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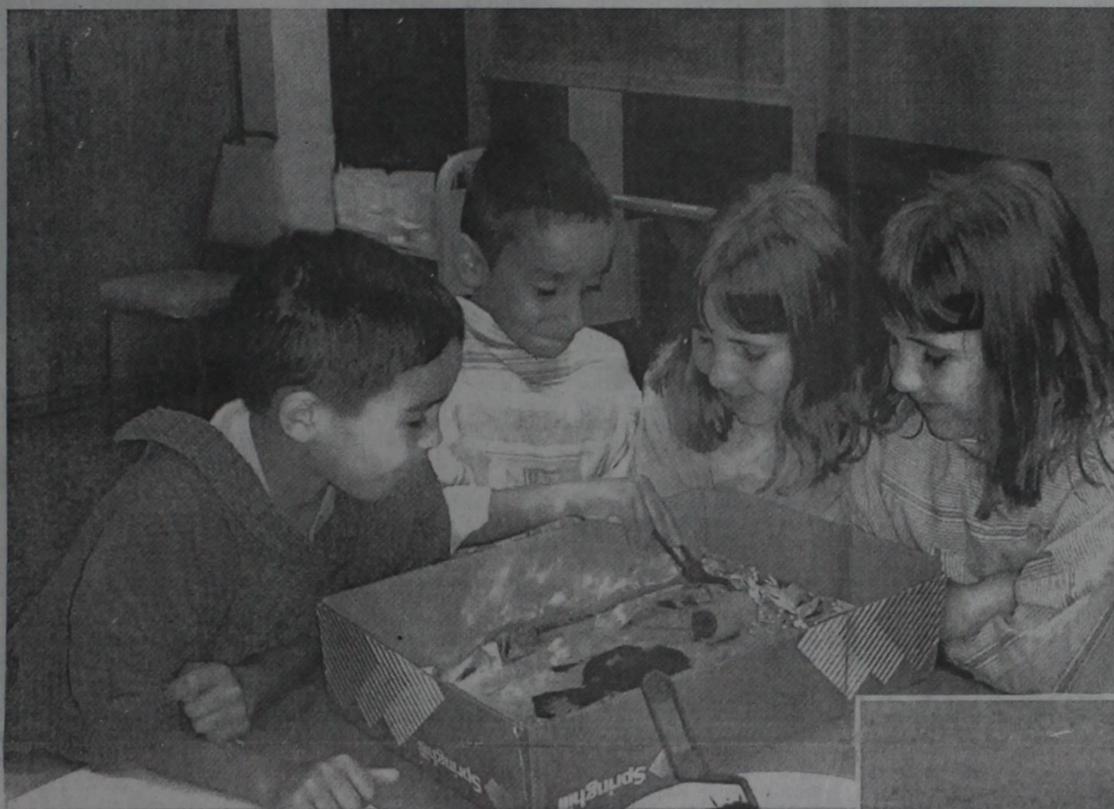
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## Driest month of May on record for Motley County *June begins with rainfall*

Much needed rainfall fell in Motley County last weekend, with 1 - 2 inches recorded in various areas. After a record breaking dry month farmers were ready for some wet weather.

The National Weather Service has listed the month of May 2004 in Motley County as the driest on record. From April 12th to June 1st the lack of moisture in rain gauges was alarming after the previous months has such good totals of rain.

However, sighs of relief from dryland farmers came June 3-6 when planting rains were welcomed. This is hopefully the start of an exit from the most recent dry spell.

Total rainfall reported by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers for May 2004 is: Betty Simpson, Northfield 0; Kelly Meyer, Matador, 0.01; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.18; Tommi Jo Cruse, Flomot 0.14 and Jim Stockton, Whiteflat 0.

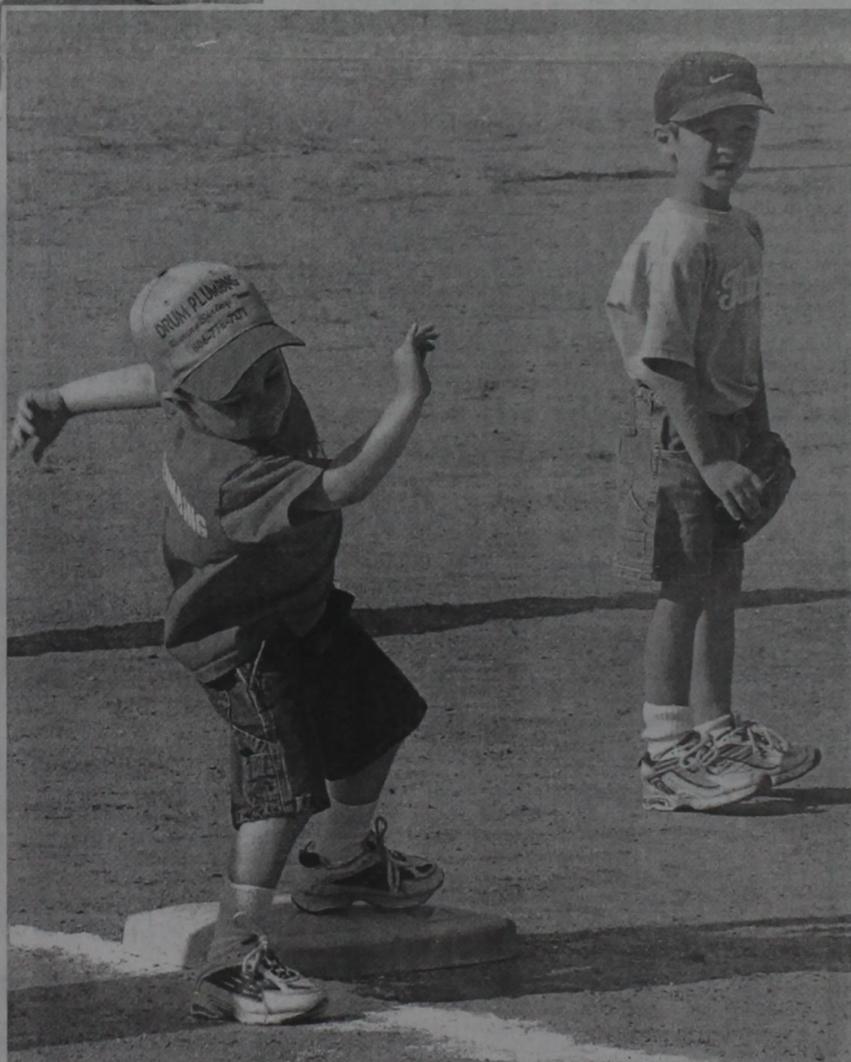
### Fun at the Library

These kids were learning to make fish prints during an art session at the Library last Wednesday. Marcus Ortiz, Joshua Martin, Alex Adams and Megan Adams (pictured left to right) are part of the group of kids participating in the Summer Program at the Library. Art class instructor is Betty Henry.



