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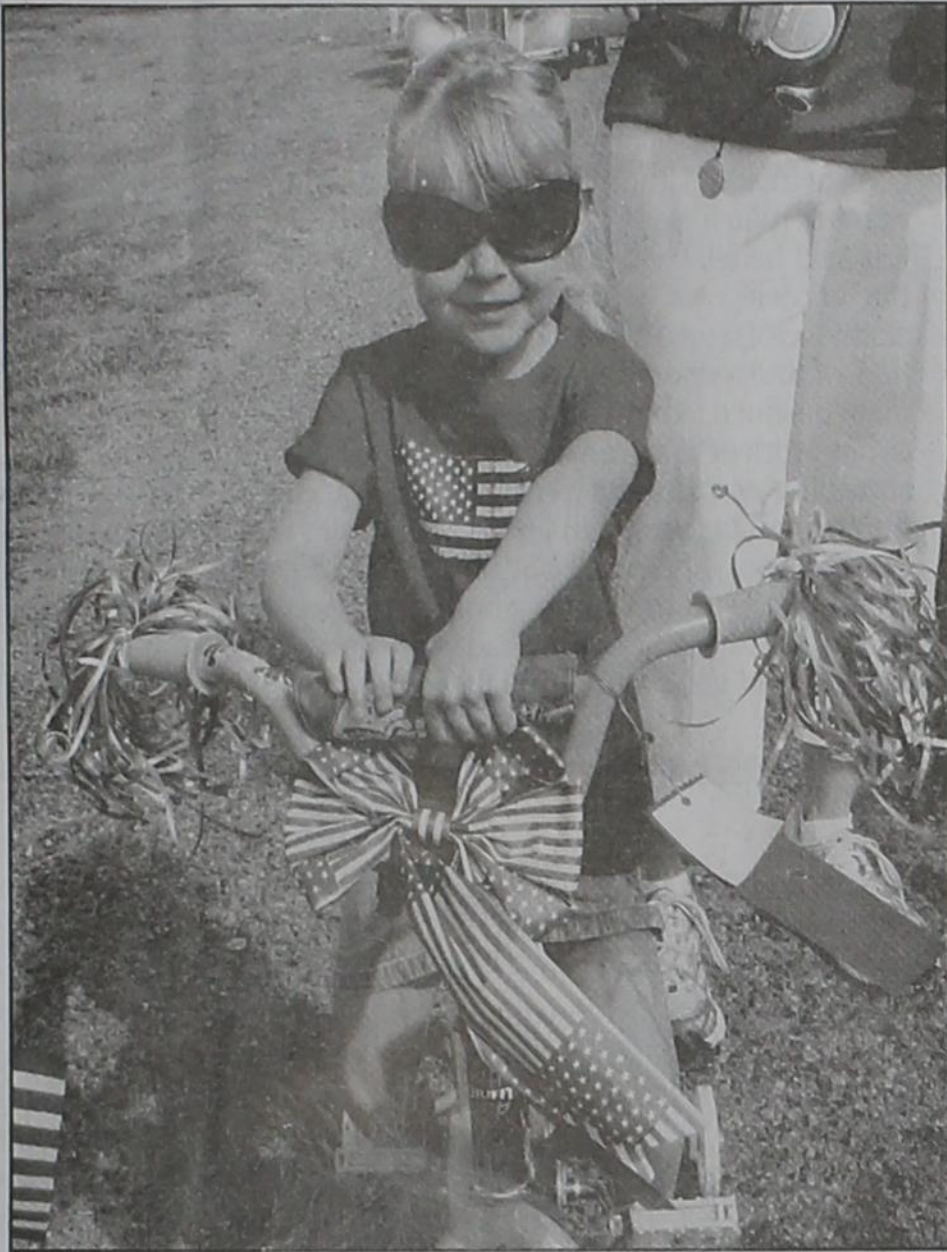
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Old-Fashioned July 4 Celebration highlights home, sweet home



1st Place winner in the Bike category, Lexie Sheffield, steadies her bike for the parade route ride.

Story and photos by
Carol Campbell

The annual old-fashioned July 4 celebration in Roaring Springs started off in Veterans Park with a throat-choking, patriotic speech by District Judge Bill Smith, 110th Judicial District Court; and ended with a big bang on the south lawn of the Community Center with a 45-minute heart-stopping up-close-and-personal fireworks display.

Spearheading this choreographed all-day festival for the past seven years are Roaring Springs City Councilman Alex Crowder and his wife Jo along with the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

The Memorial Service began with an invocation by the Rev. Mike Crowley who called our independence from Britain "a noble experiment in human history;" then Nancy Long led the group of about 40 Motley County residents in the "Star Spangled Banner."

District Judge Bill Smith gave a patriotic speech, taking the audience back more than 200 years when the Declaration of Independence was signed. "Freedom is never free," he said. "Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men

who signed the Declaration of Independence?" Smith asked. His comments then covered the signers of the Declaration of Independence, outlining the many sacrifices made for our freedom.

"Fifty-six men, a little band so unique—we have never seen their like since—pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Sixteen gave their lives, most gave their fortunes and all of them preserved their sacred honor," Smith said.

Following the speech, Alex Crowder read a "Word from Paul Harvey" where Harvey challenged his audience to keep prayer in schools; and Nancy Long led the group in "God Bless America." The benediction from Dr. Clint Burns was a prayer written by President George Washington from the "Soldiers and Sailors Hymnbook," published in 1942.

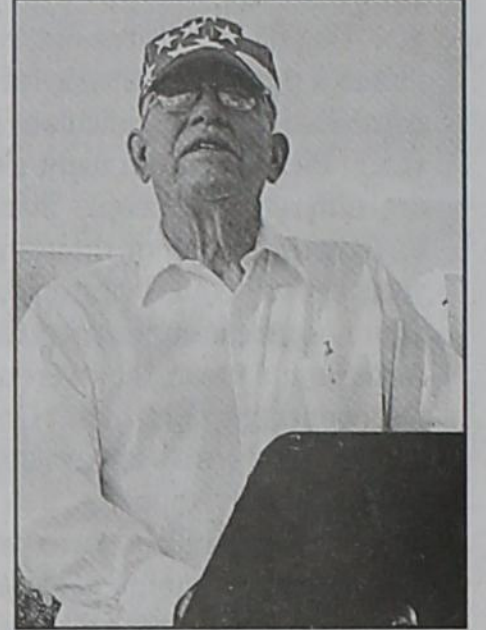
Following the Memorial services, the all-day festivities included a bicycle and four-wheeled vehicle parade, fried chicken buffet, dog style show, and a Hilarious Hat Contest. The traditional barbeque brisket and all the trimmings were served at the Community Center at 6:00 p.m. followed by (donation only) homemade ice cream.

Children of all ages participated in three age group categories for Stick Horse Derby, Steeplechase, and Barrel Race. This kept the youngsters busy, while mom and dad planted lawn chairs, and waited for nightfall finale. A misty rain didn't stop the event and the fireworks display did not disappoint, Crowder said.

"We ask for donations at the ice cream supper to help pay for the costs of the fireworks," he said. "We spend about \$700 to \$1,000 on fireworks, and they (the wholesaler) keep going up on us." Donations are welcomed, he said.

Alex Crowder and a small core of volunteers admit that it is getting harder and harder to produce the annual show. "We've been working since March," Crowder said, "finding speakers, ordering supplies for the awards, printing programs, advertising, arranging for briskets and assigning other food." While this is a rewarding venture for those involved, Crowder expressed concern about the future of the event.

