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Motley County ISD

Graduation

Saturday, May 29

8th Grade Graduation

Friday, May 28



MCISD Seniors, L-R, Jessica Marie Reyes, Justin Newman, Guadalupe Palacio Jr., Eric Ryan Simpson, Karyn Elizabeth White, Melissa Pacheco Flores and Utah Chance Falcon will graduate this Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

photo by Walter Taylor

According to Dr. David Smith, MD, in *Bicycling Magazine*, the recumbent is the bike of the future.

"It is comfortable to ride for long periods, and it won't produce numb hands or crotch," he said.

The recumbent design is 25-55 percent more aerodynamically efficient than a conventional upright bicycle, resulting in the ability to achieve greater speeds with less effort by the cyclist.

In addition, the recumbent is coveted for its comfort. Riders discover that the reclining position eliminates or reduces ailments typically associated with upright cycling such as sore butt, stiff neck, aching shoulders, and numb hands.

First developed in the 1800's, the recumbent gained respect in 1938 when Francis Faure became the first cyclist to exceed a speed of 30 mph, riding a recumbent bike. That record stood until 1984. Since the 1990's the bike's popularity has steadily increased.

Recumbent Bicycles Attractive Alternative



Recumbent bicycle enthusiasts (from left) Nancy and Richard House, Judith and Joseph Tesmer, Kay Dwyer, Paul Matthews, Greg Griffith, and Joe Gabel prepare to depart for Whiteflat and then on to Flomot and Turkey.

MCISD Board meets in regular session

New grant award will purchase cafeteria equipment

The Motley County Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 17, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled board meeting. All board members were present except Lewis Drum. Also present were Dr. Andrew Seigrist, Superintendent; William Cochran, Principal; and Denise Ford, Business Manager. No one spoke in Open Forum.

Following the invocation by Gilbert Guerrero, the board approved six action items, including approval of the minutes and expenditures for April. Further, a motion by Don Baxter, seconded by Gilbert Guerrero, to approve Cafeteria Equipment installation, Athletic Uniforms, and the purchase of board room chairs was passed by unanimous vote. The Cafeteria has been awarded the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant from the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in the amount of \$41,529 for purchase of new equipment.

Additionally, a motion by J.D. Russell, seconded by Don Baxter, awarded Drum Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning the bid for the replacement and installation of the water heater in the cafeteria. This motion carried unanimously.

In the Principal's report to the board, Mr. Cochran reported the enrollment at 177 students with attendance at 97 percent.

During the Superintendent's report, Dr. Seigrist reported that he will be attending the Texas Educational Agency conference in June. He also announced that Junior High graduation is set for Friday, May 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., and High School graduation will be held Saturday, May 29, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

House Armed Services Committee passes Annual Defense Bill

Several Thornberry amendments included

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-TX), a senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee, voted to approve the committee's national defense bill late last evening, H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, passed out of committee unanimously and is scheduled for a vote on the House floor next week.

"Defending the country is the first job of the federal government and this bill plays an important role in making sure that our military has the tools it needs to do their job," said Rep. Thornberry.

The legislation authorizes \$567 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the national security programs of the Department of Energy (DOE). The bill also authorizes \$159 billion to support Iraq, Afghanistan, and other global counter-terrorism operations. It also authorizes \$34 billion for Fiscal Year 2010 supplemental appropriations for operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and to provide humanitarian and disaster assistance to assist victims following the earthquake in Haiti. Other measures included in the bill

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Memorial Day Services will feature former US judge and veteran

By Monta Marshall

Come and honor our veterans and those currently serving their country in the military services at 11:00 a.m. next Monday, May 31, 2010, at the Roaring Springs Memorial Park.

J.Q. Warnick, former U.S. Magistrate Judge, US District Court, Northern District of Texas (1984-1998) will be the speaker.

Judge Warnick has served in two branches of the US armed forces. He is a noted

speaker and should bring us a very appropriate message for Memorial Day.

Due to a lack of response to the request for updates on our current military personnel, an individual list of names will not be read. (See my column for more information.) All service personnel will be honored collectively. We appreciate each and every person defending our country abroad and at home. Next year let us honor them individually with a complete roster so that none are left out.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art
When you have history, you have pride.

By Larry Vogt

When I was growing up, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day and it was a big deal. The marching band from the school led the parade out to one of the cemeteries. The grade school and high school were in one building and the band consisted of students from all grades. I joined the band as soon as I could blow (and hold) my brother's baritone horn. I think more than one of my siblings played that horn and I was proud to carry on the tradition.

Joining the parade were veterans from the town and county. The older ones may have worn a veterans cap and the young World War II veterans were still slim enough to fit into their military uniforms and we all marched out to the cemetery for the speech and the gun salute. After that

people often lingered to ponder the pioneer ancestors that had come before us.

There were no plastic flowers at that time but folks spruced up the graves and the monuments for the occasion. My Dad's grave had a small metal marker and a proper marble monument was added after I moved away from the town. Now, whenever I visit the cemetery where both my parents and sister are interred, I still derive a benefit from meditating on the hardships and good times we all had together. The close knit families of the farming community shared the events that unfolded as we went about the daily activities that formed our lives and took comfort in the ways in which we helped and supported each other.

You can attend a Memorial Day program in Roaring Springs on this coming Monday, May 31, at 11:00 a.m.

I don't understand. This feels so shallow. There is so much more to be done. Tears fill my eyes. I can only be with the ones they bring me. How do I make Stella understand? How will I teach her also?

Gabriella looked up at Andrew, his face turned towards the fire. "I don't like what I see, Andrew, not one bit. Those fences, the faces behind the fences, the children, the soldiers riding beside the wagons, the chicken wire. It's not right, Andrew. It's not right."

They didn't talk in their soft voices of the ways of the Lord and the hunger in man that they wished to fill. He talked in the his strong voice, the preacher voice, the angry voice as she sat across the room in her rocking chair, embroidering flowers on the corners of linen napkins remembering Sallie.

"They have their own way of doing things, Andrew, they should be allowed to keep doing them the way they were raised. Why do we have to change every thing? It's bad enough they're up behind those fences on the reserva-

tion."

"That's just the way it is, Gabriella." Andrew looked her straight in the eye. "The government said they would clothe and feed them for thirty-three years if they stayed on the reservation. That's not our decision. The Lord's work does not interfere with the work of the soldiers."

"Yes, but they only get half enough to eat, and we are low on flour and cornmeal and oil."

"Gabriella, I understand your concern, but you must remember, the Lord will provide for us in our lonely work amongst his savage children."

The room was golden from the firelight. There was no sense arguing with him. Gabriella pulled the coverlet around her tighter, placed her journal on her lap.

Today it is cold and there is talk of more freeze to come. Indians are dying as they have lost their ways to survive. The wild animals must have taken flight, as there are none to be seen. The wind blows hard and I am afraid this may last too long for even ourselves to maintain. The work I'm doing with the children is difficult. Their fac-

es are tired and sad, yet the smiles that peek through melt my heart. My belly is full. This child within is wearing me down. My breasts are tender with this younges babe still nursing. She is reluctant to let go yet I fear pushing her away too soon. Stella and Anna are a big help. I think of Sallie often and the help she was to Mother. I wish she were with me. Morning Sun helps me. I have come to rely on her strength and wonder from where it comes. Andrew reads his Bible daily. I read mine.

The wind has taken its toll on the roof. The leaking and dripping has not stopped. My photographs fortunately have been saved. And my books. I think of Mother and Daddy and long for the warmth of the farm and the serenity of the willow tree.

The children lost their gloves. I think they fell out of the wagon. I don't know how I'll find time to make more. I barely have time to read to the girls. It's getting more difficult to bend, I can barely see my feet . . .

"Gabriella, didn't you hear a word I said?"

Gabriella looked up, pulled her coverlet tighter around

her as she looked into Andrew's penetrating eyes.

"Didn't you hear me? I've been telling you . . ."

Her mind drifted off through the dark moonlit window to the trees silhouetted across the field. She didn't hear a word he said. She had, that night, no intention of listening to him. It was time. Her time. She breathed deeply, remembering her first birth, remembering the second and the third. Liquid ran warm down her leg, the creek behind her childhood home spoke to her, the willow overlapping. She placed the hands across her hard belly.

"Go get Morning Sun, Andrew. I want Morning Sun to be here." Andrew looked at her face aglow from the fire. He stood up slowly, watched her hands rub her belly under her coverlet. Gabriella listened to the stillness of his feet crunching in the snow as he walked past the window into the field up towards the fence.