### Big Swing

Hayden Davey gives a big swing during the first Greenbelt Golf Association tournament held at the Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Course Tuesday morning. Several Motley County kids are learning golf skills under the direction of their coach, Kay Bingham, and will participate in other golf tournaments around the area. Hayden is the son of Ted and Lara Davey of Matador.



SAFE! — Cade Drum makes it home safe when he came in to score for the Starburst T-Ball team, while Mickey Clarey of the Titans looks a little disappointed, during Tuesday night's Summer baseball games. T-Ball and Softball games are held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday night, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Cade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Drum of Roaring Springs and Mickey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clarey of Matador.

## Summer activities plentiful for Motley County kids

The kids of Summer in Motley County can't complain about being bored by any means. There are all kinds of activities for children available.

A Summer Program at the Motley County Library is currently underway. Art classes are available each Wednesday instructed by local artist, Betty Henry. On Thursday's children can take advantage of a reading program. Both sessions will

continue through June.

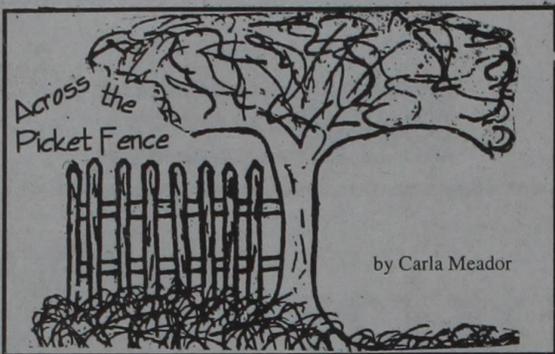
The MCYO (Motley County Youth Organization) Summer baseball program is in full speed with games every night except Wednesday. With six T-Ball teams and three softball teams, lots of excitement is guaranteed. Games are scheduled to continue through June 18.

For the young golfer, the Greenbelt Golf Association, coached by Kay Bingham, is

available. The first golf tournament was held Tuesday at Roaring Springs. The kids will participate in tournaments in Quanah, Wellington, Paducah and Childress.

And if all that is not enough, the Motley County Adult 4-H Leaders Association is establishing a Horse Club. Kids with a love for horses and a desire to learn competitive rodeo events

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I received this by email. The instructions were to read even if you're busy.

**SATAN'S MEETING**

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church."

"We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth."

"We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their savior."

"Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken."

"So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered Dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ."

"This is what I want you to do," said the devil.

"Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted.

"Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.

"Tempt them to spend, and borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty life-styles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice."

"Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive ... to keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

"Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is

what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere."

"That will fragment their families quickly!"

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death."

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive ... have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead."

"Keep them busy, busy, busy!" "And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, leave with troubled consciences."

"Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause."

"It will work!"

"It will work!"

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to have little time for their God or their families. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge! Does "busy" mean:

- B - eing
- U - nder
- S - atan's
- Y - oke?

**Homecoming date set**

Matador/Motley County Homecoming has been set for October 1 and 2. The Matadors will face Benjamin Friday night, October 1. A program will be held Saturday at the school.

If you plan to have a class reunion, please contact Homecoming President, Clint Burns at 347-2021.

More details will be printed when available.

**Motley County Lifestyles**

**Memorial Day observed at Do Gooders club meeting**

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon, June 1st at the Community Center in Flomot and observed Memorial Day with a display of patriotic decor.

Hostesses, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Mrs. Leona Degán and Mrs. B. Rogers presented each one attending a flag stick pin. They were reminded to observe D-Day, June 6 and Flag Day, June 14. They presided at a table laid with white lace cloth and flags positioned at each end of the table. The two centerpieces were a bouquet of peace lilies in a ceramic pitcher sitting in a bowl and a straw cornucopia containing grapes.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and iced tea were

served from a patriotic designed service.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert conducted a short business session and Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes that were approved. Mrs. Calvert gave a Keep Fit Exercise class and then they cut out quilt blocks.

Mrs. Trula Martin won the raffle number drawing of a beautiful ceramic basket made by Mrs. Leona Degán.

Those attending were Mesdames Suzie Shannon, Waydette Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, B. Rogers, Tommie Jo Cruse, Geneva Martin, Alma Shorter, Erma Washington, Kathy Shorter and Trula Martin. Guest was Mrs. Judy Starkey of Whiteface.

**Pivots & Divots**



by Mary

Ladies play day on Thursday, June 3, was for Longest Drive on #5. There were no 18 hole players. Playing 9 holes were Tommye, Judy R, Nell and Marihelen. Frances won the ball.

Liv, LaVoe and Tempie joined Terry Gruber at the Abilene Country Club on Thursday, June 3. The tournament

was rained out! It rained all day. LaVoe, Francine and Kay played in the Knox City tournament on Saturday, June 5. They tied for 2nd, got beat on the card, and won 3rd in the Championship flight.

Data for the Tuesday Scramble held on June 1 is unavailable at newstime. I will try to include it next week.

**Young artists are budding at Library**

The summer programs at the Motley County Library got off to a grand start Wednesday with Betty Henry's offering free art lessons to eleven enthusiastic artists. Alex Adams, Megan Adams, Reagan Elliot, Shelby Elliot, Meagan Ford, Cody Martin, Alexis Osborn, Jay Potts, Dominique Quilimaco, Kyla Simpson and Tori Simpson learned about all the different geometrical shapes and the pictures that can be drawn from them. They also learned about color, using "bleeding" tissue paper and water.

