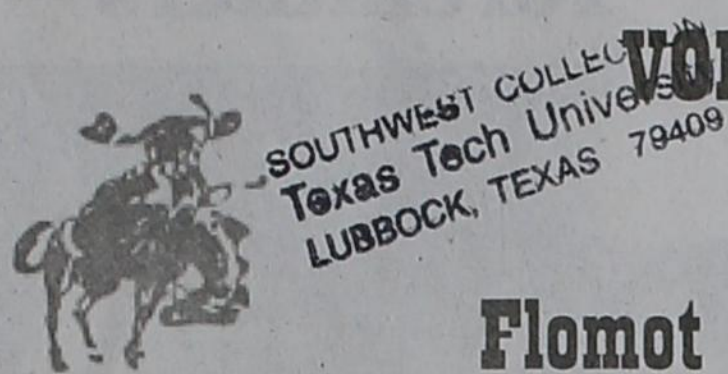


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Roaring Springs July 4th Parade Winners



Winning 2nd Place in the decorated ATV category were: Lexi Lawson and Charlee and Jeff Thacker, Roaring Springs. Not pictured, winning 1st Place in the decorated ATV category was the K-9 Search and Rescue team.

photo by Carol Campbell



In the decorated bicycle category, Hanna Brown of Delmonte, Texas, won First Place. Hanna is the granddaughter of Jo and Alex Crowder, Roaring Springs. photo by Carol Campbell



Winning Second Place in the "Other" category was Meredith Parker, Roaring Springs, driving a 1958 International Tractor.. photo by Carol Campbell



Ryder Russell, grandson of D'Anna and J.D. Russell, won 2nd Place in the decorated bicycle category at the July 4th Parade in Roaring Springs. photo by Carol Campbell



Winning First Place in the ATV category were Curtis Brown with his K-9 Search and Rescue dog. photo by Carol Campbell



Winning First Place recognition in the "Other" category was Jehromie Penrod as "Drift" the Hobo Christian Clown. He is pictured here with Charlee Thacker, 5, granddaughter of Jeff Thacker, Roaring Springs. photo by Carol Campbell



Winning First Place in decorated Golf Carts at the Roaring Springs 4th of July Parade was Adley Johnson and Audrey Caporale, grandchildren of Jerry and Jeannie Johnson, Matador. Also pictured is Sam Charette, Roaring Springs. photo by Carol Campbell



Second Place winners in the decorated Golf Cart category at the July 4th Parade were (L to R): Reagan Davis, Taylor Mzyk, Bryer Davis, Madison Mzyk, Dylan Mzyk, and Morgan Mzyk, grandchildren of Judy Renfro, Matador. photo by Carol Campbell



Winning First Place in the Float category at the July 4th All-Vehicle Parade was the Windmill Café. Pictured standing (L to R) are: Sabrina Osborn, Deannette Gullede, Kristi Ward, and Louanne Silva; seated (L to R) are: Kaylee Woolsey, Lexi Gullede, and Autumn Woolsey. Driving and assisting with the float were Perry Gullede and Chris Domingez. photo by Carol Campbell

FootHill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art
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By Larry Vogt

Although there was a chance for a rain shower, there was not a big shower on the parade on the Fourth. There was a slight drizzle that started towards the end of the Memorial Service, but at the time of the parade it had ceased.

I am sure there were plenty of folks who wouldn't have objected to rain on the parade, but not much rain came. The absence of rain has resulted in parched pas-

ture lands throughout the area, and continued danger from wild fires.

There have been plenty of people from this area who were wishing some of that excess water flowing down the Mississippi could somehow be diverted to West Texas. As we watched the folks in various states struggling with swollen rivers and streams, I am sure that same thought occurred to others.

Meanwhile, we have to content ourselves with a few hundredths or tenths of an inch until it is time for us to once again be flooded with the precious waters. I noticed that shrubs and trees that have not had the benefit of irrigation look quite dry and emaciated. We have heard tell of dry land farming but this drought is making it real dry land farming.

Sen. Cornyn Calls on FEMA To Follow Suit As USDA Designates Texas A Disaster Area

WASHINGTON—On the heels of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) designating Texas as a natural disaster area due to severe drought, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, today issued the following statement urging the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to follow suit and finally issue a disaster declaration for Texas in light of devastating wildfires:

"Not only have Texas officials and our first responders on the ground made repeated calls for FEMA to issue a disaster declaration for Texas, we now have another arm of the Administration recognizing that conditions on Texas lands merit a disaster designation. I encourage FEMA to take note of the USDA's designation, and finally act on issuing a disaster declaration for the wildfires that have ravaged our state. And I join all farmers, ranch-

ers, business and homeowners around Texas in the continued prayer for rain."

