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In honor of County Government Week, the Motley County 4-H club served breakfast to the Commissioners Court as well as all the Courthouse elected officials and employees. 4-H members served the delicious breakfast of a variety of goodies. Pictured left to right are (back) 4-H president, Colton Russell, Commissioner Donnie Turner, Judge Ed D. Smith; (middle) Commissioner Franklin Jameson, Commissioner Russell Alexander, Commissioner Ronnie Davis; (front) Vice-President, Shane'a Russell, Parliamentarian Alexis Osborn, Treasurer Reagan Elliott, and Secretary Christian Brooks.

## Motley County Commissioners Court meets in regular session

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met for their regular meeting, Monday, April 11, at 9:30 a.m. Members of the court present were Ed D.

Smith, County Judge; Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Precinct 1, Donnie Turner, Precinct 2, Franklin Jameson, Precinct 3, and Russell Alexander, Precinct 4; and County Clerk, Kate Hurt. Also in attendance was County Attorney Tom Edwards and Sheriff Jim Meador. Judge Smith called the meeting to or-

der and Commissioner Alexander gave the invocation.

Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. The outstanding bills were reviewed by the Commissioners' along with reports by the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Justice of the Peace, Library Report and County Agent. Commissioners approved the minutes as read and approved accounts for payment. All reports were approved.

Judge Smith informed the court of the need of a budget

amendment/line item transfer.

The new stalker unit payment for the DPS will be \$90.28 per month. Commissioners approved transfer of \$541.68 out of the DPS telephone line item account to DPS Stalker line item.

Judge Smith reported to the court the elevator inspection had been completed. The needed repairs were finished to comply with the safety guidelines. The inspectors requested a vent be installed in the elevator control room as the last needed addition at this time.

## State Sales Tax collections increase in March April Sales Tax allocations to local governments jump 5.5%

(Austin) -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said Friday, April 8, that the state received \$1.2 billion in sales tax revenue in March, a 2 percent increase compared to March, 2004.

Local sales tax revenues also continue to grow. Strayhorn sent \$311.4 million in April sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 5.5 percent increase compared to

April 2004. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are up 6.5 percent.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent April sales tax allocations of \$211.7 million to Texas cities, up 6.3 percent compared to April 2004. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running nearly 7 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$18.7 million, up 12.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 9.5 percent higher than last year.

Another \$8.7 million went to 94 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 17.9 percent compared to last April. Nine local transit systems re-

ceived \$72.2 million in sales tax rebates, up 0.5 percent compared to a year ago.

Matador, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment this period of \$4,363.58, compared to \$3,194.30 last year, a 36.60% change. 2005 payments to date total \$18,317.46, compared to \$16,303.36 at this time last year, a 12.35% change.

Roaring Springs, with a current rate of 2.000%, received a net payment of \$2,443.79, compared to \$1,225.87 last year, a 99.35% change. 2005 payments total \$10,322.23, compared to \$11,050.68 at this time last year, a -6.59% change.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, May 13.

## School Board meets Teacher's contracts reviewed

by Tina Brooks,  
School Board reporter

The Motley County School Board met for their regular scheduled meeting, April 7, with all board members present. Also attending the meeting were Superintendent Rick Copp, Principal Marilyn Hicks, Denise Ford, Shelley Cox, Ronnie Cox, Cathey Turner, Chelsea Read, D'anna Russell and Kay Bingham.

The invocation was given by Mr. Copp.

The board was introduced to students from the third and fifth grades who were academically recognized on the recent TAKs test.

During open forum Chelsea Read discussed her concerns of hiring a full time Special Ed teacher. She has reviewed the Special Ed schedule and there will be a decline in Special Ed students. If Motley County ISD is under a budget crunch what is the need to increase the part time position to a full time position. She also stated that Rebekah Jameson has done an excellent job this year, but she wants her tax money to be spent to the very best use.

Kay Bingham discussed her concerns with losing a coach. At this time Motley County has on staff three coaches that she feels are already overworked. If the board decides to let go of a coach she is worried about how it will affect the children. She also stated that she would like to commend Coach Rainer on the job he has done.

Enrollment is at 155 with a 98% attendance rating.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Copp informed the board the legislature has a finance bill. This will be watched closely to determine what to expect for next year. Mr. Copp also wanted to commend Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Woolsey, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Johnson and the cafeteria staff for the great work they did getting ready for the CRE (Coordinated Review Effort) Audit performed by the

Texas Department of Agriculture. The CRE monitors all cafeteria activities. It also checks to make sure the school is only having the allotted school parties each year. These people are to be commended for their work.

Mr. Copp has sent the paperwork for the sell of the Roaring Springs property to David Anderson of TEA. Mr. Anderson will check the paperwork to make sure everything is in order and will approve or disapprove the sale.

Russ Henzler's company is donating money (\$2,000-\$2,500) to be used to improve certain areas around the school. Some of the items discussed for improvement were the basketball goals, nets, backboards and stripes at the tennis court. Also discussed were new goals for the playground.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

A list of expenditures were reviewed, discussed and approved for payment.

Votes will be canvassed on May 9 following the May 7 election. There are two three-year positions up for election this year. Tina Brooks and Pat Smith have signed up for re-election, Robert Fisk has also signed up for election.

A date to re-organize the board was set for May 9.

Seven transfer students were accepted to attend Motley County ISD next year.

Tina Brooks and Shonda Elliott will present certificates for the Jr. High graduation ceremony set for Friday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Pat Smith and David

Stafford will present diplomas for the Motley County ISD graduating class of 2005, Saturday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m.

The board entered executive session at 8:27 p.m. and exited the session at 10:53 p.m.

Out of executive session Mr. Copp recommended to eliminate the half-day Special Ed position. Motion by Davey, seconded by Smith, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the termination of the probationary contract of Brad Rainer. Motion by Elliott, seconded by Woolsey, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the termination of the probationary contract of Marjion Pernell. Motion by Stafford, seconded by Woolsey, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the removal of the stipend of the Ag teacher. Motion by Smith, seconded by Brooks, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the extension of the probationary contract of Bethany Overton. Motion by Stafford, seconded by Davey, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the re-hire of all remaining professional staff. Motion by Davey, seconded by Woolsey, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the hiring of Rebekah Jameson as the Special Ed teacher/Dyslexic coordinator. Motion by Davey, seconded by Smith, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the re-hire of all Para-professionals and auxiliary staff. Motion by Stafford, seconded by Elliott, 7/0.

Mr. Copp recommended the substitute list that was previously reviewed by the board. Motion by Smith, seconded by Elliott, 7/0.

