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PARADE WINNERS — These two young ladies were first place winners in the ATV division of the July 4th Parade held in Roaring Springs Tuesday. Pictured left to right are Kaitlin McNeill of Lubbock and Bailea Woodall of Gardendale. For more pictures of the parade and other celebration activities see pages 2, 3, 4 and 7.

Young cowboys and cowgirls, get ready! 32nd Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo set for July 14-15

Get ready, the 32nd Motley Junior Rodeo is almost here. This year's rodeo will be held on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 at the Old Settler's arena in Roaring Springs. Friday's event begins at 7:00 P.M. and things will get kicked off at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. A good concession stand will be available, so come hungry.

For those interested in participating, the age divisions will be as follows: Pre-kids (8 & under), Pee-Wee (9-12), Junior (12-15), and Senior (16-19). The entry deadline is July 10th.

Events will include Barrel Racing, Flag Race, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Goat Ribbon Pull, Tie Down Roping, Ribbon Roping, Breakaway Roping, Steer Daubing, Chute Dogging, Team Roping, and Steer and Calf Riding.

As always, there will be some great prizes for the winners,

First place in all events, all age groups, will receive buckles. The All-Around Pre-Kid boy and girl will receive all around buckles. For Pee-Wees, the All-Around cowboy and cowgirl will win handmade bits by Kevin Elkins of May, TX. Spurs, crafted by Kevin, will go to the All-Around Juniors, and saddles made by Danny Vernon from Post will go to the All-Around Seniors. This year's saddles will be the "elite" models, and will be on display around town before the rodeo.

For more information or to enter call D'anna Russell at 806-347-2621 or 806-347-2601. You can also call the Motley County Extension Office at 347-2733 and leave a message.

If you have never been to a junior rodeo, make this the year. These young men and ladies are very talented, hard working, and dedicated, and they are

loads of fun to watch. Cheering for a four year old whose legs barely wrap around the saddle while he or she speeds through the arena is more exciting than anything.

Make plans to be at the Roaring Springs Old Settler's arena this July 14 and 15th. We'll see you there.

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July 4th celebration goes off with a bang

Tuesday's July 4th celebration in Roaring Springs went off with a bang and was declared a big success. The big beautiful Texas sky provided sunshine to begin the day on a bright note with a Memorial Service at 9:00 a.m. in the Park. Tom Edwards was the speaker and spoke of the importance of preserving American values.

Johnny Morris of Afton carried the US flag, while Don Stuckey of Roaring Springs carried the Texas flag, both on horseback, to lead the much anticipated "riding lawnmower" parade, which trailed through downtown Roaring Springs in patriotic style with lots of red, white & blue.

In addition to lawnmowers, the parade featured ATV's, go-carts, scooters, bikes, motorcycles, golf carts and cars. Winning first place in the riding lawnmower division was Patrick Harvey, Roaring Springs; 2nd place went to Bobby Witcher, Roaring Springs; and 3rd place went to Ray Martin, Matador.

In the ATV division, first place winners were Kaitlin McNeil of Lubbock and Bailea Woodall of Gardendale; second place winners were Alexis and Jordan Moore of Carrollton; third place, Jordan Bass and Miranda Ithica of Canyon.

First place winner in the Golf Cart division was Hanna York of Bushland; second place went to Miranda Ithica of Canyon; and third place went to Barbara Parks of Roaring Springs.

Walter Trammell of Roaring Springs took home the first place prize in the Bike division, and Duncan Aumiller of Matador received second place.

David Marshall of Lawton, Oklahoma and Roaring Springs received the first place ribbon in the other division with his turquoise classic car; second place went to Noe R. Martinez of Floydada; and third place went to John Alexander of Roaring Springs.

A dog day afternoon was enjoyed after lunch with the much anticipated Dog Show. Dog lovers proudly showed off their pets in two divisions - a Style Show and an Obedience Show. Ginger, a sweet collie mix in a frilly petticoat took first prize. She was shown by Jordan Bass and Miranda Ithica of Canyon. Second place went to Sable, a cute poodle in a red, frilly outfit, shown by Britni Bass of Lubbock. A local cutie, Foffie, a Shihtzu, all dressed up in an original design, took home third place. She was shown by Mattie Brooks of Roaring Springs.

In the Obedience division, the competition was tough, with some smart pooches ready to show their tricks for a few treats. First place went to a handsome Dachshund, Oscar, shown by Daisha Jones of Paducah. Oscar was quite talented, sitting up, giving a 'high-five', saying please, rolling over and playing dead. Kloe, a pretty little Yorkie mix in a tutu, was a twinkle toes as she danced ballet to a classical melody. She was shown by Kelly Keltz of

Roaring Springs. Winning third place in the trick division was Milo, a rather stately and handsome Lab mix. Milo could sit, shank hands, roll over and crawl. He was shown by Jonah Meredith of Roaring Springs.

Activities moved across the street for the next event, the Lawnmower pull and races. Souped-up riding lawnmowers pulled up to 7000 pounds like it was nothing, while spectators searched for shade as the afternoon heat was in the high 90's.

Alvin Martin of Matador took home third place in the Lawnmower Pull. His powerful pull totaled 4500 pounds.

First and second place winners were from Plainview, but names were unknown at newstime.

A new event, the Hilarious Hat Contest, brought the audience back to the community center and in the shade of the cottonwood trees. Hilarious is the key word as entrants really

used their imagination in creating their hats.

In the Artistic Division, Lexie Lawson of San Antonio received the first place ribbon, with her patriotic hat. Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs also modeled a patriotic hat and took home second place. Joe Crowder, "Mrs. Farmer Brown", received third place for her hat.

In the Hilarious Division, Kathy Groves of Menlo Park, CA, received first place for unusual furry hat. Mrs. Groves donated the hat to the first place winner in the Artistic Division. Genetta Ameijide of Roaring Springs received second place, with her 'Mafia' hat modeled by Shorty the dog. Vic Reed of Whiteflat, received third place, with his dog Blue in a cowboy hat.

A delicious barbecue supper was served to a large crowd and all the free homemade ice cream you could eat was en-



A STYLISH HAT — Lexie Lawson of San Antonio models her stylish hat in the Hilarious Hat Contest at the July 4th Celebration, Tuesday, in Roaring Springs. Lexie won first place in the artistic division.

Motley County in need of soaking rainfall

by Earlyne Jameson

A soaking rain is needed in Motley County by all rangeland and crops, especially dryland cotton and feed land. The month of June ended with dryland cotton in poor condition where plants did have enough moisture to germinate. A good general rainfall is needed to recharge tanks and sustain grazing potential on native and

improved pastures. The temperature flirted with three figure highs and hot, windy days prevailed.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total rainfall for the month of June 2006: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.78, Matador 1.12; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 1.52; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 0.38; Betty Simpson, Northfield 1.77.



Whew!! Tuesday was a busy and hot day! The July 4th Celebration in Roaring Springs was great and a lot of fun. The day and night were long and I finally got home about 3:30 a.m. I think I made about 100 trips back and forth from my office to Roaring Springs, taking pictures and trying to get the paper done. But, I guess, if you are reading this, I must have succeeded!

The celebration was really wonderful. Hats off to the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers who put in hours of work and planning to make this event possible.

There's really something for everyone to enjoy. The Memorial Service is moving and important to observe the importance of our independence, the parade is fun and colorful, the dog show and the hat show are lots of fun, the lawnmower pull

is interesting, although I must admit, it was a little hot for me. The little ones enjoy the stick horse races, the supper and the free ice cream can't be beat!