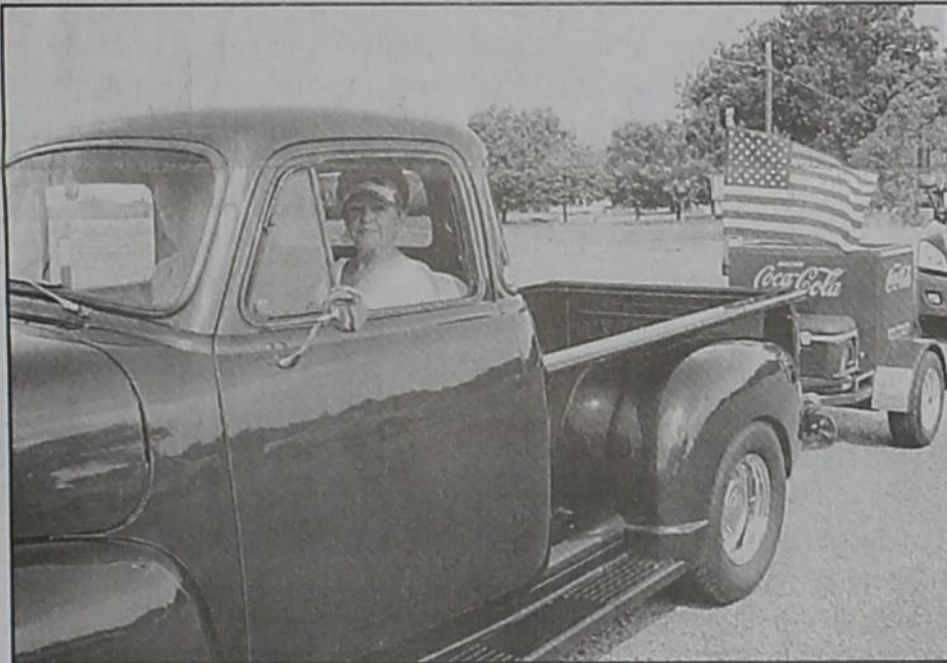
"We need the younger people to step up," Crowder said. "If we can't get someone to take over, we may have to just quit." Gasp. No July 4th in Roaring Springs? But these blasphemous words



Alex Crowder welcomes the July 4 crowd to the Memorial Service in Veterans Park, Roaring Springs.

are followed by: "We now have a reputation to keep," Crowder said. "We have people all over the area that are getting used to coming to Roaring Springs. We had one family from San Antonio that said 'this is the only place my children want to come on July 4th,'" Crowder said.

There were some younger people involved this year, Crowder admitted. "Timmy Brooks and his son, Christian Brooks, and Gary Simpson helped with the fireworks. We are very appreciative of the fireworks group that pitched in to help us."



Betty Roberts, Matador, wins 1st Place in the "Other" category, driving a shiny-red 1955 Chevrolet Pickup Truck, and pulling a restored antique red and yellow Coca-Cola cooler.



Bill Bowley, Roaring Springs, takes top honors in the Golf Cart category.



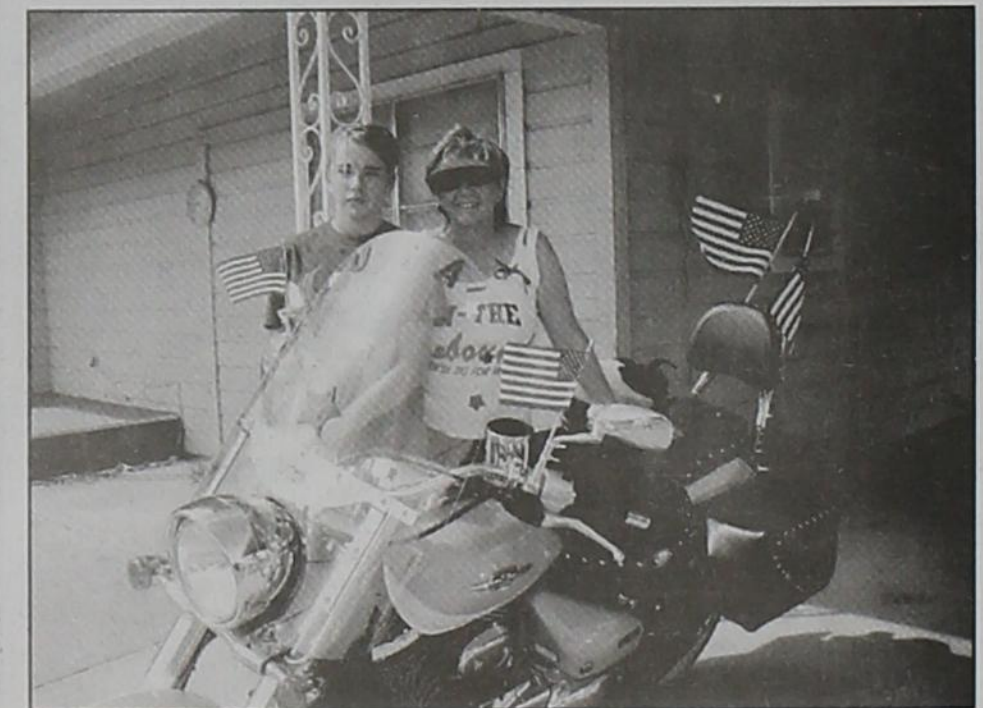
Contestants in the All-Terrain Vehicle category line up for judging.



(L to R) standing, Rivers Marshall and Kenzie McClaran; and seated (L to R) are Priskey, Tyne Marshall, Wixie, and Mayor Corky Marshall. The group entered the Golf Cart category.



Competing in the ATV category are the grandchildren of D.A. and Ruby McGuire, Roaring Springs. Pictured (L to R) are: Bennett, Ginger-the-dog, Carson, and Brady Upfield.



1st Place honors in the Motorcycle category goes to Alexia Talley and Janie Walker, Dickens.



Sisters Chloe and Dode Gleghorn win 1st Place and 2nd Place, respectively, in the Hilarious Hat Contest.



The July 4 crowd sings "God Bless America" in Veteran's Park at the July 4 Memorial Service.



1st Place in the Riding Lawnmower category goes to Rusty and Andrew Ingram, Plainview.

Foothill Country

Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

I don't know why I am surprised at my lack of knowledge about all things (trivial). After all, there are a lot of things to know. For instance, I thought we called this period of summer "dog days" because the dogs lay around panting and getting the mange. Not that our dogs do much of anything but lay around all the time summer or winter anyway.

"Dog days," it turns out, refers to a position in the sky of a constellation. How ridiculous is that? Pictures in the night sky are different for people living in Egypt a couple of thousand years ago or people living on the South American continent at the same time. I mean, they were all just connecting dots, right? One person could see a bear, another a dog, another a dipper.

The constellations as we know them, Gemini, Taurus, etc came from our European ancestors. There are two "dog" constellations, Canis Major and Canis Minor. The brightest of the stars in Canis Major is Sirius, which also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky. Sirius is so bright that the ancient Romans thought we

received heat from it as well as the sun. You can see Sirius after dark during January in the southern sky.

During summer, however, Sirius rises and sets with the sun. In ancient Rome it was thought that the star produced a period of intense heat so they named the period of time "dog days" after Sirius, the "dog" star. The period of time for dog days in our age is July 3 to August 11. We know now, of course, that the heat of the summer is a direct result of the earth's tilt, and that Sirius probably does nothing to influence the seasonal extremes.

Now that I know about the origin of the name, "dog days," I still can't help thinking of an image of a poor looking dog, lying in the middle of the street, in a shady spot, in a small Texas town, out in the middle of a flat, dusty landscape. When a pickup comes close, the dog will reluctantly move to the side of the road but as soon as the vehicle is past, the dog goes back to the middle of the street. It also seems that dog days last well into the end of August. I guess I am more in tune with Larry McMurtry than I am with the ancient Romans.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

Patriotic speech kicks off festivities in Roaring Springs

Excerpts from July 4th speech by Bill Smith, Judge, 110th Judicial District Court

Here we are again, celebrating the 4th of July, the anniversary of the day 233 years ago our forefathers declared our independence as a sovereign people. I'm especially honored to speak here today and you'd think that a 4th of July speech would be an easy one. After all, it's a national holiday, a family day filled with picnics, parades, fireworks and festivities of all kinds. We hold this annual celebration to remind ourselves of all the good done in the process of time and how it was done and who did it, and how we are historically connected with it. We go from these meetings in better humor with ourselves, feeling more attached to one another and more firmly bound to this great country. No, the problem with a speech on the 4th is the great amount of things one could talk about.

