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Local candidates gear up for May elections Matador City Council, School Board are only contested races

Local candidates are gearing up for the upcoming May elections. The City of Roaring Springs and the Motley County Hospital Board will most likely cancel elections due to the fact that there are no opposed candidates in either race.

The City of Roaring Springs had two council places and the

Mayor's position open. Corky Marshall filed for re-election as Mayor, while Kelly Keltz and Gary Simpson filed for re-election for City Council.

The Hospital Board had three places open. Incumbents C.W. Moore, Ken Abbott and Dianne Washington all filed for re-election.

There are, however, two races which will be opposed, the City of Matador and the Motley County School Board.

The Mayor's position and two council places are open for the City of Matador. Candidates for Mayor are Howard Martin, Pat Smith and Paul L. Westbrook. City Council candi-

dates are incumbents Shane Jones and Pat Seigler; and Terry Simpson and Stan Hanesworth.

Motley County School Board will have three candidates for two places, incumbent Ted Davey; Kim Fletcher and Lewis Drum.

Annual Whiteflat Homecoming set for Saturday

The Whiteflat Homecoming will be held Saturday, April 1, at the Senior Citizens' building in Matador.

The building will be open by 9:30 a.m., ready for a morning of visiting before the covered dish meal at noon. A short business meeting will follow with President Gail McWilliams King presiding.

All former Whiteflat residents, ex-students, and friends are invited to attend for a good time of fellowship and reminiscing.

USDA Rural Development announces nearly \$1 million available for business and economic development

Temple, Texas -- Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director announced last week the availability of \$990,000 via the Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) Program for Fiscal Year 2006 as published in the March 15, 2006, Federal Register. Additional funds of \$990,000 have been earmarked for Empowerment Zones. Applicants will compete nationwide for the funding.

The primary objective of the RBOG Program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program includes technical assistance for business development and conducting economic development planning. The grants are available to public bodies, non-profits, federally recognized Tribal groups and cooperatives.

Applications for the RBG non-earmarked funds will not exceed \$50,000 and for multi-state projects \$150,000. There are not project dollar amount limitations for ear-marked funds. Completed applications must be submitted to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76502, by May 26,

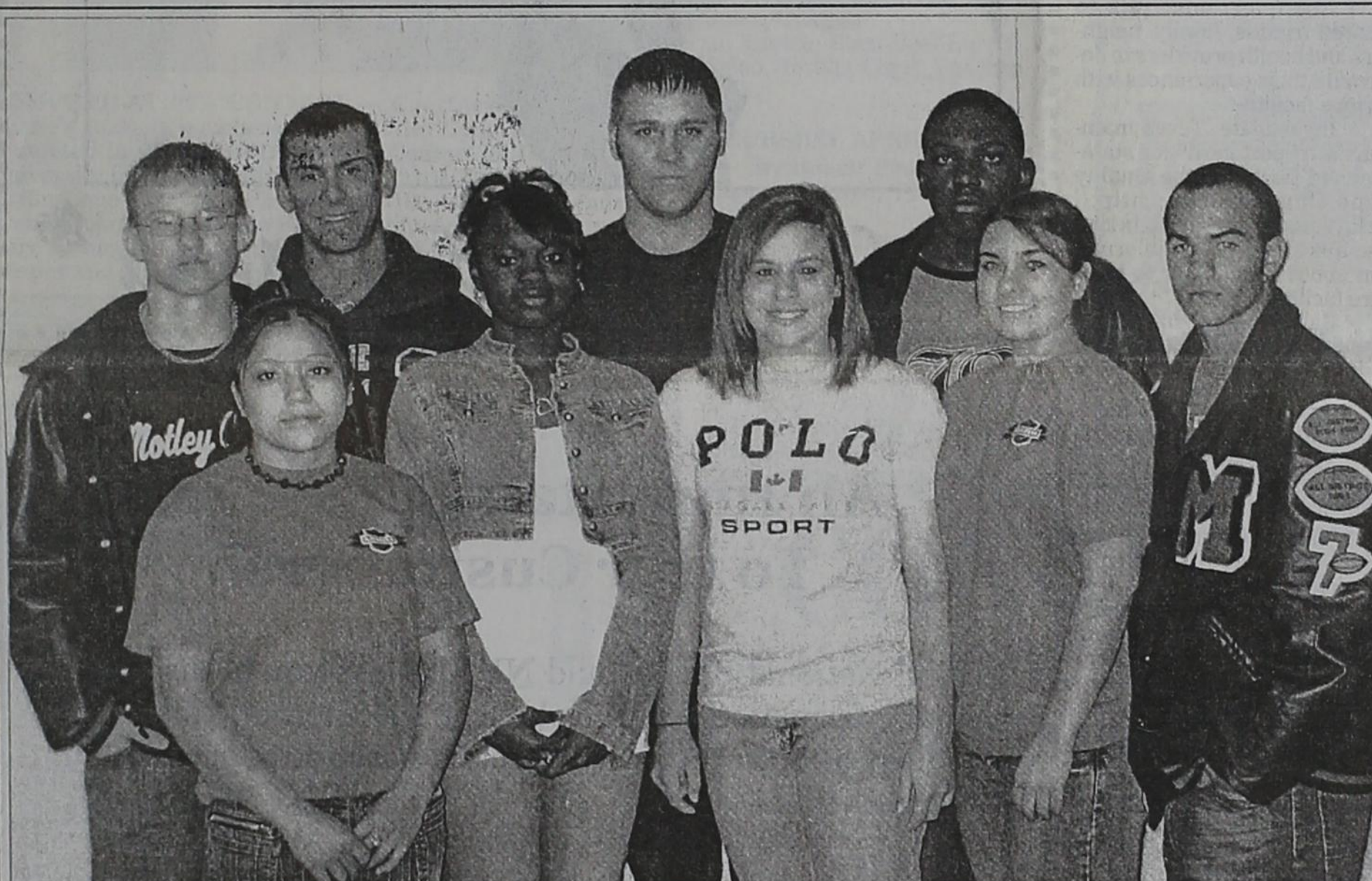
2006. Applications will be tentatively scored by the State Office, with the two highest scoring project applications being considered for funding and submitted to the National Office for final review and selection.

For additional information or an application package, contact Daniel Torres at (254) 742-9780. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

Kid's Praise set for April 5

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, April 5, 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all.

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by Women on Mission of the Church's W.M.U.



District Basketball Honors

Motley County Matadors and Lady Matadors receiving District 6-1A All District Basketball honors are pictured left to right, Stacy Perryman, Griselda Flores, Chance Bingham, Chicagra Brown, Colton Russell, Christy Smith, Bradley Brown, Ashlee Green, and Isiah Archer. Chance, Chicagra, Bradley, Ashlee and Isiah were named to the First Team All-District; Stacy, Griselda, Colton and Christy were named as Honorable Mentions to the team. Bingham and Green were also named to the Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Teams. The All-Star games will be played in Lubbock in July.

South Plains Health Provider will have new name

On June 1, 2006, South Plains Health Provider Organization, Inc., (SPHPO) will officially change its name to Regence Health Network.

The Corporate name change is a strategic component of the Board's three year strategic plan to improve its image and the overall quality of its services. As part of that effort,

the Organization will unveil its branding initiative, which is designed to elevate the public's awareness of the Organization throughout the South Plains and Texas Panhandle Region.

Board President Marci Johnson said the name change coincides with the growth and expansion of the Organization's service area and signals a step forward towards an enhanced

degree of alignment and integration with other regional service providers. "It represents the Board's ongoing commitment

to quality, innovation, and providing services that exceed our customer's expectations," she said.

Paducah youth killed in crash

Paducah -- A Paducah youth was killed Monday, March 27, after her vehicle left the road, slid sideways and rolled over and struck a telephone pole 1 mile southeast of Paducah.