The fireworks show was spectacular. I'm not sure who does all the planning and preparation for the show, but they do a great job. For such a small area, this fireworks show could easily compare to a big city display. There was a huge crowd on hand with heads turned to the dark sky for the beautiful light show.

If you've never attended, you are really missing out. Make plans now not to miss next year! And if you enjoyed the celebration, and see a RS Community Volunteer member, such as Alex or Jo Crowder, Corky or Monta Marshall, and many others, tell them what a great job they did!

Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott
Librarian



We appreciate the donation to the library by Bill and Lea Peacock in memory of J.C. Smiley. Donations such as this make lasting memorials to special people and help the library keep its collection up-to-date.

New books in the library include *Twelve Short*, Janet Evanovich's newest Stephanie Plum novel. The library also has Elmer Kelton's *The Raiders*, part of his Sons of Texas reissue series. Johanna Lindsey's newest, *Captive of My Desires*, is also in the library ready to be checked out.

The summer reading program for kids is not over even though there will be no more meetings at the library. The kids who are reading for prizes may still read through July. The bicycle will be given away at the end of July.

Twenty-eight children laughed and squealed and applauded at the great show presented by Harlin Rhoades, a Magician from Midland. Everyone had a great time. We thank the Friends of the Library for bringing this memory-making program to the children. We thank Ruby McGuire, Patricia Green, Pam Thacker, Jan Jones and Betty Henry for their help this last reading program session. We appreciate the good cookies that Jeanette Case provided and the cooling drinks that Betty Moore brought for the children.

During the month of June we had several helpers at the library. We thank June Moss, Patricia Green, Marihelen Wason, and Ruby McGuire for their help in keeping the library open on Mondays and when I wasn't here. This library is blessed with many volunteers who are generous with their time.

Fairways & Rough

by Geneva



LADIES PLAYDAY

June 22

Playing 18 holes were Dartha Westbrook, Louise Barton, Liv Barton and Geneva Wilson. Geneva won the ball, low putts, 27.

Nine hole players were Mary Jones, Marihelen Wason, June Moss. June won, low putts.

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE

June 27

First, with a score of 30, (play off on card), Lee Hurt, Cody Dodson, Stan Hanesworth and Corky Marshall.

Second, with a score of 30, Shawn Elliott, Shonda Elliott, Reagan Elliott and Ken Marshall.

Third, with a score of 31, Robert Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Gerald Pipkin and Buzz Thacker.

Others playing were Matt Washington, Shane Taylor, Don Baxter, Geneva Wilson, Jerry Johnson, Jeanie Johnson, Garland Cartwright, Judy Cartwright, Jack Marshall, Tammy Marshall, Timmy Brooks and Alan Bingham.

Matt Washington got closest to pin on #3

LADIES PLAYDAY

June 29

Playing 18 holes were Judy Cartwright, Dartha Westbrook, Geneva Wilson, Jean Hoover and Louise Barton. Louise won, most 1 putts, 8.

Nine hole players were Pat Warren, Tommye Keith, Judy Renfro, Kay Bailey, Nell Berryman, Mary Jones, June Moss and Marihelen Wason. Tommye won, low putts, 5.

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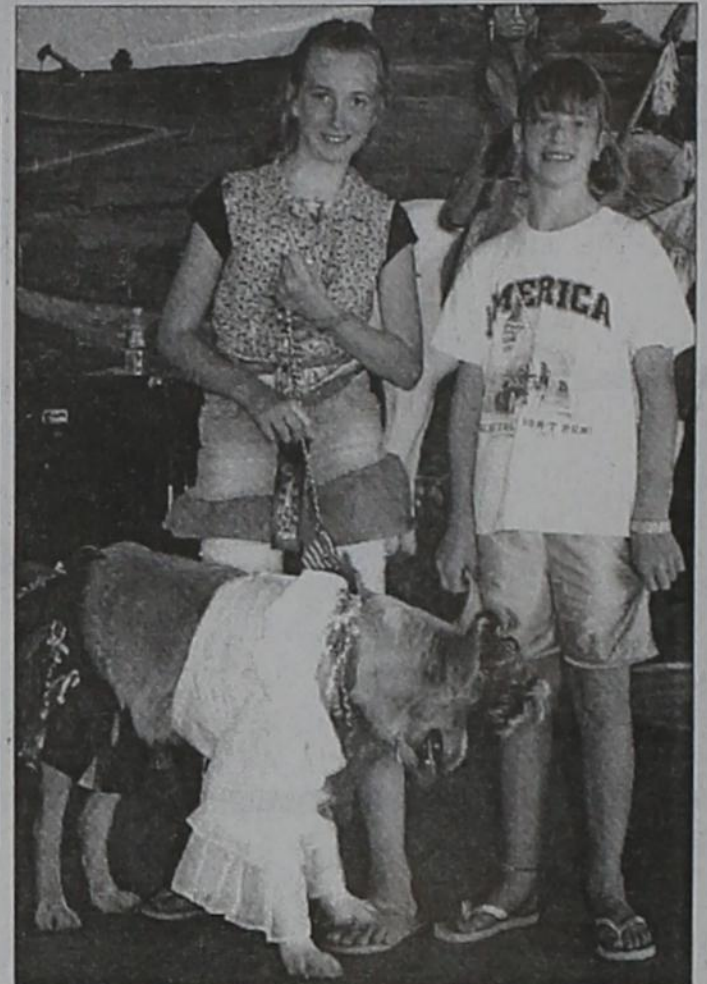
ARTISTIC HATS — Winning first place in the Artistic division of the Hilarious Hat contest at Tuesday's July 4th celebration was Lexie Lawson, (in front) of San Antonio. Second place went to Monta Marshall, left, and third went to Jo Crowder of Roaring Springs.



1ST PLACE, DOG TRICK SHOW — Oscar, shown by Daisha Jones of Paducah.



THIS IS HILARIOUS! These winners were having fun with the hat contest. Winning first place was Kathy Groves (center), of Menlo Park, California. Second place went to Shorty the dog, modeling a 'Mafia Hat', shown by Genetta Ameijide of Roaring Springs, and third went to Blue wearing his cowboy hat, shown by Vic Reed of Whiteflat.



1ST PLACE, DOG STYLE SHOW — Ginger, shown by Miranda Ithica of Canyon.

Arts & Crafts club members learn candlewicking

Motley County Arts and Crafts club had a wonderful lesson on candlewicking, taught by Lorene Lancaster, on pillows, at the Senior Citizens Center on June 5.