The state of Texas has appealed FEMA's decision to reject the state's request for a Major Disaster Declaration related to ongoing wildfires. Sen. Cornyn and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison wrote to the President last month in support of the state's appeal. Since the beginning of the year, more than 10,860 individual wildfires have burned more than 3,215,000 acres in Texas.

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

4th of July Memorial Program Honors Forefathers



Pictured is the crowd at the Memorial Day Program July 4 in Veterans Park, Roaring Springs. The program honored the "courage and faith of our forefathers." photo by Carol Campbell

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

On the early morning July 4, 2011, a cool breeze with the threat of rain hovered gently over Veteran's Park in Roaring Springs where the faithful gathered. The Rev. Bill Manney prayed a prayer of thanks for "the courage and faith of our forefathers."

Mayor Corky Marshall then led about 25 residents in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Star Spangled Banner led by Jeff Thacker.

The Rev. Mike Crowley was introduced by Mayor Marshall who recognized Crowley's service in the military and ministry service to the communities of Roaring Springs and Matador for the past 20 years.

Then Mike Crowley asked the question: What's so great about America? He talked about the greatness of America's land and the greatness of America's people, touching on what "lies behind the freedoms we enjoy."

He quoted great men from

Aristotle to George Washington; and Daniel Webster to Thomas Jefferson. On July 2, 1776, Crowley explained, Washington sent general orders to his officers explaining the war effort: "The time is now near at hand which must probably determine, whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their Houses, and Farms, are to be pillaged and destroyed, and they consigned to a State of Wretchedness from which no human efforts will probably deliver them... We have therefore to resolve to conquer or die. Our own Country's Honor all call upon us for a vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail, we shall become infamous to the whole world." (The Claremont Institute). "We are Americans," Crowley said, "may we always remain free."

Jeff Thacker then led the audience in "God Bless America" followed by a benediction by the Rev. Patrick Adair.

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Come join in all the fun activities at Caprock Canyons State Park during the month of July.

Join in the Canyon Walks and Talks that will be held July 2nd and 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. where anything from geology, history, flora, and fauna of Caprock Canyons State Park will be discussed.

Also, bring your children to the Discovery Center where they can learn even more about the park from animals to plants to people and everything in between. The Children's Discovery Center is open every Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and also on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Our monthly Trail Ride for the month of July will be Saturday, July 2 at 8:00 a.m. at the Wildhorse Camping Area. Join a park ranger in a leisurely ride on horseback through the canyon as we discuss the history of the park from Native Americans to cattle ranchers as you take in the beautiful scenery of Caprock Canyons State Park. Bring your own horse or rent one from the Quitaque Riding Stables. Negative coggins required.

Other programs offered this month include Geocaching 101, Treasure Hunting Made Fun on Saturday, July 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake Theo Pavilion where we will teach the basics of geocaching, a fun-filled treasure hunting activity using a GPS device. Also this month, we will have Early Birding on July 16 and again on July 30 at 8:30 a.m. We will meet at the Comfort Station parking lot so bring those binoculars and field guides and keep your eyes peeled for those quick little creatures.

USDA Designates 213 Counties in Texas as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

WASHINGTON, June 27, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 213 counties in Texas as primary natural disaster areas after one of the worst droughts in more than a century. The state sustained excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that burned hundreds of thousands of acres.

"Many producers have lost their crops due to the devastation caused by the drought and wildfires," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I want these farmers and ranchers to know that we will support them through the recovery process and help them once again become productive suppliers of food, fiber and fuel that keep America prospering. This designation will help provide that support."

The drought, wildfires and other natural disasters - which began Jan. 1, 2011, and continues - caused 30 percent or more loss of forage crops, pasture, corn, oats and wheat in the following counties:

All counties listed, including Motley County, were designated natural disaster areas June 24, 2011, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for low interest emergency (EM) loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover

part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

USDA also has made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), which was approved as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; the Emergency Conservation Program; Federal Crop Insurance; and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Interested farmers may contact their local USDA Service Centers for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

FSA news releases are available on FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> via the "News and Events" link.

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Electric Transmission Texas Forms Construction Alliance for CREZ Projects

AUSTIN, TEXAS, June 30, 2011 - Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT), has executed master agreements with three construction firms for transmission and infrastructure services associated with the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) projects assigned to ETT by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). The agreements with Quanta Services Inc, MYR Group Inc. and TIC Holdings Inc. ensure ETT has significant construction resources committed to help complete its CREZ program in west Texas.

