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BLM meeting concerns Kan., Okla. and Texas

By Robert Mercer
Leader & Times

The Bureau of Land Management (Oklahoma Field Office is seeking public comments to identify issues and concerns that should be addressed in the Oklahoma Office Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

The Resource Management Plan, or RMP, will guide management decisions for public resources in the three-state area of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

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In Monday's edition

2014 welcomes baby Sonia

Jim Blakemore talks to a staff member in 2011 during an open house at Blakemore's Grocery. Blakemore's Museum Blakemore is returning to Liberal Jan. 19 to sign copies of his new book highlighting the rise of the Blakemore as a pioneer in the grocery business. LT Jennifer L. Mayer

In new book, Jim Blakemore shares his father's journey in the grocery business that began in Liberal and grew to become a major corporation

EXCERPT:

"We had one customer who lived southeast of Liberal" he recalled "He drove a Studebaker Pick-Up Phenomenal, and he would take the eight-cut, drive to Liberal, and he would buy a ton of groceries. He would tell us, one to drive back out to the country. We hated to listen to the big-eyeness. It was such a chore."

MONDAY

Sonia Imul-Batz is SWMC's New Year baby

• SWMC

New Year's Day at Southwest Medical Center came with a special delivery. Sonia Imul-Batz, the first baby born at Southwest Medical Center in 2014 with her father Sonia Imul-Batz was delivered by Dr. Dennis Kuenzler.

Sonia weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces and is the Liberal couple's fourth daughter. While having her overall labor from a new adventure, both parents are thrilled to have a new addition to their family.

Measuring 19 inches long and weighing in at 7 pounds, Sonia's expected date of birth was closer to January 10, but she decided to arrive a little bit more eager and ready. Sonia was born within an hour and a half of January arrival at Southwest Medical Center.

Southwest Medical Center staff delivered the overwhelmed Sonia after 2:00, with a total of 87 babies delivered in 2013.

ABOVE: Baby Sonia Imul-Batz sleeps after her birth at 4:02 a.m. Thursday at Southwest Medical Center. Sonia's expected date was not quite in Christmas Day, however, she went ahead and was Liberal's first baby of the New Year on Jan. 5.

LEFT: Dr. Dennis Kuenzler presents Lucas Imul, Jamie Batz and their newborn daughter Sonia with a gift basket from Southwest Medical Center. Delivered at 2:00 a.m. Jan. 5, Sonia was the first baby born at Southwest Medical Center in 2014.

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