, Karrie Valdez and Mattie Brooks. Christian placed second and Jonathon placed third. This week they will play the final game of the 7 game tournament in Memphis, TX. Sage Guerrero will also be playing.

Now we can count the Guerreros as Roaring Springs people as they have moved west of Roaring Springs. Welcome, Gilbert, Zacha, Sage and Tatum, we are glad to have you as neighbors!

Lexie Lawson, along with her grandparents, were visiting Joyce Smith and the Thacker family for

the Fourth of July. If you read the paper I am sure you knew that Lexie participated in the parade and Hilarious Contest. The neat thing is that she wrote us a thank you note herself thanking us for letting her ride with us on the golf cart. I believe that little girl is being taught some social graces. We appreciated the fine letter she wrote and the pictures she sent.

I noticed quite a few visitors for our parade, supper and fireworks. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated. It is a lot of work but it sure seems to be enjoyed.

The patriotic event at the Memorial in the park was not as well attended as I had hoped. I would love to see our youth and younger adults turn out to celebrate our country's independence. History is a valuable part of who we are. We all need to recognize what our ancestors have done for our freedom. Yep, old George, Patrick Henry and all the signers of the Declaration of Independence were certainly our forefathers as well as an of our ancestors who may have fought in one war or another or in some governmental capacity to keep us free.

Ralph Roming of Hutto, Texas visited Corky and Monta Marshall and took in the Fourth happenings. He seemed to enjoy visiting and helping Corky some. He is an old family friend of Monta's family.

Don and Billie Stuckey were in Colleyville this past week to pick up their grandchildren, Matthew and Kenna Whittenberg. They have been living in Basel, Switzerland for the past two and a half years. Now their dad is being transferred back to Texas much to Don and Billie's delight. They will be living in Corinth, Texas. Their son-in-law, Monty works for the Fossil Watch company.

There were fourteen children at House of Faith last week. Summer Camp and the golf tournament have cut down on attendance some.

My granddaughter, Kelsea Miller is visiting her MeMom and Pop for a few days. I enjoy having her come. I don't get to see my grands as often as I would like, they are really growing up fast.

This afternoon I am going to practice livin' easy and take my granddaughter swimming; maybe I'll catch on a little to what the songwriter meant!

OBITUARIES

John R. Hunter

John R. Hunter, 78, of Lubbock, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at his residence.

Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 7, at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

John Ray Hunter was born in 1928 in Roaring Springs to the late Sam and Edna (Turner) Hunter. He taught Range Management at Texas Tech University and helped to develop the Department of Range and Wildlife and Fisheries at Texas Tech. John taught for 40 years. He worked as an Independent Crop

Consultant for area farmers since 1958.

John enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening and was very active in his church, First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

A brother, Turner Hunter and a sister, Doris Thacker, also precede John in death.

John is survived by his wife, Kathryn of Lubbock; daughter, Susanne Long and husband, Trent of Lubbock; brother, Sam Hunter of Iowa Park; and sister, Fay Chastain of Snyder.

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Matador News

The descendants of the Daniel Posey Stephens family, pioneers of Motley County, held their annual reunion Sunday, July 9 at the home of entertaining hosts, Mary Helen and B.C. "Doc" Cross in Plainview. Good food, bountiful laughter, viewing photos of past reunions and renewing memories was enjoyed by 32 attending from New Mexico and throughout Texas.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson who accompanied Mrs. Morris (Sis) Stephens of Turkey to reunion. Of interest to local residents also attending were Mrs. Nora Belle Dunning and son, Kenneth Dunning of Plainview and Mrs. Minnie K. Dennis of Lubbock.

ATTEND SCHOOL REUNION

Wilda and Spencer were in Lovington, N.M. from June 29 to July 3 and visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester. Wilda attended the Lovington High School reunion who observed the 1960-1969 decade with class reunions. A closing banquet was held Saturday night at the Hobb, N.M. Country Club. Wilda graduated in 1965 and had 115 senior class members. She enjoyed seeing, for the first time since graduation, some of her classmates.

Mrs. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were in Lubbock, Wednesday for him medical tests. They were in Plainview, Friday for him an optical appointment and had a nice visit with Leatrice and John Moss of Floydada who were in Plainview on business. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson were in Lubbock again on Monday for him a cardiac medical appointment. En route home, they visited in Floydada with John M. "Sonny" Russell at the Nursing Home.

