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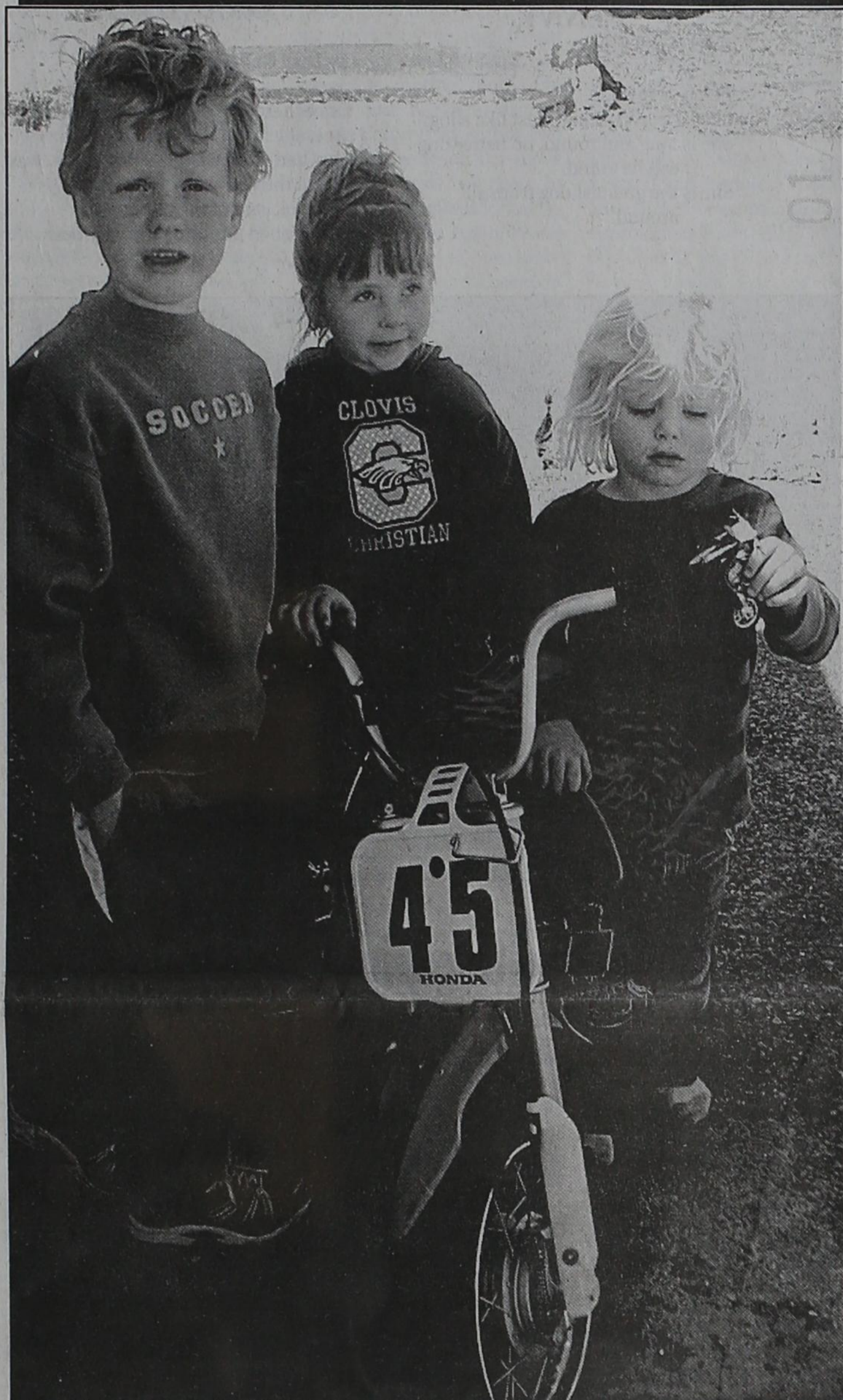
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Gage Adair, Morgan Thatcher, and Kyan Willhite from Clovis New Mexico watch the races and await their turn.

## 4th annual Boondockers event hosts large crowd

The West Texas Boondockers invaded Matador Sunday for the 4th annual circuit motorcycle event with more than 200 entrants plus about 500 supporting families and friends.

According to Cody Bounds, president of the High Plains Grand Prix Circuit, the Boondockers "really appreciate having the race here in Matador," adding, "the City of Matador is so supportive, it has been a real blessing to be here."

The 3-mile course snaked around Matador like a tight rubber band on pavement and dirt, under bridges, up and down the hills in the park, leaping from the top to the

creek, under the bridge on Dundee and back again. The circuitous route accommodated classes for men, women, and children. The adult classes ran a 4.8-mile course.

According to Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Washington, local vendors set up all over town. The east side of the courthouse had a booth for Hackberry Creek Care Center, serving hamburgers, chips, desserts, drinks, also holding a bake sale.

"We had 280 hamburger patties with 24 patties left," Washington said.