Melanie Joan Wood, 17, of Paducah, was driving a 2002 Chevy pickup southeast on FM 1038. At 3:16 p.m., her vehicle

went off the roadway and slid sideways rolling over and striking a telephone pole. The driver was then ejected from the vehicle.

Wood, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was pronounced dead at the scene by Cottle Co. J.P. Judge Bidy.

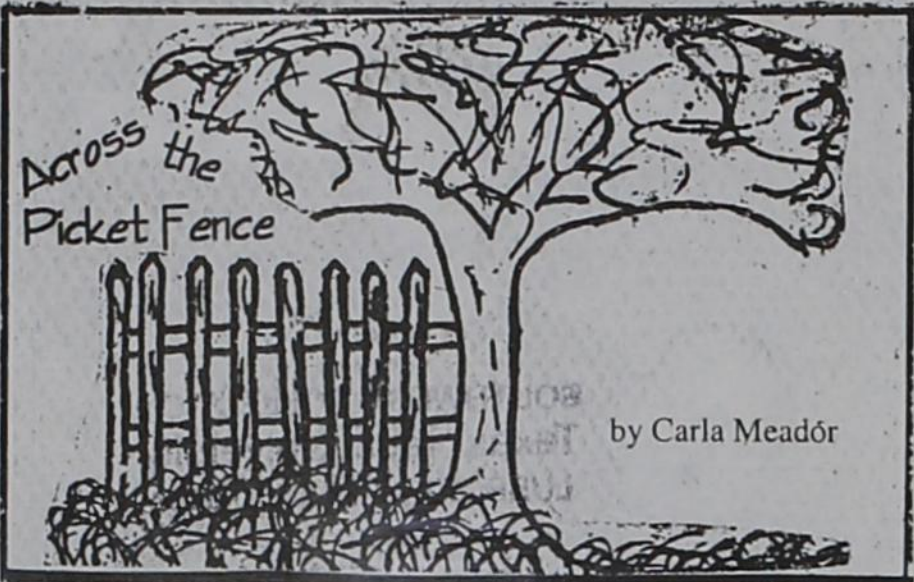


Spring Snowfall

The first week of Spring ended with a dusting of snow in Motley County. Temperatures dropped and snow started falling Wednesday night, leaving a pretty wintery white dusting on Thursday morning.



Spring Forward...
Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 2
Don't forget to set your clocks up one hour before going to bed Saturday night!



Don't forget to Spring forward! Set your clocks up one hour before going to bed Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, April 2.

I was thinking the event took place later into the month. But, I really like Daylight Savings Time. I feel like I actually have a little bit of the day at home. Sometimes it's still daylight when I get home and I can go outside and do a few things in the fresh air. Office air gets very stuffy!!

Although I'm ready for green grass and pretty flower beds, I really can't say I'm quite ready for the work involved. Talk about time - keeping a big yard with grass and flower beds is very time consuming. I do love to get outside and do physical work, get down and dirty sometimes, and if I had all the time I wanted I would probably

be out working in the yard all the time. As all of you who work for a living know, it's hard to find the time to get everything done. I'm not complaining -- I'm very thankful I'm healthy enough to get out and work. And, it's my fault my beds are in the shape they're in. Every year I have such good intentions of getting some work done in the cool of the Fall or late Winter, but those good intentions somehow seem to fall by the wayside.

Speaking of thankful... thank God for the rain and snow. The very much needed moisture is a blessing to our area. We are so fortunate that we have not had the wildfires our Panhandle neighbors have had. Thank God for protecting our land. Let's don't forget to remember those, who lost so much, in prayer.

The weather man says the wind will blow the rest of this week, so hold your hat on and have a good week.

Motley County Chamber News & Views

by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider: I am thankful for the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

-- Nancie J. Carmody

Last Tuesday was the welcome party for the newcomers to Motley County. A good crowd of local residents turned out to wish the newcomers welcome, and this is the way it should be, since we are glad to have new people moving in.

Ronnie Pope brought his three children, Sabra, Branden and Sydney. Sabra and Branden are enrolled at the school, but Sydney, aged 3, is still too young to attend school. Ronnie has lived in the area before, but has moved back now to work for the Highway Department and farm up near Flomot. He enjoys small-town living, and is glad to be here.

Barney Lewis, Ronnie Pope's brother-in-law, has moved to Matador as well, and was also at the gathering. You may have seen a dark colored stretch limousine around town -- it is his. And since he is running a limousine service, you can ride in it, too. Or your children can during the upcoming prom time. All you have to do is

call 347-2033, and make an appointment.

Ronda Miller also attended, representing the new business in town, Wylie LP Gas. It is good for the town to have businesses remain, even when the ownership has changed hands, and we are glad Wylie has chosen to stay. One hears so much about businesses closing in surrounding towns -- it is good that this one has remained here.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves, and said a few words about how long they had lived here. Those who were born here omitted the number...

Lots of goodies were there for all to feast on, and there were the "Welcome Baskets" for the newcomers and flowers for Wylie. The welcome bags contained little gifts donated by local businesses, the director of Motley County businesses prepared by the Chamber of Commerce, and Motley County Bucks, a gift from the Chamber that can be used as money at almost every business in the County.

Thank you to all who came; thank you to all who prepared the goodies for the event; and thank you to those who cleaned up afterwards. Motley County showed itself as a friendly place to live.

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



We appreciate the donation that the library received last week. We thank W.C. Pallmeyer for his donation in memory of E.A. Day and Cleo Watson. Donations such as this help keep the library open and its collection up-to-date.

New books in the library include *Amy and Isabelle* by Elizabeth Strout, *Atonement Child* by Francine Rivers, *Fallen* by T. Jefferson Parker and *Sea Change* by Robert Parker.

How good it looks to have Georgia Witcher back behind the check-out desk lately. Georgia has been volunteering on a Monday or so each month. We appreciate her and the other

faithful volunteers who willingly serve. Those who were here in March, besides Georgia, are Ruby McGuire, June Moss, Marihelen Wason and Penny Kline.

The Friends of the Library sponsors many events and projects each year. One of the projects is presenting each Motley County newborn with his or her first book. In March the Friends presented books to Kagen Keltz and to Eric Gonzalez. The Friends hope that these little soft books start the new baby on a life of reading for pleasure and knowledge. We thank Betty Moore and Deb Spray for making the books for us.

PRAISE TO THE LORD

"O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago. Isaiah 25:1

Homecoming date set

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

Long-term care facility selection requires careful consideration

Amarillo -- The face of long-term care has changed significantly in recent years and continues to evolve to meet the needs of today's older adults, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

While many people wish to remain in their homes throughout their life, that is not always possible, Andrew B. Crocker, Extension gerontology specialist said. It is important to make an informed decision when choosing a long-term care facility.

"Planning for long-term care is not easy," Crocker said. "Individual needs change over time as do the rules about programs and benefits. Be sure to include your family in your decision to move to a long-term care facility, no matter what the level of care."

By the same token, he said, "If you are a care giver considering placing a loved one in a facility be sure to involve that loved one in the decision-making process as much as possible."

Several levels of long-term care are available and choices range from independent living facilities to nursing homes, Crocker said.

An independent living facility may resemble an apartment complex or a hotel, providing personal living spaces while accounting for some of the extra

needs older people have, such as railings in the bathrooms and wider doorways, he said.

Many such facilities include a small kitchen and laundry room, and, depending on the facility, additional services may be provided at a premium, such as a meal service, Crocker said. Size of the units, cost of living and additional services offered will vary.

An assisted-living facility may be appropriate for those who need more help, Crocker said. Assisted living facilities may help as needed with daily living, but offer some nursing care or none at all.

The facility usually will provide meals, cleaning services, activities and transportation, he said. Depending on the facility living arrangements may be private or semi-private.