Of course, on this day, we celebrate our declaration of independence. The day we ceased being a colony and became a nation and this holiday's theme has been the same year after

year -- independence and freedom. Since 1776 Americans have insisted on what President Lincoln so beautifully coined, a government of the people, by the people and for the people. . . .

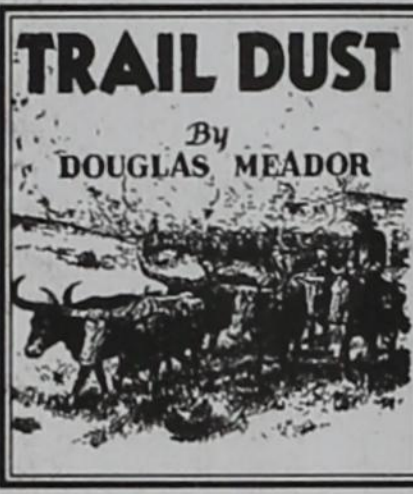
Some years ago a writer, who happened to be an avid student of history, told a story about that day in the little hall in Philadelphia where honorable men, hard-pressed by a King who was flouting the very law they were willing to obey, debated whether they should take the fateful step of declaring their independence from that king. This writer said that the story could be found in the writings of Jefferson. I confess, I never researched or made an effort to verify it. Perhaps it is only legend. But story, or legend, he described the atmosphere, the strain, the debate, and that as men for the first time, faced the consequences of such an irrevocable act, the walls resounded with the dread word of treason and its price—the gallows and the headman's axe. As the day wore on the issue hung in the balance, and then, according to the story, a man rose in the small gallery. He was

not a young man and was obviously calling on all the energy he could muster. Citing the grievances that had brought them to this moment he said, "Sign that parchment. They may turn every tree into a gallows, every home into a grave and yet the words of that parchment can never die. For the mechanic in his workshop, they will be words of hope, to the slave in the mines—freedom." And he added, "If my hands were freezing in death, I would sign that parchment with my last ounce of strength. Sign, sign if the next moment the noose is around your neck, sign even if the hall is ringing with the sound of headman's axe, for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom, the bible of the rights of man forever." And then it is said he fell back exhausted. But 56 delegates, swept by his eloquence, signed the Declaration of Independence, a document destined to be as immortal as any work of man can be. And according to the story, when they turned to thank him for his timely oratory, he could not be found nor were there any who knew who he was or how he had come in or gone out through

the locked and guarded doors.

Well, as I say, whether story or legend, the signing of the document that day in Independence Hall was miracle enough. Fifty-six men, a little band so unique—we have never seen their like since—pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. Sixteen gave their lives, most gave their fortunes and all of them preserved their sacred honor. What manner of men were they? Certainly they were not an unwashed, revolutionary rebel, nor were they adventurers in a heroic mood. Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, 11 were merchants and tradesmen, nine were farmers. They were men who would achieve security but valued freedom more. . . .

Thanks to our forefathers for their vision, determination and sacrifice as well as thanks to our soldiers and sailors around the world for their dedication. Happy 4th of July to each of you and may we all continue to celebrate our freedom in freedom. God Bless America.



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Time was flowing through the meter of a weary clock secured to the plain wall of the small depot. Moments were being crushed as trail beads on a rosary by the swinging pendulum, which, but for its silence might have been a sledge pounding the anvil of time. The slight, gentle mother did not speak to her son as they

waited for the trains thunder for there was no more to say within the tattered fragment of that hour which would bear their parting. The soul does not require words after love has shaped its inspired cameo on the heart. The man leaned closer and studied his mother's face. Presently they were outside as the train quivered to a standstill and the wistful little mother raised her hand quickly to let it encircle his broad shoulders; a thin, small hand poised for an instant against the winter sky.

Reality is the abattoir of dreams located at the end of a flower decked path and the stony road is haunted with the rustling in fallen leaves, eddied by invisible fingers of destiny. There in the forest of abandonment truth becomes the unwise lover of ambition.

Some incredible fate has kept him in the land of make

believe and I am informed that after fifteen years he walks the streets of Hollywood cloaked in the same false pride which is balanced on a blade between pity and scorn. He has cheated his friends and himself with the naughty spirit of a wealthy gentleman, while his feet were worn through shapeless shoes and he is not certain of a place to sleep for another night. His life has become such a fabrication of lies that nothing real remains except hunger and cold and the unmistakable hand of age writing on tomorrow's ledger.

Long ago after he had returned to New York from a European excursion as a hand on a cattle boat, he purchased new clothes with his pay and visited on of Gotham's most famous jewelry stores. Swinging a cane and presenting a card bearing an aristocratic name which he has assumed he

asked to see the shops best rubies. Taking a design from his pocket which he had sketched he showed the clerk his desire for ruby bracelet requesting that the largest stone should be engraved. He wanted it as a wedding present and surprise for his fiancée and since he was in no hurry would return the following day for the estimate. The store was excited and the finest engraver was called forward to make the estimation. He returned the next day and found out that the estimated cost would be somewhere in the neighborhood of eighty-thousand dollars. Which he said was more reasonable than he had expected. He would return the next week and give the order. He strode out of the store with seventy cents in his pocket. It was all he had in the world.

President Obama's July 4th Letter

This weekend, our family will join millions of others in celebrating America. We will enjoy the glow of fireworks, the taste of barbeque, and the company of good friends. As we all celebrate this weekend, let's also remember the remarkable story that led to this day.

Two hundred and thirty-three years ago, our nation was born when a courageous group of patriots pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to the proposition that all of us were created equal.

Our country began as a unique experiment in liberty -- a bold, evolving quest to achieve a more perfect union. And in every generation, another courageous group of patriots has taken us one step closer to fully realizing the dream our founders enshrined on that great day.

Today, all Americans have a hard-fought birthright to a freedom which enables each of us, no matter our views or background, to help set our nation's course. America's greatness has always depended on her citizens embracing

that freedom -- and fulfilling the duty that comes with it.

As free people, we must each take the challenges and opportunities that face this nation as our own. As long as some Americans still must struggle, none of us can be fully content. And as America comes ever closer to achieving the perfect Union our founders dreamed, that triumph -- that pride -- belongs to all of us.

So today is a day to reflect on our independence, and the sacrifice of our troops standing in harm's way to preserve and protect it. It is a day to celebrate all that America is. And today is a time to aspire toward all we can still become.

With very best wishes,
President Barack Obama
July 4th, 2009

P.S. -- Our nation's birthday is also an ideal time to consider serving in your local community. You can find many great ideas for service opportunities near you at <http://www.serve.gov>.

RS Lions meet

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met Tuesday, July 2, 2009 at 11:30 am in the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs. There were 11 Lions present and 6 guests. Lion Alvin Alexander gave the invocation and Lion Alex Crowder lead the pledge of allegiance. Lions club president Wes Campbell acknowledged the guests and introduced Barbara Bogart, from Cap Rock Telephone who in turn introduced the first speaker, Nancy Cordero.

Nancy Cordero, Economic Development Representative from the Texas Department of Agriculture, talked about various programs that are available for people living in rural areas of Texas. She mentioned that she had just attended a local foods program that focused on using locally produced food products and also taught people in urban

situations how to grow food in small yard areas by using raised beds.

Among the other programs that were mentioned were the development of a program to harvest mesquite trees; funds available for marketing tourism; the Young Farmer loan program; the Certified Retirement Community Program. The CRCP has a 14 point set of criteria for communities to meet and Ms Cordero encouraged local small towns to become certified because of the advertising and publicity that comes with the certification.

Genelle Turner, the next speaker, spoke about the Go Texan! Program which promotes Texas products. The program is involved with events and advertising that helps the Texas producer market their products.