The Senior Citizens cooked six briskets, and only one brisket was left," she said. Senior

Director Tommye Keith and the site committee served smoked brisket sandwiches, rodeo wraps, and various sweets. Relay for Life set up a booth in front of the FSA building, serving funnel cakes; and the Catholic Church served their traditional turkey legs, taquitos, corn dogs, and desserts.

The gift shop at Matador Ranch held a 50%-off sale on all hunting jackets, coveralls, shirts, hats, Matador Ranch playing cards, coasters, chili cups, and more. One bedroom was opened for inspection. Kurt Davis, Manager, and chef Wendy Bumpus greet  
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## Relay For Life Committee Meets

On Thursday evening the Relay For Life Committee met at the Roaring Springs Community Center. Plans are in the works for a survivor brunch complete with door prizes. More information on this will be available later.

So far eight teams have signed up. If you want to organize a team of 7 to 15 members contact Annette Hollingsworth at New To You. Team packets are available there; each team member is required to pay a \$5.00 membership fee which pays for the Relay For Life tee-shirt. Teams are urged to sign up by April 15th. They hope to have 15 teams participating this year.

The goal for the June 19th event is to raise \$20,000. Another fundraiser being planned is a possible roping event to be held in September.

Relay For Life had a funnel cake booth at the Boondocker Motorcycle races on Sunday. They raised \$100.00 there.

Another things the Relay For Life and American Cancer society is involved in is working to get the legislature to get a bill passed regarding cancer insurance. Most families are touched by cancer and these are critical needs.

## School board meets

The Motley County Board of Trustees met Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Dr. Andrew Seigrist, William Cochran and Denise Ford. No citizens spoke in open forum.

The minutes and expenditures for the month of February were approved unanimously by the board.

In other business, a motion was made by Mark Seigler, seconded by J.D. Russell to approve the Notice of Cancellation of the school board election. There are no contested  
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All fired up, watching the races eating hamburgers. From left to right: Braden Pope, Matthew Moncrief, Braeden Moncrief, Sydnie McCoy, Freddie Hess, and Heidi Hess  
photo by Jennifer Lawler

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

### School News

MCISD fifth graders' poems in Writing Community

### Golf News

Motley County High School Golf Teams hosted their tournaments at the Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Course.

### Days Gone By

Tragedy Strikes from The Green Family is shared by Richard "Jiggs" Green of Hackberry Creek Care Center.

### County News

MC women attend Caprock District Convention of Texas Federation Women's Club.

### County Agent News

On April 2 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination and Flea and Tick dip at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department.



# Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

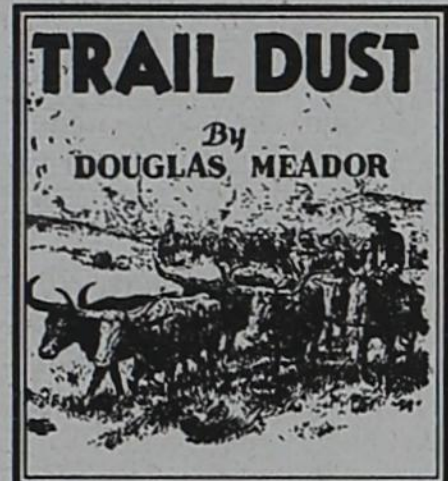
It seems that when we start a conversation or need an opening or run out of things to say but want to continue the conversation we use the weather as a starting point. We have debated the merits of having a weather report in a weekly newspaper and have concluded that a weather section would be fun. We hope you enjoy the feature we have started this week and encourage you to show your appreciation to the business sponsors of our weather feature.

The Tribune already publishes the monthly local reports from Earlene Jameson with reports from other re-

porters in the county and certainly do appreciate what they do to let us know the weather news from our hyper-local vantage point. The feature we publish weekly has a forecast and some other tidbits that should be of interest to our readers.

The weather is always of interest because our very lives and livelihoods depend on it to a great degree. Since we mail this paper to so many out of county residents, we thought they might be interested to see local forecasts and conditions on a weekly basis. Speaking of the weather, did you hear about the Red River cresting at 42 feet in Fargo, North Dakota last week.....

a lullaby, calling the cattle in from pasture and the angelus cadence echoes through the hills, and canyons, until the reluctant hooves and small puffs of dust, one following the other along the paths to home.



**Trail Dust**  
By Douglas Meador

Some breaks in the nets of time, follow a few precious hours to escape and return through the sea of memory, to my child hood. Sky above a warm spring evening, and clouds like the white and crimson petals of roses along the sun's deserted path, with the colors mixed on a master's palate, awaiting this return, empty handed after searching the universe for more magnificent canvas. Tranquility shuts out the world and reality, like a massive wall about an enchanted garden in which a turtledove cooling, or the far call of a lonely quail might be a prayer. My father returns from the field and the harness chains chime, like distant temple bells, while the flood of incense from fresh turned soil sweeps across the vanishing shadows like a breath from the hastily closed door at the boudoir of a fastidious goddess. Then my mothers voice, with the soft quality of

## RETRO NEWS

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HISTORICAL PROGRAM  
WITH CHIEFTAIN  
AND FAMILY

Baldwin Parker, uncrowned chief of the Comanches and son of the great Chieftain, Quannah Parker, will present a truly historical program filled with human interest, drama and entertainment at the Rogue Theatre here Thursday night, April 16th. The performance which will include members of Chief Parker's family and others, have been presented in many leading cities of Texas and Oklahoma. The program will be especial interest to children as well as adults. Chief Parker will tell the true, romantic story of Cynthia Ann Parker's life and the Indian version of the battle of Adobe Walls.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## DOGS

By Allison McCoy

Some are small, some are big, some are funny and like to dig,  
Some stay inside, and some stay outside  
Some smell fresh, and some have really smelly breath  
Sometimes dogs can be the best of friends, and they will be your true companion till the end. . .

