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## Library D.E.A.R. day

A very special guest will visit the Motley County Library Thursday, April 12 for the observance of National D.E.A.R. Day. Ramona Quimby, the program's official spokesperson, will be on hand after school to visit with the children and read a story. Ramona is one of author Beverly Cleary's most beloved characters.

All children of all ages are invited to attend this special reading event and enjoy Ramona's story.

Events for the day will begin at 2:00 p.m. All ages are invited to

participate! We encourage you to visit the Library on Thursday and DROP EVERYTHING AND READ for 30 minutes. Each participant will receive a small gift from the Library. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

If you don't have the time to stay the entire 30 minutes, please join us anyway, enjoy some refreshments, browse our shelves and choose a book to check out and take home to read.

Don't miss the celebration - join us at the Library on Thursday, April 12 for a fun-filled afternoon!

## MC Democratic Party District Convention April 21

The Motley County Democratic and state district conventions will be held on April 21, 2012 at Hotel Matador at 6:00 p.m.

The county and state district conventions will be open to any qualified voter who registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the convention. To participate in the convention, Democrats must sign an oath of affiliation with the Democratic Party. Because of the changes to the election schedule, the Texas Convention and Delegate Selection process this year will skip precinct conventions and begin at County and Senatorial District conventions.

Lanhon Odom, candidate for the Texas House of Representatives in District 68, will speak. In addition, residents are invited to greet former state Representative Joe Heflin, a Crosbyton Democrat that represented House District 85 for two terms. Convention business will follow. Refreshments will be served.

"I encourage all Democrats of Motley County to attend the Democratic Convention and make their voices heard," said Carol Campbell, Motley County Democratic Chair. "Individuals who want to represent our area as delegates to the Texas Democratic Party State Convention should attend."

The delegates and alternates elected at the County and Senate District Convention then go to the State Convention. The State Convention will be held on June 7, 8 and 9 in Houston, Texas. Delegates and alternates elected at the State Convention will go to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina which will be held September 3-6, 2012.

"As one of the largest and most diverse delegations in the country, the Texas Democratic Party will make certain that all voices of our broad constituency are heard at our National Convention," said TDP Chair Boyd Richie.

## Transmission lines cross Motley County

By Carol Campbell  
 Motley County Tribune

Electric Transmission Texas (ETT) is in the process of rebuilding an existing transmission line from the AEP Texas North Company (TNC) Matador Substation to the Paducah Clare Street Substation, consisting of about 30.84 miles.

About 18 miles of line will be in Motley County at an estimated cost of \$807,000 per mile. "That would roughly be about \$14.6 million dollars of total cost in Motley County," County Attorney Tom Edwards said. "That cost will substantially increase the Motley County tax base; and allow for additional expansion of wind turbine farms in both Floyd and, hopefully, Motley County."

The line runs east from the substation located about .2 miles west of the intersections of U.S. Highway 62/70 and Pipkin Street, and continues for about 1-mile to the east, crossing Scotch Street on the



The ETT transmission line crew uses heavy equipment to place a large tower, directly south of Matador Clinic on Main and Lariat Streets. photo Carol Campbell

north side of Lariat Avenue before crossing on the eastern edge of the City of Matador. The line then continues another 17 miles in Motley County to Cottle County.

The existing 69 kV transmission line is being rebuilt to handle a double circuit 138 kV, but will be initially operated as a single-circuit 69 kV trans-

mission line, Edwards said.

In addition, the agreed route for the SPS transmission line will be heard at the Public Utility Commission meeting in Austin next Thursday, April 12, 2012. "If the PUC approves this line, it would add another \$30 million to the Motley County tax base," Edwards said.

## Commissioners Support Purchase of Records Management Software

By Carol Campbell  
 Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met April 9, 2012, in regular session, covering a 10-item agenda including approval of the purchase of records management software thereby eventually eliminating manual record-keeping and moving to automated reporting. "This will make the everyday functioning of the office more people friendly," County-District Clerk Kate Hurt said.

Attending were Commissioners Franklin Jameson, Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, and Russell Alexander with County Judge Jim Meador presiding. Also in attendance were County Clerk Kate Hurt, Deputy Clerk D'Anna Russell,

County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Chris Spence, and Deputy Sheriff Jason Fry. Carol Campbell spoke in Open Forum, thanking the court for their past support and inviting the Commissioners to the Video Documentary Premiere on May 5 at Hotel Matador.

In the first order of business, Commissioner Turner reported to the court that he was receiving telephone calls from his constituents (Precincts 2 and 5) regarding the Sheriff Department's use of county vehicles and complaints regarding safe speed limits. Sheriff Chris Spence assured the court that he would address their concerns.

In other business, Judge Meador reported to the court that the county electric provider contract would be due in

September. The current contract is with Cirro Energy. "We are trying to get the best rate we can," Meador said. The current rate offer is for 5-cents per kilowatt, he said.

Deputy Clerk D'Anna Russell made a presentation to the court on upgrading the everyday functions of record-keeping in the County Clerk's office. Russell said that her research had shown that "we are way behind times" on automating deed and land records. "Some counties send their records off-site," Russell said. The Clerk's office is working with a company that specializes in upgrades to records management. "It would cost \$2,789.00 to set it up, then, \$1,500 per year to maintain," she said.

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## Friends group plans video premiere

The Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail announces a Motley County Video Documentary Screening Party to be held Saturday, May 5, 2012, at Hotel Matador at 6:00 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend the premiere of five films made for the Historic Motley County Jail playback system.

"It is hard to believe that in the whirlwind of time that flew by in one short year, we wrote grants, achieved full funding from grantors and generous individuals, and had filmmakers shoot fantastic films that highlight the history and happenings in Motley County," Carol Campbell, Chair of the Friends group said. "Now it is time for us to sit back and enjoy!"