Candlewicking isn't a new art form, having been used by pioneer women but it is still used in decorating bedspreads, pillows and a myriad of ways to

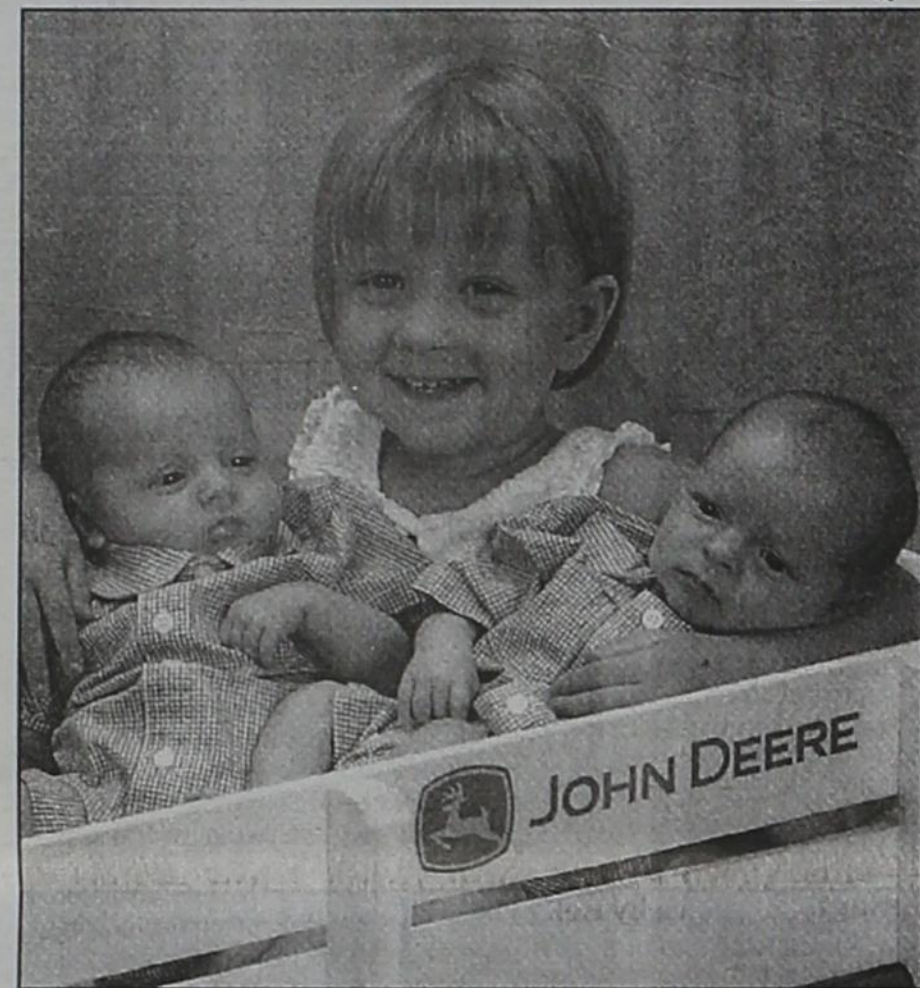
enhance items of household use or apparel.

Club President, Joy Archer, presided over a lengthy business meeting. Programs were planned, the date for the Autumn Bazaar was set and other items on the agenda were voted. The yearbooks will be ready by the July meeting. Dues are now being paid for the ensuing year.

The big date is November 18 for the bazaar, and members are making plans for new items as well as the old favorites.

The club members dined at noon with the Senior Citizens on roasted chicken, scalloped potatoes, spinach, beet and onion salad, wheat rolls and frosted cake. It all was delicious and plentiful.

Look Who's New



Sam & Cooper Potts

Emma Potts, 3, missed the 4th of July parade at Roaring Springs, but she often parades around their Southlake neighborhood with her new twin brothers, Sam and Cooper. Samuel Dennis and Cooper Daniel arrived at Baylor Medical Center in North Dallas on May 23, 2006, at 6 lbs., 9 oz., and 6 lbs, respectively.

Richard Potts, the proud father, has had the boys scheduled for a Rangers' game ever since,

but their mother, Gina Potts, who doubles as Dr. Gina Viktorin, pediatrician, has nixed the idea so far.

The new additions are welcomed by paternal grandparents, Marisue Potts Powell of Matador and Frank Potts of Floydada and maternal grandparents, Dennis and Diane Viktorin of East Barnard, near Houston, as well as a host of family and friends.

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Faith that is tried and proven rejoices in its strength. Much like the men and women that participate in sporting events rejoice after having completed strenuous tests and rigors of training. So the Christian can rejoice when faith has led to overcoming adversity. People of faith are growing and developing spiritual strengths.

Christians understand that there is a daily struggle against evil and all that it brings with it. To an overcomer, it is to have learned that through faith one can be victorious. Christians know that the successful endurance in faith results in glory to our God. Faith brings ability. And ability brings confidence. Are you confident in the Redeemer. Through Him all things are possible.

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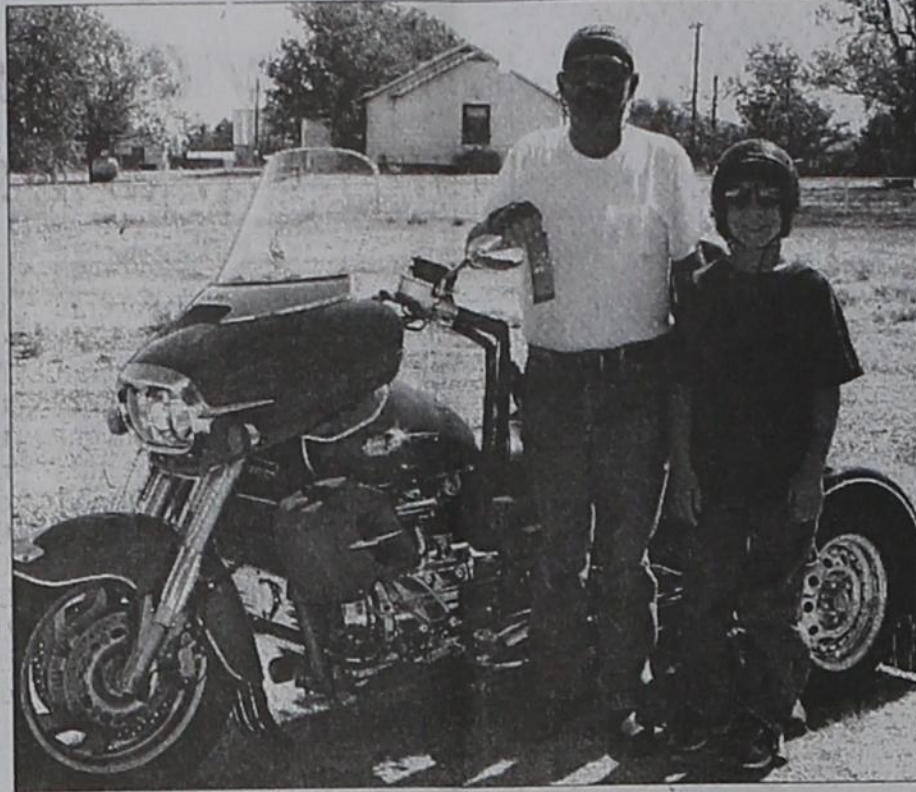
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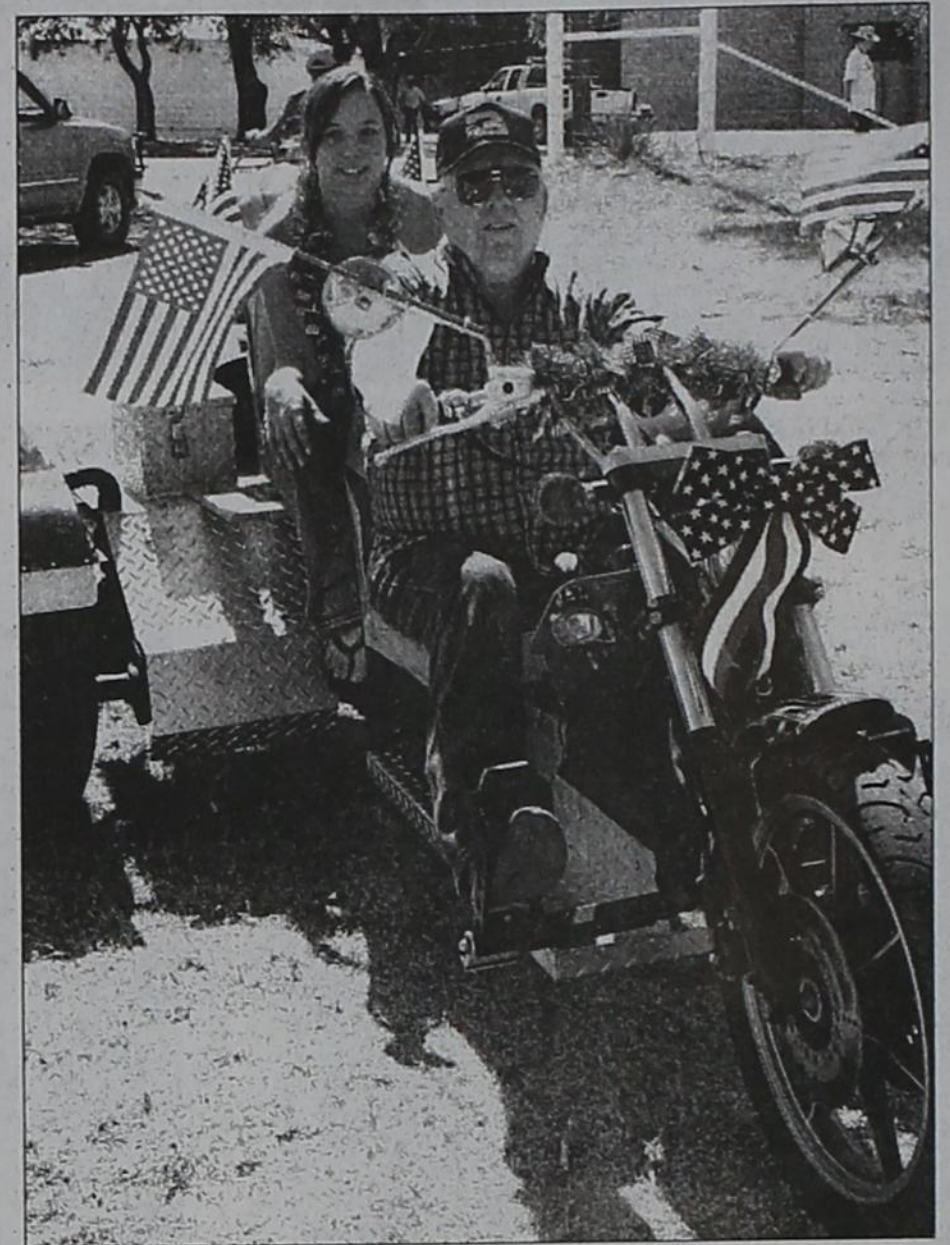
Johnny Morris and Don Stuckey led the Fourth of July Parade with the United States and Texas flags.



