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Spring Forward... Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11

Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

One step forward, two steps back for Hackberry Center

by Marisue Powell

"One step forward and two back" seems to have been the governing force for the Hackberry Care Center for the last two weeks. Progress is being made toward the opening and accepting the first three patients, but roadblocks continue to slow that progress toward obtaining a license for the facil-

A step forward has been provided by "Designing

Women," a hard core group of local decorators, Mary Marshall, JoEtta Bumgardner, Janie Campbell, Debra Scott and Shane Jones, who have spent entire weekends, for several weeks in making the facility beautiful and resident friendly. Among the friends and family assisting were Joyce Campbell and her sister who altered, ironed and hung all the valances and Evelyn Garrison who brought lunches to sustain

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Even more Daylight Savings time

by U.S. Senator John Cornyn

A West Texas farmer was overheard engaging in the everpopular practice of criticizing daylight savings time. "It takes my chickens three or four weeks to adjust to the new time," he

There was some humor, and more than a little seriousness, in the comment. The farmer was suddenly showing up in the hen house an hour earlier, throwing the routine off a bit. But the story is representative of public opinion about a government order to change our clocks twice a year. It continues to be controversial.

Daylight savings time is being expanded across the country this year, courtesy of a new federal law, the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*. Most of us will turn our clocks ahead on the second Sunday in March — that's March 11 this year — and turn them back on the first Sunday in November. That's about eight

months of daylight savings time, one more month than in recent

The law change is designed to save energy. Moving the clock ahead takes one hour of summer daylight from the early morning, when we use less electricity, and moves it to the evening hours. That tends to curb our use of lamps and some appliances, including televisions and stereos, which account for one-quarter of an average home's electricity consumption.

Studies by a federal agency show that daylight savings time trims electricity usage by a small but significant amount, perhaps one percent a day. Put another way, an extra month of daylight savings time will save the U.S. the equivalent of 300,000 barrels of oil.

But daylight savings enjoys popular support across the country — and particularly in Texas — because it effectively makes longer summer evenings possible. That means more daylight and more time outdoors for baseball, grilling, swimming, gardening or simply enjoying an evening walk.

Longer days, or more evening sunlight, is also good for business. A recent Houston Chronicle story featured interviews with local patio restaurant owners, and recreation and golf course managers. All agreed that daylight savings time boosted their patronage.

Benjamin Franklin is credited with the idea of daylight savings. While U.S. Minister to France, he noticed that during some parts of the year, the sun rose while most people were still asleep.

This was well before the electric light. But Franklin calculated that resetting clocks to move that "extra" hour of sunlight to the evening could save (he guessed) one million francs per year on candles.

Franklin's idea eventually caught on in Europe, and

spread to the U.S. in the 20th century. It was imposed in the U.S. during World War I, but initially proved wildly unpopular and was repealed by Congress a short time later.

There have been experiments with year-round, federally-mandated daylight savings time, during World War II and during the 1973 OPEC oil em-bargo. For a while, some states even allowed local governments to decide on the time change, creating near-chaos.

Today, some sunny areas notably Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and some territories - still refuse to observe daylight savings time at all.

Even in states like Texas, where most of us have come to embrace daylight savings time, critics remain. The idea of gov-ernment pushing us to modify our behavior - even for laudable reasons — strikes a number of people the wrong way.

Six local missionaries return from Brazil

by Carol Campbell

Twenty-five years after the "seed" was planted, six Matador missionaries from the First Baptist Church helped complete a mission plan to build 8,600 churches in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, an area of almost 7 million.

While Baptist missionaries have been in Brazil for more than 125 years, a comprehensive "church planting" approach was the brain child of Jim Culin, Lubbock. In 1981, he dreamed of seeing "waves of rapidly multiplying vibrant churches" throughout Brazil. The dream came to fruition in March, 2006, when a Discovery Team, jointly sponsored by the Lubbock Area Baptist Association. Caprock Plains Baptist Area, Brazilian Baptists and the International Mission Board (IMB), made an exploratory trip to the city of Salvador, in the state of Bahia, Brazil, resulting in three planned mission trips.

The first 10-day Brazilian trip with mission volunteers was completed in September, 2006. FBC pastor Matt Crawford, his wife, Jaylee, and Ted Davey, paved the way for three FBC missionary volunteers to follow. The original group consisted of 16 volunteer missionaries from Lubbock and the Caprock Plains areas. They conducted home Bible studies in more than 120 homes in Salvador, Brazil, hosting anywhere from 5 to 40 people at a time, Crawford said. "They came in droves to check out the Americans."

They went to the poorest of the poor neighborhoods, passing out New Testaments in Portuguese and handing out their stain-glass windows and two conversion testimonies. Written testimonies were prepared in advance of the trip, sent to Brazil, and translated into Portuguese. "We spoke to as few as two and as many as 30," Davey said, who seemed to take evangelism like a true disciple. But converting the natives was not always an easy task.

According to Crawford, the villagers have a diluted religion, primarily African Spiritualism. "In many ways they may have a better grasp on eternity than we do," he said. "They have incorporated many aspects of many religions," adding, "any-old-religion-in-a-storm you might say, or any religion that promises to get them the best place in an get them the best place in an afterlife." The challenge, he said, is convincing them that "Jesus is the only way."

In the second phase, local volunteers Jim Watson, Brent Marshall and Doris Moore joined 14 other area volunteers from the Caprock Plains Baptist area to build a chapel and introduce Vacation Bible School to children in a village of about 3,000, located about 20 miles from Salvador.