## MY CAT

By Natalie Jameson

My cat has four kittens, they always wore mittens.  
One kitten likes to wear yellow socks, and box with a fox.  
The kitten teamed up with an ox, and they beat the fox.  
They kicked him in the air, then they went to the fair.

## THE HOUSE AT THE CORNER

By Marcus Ortiz

The house at the corner is a cold, grey, stone  
Where the trees and windows crack, and groan.  
So I run past fast when I'm all alone.

## PENNY

By Hannah Mason

Penny is my dog.  
She lays on the chair, just like a log.  
She is long and round, no better dog can be found.  
She is the greatest dog from all around.

## GUINEA PIGS

By Michael Seigler

Guinea pigs are super neat, they are the size of most peoples feet.  
They sleep all day, and at night they eat.  
They cant take cold or heat, they will hide under the sheet.  
They are really super sweet.

## GRANDMA

By Lexy Gulledge

Once there was a grandma that lived in a shoe, she had a friend named Sue.  
She had some trouble and Sue was there on the double.  
She took care of the mess.  
And wished grandma the very best.

## Seven tips for April tax return filers

1. E-file your return: Consider filing electronically instead of using paper tax forms. Choosing to e-file is the best way to ensure your return is accurate and complete.
2. Review tax I.D. numbers: Remember to carefully check all identification numbers on your return. Incorrect or illegible Social Security Numbers can delay or reduce a tax refund.
3. Double-check your figures: Whether you are filing electronically or by paper, review all the amounts you transferred over from your W-2 or 1099.
4. Review your math: Taxpayers filing paper returns should also make sure that they have correctly figured the refund or balance due and have used the right figure from the tax table. It's much easier when you e-file; the computer does the math for you!
5. Sign and date your return: Both spouses must sign a joint return, even if only one had income. Anyone paid to prepare a return must also sign it.
6. Choose Direct Deposit: To get your refund up to four weeks faster, select Direct Deposit and the IRS will zap your refund directly into your bank account. It's also safer than getting a paper check in a mailbox.
7. How to make a payment: People sending a payment should make the check out to "United States Treasury" and should enclose it with, but not attach it to the tax return or the Form 1040-V, Payment Voucher, if used. Write your name, address, Social Security Number, telephone number, tax year and form number on the check or money order. You can also pay with a credit card. See IRS.gov for details.



Not even houses were safe at the Boonedockers Race!!!! photo by Jennifer Lawler

## Lone Star Overnight Helping Small Businesses in Matador

AUSTIN, Texas - March 24, 2009 - Lone Star Overnight, one of the fastest-growing regional overnight package delivery companies, is helping small businesses Matador expand their business in a tough economy.  
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liver superior service at lower prices because, "We live here. We deliver here."  
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"At Lone Star Overnight, we recognized a void in services to our small communities," DiSalvo said. "Lone Star Overnight's recent expansion and continuing efforts to provide high quality service ensures that customers in Matador have access to reliable on-time overnight deliveries."  
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# DAYS GONE BY

The Greens Go West...and Settle At Whiteflat

By Carleton Green

**Editor's Note:** This chapter from The Green Family is shared by Richard "Jiggs" Green of Hackberry Creek Care Center. "Jiggs" lives and breathes fishing. He is anxiously awaiting a field trip to wet a hook, so he has his rod and reel polished and ready to go. Lately he has been exercising and walking more so he will be in shape for the spring outing.

**Tragedy Strikes**

For a while they settled down, put the children in school, and then tragedy struck. On December 28, 1899, Walter died of pneumonia. Annie said her mother always referred to Wood County as a "pest-ridden swamp, not fit to live in." Certainly both Jim and Jennie were thoroughly shaken by the loss of

their oldest boy, then 18. He was an unusually handsome and popular young man, idolized by both his mother and father.

Both my father and Annie said their father never seemed able to recover fully from Walter's death. He apparently had great plans for working with his older son, whom everyone liked, and for finally being able to get the family on a more secure economic footing. Both Jim and Jennie began to despise Wood County, so within two years they were on the move again. We next find them in Milan County, about 175 miles south and a little west of Wood County. Luther was born there in the little town of Gause on August 2, 1903. This is about 30 miles northwest of College Station, the home of Texas

A&M University today. From there they wandered west to the high plains of west Texas, where we pick up the thread again in 1908.