2ND PLACE OTHER — Noe R. Martinez of Floydada.



1ST PLACE OTHER — David Marshall of Lawton, OK and Roaring Springs.



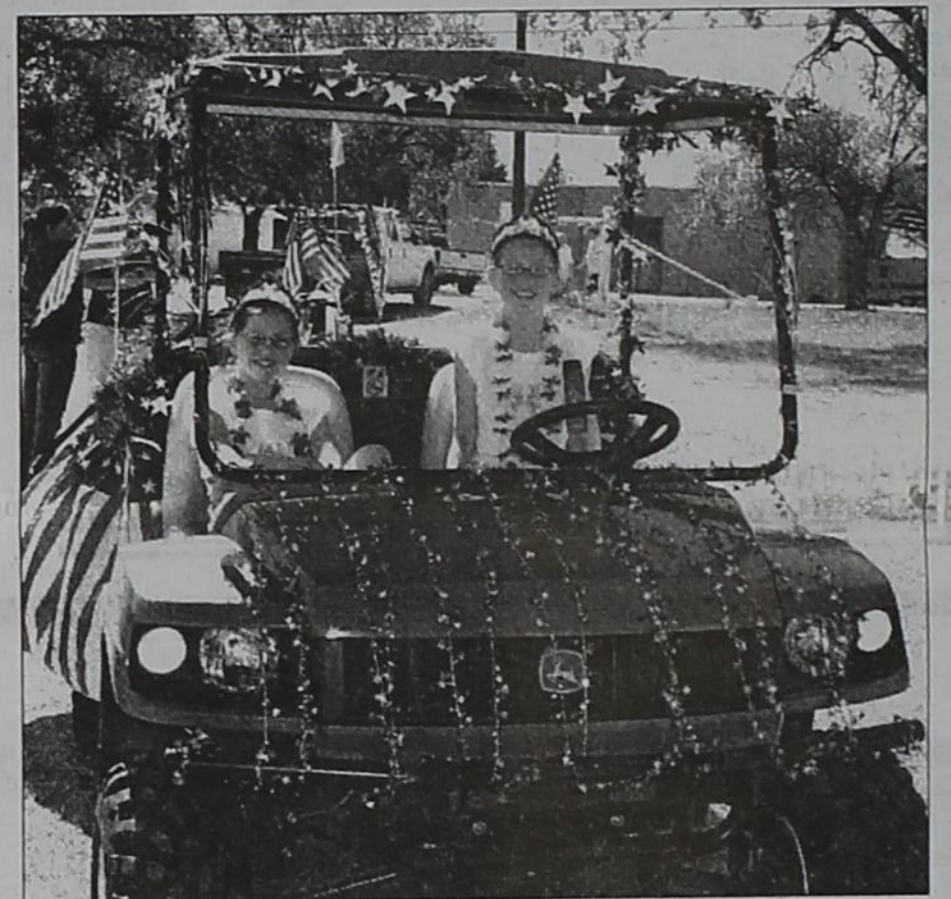
3RD PLACE OTHER — John Alexander of Roaring Springs.



1ST PLACE BIKE — Walter Trammell of Roaring Springs.



1ST PLACE GOLF CART — Hanna York of Bushland.



2ND PLACE ATV — Alexis and Jordan Moore of Carrollton



1ST PLACE RIDING LAWN MOWER — Patrick Harvey of Roaring Springs.



2ND PLACE GOLF CART — Jordan Bass and Miranda Ithaca of Canyon. These girls also won third place in the ATV division.



3RD PLACE GOLF CART — Barbara Parks and company, Roaring Springs.



2ND PLACE RIDING LAWNMOWER — Bobby Witcher, Roaring Springs.



3RD PLACE RIDING LAWNMOWER — Ray Martin of Matador.

