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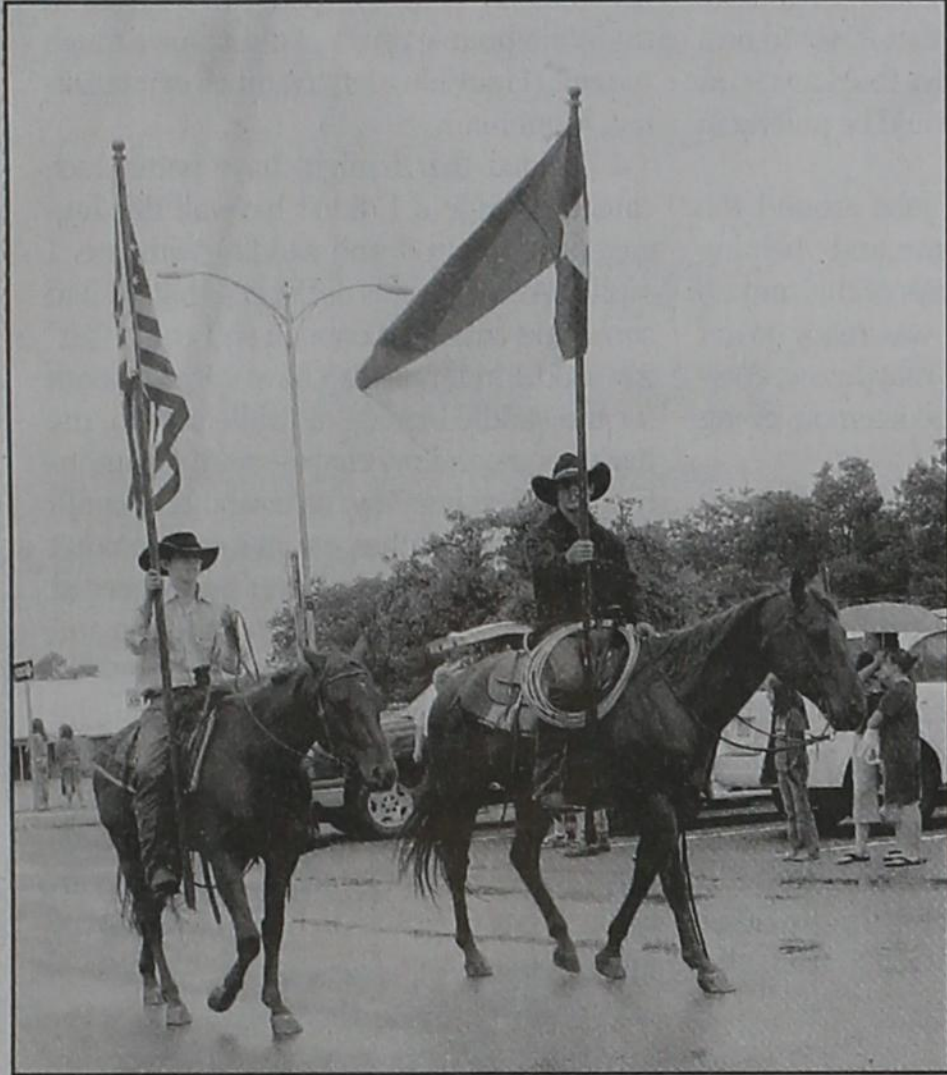


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## Rain dampens attendance at the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration Fireworks display postponed



Leading the parade Saturday, July 3, and carrying the state and national flags were Coby and Dillon McCleskey, Roaring Springs. photo by Larry Vogt

By Carol Campbell

Intermediate downpours of rain didn't dampen the spirits of the diehard few attending the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Roaring Springs on Saturday, July 3, 2010. Threatening rain clouds and a drizzling rain moved the Memorial Service from Veterans Memorial Park to the Community Center. The skies cleared mid-morning in time to start the traditional all-wheeled vehicle parade.

The Memorial Service featured a spirited speech by the Rev. Mike Crowley on "Men Who Paid Freedom's Price," (see Writing Community) followed by the Riding Lawn Mower and other vehicles in parade in downtown Roaring Springs.

An all-you-can-eat fried chicken buffet at the Windmill Café set the stage for afternoon activities, kicking off at 2:00 p.m. at the pavilion at the Community Center with a dog parade featuring

three categories of entrants: Dog Style Show, Dog Tricks and Obedience Show, and The Working Dog category.

Hilarious hats were paraded for competition under the pavilion at the Community Center, featuring decorated and comical fashions in red, white, and blue; and at 6:00 p.m. a barbeque supper with all the trimmings was catered by Perry and Deanne Gullede.

Volunteers prepared homemade ice cream for a donation-only dessert featuring more than 10 flavors from Peanut Butter and Old Fashioned Vanilla, to chocolate, orange sherbet, strawberry and peach.

Due to rain, the fireworks and children's foot races were postponed until a later date. Winners in the all-vehicle parade were:

Bikes: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Hanna Brown, of Dalhart. Golf Carts: 1st Place, Emily Caporale of Lubbock, and Adley Johnson of Coleman; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jonah and Parker

Meredith, Roaring Springs. Riding Lawn Mowers: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Bowen Johnson, Matador; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Audry Caporale of Lubbock; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Stormy Taylor, Roaring Springs.

ATV's: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Alexis Moore, Carrollton, Texas; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Joshua McNeely of Wolforth, Texas. Other vehicles: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Weston Griswold of Muleshoe, driving a 1955 restored Chevrolet pickup; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, David Marshall of Fletcher, OK, driving a restored 1964 Chevrolet Bel Air; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Jim Roberts, Matador, driving a 1937 Chevrolet.

Special Category: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Austin and Devin Ballard, driving a Farmall Super M tractor; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Max, the Search and Rescue Dog, owned by Denisa and Curtis Brown of Dalhart.

In the Dog Style Show: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, "Stevie" with owner Jaylee Flowers, Roaring Springs; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, "Dixie Belle" with owner Lori Alexander, Roaring Springs; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, "Zoey" with owner Jonah Meredith, Roaring Springs.

Dog Tricks and Obedience: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, "Futter" with owner Denisa Brown, Dalhart; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, "Buddy" with owner Ralph Roaming, Roaring Springs; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, "Foxy" with owner Pauline House, Matador.

A new category was introduced this year: Judges gave the Working Dog category first honors to "Max" the Search and Rescue dog; with "Buddy" and owner Ralph Roaming weighing in with a close second place. "Buddy," a long-haired miniature Chihuahua who thinks he's Buddy-the-Giant dog, helps Ralph gather cattle, and will sit on his haunches for long periods of time inspecting

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## Motley 4-H Members Compete in District Horse Show



Picture: Horseback - Brody Rankin, L to R: Carley Turner and Cassidy Turner. Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner and Brody Rankin traveled to Vernon June 24 - 26 to compete in the 2010 District 3 4-H Horse Show. See CountyAgents News, page 5, for more info.

## July 4th Parade Winners



Adley Johnson, 7, and Emily Caporale, 13, won first place in the "Golf Cart" category in the All-Vehicle Parade, downtown Roaring Springs on July 3. Adley and Emily are the grandchildren of Jeannie and Jerry Johnson of Matador. photo by Carol Campbell



David Marshall of Fletcher, OK, won a 2nd Place ribbon in the "Other Vehicle" category for his turquoise-blue 1964 Bel Air Chevrolet. David drove his antique car from Oklahoma to Roaring Springs to visit his uncle Corky Marshall. photo by Carol Campbell



Waiting for the July 4th celebration parade, publishers of the Motley County Tribune, Larry Vogt and Laverne Zabielski, enjoyed a visit and coffee with Deputy Chad Ware and Sheriff Chris Spence at an outdoor sidewalk table at Windmill Café in Roaring Springs. photo by Carol Campbell



Audrey Caporale, 9, is sporting a 2nd Place ribbon in the "Riding Lawn Mower" category in the July 3 parade downtown Roaring Springs. Audrey is the granddaughter of Jeannie and Jerry Johnson of Matador. photo by Carol Campbell



# Foothill Country

## Connections

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

By Laverne Zabielski

Driving in the rain to the July 4th Memorial in Roaring Springs, my eyes took in the green, green grasses. Remembering the yellow brown of previous seasons I marveled at the transformative power of God's blue, rain covered, paintbrush. I shared my observations with friends about how the yellow-brown grass, now covered with blue rain had become the vibrant green grasses we see everywhere. Yellow and blue make green, I said. That's too heavy for me, one friend replied.

Michael Crowley's presentation was equally provocative for me. (See this week's July 4th Memorial) He made distinctions between a republic and a democracy. "Whatever ideas you have of the men who met that hot summer in Philadelphia, it is important that we remember . . . they considered liberty much more important than the security they enjoyed, and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. They fulfilled their pledge. They paid the price. And freedom was won. . ."

Crowley reminded us that when the Constitutional Convention had completed its work a lady sidled up to old Ben Franklin. "Well, Dr. Franklin. What have you given us?"

"You have a republic, madame. If you can keep it." Franklin replied. . . The founding fathers created a republic. . ."

**Liberty and the Minority**  
In Hamilton Abert Long's book, *The American Ideal of 1776: The Twelve Basic American Principles*, he defines Democracy as: Rule by Omnipotent Majority. He states, "In a Democracy, the Individual, and any group of Individuals composing any Minority, have no protection against the unlimited power of The Majority."