Come spring, we will move the children to town, she whispers to herself.

She felt her belly harden again. Soon, dear little, one, soon you will be here to learn and play with your sisters

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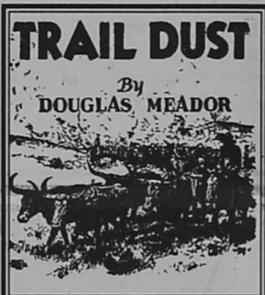
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In the museum at Santa Fe, New Mexico, are many pieces of pottery salvaged from the past as one of the few remaining traces of a vanished civilization. Vases and flower bowls dried like white bones when the flesh is gone, resting beneath their glass cases to shield the pelting rain of time. But no object is complete. Plains taking blows have broken or left holes in the pottery bowls and vases before the hand was finally stilled. Legend declares that the subjects were broken to release the spirits imprisoned when they were created, that they might have the freedom of alkali flats and the rocky mesas through the eons to come.

Associated in symbolism is an object to be seen in this modern fantastic age. It is a new zinc wash-tub to which has been soldered a short zinc pipe and attached to some coils of copper tubing. It is half hidden now beneath the young weeds near a deserted shack. The sharp blade of an ax has left a fearful gash in the new wash-tub and also a new oil can only a short distance away. A pile of broken jars and bottles and some faded labels complete the mute testimony.

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RETRO NEWS

**Matador Tribune
May 30, 1935**

Dorothy Willett Receives
Handkerchief Shower Thursday

Miss Dorothy Willett was honoree of a handkerchief shower at the home of Miss Virginia Edmondson, with Miss Helen Simpson as co-hostess last Thursday afternoon, May 23. Miss Willett left for Brady, Texas, Saturday, where she will make her future home.

The following guests were served with lemonade and cookies; Misses Dorothy Willett, Selbia Burselson, Allie Faye Williams, Dorothy Fulfer, L.V. New, Geneva Cooper, Georgia Bourland, Dorothy Echols, Mary Echols, Pearl Rigsby, Lucretia Estes, Dorothy Jean Harp, Julia Davis, Marjorie Moore, Margaret Cornett and Clotelle Willie.

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House Armed Services Committee passes Annual Defense Bill continued from page one

for troops, a 0.5 percent increase over what was requested by the Obama Administration.

The committee accepted a number of amendments offered by Rep. Thornberry to improve the overall bill, including the creation of an Air Force Scholarship to train airmen from Partnership for Peace ally nations as part of the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program (ENJJPT) at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. Another provision would require an ongoing, independent review of whether the money contained in the President's Budget is adequate to fully fund the modernization of the Nuclear Weapons Complex at sites like Pantex located outside of Amarillo.

Other Thornberry amendments promote competition and cost-savings in the purchase of military aircraft; a measure to ensure that recommendations that could change the structure and focus of our military are adequately reviewed and analyzed for possible defects; and, the development of a study to streamline geographical responsibilities for agencies and departments with international responsibilities to reduce bureaucracy and improve effectiveness.

"While I do not agree with all of the bill's provisions, it does a good job in most areas. When the committee agreed to a number of common-sense amendments, the bill was further improved," Thornberry continued.

The bill provides authority to purchase and upgrade military aircraft, a number of which will be assembled in Amarillo, including \$2.8 billion for 30 Marine Corps MV-22s and 5 Air Force Special Operations Command CV-22s. The bill also contained nearly \$1 billion for 31 UH-1Y and AH-1Z. In addition, the legislation includes \$584 million for Pantex, approximately \$51 million more than President requested in his budget.



Hackberry resident, Bonnie Edmondson, is regaining strength and walking during her physical therapy sessions. She is being assisted in this photo by Rehab techs, Sandra Haire, right, and Lauren Morris, left. Therapists are working everyday with Hackberry residents in the Rehab department on physical, occupational and speech therapy.

HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS
BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

If you have not called to put your name on the list to attend our Open House, to be held June 5, please take a few minutes and give us a call. We need to have a count so that we will be sure to prepare enough food for the great meal we have planned. The event will begin that Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. and the fun will continue until 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. We have a day full of fun and food planned, including some "minute to win it" games, door prizes, a chance to meet some of our rehab therapists and more. So, remember to give us a call and let us know if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Speaking of our Rehab department, everything is great and going full speed. Therapists are at the Center every day to work with our residents. Services are dedicated to the needs of persons affected by stroke, arthritis, hip fracture, amputation, cardiac disease, pulmonary disease, hip or knee joint replacements, complicated courses of recovery from surgery or illness, and general debilitation.

Occupational therapy includes safety evaluations, home evaluations, home living skills, hand rehab, activity of daily living, cognitive perceptual retraining, transfer and mobility retraining, utilization of adaptive equipment, and upper extremity therapeutic exercise.

Physical therapy includes joint mobilization, therapeutic exercise, orthopedic rehab, transfer and mobility.

Speech Language Pathology includes helping improve speech intelligibility, comprehension, cognitive retraining, modifying diets for safe swallowing, reading and writing ability, and safety education. Our speech therapist addresses communication problems by helping residents improve skills in speaking, thinking, listening, reading, writing and problem solving, organizing sequencing thoughts and addressing swallowing difficulties.

We are working to obtain certification for outpatient therapy and plan to offer that service in the near future. If you would like more information please give us a call at 806-347-2942.

CNA TESTING

CNA testing will be offered the week of June 8th. A definite date has not yet been set. If you have received CNA training at Hackberry or elsewhere you are welcome to take the certification test here. For more information contact Amy Cruz, ADON, at 347-2942.

Sr. Health Tips

Skin Care for the Elderly
Skin is the outermost part of our body. It protects us from harmful external stimuli and bacterial invasion. Proper skin care is important for our physical and mental health. Skin infection in a diabetic patient can lead to the serious complication of gangrene,

and itchiness, a very common problem among the elderly, can be so irritating as to affect mental health. Therefore the elderly and caregivers should know about proper skin care. Here is a list of essential points in skin care.

* Cleanliness. Keep the skin clean. Bathe daily in summer, cleaning especially areas like the armpit, the underparts and the feet. Sweaty individuals should wear loose clothing that can absorb sweat to prevent fungal infection. Do not wear nylon socks or plastic sports shoes if you are prone to fungal infection of the feet. Wear sandals or leather shoes.

* Itchiness. With aging, oily secretions of the skin decrease, leading to dry skin and itchiness. Improper skin care such as scratching or using hot water for stimulation only makes it worse. If the skin becomes broken, there may be infection or inflammation.

* Dry Skin. To manage the itchiness due to dry skin, it is most important to apply moisturizing cream frequently, especially after bathing when the skin is still moist. Bath oil can also be used but you must be careful about slipping. If you use a heater, maintain humidity in the room, choose heating tubes instead of radiating heaters. Also, itchiness may be worsened by the stimulation of woolen clothes or even a bad mood.

* Bathing. Hot water can wash away all the oily secretions, therefore the elderly should only use warm water.

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Relay for Life Team Hunting for a Cure
Will Host the Night Golf Tournament
June 4 Starting at 5:30 p.m.
Held at The Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Course
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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

I try to be a good reporter but sometimes I am not on the same wave length with my sources of information. We are having the Memorial Day service but because of the lack of response to update Motley County persons currently serving in the US Military at this time; the list of current service personnel will not be read this year. There are hurt feelings if some aren't correct or overlooked, we deeply regret that each name can't be read this year.

We appreciate each and every person for putting their lives on the line 24/7 for their countrymen and freedom. We appreciate the past servicemen who have protected us and our country. They will be honored collectively but not individually this year. Hopefully next year (with your help) a complete list can be compiled.

I hope in the near future each citizen of Motley County will be able to give all of them great bear hugs and welcome them home personally; we love you guys and gals who 'stand in the gap,' a dangerous gap, for your families and countrymen at home. God Bless America. We are praying for you and love you.

In the community . . .

Bill Manney, pastor of both the First United Methodist Churches in Roaring Springs and Matador is presently in Covenant Hospital undergoing tests. Arlyce had been visiting their children and when she arrived in Lubbock, Bill came to pick her up. She thought he looked ill and drove him to the emergency room. He was kept and will be undergoing diagnostic tests to find the problem.

