

**Coke County  
Ag News**  
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**Cattle Management:  
Timely Tips**

Spring-Calving Cows - The spring calving season should be in full swing now, top priority should be to get a live calf and keep cows in sufficient body condition to rebreed early. Calving areas should be accessible and as clean and as free of mud as possible. Pastures which have

good sod and are close to handling facilities work best.

- Continue grass tetany prevention. Be sure that the mineral mix contains magnesium and that cows consume adequate amounts. You can feed the UK Beef IRM High Magnesium mineral.

- Obtain yearling measurements on bulls and heifers this month (weight, height, pelvic area, scrotal circumference, ultrasound data, etc.) if needed for special sales. Heifers should be on target to be cycling by the start of the breeding season.

- Check cows at least twice daily and first-calf heifers more frequently than that. Be ready to assist those not mak-

ing progress after 1 to 2 hours of hard labor. Chilled calves should be dried and warmed as soon as possible.

- See that each calf gets colostrum within an hour of birth, or administer colostrum (or a commercial colostrum replacement) with an esophageal feeder, if needed.

- Identify calves with ear tags and/or tattoos while calves are young and easy to handle and record birthdate and Dam ID. Commercial male calves should be castrated and implanted as soon as possible. Registered calves should be weighed in the first 24 hours.

- Watch for calf scours! If scours become a problem, move cows which have not



**Look Who's New!** Jansen Hale and first baby Mya Brooklynn, 8 lbs., 10 oz, 20 in. tall, begin day one of babyhood. Mya was born March 1, 2011 at Shannon in San Angelo. Notice her polka dotted attire; she's all dressed up and "no place to go" eh? Felicitations to Jansen and Jenni and big sis, Marissa Ashley. Many of you remember Jansen from Bronte school. He and his family live at the northern fringes of San Angelo.



**Look Who's New!** D.J. & Nelia Walker welcomed their 20th great grandchild, Hayden Clay Hale. He was born March 14, 2011 at 7:08 pm. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 inches long. He is the son of Clay and Kari Hale of Ozona. His grandparents are Dennis & Becky Purvis of Sonora and Ed & Laurie Hale of Plainview. His other great grandparents are Richard & Jeanell Purvis of Abilene and Eddie & Nancy Hale of Ozona.

**WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?**

Whereas you know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. • James 4:14

**WHERE DID I GET LIFE?**

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. • Genesis 2:7

**THE LIFE OF JESUS GIVES LIGHT**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. • John 1:1-4

**IS LIFE UNKNOWN TO YOU?**

For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him I declare unto you, God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. • Acts 17:23-25

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. • John 14:6

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