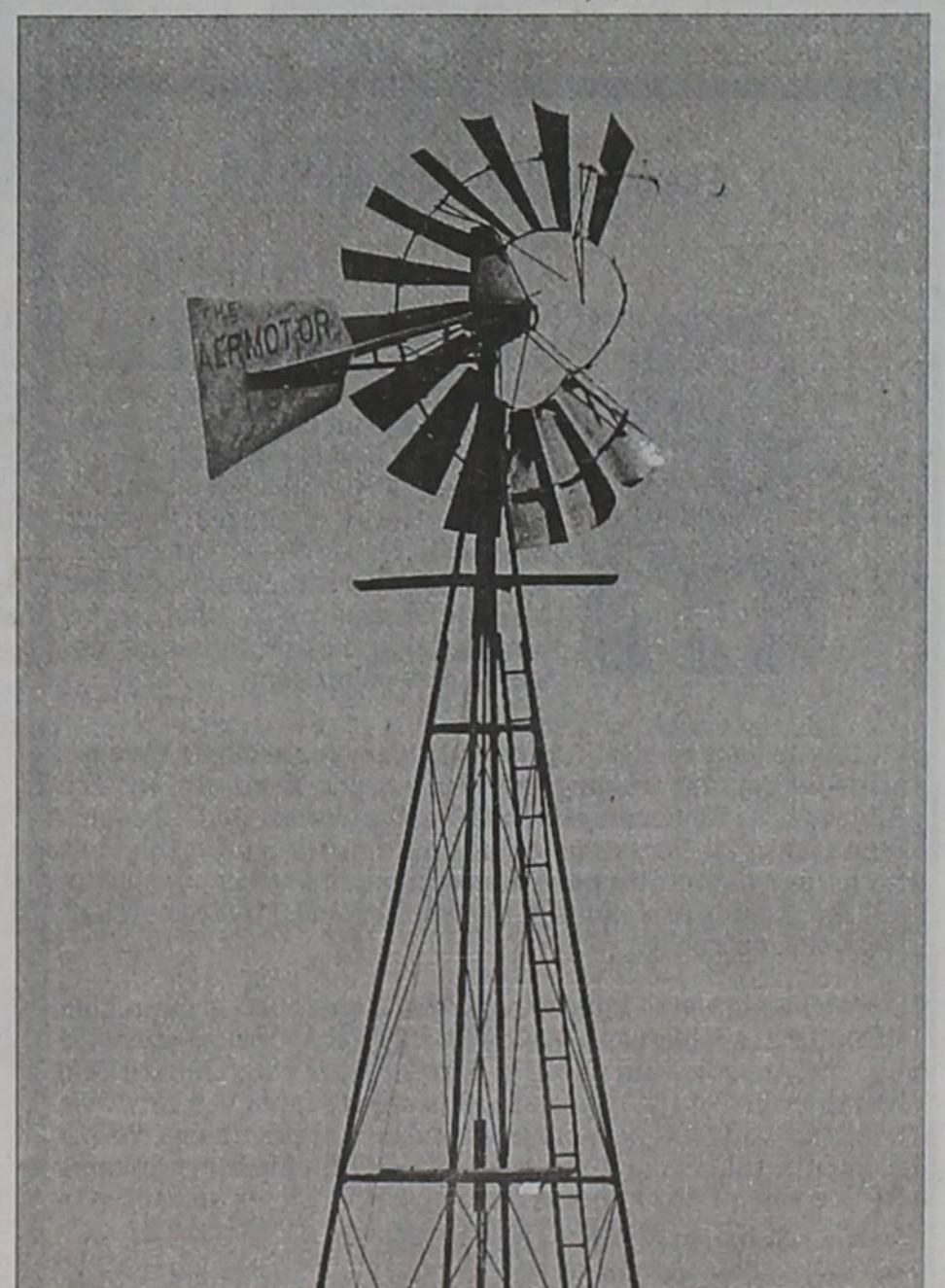
## National Day of Prayer will be observed May 5th

Begin making plans now to attend the National Day of Prayer observance, May 5. The event, "Parking Lot Prayer Fest," will be held in the parking lot at First Baptist Church in Matador beginning at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast burritos and coffee will be served tailgate style.

After breakfast and prayer everyone should be able to be at work by 8:00 a.m.

Event coordinator, Carolyn Ewing, said, "Please join us for this important event in the life of our country, state and community. See you there!"

(1 Timothy 2, 1-2)



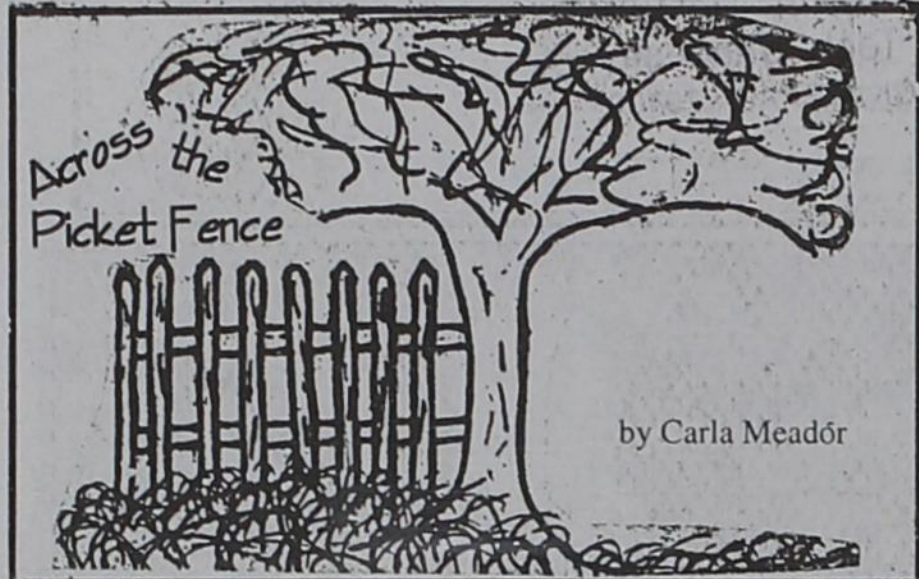
**WIND DAMAGE** — This windmill, located west of Matador, was damaged by the high winds which blew through Motley County last week. Wind speeds were reported at as much as 50 m.p.h. This metal windmill lost some blades and was bent. There were several things blown around in Motley County last week. Although the wind blew on Monday, weather reports indicate the remainder of the week should be nice.

**Roaring Springs School Reunion, June 17-18**  
Watch for more details!

## ATTENTION GOLFERS Babe Zaharais Scramble set for April 24

The annual Babe Zaharais Golf Scramble has been set for Sunday, April 24. Tee time will be 2:00 p.m.

This event is an annual fund-raiser for cancer research. Each donation is appreciated. Remember, you don't have to play to pay!



Our family and this community lost an icon this week. My Aunt Shirley went to be with the Lord early Saturday morning. After battling a long illness, the Lord called her home. And although we know she's no longer in pain and she's happy with the Lord, we will miss her greatly.

She was very talented and very admired by her family and friends. She cared deeply for her loved ones and always had an encouraging word and a smile for everyone.

My memories of her begin at a very early age and will always be with me. The pictures in my mind could fill a book.

I see a picture of my Aunt Shirley applying lipstick in the rearview mirror and checking her hair, while my cousins and I sat in the backseat as children.

I see a picture of Aunt Shirley laughing and joking, telling a story of her childhood days with her sister, my mother.

I see a picture of Aunt Shirley hanging a hummingbird feeder on her deck at her home in the mountains. She loved watching the hummingbirds

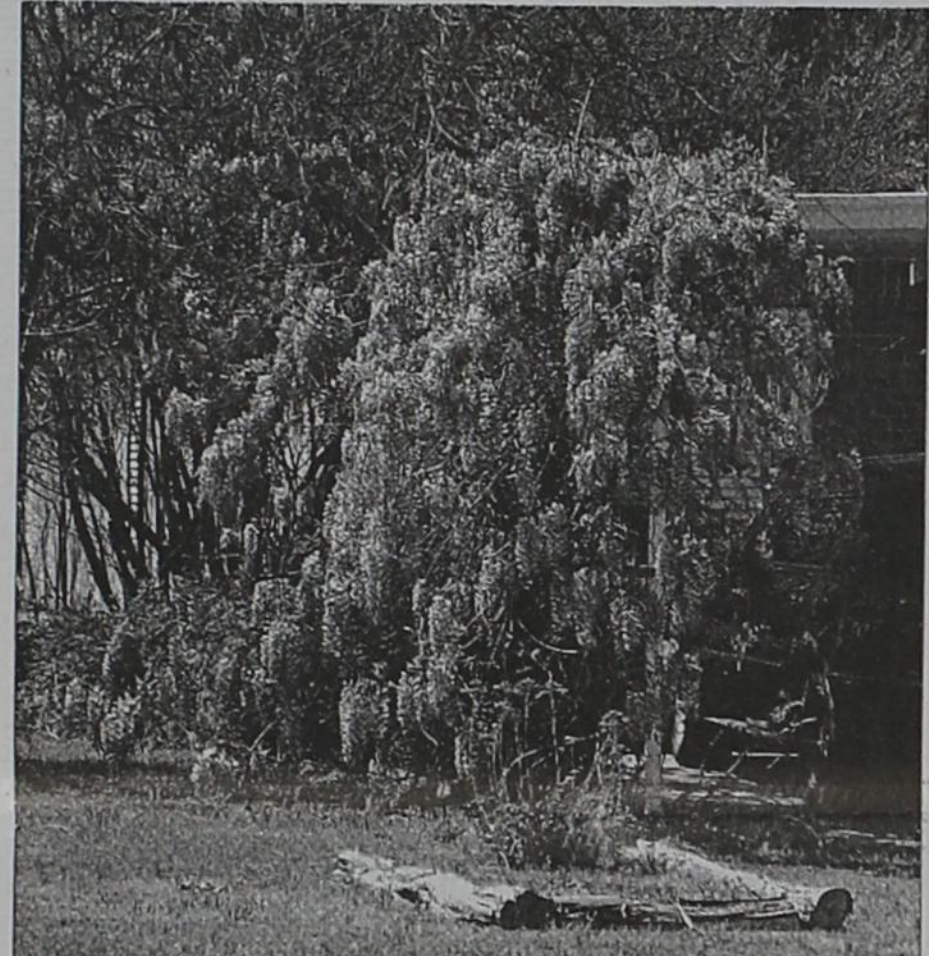
and butterflies.