Don and Lu Largent were taken to UMC by ambulance Wednesday morning following a freakish chain of events. Lu was out trimming the dead blooms from her roses when

she fell over the top of the roses between the bushes and porch. Don saw an odd reflection on the TV screen and went to the door to check it out. He didn't have on his shoes only socks. He saw Lu and ran to the rescue but stumbled and was airborne down the steps. Lu suffered multiple cuts and scratches and Don broke his right shoulder and left elbow. Both his arms are in slings. Lu had to have quite a few stitches. She said they looked like they had had a 'doozy' of a fight! The hospital personnel were a bit doubtful of the actual happenings; but when Tommy Largent, Don's brother arrived, he assured the ER folks that they never even said cross words much less fought! Lu said they were put in separate rooms so they could not collaborate on their stories so they could be sure there was no abusive malice involved. Hasn't life changed?

Lu told me that Mary Lumsden, Don's mother, would be 98 in September. Lu said she really enjoyed the activities at Grand Court and would enjoy getting cards from her friends. Her address is: c/o Grand Court; 4601 71st St., #139, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Motley County and Patton Springs schools will be out for the summer. Remember there will be more children playing. Drive carefully and keep our kids safe.

Next Sunday will be fifth Sunday. The Windmill Café will be closed.

Kenneth Ashley's son, Larry of California, came on Thursday. Larry visited with relatives here and he and Kenneth left to go back to California. Kenneth has a grandson graduating. His children all live in California and he plans to visit for a while.

Don Stuckey left yesterday to attend the annual reunion of some of his college buddies Weatherford, Texas. Billie Stuckey was in Flower Mound several days helping her daughter and family move into a new home.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

There is something special about America. We have to work to keep it that way, forever treasuring the beacon our nation is and needs to be, never forgetting the proud soldiers of freedom.

Tasha and Ricky Hughes and Kason of Floydada visited during the week with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Visiting them Sunday was Butch's sister, Mrs. Jean Cooper of Matador.

Mrs. Donna Sue Degan of Calgary brought lunch and visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Thursday.

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited the weekend with her parents, Nada and Jack Starkey.

Mrs. Jean Cudd of Lubbock visited Thursday with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton. Dude attended to business in Floydada on Friday and had lunch with Mrs. Lou Burleson.

Ruth and Orville Lee attended to business in Plainview, Saturday. Visiting them Sunday were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clearendon.

Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador visited Saturday with their grandparents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Linda and Travis Kendall visited from Tuesday until Friday in Midland with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughter, Brook Rogers to the Amarillo Airport Wednesday for her return trip to Austin where she is a student at Texas University after visiting here the past week with Donnie and her grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay attended the Panhandle High School Baccalaureate Service Sunday night of their granddaughter Kelsey. Also attending were Waydette and Ronald Clay.

Matador News

Rhonda Curtis of Austin was in town to complete training with Sheriff Chris Spence last week. She is with the Texas Department of Public

Safety. Men's Breakfast June 5, 7 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Matador

Friends,

What a surprise! Thanks for making my 75th birthday a very special day. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and expressions of love.

Joyce Campbell

Early Dismissals for Last Week of School
Motley County ISD will have three early dismissals during the last week of school which is May 24 - 28. On Wednesday and Thursday, school will be dismissed at 2:00. On Friday, school will be dismissed at 12:20

Roaring Springs Community Volunteers is looking for local community members who would like to help in planning upcoming endeavors such as the 4th of July event as well as many others. Please call Deanette at Windmill Cafe 806-348-7256 for more info. Meetings will be held one night per month. Please come and show your community support! Thank you!

Albuquerque Biking Club Tours Area

On Thursday, eight friendly bikers pedaled into Roaring Springs from Spur via Crosbyton, Hwy 28 and Farm to Market Road 684. They had ridden bicycles for 53 miles that day.

Paul Matthews, Kay Dwyer, Joe Gable, Joe and Judith Tesmer, Dick and Nancy House, and Greg Griffin arrived in the early afternoon and by the time the Coffee Drinkers Club met they were refreshed and told us interesting stories about their cycling.

With a little urging and hearing the story about the fellow from Arkansas who won the shot gun raffle with a ticket that he bought at the Travelers Inn, they were good sports and purchased raffle tickets on the ring and on the Wii Nintendo benefitting Relay For Life.

Their average age was 65. They had all met at various events and shared an interest in biking. A bicycle club was organized and the fun began for them. On this trip they have averaged 58 miles per day. In a week they expect to cover 400 miles seeing the sights in the Rolling Plains of Texas. By Sunday they

will have spent two nights in Turkey and will have visited Caprock Canyons and the Bob Wills Museum.

On Monday they visited Quitaque, Caprock Canyons, and had ridden to Floydada. On Tuesday from Floydada they rode to Post for lunch at the Garza Hotel and on Wednesday to Spur. On Friday their plans were to cycle to Dickens for lunch and back to Hotel Matador to spend the night. On Saturday their plan was to return to Turkey and on Sunday travel in vans back home. They traveled the most miles on Tuesday.

Some of the members were from Albuquerque; one from White Rock; two hailed from Los Alamos and two from Rio Rancho in New Mexico. On their 7-day excursion they will have ridden 400 miles in seven days. They had one tandem bike; two bikes that were reclining bikes and the rest regular long distance bikes.

Everywhere they went they heard about other places in the area to see so they plan another trip to our area next year. This is the second year they have stayed at Travelers Inn in Roaring Springs.

Panhandle Plains Landbank

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Matador Variety



Congratulations
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This Week's Local Forecast



Thursday Mostly Sunny 85/63	Friday Mostly Sunny 87/65	Saturday Mostly Sunny 89/66	Sunday Mostly Sunny 87/61	Monday Sunny 84/62	Tuesday Sunny 88/62	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 87/65
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Weather Trivia

How many planets from the sun is the Earth?
Answer: Earth is the third planet from the sun.

Weather History

May 27, 1896 - A massive tornado struck St. Louis, killing 306 people and causing 13 million dollars in damage. The tornado's path was short but cut across a densely populated area. It was the most destructive tornado of record in the United States at that time.

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With the coming of Memorial Day 2010, we recall the words of Beth Pratt, "America breaks the mold on religion, showing more in common with poorer countries than with the wealthy nations of the world." I believe she is correct. I also believe one of the reasons for this is because we as Americans understand freedom. In our defense of our freedom

we have fought to insure the right of the individual to worship. This Freedom must be closely watched. There are some who seek to strip it from us.

John Adams, one of America's great men once said, "Posterity, you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." In the main, we have understood and appreciated those of Mister Adams stripe. Someone has written, "What we attain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value." May we never count our assembling on the Lord's Day for worship, a insignificant matter. It is a matter of Freedom!

The God of heaven knows how to put a price upon that which is good and it would be sad indeed if such a precious freedom is lost in trivia. Our freedom to assemble to worship our God can be easily lost in just one careless generation. We can purpose to be at the worship assembly this coming Lord's Day and by our very presence, we are declaring our understanding of our precious freedoms. Freedoms dearly paid for by our nations finest. Without question, our God has been good to us. God has blessed America far beyond any expectation. Freedom does indeed have a ring to it!

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

By the time you read these notes, I will have several new arrivals on our shelves. If you're a big Emily Giffin fan then you'll feel the need to read her latest release **Heart of the Matter**. This is a story of three good people caught in a unique triangle, each questioning everything they once believed about love and loyalty. Now lets jump into a mysterious parallel world called the Territories and you have Stephen King and Peter Straub's latest book **The Talisman Volume 1: The Road of Trials**. And for all you golf enthusiasts we have **Miracle on the 17th Green** by James Patterson and Peter De Jonge. You'll need to read this one to find out just what kind of miracle happens on the 17th green. Of course,

there's a new thriller coming to our shelves which is **Fever Dream** by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child. If you were a detective what would you do if you were faced with the most personal case in your career? A must read if you want to find out.

Okay kids, it's time to catch the Motley County Library Reading Express which starts June 1st. Come into the library to pick up your reading card. Along the way, you'll earn prizes and after you read all the books on the card you're entered to win a Big Prize. Kids Kindergarten - 2nd Grade can win a Portable DVD Player and 3rd - 6th Grade can win an IPOD Nano. All cards must be turned in by July 30, 2010. Good Luck!

Red Rovers enjoy mystery play in Post

The Red Rovers donned their purple attire and red hats Sunday, May 16th, and traveled to the Garza Theater in Post.