On Thursday, the reading portion of the summer program began with fourteen children hearing two Rainbow Fish stories read by Annie Green. Alex

Adams, Megan Adams, Shelby Elliot, Brendan Fisk, Meagan Ford, Chloe Gleghorn, Victoria Hernandez, Ashleigh Jones, Joshua Martin, Michael Martin, Marcus Ortiz, Demi Simpson, Korbyn Simpson and Cassidy Turner all made fish prints by painting fish models and pressing paper on the painted fish. Betty Henry directed this activity. Winifred Darsey and Patricia Green furnished delicious refreshments. Ashlee Green and Kayla Hollingsworth also helped with the activities.

The next art class for kids in grades 2-6 will be on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. The next reading program for kids in grades K-2 will be on Thursday at 10:00 A.M.

**Summer Activities**

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will begin meeting Saturday, June 12. Meetings are scheduled to continue through August 7.

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. the House of Faith Bible Club meets at the Roaring Springs City Park. This fun club is for all kids of the county where they get the chance to hear a Bible story, participate in crafts and games and enjoy refreshments.

Even more fun is available with the annual Kid's Camp scheduled for July 26-30. This fun camp is sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers and is held at the Community Center. Great activities are planned for this year's camp, including the very popular Science Spectrum display.

With all these activities there is no time for any Motley County kid to think of being bored. The Summer will fly by with all this fun and school days will begin again before you can say "homerun" - or "four" - or maybe "yee-ha!"

**Library Notes**  
by Suzanne Aboff, Librarian

Since Memorial Day and all the television coverage of the dedication of the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., we have noticed that the books about that war have been flying off the shelves here in the library. We have a number of good books on the subject including several books on D-Day.

In his Memorial Day speech in Roaring Springs, Jim Watson said that there were seventeen million Russians killed in World War II. We have two books that cover parts of the war between Germany and Russia. We have both of these books in paperback, but they are so interesting that, when I had an opportunity to purchase used, hardback versions, I bought them and they are now ready to be checked out.

Both of these books are historical novels by David L.

Robbins. He takes fictitious characters and fits them to real events and makes a very good book. *The War of the Rats* is about the battle of Stalingrad and two snipers, one Russian and one German. I believe that two different movies have been made of this book.

*The Last Citadel* tells the story of the great tank battle for the Russian town of Kursk. For me, the notable part of this story was the mention of the "Night Witches," the Russian women who flew "paper and cardboard" bi-planes and bombed German positions behind the front line. I had never heard of these brave women.

Both books are enjoyable and they have enough description of actual war machines to satisfy any Clancy fan but it's not so detailed that it becomes tedious.



Annie Green reads to the children at the Library.



**Darryn Perryman awarded Bachelor's degree at WTAMU**

Darryn Perryman was awarded his BS degree in Agriculture from West Texas A&M University during spring commencement exercises May 8 at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 429 bachelors and 115 master's degrees.

The graduating class represented 10 states and 88 Texas cities and towns.

Darryn is a graduate of Motley County High School and the son of Linda Hess of Matador.

**Clint Cooper named to Dean's List**

Canyon, Texas - Clinton J. Cooper, a Sophomore Agriculture/Integrated Pest Management major, has been named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University for the Spring Semester.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

WTAMU named approximately 1,200 students to honor lists for the spring 2004 semester. Of that total 296 were named to the President's List and 902 students were named to the Dean's List.

Clint is a Motley County High School graduate and the son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador.

**Roaring Springs July 4th Celebration set for Saturday July 3rd**

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers are planning their annual July 4th Celebration for Saturday, July 3rd. This to avoid interfering with Sunday Church services.

unique lawnmower parade, the ice cream supper and the spectacular fireworks show, in addition to many other activities throughout the day.

Watch for more details and make plans now for your red, white and blue celebration, Saturday, July 3, in downtown Roaring Springs.

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"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap: He lays up the deep in storehouses."

"Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33: 6-9

"I will extol Thee, my God, O King; And I will bless Thy name forever and ever. Every day I will bless thee, and I will praise thy name forever and ever. Great is the Lord. And greatly to be praised.

"My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, And all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever." Psalm 145: 1, 3, and 21.

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**PROGRESS SEEN AT BOB'S OIL WELL** — As seen in this picture progress is being made on the refurbishing project at Bob's Oil Well. The walls are up and windows are installed on the part of the building that had been hit and nearly demolished by a truck several years ago. Volunteers are still putting in hardworking hours each week.

## Summer youth hiring tips

AUSTIN - Every summer, Texas' employers hire thousands of teen-age workers for a wide variety of part- and full-time positions. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) wants employers, workers and parents alike to be aware of the state and federal laws, and safety regulations affecting child labor issues.

Between May and June of 2003, as schools and colleges let out for the summer, as many as 134,200 people entered the labor market looking for work. In 2002, during the same period, as many as 123,900 people entered the labor market, while in 2001, 139,000 people began the search for work between May and June. Most of these job seekers were students.

"Teen workers are a critical component of the Texas workforce, especially during the summer," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "Employers, teen workers and their parents should fully understand the labor laws that apply to them in order for all to safely benefit from summer labor."

Federal and Texas child labor laws ensure that children are not employed in an occupation or manner that is determined to their safety, health or well-being. Any individual under 18 years of age is defined as a child. Youths age 16 and 17 may perform any job not declared hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), for unlimited hours. Youths age 14 and 15 may work outside the school

hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs under the following conditions: no more than three hours on a school day, 18 hours a school week, eight hours on a non-school day or 40 hours in a non-school week. They also may not begin work before 7 a.m. nor work after 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when evening hours are extended until 9 p.m.

"Teens are an integral part of the labor force and employers have long depended on young workers to fulfill their labor need, particularly during the summer months," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman.

"Most of us started off working as teens, building a work ethic, gaining skills, and yes, even earning a little extra money. We just want to be sure that all involved know the laws relating to working teens so they can enjoy a safe and productive working environment."

Most working teens are employed in retail establishments, restaurants, supermarkets and stores. Others work on farms or in summer camps and amusement parks. Generally, according to federal law, teens may not work at jobs that involve:

- \* Driving a motor-vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17).
- \* Roofing operations
- \* Excavating operations

\* Power-driven wood-working machines, bakery machines, paper-product machines, hoisting equipment, metal-forming, punching and shearing machines, circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears.

\* Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing).

\* Manufacturing brick, tile and related products.

\* Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations.

\* Logging and sawmilling.

\* Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation.

\* Manufacturing or storing explosives.

There are some exemptions for apprentices and student learner programs under specified standards for some of the hazardous occupations listed above. For more information, please see <http://youthrules.dol.gov/jobs.htm>.

"As a teen I worked in a car wash and at a hotel as a busboy," said Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Working as a teen served as a springboard for many later jobs as an adult. I valued and appreciated those experiences and urge teens to work if they are so inclined, but to do so safely."

A teen seeking job-search assistance can visit their local workforce center. For information about local workforce centers, visit [www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdas/wdamap.html](http://www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdas/wdamap.html).

## Underage binge drinking increased by more than 50%

About this time every year millions of American teenagers are going to their high school prom, going on a senior class trip, graduating from high school or possibly all three. This is a time of year when teenagers start getting excited about the summer and maybe even a little anxious about the life ahead of them.

For many of these occasions alcohol is often prevalent, whether it's pre- or post-graduation parties, trips to warm sunny beaches or staying in hotels after the big dance. Unfortunately the alcohol adds more than just hangovers to the mix.

According to the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth, approximately 7.2 million young people between the ages of 12 and 20 are binge drinkers (consuming five or more alcoholic beverages), increasing more than 50% over the last eight years. That number is the equivalent to roughly 4 billion drinks per year, or about 16% of the total U.S. alcohol market. Clearly the alcohol industry's ads targeted at teenagers are working.

Intoxication breeds promiscuity and unprotected sex, and it is estimated that teenage girls who binge drink are up to 63% more likely to become teen

mothers.

For many of the young people that moved on to other drugs tried their first illicit drug while they were intoxicated, whether it was cocaine, ecstasy, heroin, LSD or something else.

What's worse is that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports close to 60% of traffic fatalities during this time of year have been alcohol related.

This behavior is continuing to destroy the social fabric of our civilization and parents condoning it by providing alcohol for their children are only contributing to the downfall. Most kids can't make responsible drinking decisions like some adults do. In addition, their bodies aren't fully developed or equipped to handle the poison when it is ingested. These are important things to remember, as careless decisions are often made in this regard.

With the billions of dollars produced by under-age drinking, it isn't likely that there will be an ethical decision made by alcoholic beverage companies to decrease advertising unless enforced. In order to actually create a decline in the percentage of any substance abuse statistics, effective programs are needed in all areas, including

reduced media glamorization, more prevention and education, smart law enforcement and true rehabilitation.

The average age of which young people begin to drink is 13 years old. At some point we have to make a stand for our children's lives.

*Consider what God has done.... Who can straighten what He has made crooked; When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider God has made the one as well as the other.*

— Ecc. 7:13-14 NIV

### Shop Motley County First!

## Motley County Adult Leaders to establish Horse Club for kids

The Motley County Adult Leaders of the Horse Project will begin a Horse Club in Motley County for youth. Those who would like to be a member of the club must live in Motley County and be able to ride a horse by themselves. Or, parents may lead.

The following dates have been set for the club to meet:  
 Saturday, June 12  
 Saturday, June 26  
 Saturday, July 17

Saturday, August 7  
 All meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Meetings will be held at the following location: Drive four miles east of Matador and look for a metal gate with a ribbon, on the left side of the road. This ground has been donated for Motley County Youth Arena and meeting facility.

Events will be \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for everything. All money will go toward prizes for the kids

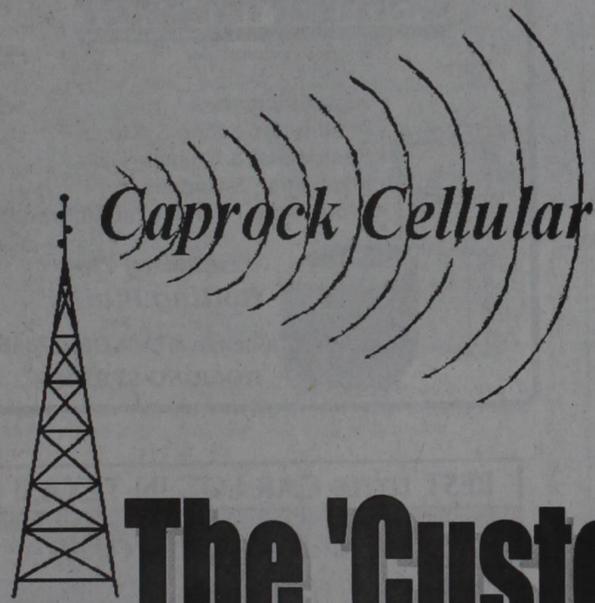
to be awarded at the end of the playday series.

Events will include Halter, Walk-Trot, Western Pleasure, and possibly Horsemanship for the judged events.

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## CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

### HONORING THE GREATEST GENERATION

This Memorial Day weekend, thousands of Americans descended upon the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to pay tribute to the Greatest Generation and celebrate the dedication of the World War II Memorial. It has been nearly 59 years since the end of the Second World War, and at long last our nation has a place that honors the 16 million who served in the Armed Forces, the more than 400,000 who died, and the millions who supported the war effort here at home.

Following 11 years of fundraising, public hearings and construction the memorial finally stands stoic and respectful of its historic surroundings, nestled between the Lincoln and Washington monuments on the Mall. Representatives of the importance the American people placed on this memorial is the fact that it was primarily funded through private donations — \$195 million to be exact, including \$16 million from the federal government.

The Memorial is an amazing structure — beautiful, strong and representative of the great heroes of World War II. The Memorial Plaza, a wide open expanse that encourages visitors to wander freely and enjoy the site, and the Rainbow Pool are the principal design features of the memorial. The bases of granite and bronze are adorned with the military service seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Army Air Forces, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. A series of bronze panels along the entrance depict America's war years, at home and overseas. Visitors can reflect upon the memorial while sitting on the benches that align the outside structure.