When more care is needed, the next choice is skilled nursing care - a nursing home, Crocker said. Nursing home care is for people who need help eating, bathing, with personal care, taking medications and mobility.

Nursing homes usually provide 24-hour services and supervision, including medical care and some physical, speech and occupational therapy, depending on the facility, he said.

One of the newer choices in long-term care is a continuing care retirement community.

These communities often provide independent, assisted and nursing care in the same locale, Crocker said.

Choosing a facility may be the most difficult part. The American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging recommends:

- Ask questions. Talk to trusted friends, family, neighbors and health providers to determine their experiences with various facilities.

- Investigate. Texas maintains a "report card" for state-licensed facilities, the Quality Reporting System: <http://facilityquality.dhs.state.tx.us/>. Use this site to obtain information about a facility or to compare facilities.

- Call. Once you have a list of possible places, get in touch with each one. Ask basic questions about openings and waiting lists, number of residents, costs and methods of payment.

- Visit. Make plans to meet with the director of nursing and director of social services. Medicare offers a nursing home checklist: <http://www.careplanner.org>.

- Ask yourself if you would feel reassured leaving your loved one there," Crocker said. "And then visit again. Make a second visit without an appointment, maybe on another day of the week or time of day. See if your first thoughts are still the same."

Be aware that Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance only cover short times of home health or nursing home care, typically for someone who is recovering after leaving the hospital, he said.

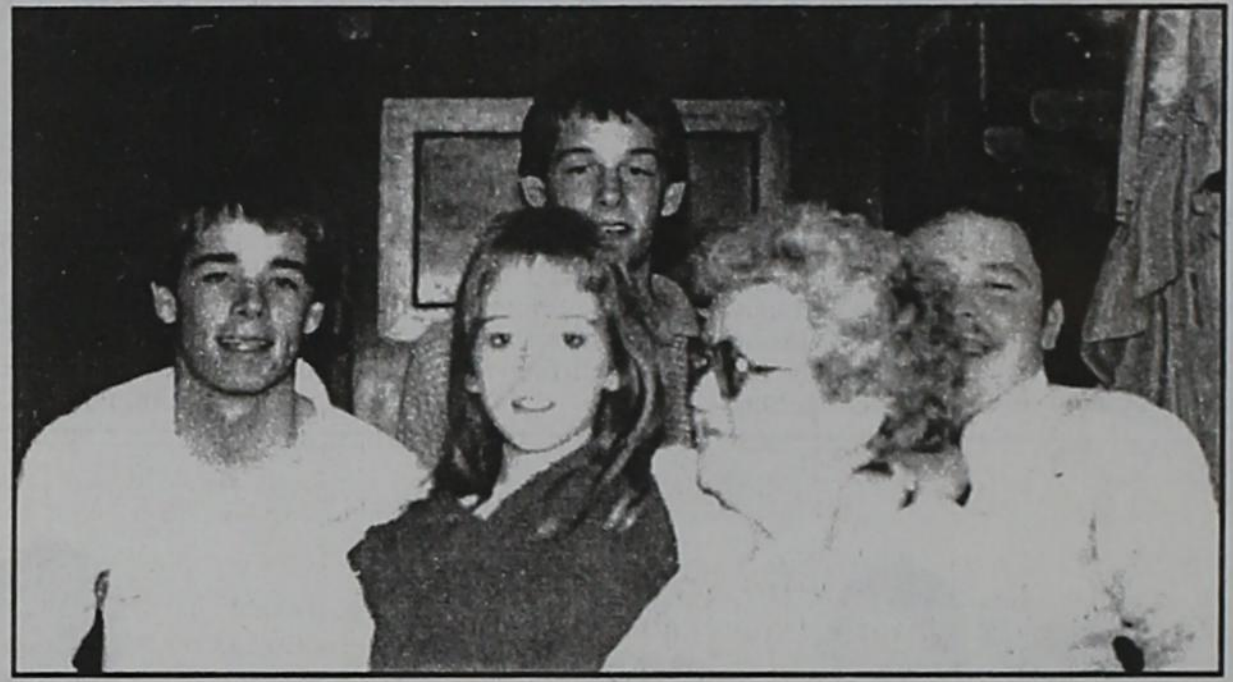
Medicaid may be used to pay for nursing home care, but only after certain income and asset requirements are met, Crocker said. Many people start paying for long-term care with their own money and later may become eligible for Medicaid.

Keep in mind that applying for Medicaid takes at least three months, he said. Also, new financial requirements for Medicaid allow a five-year look-back period for finances. This means assets and income from the last five years may be considered when determining eligibility.

Long-term care insurance can be bought years before it is needed, Crocker said, and is generally less expensive when purchased at a younger age.

The Texas Department of Insurance provides information for evaluating and purchasing a long-term care insurance policy at <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/>.

Additional information can be found on the Aging Service's site at <http://www.aahsa.org>.



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Even Napoleon said of Jesus: "I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ was no mere man. Between Him and whoever else in the world there is no possible term of comparison." In all the Bible there is nothing so captivating as the study of the Jesus and His effect upon all that came into contact with Him. His impact upon the people of His days upon the earth was such that people would ask, "We want to see Him." He has a place in their history.

The Bible portrays Jesus as the Son of Man, the Son of God. He was mistreated, finally hated, maligned, beaten and then nailed to a cross. This is the man that spent His life giving and serving. The Bible says of Him, "That He came unto His own and they that were His own received Him not." Yes, many saw Jesus and yet refused His message nor would they be identified with Him. Jesus was very real, even those that denied Him being God's son, knew He was real.

Jesus. He belongs in human history. Are we willing to be identified with Him today? If so, it takes exposure to God's Word, coupled with prayer and obedience in order to walk with Jesus. It means growing and maturing in the "grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." I want to see Him in glory, this One who had such an impact upon human history. I am sure that you want to see Him, too.

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Gov. Perry: Texas must continue to lead in education reform

Austin -- Gov. Rick Perry said last week that Texas' record on reforming education is the best in the nation, and that comprehensive tax reform will lead to a more reliable funding system for public schools. Perry spoke at the statewide education summit hosted by the Texas Public Education Reform Foundation.

"As a result of education reform, scores on national assessments have gone up in every age group, ethnicity and subject area," Perry said. "More high schools than ever before are offering college credit courses, more students are taking the SAT, and a record number of children are attending an institution of higher learning because we are challenging them to achieve."

Perry also said the Texas economy's strong performance is evidence that education reform is working. "One way to judge whether schools are succeeding is to look at the job climate, because one of the top factors employers consider in choosing where to expand is the presence of an educated workforce," Perry said. "To me,

the fact that so many businesses are expanding in Texas is a ringing endorsement of the progress we are making in education."

Perry noted that since 2003, Texas has gained 530,000 new jobs and the Texas business climate has been called the best in the nation. The Federal Reserve recently reported that the Texas economy is running the strongest it has since 1998.

Perry said lawmakers must remember that good jobs and great schools are mutually dependent as they meet next month to consider comprehensive tax reform.

"Jobs provide the government revenue to pay for education, and education provides the workers needed to attract good jobs," Perry said. "I view the upcoming special session as an opportunity to make lasting improvements to our tax structure so that it is broader, fairer and provides a more reliable source of revenue for our schools. And it is a chance to give Texans a significant property tax cut that stands the test of time."

"It makes sense to deliver lasting property tax relief be-

cause it will make the dream of home ownership more affordable for millions of Texas families. Owning a home is not only an important part of the American dream, but research studies show that children of homeowners are more likely to do well in school and less likely to develop behavior problems," Perry said. "A lasting property tax cut will not only give more Texas families the opportunity to succeed in the classroom and a better opportunity to succeed in life."