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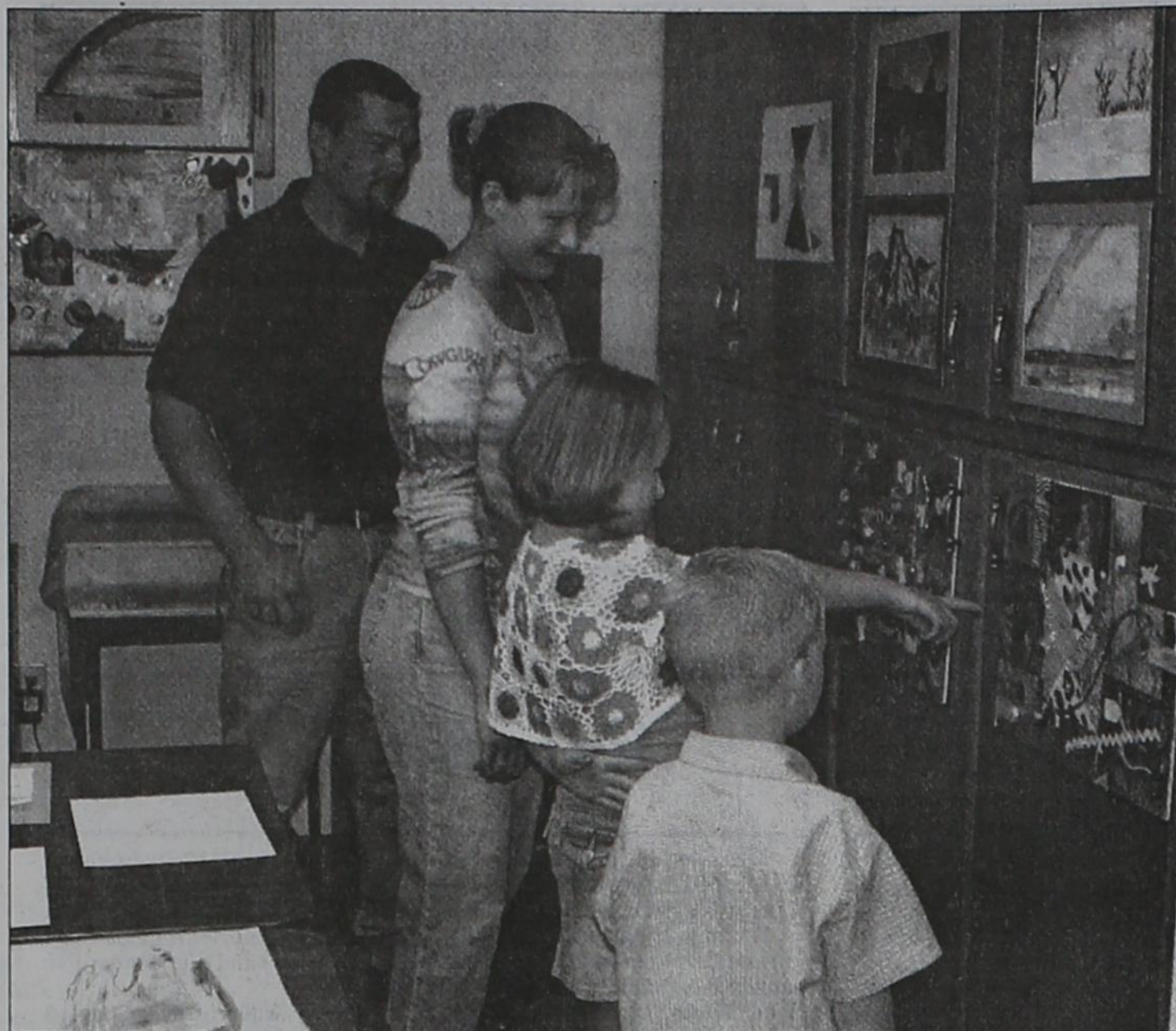
Giddyup ...

These young cowboys and cowgirls participated in the Stick Horse Race and Steeplechase at Tuesday's July 4th Celebration in Roaring Springs. Jacob Johnson, left, was the lucky winner of the grand prize, a spotted paint stick horse. Pictured above are participants in the two events. The identification of all participants is unknown; local participants were Paige Perryman (2nd from left, back), Crystal Collette (2nd from left, front), Sage Guerrero (3rd from left, back) Brody Rankin (standing in front, next to Sage) and Mattie Brooks, right. Everyone was a winner and received a medal.



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ADMIRING ART — The Barton family, Bobby, Brooke, Katie and Tucker, joined many other spectators to admire the artwork of children participating in the Library's Summer Art program. The Art Show was held at the Library last Friday afternoon and featured the projects completed during art sessions taught by Betty Henry, including oil painting, sketching, and collages.

Motley County students party all night at annual Project Graduation

The Motley County Parents Club sponsored the annual All-Night Party on graduation night, May 27, with the help of donors and TxDOT. The event started at 11:00 p.m. with kids registering at the door, manned by Cathy Turner and Judy Cooper. Students received sacks with their names on them to hold their goodies for the night. There were 30 students and five guests registering.

TxDOT furnished students with sling bags and a road guide tip book.

From registration kids went to the cafeteria for dance and games. Music was provided by Music to the Maxx from Lubbock. Various dance contests were won and lots of door prizes were given away. Students also enjoyed subway sandwiches, chips and dips, cookies and candy provided by the club and soft drinks and water provided by CapRock Telephone. Keeping the goodies refurbished were Andi Henzler, Olivia Osborn, Bobbie Brown and Nancy Marshall.

The dance ended about 1:00 a.m. and then it was off to the

gym for games provided by Champs fundraising from New Mexico. Many races were held through the obstacle course and thank goodness Pat Smith was not hurt when he thought he could compete with daughter, Christy, through the course. Kay Bingham and D'anna Russell both tried to beat their sons in the bungee run, but they both have longer arms than Chance or Colton.

Tina Brooks and J.D. Russell monitored the 28 foot slide, where once students got up they were relieved to slide down.

Alan Bingham went from the gym to the cafeteria to the lobby monitoring, so by the time the Casino opened at 3:00 a.m. all the adults were very ready for some slow games.

Pat Smith and Billy Green were relieved to sit down and deal Black Jack. Joining them at the tables was Lejeanna Faulks. She was a very hard dealer to beat. J.D. manned the craps table, while Tina ran the washer pitch. Olivia and Alan ran the golf putt, and Nancy ran the Wheel of Fortune.

Cindy Johannes, Kim Fletcher and D'anna Russell checked the kids out as they counted out chips to make sure they had enough to purchase the prizes of their choice and Cindy Green monitored the kids prizes in the hallway.

A drawing was held for the football team photo ball about 4:00 a.m., with Chance Bingham as the winner. The Junior Class prize went to Matt Henzler; sophomore prize to Leatrice Gutierrez; and freshman to Kayla Hollinsworth.

Topping off the night was the Senior Deal or No Deal game. While some won big, others didn't get past the first case. After the last senior had a chance at the game, donuts, milk and juice were served in the cafeteria by the Bingham, Greens, Russells, Olivia, Tina, Kim, Nancy, Cindy and Lejeanna. The kids were dismissed at 5:00 a.m. to go home and get some shut-eye.

Thanks to everyone who helped and/or donated. The Parents Club could not do it without you.

Motley County ISD has new phone system

Installation was completed last week on a new telephone system for Motley County School. The new "Voice over Internet" system will allow Motley County School employees to dial just four digits to reach employees in the six other school districts in the Rolling Plains Consortium.

Public calls to the school will use the same phone number, 347-2676. The phone will be answered by an automated assistant, and callers will be asked if they know the party's four-digit number. If they do not know the new four-digit number, callers will have access to a phone di-

rectory. Callers who would like to speak to an operator can simply press 0.

The district office and all classrooms will have "phone message boxes" for callers to leave a message if the party is not available.

Randy Brown, superintendent, is excited about the new system because it will potentially save the district money as well as make teachers and administrators more available. Mr. Brown realizes, however, that the new system will be "different" and asks that the community understand any delays.

Insect repellent is key in preventing West Nile

With warm weather here to stay mosquitoes are multiplying across the state - some of them carrying the West Nile virus. But there is a simple way people can bite back: insect repellent.