I see a picture of Aunt Shirley talking with a customer, showing beautiful fabrics and wallpaper samples from her decorating shop. She was a talented decorator and very respected in Ruidoso, NM and the surrounding areas where she had a very successful business for many years.

The pictures in my mind of my Aunt Shirley are many and will always be a cherished part of my thoughts. I could go on and on about my memories of her.

I am thankful for the time we were privileged to spend with her after she came home, back to Motley County. I will always cherish being able to sing in the choir with her, and sitting on the same pew at church.

My family will miss her deeply, but we are comforted with the knowledge that Aunt Shirley was a Christian and loved the Lord deeply. We know she is safe in the arms of Jesus, and I can picture her in a mansion in the mountains of Heaven watching the hummingbirds and butterflies.



This trailing Wisteria vine was a beautiful purple Spring sight in the yard of Mrs. Billie Koon in Matador last week. The vine trails up Mrs. Koon's carport and into the nearby tree.

## Look Who's New

Lauren Renee Bichsel



White Deer. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Welcoming the new arrival were brother and sister, Andrew and Rayleigh Bichsel; grandparents, Walt and Bonnie Bailey of McLean, Marjorie and Robert Bichsel and Charles Meador; all of White Deer; and great-grandparents, Jean and Ken Modawell of White Deer, June and Clayton Cunningham of Lubbock. She is also the granddaughter of the late James J. Meador of Matador.

Lauren Renee Bichsel was born at 9:22 p.m., Feb. 14, 2005, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to Timmy and Lori Bichsel of

## Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We appreciate the donation to the library made by Truitt and Chelsea Read in memory of Don Warren, Christine Briscoe and Pansy Spray. We also appreciate the donation by Deidra and Larry Clifton in memory of James Simpson, Carolyn Rose, Don Warren and Christine Briscoe. Donations such as these remember special people and help the library at the same time.

The library received notice that Carla and Jim Meador are donating a year's subscription to the Motley County Tribune. We thank the Meadors for this valuable gift. Marge Moore Harper has sent a big box of

wonderful local history and genealogy books. Many of these will be new to the library. Look for them soon in the Texas and Genealogy Collections.

We especially thank Penny Kline and Ruby McGuire who kept the library open last Monday. Betty Henry freely gives of her time to help on as many Mondays as she can. Volunteers open the library on Mondays and we thank all of those who help out on this day and other days that I can't be here. If these dedicated library people did not volunteer their time, the library would not be open at all on Monday.



Rabeca Kay Morris & J. Rowdy Mullin

## Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny D. Mullin of Turkey and Ronda Love Mullin of Tulia would like to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their children, Rabeca Kay Morris to J. Rowdy Mullin. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Motley County High School and a 2004 graduate of APC Dental Assistant. The groom is a 2001 graduate of Valley High School. A June 10, 2005, wedding is planned in Canyon. The couple plan to make their home in Amarillo.

The bride's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Martin of Spur, the late Charles Edwards of Afton and the late Wendell and Nelva Morris of Flomot. The groom's grandparents are Mrs. Lavonia Mullin and the late Woodrow Mullin of Turkey and the late Joe and Dell Love of Tulia.

## Do Gooders write quilting story with needle and thread

Quilts can express a story written with needle and thread instead of words and punctuated by creatively intricate designs. Quilts represent tremendous investments of time and effort whether they are specifically artistic or utilitarian was expressed at the Do Gooders' Club meeting at the Community Center in Flomot Tuesday afternoon, April 5.

The club is quilting 3 1/2 inch blocks of a variety of colors for their homecoming quilt. Mrs. Trula Martin donated the lining and batting for the quilt. Linda Fisher who conducts quilting classes in Lubbock said, "Quilting is something concrete. You can cook and it is gone in 30 minutes. You can garden and at the end of the season it all dies, but a quilt is something you can make that is truly yours, from the color to the design. It will last for generations."

When the club members arrived at the Community Center

they started quilting and continued through the short business session conducted by Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert. Mrs. Alma Shorter read the minutes that were approved. They voted to meet two afternoons a week at the Community Center until the quilt is completed.

Hostesses, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and Mrs. Waydette Clay presided at a springtime pink and green service. The table was laid with a lace cloth over a colorful flower designed cloth. The centerpiece was a large old fashioned pitcher in a bowl featuring artistic painted pink flowers. They served chips and dips with pink fruit punch.

Those attending were Mesdames Leona Degan, B. Rogers, Suzie Shannon, Barbara Payne, Kathy Shorter, Geneva Martin, Alma Shorter, Tommie Jo Cruse, Waydette Clay and Mary Jo Calvert.

## Arts & Crafts club members enjoy tole painting

by Winifred Darsey

Motley County Arts and Crafts club had a momentous day Monday, August 4, when it met at Senior Citizens Center for a lesson in tole painting.

Vee Gordon and Lorene Lancaster were the teachers and instructed members on tole painting on wood. It was a very inspiring session. The subject was a pretty red apple, suspended on a ribbon; from a peg. They were so realistic that everyone was tempted to take a bite of America's favorite fruit!

Club President, Joyce Archer, presided over a business meeting at 10:00 a.m. The club voted to have the annual bazaar on November 12 and changed the opening and closing hours to 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The club honored Winifred Darsey with a lifetime membership. She is the only charter member that still belongs to

Arts & Crafts.

The club dined at noon with the Seniors on Green Chili Chicken, pinto beans, salad, peppers, flour tortillas and fruit salad. It was a delicious luncheon and enjoyed very much.

In addition to those already mentioned, members present were, Joyce Meredith, Jo Trammell, Dorothy Knight, Nova Dale Turner, Betty Simpson.

The May program will be a session taught by Joyce Archer on Song Birds. Members are to bring supplies for acrylic painting. See you there!

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**Overwhelmed?**

There are times when all of us feel overwhelmed. It is no wonder with all that goes on in our lives. There may even be times when we feel defeated and spiritually discouraged. It is in these moments that we are at our weakest in our walk with Jesus. What's the problem? Usually it is our busy schedules. Our lives have become so crowded that there is little time for spiritual development.

It is so easy to give in to complacency regarding a time set aside for regular reading and study of the Word of God. The Bible tells us "faith comes by hearing the word of God." It seems then from that verse in Romans 10 that we ignore the Holy Scriptures at our own peril. It is difficult to live very well without the guiding principles of the word of God. "Overwhelmed" becomes our reality.

We need time to interact with the Word and therefore gain the faith to enable us to live the lifestyle that Jesus set before us. The Apostle Paul wrote in acts 20:32, "I commend to God and the word of His grace which is able to build you up..." We need the word of God in our lives and on a regular basis. With it comes the relief from that terrible feeling of being overwhelmed. For we can ... "do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —



## Motley County ★ Class of 2005 ★ Senior Spotlight



ANNIE MAREE GREEN

Age: 18  
Date of Birth: April 25, 1986  
Parents: Billy and Cindy Green  
Siblings: Aaron and Ashlee  
Pets: 2 dogs; Kalee "Miss Piggy" and Tiny Toby Green  
Who do you most admire and why? My parents because they have always supported me and they have helped me become the person I am today.  
Favorite high school memory: Mancala battles with

Sabrina  
Extracurricular activities (Sr. year): FCCLA, Student Council, U.I.L.

Special honors: Who's Who Among American High School Students, Bausch and Lomb Science Award, Best Role Model, and Daughter of the Year for 2005

Words of Wisdom to the underclassmen: Make the most of your high school years—they will be over before you know it.

Plans after graduation: Attend South Plains College and pursue a career in Journalism

**FAVORITES:**

Food: Alfredo Cheese Pizza  
Hangout: my house  
Movie: The Notebook  
Musical Group: Kenny Chesney  
Color: blue and pink  
Past time: writing and talking on the phone  
Soft Drink: Dr. Pepper  
Book: Tuesdays With Morrie  
Song: You'll Be There  
Teacher: Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Cox  
Sport: tennis

### Motley County I.S.D.

## A Note from the Office ...



Last Saturday morning eight of the newly elected cheerleaders helped clean up the highway west of town. I was really proud of their effort. One of them mentioned that she was going to bring her family out to see what had been done...and all vowed to be careful about throwing trash on the highway.