Perry said the education reform movement in Texas must continue to move forward, although he said legislators should start with property tax

reform in the upcoming special session because the Supreme Court has ruled the current system unconstitutional.

"We must continue to push for reform such as stronger accountability for taxpayers, higher standards that will ensure more children graduate prepared to succeed in college, and salaries that reward teachers for their hard work and provide incentives for them to do even better," Perry said. "If the speaker and lieutenant governor can bring me a school reform bill that both chambers agree on, I will gladly add it to the call once the tax issue is resolved."



BRING HOME FIRST PLACE MEDALS — Mattie Brooks and Brody Rankin, pictured left to right with instructor, Sherry Fogerson, competed at the Pampa gymnastics meet on Saturday, March 25. They both brought home first place medals in the trampoline and floor competitions. Brody's parents are Ryan and Lacey Rankin and Mattie's parents are Timmy and Tina Brooks, all of Roaring Springs.

School Menu



MONDAY, APRIL 3
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Nacho Supreme, Salad, Corn, Fruit Fluff, Milk.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Vegetable Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Crackers, Orange Slices, Milk.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Been-Beef Burrito, Salad, Tortilla Chips, Peaches, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Breakfast: Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Potato Chips, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

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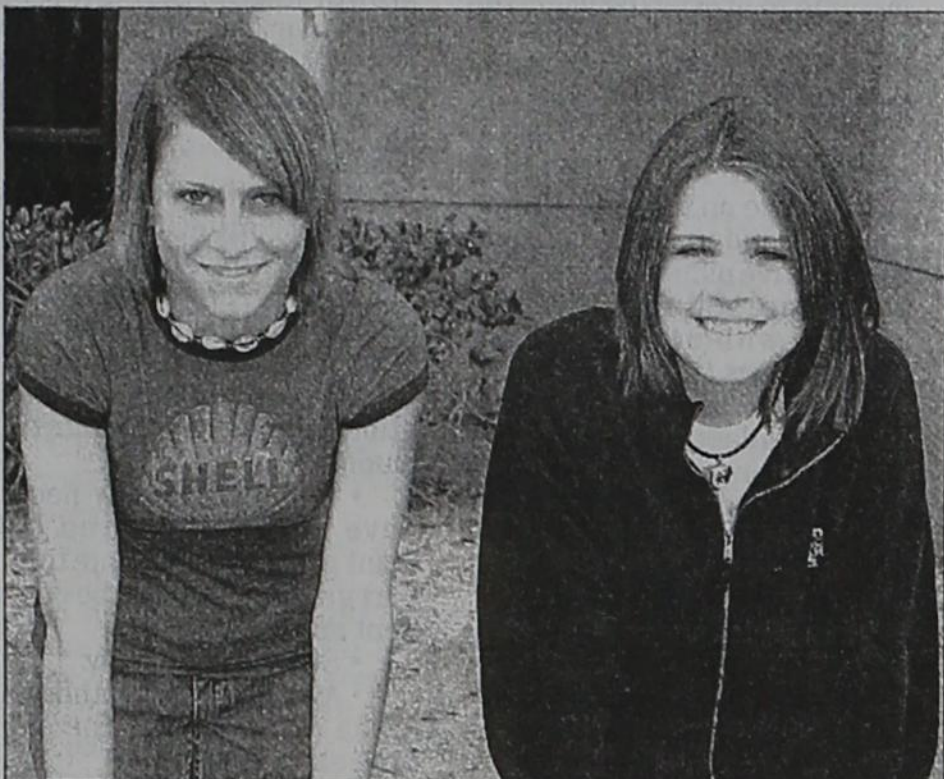
— John Ruskin

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COMPETE AT FFA CONTEST — Courtney Alexander and Shane'a Russell, members of the Motley County FFA Chapter, competed in the Horse Evaluation Contest at Tarleton State University in Stephenville on March 23rd. The event was held at the Lone Star Arena in Stephenville and was attended by over 750 contestants from FFA chapters across the state. They were accompanied by Motley County FFA Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper and his wife Judy.



POSTER CONTEST WINNER — Ashleigh Jones, 1st grader at Patton Springs ISD, recently won first place in her grade and third place in District overall in the 2006 Duck Creek S.W.C.D. Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Being Wise With Water." Ashleigh is the daughter of Jade and Erin Jones and granddaughter of Mary Jones, all of Matador, and George and Ellen Wilson of Austin, AR.

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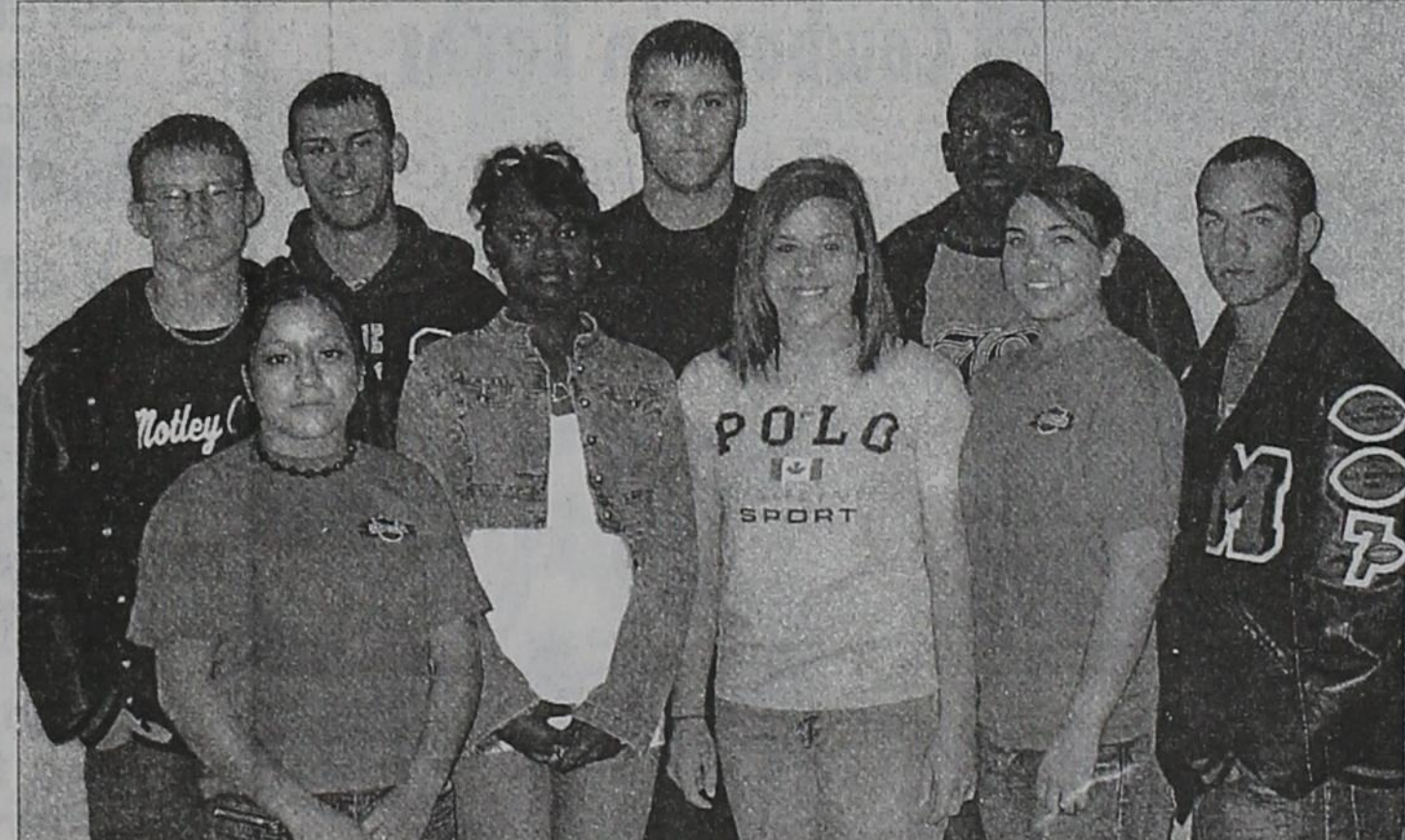


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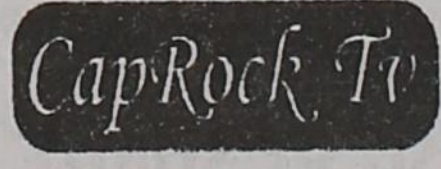
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 on being named to the **ALL-DISTRICT TEAM**
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Warmer temperatures will bring out hiding spiders Brown Recluse bite can be deadly

Warmer weather is here and bugs and spiders are beginning to come out of their hiding places. One of those creepy crawlers, the Brown Recluse Spider, is a dangerous little insect with a powerful and poisonous bite.