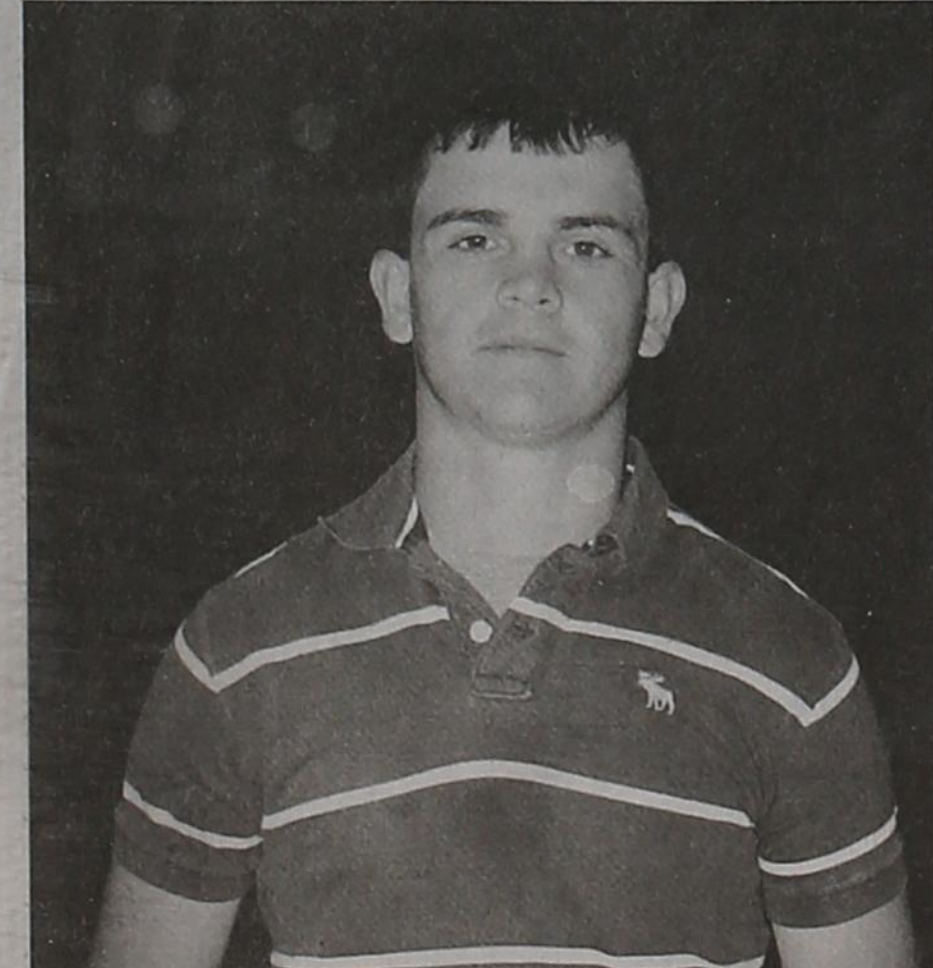
The movie subjects range from a quickstepping "Top 10 Reasons to Visit Motley County" to historic events such as the formation of the Matador Ranch. Also included is the story of the Last Chief of the Comanche, Quanah Parker, told in the words and voices of his great grandsons plus a chapter on the founding of Motley County.

Did you know that the jail has been declared haunted? Learn about investigations of the paranormal at the jail and hear some residents recant their own spooky experiences.

The Video Documentary Premiere will begin at Hotel Matador with refreshments, visiting, and music. Then, following a short stroll down the street to the Library Annex, the films will be shown on a big screen in a remake movie theatre, reminiscent of the famed Rogue Theatre, complete with popcorn and a Saturday night drawing.

"Mark your calendars for this not to be missed event," Campbell said.

## MCISD student receives \$1,000 scholarship from South Plains Association of School Boards



Christian Brooks has been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from The South Plains Association of School Boards. Christian will be recognized in their Spring meeting April 17th in Lubbock. Congratulations Christian!

## Motley County ISD 5th Grader to Explore Europe

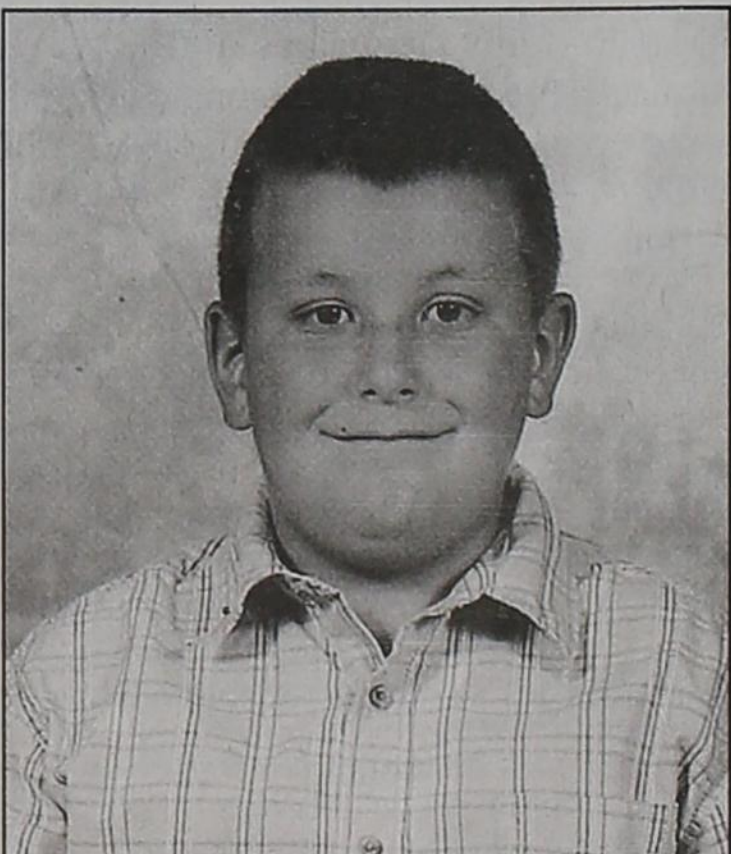
Cameron Stafford, Motley County ISD 5th grader, will get the opportunity to travel with the People to People Ambassador Program and approximately 40 other area students to London, England and Paris, France this summer. Cameron was nominated for the trip by an unknown person or teacher.

People to People Ambassador Programs offers extraordinary life-changing educational travel opportunities for students, educators, and professionals. With nearly 50 years of experience, more than 500,000 alumni, and destinations on seven continents, People to People Ambassador Programs is the world's most recognized and respected educational travel provider.

Cameron and his fellow ambassadors will spend a week in London and a week in Paris. They will visit destinations such as the Eiffel Tower, Beaches of Normandy, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the River Thames, and several other locations of historical significance. They will experience different cultures and the

way of life in foreign countries. They will also be able to meet a member of Parliament and learn about the government of other countries.

Cameron is raising funds for his trip and needs your help. He is selling chances for a couple of quarters of beef. The chances are \$20 each and you have two chances to win. The beef was donated to Cameron by Stafford Cattle Co., and Keeter's Meat Co. in Tulia is donating a major portion of the processing. The beef will be cut to your specifications and delivered to your freezer. Cameron is only selling two card decks worth of chances (108). To help Cameron with his trip expenses just stop him and ask for a ticket or call (806)269-0618 or (806)269-2087. Cameron is looking forward to his trip and the opportunity to share this life experience with his classmates and others.