The group enjoyed a delightful and funny mystery entitled, "The Mystery of Erma Vep." The play had only four characters and was portrayed by only two actors, quickly changing costumes when off stage.

Adding to the enjoyment of the day were the beautiful wild flowers on the trip and a delicious lunch at Espuela Land and Cattle Company restaurant in Dickens.

Attending the fun-filled day were Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Dorothy Day, Marihelen Wason, Winifred Darsey, Pauline House and Mary Jones.

Summer tennis set for May 27

An enthusiastic crowd interested in playing tennis this summer met at Motley County ISD tennis courts on May 18, 2010, to organize for play, practice, and learning.

"We are making another call for all persons interested in playing, even if they've never played before," organizer Jennifer Hess said.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the school courts for practice (or learning) and a pick-up game or two. "This is going to be so much fun," Hess said. "If anyone wants to play and can't make it to the May 27 practice, they are encouraged to call me at 347-2432, or look up the event on Facebook."

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

2010 District 4-H Trap Contest

Motley 4-H Club members Reagan Elliott, Austin Taylor, Seth Baxter, Jacob Woolsey and Christian Brooks traveled to Iowa Park on May 14 and 15 to participate in the 2010 District 3 4-H Trap contest. Jacob and Seth competed as an intermediate team while Reagan, Austin and Christian competed as a senior team. At the competition, each member had to shoot two matches consisting of 5 shots at 5 different stations for a total of 50 shots. At this time, the results have not yet been posted, but these members did an excellent job!

7th annual XIT Trail of Sales scheduled for June 5

DALHART - Seventy-five miles of yard sales, flea markets and food will attract hundreds of shoppers to the annual "XIT Trail of Sales" on June 5, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent.

The annual "XIT Trail of Sales" is sponsored by AgriLife Extension, including the 4-H youth groups in both Dallam and Hartley counties, as well as the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce, said Megan Becking, the AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent serving both counties.

Becking encouraged families along the route to gather up their garage sale items and get registered at <http://www.dalhart.org>. There is no listing fee. For the rest of the region, Becking advised that they mark their calendars for a great day of shopping for bargains.

The string of sales from Channing via state Highway 385 to Hartley then via Highway 87 to Dalhart will bring visitors into the heart of XIT country. Texline will be the

fourth and final stop, via State Highway 87 from Dalhart. For visitors from New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma, the trail will be reversed.

Sales will begin at 8 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. Maps and a list of sales will be available at 601 E. 7th Street in Channing; Hartley Independent School District in Hartley; Chamber of Commerce in Dalhart; and the Allsup's Store in Texline.

For more information, contact the Dalhart Chamber at 806-244-5646 or Becking at 806-244-4434 or mkbecking@ag.tamu.edu.

Texas lawns roughed-up by recent past Weakened grass killed this spring by effects of long, cold winter

DALLAS - This spring has been mostly kind to lawns, but the 2009-10 winter was not, said an expert with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Warm-weather grasses, particularly St. Augustine, suffered from the effects of the recent winter season, said Dr. Jim McAfee, AgriLife Extension turfgrass specialist in Dallas.

Texas lawns covered by St. Augustine and centipede grasses took the biggest hits, but the worst problems were confined to St. Augustine, McAfee said.

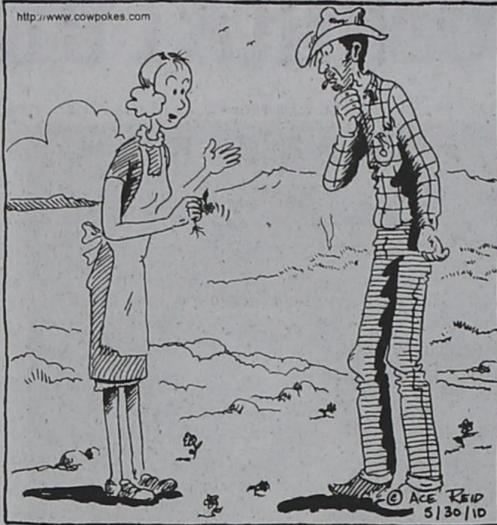
"This is probably the worst low-temperature injury to St. Augustine grass in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since the winter of 1988-89," said McAfee, who is based in Dallas. "No question about it. It's bad out there."

Consistently cold temperatures - and a few hard freezes - hurt grass especially in areas already weakened by poor management, diseases and insects, McAfee said.

Then spring flowers bloomed and lawns turned green, brown dead patches of lawns were revealed, McAfee

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh Jake, that rain we had early wuz so great, just smell all these spring flowers!"

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said. In some cases, entire lawns were dead.

Homeowners and lawn-care workers were often left wondering: "What the heck happened?" McAfee said.

"Most likely your home lawn or commercial property was the victims of elements that hurt lawns around Texas over the past year or so," he said.

McAfee said cold weather is often a problem, but there are other factors such as insufficient water, areas prone to flooding, too much shade and newly planted lawns which haven't adequately establish their roots.

"Generally, lawns that are under stress going into winter dormancy are more likely to be damaged by winter temperatures," he said.

Disease can be a major problem, McAfee said. "Take-all root rot" is particularly harmful to St. Augustine and centipede. "Large patch," formerly known as "brown patch," is too. As their names suggest, they both leave patches of dead grass in the lawn.

There are other things that

can stress lawns, McAfee said. Misapplied herbicides, soil compaction, heavy shade and thatch can be problems.

But there are solutions that can be employed to aid in lawn recovery where there is live grass.

- Allow time for nearby grasses to fill in, a 'greening process' that occurs naturally.

- Avoid using herbicides on newly planted lawns.

- Rake up the dead grass and re-seed.

- Or, after a while, rake up dead grass and re-sod.

- Applying three-quarters or up to a pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn can help. (Lawns can roughly be measured by "walking off" length and width.)

"Avoiding winter kill when we have hard winters is almost impossible," McAfee said. "But if grass is maintained well with proper maintenance - water, mowing, fertilizer - then the impact and injury might be reduced."

More information about caring for lawns, athletic fields and golf courses can be found at: <http://aggieturf.tamu.edu/aggi>

Roaring Springs High School reunion is set for June 19 at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

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2010 Motley 4-H District Trap Members - Reagan Elliott, Austin Taylor, Seth Baxter, Ryan Martin, Jacob Woolsey and Christian Brooks

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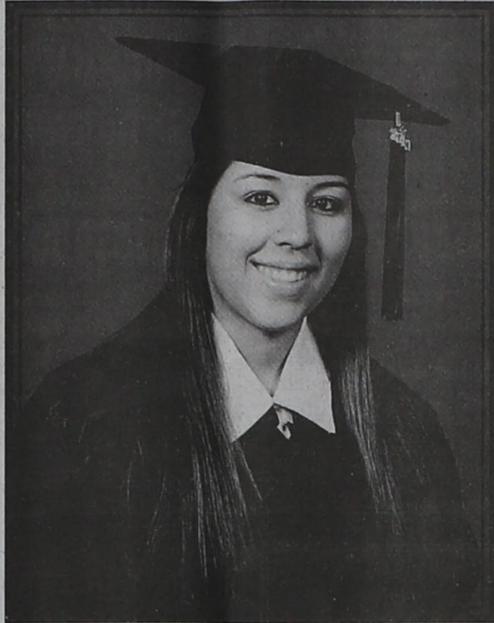
I played football and ran track my freshman, sophomore and junior year. I played basketball my sophomore year. I have been a member of FFA all four years of high school and had a few good places on the radio contest team. I have been a class Student Council member all four years of high school as well as being secretary of the Student Council for the school my junior year. I am currently a member of the Volunteer Fire Department of Matador and enjoy every bit of time I can get with my family. My son lightens my day every time I see him.

After graduation I plan on finishing my EMT classes in July and enroll in the Wolfforth or South Plains Fire Academy in the fall. After graduation there I hope to find a job as a fireman in Lubbock Texas.

My career goals are becoming the best fireman that I possibly can be and keep climbing the ladder, training and going to school until I am at the top.

Mrs. Gillespie is my most influential educator because no matter what I went through or what happened she was always there to help me through it. She was a little rough on me at times but I thank her for that, because as hard headed as I am I need someone to get a little mean sometimes. She always believed in me and never judged like some others. I can remember her telling me that I was way too smart to throw it all away, so she is the reason that I am furthering my education right now. Thank you Mrs. G. for always being there for me, it meant a lot to me and don't know where I would be right now without you!