Featured guests at the Roaring Springs Lions Club were: Genelle Turner, Barbara Bogart, and Nancy Cordero.

July 4th Parade Categories and Ribbon Winners



Monta Marshall, Roaring Springs, wins Best All Around Hat in the Hilarious Hat Contest.



Lucretia Campbell, Matador, wins 1st Place in the Decorated Hat Contest.

BIKES: 1st Place, Lexie Sheffield, Amarillo; 2nd Place, Donna Solt, Lake Author, N.M.; and 3rd Place, Coty Newsom, South Carolina.

GOLF CARTS: 1st Place, Bill Bowley, Roaring Springs; 2nd Place, The Mzyk Family, Dallas and San Antonio; and 3rd Place, Janet Meredith, Roaring Springs.

ATVs: 1st Place, D.A. and Ruby McGuire, Roaring Springs; 2nd Place, Josua McNeily, Lubbock; and 3rd Place, Jordan Bass, Lubbock.

MOTORCYCLES: 1st Place, Janie Walker and Alexia Talley, Dickens; 2nd Place, Jeff Brown, Spur; and 3rd Place, Logan Freeman, Dickens.

RIDING LAWN MOWER: 1st Place, Rusty and Andrew Ingram, Plainview; and 2nd Place, Gary Simpson, Roaring Springs.

OTHER: 1st Place, 1955 Chevrolet Pickup, Betty Roberts, Matador; and 2nd Place, 1937 Chevrolet Sedan, Jim Roberts, Matador; 3rd Place, Freightliner, Karen Lamar, Roaring Springs; and Glenard Daniel, Roaring Springs. Also, the judges gave a special nod to D'anna and Shane'a Russell, and Cathy Turner, driving a 2-seater pickup truck with five children in tow: Wyatt, Autumn, and Jacie Perryman, and Cassidy and Carley Turner, all of Matador.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Traveling the Farthest, Curtis and DeNisa Brown, and Max-the-Dog, a trained Search and Rescue animal, Dalhart.

DOG SHOW, OBEDIENCE: 1st Place, Max and owners Curtis and DeNisa Brown, Dalhart; 2nd Place, Molly, and owner Jen Charette, Roaring Springs; and 3rd Place (tie) Shot Gun, and owner Debbie Luna, Roaring Springs; and Joaquine and owners Chloe and Dode Gleghorn, Matador.

DOG SHOW, DRESS UP CONTEST: 1st Place, Missy, Dot and Roxie, and owner Shea Rose, Matador; 2nd Place, Shot Gun and owner Debbie Luna, Roaring Springs; and 3rd Place, Joaquine and owners Chloe and Dode Gleghorn, Matador.

DECORATED HAT CONTEST: 1st Place, Lucretia Campbell, Matador; 2nd Place, Kamryn Meyer, Big Spring; and 3rd Place, Autumn Woolsey, Roaring Springs.

HILARIOUS HATS CONTEST: 1st Place, Chloe Gleghorn, Matador; 2nd Place (tie), Dode Gleghorn, Matador, and Keygen Woolsey, Roaring Springs; and 3rd Place, (tie) Autumn Woolsey, Roaring Springs; and Amy Bearden, Roaring Springs.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: All Seasons Hat, Coy Meyer, Big Spring; Most Enthusiastic, Carol Campbell, Matador; and All Around Hat, Monta Marshall, Roaring Springs.

Engagement Announcement



Cooper - Hickkman

Tommy & Cean Cooper, of Afton, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Kay Cooper to Shane Hickman. Shane is the son of Connye Deleon, of Lorenzo, and Lane Hickman, of McAdoo. The couple will be married September 5, 2009, at the Singing R Ranch near Roaring Springs.

35th Annual Junior Rodeo set for June 10-11

The 35th Annual Motley County Junior Rodeo sponsored by the Motley County Junior Rodeo Board of Directors is set for Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, at the Old Settler's Arena in Roaring Springs.

The rodeo will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Age groups for the events are Pre-Kids, ages eight and under; Pee-Wee, ages 9-12; Junior, ages 13-15; and Senior, ages 16-19. Birth date for the different age categories must be counted as of January 1, 2009.

Events include Barrel and Flag Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Ribbon Pull and Goat Tying, Steer Daubing, Calf and Steer Riding, Team Roping, Ribbon Roping, Break-away Roping, and Chute Dogging. Buckles are given to the winner of every event in every age group and All-Around Prizes include buckles, spurs, stirrups and saddles. For more information you can call Ryan Martin at 347-2733 or D'anna Russell at 347-2601. Books close Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Gate fees are \$3.00 for ages 13 and up; ages six to 12 is \$2.00; and five and under get in free. There will be a concession stand both nights. All the proceeds from this event help fund Motley County 4-H programs each year.



Alex Crowder serves homemade ice cream to many hungry hands holding their bowls photo by Larry Vogt

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Tenant Pays \$21,000 Rent
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Dallas, Jan.22 Thirty years ago Ed Slayton went as a tenant with his wife and first baby to the Ellis County farm upon which they are still tenants. During those thirty years, Slayden has paid \$21,000 rent. The farm sold recently to the Federal Government will sell the farm to Slayden on forty years time, and he will pay less for it than the rental he has paid during his thirty-year tenancy.

If Congressman Marvin Jones and Senator Tom Connally of Texas and Senator Bankhead of Alabama backed by the national administration, got their farm tenancy bill through this session of Congress, thousand of tenant farmers in the United States will be offered opportunity's similar to Slayden's, as rapidly as the machinery of land buying and land selling governmental enterprise can lumber into action.

"THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING CONTENT."



When one studies the life of the Apostle Paul there are many things learned. We learn of the many and varied hardships suffer by Paul because of his work in the Gospel.

This man was shipwrecked, exiled, without a home much of the time and was often without food. He also experienced frustrating times with his brethren that on several occasions long delayed his

missionary efforts.

And yet, it is while in the middle of these difficulties that Paul proclaims in the Philippian letter, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

How is that possible? The answer is found in Paul's life after his conversion to Jesus. His life was a process. We mean by this that he was a man who spent the remainder of his life learning to do one thing. That thing was to be content with God's will for his life. No, Paul did not learn contentment is one day. Nor was the process an easy for him either. It was after he had gone through some of these trials and hardships, Paul found that he could be content regardless of circumstances.

Are we content with the circumstances that we find ourselves in? Can we learn as did Paul what it means to be content in every situation? What's the key to this? Trust. Trust in Almighty God. Our God is good. He does care for us. And this same God will provide all that we need. Notice, we used the word "need" and not the word "want." Let's learn to be content.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It's over and clean-up has begun. The Fourth of July extravaganza was a great day. Everything went very smoothly thanks to Alex and Jo Crowder who plan all the details. Alex and Jo do not plan to head the Fourth of July celebration again. Someone will need to step up and take their place. They have done a fantastic job for 7 years. A spirit of camaraderie and pride in our town has been nourished by working together and having the best Fourth of July celebration for a small town around the country.

Alex conceived the idea after seeing people riding their lawn mowers around town. He thought that was unique to a small town and could be developed into something fun. I know that the parade has been great fun to the children and not a few adults that are still young at heart. The Stick Horse events in the late evening are so important to the young children. They take that seriously and they love showing off their medals. It was an amazingly busy day with fun for all and I say

There were many of out of towners and many former residents that came for the day. Among them were John and Joan Meason of Socorro, NM; Lea and Bill Peacock of Lubbock; Blair Thacker Wilson of Lubbock, Brad, Weslyn, Charlee and Edie Thacker of Amarillo; Carlie (PeWee) and Sandy Long of Waxahachie; Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt of Monticello, Kentucky. There were many others that returned to their home town to celebrate that I didn't see or know I am sure.

Denisa and Curtis Brown of Dalhart, TX surprised Alex and Jo Crowder on Saturday in time for the parade. They brought their dog, Max, a bloodhound that they are training for search and rescue. They entered Max in the dog show. He is about 5 or 6 months old but is already responding to commands. Denisa told me it was important for the dog to be in all sorts of situations relating to people during his training. He is being trained especially to find missing persons. Max is a friendly and loveable dog.