The group left Lubbock on February 2 in the snow and ice and arrived in Brazil in 100-degree plus heat and humidity. On the first work day, 10 volunteers stood before 30- by 40-foot "rough, out of square" concrete slab, and began work on a chapel with 12 volunteer Brazilians that "didn't speak of word of English," Brent Marshall said.

Discounting travel days, the missionaries had seven days to raise a church, build and stain all the furniture, place eight

doors, build trusses to hold a roof, lay a tile roof, then paint and prepare the chapel for a dedication ceremony of more than 150 people.

"It was a daunting task," Jim Watson said, adding "We were up by 5 a.m. and worked until 7 p.m. The temperature was in the mid- to upper 90s, with a 90- to 100 percent humid-

"We built all the furniture in the church, including pews and the pulpit," Marshall said. Then rushing to meet the deadline, "we were painting and plaster-ing at the same time," he said. But the deadline was met, and the dedication ceremony had "standing room only." And it was definitely worth the effort, the group agreed, because on the first night, in the first sermon ever preached in the new chapel, one person walked the isle. "That sealed the deal for me," Marshall said.

Carpenters by day became evangelistic teams at night to lead Bible studies in homes, distribute Bibles and written testimonies, and conduct "street meetings." The purpose of the home teams was to create disciples. "We wanted to bring them to Jesus, and then teach them to mentor others," Marshall said.

The volunteers made initial contact and attempted to obtain written commitments for missionary follow-up teams. "The homes were very small and primitive, Jim Watson said, adding, "Only a few people at a time could fit in a room. When we were able, we moved the meetings to the street."

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LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN BRAZIL MISSION TRIP — Matador First Baptist Church members, Jim Watson, Jalie and Matt Crawford, Ted Davey (back left to right), Brent Marshall and Doris Moore (front), participated in two separate Brazil Mission Trip re-

Filing date ends March 12th for May Election

The filing date will end March 12 for a place on one of the boards for the upcoming May election.

Matador City Council will have three places open, currently held by Chuck Ream, Bert Darsey and Lara Davey. Mr. Ream and Mr. Darsey have both filed for re-election.

There are three places open on the Roaring Springs City Council, currently held by Alex Crowder, Patricia Green and Timmy Brooks. McCleskey has filed. James

Three places are also open for the Motley County School Board. The positions are currently held by Shonda Elliott,

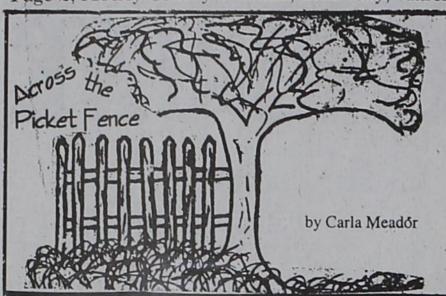
David Stafford and Les Woolsey. Mr. Stafford has filed for re-election. Also filing are Tim Ward, Lou Ann Silva, and Kim Fletcher.

The Motley County Hospital Board has two positions open, currently held by Charley Johnson and Kim Woolsey. Mr. continued on page 3



Grand Prix Race

The racers pictured above are just a very few of the numerous participants in the Second Annual Grand Prix Race held in Matador Sunday, March 4. The race was declared a success. Hundreds of race participants and fans lined the streets of downtown Matador as motorcycles trailed over the race courses outlined throughout town.



The weather this week has been beautiful. Gives me the itch to get outside. Lord knows I have enough work to last two years. I never accomplished everything I needed to get done last year! I just seem to get busier and busier as the years go by. I'm really ashamed to admit, but I even still have poinsettias and a Christmas tree on my front porch! Yikes!!! What has happened to me?? I would not have let that happen even a year ago! And what makes it worse, with the terrible sand storms we've had, the Christmas decorations are covered in dirt!! Double yikes!! A friend suggested it goes with getting older. I call it overworked and way too many irons in the fire! Oh well, not to worry -- if all else fails, I'll be prepared before anyone else next Christmas!

Truthfully, there are a lot of changes in my thoughts going on. Things I would not have imagined myself doing a year ago. I used to be one of those women who had to have my house spotless and in place at

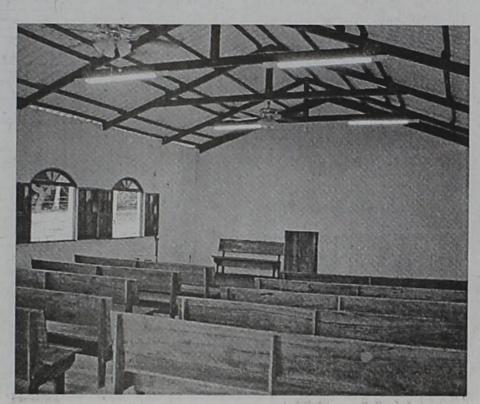
all times, not a dish in the sink and everything dusted and vacuumed, and certainly no Christmas decorations left out, EVER, a week after Christmas!

Not now! I actually go to bed with dishes in the sink. I hate to vacuum and dust, and let's just say my house now has a 'lived in' look!

If I could give a piece of advice to a young mother, I would say ... "Let things go!" Spend some time having fun. My son always made comments about how the house had to be perfect, but if I had those years back, I don't think I would have worried about it so much.

Wouldn't it be great, if we could learn things before hand! I mean before we had to live them so we would know better! It would be nice if there really was a little bird who whispered in our ear ... "Slow down, have

fun!" Well, I'm off track.... Anyway, get out and enjoy the sunshine if you can and let the dust bunnies play inside a little longer.



A NEW CHURCH — The inside of the completed church, built by Brazil missionaries.