The track teams did a fabulous job last week. We had several high school students qualify to go to area competition. In addition, the junior high team did a fantastic job of representing Motley County. Pictures of both these groups are elsewhere in the paper this week.

We are proud of Mr. Copp as he is named the single finalist for a new position. He has certainly earned the chance to

move up. He does so much around the school that doesn't even come close to being the superintendent's job. He will be missed.

Mr. Gleghorn has been working to get all of the testing schedules ready for next week. This is quite a task even for a small school. He is also completing some tests for the gifted and talented program. We want to be able to increase our support for the students who have special needs.

The parents are meeting to plan end of school activities. If you want to be involved and haven't attended a meeting, call the school, and we will put you in touch with the right people. They and we can always use more hands!



**JR. HIGH TRACK** — Pictured at back, (l-r) 8th grade, Kayla Hollinsworth; 7th grade, Eric Simpson, 7th, Kortney Williams, 7th, Cory Durham, 7th, Melissa Flores; (front) 8th, Shane'a Russell, 7th, Sam Fletcher, and 8th, Courtney Alexander.

## Jr. High track team has successful season

The Motley County Jr. High Track team participated in several track meets this year and did a great job. They competed in the UIL District Track meet at Spur last Tuesday and brought home six district championships.

Motley County placings are listed as follows:

Kortney Williams - 1st, 800 m. relay; 3rd, 400 m relay; 4th, triple jump; 5th, long jump; and 2nd, 100 m hurdles.

Melissa Flores - 1st, 800m relay; 3rd, 400 m relay; 6th, long

jump; 3rd, 100m hurdles.

Courtney Alexander - 1st, 800m relay; 3rd, 400m relay; 6th, triple jump.

Shane'a Russell - 1st, 800m relay; 3rd, 400m relay; 1st, long jump; 1st, 100m dash.

Eric Simpson - 1st, 110m hurdles; 1st, 200m dash; 1st, 100m dash; and 2nd, long jump.

Cory Durham - 2nd, 300m hurdles; 5th, high jump; 5th, 110m hurdles.

Sam Fletcher participated in the 100m and 200m dash.

## School Menu

**MONDAY, APRIL 18**

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, Scrambled Egg, Bacon or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Soft Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn, Chips, Jello, Milk

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Chicken Terriyaki and Rice, Calif. Blend, Hot Roll, Honey, Fruit Salad, Milk

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Macho Nachos, Refried Beans, Salad, Cookie, 1/2 Apple, Milk

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

**Breakfast:** Pancake, Suasage or Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Milk

**Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk

## TAKS days schedule announced

There will be an adjusted schedule during TAKS testing at Motley County I.S.D. If you have to take an individual test that is different from this schedule, you will be contacted by Mr. Gleghorn.

On Monday, April 18 and Friday, April 22, school will run on a regular schedule, and all students are to be in class.

On Tuesday, April 19, grades 9, 11, and 12 will not report to school until 1:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 20, grades 9, 10, and 12 will not report to school until 1:00 p.m.

On Thursday, April 21, grade 12 will not report to school until 1:00 p.m.

All students who are at school will not be allowed to leave campus during testing. Students who are to report to school late will not be allowed in the building until 1:00. Breakfast will be served at the regular time.

Use Safety in School Zones!

## Life Lessons

By Annie Green



I came across this interesting article about forgiveness on the internet and thought you might enjoy it.

**Isn't My Bag Heavy Enough?**  
"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in Heaven may forgive you your sins." Mark 11:25

One of my teachers had each one of us bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes. For every person we'd refuse to forgive in our life, we were told to choose a potato, write on it the name and date, and put it in the plastic bag. Some of our bags, as you can imagine, were quite heavy.

We were then told to carry this bag with us everywhere for one week, putting it beside our bed at night, on the car seat when driving, next to our desk at work.

## The hassle of lugging this NHS sets final Blood Drive for 2005

The National Honor Society of Motley County I.S.D. will be sponsoring the final blood drive for this school year on Monday, April 25, from 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. You may make an appointment by calling school, 347-2676, or you can just come on Monday as a walk-in. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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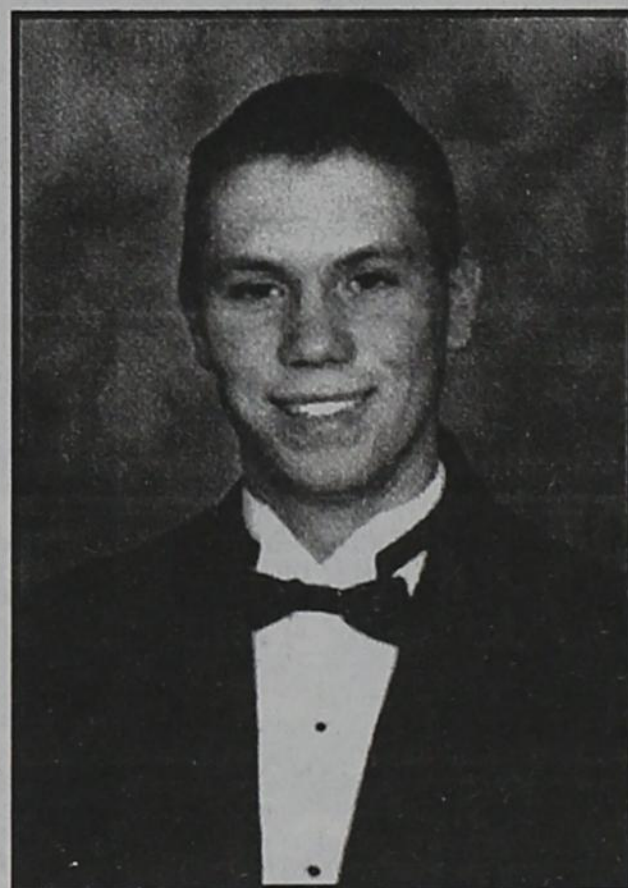
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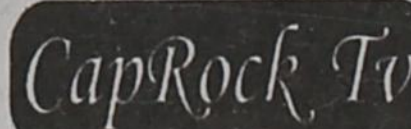
## MC ★ Shining ★ Star April Student of the Month



**Cody Cooper**

Cody is the April Student of the Month for Motley County ISD. He is a Senior and the 17-year-old son of Jim and Judy Cooper of Matador. He has two brothers, Clint and Clay. Cody has been very active in numerous clubs and organizations throughout his high school years. He serves as Student Council vice-president, National Honor Society president, and is also president of the local FFA chapter. He competes in Range and Pasture judging and Wildlife judging in FFA. He recently won the pig showmanship award and the grand champion steer award at the Motley County Stock Show. Cody is also an active participant in UIL. He recently competed at Regional in the Current Events contest. In his spare time, Cody enjoys hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. After high school, he plans to attend West Texas A&M University and pursue a career in the Agricultural field.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

Introduction of Ropers - 11:00 a.m.  
Roping follows Introduction

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

Senior Steer Ropers  
8:00 a.m. Introduction  
SSRA Rope - 9:00 a.m.  
ISRA Introduction - 1:00 p.m.

For more information:  
Call S.C. Burleson, 806-983-0077

Cattle: Rocky Garnett

Concession Stand: Mac Sherman, Lockney, Texas



These girls participated and received medals in a Tumbling meet March 5 at New Deal. Pictured left to right are Macie Marshall, silver medal; Mattie Brooks, silver; Hannah Mason, gold; Shelby Elliott, silver; and Katie Barton, silver.

## Senator Robert Duncan named to State Budget Conference Committee

Austin -- Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst named Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, to the General Appropriations Act conference committee, a 10-member body of the Legislature charged with drafting a budget from the differing House and Senate plans.