Adorning the north and south ends of the plaza are two 43-foot arches representing battles won in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres. Here four bronze American eagles hold a suspended victory laurel to memorialize the triumph of the World War II generation. Below the arches is the World War II victory medal, surrounded by the years "1941-1945" and the words "Victory on Land, Victory at Sea, and Victory in the Air." Outlining the entire memo-

rial are fifty-six granite pillars representing each state and territory from that period to celebrate the unprecedented national unity during the Second World War. To show the power of this extraordinary bond, a bronze sculpted rope connects every pillar. These pillars are strategically placed so that the center of the memorial is open, allowing ample space for viewing into and across the site.

Within a commemorative area at the western side of the memorial lies a field of 4,000 sculpted gold stars called the Freedom Wall, representing the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives. During the war era, the gold star was the symbol of family sacrifice.

One of my favorite aspects of the exhibit is a quote engraved upon the memorial's wall from Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby, a native Texan who served as director of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). The WAC was created to enlist women as auxiliaries for non-combatant duties in the U.S. army, where they served in roles such as medical technicians and secretaries in all the theaters of war. Col. Hobby's words were chosen to commemorate and pay tribute to the effort and sacrifice of American women during the war era. The inscription reads, "Women who stepped up were measured as citizens of the nation, not as women. This was the people's war and everyone was in it."

The World War II Memorial is a masterpiece of both art and history. It will inspire future generations of Americans and deepen their appreciation of what this great generation sacrificed and accomplished in securing freedom and democracy. Above all, the memorial will stand as an important symbol of American national unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and great power that can flow when a free people are united together in a common and just cause.

If you or someone you know helped win the war, whether a veteran or someone on the home front, that person is eligible for the World War II Registry. Names in the Registry will be forever linked to the memorial's symbolic representation. To register visit [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com)

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is a two-sided coin — yet once again we are confronted and perplexed by conflicts in our laws. While laws were initially intended to help and protect the people, we find that often the interpretation and application of a law is punishing — bringing not justice but more conflict between the spirit of the law and the letter of the law.

The letter of the law and the spirit of the law have been at conflict throughout history. It seems that our civil and criminal laws have been written by tunnel-visioned and often hair-splitting word-smiths, who by their trade, guarantee that whole systems of courts must

grind out the conflicts of the very laws they have written, while those who are served by the law are smothered in that dust.

What is our need and intent? Is the wording and the presentation of the petition more important than its substance? In pressing to comply with one law, we may inadvertently violate yet another law — while the ultimate result is less than desirable. While a law may speak to the contrary, sometimes we still find our ox in the ditch — and complying, the letter of the law may cost us our very ox.

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**HAPPY BABY** — Andrew Westbrook claps for himself after competing in the 8th Annual Lubbock Area Baby Pageant on May 16. He won first place beauty, first place photo, Duke of his age group and Little Mister of Lubbock. He was awarded four trophies and a \$50.00 savings bond. Andrew also participated in the Family Fun Festival Kid's Pageant, held at the Lubbock Civic Center, Saturday, June 5. He was a finalist (top 3) for Cutest Smile, out of 54 children, in the Beautiful Baby Photo Contest and won first place in his age group (7-12 months) in the Kid's Pageant. Andrew is the 11-month-old son of Randy and Lindsey Westbrook of Lubbock and grandson of Rodney and Glenda Williams of Matador and David and Terri Westbrook of Lubbock. Great grandparents are Pete and Bessie Jean Williams and Jim and Wanda Stockton of Matador and Andy and Barbara Tarrant of Smackover, Arkansas and Jim and Paula Westbrook of Lubbock. Great grandmother is Eleanor Robertson of Midland.



**END OF YEAR FUN** — These Daisies and Brownies of the local Girl Scout troop enjoyed an end of year party May 21 at the First Baptist Church in Matador. They had fun tie-dyeing tee-shirts with leaders Jana Marshall, Kim Woolsey, Brooke Barton, Shonda Elliott and Tina Brooks. The girls wore their shirts to school the following Monday. They are pictured above left to right, Bradie Dodson, Mattie Brooks, Kaylee Woolsey, Natalie Jameson, Macie Marshall, Cassidy Turner, Shelby Elliott, Allison McCoy, Catherine Ward, Victoria Hernandez, Meagan Ford, and Katie Barton.

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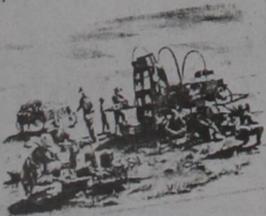


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by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

An Algonquin Indian and an anthropologist were under way in the woods, when the anthropologist finally gave up. "We're lost," he said. "No, we're not," said the Indian. "We're here. The camp is lost."

— Derrick de Kerckhove  
**Brainframes**

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This example was given by de Kerckhove to illustrate different ways of viewing circumstances. The Western-Anglo/non-Indian mind has a mental map of where things are and how they fit together, and according to that map, the two were lost. But the Indian saw things a different way, and in so doing, defined a different reality.

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is one important way, since it is available to people around the world 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It costs almost nothing, and reaches all the way around

the world. (Businesses can join and have their message on the Internet for \$35.00 a year). The Internet has the power to change our reality significantly if we make the effort to employ it.



**GREENBELT GOLF ASSOCIATION** — These young golfers make up the Greenbelt Golf Association coached by Kay Bingham. The kids golfed in their first tournament Tuesday at Roaring Springs Ranch Club Golf Course. They will participate in other tournaments in Quanah, Paducah, Wellington and Childress. Pictured left to right, (front) Mickey Clarey, Bryant Taylor, Bryson Brady, Hanah Mason, Shelby Elliott, Grant Potts, Lexi Osborn, Hance Davey; (back) Caleb Clarey, Logan Ferguson, Reagan Elliott, Seth Baxter, Neal Potts, Jay Potts, Hayden Davey, Christian Brooks, Skylar Tomlinson, Jonathon Osborn and Austin Taylor. In the K-3 division, Austin Taylor won first place, Brady Roberts, 2nd place, and Bryant Taylor, 5th place. In the 4th-5th grade division, Christian Brooks won 4th place. In the high school division, grades 9-12, Chance Bingham won first place and Cole Grundy, third. Not pictured are Macie Marshall, Sage Guerrero, Brady Roberts, Mattie Brooks, J.T. Cooper, Chance Bingham, Brittany Moore, Isaiah Archer and Cole Grundy.