In that year the family was living in southern Briscoe County just below the "caprock" in a little town called Gasoline, which no longer exists. It was three miles southeast of Quitaque, and 20 miles from Silverton, the county seat. While there, they learned about some land that had been opened up for homesteading around Kenna, New Mexico. This is about halfway between Roswell and Portales, and almost directly west of Lubbock, approximately 175 miles from Gasoline. It was touted as the "future garden spot of the Southwest."

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## 4th annual Boondockers event hosts large crowd

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ed guests, conducted tours, and talked about the beautiful Matador Ranch hunting lodge. "We had a real good deer and quail season," Davis said. "We expect at least 18 to 25 wild turkey hunters on Saturday, April 4."

The Chamber of Commerce earns one-half of all proceeds from the entry fees for the race. The Chamber then distributes money to the EMS and other groups that have helped prepare for the race. "We will know by the last of April how much money we will have to distribute," Dianne Washington said.

"The Chamber would like to thank the vendors and local people that came out to support the event," she said. "It was a very successful day."

## School board meets

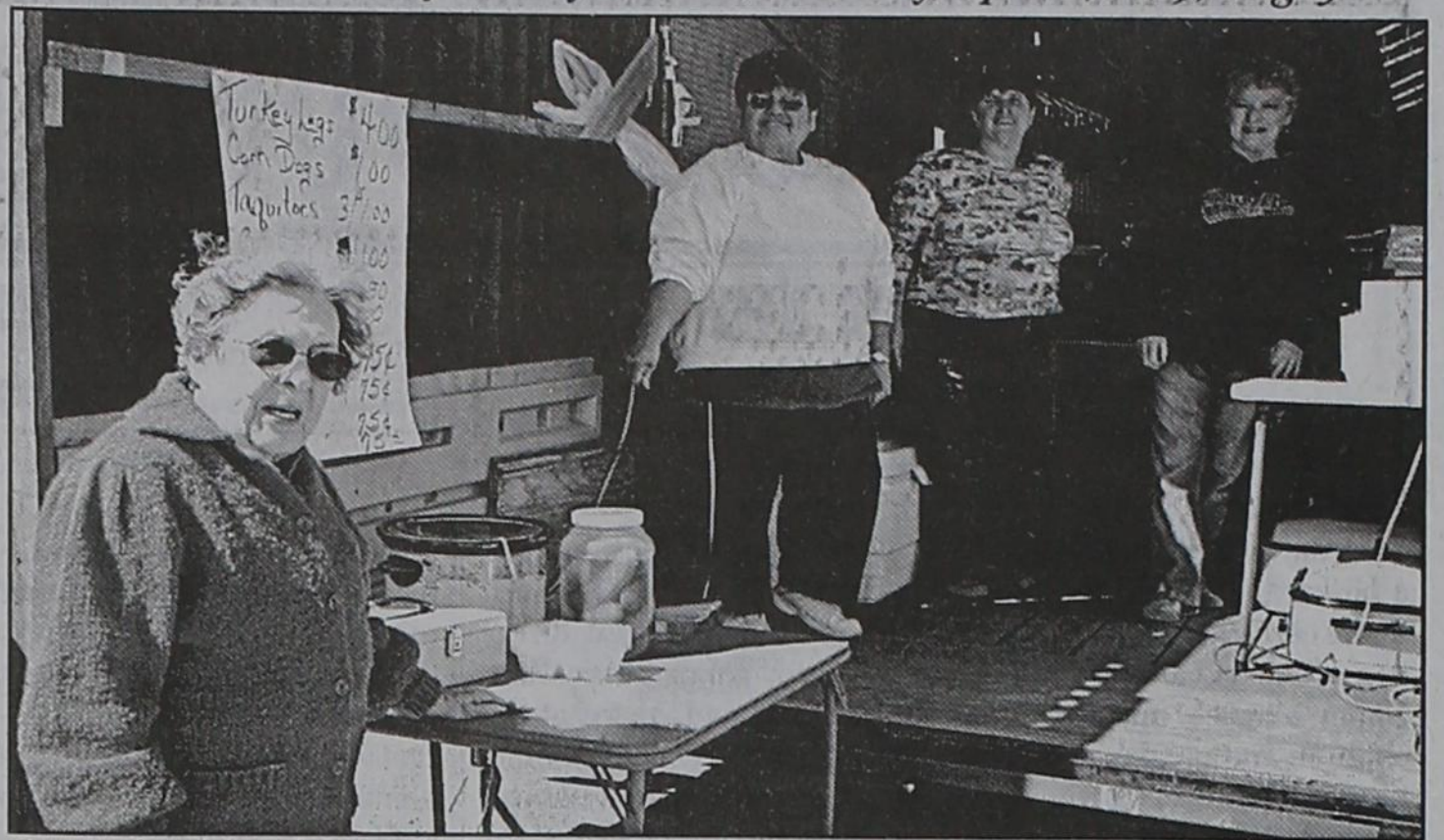
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seats on the school board. The motion carried unanimously.