Glennard Daniell and daughter, Karen Lamar decorated their trucks with flags and ribbons and rode in the parade.

Courtney Monctezuma and her baby boy Eli are here for the summer. Courtney is the

granddaughter of Joe and Diana Martinez. Courtney attended Motley County ISD for several years before leaving to go to Illinois to live with her mother. Aña Monctezuma briefly visited her grandparents also. They now live in Arcadia, Florida.

Coy and Kamryn Meyer are visiting their grandparents, Boyd and Laura Long for a few weeks.

D. A. and Ruby McGuire's daughter's family, Sonya and Scott Upfield, Carson, Bennett, and Brady of Carrollton, TX are visiting here. The boys participated in the evening stick horse races.

Kevin, Tracie, and Kenzie McClaran to the Acuff community; Ford, Kay, Sean and Kelsea Miller of the Lockney community; Marla Potes of Lubbock and Steve Boyd of the Pitchfork Ranch were guests of Corky and Monta Marshall on the fourth.

Barbara Alexander will be having her summer farmer's market beginning this Friday at the gazebo in the Roaring Springs Memorial Park at 9:00 a.m. and in the afternoons after 1:30 p.m. at John's Automotive in Matador. She has planted more tomatoes this year hoping to have enough for all.

Rivers and Tyne Marshall and Kenzie McClaran rode in the golf cart with Corky and threw candy and toys to the spectators as did many other children and grandchildren. Prissy and Wixie decorated in their patriotic bandanas rode in the cart too. They are veteran parade dogs now! They were all so cute having fun.

Ken and Dinah Young attended the Triplitt family reunion in Greenville, South Carolina. Dinah's mother was a Triplitt. They have a reunion every year; One family member is in charge of planning each year and they find interesting different locations each year. Two of her mother's brothers are still living. They are World War II veterans and Dinah said they could tell some very interesting stories. Part of the reunion was held at the Furman Baptist University where one of her family members has been a professor. Part of Dinah's children attended. They were Pat, Sinikka, Zach and Jude Verrill of Greenville, NC and Joshua and Victoria Elliott of Chicago, IL. Ken and Dinah enjoyed several days visiting with Sinikka and her family.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

What we are buying and what everyone is selling us is the promise of security. Yet the only thing we can be sure of is that someday every one of us will die. Today, we are risking our freedom for a false promise of security. We are risk takers of the worst sort!

Connie and Coy Franks enjoyed a July 4th Cookout Saturday at the home of their son, Cary Franks in Idalou. Others attending were Cara and Clint Cowart of Gail, Mary Morse of Lubbock, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot and Madison and Hudson's Parents, Amy and Cory Franks of Idalou were at the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock where they welcomed the arrival of a baby son, Heston Dean Saturday morning. They returned home Sunday and Mrs. Connie Franks is visiting the family in Idalou. A birth announcement will be published in a later edition of the paper.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton's dog, Sadie encountered a porcupine on Saturday. Glen Calvert removed 11 quills and said Sadie was not the most playful the rest of the day.

Mrs. Shonda Lee visited in Plainview Saturday with mother, Mrs. Wanda Davey.

Montey George, son, Chad and friends of Lubbock visited Friday night and Saturday with his uncle, Johnie Starkey. They had a Fire Works Display.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay,

Kayla and Colton of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, Johnie Starkey. They had a Fire Works display.

Wilburn Martin visited the weekend in Borger with daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper, Bob Cooper, Cory Cooper and sons, Gavin and Mason

Visiting Jack and Nada Starkey Thursday were daughter and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch.

Cally and Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Cash and Gage enjoyed a cookout Saturday, July 4th at the home of his parents, Terry and Jackie Sperry in Quitaque. They had a fun filled night of Fire Works.

Visiting Kathy and Clois Shorter Friday night and Saturday were daughters and children, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley, of Petersburg. Mrs. Keri Sehon and Brian of Wolforth.

Mrs. Anna Beth Clay attended the funeral services of Mrs. Ava Nell Monk Pope, 78 held at 10a.m. Friday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Tullia. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey was a luncheon guest of Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers Tuesday. Visiting them Thursday were Mrs. Sherry McKay and grandson, Josh of Quitaque. Whiteflat welcomed 1.20 of rain during the weekend. Flomot reported 0.30 to 0.50 of rain.

PRECIPITATION WAS HIT AND MISS ACROSS MOTLEY COUNTY DURING JUNE

Do you know the tree main ingredients of "weather"? Heat, water and wind. That's what the meteorologists say. Precipitation was hit and miss across Motley County in June with Matador registering the most. Temperature over 100 degrees the latter part of the month. Cotton and feed crops maturing and cattle look good. Pasture land, underground water and water holes need to be replenished with rain. National Weather Service Volunteers in Motley County reported total rainfall for June 3 2009; Ronald Bailey, Matador 5.30 inches; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 2.51 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 2.68 inches; Clois Shorter, Flomot 3.31 inches and Betty Simpson, Northfield 2.65 inches.

Max, the Bloodhound at July 4th Dog Show

The dog show on the fourth of July had a rather unusual participant. His name is Max, an eleven month old Bloodhound who is being trained for search and rescue missions. His trainers are Curtis and Denisa Brown from Dalhart, Texas. Curtis is with the fire marshall's office and Denisa is a paramedic and Max is their personal dog.

They take him into many different types of situations to train him to focus on his work. Max demonstrated his ability to follow commands and "touch" the person he is finding. Max's mother is a cadaver dog who is trained to find a deceased person. Denisa is the daughter of Alex and Jo Crowder of Roaring Springs. (photo on page 5)

Matador News

Methodist pastor Bill and Arlyce Manney were in Pflugerville, Texas last week visiting their daughter, Lorelei Shannon, husband Mihael, and granddaughter, Tegan. They also visited their daughter Gwen Rice, and husband Adam, in Austin. While there, they celebrated Bill's 70th birthday, which was 7/6. They

returned home 7/4.

Mrs. June Moss attended the funeral services of her sister in law Mrs. Ava Nell Monk Pope 78, held at 10a.m in Tullia Friday at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Clay and Melinda Jameson and friends from Lake Kemp enjoyed vacationing this week at Greede, Colorado.

Arts & Crafts

By Winifred Darsey

It was a wonderful day on June 1st when Motley County Arts and Crafts Club met in its regular meeting at Senior Citizens Center.

Club President Nova Dale Turner presided over a brief business meeting. Plans continued for the Fall Bazaar and the club raffle of its antique quilt; and work began on a most delightful painting class using watercolor.

Mrs. Jo Trammell was instructor for the class, assisted by Mrs. Joyce Meredith.

It was a delightful project painting greeting cards, pictures and etc. The members

acclaimed the instructors for their talent and artistic aptitude.

The club members dined at noon with the Senior Citizens. The food was plentiful and delicious.

Members present were: Joyce Archer, Vee Gordon, Ray Baxter, Nova Dale Turner, Dorothy Knight, Bonnie Vandiver, Joyce Meredith, Jo Trammell, Pauline Hand and Winifred Darsey.

A class of quilting will be taught in July by Vee Gordon. Members will need a large needle.

See you there!

Motley County Senior Citizens Menu

Tuesday, July 7th

Green Chili Chicken, Red Beans, Tossed Salad, Cornbread, Gelatin&Fruit.

Gravy, Okra, Mashed Potatoes, 3 Bean Salad, Lemon Pudding.

Wednesday, July 8th

Sausage on Bun, Tator Tots, Carrots, Peaches.

Friday, July 10th
Grilled Sirfion, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Crisp.

Thursday, July 9th

Chicken Strips, Cream

Monday July, 13th
Cheeseburger w/ Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Ranch Beans, Oven Fries, Fruit of the Day.