Brazil Mission trip

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When the chapel was in fastforward building mode, another effort was being played out in the missionary church at the Baptist encampment - Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 85 to 100 children, ranging in age from infants to 13-year-olds. Doris Moore led VBS with seven volunteers, including three missionary kids and four Brazilians who served as interpreters. In addition to VBS, the group made school visits (Grades 1-6) and conducted home Bible studies. It was an exhausting, rewarding four days, she said.

"I was very much out of my comfort zone," Ms. Moors said. "I shared space with women I didn't know, communicated primarily by sign language, and spoke in groups with an interpreter. But I formed very strong attachments, and the Brazilian kids' passion and enthusiasm to learn about Jesus was truly amazing."

The final trip, a medical and dental mission trip, is planned for May 11-21, 2007. The medical teams will serve on a remote island off the coast of Salvador. Medical personnel and their assistants will utilize a medical boat equipped as a medical/dental clinic.

Pastor Matt Crawford said he has never felt so "passionately" about the future of Baptist missions, the church community in Matador as a whole, and the Brazilian mission trips in particular. He said "God is working in our community and our church. There will be more missions in the future."

The Tomb Was Empty



Because He arose from the grave, there is now a new family. New relationships have been formed. These have been created as a direct result of His resurrection. Jesus appears to the disciples while they are in a closed room with a locked door. No, He didn't come by way of the door. He suddenly appeared, offered them peace and said that

He had come to send them forth. Yes, He sent them out from their false security of a locked door into the wide world. Their message would be the Gospel. Nothing would or could hold them back. He had risen!!

Believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ brings with it a responsibility. We can no longer hold back from the divine purpose of preaching Jesus. The resurrection brings us the possibility of a new relationship with God. The risen Lord becomes the center of life for the believer. We are not called to sit in some room behind closed doors and just talk a little Bible. We are constrained to leave the room and to be messengers of a new life found in Jesus. That is a result of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave.

The tomb is still empty. We are still to go with the message because He is still coming back to redeem His own.

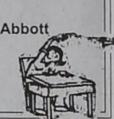
ROARING SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST

MICHAEL G. CROWLEY, SR.

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

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott Librarian



We appreciate the people who kept the library open and running during February when I could not be there. We thank Patricia Green, D.A. McGuire, June Moss, Pina Sturdivant and Marihelen Wason. We also thank Marihelen for moving all the books into the spaces made by moving the Genealogy Section into the Annex. I think she has moved every book three times. Ruby McGuire and Patricia Green helped her.

New books in the library include Edge of Winter by Luanne Rice and Innocent in Death by J.D. Robb. We have quite a number of new books coming in March. Also we have copies of our next two book discussion books ready to check out. They are Shiloh Autumn and Love is a Wild Assault.

We appreciate the donations that the library received last week. We thank Marge Edwards and Tom and Deanie Edwards for their donations in memory of Anthony Carl Moss. We thank W.C. Pallmeyer for his donation in memory of Bill Dean Washington. We thank Yleen Joselyn, Dawn Miller, Jon Harper, Tess Moleski, and Tom and Margie Neiman for their donations in memory of Marjoria Moore Harper.

We also thank Joseph Selton, Jr., Dee C. Mick, Marilyn Hall, and Billie Koon for their donations in memory of Marjoria Moore Harper. We thank Kenny and Olivia Barton for their donation in memory of Anthony Carl Moss and Tommy Bryant.

The library will be closed Friday, March 9, for cleaning.

Motley County Chamber **News & Views**

by Marie-Louise Leibe-Harkort

Consider:

In the late eighteenth cen-tury, Alexander Fraser Tyler wrote The Decline and Fall of the Athenian Republic. In this book, he stated that the average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years, and that all these nations have progressed through the following sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith:

 From spiritual faith to great courage;

From courage to liberty;

From liberty to abundance;

From abundance to selfishness;

From selfishness to complacency:

From complacency to apathy;

From apathy to depen-

From dependency back to bondage.

-- Doris Colmes

There is another cycle that was commented on by The Economist in the issue of 16 July 2005, under the heading The Glue of Society", and that is the membership of Americans in voluntary organizations.

"By connecting people to their neighbors and to the wider world, argued de Tocqueville, civic associations made Americans better informed, safer, richer and better able to govern themselves and create a just and stable society." But from the mid-1970s to the late 1990s, membership in such organizations fell from two-thirds of the population to a little over one-

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce is thus no exception, in that the membership has dwindled, but with your help, we can beat this and continue on to the next phase of the cycle, which is rebounding.
There are, of course, two

ways to participate in the Chamber of Commerce. One is to be a member and pay the yearly dues. This is important, but does not convey the same benefits as the second, which is to attend the meetings and share in the work of the Chamber.

Why should you come to the Chamber meetings and help in the work of this voluntary association? With de Tocqueville, we believe it will make you better informed about things going on the county. We can't promise it will make you safer or richer, but we believe it adds to the wellbeing of the community, and thus will benefit you, at least indirectly.

So why not help turn the tide, add to the glue that holds our county together, and come on to the next Chamber meet-ing on May 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

Stephens - Causey exchange wedding vons at December ceremony

Amy Nicole Stephens and Si Causey were united in marriage at 6 o'clock in the evening December 9, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Pastor Matt Crawford officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Roy and Joanie Stephens of Matador and Charlie and Connie Causey of Uvalde. Grandparents of the bride are Louise Barton and the late Alfred Barton of Matador and the late Herbert and Margaret Stephens of Turkey. Grandpar-ents of the groom are the late Emmitt and Lou Causey of Leakey and the late Lester and Hattie Simpson of Sabinal.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white Italian satin gown. The bodice of the two-piece gown was strapless with a sweetheart neckline. The bodice laced in the back and was heavily beaded in an elaborate design with rows of pearls, crystals and bugle beads. The skirt of the gown had pick-ups in both the front and back and underneath each pick-up were large motifs trimmed with pearls and beads. The skirt ended with a semi-cathedral length train. The bride's bouquet was a cascade of stargazer lilies and white roses.