**RUNNING HOME** — Eli Marshall runs for home as his coach points out the base during his team's T-Ball game Tuesday night. Eli is the son of Brent and Jana Marshall of Matador.



**"I'M GONNA HIT A HOMERUN!"** — Garrett Jameson, second from left, looks confident when talking to team member, Cade Drum, (left), while they awaited their turn up to bat during Tuesday night's T-Ball games. Also pictured are Sage Guerrero, Cassidy Turner and Mikenna Ford, members of the Starburst team.

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**STINGRAYS:** Coaches - Shawn Elliott, Bobby Barton, Shonda Elliott.

Team: Bryson Elliott, Brendan Fisk, Bailee Perryman, Logan Everett, Celeste Sims, Shelby Elliott, Katie Barton, Jarred Stephens, Gabby Santos, Jonathan Collett, Brielle Collett.

**STARBURST:** Coaches - Cathey Turner, Denise Ford, Lewis Drum.

Team: Jace Bland, Mikenna Ford, Garrett Jameson, Sage Guerrero, Cade Drum, Maegan Jameson, Meagan Ford, Barrett Bland, Cassidy Turner, Allison McCoy, Matthew Mount.

**BRAVES:** Coaches - Tim Ward, Lyndee Jameson, Casey Lawrence.

Team: Gage Baker, Bradley Allred, Joseph Lopez, Christopher Ward, Marcus Ortiz, Luis Mendoza, Allen Martin, Catherine Ward, James Horton, Jamie Jameson, Thalia Mendoza.

**MIDGETS:** Coaches - Crawford Mason, Wendi Taylor, Jennifer Brady.

Team: Cooper Jones, Cutter Jones, Amber McKinney, Blayne Brady, Bryce Brady, Bryant Taylor, Natalie Jameson, Hannah Mason, Victoria Hernandez, Seth Baxter, Conner Mason.

**TITANS:** Coaches - Tammy Simpson, Lacy Clary, Jana Marshall, Brittany Moore.

Team: Eli Marshall, Tristan Perryman, James Thomas Cooper, Macie Marshall, Mickey Clary, Matthew Faulks, Korbyn Simpson, Caleb Clary, Tristan Tomlinson, Kolby Williams.

**MINOR LEAGUE**

**RED SOX:** Coaches - Tammy Simpson, Crawford Mason, Brittany Moore, Lyndee Jameson.

Team: Tanner Hart, Britt Simpson, Bernardo Santos, Braden Mason, Mark Quintero, Jonathon Osborn, Kyla Simpson, Cory Durham, Eric Simpson.

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Team: Austin Taylor, Kaitlan Perryman, Payden Perryman, Ashley Allred, Keyan Kautz, Reagan Elliott, Lexi Osborn, Cody Martin, Andrew Martin, Delyne Collett.

**SCHEDULE**

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GAME 2 - 6:45 P.M.  
GAME 3 - 7:30 P.M.



**T-BALL**

**JUNE 10:**

1. Midgets vs. Stingrays
2. Titans vs. Red Sox
3. Starburst vs. Titans

**JUNE 14:**

1. Starburst vs. Midgets
2. Braves vs. Lil' Outlaws
3. Stingrays vs. Titans

**JUNE 17:**

1. Braves vs. Stingrays
2. Midgets vs. Titans
3. Starburst vs. Lil'Outlaws

**JUNE 11:**

1. Braves vs. Titans
2. Midgets vs. Starburst
3. Lil' Outlaws vs. Stingrays

**JUNE 15:**

1. Lil' Outlaws vs. Starburst
2. Stingrays vs. Midgets

**JUNE 18:**

1. Titans vs. Braves
2. Starburst vs. Stingrays
3. Midgets vs. Lil' Outlaws

**MINOR LEAGUE**

**JUNE 10:**

4. Red Sox vs. Brewers

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

Joe and Joyce Meredith flew to Las Vegas, NV last Thursday to visit their son and family, Cody and Leah Meredith, Angelica and Jonah. Angelica and Jonah were to return with them for the Summer, on Monday, but due to Angelica suffering a broken elbow, they stayed through Monday to be there while Angelica had to undergo surgery and have a pen put into her arm. Although the surgery went well, she will have to undergo medical treatment for the next three weeks, so she was unable to return home with them. They and

Jonah flew home on Tuesday. Angelica will come when she is released by her doctor.

Mr. R.J. Marshall of McClean is here visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Kay Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Overley of Gruver, spent the weekend in the home of her twin sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Largent visited in the hospital with his mother, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, Sunday. They also got to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Largent.

## Matador News

Meeting at the Bradford home for the annual Harmon get-together, as guests of Van and Lee Bradford, Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, were Arthur Harmon, Amarillo; Gordon and Freddie Harmon, Mansfield; Lonnie Harmon, Hedley Bill and Martha Harmon, Lubbock; and Vee and Harold Gordon, Juanita Cooper and Jack Samford, Matador. They enjoyed all the good food and reminiscing. They sang Happy Birthday to Arthur and Juanita who had birthdays recently.

Spencer and Wilda Dixon visited last weekend in the home of her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lamberth of Anchorage, Alaska, Mrs. Loyd Steele of Denver City, Mrs. Mary Ruth Ramsour of Sundown and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher of Lovington, N.M.

**HAS SURGERY**  
Wilda and Spencer Dixon and her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of

Lovington, N.M. were in Lubbock overnight Monday and Wilda had corpol tunnel syndrome hand surgery Tuesday morning, June 1. Mrs. Hester returned home with them Wednesday to visit during Wilda's recuperation and therapy.

## NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the people who have expressed their support and understanding of my controversy with the Motley County Commissioners Court. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Eva Barkley

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

**OVERHEARD**  
Learning about our ancestor's trials and tribulations puts our own struggles in perspective and we realize that if people can survive in covered wagons rolling across the Great Plains or in similarly perilous times, we can survive our own frontiers. Our ancestors managed to survive their own uncertain times and we will too! Remember Flag Day June 14.

**ENCOUNTER**  
**TURBULENT WEATHER**  
Erma and Bill D. Washington were in Canyon Wednesday, June 2 for him an optical medical appointment to receive his telescope lens glasses. Only one location in the U.S. make this type of glasses and Bill is hopeful they will be a benefit with his reading.