CAPROCK CANYON TOUR

Lucretia and Carol Campell, and Winifred Darsey recently enjoyed a 13-mile tour of rugged Caprock Canyons Trailway State Park. Following a picnic dinner at Theo Lake, the group met 12 other trekkers from Amarillo, Turkey, and Boston, Mass. at Monk's Crossing Trailhead to embark on the Caprock Canyon Bat Tour.

Following the old abandoned Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Rail line, the group descended the Caprock Escarpment through the scenic Quitaque Canyon. Wildlife sighted were wild turkey, two "white-faced" barn owls nesting in a cliff crevice, mule deer, a herd of wild boars, and numerous other birds species, including the Mississippi Kite, the Greater Roadrunner, an Indigo Blue Grosbeak, Canyon Wren, and three Great Horned Owls. The tour crossed 11 trails trestles in route to the tunnel, including a 60-foot bridge over Emerson Creek, the highest bridge on the railways.

At the bottom of the decent is the Clarity Tunnel, built in the early 1920s. From April through October, 300-500,000 Mexican free-tailed bats live in Clarity Tunnel. Winifred and Lucretia's father, Betrum Estes, helped build the railway, engineering the steam locomotive that hauled more than 10,000 rail carloads of gravel used for construction along the line.

Following an informative lecture by the Ranger on bats (there are 45 species in the U.S. and 33 of those species migrate and live in Texas) the group was rewarded with the emergence of about 300,000 free-tail bats, leaving the tunnel to forage for insects. Did you know that this flying mammal hangs upside down because they can't fly from a sitting position? They have to drop from a height in order to fly and the first thing they do when leaving the tunnel is go to get a drink of water. They drink "on the fly," lapping water as they skim the water source!

The most fascinating spectacle was the sitting of at least two Great Horned Owls, (also known as the Flying Tiger). They waited patiently on the cliffs along with the human spectators for the emergence of the bats for a yummy free-tailed bat meal. These fearless owls flew into the stream of the bats, caught one in their giant claws, took it to the cliff edge and swallowed it whole!

The trip was fun and informative, well worth an evening in Caprock Canyons. Don't forget to visit the State Park gift shop for a book on Charles Goodnight or Dutch oven cooking.

MOSQUITO REPELLANT

Put some water in a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent. Set the dish on your porch, patio, or other outdoor area. Not sure what attracts them, the lemon smell, the white plate color, or what, but mosquitoes flock to it, and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy/water mixture, and usually within about 10 feet of the plate.

Reports from those who have tried this indicate it works very well. Remember to spray on the repellent and put out your white plate with Joy, and stay well.

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Africanized Bee appearance in Texas Panhandle calls for caution

Amarillo -- Bees confirmed as the Africanized strain have been found in the Panhandle, prompting a word of caution from a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist in Amarillo, said this summer he has received two to three samples of bees a week to send for testing, compared to two to three a month in the past.

"We just need people to understand we have them (Africanized honey bees) in the area, and there will be bees throughout the Panhandle that act a little more aggressively than they have in the past," he said.

The first confirmed case was collected Jan. 30 in Armstrong County, Patrick said. Since then, bees from Amarillo in Randall County were collected and tested positive on April 19, May 16 and June 1.

"We knew they had moved as far north as Swisher County in the past years, but this is the first year they've been found this far north," he said. "We haven't received anything from the northern Panhandle, but we have to assume they run throughout the area now."

Distinguishing between native honey bees and the Africanized strain cannot be done visually, Patrick said. All bees must be sent to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station to be confirmed through genetic tests or by measurements.

Africanized honey bees were brought to Brazil in 1956 to improve honey production of the European honey bee, he said. In 1957, containment measures failed and several swarms escaped into the countryside.

The Africanized bee passed on its aggressive traits through

mating and began moving north at a rate of 200 to 300 miles per year, first entering Texas in 1990, Patrick said.

"These bees will not look different and the single bees out foraging among the flowers will not act any different than they always do," he said. "Usually, even the swarms you see in the open will not act any different."

The Africanized bees are more aggressive in protecting their brood, Patrick said. European honey bees may chase intruders up to 100 feet from the colony, but the Africanized bees will go as far as 400 feet.

The sting is the same whether the bee is European or Africanized, but many more bees will aggressively attack if it is the Africanized bee, he said.