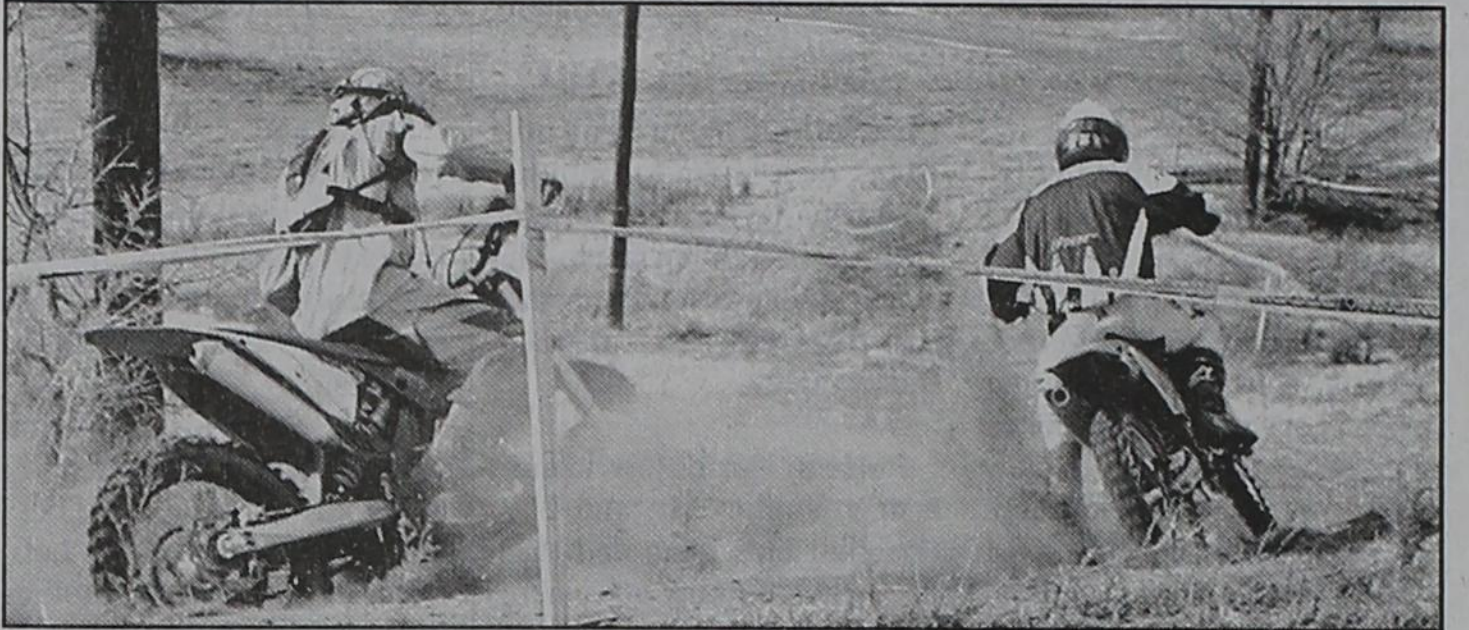
During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Seigrist informed the board of an opportunity for students to attend Boys State in Austin. The American Legion will sponsor Justin Newman.

Dr. Seigrist gave a brief report on possible new legislation changes for the upcoming year for academic credits and finance formulas. The 2009-2010 terms will be given to the board to review at the next board meeting. The next meeting will be April 7 in the ISD board room at 6:30 p.m.

In further business, Dr. Seigrist discussed the attendance percentage. Several ideas were discussed to offer incentives to help increase the attendance percentage school wide. Several scholarship and student awareness opportunities were discussed, those listed were Texas Rural Education Association, Titus Foundation, Texas Association of School Boards, Farm Bureau, and American Legion.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church members, Joan Patton, Ava Cisneros, Annette Hollinsworth, and customer, Barbara Bushland watch the Boonedockers.  
photo by Carol Campbell



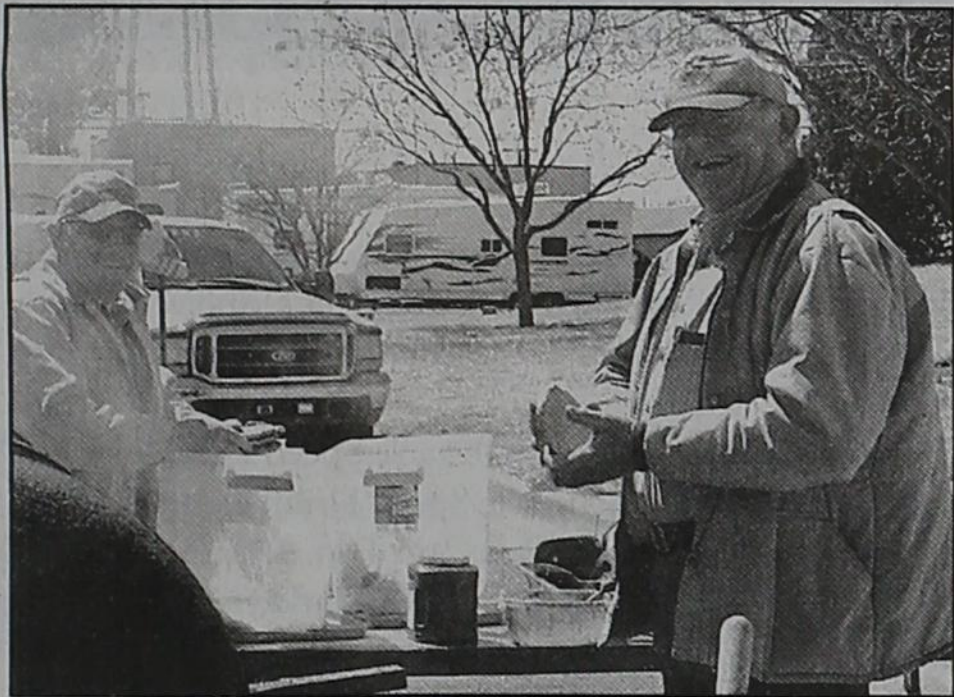
Boonedocker racers kicking up the dust  
photo by Jennifer Lawler