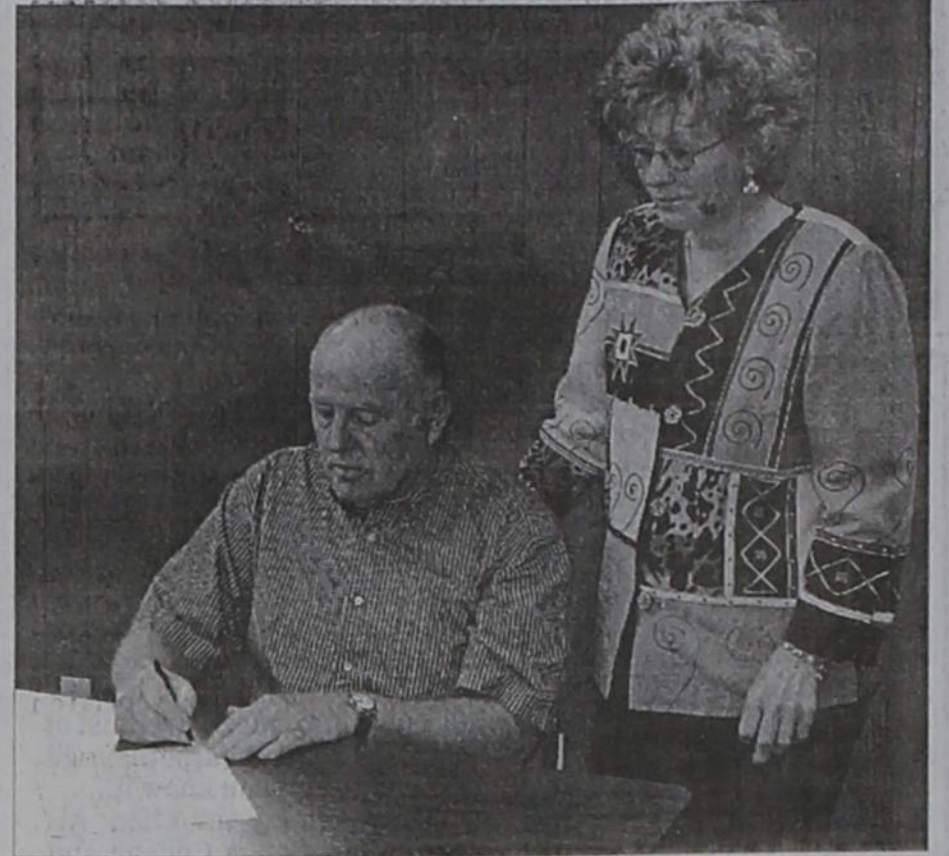
"The budget conference committee is where the work is done to determine the final budget for the next two years. Appropriating a budget of \$139 billion is a significant responsibility, and I am honored to accept it," Duncan said. "Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst has made it a point to be a friend to West Texas, and I will also keep the needs of this part of the state in

mind while crafting a budget for all of Texas."

This will be the fourth consecutive budget conference committee Senator Duncan has served.

In 1999, former Lt. Gov. Rick Perry assigned Duncan to conference; in 2001, Duncan was named to the committee by acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff; in 2003, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst appointed him to the committee.

The full list of Senate conferees: Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chairman; Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, member; Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, member; Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, member; and Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, member.



Matador Mayor, Paul Westbrook, signs a proclamation declaring May 5 as National Day of Prayer observance in Matador. Event coordinator, Carolyn Ewing, looks on.

## 2005 National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer is a tradition and important occasion first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775 and Americans since the days of our founders shared our dependence on God, faith and prayer while insisting on religious freedom; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that we observe a day when all of us in this community may acknowledge our blessings and express our gratitude for them while recognizing our need for the strengthening of spiritual and moral values in our land; and

Whereas, the 2005 theme for the National Day of Prayer is "God Shed His Grace on Thee." The greatest single source of political inspiration for America's found fathers was the Bible, which was cited in 34 percent of the quotations from the founding era and the importance of biblical principles in establishing a stable and secure government was understood.

Whereas, Judges are legalizing gay marriage and systematically stripping references to God from our culture under the guise of "separation of church and State" it is imperative that we restore the moral foundation that has endured for 228 years; and

Whereas, prayer reminds us that God is our refuge and strength and the power of prayer provides hope, light and promise;

Now Therefore, I, Paul Westbrook, Mayor of the City of Matador, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2005, as "A DAY OF PRAYER" in the city of Matador, Texas.

## Spring has sprung throughout the Heritage Trail region



AUSTIN--In Texas, wildflowers are a passion and their dazzling display is a feast for the eyes. The Lone Star state is home to more than 5,000 species of wildflowers dotting roadsides and blanketing fields. Sprinkles of yellow buttercups, red Indian paint brushes, pink ladies and seas of bluebonnets are everywhere.

Spring is the ideal time to explore your local area's heritage while enjoying the spectacular show of wildflowers along the way. Enjoy these Texas treats by exploring the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) heritage regions. Each heritage region has its own unique palette of wildflowers to enjoy. The Texas Brazos Heritage Trail Region is colored with fire wheels, the Texas Forts Trail Region with Indian paintbrushes and the Texas Forest Trail region with dazzling dogwoods and wild azaleas. Yellow buttercups color the Texas Independence Trail re-

gion and magnificent Mexican hats are found in the Texas Lakes Trail Region.

The heritage regions are all part of the THC's regional tourism initiative, the Texas Heritage Trails Program. The program encourages people to venture out to rediscover the state's historic and cultural wonders. This successful program capitalizes on the economic impact of heritage tourism—a \$40 billion a year industry.

For free heritage trail brochures call 866/276-6219 or visit [www.thc.state.tx.us/travel](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/travel). For additional information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit [www.TravelTex.com](http://www.TravelTex.com) or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-888-TEX.

The Texas Historical Commission is the estate agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

Although the beauty in these Motley County wildflowers can't be seen in this black and white photo, the roadsides are blooming in beauty with a variety of colors for travelers through the county to observe.

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**MOTLEY COUNTY  
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by Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:  
This, from Chief Flying Hawk who died in 1911:  
"The Tepi is much better to live in; always clean, warm in winter, cool in summer; easy to move. The white man builds big house, cost much money, like big cage, shut out sun, can never move; always sick."

Before the Chamber meeting on March 8th, the Chamber board and a number of locals welcomed the new residents to the county with welcome baskets and refreshments at a get to know each other session. There was a picture of the newcomers in the Tribune, and a report of the get together has been presented.

But then we had the monthly meeting, and we need to bring you up to date on all we discussed, and it was a lot.

The idea of renting the billboard to use it to advertise the advantages of living in Motley County was discussed again, but the feeling was that it was too expensive for the possible benefit it could bring. Maybe if we get flush with money, we might be able to do it in the future, but for now, we are going to have to work on some of the other ideas.

We talked about Steve

Anderson's visit. He is coming on April 19th from the Small Business Development Center at Texas Tech, and we are trying to get the word to people with ideas that they can talk to him on that day before the next Chamber meeting by making an appointment through Annette Hollinsworth at New to You.

The feasibility study for the wind farm project was the next topic under discussion, and the article two weeks ago should have brought you up to speed on that idea.

Further topics included the visit to Roaring Springs by the Corvette Club—we hope they enjoy their stay. And the suggestions by the Boondockers that they have a motorcycle race in Matador. This would be a big event, with many families coming into town. Quitaque had such an event on March 19th and 20th, and the expected 300 motorcycles and upwards of 1,000 people, families mostly. It was felt that this was an idea well worth pursuing, and the city council has already been approached, since we would need their approval.

Now that you know what we have been discussing, you should be ready to come to the next Chamber meeting on April 19th at 5:30 in the Library and contribute to the discussions.

## PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

### ONE OTHER ALTERNATE THEORY

Rounding out the alternate theories advanced to deny Jesus' death and resurrection is the claim that a substitute (perhaps Judas) took Jesus' place on the cross. This is a claim of many Muslims today. The Qur'an (Koran) says it, and that Allah took him directly to heaven. Also, while most of us have never heard of it, there is a best-seller in Islamic countries called "The Gospel of Barnabas" that says the same thing.

But, there is absolutely no evidence to back up the theory, and we would have to disbelieve other undisputed evidence to accept it.

The "Gospel of Barnabas" has been proven to be a fake, having been written sometime after the year 1400, probably by a Muslim. Even some Muslim scholars dispute it. It purports to quote Jesus as saying that He was not the Messiah, whereas the Qur'an repeatedly calls Jesus the Messiah!

A major problem with the Qur'an is that, as opposed to the Bible, it is not internally consistent. Also, it was written more than 600 years after the lifetime

of Jesus, whereas the Gospel accounts were written short decades after the fact, when people still living could dispute them if not there.

It must be remembered that several non-Christian writers affirmed that Jesus had died by crucifixion. These include Josephus, Tacitus, Thallus, and the Jewish Talmud. The Talmud is not a source to be considered friendly to Christianity, so there's no reason to doubt its authenticity.