ETT, a joint venture between subsidiaries of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MidAmerican), will construct nearly \$1.4 billion in CREZ projects by 2013. The PUCT awarded ETT the second largest share of CREZ projects throughout the state.

The master agreements ensure that Quanta Services, MYR and TIC will have the resources available to construct a total of 450 miles of transmission lines and facilities.

Over the last several months, the PUCT has approved the required Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for ETT's CREZ projects. Acquisition of rights-of-way from property owners will be completed over the next 18 months.

"Establishing this master agreement ensures the resources will be available to begin these important transmission projects as rights-of-way are secured," said ETT President Calvin Crowder. "Project specific pricing and terms will be further refined as we move closer to the start of construction; however, the agreement establishes that we will have three of our industry's leading transmission construction companies committed to these projects at a time when the number of similar projects throughout the country might make resources of this caliber unavailable. All three companies have proven capabilities, a strong safety focus and a commitment to the ETT CREZ program."

The three construction firms will work under the direction of ETT and URS Corp. ETT contracted with URS in

2010 to serve as overall program manager for ETT's CREZ projects. Robert Wood, URS vice president and program manager, emphasized that Quanta, MYR and TIC companies have solid reputations for these types of construction projects. "We are very pleased that they will be joining these projects and look forward to working with all three companies," he said.

Quanta Services Inc. (NYSE: PWR) is a leading specialized contracting services company, delivering infrastructure solutions for the electric power, natural gas and pipeline, and telecommunication industries. The company's comprehensive services include design, installation, repair and maintenance of network infrastructure nationwide. Additionally, Quanta (www.quantaservices.com) licenses point-to-point fiber optic telecommunications infrastructure in select markets and offers related design, procurement, construction and maintenance services. With operations throughout North America, Quanta has the manpower, resources and expertise to complete projects that are local, regional, national or international in scope.

MYR Group Inc. (Nasdaq: MYRG) is a holding company of specialty construction service providers. Through subsidiaries dating back to 1891, MYR (www.myrgroup.com) is one of the largest electri-

cal contractors servicing the transmission and distribution sector of the electric utility industry nationwide. Customers include electric utilities, private developers, cooperatives and municipalities. MYR also provides commercial and industrial electrical contracting services to facility owners and general contractors in the Western United States. MYR's comprehensive services include turnkey construction and maintenance services for the nation's electrical infrastructure.

TIC Holdings Inc. (www.tic-inc.com) is one of the leading industrial contractors serving the electric utility industry. With more than 40,000 MW of installed capacity, TIC is consistently ranked in Engineering News-Record as one of the top industrial contractors. TIC is differentiated by its direct-hire capabilities, financial strength and diverse projects.

URS Corporation is a leading provider of engineering, construction and technical services for public agencies and private sector companies around the world. The company offers a full range of program management; planning, design and engineering; systems engineering and technical assistance; construction and construction management; operations and maintenance; and decommissioning and closure services. URS provides services for power,

infrastructure, industrial and commercial, and federal projects and programs. Headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., URS Corporation has approximately 47,000 employees in a network of offices in more than 40 countries.

ETT acquires constructs, owns and operates transmission facilities within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, primarily around the AEP Texas Central Company and AEP Texas North Company service territories.

AEP, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest electric utilities in the U.S., delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP (www.aep.com) has extensive experience building extra-high-voltage 765-kV transmission lines and owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes 2,100 miles of 765-kV transmission lines, more than all other U.S. transmission systems combined.

MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (www.midamerican.com), based in Des Moines, Iowa, is a global provider of energy services to more than 6.9 million customers worldwide. MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company subsidiaries, PacifiCorp and MidAmerican Energy Company, own and operate more than 18,000 miles of electric transmission lines.

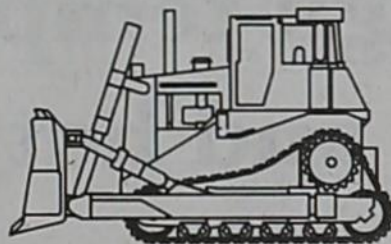
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There is nothing that is mundane about living Christ. For the Christian there are challenges almost on a daily basis. Our God would have us to live our lives in such a way as to become more like Jesus. There is a challenge! Our Bibles give us information on how to strengthen ourselves through faith to meet and

accept any challenge. For example: More Bible study time. While not sounding like much finding the time is indeed a challenge. Time for study must be carefully sought and found. Meaningful involvement in the Church and its commitments is yet another challenge.