Matron of honor was Lyndee Ward, lifelong friend of the bride. Lyndee wore a sleeve-less, formal length black gown and carried a cluster bouquet of burgundy roses.

Best man was Wayne Causey, brother of the groom, from Frankston, Texas. Ushers were Tye Stephens, brother of the bride, and David Smith, brotherin-law of the groom from Pittsburgh, Texas. The groom, father of the bride, best man and ushers all wore white tuxedo shirts and a black tuxedo jacket and tie with boots and jeans.

Three large candelabras framed the altar setting for the ceremony. The center candelabra was decorated with stargazer lilies, burgundy roses, white roses and greenery. Side arrangements of peace lilies in tall silver vases completed the altar setting. The church had also been adorned with many beautiful decorations for the

Christmas season.

The wedding guests were registered by Jana Marshall, friend of the bride, Family piano selections for the cer- made by Brenda Osborn of



Mr. and Mrs. Si Causey (nee Amy Stephens)

emony; and the candles were lighted by Leanne Jameson and Dawn Smith, niece of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a buffet reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The guests were served ham, turkey, rolls, cheese balls and a variety of fruits and vegetables. Friends of the couple assisting with the reception were Deb Spray, Glenda Williams, Jalie Crawford and Olivia Barton, aunt of the

The bride's table was attended by Paka Horen of Plano and Jerre Barton of Austin, cousins of the bride They served punch and a white three-tiered wedding cake decorated with fresh flowers similar to the bride's bouquet.

Serving coffee and chocolate cake at the groom's table were his sisters, Monica Reeves of San Angelo and Christina Escamilla of Bracketville. Both friend, Frances Dixon, played of the cakes were designed and

Matador.

The bride is a graduate of Motley County High School and attended West Texas A&M in Canyon. The groom is a graduate of Uvalde High School and Texas A&M University, Kingsville. He is employed by the USDA/NRCS of Gray County.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will reside in Pampa.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Friday, December 8, at the 'Traveler's Inn in Roaring

A bridal shower was held November 11 for the couple in the home of Deb and Joel Dean Spray. Hostesses for the shower were Lyndee Ward, Deb Spray, Brandee Bennett, Glenda Williams, Jana Marshall, Zacha Guerrero, Cheryl Davis, Karen Davis, Renee Karmazyn, Tammy Simpson, Di-Ann Campbell, Lyndy Stafford, Marihelen Wason, Dorothy Day and Julie Whitaker.

Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m. March 9, 2007

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters

East U.S. Highway 70

Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 26, 2007. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 6, District 7, and District 9, will be elected in 2007. Although Directors are nominated from the District they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he/she represents; PRO-VIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his/her designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he/she or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map of the territory served by the Cooperative attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

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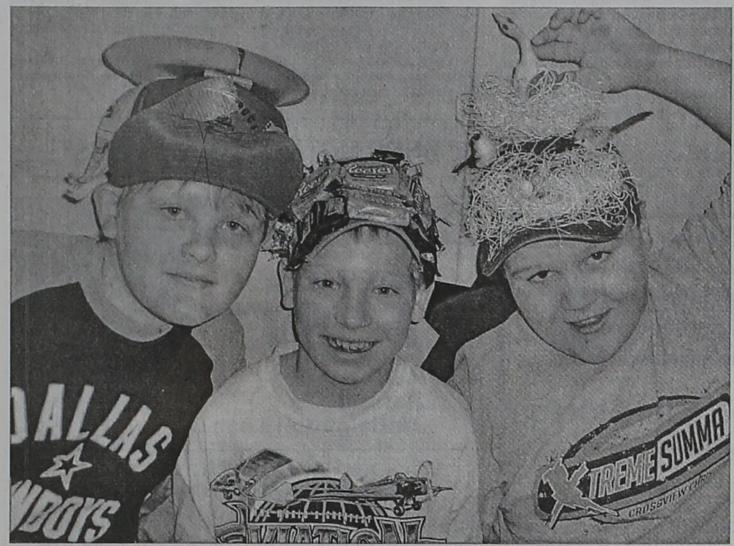
It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, he cleated at the meeting. The Committee may which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2007

District 6 **Edward Weil** Jim Byrd RR 1 Box 36 RR 2 Box 24 Hale Center, Texas 79041 Petersburg, Texas 79250 District 7 Andy Rainwater Aric Hendricks RR 3 Box 95 904 West Tennessee Floydada, Texas 79235 Floydada, Texas 79235 District 9 **Eddie Braidfoot** Milton Beasley RR 2 Box 143 RR 2 Box 124 Memphis, Texas 79245



LADY MATADORS NAMED TO ALL DISTRICT 5-1A TEAM — Pictured left to right, Chicagra Brown, 1st. Team; Angelica Mendoza, Honorable Mention; Christy Smith, Honorable Mention; Griselda Flores, Honorable Mention; and Savannah Rose, 1st. Team.



CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY — Motley County fifth graders, Parker Meredith, Jamie Jameson and Jacob Woolsey, enjoyed wearing these silly hats in deterration of Dr. Seuss' birthday last Thursday. Pictured below are MC elementary students listening attentively to a story as part of Read Across America. Students, Pre-K through 5th grade, wore their pajamas to school and started the day off with a green eggs and ham breakfast. Teachers and students enjoyed a book swap, storytelling.