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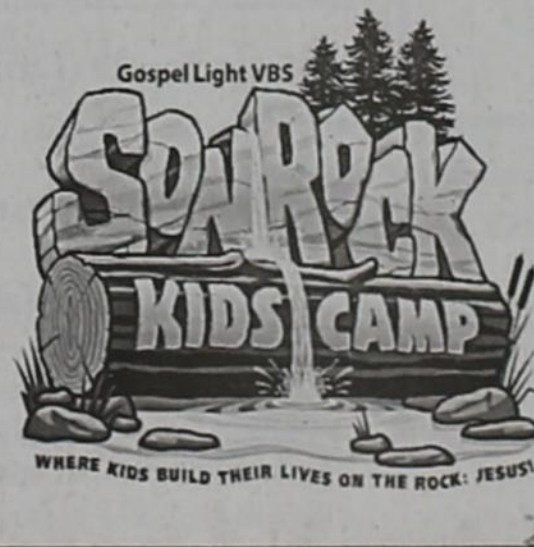
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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

We've just begun our annual summer time paperback book sale. If you're on a hunt for a good, inexpensive vacation read, stop in the library today. We've got a cart full of books for just 25 cents each. You're sure to find one you can't live without.

Thank you to the 29 people who attended our Wills & Probate seminar last Sunday. We certainly hadn't expected such a large crowd. The event was definitely a success. I know I certainly learned a lot! Thank you Tom Edwards for coming to speak with us!

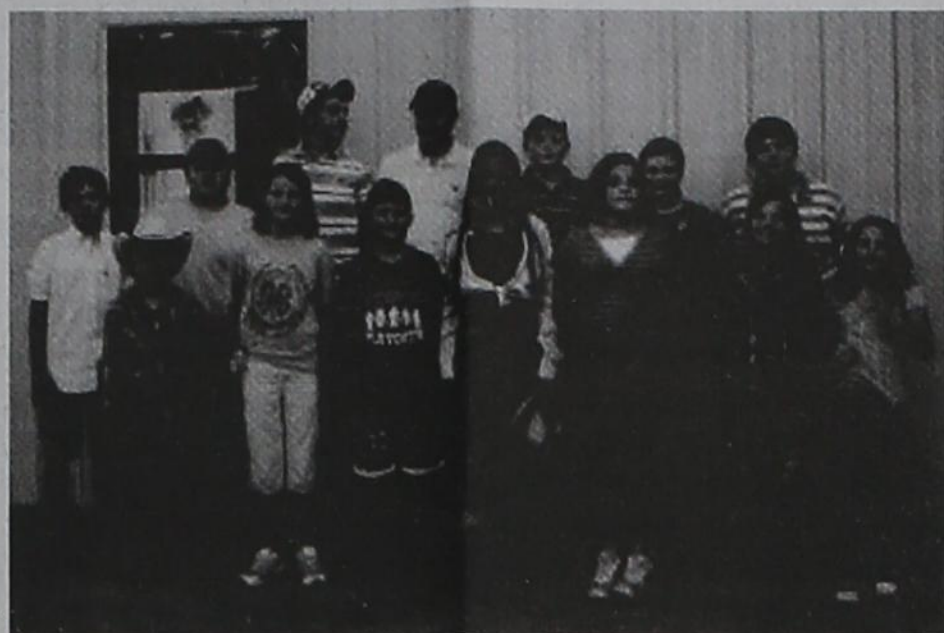
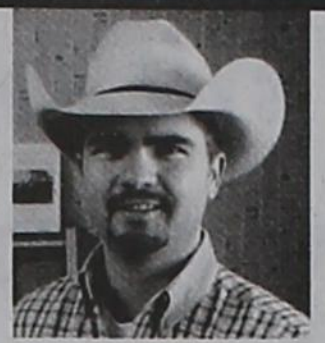
Wanda Kilmer was kind enough to donate a new copy of "My Sisters Keeper" by Jodi

Picoult. This is a brand new movie starring Cameron Diaz that is getting rave reviews. I've had several folks ask about this book, so thank you Wanda for getting us a copy. If you're interested in getting your name on the 'reserved' list, just let me know. I sure can't wait to read it myself.

The time is almost up for those kiddo's who are playing the reading game. All cards have to be turned in by July 30th to be considered for the grand prize drawing. Don't forget, we've got 2 portable dvd players to give away, so don't let your children miss out!

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Motley 4-H Club members participate in 10 County Camp (back row - Bryant Taylor, Jacob Woolsey, Christian Brooks, Austin Taylor, Seth Baxter, Cassidy Turner, Logan Ferguson. Front row - Brody Rankin, Kaylee Woolsey, Bryson Elliott, Mattie Brooks, Sage Guerrero, Chloe Gleghorn and Dode Gleghorn. Not pictured is Jaci Zingerman)

10 County Camp

4-H members from Motley, Dickens, Hall, Briscoe, Cottle, Kent, King, Knox, Stonewall and Foard counties came together on June 30 to participate in the 10 County 4-H Camp. 136 youth from surrounding counties enjoyed a day of workshops that included sun safety, wildlife

techniques, recreation, crafts, archery, team building and photography. Workshops took place at the Roaring Springs Community Center and the Old Settlers Grounds. Participants were also taken to the Roaring Springs Ranch Club to swim then traveled back to the community center for supper and a dance.

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"Whew, fer a minute I thought somebody wuz gonna git hurt!"

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Obituary

William James Tilt, 83

CARLSBAD—Born January 26, 1926, William James Tilt passed away Monday, June 29, 2009 at his home in Carlsbad.

Mr. Tilt served in the Canadian Air Force during WWII. He enjoyed golf and travel and it was his spirit of adventure which led him to China late in his life to climb the Great Wall.

Mr. Tilt retired as Meat Department Manager in 1991 after over 45 years in the industry. He was also a loyal member of St. Patrick Catho-

lic Church.

Mr. Tilt was predeceased by his wife, Florence, in May of 2006. He is survived by daughter, Deborah Martin and husband, Howard of Matador, Texas; son, James Tilt and wife, Cindy of Bullhead City, Ariz.; daughter, Joan Rudd and husband, Mike of Bothell, Wash.; sister, Nancy; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all.

Hackberry Creek Care Center

Employee of the Month

Resident of the Month



What a privilege it is to have Daphne Meredith working here at the Care Center with us! She is a very talented LVN with a sweet loving spirit. The residents are truly blessed to have her taking care of them. She is considered an asset to Hackberry and we are very glad she is part of our "family"!

CONGRATULATIONS DAPHNE!



Lucille Kerr has been selected as Resident Of the Month for June! Lucille joined us here at Hackberry on June 8, 2009. She enjoys playing kickball and visiting with the staff! With such a kind and gentle personality, we have all enjoyed getting to know her these past few weeks! We are so please she is here!!

CONGRATULATION-MRS. KERR

Hackberry Happenings

Editor's Note: Hackberry Creek Care Center will be publishing weekly "happenings" at the care center. We look forward to learning about all the activities of the residents at the center. The center has 20 residents. We learned this week that Administrator Sandra Seago has resigned from fulltime work at the center, but will be available on a consulting basis. This is her letter of resignation to the staff and board of the center.

Many times in our lives we have to make choices that are not happy choices, but necessary for whatever reason. It is with great sadness that I must leave Hackberry Creek Care Center. I have been here for nine months and have enjoyed that time.

This is a wonderful home and a great community. I have felt welcome and at home here and I feel fortunate to have been a part of Hackberry Creek Care Center. The home is beautiful, the employees are great loving people,

and the residents will always have a special place in my heart.

The home is in need of the community's continued support. Census is badly needed and word of mouth from the families and friends that are involved in the home is the best advertisement of all.

I will continue to stay involved in some aspects of the home mainly because I really want to stay a part of the success that is going on.

Thank you for allowing me to have this experience and to get to know all of you wonderful people.