The drawing for the winners of the beef will be held during the 70 mile garage sale or whenever Cameron sells all of the tickets.



# Foothill Country

## Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

In my garden this year I am planting some seeds that were supposed to be planted five or six years ago. I also have planted seeds that were marked for this year's growing season. I have used old seed before that germinated with good results but never have I tried such old seed. A week since planting and the results so far are: new seeds good, old seeds zero. If the 2007 seeds don't poke above the ground within a few days I will replace them with 2012 seeds and do

some more research.

The survivalist companies that advertise online claim their seeds (if kept in their original containers) will germinate many years later. I did not have my old seeds in airtight containers but they were kept dry and looked fine. I did not do a germination test as such since I thought planting them was going to be the test.

I don't know if there is a general life lesson in this experiment but as a matter of gardening sense it would seem that the newer seeds would germinate at a higher rate than the five-year-old seeds. I have talked to many gardeners who have used seeds that are normally considered expired and they have claimed that older seeds can grow good crops if they are stored in somewhat airtight containers. Let me know what experience you have had with seed storage and expired seeds.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to reply to the letter Amy Braly wrote about the mayor and the city council of Roaring Springs regarding the "warm welcome" that was given to her and her three children.

Amy, you and your children are welcome to our little city. I stopped by your house when you were moving in to welcome you to Roaring Springs and invited you to church.

I didn't welcome your pit bull dog because they are not welcome unless they are in a pen or chained.

Since your dog has been here we have had complaints about him and people have quit walking in your neighborhood. Up until then quite a few people enjoyed walking on Third Street in the evenings.

Corky Marshall  
Mayor of Roaring Springs

# Roaring Springs Lions Club News

By Corky Marshall  
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met Thursday, April 8, 2012, with 14 members and four guests attending.

Vice President Tommie Jo Cruse opened the meeting. Lion Corky Marshall introduced District T-2T Governor Daniel Warrick of the Lubbock. He brought a message of the plans of the Lions International for the year. He recounted some trips to areas and some Third World countries where children were in need of eye care. He told how local Lions in the areas were trained to use equipment to test eyes and how they were able to fit many children with glasses.

The Lions International motto is "Don't just think you can, believe you can."

Program Chairman Lion Wes Campbell introduced the Motley

County Schools Superintendent William Cochran. Mr. Cochran gave an update about the new school curriculum and the new testing system required by the State of Texas replacing the old PSAT and TAKS tests.

Principal Tim Hill spoke briefly about school enrollment and school attendance.

Lion Herb Westbrook from the Lipscomb Lions Club, the Pin Chairman, brought new pins to sell to the Lions.

Lion Alex Crowder reported that the Lions helped fund and deliver 27 food boxes for the month of March.

New officers were elected for the 2012-2013 year. Elected for president was Lion Lynn Campbell; Secretary-Treasurer, Corky Marshall; Buzz Thacker as Membership Chairman, Wes Campbell will serve as program chairman and Alex Crowder will remain as Tail Twister.

## Commissioners Support Purchase of Records Management Software continued from page one

In addition, the software will come with a laser printer with scan capability, Russell said. It is recommended that a dedicated computer be used for records management.

Discretionary funding for records management has been collected from customers for a number of years, County Clerk Kate Hurt said. "This fund can now be used to benefit the everyday functioning of the office making the office more "people friendly," she said.

"Customers can easily access land records because the indexing will be automated on a daily basis."

Currently, the software will only index new records, but according to Hurt, an abstract company has offered to scan the old volumes. "Record scanning would be the ultimate," Hurt said. This system will be the building block for additional upgrades, she said. The court voted unanimously to support this purchase.

### Thank You

Thanks to our friends for your prayers, cards, food, memorials and words of kindness at the loss of our mother. To all who cared for her at Hackberry and Kent County Nursing Homes, Bro. Patrick Adair, Zapata Funeral Home and the ladies who served our family, we are grateful for your generous support.

The Bertha Moore Family

### Thank You

I want to express my deepest thank you to Tony Rose, Debra Scott, Tina Brooks, and Brian Marshall. When it comes to the ambulance crew here in Motley County you can't find people who are more compassionate. Thanks to all of you for your care and concern. I so appreciated it through this difficult time.

Dale Bumgardner

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## Easter Blessings bestowed at Do Gooders' Club

The Do Gooders' Club met Tuesday afternoon April 3, 2012, at the Community Center in Flomot. Easter was observed with décor and related blessings bestowed on each one.

Mrs. Waydetta Clay conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Anna Beth Clay read the minutes of the previous meeting that were approved. They voted to have a preview showing of the colorful club quilt "Lost Socks" at the club meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Mrs. Lou Burleson will be the featured guest and will present one of her entertaining skits. The public is welcome to attend.

Hostess Waydetta Clays presided at a table laid with a beautiful yellow scalloped cloth. The centerpiece was a wooden cross, made by her

daughter and husband, Debbie and Mike Arrington of Canadian. It was flanked by a yellow potted plant and a bowl of colored Easter eggs nestled in grass. Mrs. Clay related a story of the cross and for each of the refreshment dishes, stressing hope, faith and love. She served dips and chips, cookies, lemonade and coffee.

Names were drawn for two hostess gifts. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse won an outdoor yard decoration and Mrs. Nada Starkey a box of chocolates.

Those attending were Mesdames Erma Washington, Connie Franks, Waydetta Clay, Anna Beth Clay, Mary Jo Calvert, Nada Starkey, Tommie Jo Cruse, Suzie Shannon and Kathy Shorter. Guests were Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo and Heston Franks of Idalou.

## Capital Farm Credit Stockholders Receive \$38.4 Million in Cash

Capital Farm Credit mailed a record \$38.4 million to its stockholders in March. It represents the cash portion of the total patronage refund of \$126.6 million. The remaining \$88.2 million is in the form of allocated equities and is eligible for future cash payouts.

Because of careful management by our customers and our staff, Capital Farm Credit posted record earnings from 2011, enabling the Association to add to a long tradition of strong earnings and patronage. Our ability to return patronage each year strengthens our mission to provide financing and related services to support agriculture and rural America, and affords our membership lower net borrowing costs than from many competitors.

"Capital Farm Credit values its customers and the more efficiently we operate, the more dollars can go back in their pockets," said Ben Novosad, chief executive officer. "We believe this is a value-added service that sets us apart from other financial institutions."