"A Republic, on the other

hand," he continues, "has a very different purpose and an entirely different form, or system, of government. Its purpose is to control The Majority strictly, as well as all others among the people, primarily to protect The Individual's God-given, unalienable rights and therefore for the protection of the rights of The Minority, **of all minorities**, and the liberties of people in general." <http://www.lexrex.com/enlightened/AmericanIdeal/aspects/demrep.html>

The quintessential word here is minority. The rights of minorities must be recognized. The Civil War has already been fought for the equality of all races. Women's rights were finally attained as a result of the suffrage movement and people with disabilities have gained rights to access as a result of the law signed on July 26, 1990, by President George H. W. Bush. Such movements must continue. Gay and lesbian rights must be recognized as well the rights of all people to practice their religion freely. As Michael Crowley pointed out, "The freedom of the first amendment from federal interference is not from religion but for religion in the constituent states."

Today the Office of Civil Rights at the USDA offers a model for upholding these rights. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status." <http://www.usawaterquality.org/eo.html>

Now is the time to persevere in making sure that all minorities have the same rights as everyone else. Remembering that God's paintbrush is very colorful, the best place to begin is at home.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## The Summer of 1958

by Johnny Davenport

*A lot of the time after they had sobered up they would go back to the very same ranch that they had just left a few days before and ask to go back to work. They would now be "good" for a few months before they would get the urge to pull this same stunt again.*

*continued from last week*

I would bet that Sid called Jim Cross a few days later and I bet Jim put him back to cooking. I spent another day or so in Dillon without seeing Sid again.

As I said earlier, I was planning on going over to Oregon. Because it was really mountainous country between Dillon and Oregon, I decided to take the bus instead of hitch hiking as I did most of the time.

I got into Burns, Oregon late one afternoon and got a room at the hotel. It was on the second floor so the owner had a place downstairs that I could leave my saddle and bed roll. I took a few things out of my bedroll and went up to my room. After getting up the next morning I looked out of my window and saw the best looking car I'd ever seen parked right below! It was a black with white top, 1958 Studebaker Hawk! Boy, what a pretty car! Studebaker was going through a rough time, money wise. Looking at this Hawk I thought, "Boy, this car will be the life saver for them." Well, it wasn't. A few years later Studebaker closed down.

I spent two or three days in Burns looking for work with no leads, so I thought I had better leave. I don't remember how, but I got my bedroll and saddle out to the edge of town. I had decided to go back to Texas. I caught a ride to Burns Junction, Oregon,

which is about one hundred miles southeast of Burns. I had sat on my bedroll, there, for an hour or so when some burros came into water across the road. They were in a little trap (a small pasture). I watched them a while, then decided to take a picture of 'em. I carried a small camera in my jacket pocket so I walked over a little closer and took the picture. There was a wooden windmill tower without the wheel and motor on it in the back ground.

A little later the first vehicle came by and I caught a ride with what turned out to be the foreman of the White Horse Ranch, which was about fifty miles to the southwest. As we rode along, he said he could use a hand so I hired on. He told me that it would be a day or so before the cowboys (buckaroos, as they are called up there) would be pulling in to Headquarters.

He had me doing odd jobs around the place as well as riding some and helping him. After three or four days of this and no cowboys had shown up, I was ready to get out of that place! As you may know, cowboys back then were not too keen on doing anything afoot.

The next morning a semi load of something came to the ranch. As he left the driver stopped at the ranch office which was across the road from the barn where I was working. When he came out of the office I asked him if he was going to the highway, south of Burns Junction. He said, "Yes." I asked him if he would give me a ride to the road. Again, he said, "Yes."

Not wanting to take the chance that the driver would leave if I took the time to draw my wages, I grabbed my "stuff" from the

bunkhouse, and loaded it on the flatbed trailer. I left without saying a word to anyone—I just wanted out of there!

It was about twenty-five miles of dirt road to the highway. When we got there I got my stuff off of the trailer as the driver was going to go north, to Burns Junction. I sat down on my bedroll to wait for south-bound traffic going towards Winnemucca, Nevada, which was the next town to the south. It was about a hundred miles away.

It was about two hours before the first vehicle, a Greyhound bus, came by. I flagged it down and rode it into Winnemucca. As I rode along, I was now beginning to doubt the wisdom of not drawing my wages at the Whitehorse ranch. I didn't have much money. (I may have left too much of it in Dillon, Montana.)

I decided that I might have better luck catching a ride if I didn't have all this luggage, (my bedroll and saddle) with me. I had an Army surplus duffel bag that I'd had some one enlarge it enough so I could "git" my saddle in it and also have enough room for the saddle blanket, a bridle or two, my hackamore, and my chaps—more commonly called "leggings" by us cowboys. I could also stuff a few clothes, etc. in it so I wouldn't have to unroll my bedroll ever time I needed something. I reached inside of the bag and pulled out a change of clothes, and put 'em in a shopping bag that I had just bought. (Back in this time you could buy sort of a paper sack called "shopping bags" almost anywhere.) I then sent my saddle and bedroll, by bus, on to Clarendon, Texas. With my little bag of clothes in hand I head out of town afoot.

## July 4th Memorial

### Men Who Paid Freedom's Price

*Our nation's founding fathers knew how to count the cost of liberty*

Editors Note: This speech was delivered by the Rev. Mike Crowley to a crowd of about 30 residents on July 3, 2010, at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. Excerpts were taken from "The Rebirth of America" on the Signing of The Declaration of Independence, p. 15.

On July 4, 1776, there was signed in the City of Philadelphia one of America's historic documents: the Declaration of Independence. It marked the birth of this nation which, under God, was destined for world leadership.

We often forget that, in declaring independence from an earthly power, our forefathers made a forthright declaration of dependence upon Almighty God. The closing words of this document solemnly declare:

"With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The fifty-six courageous men who signed that document understood that this was not just high-sounding rhetoric. They knew that if they succeeded, the best they could expect would be years of hardship in a struggling new nation. If they lost, they would face a hangman's noose as traitors.

Of the fifty-six, few were long to survive. Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes, from Rhode Island to Charleston, sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy, or burned. Two lost their sons in the army. One had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six died in the war, from its hardships or from its bullets.

Whatever ideas you have of the men who met that hot summer in Philadelphia, it is important that we remember certain facts about the men who made this pledge: they were

not poor men, or wild-eyed pirates. They were men of means; rich men, most of them, who enjoyed much ease and luxury in their personal lives. Not hungry men, but prosperous men, wealthy landowners, substantially secure in the prosperity, and respected in their communities.

But they considered liberty much more important than the security they enjoyed, and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. They fulfilled their pledge. They paid the price. And freedom was won.

Someone has said, "To be born free is a privilege. To die free is an awesome responsibility."

"And that brings us to another discussion," Rev. Crowley said.

#### One Nation Under God

By Rus Walton

Editor's Note: Excerpts from Walton's discourse were taken from "The Rebirth of America" on the Ruins of Jamestown, p. 19-20.

When the Constitutional Convention had completed its work . . . a lady sidled up to old Ben Franklin. "Well, Dr. Franklin. What have you given us?"

"You have a republic, madame. If you can keep it."

There had been other governments before that had gone by that description—that word, "republic."

But those were different. Different in origin. Different in nature. Different in structure. The best of that past was incorporated into this new and true republic. The rest—the evil, the excess—was rejected.

So this new creation stood unique. A system of self-government. By the consent of the governed. And, with union.

A constitutional republic with individual liberty, elected representatives and limited government. A government with its powers nailed down; fastened and confined to the proper defense of the individual—to his pursuits of life, liberty, property and happiness, those inalienable rights endowed by The Creator.

A republic in which the power to govern was checked and balanced by devices designed to stop the tyrant in his tracks.

The sons of liberty joined to erect four fences around their government, so it could not get out of hand or out of bounds: The Executive, the Legislative, the Judicial, and the Individual. Each was to be a check, or balance, on the other.

After God, the individual came first. Only by his consent could government govern—and then, only to protect his life, liberty and property. Not just his, but all men—equally.

#### The New Nation: A Republic, Not a Democracy

And so the founding fathers created a republic. A democracy? Where half plus one can squash the rest? Where a fanatical majority can deprive the individual of his rights, his life, his property? Not for these men.

They knew democracy with its excesses, its leveling-down process, its inherent seeds of destruction. They knew Plato's warning that unrestricted democracy must result in a dictatorship.

The very essence of democracy rests in the absolute sovereignty of the majority. Our founding fathers could never accept such tyranny. They recognized only one rightful sovereign over men and nations—not the state, not the majority.

"Each religion has a form of government, and Christianity

astonished the world by establishing self-government . . . the foundation stone of the United States of America."

But our founding fathers realized the impossibility of maintaining freedom unless those who are "at liberty" are able to exercise self-restraint.

And they gave to this government just enough power to serve. Just enough and no more.

And even then, with all the checks and balances and fences of the constitutional document, it was not until the Bill of Rights was tacked on that the states consented to the union and ratified the federation.

There! There was the spark, the flame, the beacon light of the American idea. The power of the great American republic. The sense of the Constitution of these United States.

"The concept of a secular state was virtually non-existent in 1776 as well as in 1787, when the Constitution was written, and no less so when the Bill of Rights was adopted. To read the Constitution as the charter for secular state is to misread history, and to misread it radically. The Constitution was designed to perpetuate a Christian order.

Why then is there, in the main, an absence of any reference to Christianity in the Constitution?"