"Use a good insect repellent. Use it every time you are outdoors. That's the No. 1 thing people can do to protect themselves from mosquito-borne illnesses," said Jim Schuermann with the Zoonosis Control Group at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "It's tough to tell

people to wear long sleeves and long pants in the Texas heat."

West Nile virus can cause serious illness in humans. Mosquitoes get the virus from feeding on infected birds. West Nile virus cases usually begin in late spring, peak in early August and continue through the fall. Last year, 128 human cases of West Nile virus were reported in Texas, including 11 deaths.

"West Nile virus is here. We know it's not going away. Now is the time people need to think about prevention," Schuermann

said. "If you go outside, wear repellent."

Look for insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. According to a 2005 DSHS analysis, 60 percent of the people who got the most serious forms of West Nile infection never used repellent.

"Use a good repellent on bare skin and follow the directions on the label," Schuermann said. "DEET is the standby — long-lasting and effective Picaridin-based repellents are new, tend to smell better and are less oily. Lemon eucalyptus-based repellents are ideal for people who are sensitive to — or just don't like using — chemical repellents."

DSHS offers these recommendations:

- Store insect repellent at the front and back doors of your home and apply when you go outside. Keep extra repellent in outdoor areas such as patios and decks.
- Mosquito-proof your house. Make sure door seals are secure and window screens are intact.
- Drain standing water from around your home. Empty cans, buckets, tires, rain gutters and saucers under potted plants regularly. Change the water in pet bowls, bird baths and wading pools several times a week.
- Limit the amount of time you spend outdoors from dusk to dawn. These are times when those mosquitoes likely to carry infections are most active.

The risk of exposure to West Nile virus is relatively small. Not all mosquito species can transmit the virus. Of the species that can, only about one in 100 mosquitoes will carry the virus. Eighty percent of people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms and recover on their own. But the virus can cause serious illness.

Symptoms of the milder forms of West Nile illness include fever, severe headache, muscle and bone aches, nausea and drowsiness. Symptoms of more serious forms of West Nile illness include a stiff neck, visual problems, altered taste, body tremors, mental confusion, memory loss and seizures. Symptoms usually appear from three to 14 days after a person is bitten.

People most at risk of developing symptoms include those

older than 50 and those with compromised immune systems. If West Nile illness is suspected, people should contact their local health care provider. A blood test can confirm West Nile infection. There is no specific treatment for West Nile infections.

West Nile virus was first identified in Texas in 2002 and has since been found throughout the state. DSHS conducts surveillance testing on mosquitoes in many areas of the state. DSHS also provides kits to local health departments, animal control facilities, veterinarians, county extension offices and other local entities for testing birds for West Nile virus.

People should not handle dead birds with their bare hands. Instead, use a shovel, protective gloves or plastic bags. Throw birds away in an outdoor garbage can. Most bird deaths pose no threat to human health, but if West Nile virus is suspected contact your local health department.

Other mosquito-borne illnesses include St. Louis encephalitis, eastern equine encephalitis, western equine encephalitis and dengue fever. For more information visit the DSHS Web site at www.dshs.state.tx.us

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joyed as folks visited, while Mother Nature decided to open the sky and pour out some much needed rain to soak the dry grass before the fireworks show.

After the rain and in the cool, wet grass, kiddos saddled up their stick horses to compete in a race and steeple chase. All participants received a medal, and one lucky boy, Jacob Johnson, received the grand prize, a spotted paint stick horse, when his name was drawn.

Hundreds of spectators watched as the beautiful night sky was filled with a spectacular fireworks show to bring the celebration to a close.

If you missed out on this year's celebration, make plans now to attend next year's July 4th party in Roaring Springs. The event is sponsored by the Community Volunteers.

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Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

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REMINDER

The Do Gooders' Club will meet at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 11 at the Community Center in Flomot for their monthly meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE FLOMOT BAPTIST CHURCH

Featured guest speakers at the Flomot Baptist Church Sunday morning were the Rev. Gene and wife, the Rev. Karen Kreiger of New Braunfels. A luncheon following the services was held in the fellowship hall. They were visiting Rev. Nathan Mulder and wife, Kathy of South Plains. They had attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview at the same time and were friends.

Larry Clay and children, Tanner and Kelsey of Panhandle visited the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Kayla and Colton of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall and son, Jere and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall were in Amarillo, Saturday to celebrate the 6th birthday of

Jacob Kendall at the Water Park. They had fun in the water. Sunday, they celebrated Jacob's birthday with decorative cake and presents in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall.

Tuesday night supper guests of Mrs. B. Rogers were Chancey Cruse of Turkey, Donnie Cruse and Donnie Rogers of Flomot.

Brian Sehon of Ropesville visited Friday and Saturday with his grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. They accompanied him to Lubbock, Saturday and visited his parents, Kevin and Keri Sehon before he returned home.

Micheal Davis and friend, Virginia Segovi of Fritch visited Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse accompanied her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning to Lockney, Sunday where she will be a resident at the Care Center. Also with Tommie during the moving of Mrs. Browning were son and wife, Donnie and Judy Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and their holiday guests, children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson, Cary Franks of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Turkey enjoyed a cook out Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington.

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Well, I don't know about you, but on Tuesday I took in the parade, waved my flag proudly, sang the STAR SPANGLED BANNER with all my might, extremely proud to be an American. Along with that I count my blessings for the freedoms we have ... the best of which is to worship my God and Heavenly Father.

We hear the phrase often these days speaking of the USA, "love it or leave it," it is better to love it enough to exercise your rights to keep it free as well as lovable! Instead of what can my country do to benefit ME, I should ask what I might do for my country as JFK urged us to do. There is power in prayer and each of us can pray for our country, for wisdom, to make good decisions and the energy to carry them out.

Enough of my soap box preaching! I know that I can get carried away; God and my country are worth getting carried away for.

Roy Rowe had a tough experience on Saturday. He was running a dozer and hit a stump in which a swarm of bees had built their nest. Had Roy not had a cell phone to call for help, his story might not have ended as well as it did. He was stung many, many times. Fortunately help came quickly and he had a wife who knew what to do immediately while they waited for the Motley County EMS. They were able to do the necessary things that were needed and he was able to go home after their help.

I read in the Canadian Newspaper that the Africanized bees were as far north as the upper panhandle now. Roy was fortunate these were only American native bees. We need to be aware of potential bee colonies that have been Africanized. This article stated that they would chase you up to 400 yards. That is farther than most of us seniors could run. (Maybe another reason why we need to get in and stay in shape?)

We had 28 kids for House of Faith last week. Many of those rode in the Full Gospel van that is ready to pick up kids in Matador. We really appreciate the ladies who have brought cookies, Nona Long, Jan Jones, Audrey Jones, Connie Morris are four of them. There are sev-

eral more but I could not remember all of them. Joyce Meredith takes care of the cookie list. She gave me several names and I have had a senior moment again! Thank you to all of you.

Corky Marshall enjoyed a birthday supper and a night at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock. Kenneth and Mary Marshall, Pennie and Kelly Keltz were special guests of Corky and Monta for the event. I won't tell his age though he's proud to have reached it!

Jeannie Adams is at home recuperating from her recent chemo treatment. She felt well enough to have her great grandchildren, Amber and Patrick McKinney visit her on Saturday. I think that was a red letter day for Jeannie.

I mentioned about a month ago that Roaring Springs had two new residents, well I was a bit early, but now they are really here to stay. They are Thelma Hughes and her daughter, Kathy Hughes. Thelma is Dorothy Lee's youngest sister. They live on Third Street on the corner across the street from Kenneth and Barbara Marvel and Don and Billie Stuckey. Welcome to Roaring Springs!

