

FUNERALS AND DEATH NOTICES

Dalton Earl Crockett

BALLINGER - Dalton Earl Crockett, 86, of Ballinger passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas.
 He was born July 23, 1925 to D. M. (Buster) and Bertha Crockett in Norton, Texas.
 Survivors include Billie, his wife of 52 years, three daughters; Paula Easter and husband, Jack, of Duncanville, Texas, Dana Rich and husband, Jim, of San Antonio, and Patty Esposito and husband, Roddy, of Abilene, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
 Visitation for family and friends was Friday, July 29 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Lange Funeral Home. Services were held Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 am at First United Methodist Church in Ballinger with Rev. Buddy Moore officiating. Burial followed at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Ballinger.
 Pallbearers were Wayne Johnson, Robert Hambricht, Mike Herron, and grandsons Jay Easter, J. D. Rich, and Justin Leifeste. Honorary pallbearers were Lester Schaefer, Kelly Chapman, Curtis Jennings, and Lanham "Mac" Carter.
 Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 525, Ballinger, TX 76821 or to a favorite charity.
 Guests may register at ballingerfuneralhome.com.

Winters Enterprise, August 4, 2011

Nolan Co. fatal crash

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 STAFF REPORT
ABILENE - One person was killed in a rollover crash occurring on Sunday, July 31, at 11:57 a.m. on U.S. Highway 84, seven miles north of Roscoe, Texas, in Nolan County.
 Cynthia Walsh Holman, 52 years of age from Pearland, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene by Judge Sharon Gardner at 12:36 p.m. The body was taken to McCoy's Funeral Home in Sweetwater, Texas.
 Holman was driving a 2008 Chevrolet HHR southbound on U.S. Highway 84 when the vehicle left the roadway traveling into the center median. Holman overcorrected to the right and the vehicle overturned ending up in a cotton field.
 The weather was clear and the roadway dry. Trooper William Cecil Wheat is investigating this crash.

Farm Bureau makes donation to Fire departments

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WINTERS - The Runnels County Farm Bureau presented an \$800 donation to each of the five volunteer fire departments in the county, to help recover resources and funds used during this spring and summer wildfires.

The Fire departments receiving the donations were Ballinger Fire Department, Winters Volunteer Fire Department, Miles VFD, Rowena VFD and Wingate VFD.
 "The community is grateful for these firefighters' tireless efforts to protect our homes, land, animals, and families," said Runnels County Farm Bureau President Dale Duggan.

The funds were made possible by a matching fund program by the Texas Farm Bureau state office. Texas Farm Bureau matched county Farm Bureau donations on a three to one basis across the state.

"Our volunteer Fire departments are ready at a moment's notice, and this is a way for us to help with their cost of operation and show how grateful we are in Runnels County," said Duggan. "We owe them a



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Winters VFD Chief Mark Bridgeman, Miles VFD Chief Mark Sklenarik, Ballinger FD Chief Clyde Kresta, Wingate VFD and County Commissioner Turman Self, and Rowena VFD Chief Mark Irby each received a donation in the amount of \$800 from Runnels County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau representatives present are President Dale Duggan, Collin Klattenhoff and Eli Droll Farm Bureau Board Members as well as volunteer firemen from the different fire departments.

tremendous amount of gratitude for their service and sacrifice."

Runnels County volunteer Fire departments have fought fire in Runnels, Coleman, Concho, Coke,

Nolan, Taylor and Tom Green counties.

Fund raisers and donations are a large part of what keeps them able to operate and with the amount of fire this year

their resources have been depleted. Texas Farm Bureau and Runnels County Farm Bureau are glad to help during this time of crisis.

Drought worsens as temperatures break historical record

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COLLEGE STATION - More than 99 percent of the state was in one level of drought or another by the last week of July, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

More than 90 percent of the state was in an extreme drought; 75 percent in an exceptional drought. Daytime high temperatures continued to challenge or beat historical records in many parts of the state.

Throughout the state, with the exception of small pockets where there has been rain, producers continued to struggle with dropping irrigation well and stock-water tank levels, desiccated pastures and hay shortages, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

"Different week, same song," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Producers are trying to run water on as many crops as possible, but the cotton is needing more water now also. The corn crop is in dire need of water, and many producers are abandoning parts or whole fields of corn production in hopes to salvage what they can."