Because the framers of the Constitution did not believe that this was an area of jurisdiction for the federal government. It would not have occurred to them to attempt to re-establish that which the colonists had fought against, namely, religious control and establishment by the central government.

"The freedom of the first amendment from federal interference is not from religion but for religion in the constituent states."

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## Roaring Springs Lions hear local youth

By Corky Marshall

she accompanied them. The Texas slogan is "Click it or Ticket."

Reba Moore and Latrecia from the PAC unit at Floydada which serves, Hale, Floyd and Motley Counties, spoke to the group about the services offered to young people who are in danger from their actions which are unlawful. They stressed that early intervention was the key to getting these kids on the way to becoming good citizens.

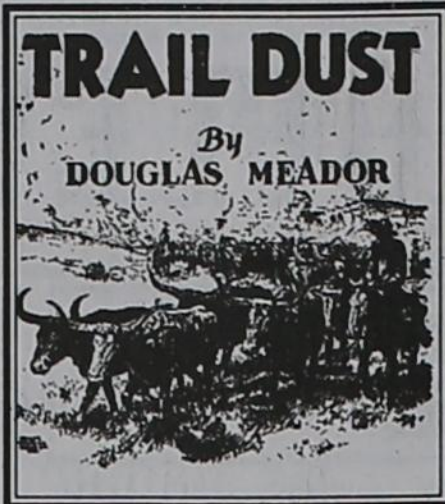
At 2:30 p.m., seven members of the Lions Club went to Hackberry Creek Care Center to play bingo with 13 residents participating. Each of the players won money. A total of \$30.00 of quarters was given as prizes.

The Lions Club put out 60 American flags in Roaring Springs for the Independence Day celebration.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met on July 1, 2010, at the Windmill Café for their monthly meeting. Fifteen members and eight guests were present.

Boss Lion Wes Campbell opened the meeting. Lion Mike Crowley gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Wes Campbell.

The Motley County 4-H members brought a timely message on the necessity of buckling your seat belt. They cited two incidents of wrecks without the occupants of the car being buckled up. One was a teen from Gaines County and was killed. Christian Brooks, Lexie Osborn and Jacie Zingerman put together a film to illustrate their message. Lori Alexander is one of the leaders of the 4-H Club,



Perhaps the brown horse is grazing in the sweet-clover fields of paradise or standing motionless in the warmth of a low, golden sun that glistens on the river of life. He may be waiting patiently at a diamond hitch-post before the council hall of angels or drinking at the cold, clear springs that bubble from flower-decked hills of Valhalls. If small-toed children entwine their hands in his silken mane or slide off his round, wide hips, his feet will remain motionless until they have gone; his big, gentle eyes half closed.

One night I rode him bare-back to the stubborn gate, but he pranced back quickly with ears pointed forward, his body tense and quivering. I kicked his flanks with shoeless heels and quirted his shoulders with the bridle reins but to no avail. There was no sound but the night wind stirred a deathly odor of rattlesnakes. Not until the next morning did I remember cattle grazing close to the gate; after we had started to skin the swollen carcass of a jersey calf.

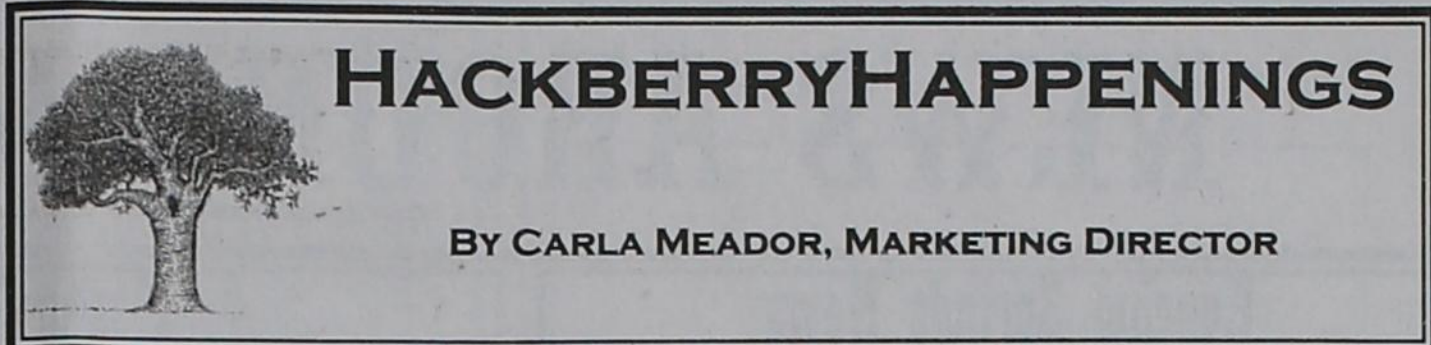


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### Singing Meet Is Successful

Approximately 350 attended the semi-annual Motley County Singing Convention held at the local school auditorium Sunday. Communities represented other than those of this county included Floydada, Lockney, Turkey, Spur, and Dickens.

Superintendent B. F. Tunnell gave the welcome address, and G.E. Hamilton spoke on patriotism during the afternoon. Various quartets gave special numbers.



Good things and good times are goin' on at Hackberry. We celebrated Independence Day a little early with red, white and blue everywhere on Thursday, July 1. Residents and staff enjoyed a delicious all-time American lunch with fried chicken and all the trimmings, peach cobbler and homemade ice cream. A delicious celebration it was!

### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Each month in our newsletter, which is mailed or emailed to family members of residents, we have a Senior Spotlight section in which one of residents is featured. Since everyone who reads the newspaper, does not receive the newsletter, I thought it might be nice to feature that resident in this column, also.

Mrs. Virgie Bannister was our featured Senior for June. Mrs. Bannister is a feisty 93 year old who always has a smile for everyone she sees. She was raised in Tee-Pee Flat and Roaring Springs and graduated from Roaring Springs High School in 1935. She has two sons who visit her often, Mr. Dahl Clower and Mr. Dwight Clower. Mrs. Bannister said, "Hackberry is a very convenient place for me. I get good care here and I'm happy." She has 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Featured in July's spotlight is Mrs. Dan Barton. Mrs. Barton was born September 19, 1918, in Whiteflat to Reagan and Leila Browning. She attended Whiteflat schools and graduated from Matador High School in 1937. She married C.M. Barton, Jr. on December 16, 1940, in Lubbock. The couple were blessed with three children, Jan Hamilton, Cheri Karr, and Max Barton; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Barton worked hard, growing up on a farm and marrying a farmer. She was an ex-

cellent seamstress and loved to cook. Her daughter, Mrs. Cheri Karr, said, "She would prepare home cooked meals three times a day and even prepared lunch for us when we were in school." The children walked home from school at lunch for goodies like mashed potatoes and chicken fried T-Bone steak from the cattle raised on the family farm. Mrs. Barton loved helping others and preparing food to take to the sick or shut-ins and continued to do so until she fell in her home in 2007. With a broken arm and cracked hip, she was unable to care for herself and entered Hackberry as one of the first residents.

Dan is the oldest member of the First Baptist Church of Matador, where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and served in many capacities. She enjoys worship services at Hackberry and is likely to ask someone, "Do you know Jesus?", because "she wants everyone to go to Heaven."

Hackberry is honored to have Mrs. Bannister and Mrs. Barton as part of our family. These two fine ladies are examples of life lived to the fullest with love and dedication to their families.

### SENIOR HEALTH TIPS

#### Healthy Sleep Habits for Seniors

No matter what your age, sleeping well is essential to your physical health and emotional well-being. As we age, a good night's sleep is especially important because it improves concentration and memory formation, allows your body to repair any cell damage that occurred during the day, and refreshes your immune system which helps to prevent disease.

Consider some common causes of sleep problems in the elderly:

Poor sleep hygiene – The most common cause of insomnia in the elderly is poor sleep habits or a poor sleep environment.

Pain or medical illness – Pain can keep you from sleeping well. Many health conditions such as a frequent need to urinate, arthritis, asthma, diabetes mellitus, osteoporosis, nighttime heartburn, menopause, and Alzheimer's can interfere with sleep.

Medications – Seniors tend to take more medications than younger people. Combinations of drugs, as well as the side-effects of individual drugs, can impair sleep or even stimulate

wakefulness.

Lack of exercise – If you are too sedentary, you may not feel sleepy or feel sleepy all of the time. Regular exercise early in the day can promote good sleep.

Psychological stress or psychological disorders – Significant life changes like the death of a loved one or moving from a family home can cause stress. Anxiety or sadness can also keep you awake, which can, in turn, cause more anxiety or depression.

Sleep disorders – Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS), insomnia, and sleep-disordered breathing such as snoring and sleep apnea occur more frequently in older adults.

To improve your sleeping habits here are some good tips to follow:

Keep a regular sleep schedule – Go to bed and wake up at the same times everyday, even on weekends.

Be engaged – Social activities, family and work can keep your activity level up and prepare your body for a good night's sleep.

Experiment with napping – Although napping too close to bedtime can interfere with sleep, short naps early in the day can improve overall restfulness.

Expose yourself to sunlight – Bright sunlight increases melatonin, which regulates your sleep-wake cycles.

Block out snoring – If snoring is keeping you up, try ear plugs, a white-noise machine, or separate bedrooms.

Go to bed early – Adjust your bedtime earlier, to match when you feel like going to bed.

Quit smoking – Nicotine is a stimulant and can keep you awake. If you can't quit, avoid smoking within three hours of bedtime.