Topping the hill, a competitor leaps forward on his bike, heading straight to the creek and under Dundee Street. All entrants were given one lap to learn the course before competition begins.  
photo by Carol Campbell



Bobby Brown cooking for hungry racers and fans.  
photo by Jennifer Lawler



More cooking for hungry racers and fans by Bob Kilmer and Seab Washington.  
photo by Jennifer Lawler

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### "Sure...We Are Challenged."



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

Talking to my sister-in-law Sue McClaran in Bovina on Saturday we reminisced about a blizzard we were caught out in the early seventies. Sue, her two children; a close friend, Nancy Mayfield and her three children and my daughter Katie and I were in Clovis, New Mexico. We were all in separate cars in town for different reasons. I had gone to the doctor and while there waiting for the results of some blood tests, a man from Tucumcari called the doctor's office to warn his wife who was also seeing the doctor that she should not try to come home for a blizzard had hit.

I could hardly believe it. It too was on the 26th of March. It was shirt-sleeve weather when I got to Clovis and looked like the sand was going to blow again! In a few minutes large wet snow flakes began to fall. I decided to go on home and call back for my test results. I went by Safeway where my sister-in-law had gone for groceries to tell her about the blizzard approaching. Our friend and her children were there too. I immediately left for home.

By the time I reached the city limits the storm unleashed its full fury. I drove about six miles. I had to stop because I could not even see the end of the hood. I pulled into the Stuckey's Gift Shop about half-way between Clovis and Farwell hoping the storm would let up. It didn't and I was ill. The owner of the store offered to take me on home which was about 20 more miles. After he insisted I agreed.

We got to Texico and met my brother-in-law Wayne and friend looking for their families. It was decided that Leroy Mayfield would take the man back to Stuckey's and Wayne would get in my car and drive. After taking the man back Leroy would take the Muleshoe highway and turn north to Oklahoma Lane Community south of Bovina. We would take the farm to market road that was the short cut and see if we could find them.

After about five miles we came upon Sue's car stuck in the ditch with the lights still on. Wayne panicked, just sure they had tried to walk to the nearest house about 3/4 of a mile on up the road. We finally made that distance leaving the road often because Wayne couldn't see. I could see right down the right side of the car looking down at the ground enough to tell him when we were getting off the pavement.

We finally made it. There was Sue, her kids and Nancy and her kids. The owners of the house were stranded in Clovis and their children were

home by themselves. We spent the night there.

The phone lines were down so we could not get in touch with my husband or with Leroy. Leroy got as far as Oklahoma Land and stayed at the Methodist preacher's home. The next morning the storm was over and the sun was shining though it was still near zero. We started for home. There were dead chickens, turkeys and other animals along the road.

That night two children froze to death about a half mile from their home southeast of Bovina trying to walk after their car had gotten stuck. The storm didn't go much farther east than Muleshoe. It was a freaky night.

Roaring Springs welcomes a new family. Mr. and Mrs. (Debbie) Luis Luna and their dog 'Shotgun' are new arrivals in town. They bought the house that Harley Allsup did own at 314 Argyle Terrace. They are a retired couple who have moved here from Plainview. Harley now lives out near the Springs Ranch.

The fifth Sunday fellowship dinner was held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday. About 35 people enjoyed lunch after Sunday morning services.

Dana Graham returned on Saturday from visiting in Germany with her son and daughter-in-law Jerod and Hilda Rieger and baby grandson James Bradley. Ask Dana to see her pictures!

Laverne Zabielski held a writing workshop at the Matador Hotel on Thursday morning. Attending from Roaring Springs was Monta Marshall. Pauline House former RS resident also attended. We had an interesting writing session. Laverne is dyeing silks again and had some beautiful work to show us.

The Relay for Life Committee met at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Thursday evening.

On Thursday, P.K. Green and Corky Marshall attended at Texas Municipal League meeting at the Cagle Steak House in Lubbock. The topic of discussion was 'In House Storm Shelters'. Grant money will be available for up to one-half of the cost of a storm shelter on a \$5,000.00 shelter when more money is allotted. If anyone is interested, applications may be picked up at the Roaring Springs City Hall.