Brown recluse spiders belong to a group of spiders commonly known as violin spiders or fiddlebacks. This is because of a characteristic fiddle-shaped pattern they have on their head region. The spider is golden brown with the fiddle being dark brown or black. This spider is not hairy and the fiddle pattern is often shiny. They are about 1/4 to 3/4 inch long.

Brown Recluse Spiders are found primarily in the Midwest and are common in this area. Many cases of bites are reported from Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. The edge of its range just reaches the tip of western Virginia. The spider commonly lives in basements and garages of houses and often hides behind boards and boxes. Bites often occur when the spiders hide in towels or old clothes left in those areas.

If bitten by a brown recluse spider, you should remain calm. — Too much excitement or movement will increase the flow of venom into the blood.

— Apply a cool, wet cloth to the bite or cover the bite with a cloth and apply an ice bag to the bite.

— Do not apply a tourniquet, it may cause more harm than benefit.

— Try to positively identify the spider or catch it to confirm its type.

Medication to counteract brown recluse spider venom is not available in the United States. Treatment depends on how severe the bite is. For bites that:

— Do not develop open soars, treatment includes applying a cold compress, elevating the bite area, and avoiding moving the bite area.

— Develop open sores and dead skin (necrosis), treatment includes removing the dead skin from the sore. This may involve follow-up and replacing the dead skin with new skin (skin grafts).

Medications that may be used include:

— Pain relievers, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). NSAIDs include naproxen (Aleve) and ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin). Do not give aspirin to anyone younger than 20 because of the risk of Reye's syndrome.

— Antihistamines, such as Benadryl, to relieve itching. Dapsone is sometimes used to prevent necrosis and an open sore from getting larger.

Corticosteroids, which may reduce inflammation. However, their benefit is not proven.

Antibiotics, if an infection is present.

The severity of the bite may vary. The symptoms may vary from no harm at all to a reaction that is very severe. Often

there is a systemic reaction within 24-36 hours characterized by restlessness, fever, chills, nausea, weakness and joint pain. Where the bite occurs there is often tissue death and skin is sloughed off. In some severe cases, a wound may develop that last several months.

In all cases, a physician should be notified. If at all possible, kill and take the spider to the physician for positive identification. Individual spiders can

be crushed underfoot or sprayed with an aerosol spray. Clean up and remove any potential hiding places.

Note: Spiders are seldom aggressive and bite only when threatened or injured.

Interesting fact: Many of the wolf spiders are similar in appearance and have similar markings as the brown recluse. They are large, robust and hairy and, therefore, can be distinguished from the brown recluse.



Brown Recluse Spider. Notice fiddle shape on upper back.

Land management after wildfires important

submitted by James Gillespie, Natural Resources Conservation Service

What can landowners do to manage property after a wildfire? Has your property been affected by wildfire? Are you unsure about what to do now and who to turn to for help?

Recent wildfires have been devastating to people, homes, barns, fences, livestock, hay bales, or standing grass that was needed for winter forage. In the areas burned by wildfires, it may look like the flames destroyed all the vegetation.

"Wildfires can affect the vegetation in ways that are very similar to the effects of prescribed fire and can provide valuable control of brush species," states Susan Baggett, State Resource Conservationist for NRCS in Texas. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habitat, but it can lead to increased soil loss due to erosion by wind and water."

Many landowners may be left with the fear that vegetation will not return unless it is reseeded. Even though the initial appearance on the land may be that of a moonscape, in most cases native plants evolved with fire and are still alive. They can recover with a management plan. Factors that affect recovery time include types of plants and their adaptation to fire, fire intensity, precipitation (before and after the fire), soil type, previous history of grazing and fire, presence of weeds (competition), season of fire, and management after the fire.

Burned vegetation still provides protection from soil movement due to remaining plant roots and plant parts. Instances where erosion could occur include areas where active erosion occurred prior to the wildfire, on very steep slopes, in very sandy soils, and along drainages until the vegetation recovers. Usually within two years, the erosion rates return to pre-burn conditions.

Most native trees, shrubs, forbs and grasses have mechanisms of coping with fire. Some will grow new leaves; some will re-sprout, while others have fire resistant seeds that will sprout following a fire. Bunchgrasses, like little bluestem, accumulate dead material above the root crown and the center of the plant dies over time. After a fire, it sometimes appears that the plant was killed, when in fact the center of the plant was already dead. This can be observed by examining burned and unburned plants in the same area. In contrast, rhizomatous grasses, such as big bluestem or sideoats grama, have growing points below the soil surface and do not accumulate fuel next to the root crown.

Woody plants are adapted to fire by location of buds or protective bark. Most woody plants re-sprout if top growth is killed. Once top growth is lost, dormant basal buds below the soil surface begin growth. Plants such as Ash juniper though, lack basal buds and do not re-sprout. Many woody plants have thick bark and are adapted to intense fire. Eastern cottonwood, post oak, and shortleaf pine are examples of fire tolerant woody plants.

Management prior to wild-

fire will affect recovery time. Plants that had a healthy root system at the time of the burn will recover the quickest. A flush of weeds could be expected the first season after a wildfire. However, these may be plants that benefit wildlife and typically within 2 years following a wildfire, will decline as grasses increase. The key point is to identify the weeds, understand their life cycle, evaluate their impact on recovery, then make a decision regarding weed control.

It is important to recognize three distinct growth stages of plants to plan for recovery.

1. During the "green-up" or early stage of the growth, perennial grasses can be defoliated rather intensively without permanent damage to the plant; as long as the growing point remains below the point of defoliation and is unharmed.

2. As soon as the grasses shift from the short-shoot growth stage to the early reproductive or long-shoot stage excessive grazing can be detrimental, but not necessarily "life threatening" to perennial grasses.

3. It is the period between post-reproduction and dormancy during which perennial grasses periodically must be restored to insure their long-term survival and vigor.

Management considerations following a wildfire include:

- Some areas may need to have grazing deferred until plant growth is adequate to support grazing. This will be dependent on precipitation.

- Stocking properly.
- Avoiding grazing the same areas and plants at the same time each year.

- Rotate livestock between pastures to allow plant recovery. Additional practices such as temporary fencing and new water facilities may be needed.

- With adequate precipitation, areas can be grazed with intensive early stocking (IES). The key is to remove cattle by July 1 if using IES and not graze the area again until after frost.

- Apply fertilizer according to a soil test for introduced species.

- Utilize rotation of salt, mineral and feeding locations to better distribute grazing or intensive early stocking with livestock.

- Monitor to ensure management decisions are restoring desired plants.

Fire has been and still is an essential part of maintaining healthy native grassland, rangeland, and forest lands and has positive impacts. In many cases, prescribed fire can reduce the potential for future wildfires.

The information is meant to provide some guidance in helping landowners make decisions following wildfire events. The impacts of wildfire will vary in each situation as will the course of action and management needed following the wildfire.