Develop bedtime rituals – A soothing ritual, like taking a bath or playing music will help you wind down.

Limit your use of sleeping aids and sleeping pills – Many sleep aids have side-effects and are not meant for long-term use.

Next week, we will continue with this topic. If you're tossing and turning at night, these tips just might be what you need to enjoy a good night's sleep.

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## PALO DURO BASIN OIL AND GAS UPDATE

On Tuesday, June 29, 2010 PetroGlobe, Inc. and ArPetrol, Inc. Announced they were amalgamating to form Amalco, with operations continuing under the name ArPetrol, Inc.

The amalgamation agreement Article 3.3 states that Amalco shall continue to be liable for all of the obligations of each PetroGlobe, Inc. and ArPetrol, Inc.

PetroGlobe, Inc. operates its Palo Duro Basin leases through its subsidiary PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd.

Currently PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. is listed by the Railroad Commission of Texas as a Delinquent Operator for failure to file an annual form P-5 (organizational Report) which was

due April 1, 2010.

Currently PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. has three shut-in wells in the Palo Duro Basin. The Cox Lease well number 1013 located in section 13, block D-5, Floyd County, 5 8/10 miles northwest of Lockney, which has been shut-in since June 20, 2008. The Ramsower Lease well number 1113 located section 13, block D-2, Hale County, 5 4/10 miles northeast of Plainview, which has been shut-in since April 20, 2007. The Young Lease well number 1032 located in Section 32, block M-14, Swisher County, 4 miles southwest of Claytonville, which has been shut-in since February 22, 2007.

## Motley County Two-A-Day

August the 2nd will be the first official day of two-a-days workouts.

Aug 2	7-9:00 am and
7-9:00 pm	
Aug 3	7-9:00 am and
7-9:00 pm	
Aug 4	7-9:00 am and
4-6:00 pm	
Aug 5	7-9:00 am and

7-9:00 pm

Aug 6 7-9:00 am and Mid-night Madness 12:00-1:00 am  
The following weeks will be announced to the athletes at the field house.

The Motley County coaching staff is looking forward to training another group this year.

## Connect to Energy Savings

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for more than 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. That's why we would like to share some low or no-cost tips with you on how to keep cool during these hot summer months.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler while saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

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### "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 in 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.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.



# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### On a personal note . . .

It is sad to read the obituary column of the death of one of your lifelong friends. Today's *Avalanche Journal* reported the death Wanda Zell Pinkert. I can't remember when I didn't know her.

When I was very small and visited my grandparents, her parents, the Sasser family lived next door. Wanda was nine years older than me. She was always ready to play with me and let me play in her playhouse. I remember her playhouse well. She had made a shed room on the side a smokehouse/dugout. She had a tiny pink bar of soap for her doll! We were neighbors until she married and moved to the Woodrow community. Her mother and mine shared the same birthday and birth year and were very close friends. Though I didn't see her often I will miss her because the closeness of our families. Her sister was nearer my age and her brother just older than my brother.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities . . .

This week was busy in Roaring Springs despite the rain. Flags were put out by the Lions Club even though it was doubtful they would remain dry. It was 'iffy' as to whether we could have the activities that we usually have because of the rain. The Independence Day Tribute to our country was held at the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Thirty adults and eight children attended. Mike Crowley brought a very interesting talk about the framing of the constitution. That was followed by the smallest parade I can remember in all the years I have been attending (I believe this was the 20<sup>th</sup> one for me.).

Those who braved the weather saw intrepid ones parading, from the flag bearers to the children on bikes, golf carts, lawn mowers and just walkers.

I suppose that we just thought we were busy because Deanette Gulledge and her staff were preparing to serve a brisket supper on Saturday evening. The brisket, beans, potato salad, slaw and the trimmings were delicious. Being a RSCV member in semi retirement it was nice to not have to help prepare and serve the food.

The biggest disappointment was the rain that began during supper that made the firework show impossible. It seems some people didn't realize that gunpowder, a component of fireworks will not fire properly when it is damp. The fireworks show had to be postponed until later. Remember the saying, "Keep your powder dry" which was a caution during WWII, if I remember correctly.

### In the community . . .

There were many visitors in town for the annual Fourth of July events. Some were: Curtis, Denisa and Hannah Brown from Dalhart. Denisa is the daughter of Alex and Jo Crowder. The Upfield family and Moore children visited with D. A. and Ruby McGuire. They are the McGuire's daughters and their grandchildren. The above mentioned were in the parade.

There were several families camped at the Springs Ranch that came into town for the events. Some rural Motley County residents could not come in because of the rain and the muddy roads.

Bennie D. and Devonne attended the funeral of Ben's brother, Bill in Mustang, Oklahoma on Friday.

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## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

Audrey Hepburn: "Nothing is impossible; the word itself says, I'm possible."

Wilburn Martin, daughter Mrs. Marilee Cooper and grandson, Gavin, of Borger enjoyed tourist attractions in Ruidoso, New Mexico from Sunday until Tuesday of last week.

Sandra and Jerry Barclay met son and family, Lance and Sherryll Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Meadow in Lubbock Sunday to visit. They celebrated the 17<sup>th</sup> birthday of Colton at Joe's Crab Shack in Lubbock.

Visitors of Connie and Coy Franks during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holidays were children and families, Cara and Clint Cowart of Big Spring, Cary and Mary Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou and her mother, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot. They had a fun-filled fireworks display and cookout between showers of rain.

July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday visitors of Doris and Roger Vinson were son and family, Dana and Crystal Vinson, Allyson, Elise and Chris of Lubbock and his Roger's, Mrs. Beverly Vinson of Flomot.

Johnie Starkey returned

home Tuesday from Lebanon, Missouri, after visiting the past two weeks with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey and children.

There were no church services Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Flomot as the Rev. Nathan Mulder of South Plains was unable to reach Flomot due to flooding rain and roads.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay were luncheon guests Sunday in Turkey of daughter and family, Tina and Pat Carson, Walker, Parker, and Ryleigh.

Wilburn Martin celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Borger Saturday and Sunday with daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper.

Jack and Nada Starkey attended to business in Plainview, Thursday. They reported eight inches of rain during first weekend of July.

Tim and Melissa Kendall met Mrs. Todd (Danna) in Amarillo Thursday and their sons, Jere and Jacob returned home with her to Waltonburg, Colorado, to visit Todd and Danna and children, Grant and Ty.

Flomot residents enjoyed the Turkey Fire Department hamburger supper in Turkey Sunday night.

## Mother Nature is Working Overtime in Motley County

Rain in Motley County during the month of June was above average total again, but a benefit to cotton and feed crops; pastureland and cattle in good condition.

However, the first weekend in July left fields saturated in water, water holes and tanks overflowing, and rivers running caused water gaps to go out. Grasshoppers, wooly worms, thistles, wild hogs and being unable to plow land are giving farmers a headache!

The first three-digit tem-

perature reading for 2010 in Motley County was 103 degrees June 5. Otherwise temperatures registered in the 90's and low 70's.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers reported total rainfall for June: Betty Simpson, Northfield, 7.11 inches; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 2.56 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 2.65 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 3.20 inches and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 3.71 inches.



## Matador News

The annual Renfro-Mzyk camp out at Roaring Springs Ranch Club was held June 24-28, with 13 adults and eight children of the extended family in attendance.

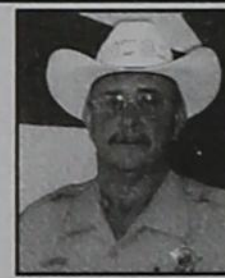
Enjoying golf, kick ball, swimming, trapping minnows, and numerous cookouts were: Judy Renfro, Matador; Frank and Renee Mzyk, Madison and Morgan; Doug and Bertie Mzyk, Dylan and Taylor of San Antonio; Rhonda Mzyk, San

Antonio; Brody and Rachele Davis, Bryer and Reagan; and joining the group Sunday were Joe and Cherri Davis of Turkey; Josie Allen of Levelland; and David and Patti Reyes, Amber and Ashley of Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and daughter, Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, New Mexico, visited during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Sunday, July 11—Register for Vacation Bible School and play in the Bounce House, First Baptist Church, Matador, 4-8 pm (3 yr - 5th grade)

Monday, July 12- Wednesday, July 14—Saddle Ridge Ranch Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church, Matador, 6-8:30 pm (All kids, age 3 yrs thru just completed 5th grade)



## Sheriff's Desk

by Chris Spence

For the month of June, 2010, the Motley County Sheriff's Office received 50 calls from citizens and drove 3,146 patrol miles.

**CASES:** Cases solved, 11; Cases under investigation, 3; amount lost to theft or burglary, \$575.00; Amount recovered, \$0.00; Motor vehicle accidents investigated, 0; Assault, 1; Theft, 2; Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, 2; Criminal Mischief, 0; Disorderly Conduct, 0; Livestock Calls, 13; Assist Citizens, 12; Assist outside agency, 1; Civil Standby, 0; Suspicious Person, 3; Telephone Harassment, 0; Family Disturbance, 2; Reckless Conduct, 1; Other, 12.

**ARRESTS:** Misdemeanor, 4; Felony, 1.

**PAPER SERVED:** District Court, 2; County Court, 0; JP Court, 0;

Out of County Court Papers, 0; Bailiff for Court, 01.

**TRAFFIC:** Traffic Citations, 7; Traffic Warnings, 12; Funeral escort, 1.

**CASES UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Working with Texas Ranger Jay Foster on the Burglary of Allen Butler Gravel Pit; working on Burglary of a Motor Vehicle that happened at Roaring Springs Ranch Club.