Kenzie Morgan Keltz celebrated her fifth birthday during the cold bad weather. The party scheduled for the park had to be moved to the community center.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

My last name is a mouthful, so when my three year old niece learned to spell it, I was thrilled until my cousin burst my bubble. "You can spell Sczgzelski any way you like," he pointed out. "Who is going to know if it is wrong?"

Jerry and Sandra Barclay visited in Lockney, Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. S.D. (Geneva) Barclay who had recent surgery. She is reported to be doing fine.

Butch and Janice Hughes visited in Floydada, Thursday with sons and families, Roger, Tiffany, Tara, Reagan and Brody Hughes and Rick-e-y, Tasha Kendal and Kason Hughes.

Mrs. Erma Washington who was a recent patient in Mangold Hospital in Lockney, was accompanied to Lubbock, Friday for a cardiology appointment by her children, Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Connie Franks and Mrs. Sandra Barclay. She received a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle visited the weekend in Lubbock with his sister, Aly Gwinn.

Jack and Nada Starkey were

in Amarillo Monday and again Wednesday for her medical appointments. They visited in Amarillo with daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid and in Canyon with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg visited the weekend with their grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Sunday, they attended a family gathering in the home of Kathy's aunt, Mrs. Joy Braham in Hart.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay enjoyed the basketball tournament in Childress, Saturday in which grandchildren, Walker and Ryleigh Caraan of Turkey played.

Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon visited Sunday with his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Visiting Carolyn and Arnold Johnson, Saturday were Norma and Gail Hampton of Paris, Texas. Vicki Dudley of Dallas, Ricki and Susie Dudley, Regina Dudley and grandson, Justin of Lubbock and Rex Johnson of Silverton.

Carl Hester of Lovington, N.M visited overnight Friday with his sister, Mrs. Wilda Dixon

## Matador News

Melinda and Clay Jameson and grandchildren, LeAnn and Jamie Jameson enjoyed visiting from Monday until Saturday at their home at Lake Kemp.

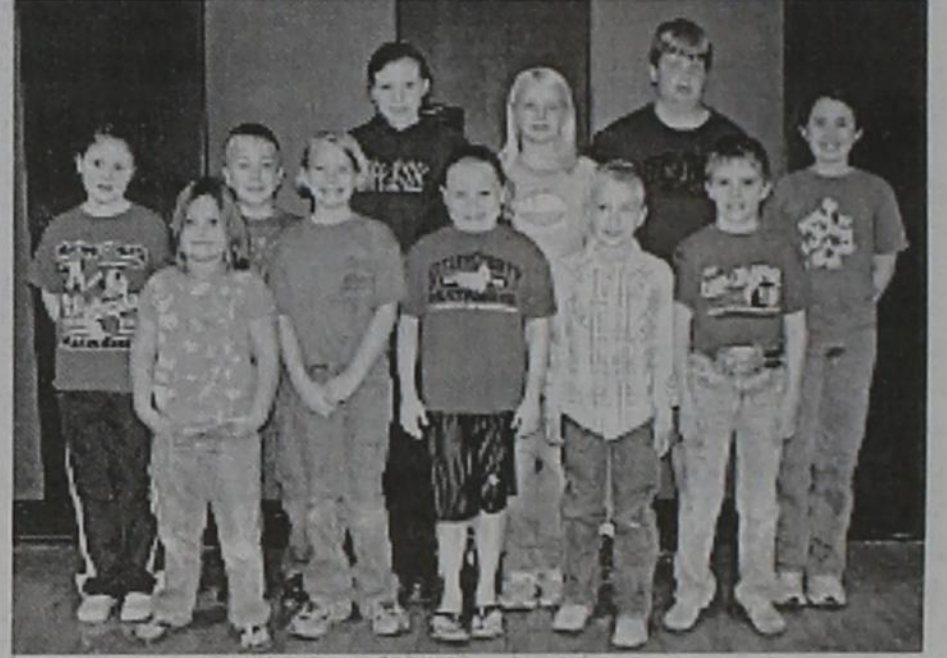
### MC women attend Caprock District Convention of Texas Federation Women's Club

Mrs. Wilda Dixon and Mrs. LeJeanna Faulks attended the executive committee meeting of the Caprock District of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs held Friday night, March 20 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Lubbock. Saturday morning, Mrs. Annette Hollingsworth of Roaring Springs joined them for the annual spring convention of

the Caprock District of TFWC held at the Science Spectrum in Lubbock.

Mrs. Dixon is president and Mrs. Faulk is secretary of the Caprock District of TFWC. Mrs. Hollingsworth is chairman of the District Domestic and Violence committee. They returned to their respective homes Saturday.