En route home, they encountered turbulent weather including hail, flooding rains and roads in Happy, Tulia, Silvertown and Quitaque. They had to seek vehicle safety at different locations before continuing trip.

When they reached home, they were disappointed they had a mere two tenths of rain! However, since then they have registered 1.35.

Lance Barclay of Lubbock visited Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay. He and his family moved recently from Jacksonville to Lubbock.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Durham, Oklahoma from Thursday until Sunday of last week. They attended the annual Durham Community Reunion held at the Community Center, Saturday. On Sunday, they attended the Wood-Cold reunion in Durham. Also attending were their daughters Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis

of Fritch and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moon of Fritch. Jack and Nada attended school here and visited their family's former homeplace.

Mrs. B. Rogers attended the bridal shower of Holly McKay Sunday afternoon held at the Bank building in Quitaque. Holly is the daughter of Trent McKay of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited in Higgins Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kennedy, Tanya and Jackie Lee Starkey.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter enplaned from Lubbock Airport Wednesday and attended the Mansfield High School graduation of granddaughter, Megan Shorter held at the TCU Colosseum in Fort Worth. Joining them there was Mrs. Jerry (Shelia) Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama who arrived Monday, May 31 to visit her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan this week and in Quitaque with mother in law, Mrs. Christeen Gilbert.

Mrs. Clois Shorter, daughter, and children, Mrs. Dwain (Christi) Milam, Emily and Haley of Petrolia met daughter and sister, Mrs. Chad (Cindy) Calvert of Warrington, Virginia at Fort Worth Airport Wednesday. They attended the Mansfield High School graduation of Megan Shorter Wednesday night held at the TCU Colosseum in Fort Worth. They visited Wednesday and Thursday night in Petrolia with the Milam family. Cindy returned to Flomot with Mrs. Shorter to visit this week with her family, including father, Clois and grandparents, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter.

## Obituaries

### Tony Marion Sanders

Tony Marion Sanders, 72, of Kingston, Oklahoma passed away on Monday, June 7, 2004, at the Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas. He was born November 4, 1931, in Roaring Springs, Texas to the late Glover Cleveland and Tyna Miller Sanders. Tony grew up in Roaring Springs, Texas and later in life he joined the Military and served in Germany and Vietnam. In 1967 he served in the Vietnam War.

Tony moved to California where he married Patsy R. Adams on August 5, 1978. In 1985 he moved to Kingston, Oklahoma where he lived the rest of his life.

Tony enjoyed fishing, golfing, card games and traveling. Tony attended the Kingston Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Sanders of the home; three sons, Larry Horton of California. Mark

Sanders of Waco, and Rick Sanders West of Durant, Oklahoma, Ruby Sanders of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Terry Chavez of California and Norma Gibson of Tennessee; 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Hardin of Waco.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Watts Memorial Chapel, Kingston, Oklahoma. Bill Bailey officiated the service. Music arranged by Mary Goldsmith. Interment was at Kingston Cemetery under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Kingston, Oklahoma.

Casket bearers were Bob Hogsed, Gene Gregory, Don Barnes, Dick Fish, Corkey Rodgers, and Phil Lindsay. Honorary Casket bearers were Ed Tally and Dennis Stone.

### Merle Pyron Austin

Graveside services for Merle Pyron Austin, 94, of Lyndale were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 31 at the Memorial Cemetery in Flomot.

She died Friday, May 28, 2004 in Lyndale.

Mrs. Austin was born October 28, 1910 in Van Zandt County and moved to Flomot at an early age with her parents, Marcellous and Lawrence Moseley Pyron. She married Armstrong "Buck" Riddle in 1927. He preceded her in death in 1938 in a truck accident when work-

ing at the Putt Gilbert Gin in Flomot. A son, Kenneth, "Buddy" Riddle also preceded her in death in 1975.

She is survived by five daughters, Jimmie Neeley, Merlene Loving, Willene Bartley all of Tyler, Carol Cates of Grand Prairie and Linda Sanders of Idabel, Oklahoma; one son, Johnny Austin of Garland and 51 grand, great and great grand children.

Lunch was served for the family members following the services at the Community Center in Flomot.

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS

## Farm Service Agency News

by John Bird, Motley County CED



**May rainfall** - Our rain reports are coming in for the month of May, and it's not hard to guess; we didn't get any. Shonda has records back to 1948, and she said that this was the driest May we have on record. June's already started out better. Hopefully we can get that cotton planted.

**Certification** - Don't forget to come in and report your crops after planting. The certification deadline is July 15 for summer crops. We'll get real busy around that time. It may be beneficial to come in early if you have the chance.

**DCP Signup** - If you missed DCP Signup, you can still come in until September, but you'll have to pay a \$100.00 late fee for each farm.

**CRP and Primary Nesting Season** - Please don't forget, we are in the primary nesting season for wildlife. At this time we cannot spray shed, or graze CRP under any circumstances. July 1 is when the nesting season ends, so we can take weed control measures after that date.

Please check, your CRP to make sure there are no bales of hay, brush piles, farm equipment, cattle, horses on it. CRP fields are subject to spot check at any time, and violations are costly.

**USDA RELEASES 2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE** WASHINGTON - June 3, 2004 - Half of America's farms and ranches have Internet access and nearly 39 percent report using a computer for their farm business, according to new data released from the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Other highlights of the Census include:

\* The top five states in value of agricultural products sold are California (\$25.7 billion), Texas (\$14.1 billion), Iowa (\$12.3 billion), Nebraska (\$9.7 billion) and Kansas (\$8.7 billion).

\* Ninety percent of farms are operated by an individual or family. The number of corporate farms declined by 18.4 percent from 1997 to 2002, which re-

verses a trend that has continued without interruption since 1974.

\* Fresno County, Calif., held its place as the top county in value of agricultural products sold, reaching \$2.8 billion dollars in 2002.

\* Mills County, Texas, was the number one county in inventory of meat and other goats with a total of 43.4 thousand.

\* Washington, County, Maine, was number one in berry acres at 17.1 thousand acres.