I have been in a lot of trouble before and a lot of people were very judgmental about me but after spending time with me and realizing who I really am they see that I am really an interesting person. If you do not enjoy laughing a lot then you probably shouldn't be around me because I am a character. I am a very funny, loyal, truthful, great friend. Just get to know me.



Jessica Marie Reyes
Daughter of Janie and Guadalupe Reyes

High School Activities

10th Grade- Cosmetology Aid
11th Grade- Basketball, FCCLA, Cosmetology Aid
12th Grade- FCCLA, Senior Class Reporter

Community, Church and Volunteer Activities

Canned Food Drive, Nursing Home Visits

Post Graduation Plans

After graduation I'm going to move to Harlingen, Texas, and go to college at TSTC (Texas State Technical College) and study to become a Dental Hygienist.

Career Goals

After becoming a Dental Hygienist I plan to continue living and working in Harlingen. Later, I would like to marry and start a family.

Most Influential Educators

While at Motley County, my most influential educators have been Mrs. Bingham and Mrs. Gillespie. There have been numerous obstacles to overcome, but they were always there to guide me in making the best choices. I know I wouldn't be graduating without their help. I want to thank my dad and mom for always supporting me in everything I do. Dad, I know you're facing hard situations right now but I'm here to support you all the way. I love you all.

Something interesting about yourself

During my school years I was a migrant and traveled all the time. I attended Motley County during the fifth grade, but didn't stay long. During my junior year I returned and am now proud to be graduating as a member of the class of 2010.



Karyn Elizabeth White

Daughter of John T. White the 3rd and Karan V. White Clay Martin and Charyn B. Martin

High School Activities

FCCLA member, Photographer for Yearbook, Fundraiser Advisor, and Comic Club member.

Community, Church, and Volunteer Activities

Visited Hackberry Creek Care Center, Advised the First Baptist Church's Annual Christmas Pageant, helped with the Can Food Drive.

Post Graduation Plans

After graduation, I plan to attend Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi to become a Veterinary Assistant.

Career Goals

My career goals consist of finishing college and getting a job at a very distinguished Veterinary hospital.

Most Influential Educators

Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Bingham.

Something Interesting About Yourself

I was born premature, only weighing 3 lbs. 14 oz., my hobbies include singing and drawing.

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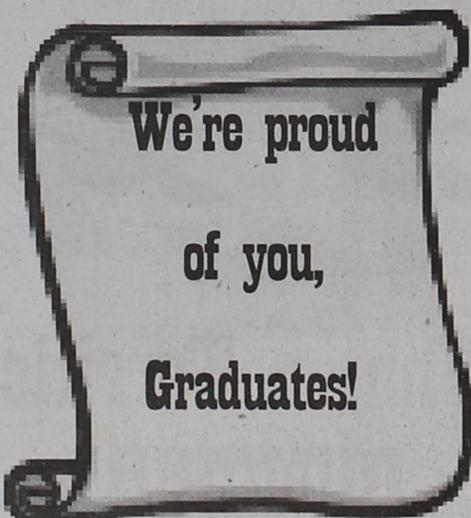
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High School Activities

FFA horse judging all four years in high school

Community, Church, and Volunteer activities

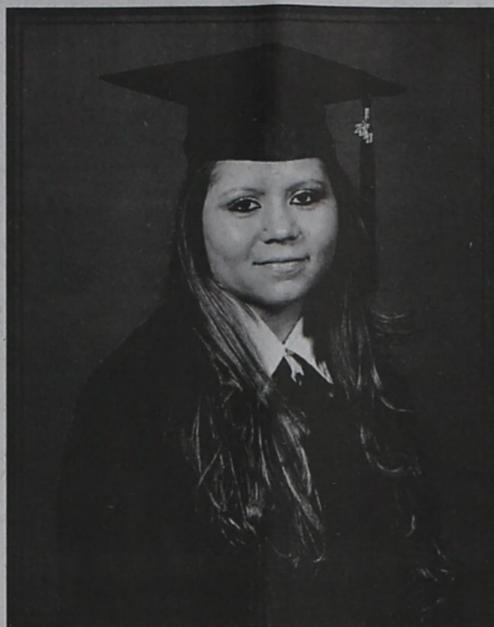
I participated in the Veterans Day program.

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to punch cows on any big ranch that will hire me scattered out all the way from here to Arizona. Arizona would be my first choice.

Career Goals

My main goals are to punch cows in Texas scattered out through New Mexico and Arizona. Also hopefully be known as a good little cowpuncher.



Melissa Pacheco Flores

Valedictorian

Daughter of Antonio and Alejandra Flores

High School Activities

9th Grade, Basketball, Cross Country, Track, Class Favorite, Student Council, Homecoming Queen Candidate, FCCLA, Church Youth Group

10th Grade, Basketball, Track, Cross Country, Track, Class Favorite, Student Council, Homecoming Queen Candidate, FCCLA

11th Grade, Basketball Cross Country, Track, Class Favorite, Student Council Reporter, Homecoming Queen Candidate, FCCLA

12th Grade, Basketball Cross Country, Track FCCLA, Class Favorite, Student Council President, Homecoming Queen, Valedictorian, Miss MCHS, Athletic Queen.

Community, Church and Volunteer Activities

Church Youth Rally, Canned-food Drive, Nursing Home visits

Post Graduation Plans

My plans after graduation are to attend Amarillo College and major in nursing

Career Goals

I Plan to live and work as a Nurse, helping people. Later on in life I would like to marry and have a family.

Most Influential Educator

All the teachers here at Motley County have helped me in many ways, but the ones that have been the most influential are Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Cox.

Something Interesting About Yourself

When I started kindergarten, not only was school a new experience for me, but so was being in the United States. I still remember how frightened I was that first day in the classroom with other students and me not being able to speak English. I'm graduating as the Valedictorian of my class. I am so very thankful for the wonderful opportunities I have been given.



Justin Newman

Salutatorian

Son of Jeff and Pam Newman

High School Activities

9th Grade- Football, Basketball, Track, Class Officers
10th Grade- Football, Basketball, Track and member of the 2007 State Championship team.

11th Grade- Football Basketball, Track, Class Officer, Horse Judging Team

12th Grade- Football, Basketball, Track, Horse Judging Team, Student Council and was apart of the Veterans Program.

Community, Church and Volunteer Activities

I attend the First Baptist Church of Matador and do a lot of activities there that include helping with VBS and handing out water at the Boondockers race.

Post Graduation Plans

I plan on attending Amarillo College to pursue my CDL license and from there getting a job working part time till I turn 21, then I'll be able to drive out of the state of Texas. I plan on getting a family and moving back down to North Texas around the Fort Worth area and plan on my kids attending Gordon High School and keeping the tradition going.

Career Goals

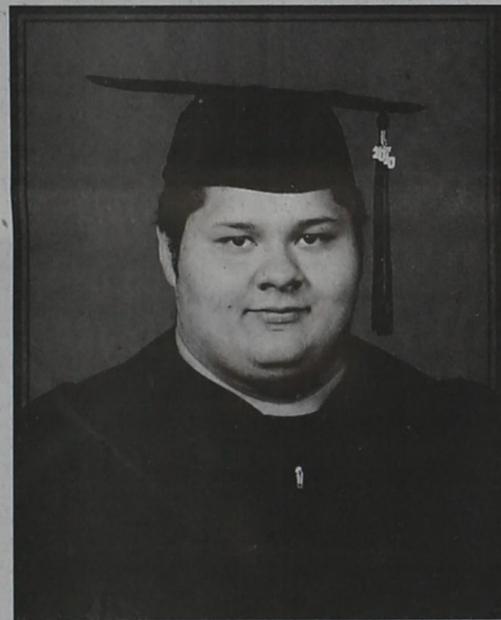
I plan on driving truck for Wal-Mart, supporting a family and moving back to North Texas where I love to be. The reason I chose to be a truck driver is because that's all I've ever loved to do my whole life.

Most Influential Educator

My dad has had a big impact in my life because I've always wanted to be like him and I still do. He has supported me my whole life and I just wanted to say "Thank You" to him especially. I also want to tell my mom "Thank You" for everything she's done in my life as well. I would like to thank Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Bingham for everything they've done with me in school and always pushing me further and further. Thanks to everyone who has helped me out.

Something Interesting About Yourself

I am a HUGE Dallas Mavericks freak and I'm always watching Sports Center on T.V. It's like, whenever I go home I don't care what else is on, I automatically turn it to Sports Center.