In our Bibles there is not found one good word for those who only "warm the pew." To those brethren of long ago in the church at Laodicea our Lord said, "because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth." Those are strong words and they are meant to be. The Lord wanted His people then and now to respond to the challenges set before us.

So how do we respond? Are we less than eager? Or are we ready to live our lives pressing on toward the mark of the high calling that is found in Christ Jesus our Lord? In seeking to be more like Jesus more than just a casual relationship with God is require. There in lies our greatest challenge. To build a deep, working relationship with the One who challenges us is what faith is all about.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

Just to smell the showers and hear thunder gave me hope even though it didn't rain in on Sunday in Roaring Springs. Yesterday evening I saw a frog! That is the first one I have seen this year; I haven't even seen one where we watered. I think it is a good sign that it is thinking about raining. I haven't been out on the roads to see a tarapin or a tarantula, which are both pretty good signs of rain, too. I am going to keep hoping and praying! Today we had a light shower during the Memorial Service at the park. I didn't hear anyone complaining about getting damp!

The grass fires that go with the lightening makes me sad and I want it to pour and put out any fires that start. It is rare that we have a summer rain without thunder and lightning.

In the community

Quite a few visitors are in town for the Fourth of July happenings. Mac and Wanda McDowell and their granddaughter, Katie Duvall of Crockett paid a visit to Roaring Springs before the fourth. Wanda's father worked for the Railroad. Wanda was born at Third and Maple here in Roaring Springs and she started school here in 1940. Her parents were Audy and Mattie Duncan. The McDowells had passed through here last year and had refreshments at the Travelers Inn. Wanda started planning a trip back to visit her hometown. They toured the Springs Ranch and got to see the swimming pool she remembered so well. They had lunch at the Windmill Café before resuming their journey. Mr. McDowell is retired from the armed services; he was born in New York City but became a happy Texan!

Gala Lawson of Austin and her granddaughter Lexie Lawson of San Antonio are visiting Buzz and Tince Thacker. They came when Lexie was smaller and Lexie rode in the parade in Corky's golf cart. She was thrilled to get to be a part of the Parade and take in the hat contest and best dressed dog event. This year Lexie hopes to have an offer to ride a horse in the parade.

Jeff Thacker and his daughter, Blair Thacker Wilson both

celebrated birthdays this weekend. Joining the festivities were Brad, Weslyn, Charlee and Edie Thacker of Amarillo, Blair and Bradford Wilson of Lubbock, Janelle and Coby Turner and son, Hadley of Claude, Texas, Larry and Donna Hoyle of Matador, and their daughters, Tonya Givens and daughter, Kaitlan Price of Spur and Laurie Bridge and her daughter Tatom of Afton. Accompanying Kaitlan was her friend, Sierra Fry of Spur.

Don and Billie Stuckey were in Canadian Friday and Saturday for the Canadian 4th of July events. The attended their rodeo two nights and two days, they were ready to come home on Sunday.

Jared and Kandi Keltz Johnson and Kirbi visited her parents, Kelly and Pennie Keltz this weekend. Kirbi enjoyed the parade.

Joshua Palmer has had been deployed to Kuwait. He left last Wednesday. Joshua is in the Quick Response Unit of the Army National Guard. Joshua's wife, Heather and children Mariah and Michael reside in Shawnee, OK. Josh is the son of James and Pat Palmer of Eureka, KS and the grandson of Zella Palmer of Roaring Springs.

Good news! Mark Miller got a good report on the pathology tests on the tumor that was removed on Tuesday, June 21st. Mark is up and about and doing well.

On Friday of last week, Dana Graham met her son First Lieutenant, Jerod Rieger of the Air Force in Wichita Falls. Jerod was there to participate in a graduation at Sheppard Air Force Base there. Dana and Jerod enjoyed visiting over supper before Jerod had to return to Little Rock, AR.

Visiting the Alex Crowders today are the Curtis Browns of Dalhart; Denisa Brown is the Crowder's daughter. Hannah Brown got to ride her bike in the parade. They brought along the blood hound Max again. He is getting to be a regular at the parade and dog show. Curtis' other daughter, Janis Parker of Hawaii is here also.

There was an anonymous clown in the parade; I think I know who it was but I won't tell. His name tag said 'Drift'.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

America, show your strength; Fly the red, white and blue; Old Glory stands for pride; Her survival starts with you!

Community News

Visiting Saturday with Ruth and Orville Lee were Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Lubbock, Brandon Lee of Plainview, Teresa and Tom Heck and Kacee of Turkey.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger visited the weekend with her father, Wilburn Martin.