I just had news that Pat and Kathy Groves are in the air on their way here from San Jose, California for the Fourth. They may be the ones who have traveled the farthest to enjoy the Fourth in Roaring Springs!

There will be more flags flying in Roaring Springs on holidays now. Several more folks have asked the Lions Club to add them to the list of subscribers to their flag service. A new order for several flags was necessary. The goal is to have a flag flying at each place of business or house on the main streets. Of course there are many flags on side streets. The town sure looks pretty with all the flags on display.

Along that line, be sure to notice Petticoat Junction's window displays. Devonne has a real nice patriotic display. Uncle Sam opted to sit in her window this year and watch rather than ride in a wagon! Do you remember the World War II posters that said, "UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU?" I think he might again!

OBITUARIES

Nelda Jo Irwin

Nelda Jo Irwin, 71, of Lubbock died Thursday, June 29 at Lubbock Heart Hospital. Graveside services were conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 30, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery with Larry Kremling officiating. She was born July 9, 1934, in Afton, Texas to Buck and Nell Partridge. She was married June 30, 1951, to Albert Irwin in Carlsbad, NM. Jo Irwin, along with her husband, moved to Gainsville in 1972, where they operated the Irwin Apartments and the Irwin Poodle Parlor. She later moved to Lubbock in 1999

following her husband's death. Prior to moving to Gainsville, the Irwins had operated the Hilltop Grocery in Roaring Springs.

She is survived by daughter, Jackie Irwin of Lubbock; sister, Rileene Taylor of Matador. She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Irwin on March 26, 1999; her sons, James and Jeffrey Irwin; and a sister, Jean Phillips.

Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home of Gainsville were in charge of arrangements.

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Mrs. Leona Terry had recent knee replacement surgery and is reported to be doing fine.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Williams were daughter and family, Lindsey and Randy Westbrook and son, Andrew and daughter, Randa Ranee of Lubbock.

Lewis Bostick was conveyed by

ambulance to UMC in Lubbock Monday night, June 26 then transferred to the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo. He returned home Friday night, June 30 and is under cardiac care.

Rodney Williams accompanied his mother, Mrs. Bessie Jean William to Lubbock Thursday, July 6 for medical tests including a MRI.

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ANNIVERSARY IN ALASKA — Tom and Aleda Ross are pictured here near a pipeline in Alaska on their recent trip.

Flomot couple celebrates Golden Anniversary with a trip to Alaska

Tom and Aleda Ross have just returned from a 10-day trip to Alaska. They flew from Lubbock to Dallas where they met Tom's cousin, B.T. O'Connell who made the trip with them. They enplaned on Alaska Airlines for Anchorage with only a short stop in Seattle. They left Dallas at 6:30 p.m. arriving in Anchorage (Anchorage time) at 11:30 p.m. It was approximately an 8-hour flight.

After arriving in Anchorage, they spent the night in their rented motor-home. B.T. was the chauffeur, housekeeper and chef. They drove to Palmer and Wasilla, and spent the second night in Palmer. From there they drove to the Ross' homestead near the Kenny Lake area which they, along with their young daughter, Elisa Ann, homesteaded 47 years ago. They stopped and viewed the Alaska Pipeline which is only 6 1/2 miles from the homestead. They visited with long ago friends from homesteading days, Al and Marlene Roig and on to Chitna with Roy and Carol Alley. While in Chitna, they drove across the new bridge over the Copper River that would take them to McCarthy, a copper mining boomtown of long ago. They saw fishwheels in the Copper River, but the salmon weren't running that day.

After a couple of nights staying at Kenny Lake, they traveled back to Palmer. On the way they got to cross Caribou Creek where you go down and when you go up a very steep grade you can see where you've been. This was no fun, especially in the wintertime.

From Palmer they went to the town of Kenai, where the Ross' lived several years. They parked in a campground overlooking the Cook Inlet, with a wonderful view of Mt. Redoubt, an active volcano. The campground was next door to the house where the Ross family lived 45 years ago. They viewed the Rus-

sian Heritage in the area and other interesting sites.

The next day they drove to Homer, it was full of fishermen there for the Halibut Derby. They drove out on the 'Spit' which is a very narrow strip of land with businesses everywhere. At the very end of the 'Spit' there is a huge hotel appropriately named "Lands End."

They toured the town of Soldatna, then on to Seward on the Resurrection Bay. It, too, was full of fishermen. When the 1964 earthquake struck, the tidal waves wiped out the entire town and it had to be rebuilt. They took pictures of signs which read, "In case of earthquake move to higher ground."

They drove to the town of Moose Pass and spent the night in a campground alongside Prince William Sound. They saw one moose in this area; it was a baby moose and they were sure Mama moose was nearby. They left Moose Pass the next morning and went around the Turnigan Arm back into Anchorage, where after checking into another campground, began packing for the long trip back to Texas. Their plane left at 6:30 a.m., (3:30 a.m. Texas time). They arrived back in Dallas at 5:15 p.m., and spent the night as there were no planes to Lubbock until the next morning. They were met at the airport by their daughter, Elisa. They stayed two nights with Elisa and husband, Stan.

In Alaska there were new highways everywhere and road conditions were very good. The weather was perfect, with temperatures in the 50's and 60's. Tom has been making this trip alone for the past several summers, but thought it would make a good anniversary trip. Aleda was amazed at all the changes over the past 28 years.

The couple reported a wonderful Golden Anniversary trip and loved every minute of it, but there's no place like home.

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Cattle, hay producers may see more problems due to drought

As if cattle and hay producers haven't had enough to worry about lately, the drought may spur additional problems, said a Texas Cooperative Extension soil and crop expert.

"Besides reduced production, lack of moisture can also potentially lead to toxic levels of nitrates in warm-season grasses, as well as the possibility of prussic acid poisoning," said Larry Redmon, Extension state forage specialist.

During dry weather, warm-season annual grasses - including forage sorghums, sorghum-sudan hybrids and various millets - can accumulate nitrates to a level toxic for cattle, he said. Forages belonging to the genus Sorghum also can produce prussic acid (hydrogen cyanide) in quantities toxic to cattle.

"Accumulation of nitrate usually occurs when there is excessive fertilization followed by a period of drought," Redmon said. "But toxic levels have been seen in warm-season annual grasses with as little as 50 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer usage per acre."

Nitrate uptake occurs even when above-ground plant growth has been reduced, he said, and the nitrate concentrates in the forage tissue.

"Ruminants are affected because the rumen microbes convert nitrate to nitrite, which goes into the bloodstream to convert hemoglobin, which carries oxygen, into methemoglobin, which does not carry oxygen," Redmon said. "The result is asphyxiation."

Non-ruminants, such as horses, may also be affected, he said.

Besides bring raised fresh forage material for grazing, many warm-season grasses are harvested for hay.

"Cattle may also succumb to prussic acid poisoning while grazing of the forage material has been subjected to drought stress," he said. "But millets, while capable of accumulating nitrates at a toxic level, do not produce prussic acid. We recommend that producers do not turn cattle onto pastures with drought-stressed sorghums or Johnsongrass."

Only a forage analysis for

nitrate can determine whether fresh forage, hay and silage are safe to feed to livestock, Redmon said. The Texas A&M University Soil Testing Laboratory can test for both nitrate levels and prussic acid.