Name: Guadalupe Palacio Jr

Son of Guadalupe Palacio Sr.

High school activities

FFA, football, power lifting

Community, Church, and Volunteer activities

Fire fighter

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to go to school to learn how to be a diesel mechanic. Career goal: to become a diesel mechanic and see where my life goes.

Most Influential Educator

Ag class & science class.

Something Interesting About Yourself

I learned to play trumpet and tuba in the Floydada band.

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Water Day, prelude to summer fun



Braden Bigham playing save the baby with his 7th grade class during water day!
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On Monday, May 24, 2010, the Motley County Junior High and High school students had their water day. They started off playing water balloon games with their classes then moved on to slip n slide baseball and water balloon volley ball. The fun day was topped off with delicious banana splits in front of the school. They had a great time!



Mattie Brooks sliding down the slip n slide while playing a game of slip n slide baseball against the 8th graders during water day!
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High school boys helping Mrs. Turner find her way to the slip n slide on water day. No one was safe!
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FFA members honored at annual banquet

The annual Parent/Member Banquet of the Motley County FFA Chapter was held in the High School Cafeteria on May 11, 2010.

After the invocation, given by Lexi Osborn, and the welcome, given by Kyla Simpson, the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team performed the opening ceremony to open the banquet. The team consisted of Austin Taylor, Jaci Zingerman, Britt Simpson, Aaron Woodruff, Nathan Seigrist, Sabra Pope, and Juan Flores. This team placed first in District Competition and fifth at the Area I contest.

Other Leadership team members recognized were; Keyan Kautz who competed in the Job Interview contest and placed third at District. The Radio Broadcasting team of Leanne Jameson, Kyla Simpson, and Dayne Butler competed at the District Contest and performed very well.

Judging teams and members who were recognized were: Land team consisting of Britt Simpson, Leanne Jameson, Dayne Butler, and Austin Taylor who placed third in District. Food Science team consisting of Braden Mason, Alexis Osborn, and Keyan Kautz placed third in District. The Range team consisting of Jaci Zingerman, Dominique Quilimaco, Sabra Pope, and Wesley McNair placed third in District and sixth at the Texas Tech Contest. The Horse Evaluation Team consisting of Justin Newman, Utah Falcon, and Weston Griswold competed at the Texas Tech Contest and placed sixth in District. The Cotton Team consisting of Christian Brooks, Jonathan



2010 - 2011 Officers: (L-R) Braden Mason, Treasurer; Austin Taylor, Parliamentarian; Chase Buckner, Historian; Lexi Osborn, Secretary; Jaci Zingerman, Sentinel; Leanne Jameson, Vice-President; Keyan Kautz, President; Christian Brooks, Reporter.

photo by Charli Bigham

Osborn, Reagan Elliott, and Mark Quintero placed first in the District Contest held at the USDA Cotton Classing Lab in Lubbock.

Greenhand members who were honored with a certificate and the bronze emblem signifying the Greenhand degree were; Juan Flores, Wesley McNair, Sabra Pope, Dominique Quilimaco, Nathan Seigrist, Britt Simpson, Austin Taylor, Aaron Woodruff, and Jaci Zingerman. Britt Simpson was named the Star Greenhand for 2009-2010.

Chapter Members who were honored with a certificate and the silver emblem pin signifying their chapter degree status were; Christian Brooks,

Chase Buckner, Reagan Elliott, Keyan Kautz, Alexis Osborn, Jonathan Osborn, and Schyler Tomlinson. Jonathan Osborn was tabbed as the winner of the Star Chapter award for 2009-2010.

Leanne Jameson and 2009 graduate Shane'a Russell were recognized for their application for higher degree FFA membership. Leanne has applied for the Lone Star Degree, which is the highest degree of membership awarded on the State level. If approved she will receive her award during a special ceremony at the State Convention to be held in Corpus Christi in July. Shane'a has applied for the American Degree, the highest degree

awarded by the National FFA Association. Less than one percent of FFA members attain the American Degree. If approved, Shane'a will receive her degree during a special ceremony at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis Indiana in October.

Honored with a Plaque of Appreciation for his support of the Motley County FFA Chapter was Agri Life Extension Agent, Ryan Martin. Also thanked for their support of the FFA program were the many parents, teachers and administrators, and community members who give their time and effort to assist FFA members in their projects and endeavors.



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Britt Simpson
Star Greenhand

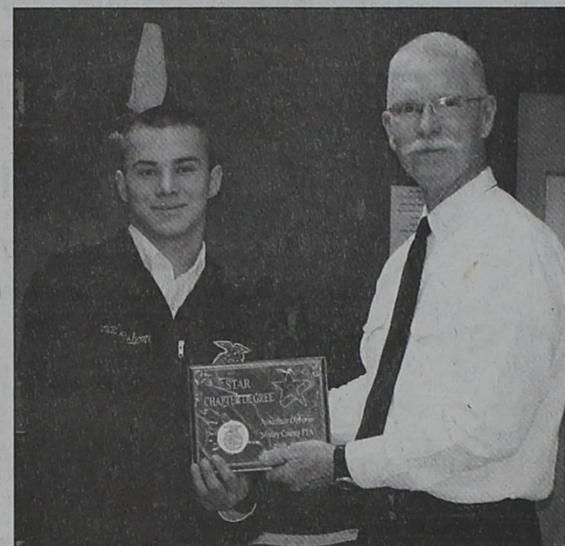


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Jonathan Osborn
Star Chapter Farmer

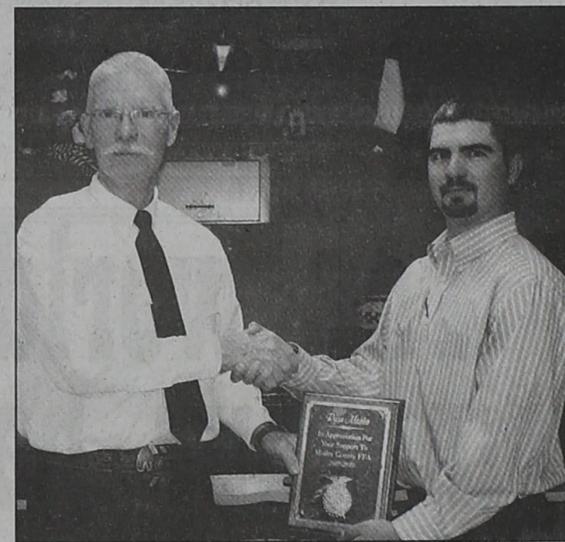


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Ryan Martin
Plaque of Appreciation

Football: Offensive MVP, Jonathon Osborn; Defensive MVP, Juan Flores; Most Improved, Austin Taylor; Dayton Graham Award, Justin Newman.

Boys Track: Most Valuable Player, Andrew Martin; and Fighting Heart, Mark Quintero.

Girls Golf: MVP-Kyla

Simpson; and Rookie of the Year, Alyx Smith.

Boys Golf: MVP, Christian Brooks; and Rookie of the Year, Britt Simpson.

The 2010-2011 Cheerleaders were introduced: Kyla Simpson, Head Cheerleader, and Leanne Jameson, Alyx Smith, Sabra Pope, and Virginia Guitierrez.

Athletic King and Queen



photo by Walter Taylor

Melissa Flores, Senior
Andrew Martin, Junior

MCISD Awards banquet names honorees

The Motley County ISD awards banquet was held Thursday, May 20, 2010, in the school gymnasium. Receiving awards were:

A-B Honor Roll: 12th Grade, Melissa Flores and Justin Newman; 11th Grade, Sarah Ferguson, Leanne Jameson, Adam Seigrist, and Kyla Simpson; 10th Grade, Keyan Kautz; 9th Grade, Sabra Pope and Nathan Seigrist, Jaci Zingerman

UIL Awards: Keyan Kautz, 6th, Science; Dominique Quilimaco, 2nd, Literary Criticism and qualified for Regional; and Nathan Seigrist, 4th, Spelling; Dayne Butler, 3rd, math and qualified for Regional; and the math team composed of Dayne Butler, Melissa Flores and Kyla Simpson placed 2nd as a team.

National Honor Society: Keyan Kautz and Braden Mason were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Girls Cross Country: Most Valuable Player,

Lexi Osborn; Fighting Heart award, Melissa Flores.

Girls Track: Most Valuable Player, Lexi Osborn; Fighting Heart award, Jaci Zingerman.