THANK YOU

A big thank you from Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. to all the people who had a part in making the concession stand Sunday, March 4, a success. Thank you to those who donated the wonderful goodies. They looked so good it was hard to make a choice. Thank you to David Stafford for grilling the hamburger patties. Thank you to all who spent part of their Sunday working in the concession stand. A very special thank you for the cash donations. Everyone is much appreciated.

Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Grand Prix race. Everyone had a great time. A special thanks to TxDOT, Motley County EMS, Motley County Sheriff's office, and the City of Matador employees for your time and support of the Grand prix race. A very special thank you to Motley County Senior Citizens for the use of their building; and to Wylie LP Gas for their continued support of events in Motley County. The donation you made to the Grand Prix race is greatly appreciated.

The race would not be a success without all of you. Thank you.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce

My appreciation to each one who, for your love and prayers, during this past week at the death of my sister, Hettie Nowell of Tucson, Arizona. Your prayers gave me comfort, your beautiful cards lifted my heart from pain, your gift of food gave me strength, your phone calls gave me courage just knowing so many cared. Love and prayers is a blessing shared and our family thanks each one of you. We pray God's love to bless our friends and neighbors.

Jo Scott

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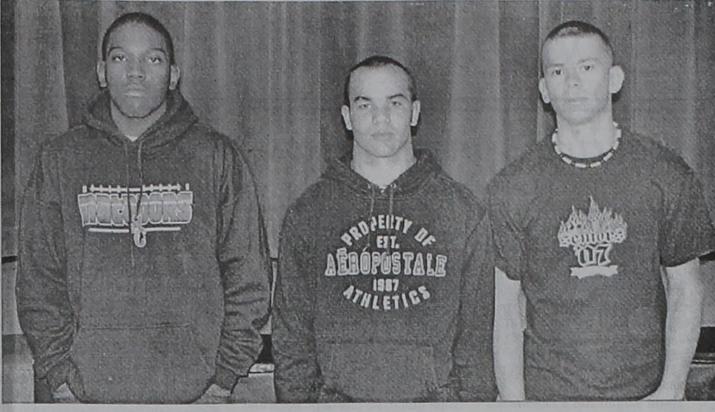
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the designers. The board of directors voted in a recent meeting to commend the ladies on their efforts in behalf of HBCC.

Another step forward was provided by the staff as they set up furniture in all the rooms, washed and dried linens, prepared the beds, and cleaned, cleaned, cleaned. With on-going construction, repairs, and 70 mph dust storms that has been a frustrating, never-ending proposition. Their good cheer and willingness to do whatever

has to be done is appreciated. Dr. Salman Ahmad met with the board on February 27 to tour the facility and visit the administration about the medical arrangements for which he will be responsible. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity and complimented the board on the facility.

Ah, the steps backward. A problem with the overhead fire protection sprinklers has resulted in some leaks in the ceiling in several places requiring that the sheetrock, the new, beautifully appointed sheetrock, be cut into. The blessing in all of this is that the problem was detected before the facility was accepted or, heaven forbid, be-fore sprinkler system was needed. The problem is being addressed and hopefully will be corrected in time for the next inspection by the Life Safety in-



MATADORS NAMED TO ALL DISTRICT 5-1A TEAM — Pictured left to right Bradley Brown, 1st. Team: Isaiah Archer, 1st. Team; and Marc Henzler, Honorable Mention.



SPRING HAT — Catherine Ward was styled for Spring in her Dr. Seuss' party hat during the Read Across America celebration at school last week. (photos by Walter Taylor)

Problems with subcontractors finishing their jobs in a timely manner has been another lesson in patience. A representative from the contracting firm, EBCO of Cameron, apologized to the board. He said his company had never had a project this far removed from the metro areas where most of the companies are located. The shower tiles and drains have been corrected so that they will drain properly. The windows have had a problem sealing, but are probably not warranted to keep high winds and fine dust as we've had lately from coming in. The landscapers have not fin-ished properly leveling the ter-rain around the facility so the grass can't be watered until they have completed. One step for-

ward and two back, so it seems.
One thing that has not faltered and that is the awe that the facility inspires in visitors as they enter its doors. The chapel stained glass window cast a beautiful blue glow on a wall of crosses donated by the Women's Bible Study led by Fredia Burns. The window is crafted by Linda Kendall, assisted by her husband Travis, and is truly a work of art. The blue and white background accents a wood-colored cross with a dove holding an olive branch in its mouth as it flies across the image. The small group from the bible study group blessed each room as one remained in the chapel to pray. The Church of the Foothills, a home study group led by Clint Burns, has donated large print bibles for each of the patient bedside

Patience is difficult for the board, the staff, and those waiting to come home to a facility not quite ready. The board realizes that not being open is costing money in salaries and interest, without income to offset, but the Hackberry Creek Care Center is worth waiting for and getting out the glitches is a necessary trial in that patience. The board thanks everyone for their interest and assures them that the facility will be open as soon as possible.

Family Fun Night Banquet set for April 20

The Annual Family Fun Night Banquet has been set for April 20. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the School Gym.

Family Fun Night is a combination of the Mether Daugh

bination of the Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Banquet and is sponsored Eternas Study Club. Look for more information in future issues.