Capital Farm Credit is the state's largest rural lender and has 95 years of experience providing financing to farmers, ranchers and other rural property owners. Headquartered in Bryan, it has more than 70 offices located throughout Texas. For more information about Capital Farm Credit, its patronage program and its office locations, visit [www.CapitalFarmCredit.com](http://www.CapitalFarmCredit.com).

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# MCISD High School compete in UIL

## Sign-up and Re-enrollment Deadline Extended For CRP General Sign-Up 43



MCISD High School UIL participants competed in their district meet Tuesday, April 3rd in Jayton. Back Row: Jacob Woolsey, Schyler Tomlinson, Braden Mason, Coby Cochran, Christian Brooks, Seth Baxter, Jeffrey Reyes, Logan Ferguson. Front Row: Meagan Ford, Catherine Ward, Ashley Allred, Danielle Gwinn, Nayo Santos, Cassidy Turner, Beverly Reyes, Gaby Santos. Not Pictured: Keyan Kautz.

WASHINGTON, April 4, 2012 —U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson today announced that the sign-up deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been extended to April 13, 2012.

"Due to strong interest in CRP, the decision was made to extend CRP sign-up 43 for an additional week. I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in CRP," said Nelson. "Whether new enrollees or re-enrolling existing CRP contracts, producers who sign up for CRP help to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources."

After the CRP general sign-up ends on April 13, FSA will evaluate offers based on cost and the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). The EBI takes into consideration variables such as wildlife habitat, water quality protection, soil erosion reduction, air quality protection and other enduring benefits. Accepted offers will become effective Oct. 1, 2012.

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP.

CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air qual-

ity, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

- CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;
- Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorus from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.
- CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and
- CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA service center or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp> for additional information

## Former Residents of Whiteflat Gather at Reunion



Former residents of the Whiteflat community met Saturday, April 7, at the Senior Citizens Center to renew old friendships, share a meal, and reminisce with photographs of times past. Attending were: (L to R) Standing: Ron Bailey, Debra Scott, Jim Watson, Herb Smallwood, Doc Cross, Mary Helen Cross, James Price, Elaine Risser, Tom Edwards, Carolyn Lucas, Rocky Lucas, and Gail King; and (L to R) Seated: Deanie Edwards, Evelyn Smallwood, Mary Jones, Frances Dixon, Earle Price, Glenda Groves, and Dorothy Day.

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In reading Luke 9:57-62, Jesus is approached by three individuals as He was about cross the Sea of Galilee. These three wanted to follow Jesus. Really. Please examine this passage of scripture.

The first man was a Scribe. He said anywhere you go I going too. Jesus responded by saying, "The Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." The Scribe got the message. No earthly securities when following Jesus.

The second man wanted to go and bury his father. "Let the dead bury the dead." What Jesus told him was, in effect, that the affairs of this life can and would be handled by those of this life not called to the ministry of Jesus.

The third man wanted to say goodbye to those back home. Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."

Excuses are not new to Jesus. Even during His days on the earth, face to face with the people, there were those who sought to be excused from following Him.

Do you think that our Lord could understand the events and happenings found in our daily lives? But these are but excuse for not finding and following the essence of Life itself? Hear from the wise old man this admonition, "Fear God, keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
**Michael G. Crowley, Sr.**  
**BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.**



# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### On a personal note

Did you get your fill of Easter eggs and candies out of the little one's harvest? It was fun to watch kiddoes hunt eggs (some in very plain sight). If memory serves me correctly, our Easter egg hunts were really hunts out in the pasture where eggs weren't in plain sight but hidden under tufts of grass, bushes or weeds. A few were near prairie dog holes, some on fence posts, on limbs and other secret places. Anticipation for the hunt while waiting for the eggs to be hidden was part of the thrill. Usually we were confined to a room where we couldn't see the grownups searching for good hiding places. School Easter egg hunts were eagerly awaited too. The persons hiding the eggs did so early and then we were taken by school bus to the hunting grounds and turned loose! I remember that almost every year there was at least one child surprised by a raw egg! It was usually a little kid; the bigger kids were wiser and knew the signs.

Easter egg hunts were a lot more fun than gathering eggs in the hen house or having to hunt out nests when the egg count was low. A favorite place for our 'broody' hens to make nests would be on the feed stacks. Climbing the stacks was fun especially if you could find a smooth enough place to slide down without scratching your legs. Of course girls wore dresses then; it was easy for the boys but they usually had more important tasks to tend to than egg gathering. Another favorite place for the hens was the center of a lilac bush; just anywhere difficult to reach.

### In the Community

Buddy Crowder, son of Alex and Jo Crowder, met them for an Easter lunch on Sunday.

Enjoying the holiday and egg hunt in Ken and Dinah Young's orchard were Ty, Ginny and Jena LaDue and Gloria Minnick all of Lubbock.

Missy Davis of Grandview visited her mother, Mozelle Hand last week and accompanied her to a doctor's appointment in Lubbock. She came on Monday and left on Wednesday. She reported that they missed the violent weather and their beautiful wheat crop was unharmed. Due to the rains and warm weather their crop will be ready to harvest in a couple of weeks.

Don't forget the 70 Mile Garage sale scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$10.00 fee for a space to set up in the city park. That covers all advertising that otherwise would be the individual's responsibility. A good bargain! It includes advertising in newspapers and radio stations without scrambling to get signs up in addition to all the other work involved in a garage sale.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers will be ac-

cepting donations of items to sell if you have things you no longer want but don't want to be bothered having a sale. Money made will be used for events that benefit the residents of Roaring Springs and Motley County such as the Fourth of July Celebration.

Don and Billie Stuckey visited their daughter and family, Randy and Leandra Harris and grandchildren, Matt, Kenna and Ella for Easter.

Zella Palmer was taken by ambulance to UMC in Lubbock on Tuesday of last week. She was released on Friday.

James and Pat Palmer of Eureka, Kansas, hosted an Easter luncheon at their home here in Roaring Springs. Attending were: Johnny, Tammy, Miranda Palmer and Tinley of Lubbock, Bob, Tricia and Shanna Spikes from Rotan, TX; Jennifer Laughlin, Dylan and Ty Adams of Riverside, Ohio, and Josh, Heather and Michael Palmer of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Josh has recently finished a tour of duty in Afghanistan and has been stationed in a National Guard Unit in Oklahoma City.

Guests of Kelly and Pennie Keltz for Easter dinner were their children and grandchildren: Kevin and Lesa Keltz, Kaitlin, Kenzie, Kagen, and Kennedy of Spur; Kandi and Jared Johnson, Kirbi and Harper Jo of Lubbock; and Stan and June Levell of Matador.