For further assistance in evaluating your land and planning practices to address concerns following a wildfire, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Soil and Water Conservation District. I Matador contact James, Rodney or Si at the local office, telephone 347-2263 extension 3.

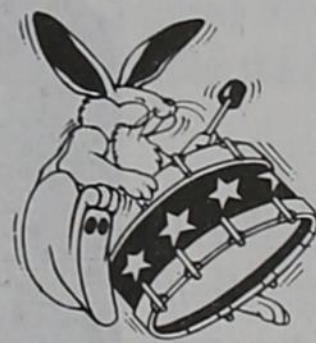
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News around the County

Roaring Springs News by Monta Marshall

Word has been received that during the recent grass fires in and around Duncan, Oklahoma, that approximately 50 homes were destroyed. One of those homes was the home of Robert and Frankie Duren. They are doing well under the circumstances. Their real losses were the memorable items that are difficult to replace.

Zella Palmer and PK Green attended a Texas Municipal League Workshop as representatives of Roaring Springs at the 4-Bar-K Restaurant at Lubbock. The topic of the workshop was Conducting Open City Council Meetings. The Texas Municipal League conducts three workshops a year.

Corky and Monta Marshall took a trip to see the Dogwood Festival at Palestine, Texas. They went by way of Waco and visited the Texas Ranger Museum and by Riesel, Texas to visit the grave of Corky's grandmother, Susan Snow Marshall. She died in 1906 at the age of 37 years. Corky had never been there before. The dogwood trees were lovely; we rode the Texas Railroad train between Rusk and Palestine and saw many dogwood trees in the woods along the track. It seemed like the dogwoods loved the shade of the tall pines best. We also toured one Victorian home and spent time in the East Texas Museum there and several shops. We returned by way of Graham and visited my former father-in-law. It was an interesting trip.

Spring has arrived for sure. The purple martens that come each spring to nest in our birdhouse arrived while we were away. They were just about on time. They usually arrive on the 21st or 22nd of March and leave when really hot weather arrives. Corky really enjoys watching

them. There is usually a scout that arrives first and then in a few days many birds arrive and begin squabbling over which marten apartment they will get this year! The barn swallows are due any day now and I have been hearing mockingbirds. Several folks are really getting spring fever, too, and are busy redoing their yards.

We had visitors week before last that we took to the Springs. There was a water moccasin sunning itself on the rocks near the spring. It is time to be alert watching for rattlesnakes beginning to be active after their hibernation.

James, Jennifer, Dylan and Ty Adams visited Zella Palmer Sunday.

Joyce Smith and Dean McInroe came home for a day or two. They were accompanied by Joyce's cousin, Glenda Hossley of Tucson, Arizona. Joyce will begin therapy soon to speed up her recovery. Dean is doing the housekeeping for Joyce and keeping her from being alone. Joyce said she knew Dean had a difficult job because she wasn't a very patient patient!

LaVoe Thacker continues to take chemo treatments and then struggles to recuperate. Hopefully she will be finished before many more weeks.

Joyce Meredith has talked recently with her brother, Kenneth Ashley. His recovery has been long. He has been ill and in the hospital or assisted living care for almost a year now. He would enjoy cards and letters. His address is: Kenneth Ashley, c/o April Ballard, 44412 Kingston Road, Temecula, CA 92509.

Please continue to pray for LaVoe, Joyce Smith and Kenneth Ashley.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
One way to be happy is easy to see, have a good sense of humor and a bad memory.

Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon had a nice visit this past week with her uncle, Wilson Barton.

Mrs. Brenda Cruse and her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador visited in Lubbock, Saturday with Mark and Kathleen Wason and son, Dalton. They enjoyed attending a Little Dribblers basketball game in which Dalton played. He is in the first grade and played a good game.

Mrs. Melissa Kendall and sons, Jere and Jacob visited in Fort Worth from March 11 to 14th with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray. She attended to business in Lubbock, Sunday.

Derrick Cruse, student at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, visited during the spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall and sons Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall from Monday until Friday of last week was Jere Banewski of Houston.

Mrs. Sherry McKay of Quitaque visited Mrs. B. Rogers, Thursday.

Samuel Stapleton, student at South Plains College in Levelland, visited the spring holidays with his father, Greg

Stapleton.

Wilburn Martin was a weekend guest of his daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper in Borger. Saturday night, they attended the annual Texoma Federal Credit Union meeting held at the Frank Phillips College cafeteria building. Mr. Cooper is manager and president of the board of this Credit Union.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter met daughters and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg and Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Ropesville in Plainview, Saturday to enjoy entertainment. The children returned home with Kathy and she and husband, Clois accompanied them to Petersburg, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin visited in Matador, Saturday at the Gwinn home with Aly Gwinn of Lubbock and Josie and Bill Raetz of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark visited the weekend in Abilene with son, Capt. Wes Stark and wife, Erin, who are stationed at Dyess Air Force Base.

Butch King of Lincoln, Illinois arrived Saturday to visit his uncle, Wilson Barton and houseguests, Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon. He will be attending to business in Matador at the home of his late mother, Mrs. Katherine King.

Matador News by Earlyne Jameson

CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham and granddaughter, Mrs. Kelsi Martinez visited the weekend in Brady with granddaughter and family, LeAnnra and Brandon Couvillion and son, Cutter. They celebrated the first birthday of Cutter with a party. He was a delight when he blew out his one candle on a colorful decorated cake featuring farm animals.

HAS SURGERY

Rodney and Glenda Williams were in Lubbock, Friday with daughter and family, Lindsey and Randy Westbrook and son, Andrew. Randy was admitted to emergency at the Covenant Medical Center

Thursday night and had surgery, Friday. He returned home Sunday. Andrew returned home with his grandparents to visit.

Mrs. Jon (Donna) Solt and children, Haley, Donna Marie and Jon of Lake Arthur, New Mexico visited from Wednesday until Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Pat Warren and grandfather, John Briscoe.

Lt. Stan Ruda and wife, Lisha of Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls visited during the spring holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Ray Slover.

Glen Rattan of Idalou visited Saturday with Mrs. Frances Dixon.

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WHITEFLAT KIDS — Identities and year unknown.

Remembering Whiteflat Childhood outside games of yesteryear

by Earlyne Jameson

"What happy, joyous times there are when old friends gather from afar and renew memories of Outside Games."

My playmates and I were part, perhaps, of the last generation of American children who were called upon to entertain themselves to a significant degree. Television was still an emerging phenomenon and no MTV or computer games. Do you remember long ago outside games?

Hide and Seek, of course was an old standby. Another favorite outside game was "Annie, Annie Over." The participants were divided into two teams who would gather on opposite sides of the house. A person on one side of the house would attempt to throw a rubber ball over the roof of the house. If the ball did not make it over, a member of the throwing team was obligated to yell, "Pigtail!" to inform the other team of a bad throw. If, on the other hand, the ball made it over the roof and someone on the other side caught it before it hit the ground, that person and his teammates would charge around the house. The person with the ball would try to touch a member of the other team with the ball, or throwing it at the opponent if necessary. Anyone touched in this manner was required to join the other team. The game ended when all participants would end up on one side.

A playground game played was Red Rover. Students were divided into two equal teams. Each team would form a human chain with arms outstretched and hands clasped. The teams faced each other about 100 feet apart. One team would call a certain member of the other team by yelling, "Red Rover, Red Rover, send Pee Wee right over!" This was a signal for Pee Wee to get up a full head of steam and attempt to break the human chain of the other team. If he did, he could pick either of two children whose arms he broke through and take that child back to his own team. If on the other hand, he failed to break the chain, he had to become a member of the opposing team.