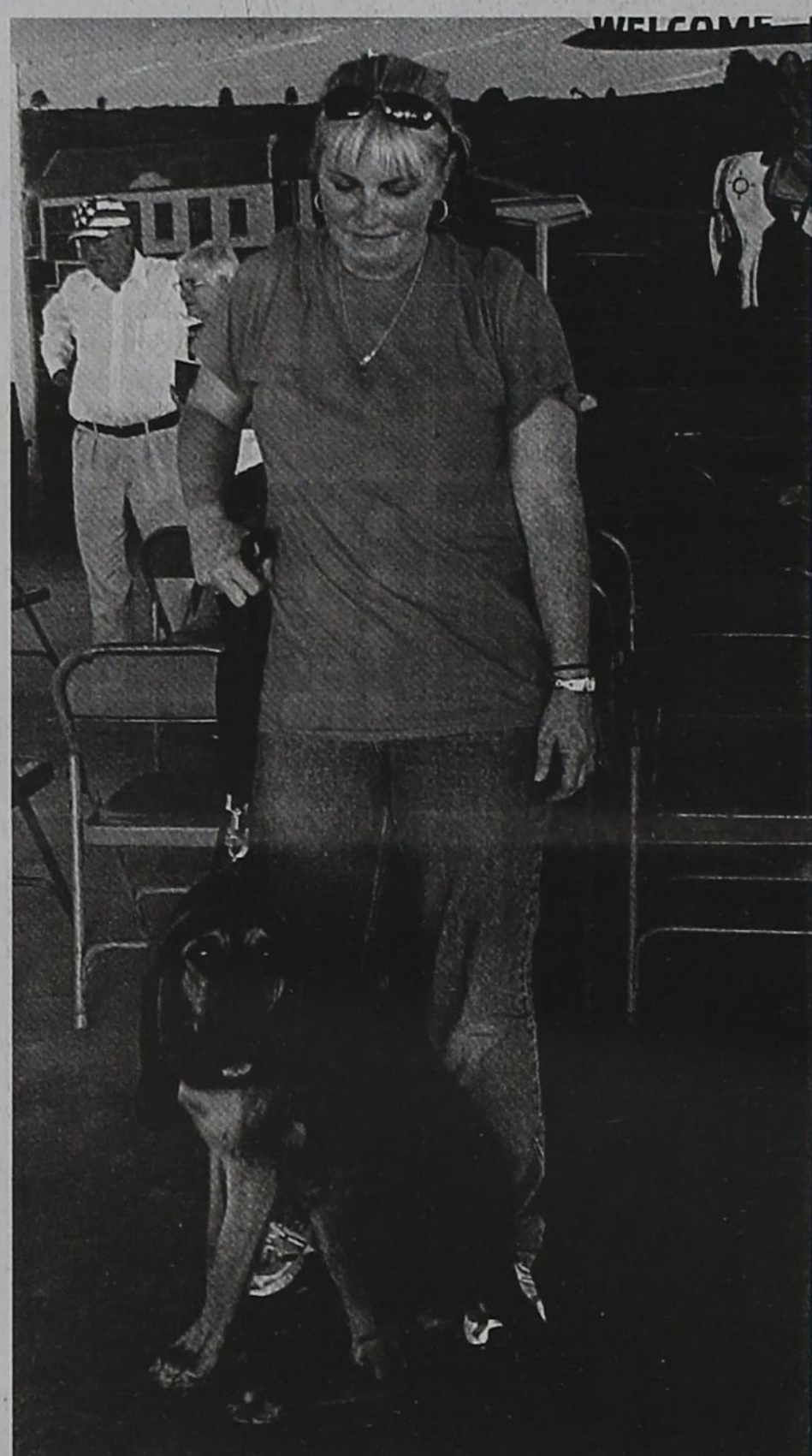
Sandra Seago

Susan Copeland, HCCC Food Manager, has recently completed the Certified Food Manager Training Course through the Agrilife Extension Service, Texas A&M System. This program is accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services and is required by the state to teach food safety.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped put the grass fire out, east of Roaring Springs on June 21, 2009. Many thanks to the Motley County Fire Department, Russell Alexander and Dean Osborn with the Motley County maintainer, Jeromy Jameson with his maintainer, Michael Crutchley; Sheriff an all the other people with thier support and help in the background. Your hard work on a Sunday afternoon was appreciated very much. Thank you again!

Franklin and Susan Jameson



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This Week's Local Forecast

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Weather Trivia

What clouds are low, fluffy and associated with sunny spells?

Weather History

July 9, 1936 - The temperature hit an all-time record high of 106 degrees at the Central Park Observatory in New York City, a record that lasted until LaGuardia Airport hit 107 degrees on July 3 in 1966.

Moon Phases

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Price "Freeze" helps consumers stay cool

WTU is "freezing" prices for most residential customers through August 31

Abilene, TX (July 3, 2009) – Summer in Texas traditionally means heat – and high electricity consumption. So far, this summer has certainly proven itself to be hot; but as Texans head in to the first official summer holiday weekend, WTU Retail Energy is announcing it will be "freezing" prices for residential customers on the *Direct Electricity Plan* through August 31st as part of the company's commitment to helping customers during the summer months.

Understanding the economic slow-down and the higher cost of energy during the summer months, this summer's price-stability guarantee follows consecutive WTU price-down activities in recent years. Most recently, WTU reduced residential *Direct Electricity Plan* prices in September 2008, which it celebrated with a sweepstakes contest where a deserving Abilene family won a new hybrid SUV.

"Historically in our industry, prices have increased during the summer months," said Paul Keene, Senior Director at WTU Retail Energy. "While considering the economic down-turn and the high temperatures sweeping the state, we have decided to take a different approach."

In addition to the price "freeze," which will be emphasized at upcoming community events throughout West Texas

during the summer months, WTU reminds customers that bill-payment assistance is available year-round through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Neighbor-to-Neighbor provides WTU customers who demonstrate financial need with up to \$600 in electricity bill-payment assistance in a calendar year, and is managed through local community action agencies. WTU customers can help their neighbors by contributing to Neighbor-to-Neighbor, which has received over \$500,000 in support from WTU this year, with a simple check-mark on the remittance portion of their monthly bill. Information on the program and local agencies can be found in the "Community" section on the WTU web site.

"We are committed to keeping prices as stable and as competitive as possible and are always looking for ways to help our customers reduce their energy usage," said Keene. "This freeze, coupled with our strong community and customer programs such as Neighbor-to-Neighbor, are part of our commitment to easing the effects the heat and economy can have on consumers this summer. WTU is committed to being a long-term, customer-focused, energy partner to West Texans."

The price "freeze" applies to WTU customers who are

currently on the *Direct Electricity Plan*; those customers who have signed on to a term product with WTU will continue to enjoy their price stability through their fixed-price plan. WTU will continue to offer its *Direct Electricity Plan* customers competitive rates and an opportunity to retain ultimate flexibility following the conclusion of the price "freeze."

About WTU Retail Energy:

WTU Retail Energy is part of the Centrica group of companies, one of the largest multi-state providers of retail energy services in North America. The North American operations have grown to more than 5 million residential and commercial customer relationships. Through its Direct Energy, CPL and WTU brands, the company is the third largest retail energy provider in Texas, and owns a series of energy-related services companies. The company also offers comprehensive energy solutions to more than 60,000 businesses across North America. Globally, the Centrica group of companies is a leading provider of energy and other essential services with approximately 32 million customer relationships. For more information, visit www.wturetailenergy.com.

Hackberry Creek Care Center picnics at RS Ranch



Jack Green on the left and Don Dillard on the right at Hackberry Creek Care Center Picnic at the Springs.

"The Yellow Rose of Texas" to be theme for the Quanah Rodeo Parade

"The Yellow Rose of Texas" will be this year's theme for the Quanah Rodeo Parade at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, in downtown Quanah.

The parade kicks off the annual Quanah Rodeo, with 8 p.m. performances Friday and Saturday evening, Aug. 7-8, in the Quanah Riding Club Arena.

The parade and rodeo are sponsored by the Quanah Chamber of Commerce and the Quanah Riding Club.