**Note:** If you see someone acting with suspicious criminal behavior in our county, please contact the Sheriff's Office. I am on call 24/7 for the citizens of Motley County. For after-hours and holidays, please call the Sheriff's Office phone number, and it will be forwarded to my cell phone number. I still have the same number by calling 806-269-3577. Thank you.



Parker Meredith, 14, and Jonah Meredith, 15, won a 2nd Place ribbon in the Golf Cart category at the recent all-vehicle July 4 celebration parade. Parker and Jonah are the grandchildren of Joyce and Joe Meredith of Roaring Springs.

## Attending the Electric Cooperative Meeting is Serious Business!

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### This Week's Local Forecast

<b>Thursday</b> T-storms 87/69	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy 89/68	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy 90/68	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 93/71	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 94/72	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 94/70	<b>Wednesday</b> Partly Cloudy 92/71

### Weather Trivia

Can a rainbow appear at night?



Answer: Yes. When the moon is extremely bright, it can produce a rainbow.

### Weather History

**July 8, 1975** - Three people were killed and six others were injured when lightning struck a walnut tree near Mayo, Fla. The nine people were stringing tobacco under a tin shed when the bolt hit the nearby tree.

### Moon Phases

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# Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

**Science Spectrum Rules!** (See photo page 6) At least that's what 27 kids thought on Wed., June 30<sup>th</sup> when Ross, Science Spectrum educator, presented "Restless Natives" in the library annex. What could "Restless Natives" possibly be about you ask? Well let me tell you, Ross not only explained, but promoted a hands-on learning experience, by show casing snakes (non-venomous, of course) a tortoise, a tarantula and a scorpion. And yes, the kids, all who wanted to touch, hold and allow to have crawl on their backs, were treated to a great experience. Fifteen adults watched the presentation, from a farther distance than the kids of course, and were just as curious and astounded as the children sitting in the front row. If you missed this Science Spectrum presentation don't despair, the library has another event scheduled for Wed., July 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The title is "Combustion" so expect to get fired up about how things ignite!

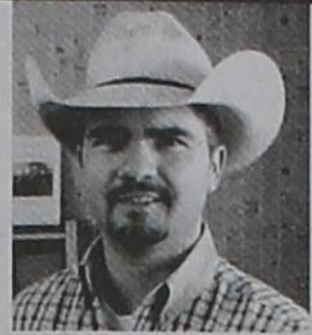
Here's the update on the Accelerated Reader (AR) Program too. From July 6<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> kids who finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades can take AR tests on library computers #1 and #2. Your user name and password are the same as last year. Also, Mrs. Alexander will have prizes for top readers each week and

a grand prize for the top reader for the month. Just beware, you cannot take a test on the same book twice.

Our new arrivals this week include three thrillers and a little mystery. The first is from Brad Thor, **Foreign Influence**, which depicts a Navy SEAL turned covert Homeland Security operative is called to action in a blood-soaked race across Europe. The second, **Private**, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro revolves around the world's most advanced investigation firm, as it takes on three twisted, seemingly unsolvable cases. Our suspense novel, **In the Name of Honor**, by Richard North Patterson focuses on a lieutenant, home from Iraq, who kills his commanding officer - was it self-defense or pre-meditated murder? On a lighter note, bounty hunter Stephanie Plum from **Sizzling Sixteen**, by Janet Evanovich is back. She's inherited a lucky bottle from her uncle. The problem is her uncle didn't mention if the bottle is good luck or bad!

And here's another suggestion to get kids to read from Cindy Hoisington, early childhood educator from Newton, MA. **Be a reading Role Model.** Make reading material accessible, and let kids see you enjoy reading. Just a note, don't this in front of the tv!

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## Motley 4-H Members Compete in District Horse Show

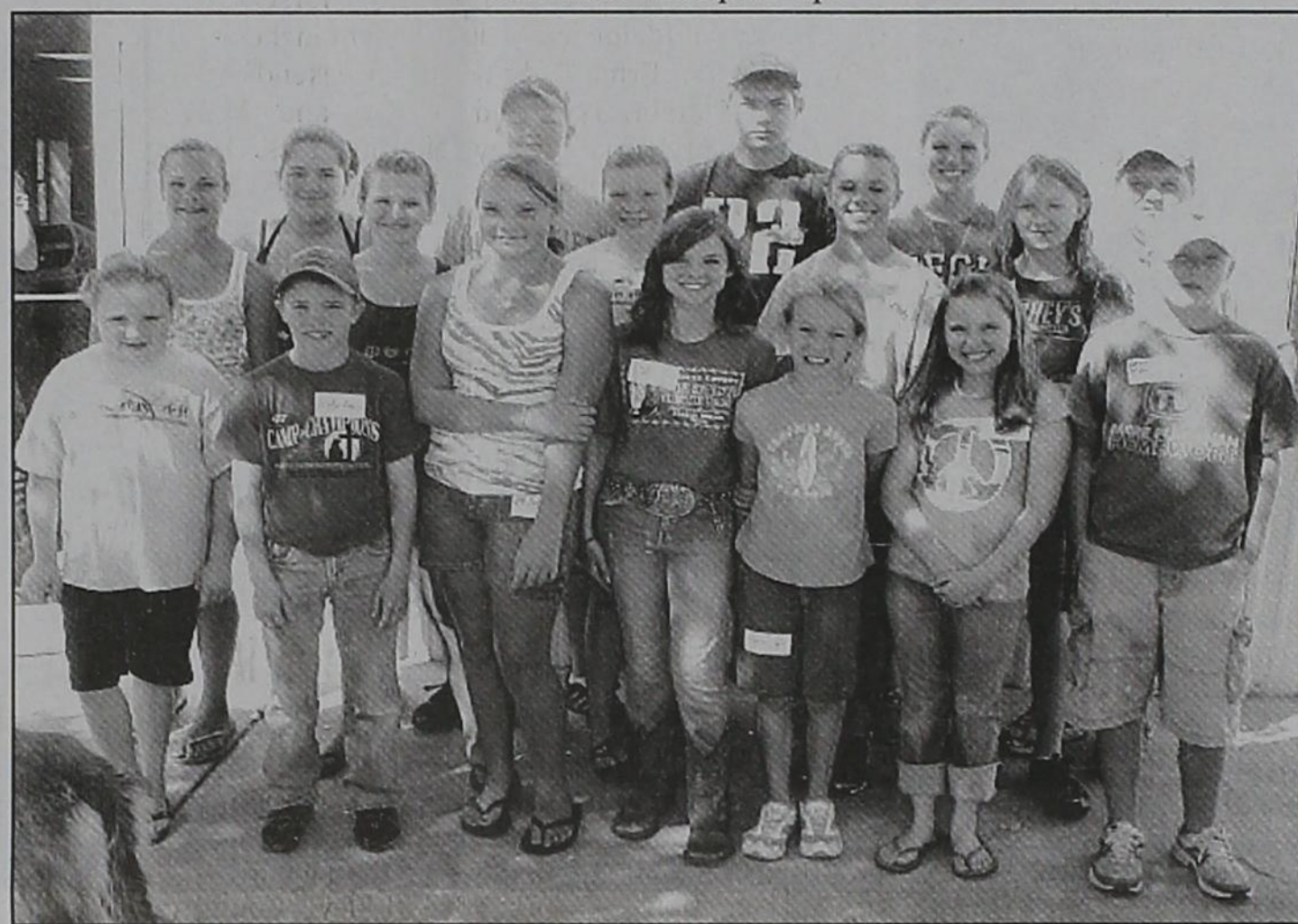
Cassidy Turner, Carley Turner and Brody Rankin traveled to Vernon June 24 - 26 to compete in the 2010 District 3 4-H Horse Show. Cassidy and Carley competed in Team Penning, Stock Horse Trail, Halter and Western Horsemanship. Brody competed in Team Penning, Breakaway Roping and Team Roping. Cassidy placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the grade geldings halter class and Brody placed 9<sup>th</sup> in breakaway roping, 6<sup>th</sup> in team roping, and 4<sup>th</sup> in team penning. These 4-H members did an excellent job and we look forward to next year.

gist with the AgriLife Extension agricultural and environmental safety unit in College Station. "And having good information on mosquito behavior and control can help reduce both their nuisance factor and the threat of disease transmission."

Two waves of mosquito activity typically follow a flooding event, he said. The first wave occurs five to seven days after the flooding event and consists of "floodwater" mosquitoes, which include salt marsh and pastureland mosquitoes, usually more of an annoyance than a disease threat. The second wave usually comes a few weeks later and consists mainly of "standing-water" mosquito species which breed in stagnating post-flood locations.

"Post-flood mosquito spe-

## 10 County 4-H Camp



(Pictured: Back row L to R: Mattie Brooks, Gabby Silva, Kaylee Woolsey, Seth Baxter, Cassidy Turner, Austin Taylor, Lexi Osborn, Jaci Zingerman, Shelby Elliott, and Jacob Woolsey. Front row L to R: Carley Turner, Brody Rankin, Sage Guerrero, Chloe Gleghorn, Jacie Taylor, Dode Gleghorn and Bryson Elliott)

The 10 County 4-H Camp was held in Roaring Springs at the Community Center and Old Settlers Grounds on June 22, 2010. 118 youth from Motley and surrounding counties came to Roaring Springs to enjoy a day filled with educational and recreational workshops, swimming and a dance. Junior 4-H members participated in workshops that included Wildlife Techniques and Identification, Crafts, Cancer Prevention - Tobacco Awareness, and recreation. Senior members participated in archery, communication skills and team building workshops. After the workshops were completed, youth were taken to the Roaring Springs Ranch Club for some free time at the pool. Afterwards they returned to the Community Center for supper and a dance played by Mike Potter and Kevin Rainwater.