Corky and I went to my son, Kevin and daughter-in-law, Tracie McClaran's home east of Lubbock for an Easter afternoon gathering. Also attending were my daughter and granddaughter, Kay and Kelsea Miller. Tracie's parents, Gary and Ernestine Mohon of Lubbock joined in the fun of watching Kenzie hunt eggs.

Visiting the Boyd Longs were Stephen Meyer and Bo Long of Big Spring, TX.

Vince Taylor visited his parents, Frank and Jimmie Taylor in Paducah on Sunday.

The *Texas Highways Magazine* photographers and journalists were in town this past week making pictures and interviewing people for an article on places of interest in Motley County. They interviewed Deanette Gullege and Barbara Armstrong here in Roaring Springs at the Windmill Café. Look for an article in the May issue of their magazine.

The Windmill Café announced its summer hours. They will be open again on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in addition to their regular hours. They also announced they will reserve their auxiliary room for reunions, parties and meeting for meals or banquets. They will also do catering to one's home or designated meeting place. Contact Gullege at the Windmill Café for more information or call her 348-7256.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

Man, despite his artistic pretensions, his sophistication and his many accomplishments owes his existence to a six inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains!

### Starkey Family Reunion

Descendants of the C.W. Starkey family held their annual Easter reunion from Thursday until Monday. They attended the funeral services of Jack Starkey Saturday and were served lunch at the Community Center.

They had their reunion meals at the Johnie Starkey family building and children enjoyed Easter egg hunts in the scenic hills on the Starkey land. The 121 attended from West Virginia, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico and Texas.

### Celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday, April 7, 2012, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Lumber Lodge in Turkey. Their children hosted the observance. They are parents of Lori and Kevon Kleibrink of Clifton, Larry and Angelia Clay of Panhandle, Tina and Pat Carson and Julie and Neal Edwards of Turkey. Joe Ike and Anna Beth Tanner married March 20, 1962, in Brice. They have 11 grandchildren.

### Cruse Easter Luncheon

The Cruse family had a family Easter luncheon at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was hostess. Attending and enjoying good food and visiting and an Easter egg hunt were Mark and Derinda Patton, Teah, Tally and Tory of Silverton; Deidra and Larry Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma; Brand, Jodie, Branson, Baylor and Brayson Cruse, Keane, Lacy, Reese and Brighton Cruse of Turkey; Monica, Tanner, Cutter and Jaxon Smith of Floydada; Leah Cruse of Amarillo; Derrick, Christina, Cash and Paisley Cruse of Snyder; Talon, Christi, Audrey and Colton Cruse of Cedar Hill; Tim Lane of Plainview, Mrs. Carol Taylor, Ashley and Bradley, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador; James, Darla, and Danielle Gwinn of Whiteflat; Brenda and Darrell Cruse, Mrs. Judy Cruse and Roegan Cruse of Flomot.

### Community News

Easter holiday guests of Wilburn Martin and houseguest son Dr. David Martin were Marilee and Fred Cooper of Borger, Lindsey Martin and Jason Bratton of San Antonio and Cole Martin of Tallequah, Oklahoma.

Guests of Mrs. Erma Washington Easter Sunday were

Kay Meyers of Quitaque; Jerry and Sandra Barclay and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Meadow; Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Flomot; Connie and Coy Franks and houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Franks of Idalou; Clint and Cara Cowart of Gail; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington, Brazos, Blu, and Bronte of Lubbock; Mrs. Lacy Clary, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie of Matador.

Mrs. Janice Hughes attended the Sunrise Services Easter morning at the Fairmont Baptist Church and breakfast. She continued to Floydada and visited Roger, Tiffany, Tara, Brody and Roegan Hughes, Rickey, Tasha Kendal and Kason Hughes. The families were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stovall of Floydada for a hamburger cookout and Easter egg hunt.

Easter holiday guests of Clois and Kathy Shorter and houseguest Everett Shorter were Christi, Dwain, Haley and Emily Milam of Lake Kiowa and Keri, Kevin and Brian and Brooke Sehon of Wolf-orth.

Doris and Roger Vinson returned home Tuesday, April 3, from a 10 day vacation trip that included scenic attractions at Medina Lake. At the overflowing Lake Whitney, friends, Keith and Regi Gross of Weatherford met them there to visit and enjoy tourist attractions. Easter Sunday they visited in Lubbock with son and family, Dana and Crystal Vinson, Alyson, Elise and Chris. They attended the baptism of Alyson held Sunday morning at the First Christian Church. They had lunch in the home of Crystal's mother, Mrs. Mildred Cantrell.

## Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

I brought my youngest granddaughter, Isabel Escobar, home with me on Thursday from Canyon. She and I had some time without the distraction of her brother. We did some shopping on the way home and got a pedicure on Friday. She and her brother Jaxon are just over a year apart in age (Irish twins) and are fairly dependent on each other. It is a blessing, but we have to make sure they also are developing independently. Our daughter Lara and her husband Adrian are doing a great job of parenting. I emailed Randy that he bought Izzy a pretty new dress. I know he will be glad that I am spending wisely while he is away.

Benny and Misty Moore with their children Echo, Austin, an Andy paid a surprise visit to his grandmother, Georgia Witcher, for Easter. They snuck into town on Saturday and promptly journeyed to Roaring Springs. Both Benny and Misty work as guards in the prison system in Oakwood, Texas.

I observed family visiting with Jeanne and Bobby Williams. Their daughter and husband, Paige and Bryan Barnes, along with granddaughters Zoe and Madilyn were here for Easter. The Barnes family lives in Lubbock. Also, I had a visit last week from Larry Watson (Roaring Springs) who is Jeanne's brother. He is a retired school person, including coach, and we had a good chat. Don't forget that you can always stop by the Hotel Matador for coffee and a conversation.

Aryce Manney reminded us this week to keep Christians who are being persecuted, especially in the Middle East, in our prayers. She had read an article describing the trials some Christians are having to endure.

David Young from Joseph

City, Arizona, stayed in town and just relaxed for the holidays. He is operating two crushers in the area and was in need of a break.

Gerald and Ruth Sperling from Evansburg, Alberta, Canada stopped to stay a night and read about some history of the Matador Ranch. He is a friend of Jim Braun who has stayed with us a couple of times and they each have knowledge of the Matador herds who summered in their area in years past. They had been to South Texas and were ambling back home.

Marvin and Paula Boeker from Burton traveled for a memorial service in Afton for Barbara Young Winkler. The pastor of the United Church of Christ from Burton was also in Matador and conducted the service.