"What small amount of cotton that is left in the county is under irrigation, but farmers are beginning to turn the water off due to the amount of money they already have in the crop. They are worried they may not get that back in the market," said Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agent for Motley County, east of Lubbock. "Some of the cotton under irrigation looks very good, but once out in it, farmers realize it's just not putting on the fruit like it should be."

"All range and pastures are in extremely bad condition," said Lyle Zoeller, AgriLife Extension agent for Coryell County, west of Waco. "All classes of livestock were being fed heavily. Many cows are going to local market, as well as most calves 300 pounds and over. There is no hay available in area; most is coming from out of state. Low-water sources are now forcing sales of cattle."

"Producers continue to cull herds as grazing gets shorter," said Mark Currie, AgriLife Extension agent for Polk

County, south of Lufkin. "Time is running out for producers to make enough hay for their herds for winter feeding - even if they survive the summer. Livestock water continues to be a problem for many producers as stock tanks and creeks get lower or dry up."

"Tropical Storm Don did not bring any measurable rain," reported Mile Gibbs, AgriLife Extension agent for Val Verde County, southeast of Fort Stockton. "Sheep look very good considering the drought and lack of vegetation. Lamb crops are down. Northern portions of the county need some rain just to cover the burned ground from the April and May wildfires. The ground is still bald and scorched."

According to AgriLife Extension district reporters in Central Texas conditions remained very dry. Large numbers of cows were being taken to sale barns. Hay sources were hard to find. Producers were baling corn stalks and other marginal forages. Stock-water tanks were getting low.

The Rolling Plains region remained extremely dry and hot. With daytime temperatures above 110 degrees, the National Weather Service issued an excessive heat warning. All grasses and trees were in jeopardy in rural and urban areas. Additional water restrictions were expected, which will add to landscape losses.

In West Central the region remained extremely dry with triple-digit temperatures. The agricultural situation continued to worsen. Irrigated cotton was in fair condition. All other crops failed. Most producers were out of grazing and water for livestock. Water wells were drying up. Livestock producers were selling large numbers of cows.

Bronte VFD 'Oldies but Goodies' car show

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BRONTE - The Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will be having the Third Annual 'Oldies but Goodies' Car Show and Fundraiser. The show will be held on Saturday, August 20 in Bronte, Texas from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The show is a great opportunity to enjoy a day of fun in downtown Bronte, with the car show, food, arts and crafts.

Registration for car show starts at 9 a.m. Registration does not have an entry fee. The arts and crafts booths will be opening at 10 a.m.

Bronte Volunteer Fire Department will start serving lunch around 11 a.m. This all takes place at the Bronte Depot, just two blocks West of Highway 277 on Main St.

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Caddie sacked?...

You gotta hand it to Tiger Woods. He's a quick study, this fallen-from-grace golfer who's following last year's divorce with another break-up. When he backed out of the caddie deal, however, he ran over no shrubbery, damaged no vehicles and required no investigation of police — at least not yet.

The 2010 litany of "he said/she said" morphs to "he said/he said." Details continue to emerge on the break-up of the one-time world golf leader and his caddie of a dozen years, Steve Williams.

Maybe this planet will remain big enough for both of them, since Woods hangs out mostly in Florida and Williams in New Zealand....

Woods is learning, however painfully, that media adoration of past years can turn ugly when off-the-course conduct becomes public. Now, negative coverage races like a runaway train, with no braking in sight for a former golfing giant who has now dropped from the world's top 20.

Headline writers are having field days with Williams' dismissal. With apologies to Chevy

Chase and Bill Murray (movie Caddyshack, 1980), how do you feel about this headline possibility: "Caddie Sacked?"

Hey, it's not too late. This might be an equally clever title for a movie — or, more likely — a book....

Whichever venue, writers can go to town with some "can't miss" dialog between two guys who were once best friends — even participants in each other's weddings.

"I've decided to go in a different direction," Woods might decree.

"That's old news," Williams could answer. "That's the direction you've been going in since your divorce."...

"You are no longer helping me improve my lies," Woods might snap, mumbling about Williams'



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failure to help his swinging. "Some of your prevarications simply can't be improved upon," the discharged bag carrier could counter, "And I ain't touching the mumbled stuff." To Woods' charge that golf is driving him crazy, Steve will have an easy answer: "That's no drive, that's a putt."