The dusk seemed to fall on layers, like a curtain on a stage and then stars began multiplying in the sky in the summertime. We collected fireflies in old pickle jars with holes punched in the lids. Equipped with their

own little lights, they would circle above the lawn until we caught them and put them in glass walled prisons. Before we went indoors, we would release the fireflies with a grand gesture to permit them to fly to freedom.

Dads of long ago told his children how much fun he had as a boy walking on stilts, so they would pester him until he made a set for each one of them. He first nailed the blocks only six inches high until they learned to handle them. They fell off, got back on and walked some more. Eventually, Dad moved blocks up to 18 inches and they really had fun seeing who could stay on the longest. I'm told they loved them and so did their friends.

Decades ago, we played Jacks outside, especially at recess. Jacks is a game of skill. We bought our ball and jacks as a set at the Variety Store for five and ten cents. We kept them in a draw string bag. When the recess bell rang, we girls dashed outside to find a smooth concrete walkway. (Boys played marbles and had spinning tops that whistled). We sat down on the sidewalk and arranged our feet and legs as comfortably as possible. Beginners used only 8 jacks. As we gained skill, we played with 10 and 12. We started with rubber balls and later played with golf balls. If you picked up all the jacks one at a time, you would continue to play picking up two jacks at a time, then three and so on. If the ball bounced more than once, you would lose your turn. If you missed by not picking up the correct number of jacks, you would lose your turn. This was accepted with good grace and sportsmanship. When the bell rang to end recess, we would line up and march back to class.

There were several other outdoor games enjoyed that were simple yet challenging, Flying Dutchman, Piggy In My Pen, Kick The Can, Croquet and scrub baseball games. They required initiative and active participation. They were not complicated, but they were fun. We got our exercise and learned from them.

Our imaginations knew no boundaries and challenges never ceased. It is not recalled that we ever asked, "What's there to do?" Not the least among the lessons we learned was how to get along with our playmates!

Remember Whiteflat Homecoming, Saturday, April 1.



Primary Class of Boys, last Vacation Bible School at Whiteflat Baptist Church. Teachers are Frances Dixon and Melba Jameson. Standing left to right are Hal Martin and Lance Jameson. Sitting are Wallace Bethard, Tooter Pritchett and Myron Bethard.

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County Agent's News

By Eric Lewis, Motley County Extension Agent

BEEF CATTLE SPA WORKSHOP TO BE HELD

Vernon -- The 2005 year provided cow-calf operators with another round of high prices for their calves. Currently, industry analysts expect good prices for the next couple of years.

To assist ranchers in determining these numbers as well as others, the Texas Cooperative Extension is offering Beef Cow-calf Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) Workshop to be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center located south of Vernon.

ing workshop where the ranchers will be assisted in completing their own analysis. SPA provides ranchers an opportunity to analyze their ranch operation from both a production and financial side.

This is an intensive workshop with the intent being ranchers completing the analysis for the 2005 calf crop. Registered participants will be sent forms to organize data before the conference.

The registration fee is \$50 per ranch and includes the software, educational materials, lunch and refreshments.

Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, CED

CRP GRAZING

The announcement last week that Motley County was approved for grazing of CRP without a fee reduction has been misunderstood.

Motley County producers and landowners are not approved for free grazing of CRP. They are only approved to donate CRP grazing to producers that lost their grazing in fires in the other counties.

It takes a very significant disaster for WDC to approve free grazing of CRP. Some producers in Donley, Wheeler, and Gray Counties have lost all of their pasture, all of their CRP and in some cases their homes and cattle.

Please be aware that if you are grazing CRP without being approved for emergency grazing and having paid your 25% reduction, you will be in violation of your contract and there may be very strict penalties.

REDUCING FIRE HAZARD ON CRP

Motley County has been approved to remove old growth of CRP on a case by case basis after approval from the county committee. Producers may cut CRP to reduce fire hazard.

fires. It is not approved for use as hay for Motley County producers. Destruction or donation must be approved by the county office. All activity must be completed within 30 days of March 21, 2006.

Motley County producers that wish to hay CRP for their own use have the opportunity to sign up for emergency haying and grazing and pay a 25% reduction of the annual CRP payment.

BOLL WEEVIL ASSESSMENT DATES, RATES SET

The Texas Department of Agriculture has established the 2006 assessment rate, due date and discount date for the Northern Rolling Plains zone of the boll weevil eradication program.

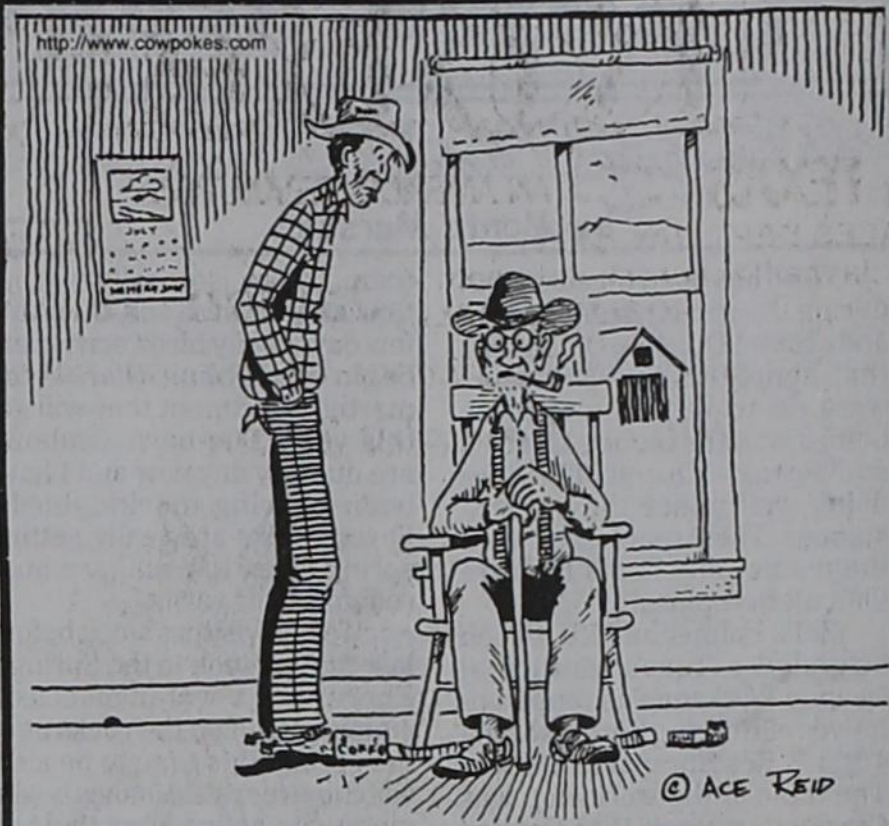
The assessment for 2006 in the NRP is \$10 per dry row acre and \$15 per irrigated row acre, the rate established by growers and landowners in the original referendum.

The zone's steering committee once again recommended that growers with failed acres be eligible to receive a credit of 50 percent of their assessment on those acres destroyed before the final certification date.

Assessment notices will be mailed by September 1, and payment is due October 7. Growers who pay by September 22 are eligible to receive a 2 percent discount on their assessment.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid

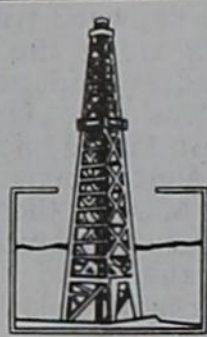


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Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser



PetroGlobe, Inc.:

On March 23, 2006, PetroGlobe, Inc. made a News Release outlining their plans in the Palo Duro Basin for 2006. PetroGlobe, Inc. stated they plan to drill four wells in 2006 in the Palo Duro Basin to test the Pennsylvania Shale, also testing the Uphole Zones.