Kaitlynn Hughes of Royce City and Kendal Hughes of Floydada visited the week with their grandparents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Rickey Hughes and son, Kason of Floydada visited them Saturday and accompanied Kendal home.

Mrs. DeAnna Oberhue and sons, Grant and Ty of Walsenburg, Colorado visited the

week with Tim and Melissa Kendal, Jere and Jacob.

Visiting from Friday until Sunday with Jack and Nada Starkey were children, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo, Michael Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Weekend guests of Jerry and Sandra Barclay were son and family, Lance and Sherryl Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Meadow and grandchildren, Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador.

Visiting during the week with Johnie Starkey were Mrs. Nola Long and son, Charley from Winnewood, Oklahoma, Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin and L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

Visiting during the weekend with Connie and Coy Franks were Matt and Ashley Washington, Blu and Brazos of Roaring Springs, Cara and Clint Cowart of Big Spring, Cary and Mary Franks, Cory and Amy Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston of Idalou.

"Moments in Time" Renewed Memories at 2011 Tri-annual Flomot Homecoming

Moments in Time renewed many memories for former students, teachers and residents who returned for the 2011 Tri-annual Flomot Homecoming and program held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 2, at the Community Center.

Wilburn Martin, Master of Ceremonies, recalled some of these treasured and amusing memories when attending Flomot Schools and then returning to teach in the Flomot Schools.

Mrs. Hunter Smith of Austin was recognized for traveling the farthest to attend the homecoming. Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, 87, of Flomot was recognized as the oldest individual attending.

Glen Calvert presented Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot as the 2011 Flomot Homecoming Queen and escorted her to the dias. He placed the crown on the newly elected queen, who was then presented a bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson gave the Memorial Tribute and read a list of the deceased during the past three years.

In the business session, President Glen Calvert introduced the Homecoming Association officers for 2014: Seab Washington, president; Donnie Ray Rogers, vice president and Mrs. Roger (Shondi) Lee, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Calvert expressed his appreciation for donations, the committees and all others who helped in any way with homecoming arrangements.

A delicious barbecue evening meal catered by Justin Calvert of Dumas followed the program. Concluding the enjoyable activities was a dance with music provided by the Cadillac Jack Band.

The 110 who registered for Homecoming agreed, "It doesn't matter where we roam, it's always nice to be back home!"



Pictured with "Drift" the Clown at the July 4th Parade is Byron Campbell, Lubbock, and his son Richard Cooper Campbell.

Matador News

Tegan Shannon, granddaughter of Bill and Arlyce Manney, enjoyed a week-long visit in Matador recently. She was escorted to Matador by her aunt Gwen Rice, younger daughter of the Manneys, arriving on Friday, June 17. Gwen returned to Austin on Tuesday, June 21. Tegan stayed to enjoy the city park, swimming, horse-back riding at Mott Creek Ranch, rock hunting, visiting various farmyard animals, patronizing the library, shopping, and an assortment of activities with her grand-parents. Tegan's parents, Michael and Lorelei Shannon, arrived in Matador Friday, June 24, and they went on to vacation

in New Mexico on Saturday, June 25. A good time was had by all. Tegan appreciated the new zip line at the park.

Visiting during the July 4th holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were sons and wives, Lance and Vickie Jameson of Vernon and Shannon and Berths Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M.

Visiting in the Lucretia and Carol Campbell home during the July 4th holiday was Byron and Kelly Campbell, Cooper and Asher, of Lubbock; and Edward and Jana Ellsworth, Brennen and Ashlynn, of Katy, Texas. The family enjoyed a hamburger cookout, swimming, and homemade ice cream.

Golf Update by Cynthia Stafford

Tuesday Night Scramble participants were Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Timmy Brooks, Steve Buxkemper, Robert Carter, Garland Cartwright, Lee Hurt, Jerry Johnson, Tommye Keith, Tanner Keith, Kelly Keltz, Kevin Keltz, Eli Marshall, Ken Marshall, Brandon Moore, Kyle Moore, Mike Porter, Tony Rose, Tammy Simpson, David Taylor, Tim Ward, and Bryan White. The Closest to the Pin Winner was Mike Porter and the winning team was Eli Marshall, Ken Marshall, and Mike Porter with a score of seven under par.

The Thursday morning Ladies Play Day participants were: Liv Barton, Jean Hoover, Nita Murphy, Judy Renfro, and Glenna Ross. The afternoon participants were Tommye Keith and Tammy Simpson.