**Weekly National Market Price for Peanuts:** Washington, June 1, 2004 - The USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced the national posted prices for the four types of peanuts. Prices are as follows:

\* \$393.98 per ton for Runner peanuts.

\* \$376.67 per ton of Spanish peanuts.

\* \$391.27 per ton of Valencia peanuts.

\* \$391.27 per ton of Virginia peanuts.

These prices become effective at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, June 2, 2004, and are used to determine the alternative loan payment rates for marketing.

### OFFICE TO BE CLOSED FRIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

President Bush has declared June 11, 2004 as a national day of remembrance for former President Reagan.

This office will be closed on Friday, June 11 out of respect of our past president.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not tither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55-10-11.

## Pesticide use falls with weevil disappearance

**ABILENE** - The Commissioner of Agriculture recently declared the Southern High Plains/Caprock boll weevil eradication zone to be suppressed. But what does that mean to the average South Plains citizen?

One of the promises of eradication was that it would reduce pesticide use on cotton crops. Data presented at the Beltwide Cotton Conferences shows that the promise is being kept.

Depending on the year, treatments for boll weevils constituted from about a third to almost a half of the insecticide applications made to cotton crops since the mid '80s.

Only one other cotton pest has accounted for as much insecticide as the boll weevil, the cotton bollworm/tobacco budworm complex. The development of transgenic varieties of cotton has targeted these worms.

But the boll weevil cannot be controlled through the new varieties of cotton, and it has no natural predators to speak of. So cotton producers through the new varieties of cotton, and it has no natural predators to speak of. So cotton producers have relied on insecticides to do the job. With the virtual elimination of the boll weevil, insecticides usage has dropped dramatically.

Once cotton producers began eradication on the High Plains, ultra-low volume malathion was used in combination with pheromone trapping and integrated pest management methods.

Since the program began in the fall of 2001, the amount of malathion used to control boll weevils has dropped by 98.8 percent, according to Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation records. In the Lubbock area, pesticide usage declined by about 99.5 percent.

No treatments were required in the Lubbock district until mid-June, and from mid-July until late August no treatments were made at all. Treatments began again the last week of August and ceased for the season after the first week of October. Only four treatments were made during this two-month period, and not more than 0.6 percent of the acres in the Lubbock district were ever treated during the year.

As the weevil disappears from the High Plains, cotton growers are working integrated pest management specialists to find ways of controlling the remaining pests with minimal use of insecticides. Growers should be able to reduce their use of pesticides by 75 percent, said Tom Fuchs, statewide IPM coordinator of Texas Cooperative Extension.

Fuchs said the Southern Rolling Plains, the area around San Angelo that was declared functionally eradicated in September 2000, was able to reduce pesticide use from 75 percent to 80 percent most of the years since the declaration.

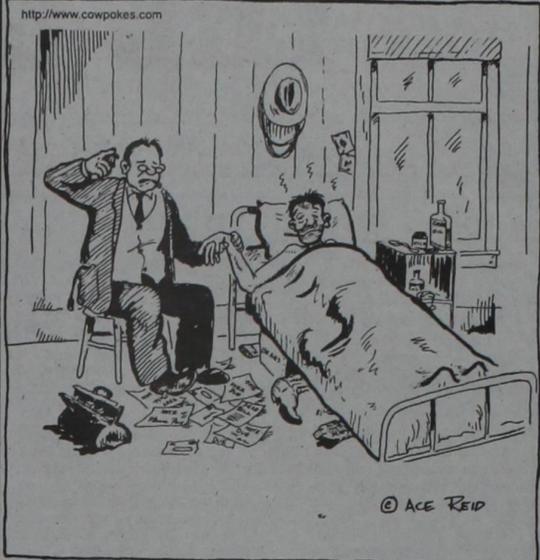
Dr. James Leser, extension entomologist in Lubbock, said the High Plains is seeing similar results.

"We have seen a 67 percent reduction in insecticide use for bollworms, beet armyworms and aphids the last couple of years, which I attribute to less spraying for weevils," he said.

The boll weevil's dominance on the list of most treated cotton pests is over, and it will drop completely from the list when eradication is complete.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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Floyd, Garza, Hale, Kent, Lubbock and Lynn.

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Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

## Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

### Scattered Rainfall Provides Welcome Relief To Significant Portions of the High Plains

LUBBOCK, June 4, 2004 By Shawn Wade

The return of storm clouds to the area brightened the outlook of some High Plains producers, created extra work for others and left many more hoping their turn was just around the corner.

Overall the storms that tracked through the region June 2 and 3 have been described as just what the doctor ordered for those in the coverage area. The weather was a welcome change from events just a few days earlier when the area saw high winds and blowing dust invade the Memorial Day weekend.

So far only a few reports have been received of damage significant enough to require replanting, although the job of assessing affected acreage is still underway.

The good news is that hail was apparently not a widespread by-product of the storms. Some isolated hail damage has been reported on acreage in Terry, Crosby and northern Lubbock Counties.

High winds associated with the storms, coupled with several other high wind events the preceding week have also been blamed for some acreage loss as well.

Rainfall totals reported by the Texas Tech West Texas Mesonet system ranged from just a few tenths to more than three inches in some locations.

Observations from June 3 indicate Abernathy recorded the highest total at 3.4 inches while Levelland took the second spot with 2.69 inches of rainfall.

Other TTU Mesonet locations recorded a beneficial three-quarters to 1.5 inches of rain that should help crops continue to move ahead and develop root systems that will allow them to tap into the area's still abundant sub-soil moisture supply.

Unfortunately the storms that occurred June 3 did not reach as far as many would have liked. To date, a majority of the region's 1.5 million dryland acres failed to receive any significant moisture and continue to wait for adequate rainfall to germinate seed planted into dry planting beds. Fortunately, chances for additional precipitation continue to be part of the weather forecast through the weekend.

Most short-term forecasts indicate 20-30 percent chances for isolated thunderstorms over the weekend in most areas of the High Plains.

Anyone interested in keeping track of weather conditions on the High Plains or in accessing the Texas Tech Mesonet data can do so through the Plains Cotton Growers website ([www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)).

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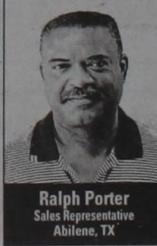
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