Are we to believe that the scores of people who witnessed some aspect of Jesus' death - the disciples, the floggers, the Roman guards, Pilate, the Jews, Jesus' family and friends - were all mistaken about who was killed. Are we to believe that everyone was wrong about everything? Hardly.

This theory makes about as much sense as asserting that a substitute for J.F.K. was assassinated, but unfortunately, many Muslims believe it, based upon false writings.

(Correction: Last week's statement that the disciples "requested" to deny it should have said "refused" to deny it.)

Next week: Apologetics resources.

## State Agency opens office in Levelland Ribbon cutting ceremony to be held April 22

The Office of Rural Community Affairs is a state agency, created in 2001 to serve as a focal agency for the state's community development, economic development, and healthcare programs that target the rural areas of Texas.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Friday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m., at the South Plains Community Action, Inc., Community Services Building meeting room in Levelland to observe the opening of the agency's new office there. The room is located in the back on the west side of the building, 1611 FM 300. Parking is available on the south side of the building.

ORCA's West Texas Technical Assistance Center, which offers elected and appointed officials, economic and community development interests, community organizations, citizens, health care providers, and others in small cities and counties, and Councils of Government within a 58-county West Texas area local access to capacity building and technical assistance.

The Center also provides program information on all ORCA funding programs, information on other programs administered by the state for the benefit of local rural communities, and assistance in other areas, such as business development, rural economic development, housing information, and small and minority-owned business expansion and retention.

Motley County is included in the list of ORCA's West Texas Technical Assistance Center's service area. Also included are Andrews, Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Crane, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Ector, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, King, Lam, Lipscomb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Randall, Reeves, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Wheeler, Winkler and Yoakum.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Carla,

I want to give credit where credit is due.

My picture was in the paper with the Preserve America Community Certificate last week; I want to thank you for printing it and the pictures of the signs on the highways. I also want to thank you for the article that you wrote about the people of Roaring Springs. That was a nice compliment. We, too, are proud of our people and our town.

I want credit given to those who did the work so that we

might be considered for this award. They were Marisue Potts Powell and Alex Crowder. I just accepted it.

I want to thank Ben Kautz at TxDOT for getting the signs erected on the highways. All I did was request that the sign be installed and sign the agreement. Ben Kautz and his crew had it done in two weeks.

A mayor's job is very easy with people like you giving us your support.

A sincere thank you,  
Corky Marshall

# First Bill of Session signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry

AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry today signed into law SB 252, which allows local officials to use a portion of sales tax revenue on projects that improve the value of military installations. SB 252 is the first bill passed by the 79th Texas legislature to receive the governor's signature.

"Today Texas is taking a significant step to support the mission of our armed forces and the communities that are proud to be home to one of the state's 18 military installations," Perry said. "I am proud to sign into law Senate Bill 252 because it will empower local leaders to take a more proactive role in improving and protecting the military installations that are an essen-

tial part of the war on terror, an important component of the local economy and a tremendous source of community pride."

SB 252 will allow local communities to use sales tax revenue collected in their communities toward military installation improvements. Bill author Sen. Craig Estes and House sponsor Rep. Dianne Delisi joined Perry at the bill signing ceremony.

"As the Base Realignment and Closure process moves forward at the federal level, giving local leaders the ability to make such investments is critical to retaining our bases and the civilian jobs that depend on them or even attracting new missions and additional personnel,"

Perry said. "The fact that this is the first bill to become law in the 79th Legislative Session says something about our commitment to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces."

Perry noted that in recent months Texas has taken unprecedented steps to increase the value of Texas bases and welcome a greater military presence in our state. Texas committed to making \$36 million in transportation infrastructure improvements at Fort Hood and Fort Bliss to support additional 8,800 troops that will be relocated to those bases.

The state also committed \$13 million in transportation improvements at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana and

will create a new Arabic language degree program at Angelo State University that will directly benefit the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Language Institute at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo. Both the Red River Army Depot funding and the Arabic language program are contingent upon the Department of Defense expanding military missions or workloads at these bases.

Texas has also committed \$5.2 million to upgrade the Port of Corpus Christi, and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi will be receiving more than infrastructure improvements to enhance its capabilities and increase its value to the U.S. Armed Forces.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Lula Swim

### Attention Roaring Springs residents!

If you have news items to add to this column, please call Lula Swim at 348-7926 or the Tribune office at 347-2400

#### WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Lea Peacock was hostess to the Wesleyan Guild when it met Wednesday afternoon, April 6, at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. Mrs. Debbie Martin was in charge. Callie Giesecke gave the devotion, "Make Up Your Mind." She also read the minutes from the last meeting.

Mrs. Chelsea Read continued the study and showed the video for the 40 Days of Purpose study.

Mrs. Pearl Patten blessed the food. Members offered a short prayer and Mrs. Read concluded the prayer.

Those attending, in addition to those already mentioned, were Robena King, Kay Jones, and JoEtta Bumgardner.

Mrs. Pearl Patten drove Mrs. Zella Palmer to Lubbock on Wednesday to have an eye checkup.

Mrs. Cleo Watson and Sherri Harris were in Plainview on Saturday to do some shopping. They met Mrs. Watson's sisters, Mrs. Pete Ozborn and Mrs. Billie Roller.

Fifteen ladies attended the Bible study held in the home of Mrs. WL Sheffield on Monday morning, April 11. Mrs. Sheffield opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Pat Smith

sang, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Fredia Burns talked from the Phillippians 4: 6-7. She closed the meeting with prayer.

#### FORMER PASTOR HONORED WITH SUPPER

Paul Stearns of Beaverton, Ore., was here and at Matador visiting with friends the past weekend. He was given a pot-luck supper at the Roaring Springs Fellowship Hall on Saturday night. The Matador Methodist group joined them.

Don Stuckey showed pictures he took while in Switzerland recently.

Rev. Stearns gave the blessing for the food.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Read, Mrs. Billy Wason, Mrs. Sammie Phillips, Mrs. Marion Woodruff, Mrs. Geneva Wilson, Mrs. JoEtta Bumgardner, Mrs. Billie Koon, Nelda Tomison, Mrs. Winifred Darsey, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Giesecke, Mrs. Marisue Potts, Ralph Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stuckey, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Trammell, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Abbott, Mrs. Darleen Fletcher, Mrs. Lea Peacock, Mrs. Pearl Patten, Mrs. Robena King, Mrs. Joy Beason, Mrs. Kay Jones, Mr. Dean McInroe, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Thacker, Lula Swim, Beatrice Smith, Travis McPherson, Mrs. Jeannie Adams and granddaughter, Amber.

Visiting Rita Groves on Monday were nieces, Kewpie Duncan of Aspermont, Linda Menikos of Fort Worth, and Ernestine Uhlmeier of Oceanside, CA. They had hoped to find memorial bricks already in place for the Bob's Oil Well landmark, but commented that they would consider pictures taken as 'before' photos and return later to see the completed project.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

#### OVERHEARD

During his first session with a woman who was obviously suffering from depression, the psychiatrist asked, "Now when you wake up first thing in the morning do you usually wake up grumpy?"

The patient quickly replied, "Oh no. I usually let him sleep in."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Granbury from Sunday until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Merritt. En route home, they visited in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter visited in Wolforth Saturday with daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian. She enjoyed attending 5-6 year old Coach Pitch baseball game in which Brian played.

Mrs. Geneva Martin was in Plainview, Wednesday for a medical appointment. She is undergoing therapy back treatments at the Rehabilitation in Lockney.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay visited from Wednesday until Sunday in Clifton with her grandchildren, Karlee and Kyler Kleibrink. Their mother, Mrs. Lori Kleibrink attended a Texas Bluebonnet Library Convention in Austin. She accompanied them to many school activities during their mother's absence.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Trula and Wilburn Martin attended the entertaining presentation of Lou Burleson of Floydada held Sunday afternoon at the Motley County Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee attended the Cotton Ginners' Association Trade Show, Friday held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Mrs. Darla Gwinn accompanied her daughter, Danielle and friends, Kortin Carnes, Kasey McGraw, Kourtney Galvan, Jordan Espinoza

and Kortney Selby of Turkey to Memphis, Friday where they played and had fun in the Little Dribblers basketball games.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Moss of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin, Friday.

Mrs. Connie Franks accompanied her parents, Erma and Bill D. Washington to Lubbock, Tuesday for Bill D. optical and dermatologist medical treatment appointments.