Had a great visit with Camille Curlee Powe and her husband Jerry on Saturday. Camille is the sister of Caron's best friend in high school; she and her two sisters grew up in Colorado City just as we did. I had no idea that Camille was a recognized vocalist, but she has some interested experience both with country singing groups and the Cactus Theatre. She purchased the evening in Matador at a silent auction held at a Meals on Wheels event in Lubbock. We talked about people and family, and had a long conversation about the Colorado City Opera House where we all had some great times. I also taught Camille when she was in the seventh grade - loved teaching Life Science in Colorado City.

JT and Carol Clarke and from Ben Wheeler are taking a spring vacation visiting state parks. They stayed in Matador on their way to Caprock Canyons and Palo Duro. They are then heading south.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were in Lubbock Friday for his cardiac tests and treatment.

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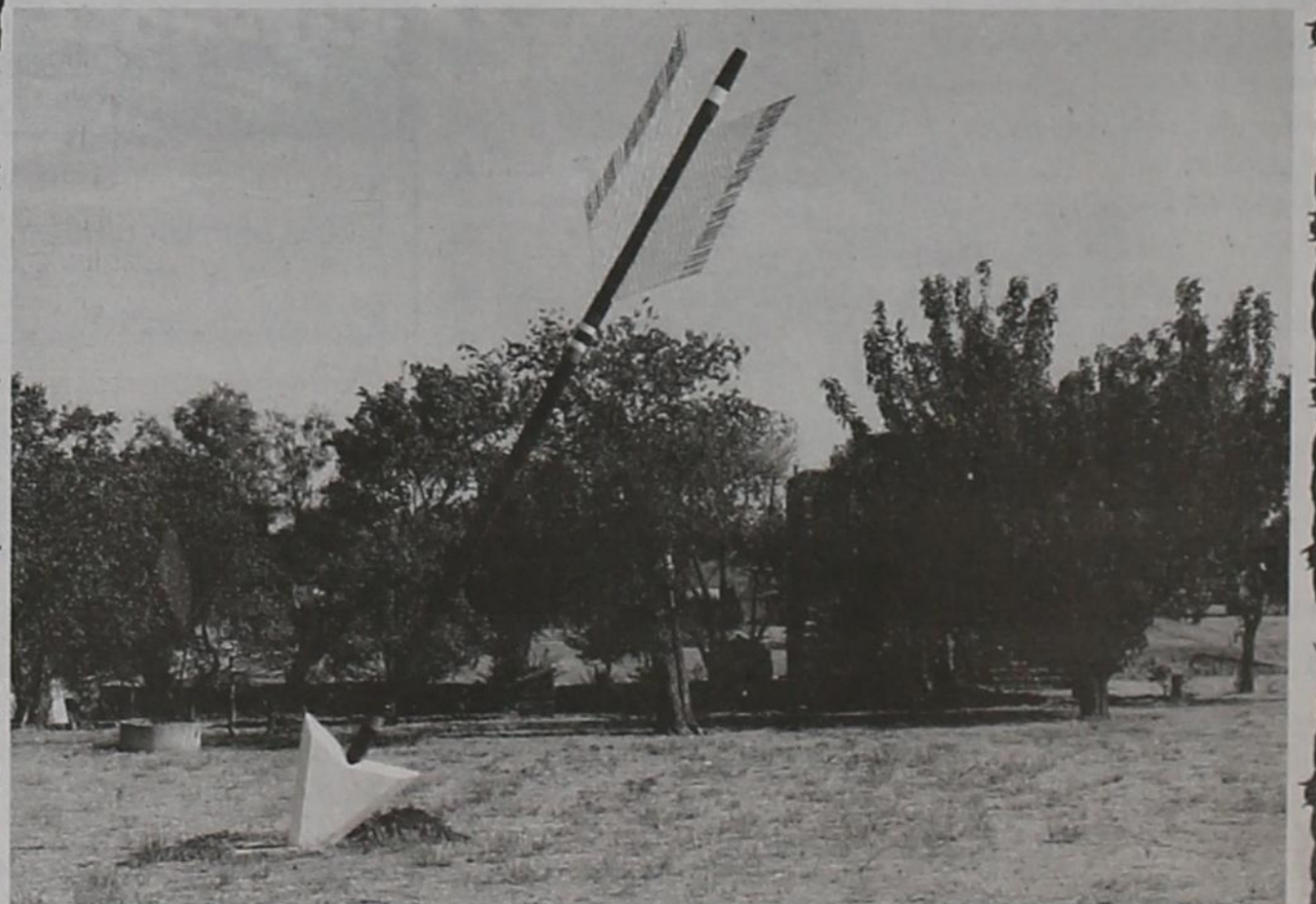
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Matador planted a Giant Arrow south of Pioneer Park in downtown Matador on August 10, 2011, representing the first arrow in the Texas Plains Trail 52-county region. The Giant Arrow project, called "the largest public arts project in the nation," is sponsored by the efforts of the THC Heritage Trail Program, the Texas Plains Trail Region, and sculptor Charles Smith. The arrow symbolically documents the Comanche presence in Motley County.

### This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny
82/59	84/57	83/54	77/54	77/55	78/52	75/51

### Weather Trivia

What was known as the billion dollar lightning strike?



Answer: In 1977, lightning hit a New York City power line, causing a 24-hour black-out.

### Weather History

April 12, 1989 - Twenty-two cities in the south central and eastern United States reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins, W.Va. with a low of 15 degrees and Baton Rouge, La. with a reading of 37 degrees.

### Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
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**Library Journal**  
by Carla Meador Librarian

The time is here!! Time to Celebrate!! Thursday, April 12, is National D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Day! The Library will host an event beginning at 2:00 p.m. and continuing until closing time. We are encouraging everyone to DROP EVERYTHING AND READ for at least 30 minutes. We will begin a reading event for the adults at 2:00 and the children's event will begin after school. If you don't have time to participate the entire 30 minutes, please don't hesitate to join the fun. You can take advantage of this time to browse our shelves and see for yourself all the awesome selections we have to offer in books, audio books and DVD's. Refreshments will be served and everyone participating will receive a small gift from the Library.

Reading opens a world of knowledge! Thoughts of the books you've read can be brought to mind years after and can be a comfort throughout life. In fact, I heard a great story the other day about a wonderful lady, Miss Mildred Long, a former resident of Hackberry Creek Care Center. Miss Long was blind after suddenly losing her sight many years ago. Miss Long's good friend, Shane Jones, related to me that Long said she reads a book every night before going to sleep. Miss Long explained to Shane that she had read so many good books when she had her sight that the words were still vivid in her mind. So, each night

she would pick out a book from her memory, and think on each chapter, recalling the events of the story. Miss Long is 96 years old.