For comic relief, writers should keep in mind a few anecdotes, including the one about the cheating golfer who subtracted one stroke from his score on each hole. He faced a dilemma on the day he lucked out with a hole-in-one. By force of habit, he wrote down "0." And how about the lady who said she knew nothing about golf, clueless about "which end of the caddie to hold?" She also expressed surprise that the Woods' divorce wasn't finalized in Reno, NV, the "dairy capital of the world." Why? That's where the cream of the crop goes to be separated....

It'll seem strange watching some other caddie offering club selections.

If the situation were reversed,

Williams would likely settle for random club choice.

Any would work well to wrap around his former boss' neck....

The caddie, of course, has many options. If he ever carries another bag, it'll be by choice, not necessity.

He could reap big bucks, of course, with a book. It wouldn't need to be a "tell all," just "tell some."

Big profits could be multiplied several times over if it carries the tease "as told to Elin Nordegren, the former Mrs. Woods."...

H. Roe Bartle, colorful Kansas City mayor from 1956-63, was an accomplished speaker, charming audiences with his lectern repartee. He spoke of figures who'd written memoirs, including Harry Truman and Douglas MacArthur. "The books warmed the hearts of millions," he said.

He admitted that when he finished "mayoring," he might himself write memoirs.

"I don't think I'll sell many books, but I'll guarantee you there'll be several dozen people

leaving Kansas City."...

In these days of "cultural contention," the Woods/Williams break-up won't make the biggest splash on a planet that is drowning in discontent. Pick the content, the conflict or the cause, and adherents will be lined up on both sides — maybe even several sides.

Shakespeare's magical writing, capturing the human condition, still applies. "Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown," he wrote in Henry IV. We might also do well to revisit a line in Hamlet, "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice." Then, a century later, another playwright, William Congreve, penned, "Hell has no fury like a woman scorned." Today, he might equate the same rage to a caddie scorned.

Stay tuned. The plot is bound to thicken....

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1 Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.

2 Drink Often: In hot weather, your body needs more water. Because your body needs more fluid than thirst will indicate, do not wait to drink until you are thirsty. By the time you

feel thirsty you may already be dangerously low on water. Don't try to drink alot of coffee or tea. Water is the best.

6 Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

3 NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.

4 Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.

5 Try to rest often in shady areas.

7 Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. "On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time—even with the windows open—which could lead to fatal heat stroke," says Dr. Louise Murray, Director of Medicine at ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

8 Remember that heatstroke is a life threatening emergency. Get help!

9 When outdoors, use sunscreens rated SPF 15 or higher. Apply them liberally, uniformly, and frequently.

10 Slow down: Take it easy, especially at the start of hot weather when your body is less prepared for the heat. Physical activity produces body heat.

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4-H recognizes corporate alliances

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COLLEGE STATION – Three corporate alliance partners were recently recognized by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation during the State 4-H Roundup in College Station. La Quinta Inn and Suites, Stripes convenience stores and Tractor Supply Company were all recognized for their significant contributions to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation's growing list of alliance supporters, said Jim Reeves, executive director of the foundation. "The 4-H foundation honored these companies for their outstanding dedica-

tion to providing royalty support for young people from across the state involved in the Texas 4-H program, which is the youth component of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service," Reeves said. Reeves said the first alliance was formed with La Quinta in 2006. It involves royalties gleaned from a 15 percent discount offered to 4-H supporters at participating La Quinta hotels. "La Quinta has received extensive support and recognition not only from Texas 4-H members, but also from their families and friends," Reeves said. "In return, La Quinta provides a 9 percent quarterly

royalty payment to the foundation. The monies are used for 4-H programming across the state." Reeves said Stripes' 500 convenience stores and 270 Taco Company and Country Cookin' restaurants in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico joined the alliance team in 2010. Their September "Helping Today's Kids Become Tomorrow's Leaders" mobile campaign lets customers support 4-H by buying paper mobiles for \$1 each. The proceeds go to 4-H club of the county where the stores are located. "Mobile campaigns are important to Stripes,

because they create direct relationships with customers to raise funds for deserving local causes," Reeves said. "Stripes focuses all their charitable efforts on programs that enhance the health and education of youth residing in the communities they serve. Their next 4-H mobile campaign is planned for September, so take a minute to stop in and support this company just as they support our local Texas 4-H programs." Tractor Supply, with its 940 stores in 44 states, also became a foundation alliance member in 2010 through a partnership with the National 4-H Council,