The Men's Golf Association is having a fundraiser to benefit Liz Mason. Liz is the 39-year-old wife of Roaring Springs Ranch employee, Wes Mason, and mother of 14-year-old daughter, Hannah. Liz has been in Covenant ICU since June 3, 2011 with a brain aneurism. A golf club has been donated by GOLF USA, Lubbock, Texas, and all proceeds will go to help Liz and her family during this difficult time. The Association will be raffling a Cleveland Launcher DST Driver (Retail Value of \$ 300.00). Chances are \$5.00 per ticket and can be purchased at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club Golf Shop. The drawing will be held July 31st during the Two Jacks and One Jill Golf Tournament. You do not have to be present to win.

June records triple digit temperatures and hot winds

Earlyne Jameson
Motley County Tribune

June did little to alleviate the moisture problem due in large part to the La Nina weather pattern. The month had 21 days of triple digit temperatures and high hot winds.

Most of the cotton was planted, but only planted to meet insurance regulations. Hay supplies are tight because ranchers have been feeding it to cattle since the fall. Faced

with no hay crop, drastic drops in lakes and underground water levels, ranchers have opted to reduce size of herds. The medicine for it all is going to be good rainfalls.

The total moisture reported in June by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.08; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 0.25; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.11; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.0; Clois Shorter, Flomot 0.38.

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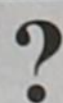
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This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday Sunny 100/74	Friday Mostly Sunny 99/74	Saturday Mostly Sunny 99/73	Sunday Mostly Sunny 98/75	Monday Partly Cloudy 99/75	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 97/72	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 94/71

Weather Trivia

What are Nor'Easters?



Answer: They are strong, low pressure systems that form over the eastern United States.

Weather History

July 7, 1915 - Severe winds and thunderstorms caused heavy damage and 38 deaths in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. Many old buildings were demolished. The steamship "Dick Fulton" was overturned.

Moon Phases

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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

We've received a wide assortment of new books this week for every age group and taste.

For our "real story" enthusiasts there are two WWII books you'll need to check out: *Helmet for my Pillow* by Robert Leckie, and *Tears in the Darkness: Story of the Bataan Death March and its Aftermath* by Michael Norman and Elizabeth M. Norman. *At the Devil's Table* by William C. Rempel tells the true story of the Cali Cartel and Columbia in the 1990s. And if you like reading about life on the West Texas High Plains, then this book is a must read, *As a Farm Woman Thinks* by Nellie Witt Spikes. If you like more out-of-this-world space adventure then *Rocket Men: The Epic Story of the First Men on the Moon* by Craig Nelson is the perfect read for you. And if you're looking for

more information on stem cell research then *The Stem Cell Hope* by Alice Park is for your eyes only.

Our murder/mystery readers have 2 releases to choose from: *Disturbance* by Jan Burke and *Now You See Her* by James Patterson.

And our junior readers have a new book by Megan McDonald, *Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer* along with *The Vanishing Violin* by Michael D. Beil.

Okay kids, there's 5 new books to choose from in the Children's section this week. This is a must read to your little ones. *What Do You See?* by Lubbock author and 7 year-old, Shao-Min Yeh! *The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown, *Maisy Goes on Vacation* by Lucy Cousins, *Froggy Goes to Hawaii* by Jonathan London, and *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Livestock and Rangeland Drought Management Meeting

On July 6 beginning at 4:00pm there will be a Drought Management Meeting held in the Library Annex Building in Matador. The agenda includes presentations from: Ted McCullum on Livestock and Rangeland Management during Drought Conditions, Stan Bevers - Marketing Outlook and Effects of Drought on Market, Amy Hackler - COC Elections and FSA Updates, Cary Franks - PRF Insurance, and Ryan Martin - Weed Control during Drought and Chemical Updates. 2 CEU's will be offered to private applicator license holders. The cost for the program is \$10 per participant. The program is sponsored by the Motley County Extension Office and is open to all people regardless to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, services, or accommodations in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733 by July 5 for assistance.

cer. With a hot, dry summer forecast across the state, the number of wildfires isn't likely to decrease.

"We expect fire activity to continue," Spencer said. "These are dangerous conditions."

Burning trash, gathering around a campfire, tossing out a lit cigarette and even driving a hot car through tall grass all can lead to an increase in wildfires when combined with vegetation that has been dried out by the summer sun.

With 90 percent of wildfires caused by humans, Texas Forest Service continues to urge Texans to use caution when doing anything outdoors that could cause a spark.