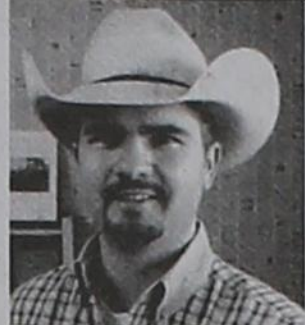
I think this is a perfect example of why reading is so important. We absorb the words we read and place them in our memories, more than we realize. It would be sad to think that we couldn't see to read and didn't have books stored away to recall to mind.

USA TODAY reported recently that many children are missing out on reading. The report says that 40% of boys and 24% of girls in grades 4-8 say they never or hardly ever read for fun on their own time.

Everyday opportunities for reading abound. From the cereal box at breakfast, to the weather report in the newspaper, to the road signs on the way to school, to the note in the lunchbox, to the recipe for dinner—words are everywhere! Take the time to point them out or ask your child to read them to you.

We thank Franklin and Susan Jameson for their donations in memory of Ann Seigler, Butch Hughes, Ellen Wilson, and Marian Allison; Marihelen Wason and K.D. and Suzanne Abbott for their donations in memory of Bertha Moore. Donations such as these are a wonderful way to remember and pay honor to a loved one. We also thank D.A. and Ruby McGuire and P.K. Green for their donations.

## County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

### Updated 2011 Texas agricultural drought losses total \$7.62 billion

Commercial timber losses add another \$669 million

COLLEGE STATION – Texas agricultural losses due to the 2011 drought reached a record \$7.62 billion, making it the most costly drought in history, according to updated totals by Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists.

"2011 was the driest year on record and certainly an infamous year of distinction for the state's farmers and ranchers," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. "The \$7.62 billion mark for 2011 is more than \$3.5 billion higher than the 2006 drought loss estimates, which previously was the costliest drought on record. The 2011 losses also represent about 43 percent of the average value of agricultural receipts over the last four years."

"No one alive has seen single-year drought damage to this extent," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and a member of the Governor's Drought Preparedness Council. "Texas farmers and ranchers are not strangers to drought, but the intensity of the drought, reflected in record high temperatures, record low precipitation, unprecedented winds coupled with duration – all came together to devastate production agriculture."

Consecutive days of triple-digit temperatures baked Texas pastures as ranchers were forced to purchase supplemental feed for cattle throughout much of 2011.

"When you are one of the biggest agricultural producing states in the nation, a monumental drought causes enormous losses," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "While the pain and damage this drought has caused cannot be overstated, our state's farmers and ranchers are determined in their commitment and fierce in their resolve. We will rebuild and continue delivering the safest, most reliable and most affordable food supply in the world."

Miller said millions of acres of Texas crops never received enough rain to germinate the planting seed.

"Even irrigated farmers experienced huge losses as water supplies that they could deliver were not adequate to produce crops under these conditions with no rain," he said. "The drought started in the fall of 2010, resulting in very little winter grazing. Many of our pastures and hay meadows never greened up after the winter."

Diminishing water supplies and no local hay production dramatically increased the cost of maintaining livestock herds, resulting in massive culling and unprecedented runs at livestock sale rings beginning in June, Miller said.

"Hay was purchased as far away as Montana, dramatically driving up the cost of supplemental feed. While much of the state began to receive some relief from this drought in late fall or early winter, most of the large areas of the plains and West Texas have yet to receive any relief."

Through August of 2011, AgriLife Extension economists previously reported \$5.2 billion in drought losses. The following are updated drought losses for 2011 by commodity with previously reported loss estimates from August in parenthesis:

Livestock: \$3.23 billion (up from \$2.06 billion);  
Lost hay production value: \$750 million (no change);  
Cotton: \$2.2 billion (up from \$1.8 billion);  
Corn: \$736 million (up from \$409 million);  
Wheat: \$314 million

(up from \$243 million);  
Sorghum: \$385 million (up from \$63 million);

The following are summaries, by specific commodities:

**Livestock** – Losses due to the 2011 drought are estimated to be \$3.23 billion. The estimate includes the previously reported \$2.06 billion in August.

"Losses include the increased cost of feeding livestock due to the lack of pastures and ranges, and market losses," Anderson said. "Market losses include the impact of fewer pounds sold per calf and the impact of relatively lower market prices due to the large number of cattle sold in a very short time period."

**Cotton** – Texas cotton growers faced unprecedented impacts from drought in 2011, according to Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension Service cotton marketing economist.

"In August, the U.S. Department of Agriculture projected a relatively low average cotton yield of 636 pounds per harvested acre, which they subsequently revised down to 557 pounds per acre by December," Robinson said. "In Texas, cotton growers saw a historically-high acreage abandonment of 55 percent of planted acres. Compared to five-year average yields and abandonment, 2011 represents a huge loss in potential production."

"Applied to USDA's measure of 7.57 million planted cotton acres in Texas, and valued at USDA's projected price of 91 cents per pound, this loss adds up to \$2.2 billion (up from the August estimated loss of \$1.8 billion). It is noteworthy that \$1.8 billion is also the 10-year average total value of cotton lint and cottonseed production in Texas. Therefore, Texas cotton growers lost more market income in 2011 than they would normally make for an entire cotton crop."

**Grains and Hay** – The drought of 2011 lowered grain production in Texas to about half of normal levels and is estimated to have cost wheat, corn, and sorghum grain farmers in Texas over \$1.4 billion.

"Recent production revisions by the USDA lowered harvested acres and yields, and resulted in a doubling of the August loss estimate of \$600 million," said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension Service grains marketing economist.

**Wheat** – Since August, USDA lowered the number of Texas wheat acres for harvest by another 100,000 acres. Texas wheat production in 2011 was 49.4 million bushels compared to a five-year average of 92.4 million, down 47 percent, according to Welch.

"Wheat yields were down from a five-year average of 30 bushels to 26 bushels per acre and abandonment is up," he said. "The five-year average of wheat planted acres that are harvested for grain is 50 percent; 36 percent of planted acres were harvested in 2011. That reduced the number of wheat acres for harvest by over a million compared to normal years. The combination of yield losses and reduction in harvested acres put Texas wheat for grain losses at \$314 million."

**Corn** – Compared to the August estimates, Texas corn harvested acres have been reduced by more than 100,000 acres and yields cut from 112 bushels per acre to 93, Welch said. Texas corn production is now an estimated 136.7 million bushels compared to a five-year average of 255.4 million, down 46 percent.