Janice and Butch Hughes visited in Lubbock, Sunday with son and family, Billy Don and Becky Hughes and daughter, Bailey. Before returning home, they visited in New Deal with his sister and husband, Thelma and J.C. Pierce.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse, Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers attended the funeral services of Bill Rucker held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

Arnold Johnson had laser kidney stone removal surgery recently at the Covenant Medical Center in Plainview. He is reported to be doing fine. His wife, Carolyn was with him during surgery.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Tuesday for Jack a medical appointment at the Veteran's Hospital and Nada cardiac tests on Wednesday. Nada did not get a good report and will return later for options on surgery. Their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo accompanied them to their appointments.

Mrs. Geneva Martin and Mrs. Waydette Clay visited in Granbury from Friday until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross met daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley of Lubbock and daughter, Jan Whitner and friend, Larry Gilbert of Washington D.C. in Plainview for lunch, Sunday.

## Obituaries

### Shirley Ashley Smith

Funeral services for Shirley Ashley Smith, 68, of Matador, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Mrs. Smith passed away early Saturday morning, April 9, 2005, at a Canyon Care Center.

Shirley was born November 1, 1936, in Dickens County, Texas to Carl Hines and Edith Fay (Underwood) Ashley. She graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1955. She married Jackie R. Smith in May of 1954 in Roaring Springs. The couple made their home in Matador and had also lived in Woodburn, Oregon and Tullia, Texas before moving to Alamogordo, N.M. in 1969 where they established Decorator's Studio. They later moved to Ruidoso, N.M. and operated Decorator's Studio there for many years. She was very active in community and club affairs.

They returned to Motley County in 1999 making their home in Matador, where she owned and operated Calico Treasures with her son, Steve.

She was active in the Matador Chamber of Commerce, where she had served as Vice-President; the Texas Highway 70 Association and worked diligently on committees to im-

prove this area. She was a member of the El Progreso Club, the Arts and Crafts Club, the Red Hat Society and the Stitch and Chatter club. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, sang in the Choir, and had taught Sunday School.

Shirley enjoyed being back in Motley County near family and friends. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings, and weekly coffees for her sister and nieces. She always had a smile and kind words for everyone. She hosted many happy Summer swimming get-togethers in her backyard for her great nieces and nephews. She was active, energetic and enjoyed life to the fullest.

She is survived by her husband, Jackie of Matador; one son, Steve Smith of Matador; one daughter and son-in-law, Shirlene and Ron Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana; two brothers, Kenneth Ashley of Roaring Springs and Roger Ashley of Sudan; one sister, Joyce Meredith of Roaring Springs; three grandchildren, Jay Cooper and wife Barbara of Dallas, Amber Lujan and husband, Danny, of New Braunfels, and Nick Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana; one great-grandchild, Justyn Cooper; and numerous relatives and friends.

### A. Norman Harp

A. Norman Harp, age 81, passed away March 29, 2005, at his home in Tesuque, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A.A. and Lucille Harp of Matador, Texas, and by his first wife, Wynema Powell Harp.

Norman was a Navy fighter pilot during World War II. He was assigned to Air Group 16, operating in the Pacific from the aircraft carrier USS Randolph. After the war he earned a degree in architecture at Texas Technological University and practiced in Lubbock, San Antonio, and Odessa, Texas. He later moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, as architect for the Southwest Region of the National Park Service. Though his

passion was aviation, he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, and sailing. He loved his family and friends and often helped young people toward success with encouragement and support.

Norman is survived by his wife of 23 years, Faith Jones Harp of Tesuque; daughter Melody and her husband, Thomas Wilson of Santa Fe; brother, Bob A. Harp of Qailuku, Hawaii; and niece and nephews, Vicki Harp Yagi, Scott Harp, and Eric Harp and their families.

A private interment has taken place at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer or to a charity of choice.

## Matador News

Geraldine and Ellis Key visited Sunday and Monday in Amarillo with her sister and husband, Barbara and Jimmy West. Geraldine had a medical check up Monday before they returned home.

Bill Moss is a patient at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Dixon met her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. in Lubbock, Wednesday to attend business. En route home, they visited in Idalou with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Whitefield.

#### GRANDSON RECEIVES "WINGS OF GOLD"

Lt. jg. Adam Blair Green received his coveted "Wings of Gold" as a US Naval Aviator at a ceremony on April 1 at Kingsville Naval Air Station. Adam is the son of Andy and Gay Green of Keller and the grandson of Edna Ruth Green and the late Luther Green of Matador.

Lt. Green is a 2002 graduate of the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. After being selected for aviation he trained at Pensacola, FL, Corpus Christi, TX and finished advanced jet training at Kingsville. Lt. Green has received orders fly the E/A-GB

"Prowler" and will be stationed at Whidbey Island, WA.

Attending the ceremony in Kingsville, along with his wife, Meredith and son, Benjamin, were his parents, Andy and Gay Green, his grandmother, Edna Ruth Green, of Matador, his sister, Kathryn of College Station, his aunt Ginny of Whiteface, his friend, Nick Larsen of Keller and numerous naval acquaintances.

Visiting Edna Ruth Green during the weekend were her two daughters and son-in-law, Noel and Patsy Scoggins of Cedar Park, Texas and Virginia Green of Whiteface. All enjoyed hiking and picnicking at Caprock Canyons.

Pete Williams returned home Tuesday from the Crosbyton Hospital, where he was a patient under treatment for pneumonia. Visiting in the Williams home Saturday afternoon was Bro. Paul Stearns of Salem, Ore., former pastor of the Matador and Roaring Springs Methodist churches. Bro. Stearns also visited Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Williams and Mrs. Billie Koon and at the Floydada Care Center with L.V. Damron.

## A Note of Thanks

We are very grateful to friends and family who have visited, sent cards and notes, and given memorial gifts or flowers, and prayed for us after Wayne Hunter's passing. It helps to know that others share our loss. May God bless each of you.

Jimmie Hunter and family  
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Thank you seems so little to say what is really in our "hearts." We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, prayer cards, telephone calls, flowers, food and visits. We appreciate each and everyone for helping keep the store open for business. We are thankful to live in a generous and caring community. There are not enough words to express our appreciation for everything everyone has done.

Thanks again,  
Harold and Barbara Parks  
and family

This is such a wonderful place to live - friendly and helpful. I want to thank especially the 4-H, Terry and Tammy Simpson and anyone else who helped clean my place up. I was gone and came home to a wonderful surprise.

Thank you,  
Edna Ruth Green

We are deeply indebted to the people of Motley County for their love and concern shown toward us during my recent hospitalization and surgery. Our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, food, cards, and flowers brought to us.

To our wonderful family: Joey and Anne and family; John and Jana and family; Jeff and Pam and family - you were our strength! To Joyce and Dean for caring for us all! To Mike and Judy Crowley and our church family, a special Thanks! Your prayers were a source of strength and comfort!

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# FARM & RANCH NEWS

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

By John Bird, Motley County CED

### Crop Disaster Program Signup

We are now signing up producers for the 2003-2004 disaster program. Due to the amount of preparation to sign up a producer, you must have an appointment to sign up. Appointments for disaster will be made on Mondays and Tuesdays only. If you will be signing up crops that were not insured you will need to bring in acceptable production evidence.

Some other things to keep in mind:

\*Grazing losses are not eligible.

\*You may only sign up for one year, either 2003 or 2004, per county.

\*There is a linkage requirement. If your crops were not insured you will be required to insure them for two years.

Please call to make an appointment.

### Newsletters

Due to budget and employee cuts, we will no longer send out 12 newsletters a year. We will send out between 8-10 newsletters.

### DCP

Please be sure to get signed up for the 2005 DCP program.

Also, please be aware that if you are a landowner and cash lease your farm to another, you are not eligible to receive farm program payments.

### Sodbusters Beware

In order to stay in compliance with FSA please be sure to visit us and the NRCS before breaking out new ground. NRCS must make an HEL determination on land before it is broken out so that they can create a conservation plan. With our new aerial imagery it is easy to see newly broken out land.

### Fruits and Vegetables

Under the current farm bill, fruits and vegetables may not be planted on DCP bases acres without penalties. Please call us before you plant any fruits or vegetables. Penalties range from reduced payments to very large fines.

### CRP

We are currently in the primary nesting season. During this time CRP can not be disturbed in any way. CRP may not be grazed, hayed, shredded, or used to store hay or equipment at any time without someone signing up for managed haying and grazing and having payments reduced.