COMMISSIONER STAPLES AND DOZENS OF STAR FUND DONORS ENCOURAGE RANCHERS TO APPLY FOR WILDFIRE REBUILDING ASSISTANCE

Deadline to apply for first-round funding for 'Operation New Fences' is July 15 for ranchers needing financial assistance to rebuild fences

AUSTIN — With more than 3 million acres burned, 233 counties under burn bans (the most ever) and temperatures reaching record highs, fire experts are calling this one of the worst fire seasons in Texas history. According to the Texas Forest Service, six of the 10 largest fires ever recorded in Texas have occurred this year, scorching more than 4,000 miles of ranch fences — more miles than needed to fence the entire perimeter of Texas. As ranchers begin to rebuild their lives, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is encouraging them to apply for assistance available through the STAR Fund.

Texans are suffering through one of the worst wildfire seasons on record and are struggling to rebuild from unprecedented devastation,

Commissioner Staples said. "The acreage ravaged by these fires equals more than the combined areas of Delaware, Rhode Island, Washington D.C. and one-third of Connecticut. Our farmers and ranchers are losing their livelihoods, and ultimately, all Americans will suffer through increased food prices. Texans

News Alert: Texas remains under severe drought conditions

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A whopping 97 percent of the Lone Star State is in the midst of a drought, with almost three-quarters facing exceptionally bad conditions, according to a national report released Thursday.

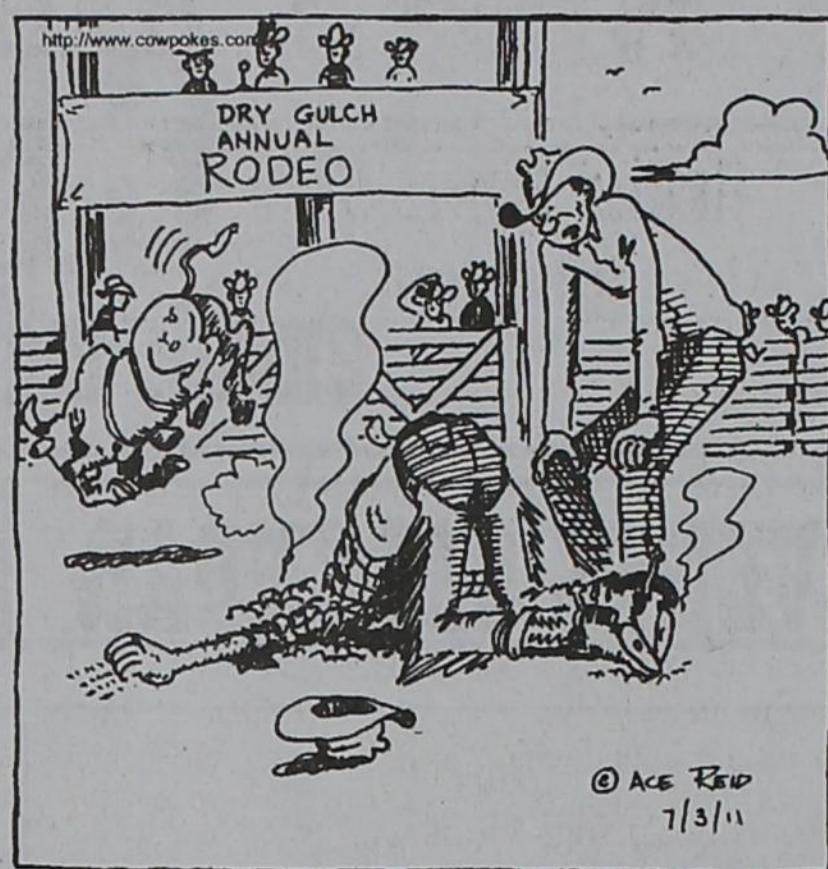
The National Drought Monitor shows that most of Texas is at the highest intensity level registered for drought. State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon has said this is one of the worst droughts Texas has seen since 1895, when the state first began keeping records.

The drought has devastated land and forestry this year and aided in creating conditions that are ripe for wildfires. Since fire season began Nov. 15, 2010, almost 13,000 fires have burned 3.3 million acres in Texas.

Typically Texas sees more wildfires in July than June, according to Texas Forest Service Predictive Services Department Head Tom Spen-