Reeves said. The partnership funds 4-H programs designed to enrich the lives of more than 6 million U.S. 4-H members. "Tractor Supply holds annual 'Paper Clover' events in the spring and

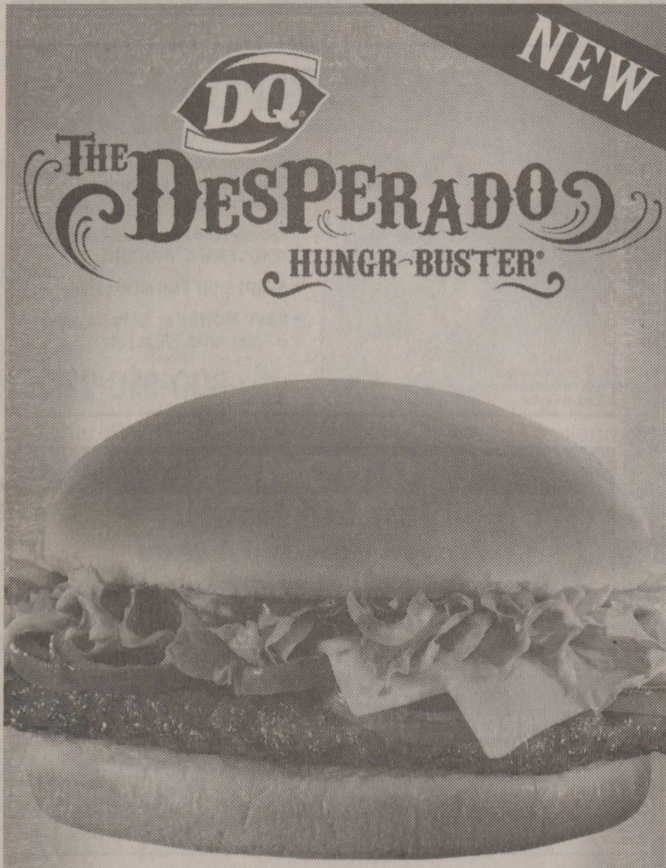
fall in which shoppers can support their 4-H programs through donations made at checkout," Reeves said. "Each \$1 donation buys a paper clover that's displayed in the store with the customer's signature."

Chasing after birds and mapping trails

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STAFF REPORT

Banding ducks off the side of a speeding airboat requires coordination and the wherewithal to lie on the front of the boat and basically hug a duck out of the water as you zoom by. If the duck makes a run for a tight spot, you'd better be ready to jump out of the boat and chase it down on foot. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department interns Katie Murphy and Paul Kelly III were up for this challenge out in the marshes of J.D. Murphree WMA near Port Arthur this summer. Kelly is a senior at Texas A&M from Plantation, Fla. A member of the Corps of Cadets, Kelly will be the commanding officer of Parson's Mounted Calvary in the fall. Murphy is a junior at Tarleton State majoring in

wildlife management. During the school year she works with the Wildlife Society on conservation projects throughout the state. She chose to apply for the TPWD internship program at J.D. Murphree because of her interest in wetland restoration and conservation. The two interns worked day and night catching and banding brooding or molting water fowl along with mourning doves. The bands, attached to the birds' legs, provide researchers information on collection location and track bird numbers and flight patterns in the area. "Both interns have aided staff in the mottled duck banding efforts," said Natural Resource Specialist Andrew Peters. "The banding efforts have included long nights in the marsh spot-lighting mottled ducks in an airboat and early mornings checking baited swim-in traps. The interns have also taken the lead on banding several mourning doves using baited funnel traps and are likely to reach the Jefferson county quote for banded mourning doves soon." West of J.D. Murphree around Bastrop stands a moderate patch of trees that seems to have wandered away from the East Coast. The Lost Pines Complex of Bastrop and Buescher State Parks boast tall, lovely conifers aberrantly found among the scrubby brush of Central Texas and also one motivated summer intern. Melanie Nash-Loop, a master's student in natural resource development at Texas A&M, spent her summer at these two parks creating a GPS database, an employee interpretive handbook for both parks and working on educational programs for a local school summer program.



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