"What we've learned over the years is certain things really irritate the Africanized bees," Patrick said. "They don't like small engines, such as lawnmowers, weed-eaters and chainsaws."

Also, the European honey bees tend to nest above ground in houses, trees or vacant structures, he said. In addition to those nesting sites, Africanized bees also nest in holes in the ground, irrigation pipes, control boxes and underneath houses.

Patrick offered some advice for individuals coming in contact with any bees:

- Stay away or get away as quickly and as far as possible.

- Get into a vehicle or house or if it is a brushy area, put as much brush between the source of the bees and yourself.

- Call 911 if you witness someone being stung, and be sure to tell emergency personnel exactly what the situation is so they can come prepared to deal with the bees when trying to administer aid.

• Scrape stingers from the body, don't try to pull them out. Each stinger has a venom sack and pulling only mashes more venom into the wound.

"People who know of an established colony should call someone in the pest control industry to take care of it," Patrick

said. "It's not for the novice person to deal with. There are a few pest control folks who will do it. They charge, but to me, it would be worth it."

For more information on Africanized honey bees, go to: <http://honeybee.tamu.edu/>

TDA to co-host wind energy 101 workshop

Austin -- The Texas Department of Agriculture, the Levelland Economic Development Corporation and the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium will host a workshop on wind energy development on Wednesday, July 19.

The meeting will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Levelland ISD Annex, 1407 Avenue H, in Levelland.

The Wind Energy 101 Workshop will provide an overview of the wind energy industry from the viewpoint of the educational institutions, the state, the

county and the landowner. Scheduled speakers include Andy Swift of the Texas Tech University Wind Science and Engineering Research Center, Greg Wortham of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium, and Randy Sowell of Cielo Wind.

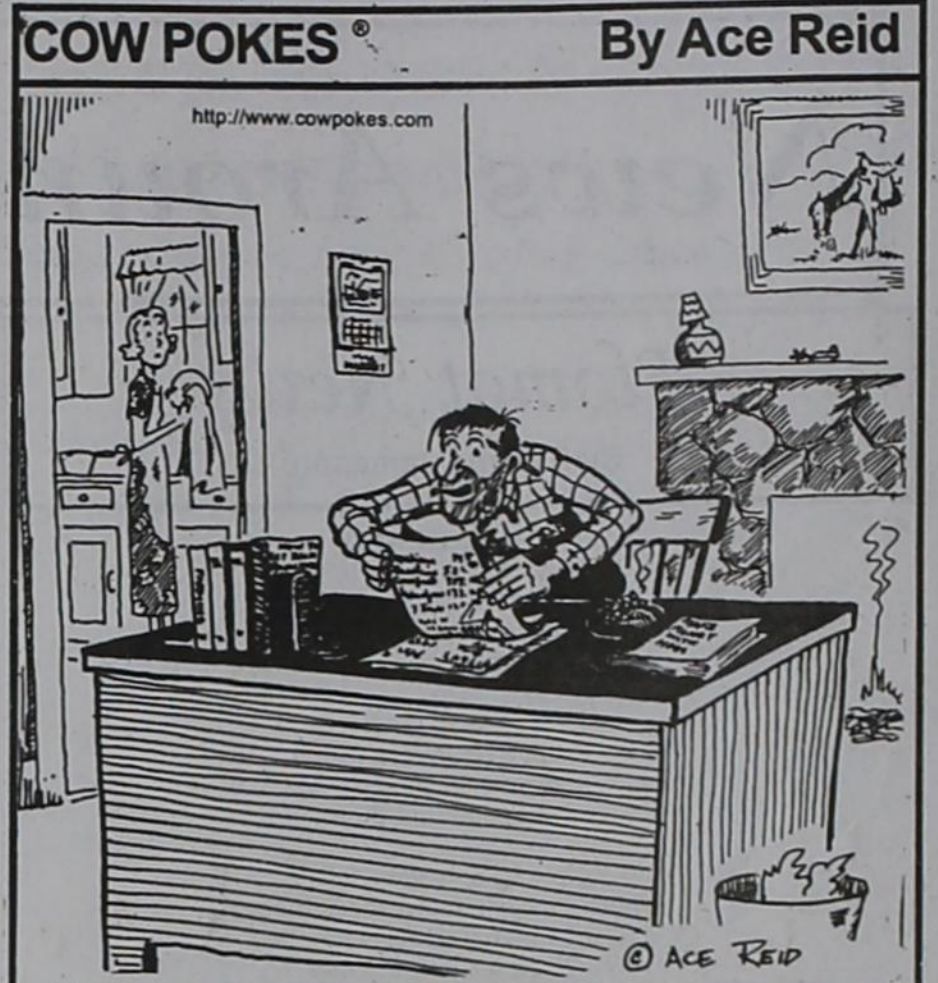
Registration, which includes lunch, is \$20 per person, and pre-registration is required by July 14. To register contact Janie Flores at the Levelland Economic Development Corporation (806) 894-0113 or jflores@door.net.