Thank you for

reading the Motley County Tribune

Election

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Johnson has filed for re-elec-

Potential candidates may sign up until 5:00 p.m. March 12, at their respective City Halls for a place on a City Council; with Carolyn Johnson at School for a place on the School Board; or at Thayer-Washington CPA of-

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Wasn't Monday a beautiful day? I enjoyed it so much. I am about ready to start digging in my yard; maybe the next beautiful day I can do that. It seems there is always something else to get done first. Now it's taxes! I got part of mine done early in January and felt so smug; but now it is time to do the

rest and it is getting late, I am not

so pleased with myself!

Little Kagen Keltz celebrated his first birthday on Sunday. A baby dedication was held during the Sunday morning service at the Full Gospel Church. Jared Brooks, a former resident here and one of Kevin's classmates was on hand to perform the dedication service. Great-grandparents, June and Stan Levell were here from Fort Worth for the service as well as grandparents, Eddy and Sherry Prather from Azle. Sherry's great-grandmother, mother, Frankie Pittman from Wolfforth and great-grandpa, Corky Marshall and grandparents, Kelly and Pennie Keltz were on hand to witness the ceremony. Aunt Stephanie Prather

of the Full Gospel church. Jo Scott's sister, Hettie Nowell, passed away on February 27th at her home in Tucson, Arizona. She died after a lengthy illness. We extend our sympathy to Jo in her loss. This was Jo's last sibling and she misses her very much as they talked often by phone.

from Red Oak also attended. After

lunch a family birthday party was

held for Kagen in the fellowship hall

The Women on Mission of the First Baptist Church have finished their cookbook and it has been sent in to be published. We hope to have this back and ready for sale before Mother's Day. We have 390 recipes.

Johnny Morris is doing better and is recuperating at home. He is hoping to be out and about soon. Kelly Keltz has been able to go back the next; what fun!

to work for a few hours a day. It is good to hear that these two fellows are getting well. I know they have

both had a very tough time. Sybol Brandon is beginning to feel better and her hand seems to have quit feeling prickly. She is still taking therapy three times a week. She is to see a neurologist this week to see if there is nerve damage from her accident to her arm and hand.

Dan Brandon has been able to come home; he has to go back and forth to Lubbock and Amarillo for treatment. He and Virginia are being trained to do a new dialysis procedure at home this week. To be able to stay at home more is Dan's goal. Dan's broken ankle is healing

slowly.
Corky was in Lubbock Monday. He visited DeLynn Collette, Joyce Smith, Grace Campbell and Marguerite Edwards. DeLynn was up walking and glad to see Corky. She is doing well, her tracheotomy tube has been removed and she is able to talk again. Joyce, Grace and Maguerite seemed to doing well and they, too, were glad to see Corky. He missed seeing Rita Groves.

Walter and Jo Trammell returned Monday from a trip to Bonsall, California, near San Diego. They and Walter's sister-in-law, Jeannie Trammel of Abilene flew to California last Thursday to visit Jeanie's son and Walter's nephew, Larry. They had a wonderful time and made a side trip up to Bear Mountain to Larry's cabin where there was still snow on the ground. The highlight of the trip for Watler was motorcycling in the mountains with his nephew. Jo said it was beautiful. At his home in Bonsall, they were able to pick fresh oranges off the trees and smell the orange blossoms. Jo said it was a two hour trip up into the mountains from Bonsall. Snow, one day, and picking oranges the next; what fun!

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

We are springing forward with an extended eight month Daylight Savings Time, March 11. Why not just leave it at this time change all year round than falling back an hour for just four months!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Connie and Coy Franks honored their grandson, Hudson Franks of Lubbock, on his birthday Saturday in their house with a Train Theme party. He blew out his three candles on a colorful decorated cake featuring a train going through a tunnel. Gifts, refreshments and playing games added to the happy

Special guest was his greatgrandmother, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot . Other guests attending was Hudson's family, Amy, Cory and Madison Franks, Cary Franks, Anissa Huckert, Lee Ann and Brad Ralston, Scott, Heather, Skylar and Cash Blount, Sherrill, Colton and Kayla Barclay of Lubbock; Tim and Dena Washington, Matt, Ashley and Brazos Washington of Roaring Springs; Cody, Mandy, Lane and Ashton Barclay of Borger; Tyler, Trent and Tylee Barclay, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clarey of Matador; Cara Franks, Sandra and Jerry Barclay of Flomot.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended the Blue and Gold Cub Scout banquet Monday night held at the Community Center in Shallowater. Her grandson, Brennan Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hughes of Lub-bock, was awarded medals and rec-

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ognition for his scout achievements. The Flomot Baptist Church had as guests speaker, Gene Meacham, Director of Missions in Plainview and wife, LaVonne at the Sunday morning services. They had a special luncheon following the services.

a good report.

Jerry Barclay were children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger, Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Tylee Barclay of Matador.

Mrs. Geneva Martin had medical tests at the Cogdell Clinic in Lockney, Wednesday. She received

Cody Heck of Turkey celebrated his 12th birthday, Feb. 28 with decorated cake and a supper at the Hill Top Cafe in Turkey. Those attending were Orville and Ruth Lee of Flomot, his father Thomas Heck, Teresa Lee and daughter, Kacee of

Weekend visitors of Sandra and Lubbock, and Trent, Trevor and

Janice and Butch Hughes enjoyed the basketball game Saturday held at the Junior High in Floydada. Their nine-year-old granddaughter, Reagan Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes of Floydada, competed in the game. Janice and Butch attended the luncheon at the Hope Center in Quitaque, Sunday given as a fund drive for Callie Helms' Missions trip expenses to Germany.

Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock visited from Friday until Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross and brother, Tommy Ross of Castroville.