Girls Basketball: Offensive Most Valuable Player, Melissa Flores, also Honorable Mention All-District; Defensive MVP, Alyx Smith, also Honorable Mention All-District; Most Improved Player, Jaci Zingerman, also the District Newcomer of the Year; and Fighting Heart Award, Kyla Simpson, also Honorable Mention All-District.

Boys Basketball: Offensive MVP, Andrew Martin; Defensive MVP, Justin Newman; Most Improved, Nayo Santos; and Fighting Heart, Dayne Butler.

Tennis: Girls; Most Valuable Players, Sabra Pope and Jaci Zingerman. Boys;

Most Valuable Player, Braden Mason, also won 1st place in District singles and advanced to the Regional Tournament.

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* bhu Warning Signs. If itchiness persists despite the above measures, or if the skin appears abnormal, consult a doctor for advice, e.g. sudden changes of a mole, a wound that does not heal up, abnormal growths, severe itching and peeling of skin, severe pain etc. These signs may mean serious illness (like cancer) and hence should not be ignored.

The Awakening June 19, 2010

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TV drama *Friday Night Lights* about faith, hope and, of course, football

By David Masciotra

The drama on television's *Friday Night Lights* comes from living and working in a small town. It's not a show about glamour or riches. It's about faith, hope and, of course, football.

Stanley Crouch writes that whenever people pretentiously and proudly announce, "I don't watch television," they should follow it up with "I don't look at America either."

Between cartoonish reality shows and grotesque game shows, there isn't much dramatic television giving big, clear windows into America.

However, on the rare occasion that TV does get it right, it is often the stuff of pure emotive and intellectual brilliance. In the 21st century, American television is a home run hitter with a very low batting average.

One of its most beautiful and powerful homeruns was David Simon's *The Wire*. From 2002 to 2008, the HBO series moved a magnifying glass over the underbelly of urban America. From crime and poverty to police incompetence and political corruption, *The Wire* gave viewers a rare, and brutally honest, insight into the afflictions of American cities.

Although not as comprehensive in scope, *Friday Night Lights*, which just started its fourth season on NBC, put viewers through the looking glass of rural America, allowing them to explore family, faith, and of course, football with sociological savvy and emotional maturity.

Working class struggles, educational difficulty, and communal solidarity loom large in the background in this program that, on paper, is about a high school football coach named Eric Taylor, his family, his players, and their families.

As the *FNL* characters have progressed through triumph and tragedy, the series has come to represent much more than one coach's fight to take his team of dedicated upperclassmen to the Texas High School State Football Championship. It is about small towns in modern America, and what their families do to maintain communal strength, familial love, and individual excellence under unfriendly economic conditions, intense social divisions, and limited local opportunity.

Set in Dillon, Texas—a fictional East Texas town—it also gives viewers something that is unfortunately unique: A presentation of complex Americans, who do not live in a big city or a wealthy suburb connected to a big city.

FNL's small town setting is hardly glamorous, but it is often beautiful. It can be ugly too, because it presents reality—a rural reality, communal reality, and sociopolitical real-

ity.

FNL stars Eric and Tami Taylor, aka Kyle Chandler and Connie Britton.

Success and failure stand side by side in Dillon. The Taylors—Coach Eric, high school principal Tami, and daughter Julie—do very well. Julie is college bound, Tami is a smart and strong leader, and Eric is respected as one of the best high school football coaches in the state after taking the Dillon Panthers to the State Championship two of the last three seasons, winning one of them.

"Smash" Williams, a lightning fast running back is off to a local college, having lost his scholarship to a prestigious Texas university after suffering a severe injury. Coach Taylor trained Smash hard and worked a connection with the local school to get him a spot on their roster. Lila, the beautiful daughter of Buddy Garrity—the owner of a car dealership and a dedicated booster of Panther football—has gone to Vanderbilt University.

Lila's ex-boyfriend Tim Riggins, however, has not done as well. The town sex symbol and former football star could be a fourth verse in Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days." He lives with his brother, has no viable career track, and entertains himself with women he doesn't like half as much as Lila, let alone love.

His best friend, Jason Street was on the road to football glory before he took a devastating hit in a senior year football game, which left him not only out for the season but in a wheel chair for the rest of his life.

Riggins accompanied Street to New York to help him get a job and win back the mother of his child. Leaning against the side of a cab, as Riggins watches Street enter the house at the invitation of a very happy woman, he smiles, realizes it is goodbye, and begins to cry. It is the most moving scene of two young friends parting ways since the conclusion of Larry McMurtry's *The Last Picture Show*.

On paper, this sequence doesn't sound like much nor does Smash's long battle to get into college, which ends with his single mother screaming, crying, and hugging him. Matt Saracen—the graduated quarterback who took the Panthers to State in the first season—caring for his grandmother, who suffers from dementia, wouldn't captivate anyone if explained in an essay either.

Friday Night Lights doesn't have the artsy guts of *The Sopranos*, the suspense of *24*, or the political relevancy of *The Wire*, yet it still belongs in the company of those innovators.

It has more heart than the three of them, and tells its seemingly ordinary stories

so well that viewers will have no choice but to give into the powerful urge that all art seeks to inculcate: the urge to care—to care about the characters of the fictional drama and then channel that concern into real life struggles in which the consequences impact actual human beings.

The targets of concern in Dillon are working class families of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds who fight for everything they have. They are people who live far outside the rich territories of glamour, and seek individual sustenance and communal strength in familial sacrifice, working towards a shared purpose, and spiritual hope. Religion is depicted as a powerful and stabilizing force in the lives of Dillon residents.

Friday Night Lights is as close to a reality show as one can get without falling into that genre, perhaps even closer. Its rural setting and small town stories give it a unique appeal in not only a television market, but also a culture that too often overlooks the value, pain, and pleasure of small town communities.

The fourth season begins with Coach Taylor touring the raccoon infested, trash decorated football facilities of East Dillon High—a reopened high school on the poor side of town where he has been named head coach after being forced out by the Dillon school board. (Board members had been paid off by some rich families with grudges against the Taylors.)

The school building is dilapidated, faculty morale is dangerously low, and the behavior of the football players is discouraging, to put it mildly — borderline disgraceful. Nearly half of the team quits after the second practice because they don't want to take orders or work hard.

Taylor's only assistant for most of the first few weeks is a manager at Sears who begs for the job. The first game ends in a forfeit at the half when East Dillon is down 45-0 and a handful of their players are injured.

If there is anything more emblematic of America on television, it is certainly the country's best-kept secret. The empire is wobbling, the economy is wavering, and the United States is a gigantic East Dillon.

Friday Night Lights, through its portrayal of commitment to community, hard won hope, and ferocious faith, gives American families a simple, yet applicable message in the dark hour of Dillon and a million Dillons scattered throughout the country: "Clear eyes, full hearts: Can't lose."

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Diálogo Ecológico De los Redactores de E/La Revista Ecológica

Querido Diálogo Ecológico: ¿Dado el enorme derrame de petróleo crudo en el Golfo de México el mes pasado, no es ya hora que el gobierno ponga fin a las perforaciones petroleras en alta mar de una vez por todas? ¿Y si no se puede prohibir enteramente, ¿qué puede hacerse para prevenir explosiones, derrames y fugas de crudo de aquí en adelante? -- P. Greanville, Brewster, NY

La explosión de la plataforma Deepwater Horizon de BP el 20 de abril y el derrame de crudo resultante que ahora está consumiendo regiones costeras del Golfo de México no podría haber venido en un momento peor para el Presidente Obama, que acaba de aprobar planes para expandir las perforaciones petroleras en aguas profundas en el litoral de Virginia y otras regiones de EEUU.

El debate sobre si o no utilizar las reservas de petróleo costa afuera con equipo peligroso de perforación ha sido furioso desde que métodos de extracción llegaron a ser posibles en los años cincuenta. El choque de opiniones se recalentó en 2008 cuando George W. Bush convenció al Congreso a que levantara una moratoria de 27 años aplicada a la perforación en aguas profundas fuera del ya desarrollado Golfo de México occidental y algunas áreas de Alaska. A pesar de protestas públicas, los gobiernos de varios estados costeros deseaban levantar la moratoria dado el potencial de ganar ingresos fuertes de esta nueva fuente.