"Nitrate levels greater than 5,000 parts per million may be dangerous, while levels of more than 15,000 parts per million are generally toxic to most classes of livestock," he said.

The official recommendation from experts at Texas A&M is not to feed forages containing more than 10,000 parts per million nitrate, he said. A more conservative maximum of 5,000 is preferable.

"Producers using warm-season annual forages or Johnsongrass should have their hay crops tested prior to harvesting," he added. "We strongly recommend against harvesting the forage and then having it tested. You need to have it tested first. If you don't, this could waste a lot of time, effort and expense toward hay crop that might not be safe to feed."

Extension agents throughout the state have been receiving calls about nitrates and prussic acid.

"I've had a number of producers call me recently with

concerns," said Jerry Warren, Extension agent for agriculture for Bexar County. "In most cases, they are telling me their warm-season grasses are not big or thick enough for hay, so they are trying to salvage it by using it for grazing material.

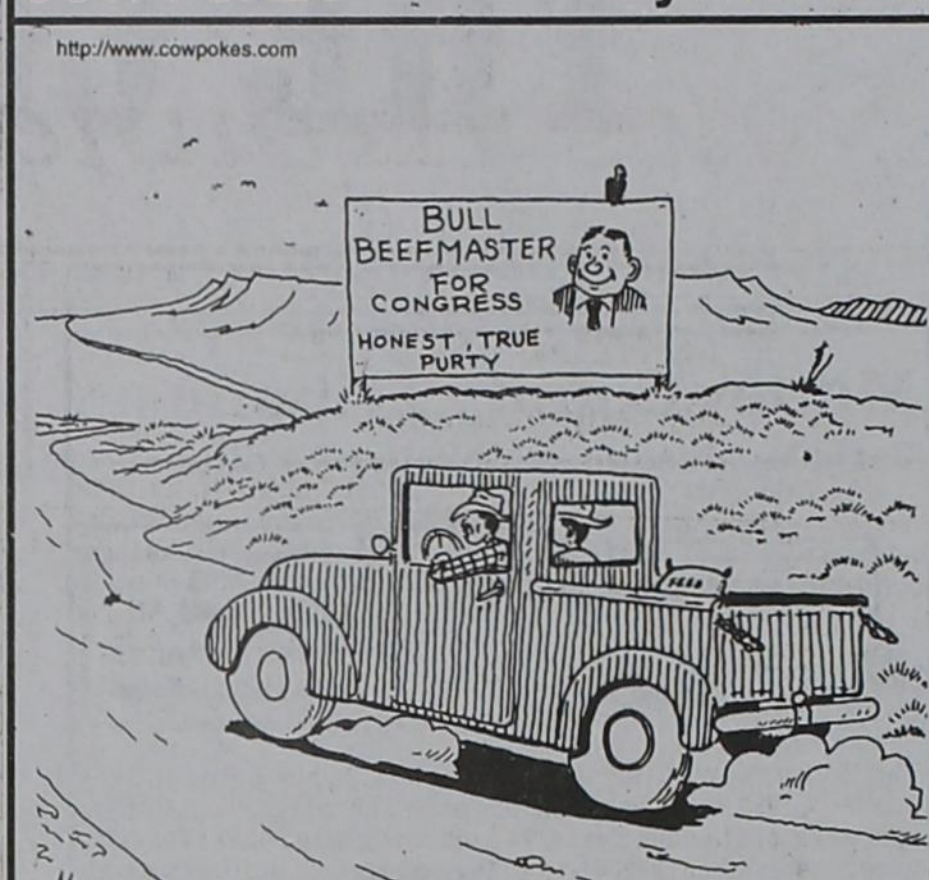
But they're worried about whether it's safe, so I'm recommending they have it tested before they use it to graze."

"We know cattle producers have already been through a lot during this drought and would prefer not to bring them any additional bad news," Redmon said. "But the fact is that not paying adequate attention to weather conditions and forages can cause death of animals through nitrate accumulation and prussic acid poisoning. It's something we feel we have an obligation to alert people to."

More information on the Texas A&M Soil Testing Laboratory and the cost of testing can be found at <http://soiltesting.tamu.edu/>

For additional information on how nitrates and prussic acid affect forage and livestock in Bexar County, contact Jerry Warren at 210-467-6575. For other areas, contact the local Extension agent.

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THE HORROR OF THE FLOOD EVENTS!

Imagine the scoffing at Mr. Noah as he went around saying, "It's going to rain," when it had never rained! But what an understatement. Here's a smattering of events that also probably occurred.

Water deluged continually from the sky as the water vapor canopy collapsed in rain, while vast amounts of underground water gushed to the surface also. Higher animals and man frantically rushed to the high ground, which continuously shook and reshaped from earthquakes as the earth's crust cracked and worldwide volcanic eruptions blasted away. (Note: It's been recently discovered that the entire Yellowstone basin is the bottom of one giant volcano that exploded.)

During these events it's estimated that parts of the oceans exceeded 100 degrees in temperature, while parts of the Polar regions, losing the protection of the water vapor canopy, experienced 300 degrees below zero temperatures and 100 m.p.h. plus winds, e.g., quick-frozen mammoths and the beginning of the ice age.

There would have been tremendous winds and storms (the

first time in history), and continental drifts would have been rapid, causing folding, thrusting, mountain-building, only to be reshaped by the ever-rising water erosion and new sedimentation.

As the water continued to rise and envelop the earth, volcanic and earthquake activity would send 500-1000 m.p.h. tsunamis racing around the earth, wrecking havoc on the land masses and everything thereon. We recently saw this on a small scale, in Indonesia, but interestingly, small fishing boats over deep water only experienced a gentle rise as the tsunami went under them. The same would be true of the Ark, which the U.S. Navy, after extensive testing and study, concluded was the best possible design to withstand such conditions! Not knowing what he was doing, Noah had master ship-building plans.

As things eventually settled down, there were newly shaped and located continents with new mountain ranges and rivers. The oceans were deeper, and the atmosphere lighter. An ice age with glaciers occurred, along with, for the first time, seasons, and last but not least - rainbows.

Texas Historical Commission announces update on guidelines for historical marker

Austin -- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is finalizing policies, procedures and guidelines for the reorganization of its popular Texas Historical Marker Program. All information pertaining to the new

marker program will soon be available on the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us. Applicants interested in applying for a marker should meet with their county historical commissions (CHCs) soon for assistance

compiling research and documentation, and to learn about any county-specific procedures or reviews. CHCs are encouraged to familiarize themselves with basic research methods, including the use of primary and secondary sources, footnotes and any additional documentation that will better enable them to assist applicants in telling a complete history in their applications.

The THC will begin accepting applications under the new guidelines in November in anticipation of the deadline, Jan. 2, 2007. THC staff will begin conducting application workshops for the new marker program after Labor Day. CHCs and prospective applicants are encouraged to attend these workshops, which will be held in all regions of the state.

For more information, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512/463-5853.



A POWERFUL PULL — Alvin Martin of Matador pulled 4500 pounds with his riding lawnmower to win third place in the Lawnmower Pull event at Tuesday's July 4th celebration in Roaring Springs. First and second place went to Plainview participants, but their identification was unknown at newstime.



'KENWAY' — Ken Jones of Matador drove his handmade tractor, referred to as a 'Kenway' by his wife, "because he built it Ken's way." Mr. Jones built the tractor from old junk yard parts. The motor is an International Harvester pump jack motor and most of the other parts are from old model Ford cars cut to fit. Mr. Jones also built the trailer. He enjoys participating in several parades in the area.

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