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



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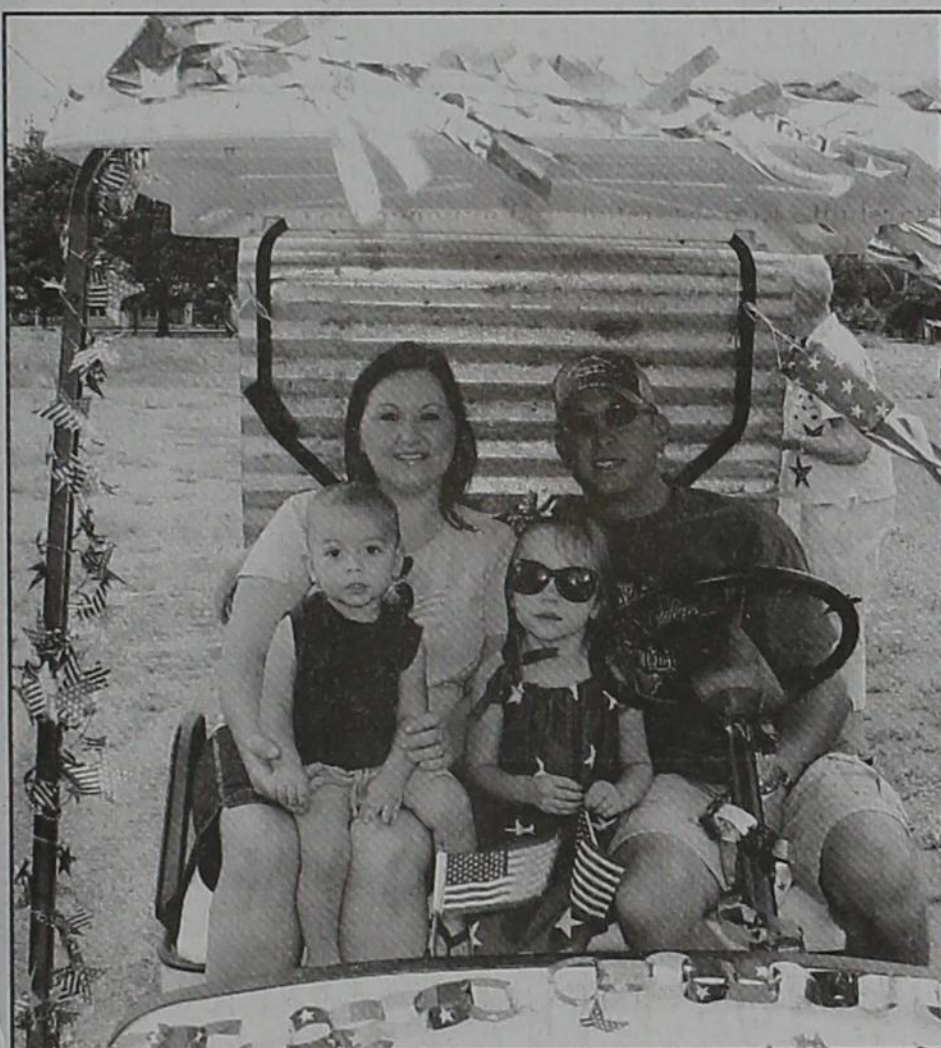
By Amy Hackler CED

FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS AND REMINDERS

fecto to make an appointment.

NAP Insurance deadline for Wheat Grazing is September 1st. Please make an appointment to come in and pay your NAP fees for 2012.

Producers are reminded to that July 15th is the deadline to certify all acres including fallow land. Please call the of-



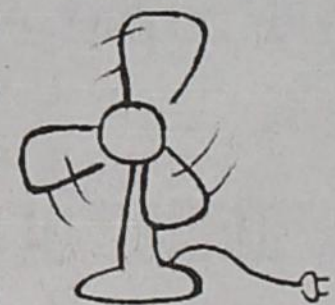
Third Place winners in the decorated Golf Cart category were: Denise and Chad Lawrence and children, Bailea and Culley, Roaring Springs.

Live Predators/Reptiles Program presented by Matador Wildlife Management Assoc



Group Photo (Front L-R): Memorie Gray (holding horny toad lizard), Brock Taylor, Bryer Davis, Wellington Moore, Lily Burns, Zach Burns, Matt Poole (holding snake), Laura Burns, Leala Lamm, Cade Martin, Emma Hackler, and Colton Martin. Back Row: Shelby Lamm, Grant Potts, Wyatt Hackler, Pennington Moore, and Brazos Washington.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

July

- 7 Roaring Springs Lions
- 8 Matador City Council
- 11 Commissioners' Court
- 11 Roaring Springs City Council
- 11 HCCC Board
- 14 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 16 Two Ladies Scramble.
- 17-20 VBS at FBCM-- evening sessions for all kids, 3 yr thru 5th grade (completed)
- 19 Matador Lions

LEGAL NOTICE

Motley County ISD hereby serves notice that they are now taking bids on

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Proposals will be awarded during the regular board meeting on July 11, 2011. Bids received after the 4:00 p.m. deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting William Cochran at Motley County ISD (806) 347-2677.

Bidders may not withdraw their proposals after the closing time for submission of proposals.

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