## Managing price risk key to a profitable bottom line

by Kay Ledbetter  
Texas A&M University  
Research and Extension Center

AMARILLO -- Marketing strategies have made a \$60,000 difference in Karen Pshigoda's family farm's bottom line this year.

Pshigoda, who farms with her husband Duane near Perryton, is one of 35 people who attended the Advanced Marketing Series futures and options seminar here. The event was hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension.

"Prices are not looking good for this year's crop, and we have to take advantage of every opportunity that the market gives us," Pshigoda said.

Her first foray into marketing was soybean hedges. She said she watched the market rise to the top and never could make herself act, so "I rode it all the way back down."

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist, said producers need to learn to use futures and options to manage price risk and improve their bottom line.

Every business must produce for the lowest cost possible and market for the best price possible, Amosson said.

In the 1950s through the 1970s, price was determined more or less by the farm program, he said.

"But as we moved into Freedom to Farm, it allows the price to adjust to world conditions and marketing has become much more important," Amosson said. "We're dealing with an industry that has a return of 2 (percent) to 4 percent, so every additional penny you can get could make the difference between not surviving, surviving and prospering."

The Advanced Topic Series takes apart individual aspects of marketing and goes into detail with the best instructors available, Amosson said.

Futures and options is just one of the marketing courses. Another is Pulling the Trigger, which deals with the psychology of making the decision. "It's hard to sell when prices are rising, but sometimes it's necessary," he said.

Alan Brugler, president of Brugler Marketing and Management in Omaha, Neb., said although producers have a tremendous amount of money riding on their marketing decisions, they are not doing a good job of capturing price opportunities.

"Traditionally, you were a hedger to protect your price. But that passes all the price risk

to others," Brugler said. "Producers really only want to pass on the negative price risk. You can't do that with the traditional hedging."

"The process is difficult to understand, but at the same time, the market is already moving whether you understand or not," Brugler said.

The seminars teach how to go beyond buying puts and calls and to look at spread strategies, he said. As an example, a cattle crush spread done with futures returned a profit of \$58 a head. That same spread using options returned \$131 a head in 2004.

The potential is there, although the results will vary.

Interest is increasing in the more professional farmers, Brugler said, but not enough producers utilize the marketing strategies.

"We can spend money on crop consultants and veterinarians, but we balk at spending a little money on marketing," he said.

Pshigoda doesn't balk at taking the courses because she saw the potential with her first effort, even though she didn't capitalize on it. She figures this is her way to add her own expertise and contribute to the farm's bottom line.

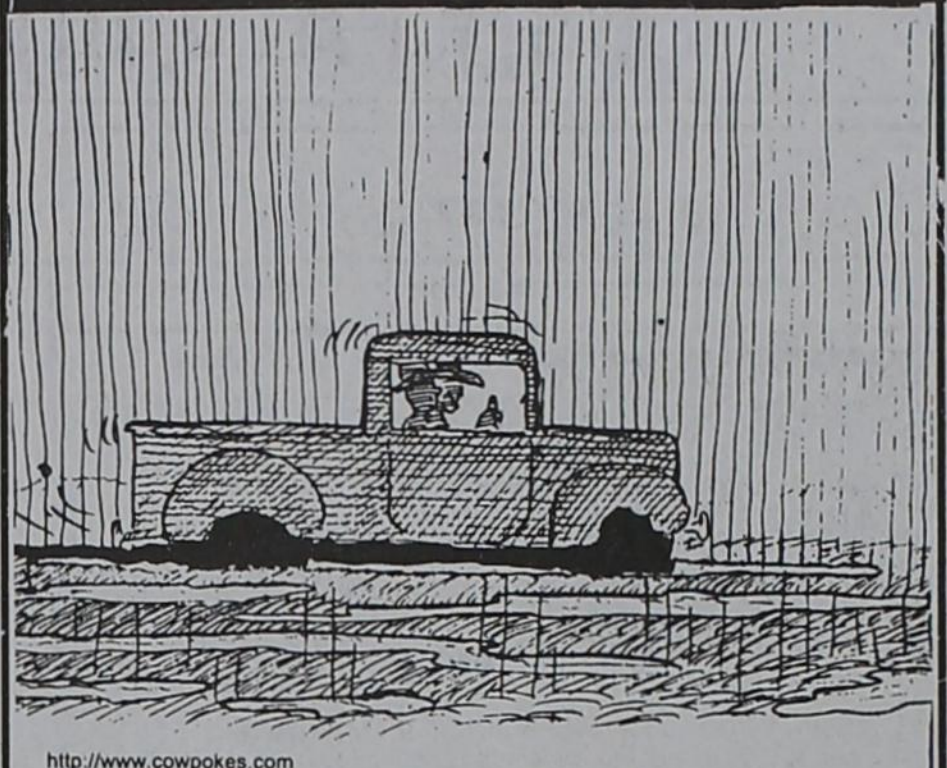
"I decided if there was that much potential to make money and be protected on price drops, we needed to learn more about it," she said.

That was three years ago. Today she is 100 percent hedged on all crops for the first time. Pshigoda started working on this year's crops last year. She forward contracted wheat in December for \$3.45 a bushel. When wheat went into a down-trending channel, she developed an options hedging strategy that allowed her to ride the market back up three times, adding 30 cents to that initial \$3.45 a bushel.

"It gives me the tools to learn what a person can do with a fluctuation in the market," Pshigoda said. "And I sleep a whole lot better at night, because we're price protected."

The Advanced Topic education series is funded by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center, Master Marketer Education System of the department of agricultural economics at Texas A&M University, Extension, The Texas A&M University System Agriculture Program and program partners including: Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau and Texas State Cotton Support Committee.

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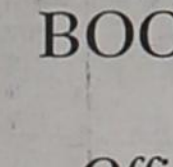
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## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather April 14, 2005

### 7-Day Forecast


	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 79 Low: 51
	<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 55
	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 74 Low: 51
	<b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 53
	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 55
	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 77 Low: 52
	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 54

### In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies in the morning and afternoon with partly cloudy skies in the evening, high temperature of 79°, humidity of 16% and an overnight low of 51°. The record high temperature for today is 94° set in 1972.

### Moon Phases

First 4/16	Full 4/24	Last 5/1	New 5/8
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### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Saturday	80	35	72/44	0.00"	0.00"
Sunday	80	46	72/44	0.00"	0.39"
Monday	90	48	72/44	0.00"	-0.39"
Tuesday	73	56	73/44	0.00"	62.1°
Wednesday	65	53	73/45	0.00"	58.4°
Thursday	75	44	73/45	0.00"	+3.7°
Friday	77	41	73/45	0.00"	

Average temperature . . . . . 62.1°  
Average normal temperature . . . . . 58.4°  
Departure from normal . . . . . +3.7°

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

### Weather History

**April 14, 1987** - A storm system moving slowly northeastward across the middle of the Mississippi Valley produced severe thunderstorms which spawned three tornadoes around Ottumwa, Iowa and produced up to four inches of rain in southeastern Nebraska.

### Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today . . . . . 7:13 a.m.  
Sunset tonight . . . . . 8:14 p.m.  
Moonrise today . . . . . 11:02 a.m.  
Moonset today . . . . . 1:32 a.m.

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### Maintain Beneficial Insects While Controlling Damaging Pecan Pests

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The pecan nut casebearer is found in almost all pecan-growing areas. Left untreated, the larvae will tunnel into pecan nuts shortly after pollination and often destroy all nuts in a cluster. Multiple generations of casebearers are common, with the first generation generally causing the most damage and potential economic loss.

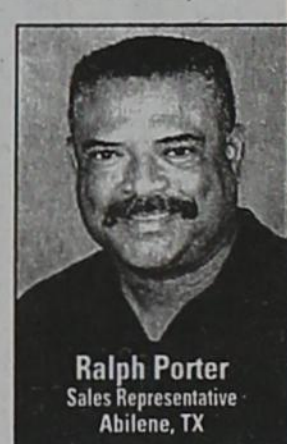
Hickory shuckworms may be present in orchards throughout most of the season, but are generally seen in June or July. Prior to shell hardening, shuckworms feed inside nuts and cause the nut to drop. After shell hardening, the larvae feed in the pecan shuck and cause it to stick to the shell, making shellout more difficult and expensive after harvest.

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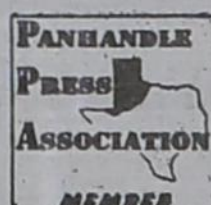
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Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
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