Parade entry forms are due by Friday, July 31, in the Chamber office at 220 S. Main in Quanah. Categories include riding clubs, horse-drawn (wagons and surreys), com-

mercial (business) floats, non-commercial floats (schools, clubs, churches, 4-H, scouts, etc.), sport utility vehicles (four-wheelers, golf carts, bicycles, etc.), and classic cars, tractors and trucks.

Cash prizes will go to first and second place winners in floats, riding clubs, and horse-drawn divisions, with first place only in all other categories.

Line-up for the parade will take place on West Seventh Street, beginning at 3:30 p.m. horses and horse-drawn entries may unload in front of the high school and junior high. A driver or someone from the organization spon-

soring the float must be available for placing the entry in the correct parade order. Float participants and riders may arrive later at 4 p.m. to get ready for the 4:30 p.m. parade.

Following the parade, a cowboy barbecue will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Quanah Community Center. Then grand entry for the rodeo performance is at 8 p.m., with the rodeo dance following at 10 p.m.

Ticket information is available at The Tumbleweed Western Wear at 940-663-5916.

For additional information about the parade and rodeo call 940-663-2222.

George Washington's prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Written at Newburg, June 8, 1783, and sent to the Governors of all the States.)

Editor's Note: This was read at the 4th of July Memorial Service at Veterans Park by Dr. Clinton Burns.

Booth spaces are already going fast for the 26th Annual Quanah Fall Festival

Booth spaces are already going fast for the 26th Annual Quanah Fall Festival set for Saturday, Sept. 12, around the courthouse square in downtown Quanah.

An even larger crowd than the 3,000 who showed up for last year's rain-marred event is expected this year with the 8th Annual Quanah High School Alumni Reunion and QHS Homecoming being held the same weekend, according to Chamber organizers.

In previous years, exhibitors have offered foods, arts and crafts, games, educational materials, clothing, jewelry, handmade furniture, metal sculptures, ceramics, Southwest pottery and other unique items.

If you would like to add your exhibit to this year's festival, you can register your booth by contacting the Quanah Chamber of Commerce at 940-663-2222 or by email at [quanahcoc@cebri-](mailto:quanahcoc@cebri-dge.net)

dge.net. Applications for space rental may be mailed to the Chamber at P.O. Box 158, Quanah, Texas 79252, or dropped off at the office at 220 S. Main Street in Quanah.

Booth spaces measure 10x10 feet with five feet between booths. The charge is \$25. Food booths, sponsored by local non-profit organizations, rent for \$35. All other food concessions that are not classified as a non-profit will need special approval of the festival committee. **NO FOOD DUPLICATION ALLOWED.**

Electricity is limited and there is a \$10 charge where electricity is available. Food booths take priority.

Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with set-up time 7 a.m. No booths are to be taken down prior to 5 p.m.

No alcoholic beverages may be

sold on the festival grounds, and items that will not be permitted include snaps, fireworks, water guns, color hairsprays, stinky sprays, canned string spray, invisible ink, imitation cigarettes, flea market or garage sale items, used items, and any type of guns or knives.

Booth sponsors are required to provide an item valued at \$20 or more for the silent auction.

Restroom facilities will be available through the west side basement entrance to the courthouse throughout the festival and during the evening street dance.

Booth space reservations are requested as soon as possible, with the deadline for reservations being Sept. 1.

For information please call the Chamber office at 940-663-2222.



Electric cooperative members of all ages are invited to attend the local membership meeting.

SPEC Dickens Division Membership Meeting

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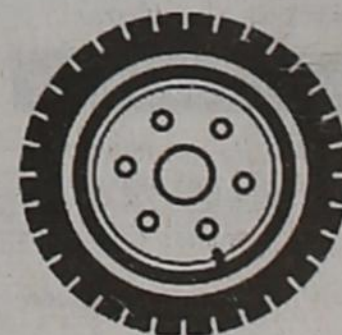
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Obama Administration Begins Naming State Executive Directors for the Farm Service Agency

WASHINGTON, June 29, 2009 - The Obama Administration today began naming individuals who will serve as State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency at the USDA.

"These individuals have a solid understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our rural communities and will help build on the Obama Administration's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

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Juan Garcia: Garcia currently has served as the Agricultural Program Manager/Assistant State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency and acting SED since January. He has 32 years of experience in the delivery of federal farm commodity and farm credit programs, and

began his career with Texas FSA at the county level. During his time at the USDA Soil Conservation Service, Garcia provided technical guidance to farmers, ranchers and organizations in the planning and implementation of conservation programs. He served as an FSA County Executive Director in Hidalgo, Nolan and Cameron County, Texas, and also as a District Director for both the southern and eastern districts of the state. Garcia was raised on a cotton, grain sorghum and cattle operation in Willacy County. He holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&I University.

USDA's Farm Services Agency works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans. Some of the agency's efforts include providing direct operating loans for farm equipment, seed and fertilizer,

as well as rural housing loans to help rural people buy, build or rent housing. FSA also procures various commodities to benefit low-income families through domestic food assistance programs. At the same time, the agency creates jobs by funding the growth and creation of rural businesses and cooperatives.

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture and natural resources and touches the life of every American. Reflecting President Obama's commitment to expanding economic opportunities in rural America, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and the USDA are working to enhance availability of broadband, promote the development of renewable energy, to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment, and promote a sustainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply.

MOTLEY COUNTY TWO-A-DAYS 2009

August the 3rd will be the first official day of two a day workouts

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AUG 5	7-9:00AM AND 4-6:00PM
AUG 6	7-9:00AM AND 7-9:00PM
AUG 7	7-9:00AM AND
	MIDNIGHT MADNESS 12:00-1:00AM

The following weeks will be announced to the athletes at the field house.

Texas Construction Career Academies to Continue this Summer

Introductory courses and practical exercises related to transportation industry highlighted

AUSTIN - A pre-employment training and recruitment program academy will open its doors this month to individuals who are interested in pursuing a construction-related career.

The Texas Construction Career Academy (TCCA) will hold a training class from July 6 through 17 in Dallas at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road. Academy classes are open to the public. There are five two-week sessions scheduled statewide in Dallas, Houston, Bryan, Tyler and San Antonio.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Transportation Institute partnered to develop the recruitment and

training program designed to provide participants with an understanding of construction, as well as provide participants with transportation assistance and employment physicals. The academy will also host job fairs at the end of each session where contractors and potential employees will be introduced for potential job placement.

Contractors attending the program can demonstrate good faith in meeting equal employment opportunity objectives and, when needed, can help fill positions in under-represented areas. The career academies will continue through October. Classes will be held at the following locations:

* Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, July 6 - 17

* Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland Policy Center at Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, August 3 - 14

* LaSalle Hotel, 120 South Main Street, Bryan, August 24 - September 4

* Texas College, 2404 N Grand Avenue, Tyler, September 14 - 25

* H.B. Zachry Training Center, 9350 South Presa, San Antonio, October 12 - 23

Go to <http://www.texasconstructioncareeracademy.org/> for more information and to download an application.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

July

- 9 M City Council
- 9 District 3 Recordbook Judging
- 10-11 Motley County Jr. Rodeo
- 13 Commissioners' Court
- 14 RSCV
- 16 Masonic Lodge
- 16 Foothills Fellowship
- 18 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 19-22 (Sun - Wed)--Vacation Bible School at FBC, Matador, 3yrs thru 5th grade, times TBA
- 21 M Lions
- 23 Eastern Star
- 25 -Aug. 1 - State 4-H Horse Show

August

- 1 State 4-H Horse Show
- 4 M Lions
- 6 RS Lions
- 10 Comm Ct
- 10 RS City Council
- 11 RSCV
- 12 Hospital Board 7:30 am
- 13 M City Council
- 17 Motley 4-H Club meeting
- 18 M Lions
- 20 M Masonic Lodge, 6:30
- 20 Foothills Fellowship, Community Center in Roaring Springs, 7:30
- 22 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 27 Eastern Star, 6:30

September

- 19 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm

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