Kress before moving to Dumas 10 The family suggests memorials years ago. She had worked in the be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Secfood industry and was a member of ond St., Dumas, TX 79029. First United Methodist Church of

Matador News

OBITUARY

Nancy Othel Bynum

Mrs. Carolyn Limmer of Snyder visited her during the weekend and attended the graveside services of Truman Groves in Roaring Springs, Saturday. She attended the Matador Methodist Church services Sunday morning.

Dumas -- Nancy Othel Bynum, 90, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, in

Services were held at 2 p.m.

February 16 in Morrison Memorial

Chapel with Art Lynch, minister of

First Street Church of Christ offici-

ating, assisted by the Rev. Mark

Wallis, pastor of Life Tabernacle.

Burial was in Northlawn Memorial

Gardens by Morrison Funeral Di-

1916, in Flomot, Texas, to Mr. and

Mrs. Will Scott. She was the grand-

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford

Martin, pioneers of the Flomot area.

She had been a longtime resident of

Mrs. Bynum was born April 8,

Lubbock.

Kaci Risser of Lubbock, when enroute to Matador last Sunday night to visit her parents, Elaine and Fred Risser, rant into a deer on the Motley County line highway west of Matador. She escaped serious injury, but her car was damaged.

Betty and Milton Rudder of Hereford and Barbara and Jimmy West of Amarillo were here Saturday to attend the graveside rites of

Truman Groves in Roaring Springs. Before returning to their respective homes, they visited Barbara's sister and husband, Geraldine and Ellis

She was preceded in death by

two sons, Troy Bynum in 1993, and Shady Bynum in 2002; two brothers,

Ralph and Roy Scott; and a sister,

Louella Thomas, who had raised

ters, Lou Nell Kanady and husband

Rusty of Lubbock, Veda Voyles and

husband Don of New Deal and

Laquetta Herron and husband Bob

of Paris; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-

grandchildren; four great-great-

grandchildren; and two daughters-

in-law, Sandy Bynum of Dumas and

Jane Bynum of Kress.

Survivors include three daugh-

her after the death of her mother.

Wilda and Spencer Dixon visited in Lovington, NM from Thursday until Monday of last week. They celebrated the 85th birthday of Wilda's mother, Mrs. Ted Hester, Sunday. They visited overnight Monday in Lubbock as Wilda and Spencer had medical appointments Tuesday and Wednesday before returning home.

Butch Renfro is a patient at the hospital in Childress. He is listed in serious condition.

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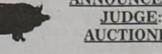
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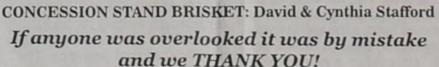
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County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin, Motley County Extension Agent

HUNTING LEASE DIRECTORY

In 2004 a hunting lease directory was developed for our area. This directory has not been updated since it was published. We are in the process of developing an updated direc-tory for Motley County and would like all person's interested in advertising their hunting leases to contact the extension office with their information. This will be free advertisement for your hunting leases. You may call the extension office at 806-347-2733 or come by. You can also email your information to motley@ag.tamu.edu.

OLD AD YEAR BOOKS

The extension office has several old/out of date agricultural year books that we would like to give away. If you are interested in these year books, please come by the office and pick through them. If any books are left over they will be disposed of.

MOTLEY COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Motley County Jr. Livestock Show was held February 24 and was a big success. I want to congratulate each participant on a job well done. We had a

great turnout even though the weather wasn't too great and all the kids did an excellent job. I hope each participant enjoyed your livestock projects and had fun with them first of all, secondly, I hope you learned something from them, and last I hope you made a little money from it.

WIND ENERGY UPDATE

There are a few small happenings in Motley County with wind companies coming into the county and leasing from individual landowners. The same thing is happening to our neighboring counties. This should serve as a sign that there is interest in our county/area. One of the main obstacles we are faced with at this type is waiting on the Public Utility Commissioners to designate the CREZ's. Once the zones have been designated there will be more and more activity from the wind energy companies. Last week I spoke with a lady that was going to Austin to sit in on the Public Utility Commission-ers meeting and her statement was that we are all in the same boat, just waiting on the designation of the CREZ's. The deadline for the announcement of the CREZ's is July 5, but we could hear something as early as mid March.

February wind storms and dry weather liability for Motley County residents

Local Coop injects \$3.35

million in Panhandle and

South Plains economy

by Earlyne Jameson

The good moisture and optimism of Motley County residents in January was depleted by wind storms and dry weather in February. Saturday, February 24, gusts of 65 mph winds with zero visibility left fence rows covered with tumbleweeds and sand. During the storm, Matador and Whiteflat had a six-hour electrical outage. Roaring Springs three hours and Flomot one hour.

A 50 mph dust storm was

Amarillo - Panhandle-Plains

Land Bank, FLCA, CEO Robert

R. Williams, Jr. announced the

mail out of the 2007 cash patronage approved by the board of directors at their January meet-

ing. The cash payment will ar-

rive at a time when Panhandle

and South Plains operators find

more bills than checks in the

January 18, 2007, in Amarillo to

review end of year numbers

from 2006 and approve the 2007 business plan that includes the

cash patronage payment Association Board Chairman Wayne Garrett explained, "The 2007 cash patronage of \$3.35 million will return \$.25 of every dollar

our customers paid in interest

during 2006. This year's payment will again be 100% cash, and in our stockholder's hands

before tax time," said Garrett.

"For example, a loan with a

\$100,000 balance, paying inter-

est at 7.25% during 2006, paid about \$7,250 interest. Their cash

the cash patronage. "This association is continuing our philosophy of Providing Value to

Membership with the best pos-

sible service at the lowest pos-

CEO Williams elaborated on

patronage will be \$1,812.00."