Hunter Education Course will be held at Matador Wildlife Management Area

Why do we need hunter education? Hunter education is more than just firearm safety. Hunter education produces responsible, knowledgeable, involved hunters. Ultimately, the mission of a hunter education program is to ensure the continuation of the hunting tradition. A hunter education course will be held at the Matador Wildlife Management Area on Saturday and Sunday (August 5 & 6). The Matador WMA is located approximately 8 miles north of Paducah or 22 miles south of Childress on Highway 83 and 2.5

miles west on FM 3256.

The course will start at 9:00 a.m. and will run until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday (August 5). Sunday (August 6), course hours will be from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch/drink for Saturday. Any person wishing to attend this course must pre-register by July 21, 2006. There will be a limited number of participants, so please register early!! You can register by calling Kory Perlichek at 806-492-3405.



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OIL & GAS UPDATE by Thomas Musser

FLOYD COUNTY:
 Many inquiries have been received asking about the current status of the Apollo Energy Operating Company, L.P. W.D. Miller lease well #1. The Miller #1 continues to be pumped, producing oil. Apollo Energy Operating has reported 1,387 barrels of oil production (January through May, 2006).

the Stansell #1 location while repairs are made to the rig.

FLOYD COUNTY:
 The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 was fraced on Friday, July 7, 2006.

FLOYD COUNTY:

The BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease Well #1 was performing downhole mechanical work this week. The second stage of the frac job will be conducted following this work.

MOTLEY COUNTY:

On July 6, 2006, Tyner Resources Ltd. issued a news release on their recent completion work on the Tyner Texas Operating Company R.G. Stephens Lease Well #1. Tyner reported they isolated the lower Penn Bend Shale perforations and conducted a flow test, resulting in a rate of 250 mcf per day of gas and 20 barrels per day of oil. Tyner also reported the lower stand interval would flow 200 mcf per day of gas.

FLOYD COUNTY:
 On Saturday, July 1, 2006, the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Stansell Lease Well #1 was plugged back and temporarily abandoned. The Stansell #1 had been drilled to a total depth of 9336 feet. 13 3/8 inch surface casing was set to 772 feet. 9 5/8 inch intermediate casing was set to 4407 feet. Two cement plugs were set in the well bore. A 65 sack cement plug was set in open hole from 7500 to 7400 feet. A 80 sack cement plug was set across the shoe of the 9 5/8 inch casing from 4460 to 4390 feet. The SimDril Rig is remaining on

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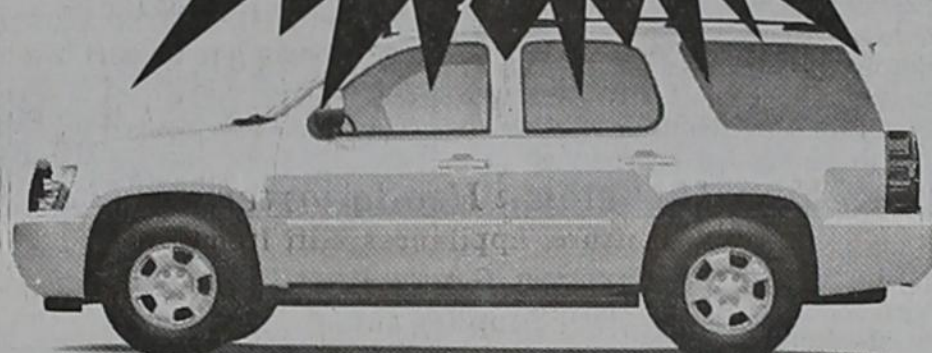
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