## Experts: Post-Alex rains may ignite mosquito population explosion.

COLLEGE STATION - Rains and flooding from Hurricane Alex likely will lead to significantly increased mosquito activity in many parts of the state, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"Excessive moisture and flooding help create optimal conditions in which mosquitoes can breed," said Dr. Mark Johnsen, a medical entomolo-

gist. The second D means restricting activity at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. The third refers to dressing in loose-fitting, light-colored, long-sleeve shirts or blouses, and long pants. And the fourth D is in reference to draining standing water from bottles, cups, unused plant pots, tires and other receptacles that might provide a mosquito breeding site.

Johnsen added that materials covering the four Ds and other information on mosquitoes and mosquito control are available in English and Spanish and can be downloaded free from two AgriLife Extension websites.

The AgriLife Extension publication, "Potential Mosquito Problems after a Hurricane," is available for free download at the Agricultural and Environmental Safety website, <http://www-aes.tamu.edu/>, as are the other free publications "Mosquito Life Cycle" and "The Best Way to Control Mosquitoes."

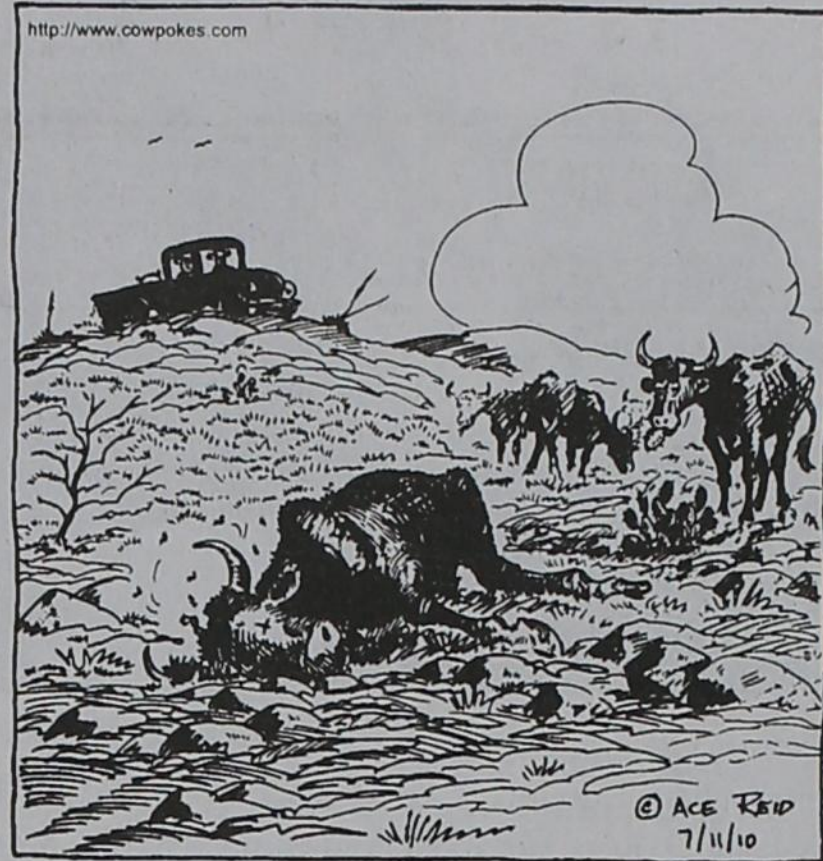
Further information can be found in the AgriLife Extension publication, "Mosquito Problems after a Storm," available through the AgriLife Extension Bookstore at <https://agrilifebookstore.org/>. The publication number for the English-language version is ER-042, and the number for the Spanish-language version is ER-042S.

The best way to combat mosquitoes after flooding is by applying the "four Ds" of personal protection - DEET, dusk/dawn, dress and drain, according to Johnsen.

The first D refers to using a mosquito repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535, he

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By Ace Reid



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# Obituary

Bill J Dillard

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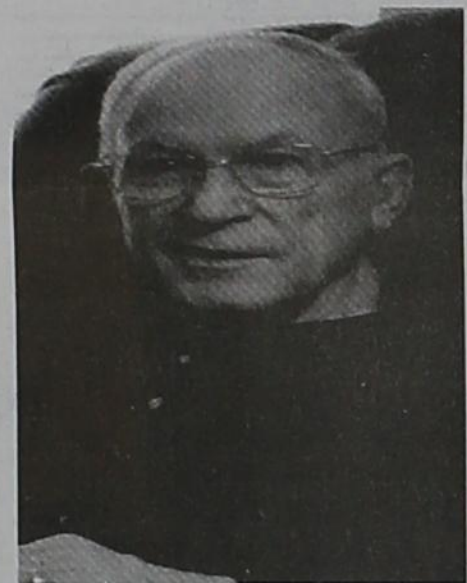
Bill Dillard was born in Floyd County, Texas, to parents Ben and the Rev. Edna (Ridener) Dillard. He moved with his family to a ranch near Roaring Springs, (Motley County) Texas, where he graduated in 1950 from Roaring Springs High School. He married Jenneva (Phelps) Dillard, also of Roaring Springs, Texas, they moved to Plainview, Texas, where Bill worked for Diesel Power Company (United Engines). In 1956 he was transferred to Oklahoma City and the couple made their home in Mustang, OK, where they raised their four children: Bill, Jay, Toni and Shelley.

Bill was employed as an accountant and promoted to an Associate Engineer at the Western Electric (AT&T) manufacturing plant at Oklahoma City Works for more than 20 years. He was a founding partner and principal in U-Change Lock Industries, introducing a patented cylinder sold throughout North America.

Bill and his family were instrumental in helping pioneer two churches; Wheatland Assembly of God (1959) and Mustang Assembly of God (1967). He served as a board member and officer of Mustang Public Schools in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In 1982 Bill was medically retired due to a severe stroke resulting in the loss of most of his vision. In his retirement years, he moved back to Roaring Springs, TX, and taught others how to benefit from the use of personal computers. Bill returned to Oklahoma City in 1992 where he met and married Della Ellis, M. D. They moved to Hale Center, Texas, for eight years. The couple returned to the Oklahoma City area for the next six years as Dr. Dillard completed her service in the United States Air Force at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

Mr. Dillard was preceded in death by his parents Benjamin H. and Edna (Ridener) Dillard, son E. Jay Dillard, daughter-in-law Connie (Timm) Dillard, and grandchildren Sherla Dillard, Travis Dillard and Shannon (Dillard) Wilson.

Surviving relatives include his wife Della Dillard originally from Henderson, Ken-



tucky, and Jenneva Dillard of Mustang, OK, mother of his children; son Bill D Dillard and wife Ami of Yukon, OK; daughter Toni Anson and husband Craig of Mustang, OK; daughter Shelley McCarthy and husband Mick of Eufala, OK; daughter-in-law Louann (Brann) Dillard of Piedmont, OK; and 10 grandchildren: Krista (Dillard) Bruton and husband Aaron, Larissa (Anson) Bowker and husband Kyle, Jade (McCarthy) Caldwell and husband Gavin, Jenna McCarthy, Amanda (Siems) Hogan and husband Dustin, Colin Dillard and wife Allie, Emily Anson, Mary Siems, Caleb Anson, and Mark Siems. He is also survived by one brother, Benny D. Dillard and wife Devonne of Roaring Springs; and one sister, Dean Dillard Gunstream of Ruidosa, N.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to: Dr. Burt, Crohn's Stem Cell Research, c/o Kate Quigley (Shelley McCarthy), 312-503-4130, Northwestern University, 633 Clark Street, Evanston IL 60208; Diabetes research c/o American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria Virginia 22312; Russell-Murray Hospice, 221 South Bickford El Reno, OK 73036; The Bridge Assembly of God Church, 1116 W Highway 152, Mustang, OK, 73064; or Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, 603 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Roaring Springs, TX, 79256.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 2, 2010, at The Bridge Assembly of God, Mustang, OK. Interment followed in Mustang Cemetery under the direction of McNeil's Mustang Funeral Service, Mustang, Oklahoma. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcneilmustangfs.com](http://www.mcneilmustangfs.com).

Anyone with additions/deletions/corrections for the Birthday Calendar that is sold during the fall to please call Cathey Turner at 347.2834 or email [cathey@motleyc.org](mailto:cathey@motleyc.org)



Additionally, the Texas Department of State Health Services has health-related precautions, including precautions about mosquitoes, for people in areas where heavy rains may occur as a result of Hurricane Alex. These can be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/news/releases/20100701.shtm/>.

Another resource, the "Mosquito Safari" website, <http://mosquitosafari.tamu.edu/>, sponsored by AgriLife Extension, the Dallas County Health Department and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6 Pesticides Division, is a free interactive site containing scientifically based information on mosquitoes and their control.

"Mosquito Safari was created as an alternative to other Internet sites on the pests that are bogged down by heavily text-oriented pages," said Dr. Mike Merchant, an AgriLife Extension urban entomologist in Dallas who helped create the site. "It's a visually appealing and interactive site that helps the user search out and eliminate places where disease-carrying mosquitoes might breed."