The Association board met

mailbox.

unwelcomed in the county the last day of February. There was a variation of temperatures during the month

The powdery snowfall and drizzle of rain on February 2 and 14th is the only moisture re-corded by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers in February: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.24; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 0.25; John Bird, Matador, 0.24; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 0.02; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 0.08.

sible cost. Interest rates remain

steady as we move into 2007

with our variable product still 1% under the Prime Rate. Competitive fixed rates are available as well." Williams explained

that excellent portfolio perfor-

mance, strong new loan growth,

and efficient operations must

come together for a return of

this magnitude to happen. "We

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dian; and Steve Brown of Floy-

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Texas agricultural producers have say in new NRCS web tool

With input from Texas agriculture producers, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is developing a customer self-service web portal for users to conduct business with agency over the

'More and more people are getting accustomed to doing business on the Internet," said Dr. Larry Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "The ease and convenience it offers our customers, especially in rural areas, makes it the right direction for NRCS to go.'

The new customer self service web portal will allow customers to view conservations plan and practices, view contracts and contract items, apply for a payment, sign up for programs, sign contracts and modifications, and request a consultation. They will also have access to soils information and other interpretations based on land use.

Twenty Texas agricultural producers from the Lubbock and Pearsall areas participated in extensive interview process to provide feedback to NRCS on

the new web portal. According to James Gillespie, NRCS district conservationist in Matador, Texas, NRCS wants to ensure the web portal being designed meets the needs of potential users. "We spent an hour or so with each producer asking specific questions about their computer usage and what type of online features would be useful to them," Gillespie said.

While the information gathered during the interviews is still being reviewed, Gillespie said the input provided by producers will be extremely valuable. "We want to design the best product we can up-front,"

Producer and Senior Vice President for City Bank in Lubbock, Cody Maines, participated in the interview process and found the web tool technology interesting from an agricul-ture business lender and producer point of view. "Producers can benefit from using the web tool site for planning their annual operating loans with banking institutions and other lending departments. The process will allow lenders and producers a better way to acquire information needed for loans. Producers can authorize lenders to access mapping segments and printed maps of their property," Maines said.

Motley County Producer Coy Franks also participated in the interviews and expressed his opinion about its benefits to producers. 'People that have computers are going to use the technology. It's going to be a quicker way to do business and it will save me time and fuel expense," Franks said.

Randy Underwood, NRCS district conservationist from Lubbock has been involved in the process and stated, The website allows producers to take care of business at their convenience rather that during office hours. It will be a time saving device for all producers who use it."

The development of the new web portal is part of the NRCS West Texas Telecommunica-tions Project (WTTP), which be-gan five years ago. The WTTP has been supported by U.S. Con-gressman Henry Bonilla, who has served in the 23rd district of Texas since his election in

A senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Bonilla is chairman of the subcommitee that overseas all agriculture Appropriations Sub-committee bill for the WTTP.

The funding has been used to obtain new technology, including satellite receivers for internet access, portable printers and computers, which are being used to provide USDA customers with a finished product in the field. This includes conservation plan maps, practice certification, or payment. The WTTP has also been a large part of the development of the web soil survey, which can found online www.soils.usda.gov.

The new NRCS web portal is in the early stages of devel-opment and will be available to public within nine months to a

GAS REPORT BY THOMAS MUSSER MOTLEY COUNTY: 39,746 barrels of oil and 1 mcf of casinghead gas was produced during the year of 2006 in Motley

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County. There were nineteen producing oil wells located in the six producing oil fields of the Birnie (Congl.) Field, the Gupton (Canyon) Field, the Matador (Wolfcamp) Field, the Roaring Springs (Permo-Penn) field, the Roaring Springs West (Permo-Penn) Field, and the

Wolf Flat (Cisco) Field of Motley County. FLOYD COUNTY: 3,324 bar-

rels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead of gas was-produced during the year of 2006 in Floyd County. There were three producing oil wells in Floyd County during 2006, the Adams Lease Well #1 of the Stanley Gray (Canyon) Field, the E.M. Carmickle "A" Lease Well #1 of the Arick Field, and the W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 of the Wildcat Field. Reported County production does NOT include Test Production that has NOT yet been reported to the Railroad Commission of Texas such as the 3,316 mcf of gas flared during the test of the McIntosh Lease Well #1077

HALE COUNTY: 2,079.046 barrels of oil and 919,748 mcf of casinghead gas was produced during the year of 2006 in Hale County, 2,077,752 barrels of oil and 919,748 mcf of casinghead gas was produced from the one hundred and twenty-eight producing wells on the twelve leases of the three Pennian Basin Anton-Irish Fields (the Anton-Irish Field, the Anton-Irish Wolfcamp Field, and the Anton-Irish Wolfcamp Upper Field) in Hale County. 1,294 barrels of oil and zero mcf of casinghead gas was produced dur-ing the year of 2006 from the one well of the Palo Duro Basin Lutrick field in Hale County.

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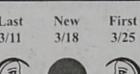
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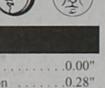
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Monday	67 -	38	61/34	0.00"	Departure from normal0.2	
Tuesday	73	35	61/35	0.00"		
Wednesday	82	47	61/35	0.00"	Average temperature 48.	
Thursday	- 58	31	62/35	0.00"	Average normal temperature48.	
Friday	58	28	62/35	0.00"	Departure from normal +0.	
Saturday *	50	29	62/36	0.00"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas	

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