FLOYD COUNTY:

Although BASA Resources, Inc. has not yet filed a plugging report (RR-3) for the L.N. Johnson Lease Well #1, which was plugged on September 27-28, 2005, the information from the plugging operation has been obtained.

7048, Strawn Lime 8040, Atoka 8450, Mississippian 9263. The plugs set in the L.N. Johnson Well #1 were: 1st Plug) 60 sacks of cement set from 9200-9100 feet; 2nd Plug) 60 sacks of cement set from 7500-7400 feet; 3rd Plug) 80 sacks of cement set across the shoe of 9 5/8 casing from 4075-3975 feet; 4th Plug) 45 sacks of cement set from 2000-1900 feet; 5th Plug) 45 sacks of cement set across the shoe of 13 3/8 casing from 754-654 feet (top of plug tagged at 654 ft.); 6th Plug) 45 sacks of cement set across Fresh Water Zone from 400-300 feet; 7th Plug) 5 sacks of cement set for Surface Plug from 13-3 feet. The Setting of the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Plugs were witnessed by the Field Technician for the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division, District 8A. The plugging operation started at 11:50 p.m. on September 27, 2005, and concluded after 0800 am on 28 September, 2005.

FLOYD COUNTY:

Completion work began Monday, March 27 on the BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease Well #1.

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PROOF OF THE TRUTH BY TOM EDWARDS

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH!

As you know, scientists today accurately measure all sorts of natural processes and the speeds at which they occur. "Old earthers," claiming the earth is 4.5 billion years old, embrace the "uniformitarian" assumption that these natural processes and their rates have always been the same.

approach can be used to test whether the earth is actually 4.5 billion years old, using the same science the "old-earthers" claim in support of their position. If the earth is that old, then there would be "enough" of all sorts of things clearly evident to prove it, but here's just a sampling of what's "not enough," meaning the earth is not nearly so old:

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH: erosion of the continents; radiocarbon in the earth system; deposition of the geologic column; new water in the oceans; bones of dead people; helium in the atmosphere; river sediment in the oceans; sodium, chlorine, calcium, carbonate, sulphate, or uranium, in the oceans; outflow of oil from traps by fluid pres-

sure; formation of radiogenic lead by neutron capture; radiogenic strontium by neutron capture; decay of natural paleomagnetism; parentless polonium halos; decay of uranium; decay of potassium with entrapped argon; submarine oil seepage into the oceans; deceleration of the earth by tidal friction; cooling of the earth by heat loss; or sea floor buildup from dead marine life.

Folks, not a single one of these processes, given what we can measure today, can be stretched more than a half billion years, and many indicate an age of 10,000 years or less! The truth of the matter is that there is not enough of anything that we can measure that unquestionably supports a 4.5 billion year age of the earth. The vast majority of the scientific evidence says it is young, a lot of this is not newly-discovered. It has been suppressed. Were you, or any of you, taught any of this in your public school, college or university? We presume and assume that they teach the truth all sides, in order that the student may draw his or her own conclusions, nor at least know there is a dispute. But sadly, the "religion" of evolution controls the "science" curriculum such that our students get brainwashing instead. It's not necessarily the fault of the teacher (brainwashed also). They are told what they can and can't teach. It's a mess.

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Three dominoes. That's the correct serving size of a portion of cheese. Sounds small, doesn't it? With Texas obesity reaching epidemic proportions, puffed up portion sizes have been pinpointed as part of the problem. The size of food has been creeping up over the years causing children to have an inflated view of what should be on their plate. Did you know that a serving of grains is about the size of a baseball and that a serving of vegetables is about the size of a yo-yo? These visual frames of reference are just a few of the tools spotlighted in a new Texas Department of Agriculture booklet designed to help children identify and recognize healthy serving sizes and portions. We live in a culture where bigger is usually considered better, and this concept is doing a number on our bodies. Waistlines and body weight have increased as portions have become larger. Unfortunately, a lot of our children aren't aware that one large meal can contain a day's worth of calories. Currently more than one-third of Texas schoolchildren are overweight or severely overweight - higher than the national average. TDA is distributing the "Serving of Fun" booklet to all first-grade and fourth-grade students in public schools across the state. In addition to providing simple, visual representations of appropriate serving sizes, the booklet also encourages students to make wise food choices, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, lean meats and dairy. A downloadable copy of the booklet is available at www.squaremeals.org. For more information call TDA toll free at (888) TEX-KIDS.

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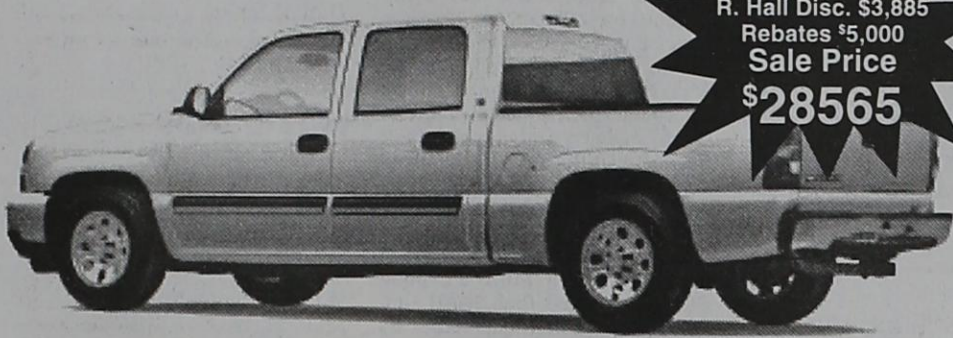
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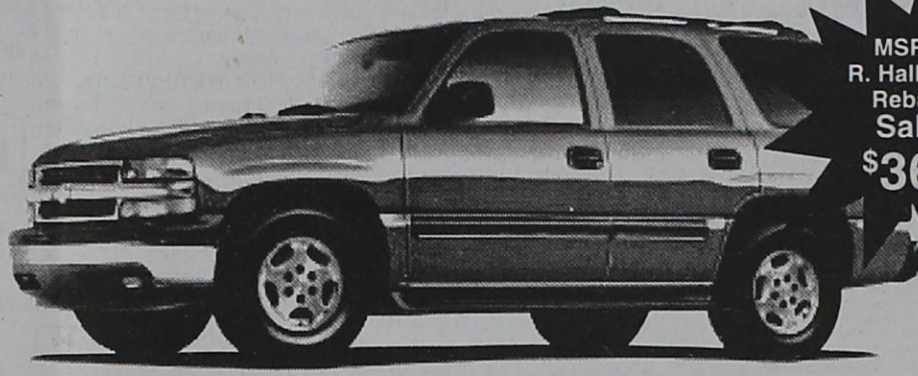
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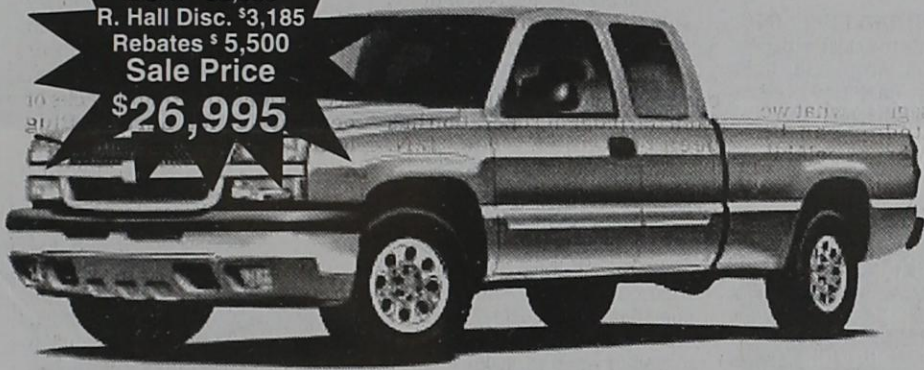
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