Container-breeding mosquitoes breed in anything that can catch and hold water, including soft drink cans, open grills, watering cans, clogged gutters, wheelbarrows and used tires, Merchant said.

"The core of the Mosquito Safari site is a virtual backyard that you can explore with your computer mouse," he said. "As you hit hot spots in the backyard, a window pops up and a narrator discusses what appears on the screen and how it relates to mosquito control."

In addition to showing the most common places for mosquitoes to breed, the site discusses mosquito biology and control methods, including repellents for people and sprays for foliage. It also describes characteristics of six common U.S. mosquito species, including behavior, physical characteristics and breeding sites.

"While the site provides useful information and technical assistance to the public, it may still be necessary for people to contact a pest control professional or employ additional do-it-yourself methods," he said.

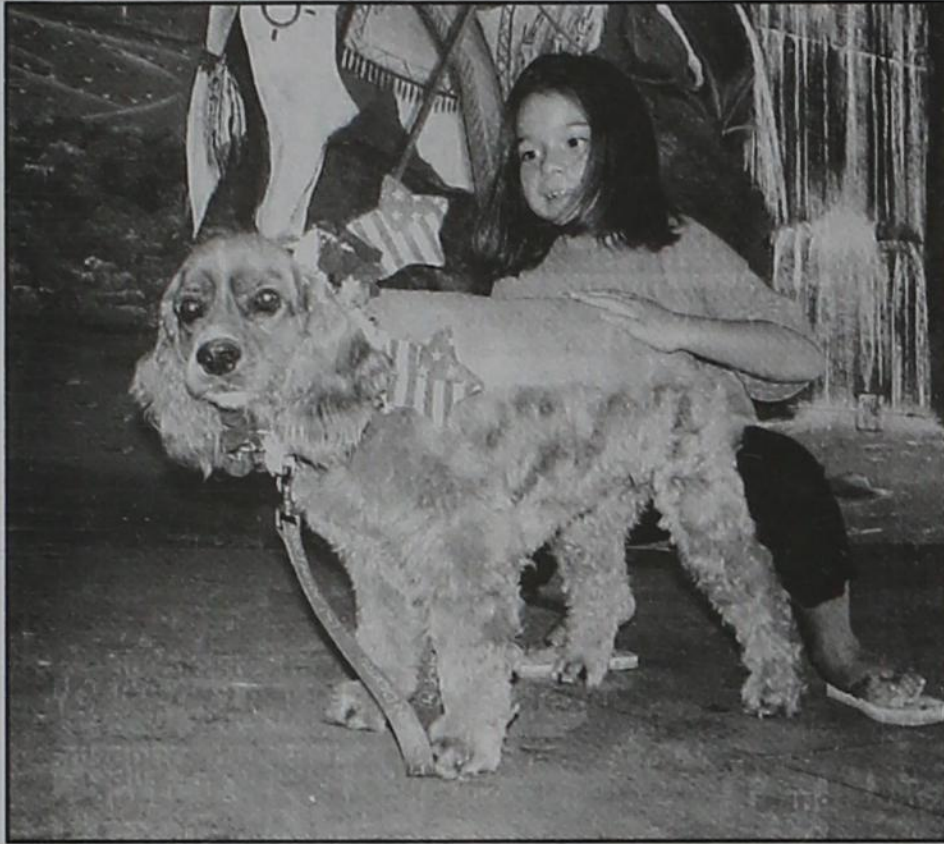




The Hilarious Hat contest held at the Community Center Pavillion on July 3 featured a lot of creative hats. Entrants (L to R) were: Sophia Charette, Diane Carter, Tina Brooks, Russell Alexander, Lori Alexander, and Sam Charette. Not pictured, but participating in the competition were: Hanna Brown of Dalhart, and Joan Patton of Matador. photo by Corky Marshall



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"Futter" the Cocker Spaniel (shown here with Hannah Brown) performs tricks on command from owner Denisa Brown. Futter can shake hands, sit on command, and roll over. He took a 1st Place ribbon in the Tricks and Obedience categories at the Dog Show on July 3.

photo by Carol Campbell



Hanna Brown, daughter of Denisa and Curtis Brown, took top honors in the Bike category of the downtown all-vehicle parade at Roaring Springs on July 3. Hanna is the granddaughter of Alex and Jo Crowder of Roaring Springs.

photo by Carol Campbell



Pictured are the 1st Place winners of the ATV category in the All-Vehicle Parade at Roaring Springs on July 3; (L to R, back to front): Carson, 9; Brady, 4, Ginger-the-Dog, 12, and Bennett, 7. Pictured front and center are Scott Upfield of Carrollton, Texas, and Alexis Moore, 15. These are the grandchildren of D.A. and Ruby McGuire, Roaring Springs.

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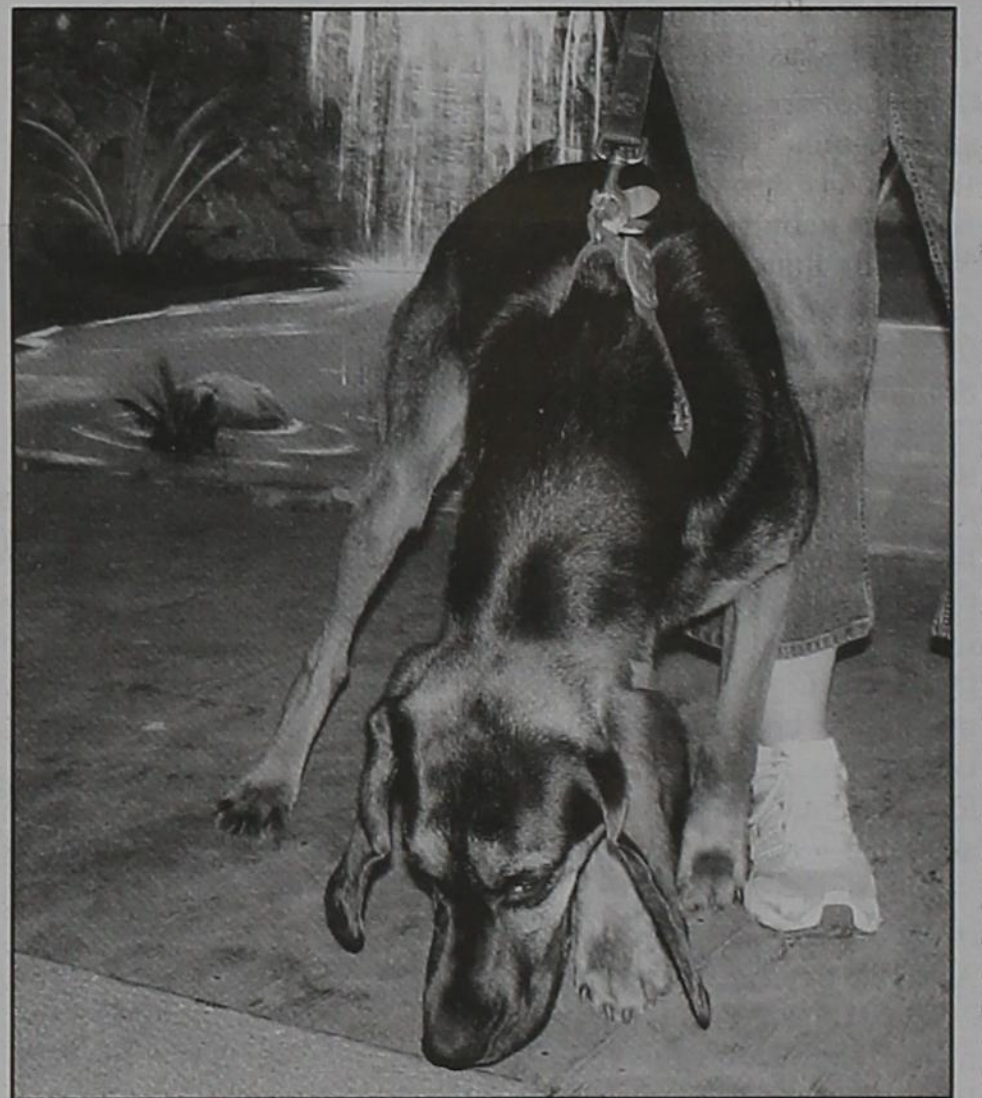
Hogan Johnson rode in this wagon tossing candy to the crowd on the parade route. Hogan is the grandson of Jeanie and Jerry Johnson of Matador.

photo by Carol Campbell



"Dixie Belle" and owner Lori Alexander wait for their turn on stage at the July 3 Dog Show. Dixie Belle, decked out in pink with rings and bracelets, also sporting pink toenails and pink lipstick, took 2nd Place in the Best Dressed Dog category. Lori said "Dixie Belle doesn't do tricks, she just looks pretty."

photo by Carol Campbell



"Max" the Search and Rescue Dog shown by his co-trainer Denisa Brown of Dalhart, demonstrates his ability to sniff out every scent in the room, earning a 1st Place ribbon in the Working Dog category at the Dog Show on July 3. Blood Hounds have 20 million sensors in their nose and can make distinctions between every scent in a room, making them ideal workdogs for tracking. Max is on track to be fully certified as a Search and Rescue dog after he demonstrates his ability to track a person at least 1.5 miles for a minimum of five hours. Denisa, daughter of Jo and Alex Crowder, brought Max and her Cocker Spaniel "Futter" to the annual Roaring Springs July 4 celebration, along with and her husband Curtis and daughter Hannah.