"Harvested acres are down 23 percent due to higher abandonment rates, and yields are down 30 percent statewide," Welch said. "The combination of yield losses and reduction in harvested acres put Texas corn for grain losses at \$736 million."

**Sorghum** – Since August, Texas grain sorghum harvested

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## USDA Offers Farm Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Groups

Paducah, TX April, 05, 2012 - Cottle County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Manager Tonya R. Watson reminds producers that FSA offers specially-targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) applicants.

"FSA targets a portion of its loan funds each year to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers," said Watson. "Farming and ranching is a capital intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers start and maintain their agricultural operations."

In fiscal year 2011, Texas FSA obligated \$33.5 million in direct and guaranteed loans to socially disadvantaged producers.

USDA defines socially disadvantaged applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, SDA groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

SDA producers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of

principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program offers two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation, build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn, promote soil and water conservation and development and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a successful farm. Operating Loan funds can also be used for family living expenses, refinancing debts under certain conditions, paying salaries for hired farm laborers, installing or improving water systems for home, livestock, or irrigation use and other similar improvements.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans depend on the collateral securing the loan and usually run from one to seven years. Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the Government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

acres have been reduced by an additional 150,000 acres. Texas grain sorghum production is estimated at 56.4 million bushels compared to a five-year average of 119.5 million, down 60 percent.

"The 1.6 million acres planted in the Spring of 2011 was the fewest in Texas' history," Welch said. "Then the drought further lowered yields and raised abandonment rates. The combination of yield losses and reduction in harvested acres put Texas grain sorghum losses at \$385 million."

**Hay** – The value of hay production lost due to the drought is estimated to be \$750 million. The lack of rain throughout the year led to the lack of hay to harvest.

"Corn stalks, grain sorghum, and wheat stubble from either failed grain crops or post-harvest residue is often baled during drought years, as was commonly done in 2011," Anderson said. "The quality of these feeds is often very low, and its value is commensurate with its quality. Although, in years like this even the lowest quality feeds are used along with other supplemental feeds."

**Timber** – The historic drought took a severe toll on trees across the state. The commercial timber forested area of East Texas was among the hardest hit, said Burl Carraway, Texas Forest

Service department head for sustainable forestry. An estimated \$558 million of standing merchantable trees (diameter of 5 inches or larger) on forestland in East Texas have succumbed to the drought.

"The loss is roughly twice the stumpage value of annual timber harvest in Texas over the past three years," Carraway said. "The drought also has a devastating impact on seedlings and saplings, which are normally more susceptible to severe drought of this scale. Economic loss to these pre-merchantable timber stands is estimated to be an additional \$111 million."

Taking the impacts to merchantable and pre-merchantable trees into account, the direct economic loss of East Texas Forest from the recent drought is estimated to be around \$669 million measured in stumpage values (sale value of standing trees), Carraway said.

Editor's note: The following is a list of economic drought losses from 1998 through 2011, as compiled by AgriLife Extension economists:

- \* 2011 – \$7.62 billion
- \* 2009 – \$3.6 billion
- \* 2008 – \$1.4 billion
- \* 2006 – \$4.1 billion
- \* 2002 – \$316 million
- \* 2000 – \$1.1 billion
- \* 1999 – \$223 million
- \* 1998 – \$2.4 billion

### Motley County Soil Moisture Content

Depth	Percent Moisture in Soil
8 inches	11%
16 inches	1%
24 inches	9%
When soil is saturated, moisture content equals 100%	

## Arts & Crafts By Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met April 1st at Senior Citizens for a delightful program on the art of making Handkerchief Dolls.

At times through history, toy making supplies were limited. During the Civil War, mothers made simple dolls fashioned from handkerchiefs to occupy their fidgety offspring at Sunday church services. These handkerchief dolls and prayer dolls, pew babies, also known as church dolls, are still made today for collectors and for decorative purposes. These helped to keep the children quiet in church.

The club members enjoyed the meeting, working with an assortment of lovely handkerchiefs from former days. The results are beautiful and will

be on sale at the City's Centennial Celebration.

The members dined at noon at Senior Citizens on delicious food. It was a happy hour.

The members welcomed a new member, Elynda Hudson. Nova Dale Turner, Club President, held a brief business meeting and also taught the class, also thanking Marihelen Wason for donating the handkerchiefs that had belonged to her family – one handkerchief dated back to 1919.

Members present were Joy Archer, Vee Gordon, Jane K. Neal, Joyce Meredith, Jo Trammell, Loretta Thompson and Winifred Darsey.

Joy Archer will be instructor for May. It will be a class on painting. See you there!

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### April

- 11 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 12 Motley County Library National D.E.A.R. Day.
- 12 Matador City Council
- 12 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 14-15 West Texas Boondockers, Seventh Annual Matador Grand Prix
- 16 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2013-2016 meeting, 7:00 p.m., Texas Department of Transportation District Office, 7599 US 287, Childress.
- 17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2013-2016 meeting, 7:00 p.m., Guthrie Community Center on US 83.

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The Economic Development Part A Board met in Special Session March 29, 2012 at City Hall.

Those in attendance were Corky Marshall, Kelly Keltz and Robert Osborn.

Corky Marshall called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

The members of the Economic Board discussed the air conditioning unit problem at the Community Center and agreed that it was in need of some repairs. A motion was made by Corky Marshall, seconded by Kelly Keltz and carried unanimously to use \$4,000.00 of the Part A Monies to pay for the cost of the repairs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M. ct17

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Cause No.	Styling	Legal Description
678-1S	Motley County v. Saenz, Vicente	Lot Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9), Block Three (3), in the City of Roaring Springs, Motley County, Texas.
693	Motley County v. Schmidt, John H	Lot One Hundred Fourteen (114) of the Springs Ranch Estate Addition, Motley County, Texas.
699	Motley County v. Ho-Gland, Tina	Lots Seven (7), Nine (9), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19) and Twenty-three (23), Block Eighty-seven (87) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Matador, Motley County, Texas.

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## Motley County Appraisal District Reminds Businesses to Render Their Taxable Property by April 16

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, then a rendition must be filed with the Motley County Appraisal District by April 16, 2012. A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values.

A report of decreased value may be filed also. For example, if the property is damaged or no longer is located in Motley County.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 16, 2012. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all, a 10 to 50 percent penalty may be imposed. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 16 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Motley County Appraisal District at PO Box 249, Floydada, Texas, 79235 or 806-983-5256. More information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team or visit the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/).

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