Barack Obama históricamente respetó la posición del partido Demócrata con respecto a las perforaciones en aguas profundas—no permitir las—pero cambió su opinión durante su campaña 2008 para negociar con los Republicanos en favor de la extracción en alta mar a cambio de cooperación con

sus propuestas de reducción de emisiones de carbón e iniciativas sobre eficiencia de energía. Entonces el 31 de marzo, tres semanas antes de la explosión en alta mar del Deepwater Horizon, que mató a 11 trabajadores y ha causado un daño ambiental inaudito, Obama se declaró en favor de nuevas operaciones petroleras en aguas profundas en el Atlántico desde Delaware a Florida central y en Alaska en sus regiones vírgenes. También pidió que el Congreso levantara la prohibición de perforar en alta mar en el Golfo de México oriental, rico en crudo, y solamente a 125 millas de las playas de Florida.

Un aspecto clave del nuevo plan de Obama es de valorar los riesgos y los beneficios potenciales de cada sitio antes de comenzar a taladrar en alta mar en un punto específico. Aunque el plan de Obama no otorgaría ningún nuevo permiso de explotación hasta 2012, la tragedia del Deepwater Horizon está promoviendo la cautela

en el proceso público de comentario que está ahora ocurriendo en Virginia y otros estados costeros que de otro modo estarían listos para firmar permisos de exploración petrolífera en sus litorales. En esos momentos no se sabe aun si el Congreso y el pueblo norteamericano estarán dispuestos a permitir que su gobierno expanda lo que ya parece ahora un negocio arriesgado.

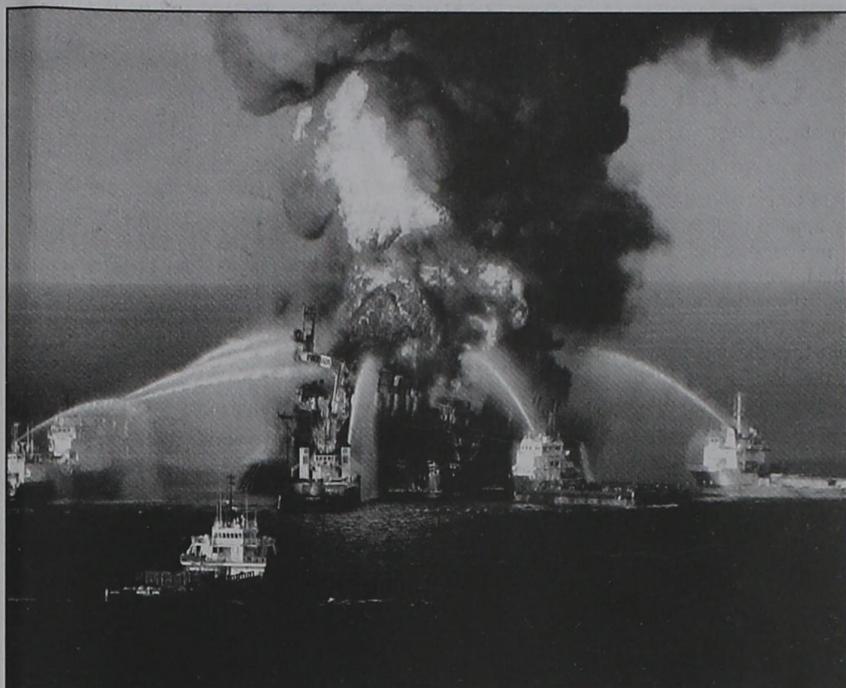
Los representantes de la industria del petróleo mantienen que sus equipos y procesos son más seguros que nunca. El Servicio Estadounidense de Administración y Minerales (Minerals and Management Service—MMS) culpa la inmensa mayoría de los 1.400 accidentes de perforación en aguas profundas en aguas de EEUU entre 2001

y 2007 en "error humano," no fallas de equipos, aunque algunos aseveran que la distinción es falsa porque siempre habrá error humano. Se vio por ejemplo que un pequeño incendio en el Deepwater Horizon en 2005 fue causado por error humano, y la mayoría de los analistas concuerdan que algún tipo de mal juicio también probablemente causó la destrucción eventual de la plataforma. El MMS dice que ya estaba en el proceso de dictar nuevos reglamentos que requerirían a los operarios de estas instalaciones inaugurar programas que se centraran en prevenir errores humanos, con inspecciones de tales operaciones cada tres años en cada aparejo.

Algunos congresistas no piensan que las nuevas normas son suficientes, especialmente tras la tragedia de BP. El Senador Bill Nelson, Demócrata de Florida que ha liderado la oposición a la perforación mar adentro, ahora está demandando una investigación congresional sobre las prácticas de seguridad en aparejos de petróleo de aguas profundas, y pedido al Ministerio del Interior de EEUU que emprenda una revisión completa de todos los accidentes de perforación que han tenido lugar por lo menos durante la última década.

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Dear EarthTalk: Given the huge oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico last month, isn't it high time the government put a stop to offshore oil drilling once and for all? Short of banning it altogether, what can be done to prevent explosions, leaks and spills moving forward? -- P. Greanville, Brewster, NY

The explosion of BP's Deepwater Horizon drill rig on April 20 and the resultant oil spill now consuming coastal regions of the Gulf of Mexico could not have come at a worse time for President Obama, who only recently renewed a push to expand drilling off the coast of Virginia and other regions of the U.S.

The debate over whether or not to tap offshore oil reserves with dangerous drilling equipment has been raging since extraction methods became feasible in the 1950s. It heated up in 2008 when George W. Bush convinced Congress to lift a 27-year-old moratorium on offshore drilling outside of the already developed western Gulf of Mexico and some areas off Alaska. Despite public protests, cash-strapped governments of several coastal states wanted the moratorium lifted given the potential for earning windfall revenues.

Barack Obama had historically toed the Democratic party line on offshore drilling—don't allow it—but changed

his tune during his 2008 campaign to compromise with pro-drilling Republicans if they would play ball with him on his carbon emissions reduction and energy efficiency initiatives. Then on March 31, three weeks prior to the Deepwater Horizon explosion, which killed 11 workers and has caused untold environmental damage, Obama called for new offshore drilling in the Atlantic from Delaware to central Florida and in Alaska's untapped northern waters. He also asked Congress to lift the ban on offshore drilling in the oil-rich eastern Gulf of Mexico, just 125 miles from Florida's beaches.

A key aspect of Obama's new plan is to assess the potential risks and benefits of each specific offshore site before drilling there can commence. While Obama's plan wouldn't grant any new leases until 2012, the Deepwater Horizon problem is casting a long shadow over the public comment process now going on in Virginia and other coastal states otherwise ready to sign on the dotted line for exploratory wells to go into their offshore waters. Whether or not Congress and the American people are willing to let their government expand on what appears already to be some risky business is anybody's guess at this point.

Oil industry representatives

maintain their equipment and processes are safer than ever. The U.S. Minerals and Management Service (MMS) blames the vast majority of the 1,400 offshore drilling accidents in U.S. waters between 2001 and 2007 on "human error," not malfunctioning equipment, though some might argue that the distinction is irrelevant because there will always be human error. A small fire on the Deepwater Horizon in 2005 was found to be caused by human error, and most analysts agree some kind of bad judgment call also likely caused the rig's ultimate demise. The MMS says it was already in the process of drafting new regulations that would require rig operators to develop programs focused on preventing human error, including operations audits once every three years for each rig.

Some Congress members don't think the new regulations are enough, especially in the wake of the BP tragedy. U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, a Florida Democrat who has led opposition to offshore drilling, has now called for a congressional investigation of safety practices at offshore oil rigs, and has asked the U.S. Interior Department to undertake a full review of all U.S. drilling accidents over at least the last decade.

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 28 American Legion Post 337 will place flags on veteran's graves at Motley County cemeteries. We will meet at 5:00 PM at Matador Cemetery.
 28 Junior High Graduation
 28 - 4-H Golf Challenge entries due
 29 High School graduation at 7:00 p.m.
 31 Memorial Day Program, Roaring Springs, 11:00 a.m.

June
 1 Matador Lions
 2 Kids Praise
 3 RS Lion
 5 Men's Breakfast, 7 a.m. at the Methodist Church in Matador
 7-11 - State Roundup in College Station
 8 RSCV
 9 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn 7am
 10 Matador City Council
 10 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, in Floydada. Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30 pm
 14 Commissioners' Court
 14 Roaring Springs City Council
 15 Matador Lions
 17 - 4-H Golf Challenge in Lubbock
 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
 19 Roaring Springs High School, Roaring Springs Community Center.
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