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"Foxy" (left) and owner Pauline House, Matador, took 3rd Place honors in the Tricks and Obedience category at the Dog Show at the July 4 celebration. Foxy's trick consists of sitting up and begging for a treat.

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J. Don Finch and "Little Bit" of Matador, enjoy the July 4 parade, despite on and off again rain.

photo by Carol Campbell



## Cowboy Conservatism unveils telling portrait of modern conservatism

Lexington, KY—Texas has contributed many things to America's national culture: oil, ten gallon hats, rodeos, the Alamo, and perhaps most notably, Republicans. However the state, as well as the rest of the South, was staunchly Democratic through the 1970s. How and why did the home of Lyndon Johnson become a Republican Party stalwart? Texas served as the fault line for a movement that would change the face of contemporary American politics, becoming an active player in the revival of the Republican Party and the spread of conservatism through the South. Thanks to this rapid transition, conservatives would move to take on Washington from the White House to the Senate, defending their devout beliefs in God, capitalism, anti-communism, and a smaller government.

In *Cowboy Conservatism: Texas and the Rise of the Modern Right*, Sean P. Cunningham unveils a telling portrait of modern conservatism by examining the unique history of Republican Texas, specifically in the years between John F. Kennedy's assassination and Ronald Reagan's presidency. Employing extensive research garnered from the archives of four presidential libraries, gubernatorial papers, local campaign offices, and oral histories, Cunningham presents a fascinating chronicle of the rise of modern conservatism. *Cowboy Conservatism* reveals Texas' vital contributions to the transformation of American politics, as the state would rise to the forefront of modern conservatism during the Reagan revolution of 1980.

After JFK's assassination, both the Republican and Democratic parties faced issues of platform realignment; the essential tenets of both liberalism and conservatism had begun to change dramatically. This tense political climate provided the conservatives with a valuable opportunity as the divided

Democratic Party unraveled into factions, a phenomenon that drove disgruntled members to vote for or join the Republican Party. The Republican campaign strategy de-emphasized party lines while accentuating the GOP's position on ideological issues. The party's emphasis on social trends defined its voice on national issues and would lead the conservatives to political prominence beyond the borders of Texas. Backed by substantial political patronage in the Lone Star State, the modern conservative message attracted a new level of support on a national scale as working-class populists, suburban middle-class traditionalists, and politically active evangelicals set the foundation for the GOP's new identity.

The prevalence of broadcast media in the 1960s and 70s brought national images into Texans' homes, creating local fears that demanded new solutions. Faith, patriotism, tradition, and taxes became the centerpieces of conservative focus as Ronald Reagan propelled this new platform into Washington. With the support of a traditional base of affluent elites, Republicans began to alter the national political agenda from every elected state office. The new millennium found Republicans in control of both houses of the Texas state leg-

islature as well as both of the state's US Senate seats. Texas voters would eventually carry former governor George W. Bush through two presidential elections, once again securing conservative reign over American politics.

Today, political tension continues to escalate as the divide between conservative and liberal parties deepens. Following the Republican Party's eight-year-long control of Washington politics, *Cowboy Conservatism* serves as a timely and detailed account of the transformation of politics in Texas and how it continues to influence American politics.

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# COWBOY CONSERVATISM



TEXAS AND THE RISE OF THE MODERN RIGHT

SEAN P. CUNNINGHAM

## Climate change beginning to disrupt agriculture, threatening food security

Climate change is beginning to disrupt agriculture around the world, four experts said yesterday at a panel discussion sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The disruption comes at a time when global population is forecast to grow by half in the next 40 years and "the price of major grains like rice and wheat were already projected to also increase by roughly 50 percent," Darius Dixon of Environment & Energy News reports on ClimateWire, citing panelist Gerald Nelson, an agricultural economist and fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute. "With the added environmental stresses expected of climate change, prices could instead double, according to IFPRI."

Dixon reports, "Panelists

stressed the need for funding aimed at mitigating the damage to agricultural resources around the world potentially affected by climate change," already being seen in accelerating cycles of drought and rain. "Climate variability has already affected rains, droughts and temperatures in several parts of the United States, said Cynthia Rosenzweig, a senior research scientist with NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies." She noted "significant reductions in rainfall across large portions of the Northwest and Southeast. Idaho, Washington, Montana, Georgia and Florida had some of the most drastic changes in rainfall on the map."

On the other hand, "Increased soil moisture in some areas could potentially harbor insects and other pests," Dixon

reports. Also, "The reproductive development in many important grains is a process sensitive to temperature, said Paul Gepts, a professor of agronomy at the University of California, Davis. One of the potential side effects of climate change is a trend toward milder winters in some regions. Vital plants, Gepts said, require a cold winter in order to properly develop their seeds for the next season."

The panel also included R. Cesar Izaurre, a fellow at the Joint Global Change Research Institute. All the panelists "reaffirmed the belief that ripples in agricultural stability inevitably lead to civil unrest and a substantial threat to national security."

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## Rain dampens attendance at the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration

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the cattle situation.

"Max" is a 2-year-old Search and Rescue dog in training. Owners Denisa Brown, a paramedic, and husband Curtis Brown, a Fire Marshall, from Dalhart, are training Max who will be eligible for certification soon. "He has to be able to track a person at least 1.5 miles within a maximum time of five hours," Curtis said.

Top honors in the "Comical" category of Hilarious Hat contest was Commissioner Russell Alexander of Roaring Springs wearing a "Quik Quak" Oil Change hat. His competition was stiff with ISD School Board member Tina Brooks taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place with her "Hat of Many Labels." Coming in third place in the Comical Hat category was Sam Charette with his "Rocket Scien-

tist" hat.

The "Decorated Hats" category earned a 1<sup>st</sup> Place ribbon for Diane Carter, Roaring Springs, in her Minnie Pearl hat; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons went to Sophia Charette, Roaring Springs, and Hannah Brown, Dalhart, respectively, wearing "Twilight Twinkle" star hats. Best All-Around Honorable Mention went to Lori Alexander, Roaring Springs, for her creative "Ya Ya" hat.

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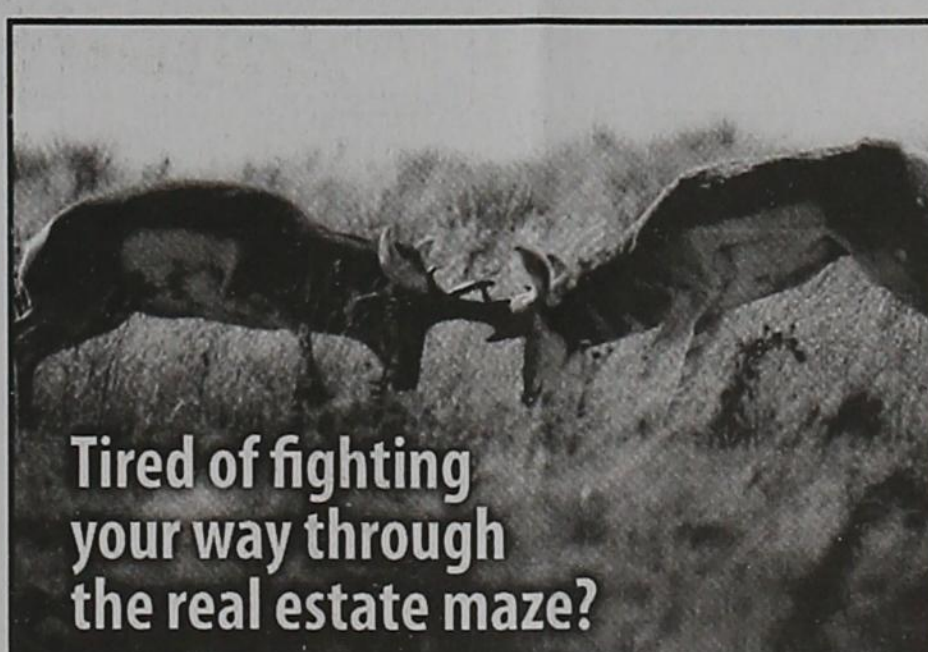
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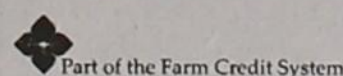
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**July**  
 8 District Recordbook Judging  
 8 Matador City Council  
 9-10 - Motley County Jr. Rodeo  
 10 Ice Cream Social, Senior Citizen Center  
 11 Register for Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church, Matador, 5-8 pm (3 yr - 5th grade)  
 12-23 Swimming Lessons  
 12-14 Saddle Ridge Ranch Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church, Matador, 6-8:30 pm (All kids, age 3 yrs thru just completed 5th grade)  
 12 Commissioners' Court  
 12 RS City Council  
 14 Hospital Board 7am  
 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm  
 20 Mat Lions  
 20-22 - District 3 Jr. Leadership Lab  
 24-31 - State 4-H Horse Show  
 28 Science Spectrum will present "Combustion" Library Annex, 10:00 a.m.

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### Open-House Style Public Meeting Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host the second series of open-house style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The purpose of this second series of meetings is to present project updates and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings, including exhibits and videos about the status and results of the study to-date. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Childress area will be held on August 3, 2010 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at: Childress District TxDOT Training Room, 7599 US 287, Childress, TX 79201

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), key word: transportation plan 2035 or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open-house style public meeting, written comments can be submitted on the project website at: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at: [TPP\\_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:TPP_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us); or by mail to: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027.

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