## PIPs place at Festival in Abilene



PIPs placed in individual events at the PIP Festival held in Abilene, TX March 13 to 14. Each individual event is based on skill and age level. Natalie Jameson, 3rd Figure 8, Dribble, 6th - 4 Cone Obstacle Speed Dribble. Emily Jameson: 6th - 3 Cone Obstacle speed Dribble. Cassidy Turner: 3rd Pip Shots. Meagan Ford: 5th Pip Shots, 5th Pip layups, 6th Between Leg Pass. Carley Turner: 5th Drop Passes, 4th - 3 Cone Obstacle Speed Dribble. Cade Drum: 3rd - 3 Cone Obstacle Speed Dribble, 4th Walking Spider, 4th Between Leg Pass, 2nd Trio. Case Drum: 5th Backwards Dribble, 2nd Trio. Seth Markey: 2nd Around the Waist and Leg Circles (AWA), 6th -2 Ball Dribble. Brody Rankin: 1st -3 Cone Obstacle Speed Dribble, 5th -2 Ball Dribble, 2nd Trio. Tatum Guerrero -4th -Level 1 Between Leg Pass, 6th Backward Dribble. Mikenna Ford -6th Drop Pass

## School Menu

**Thursday, April 2,** Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Or Cereal, Toast, Slice Pears, Milk, Lunch: Frito Pie, Corn, Salad, Crackers, Jello, Milk

**Friday, April 3,** Breakfast: Cinnamon, Biscuit or Toast, Juice, Milk, Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk

**Monday, April 6,** Breakfast: Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk, Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Carrot, Biscuit, Honey, Milk

**Tuesday, April 7,** Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk, Lunch: Bean/Beef Burrito, Spanish Rice, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk

**Wednesday, April 8,** Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, Or, Cereal, Toast, Applesauce, Milk, Lunch: B.B.Q on a bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Applesauce, Milk

### IN APPRECIATION

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# Obituary

## Jessie C. Powell

Funeral Services for Jessie C. Powell, 100, of Matador formerly of Midland, TX was held at 2:00 p.m. on April 3, 2009 at the Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland with Rev. Doug Lamb, officiating. Services and interment are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. Mrs. Powell passed away Friday, March 27, 2009 at the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador. Local arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Powell was an Educator teaching in Megargel and in Midland for many years. She married Eugene R. Powell in 1927 he preceded her in death in 1974. Jessie was a charter member of the Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland where she was in-

involved in many church activities and taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the Women's Club of Midland where she was a longtime resident. Mrs. Powell had been a resident of Matador for the past year and a half.

Jessie is survived by one son, Ralph Powell and wife Marisue of Matador, one grandchild, Ralph Powell, Jr., and one great-grandchild, John Thomas Powell.

The family of Mrs. Powell requested friends come by Seigler Funeral Home for viewing and visitation on April 1, 2009. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the David Mendoza Scholarship Fund c/o the Fannin Terrace Baptist Church 2800 Mogford Midland, Texas 79705.

## Everything is bigger and better in Texas — even the forests

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Forest Service on Wednesday unveiled its first-ever statewide tree inventory, the results from which show the state is poised to take the lead in emerging alternative energy and ecosystem service markets.

The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) initial report shows Texas has 60 million acres of forestland — more than any other state in the continental United States. Of that, 12 million is located in the Piney Woods of East Texas with the remaining acreage spread across the state.

This statewide "census for trees" provides a science-based foundation for better management of the land, Texas Forest Service officials announced during a press conference on the south steps of the State Capitol.

The inventory helps identify brushlands and encroaching woody vegetation such as mesquite and juniper. The invasive woody vegetation can soak up water and shade out the sun that rangeland grass needs to grow, which creates a problem for cattle raisers.

The results also show that Texas is positioned to profit from alternative energy and ecosystem service markets focused on carbon sequestration and the conversion of woody biomass to energy.

"Texas Forest Service consistently strives to serve the landowners of the state by attracting and supporting new markets. There is a trend that Texas landowners' interest is shifting from agriculture production to wildlife and recreation. With the information provided by this latest inventory, TFS can provide landowners with the technical assistance they need to help them manage what they have," Tom Boggus, TFS interim director said. "It is one of our (TFS) goals to keep forests in forests."

The inventory provides comprehensive data for local, state and regional decision-makers

to better plan, set policy and allocate resources.

And for the first time Texas has a tool for detecting long term changes in the state's forests and woodlands. Previously, just East Texas was inventoried and the area, volume and species composition of forestland in the rest of the state wasn't known.

The inventory is a 10-year process that began in January 2004 and won't be complete until 2014. Despite being just halfway through, results are expected to remain fairly steady. Once complete, the second 10-year cycle will begin, allowing for data comparison.

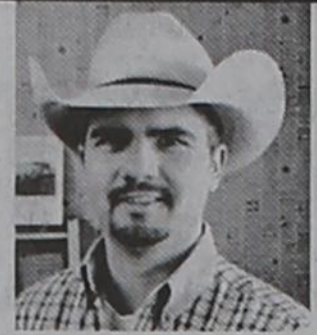
"This field inventory will provide never before available change-over-time information about the rate of forest clearing, invasiveness, and growth, removals and mortality," said Burl Carraway, TFS sustainable forestry department head. "It will give us a baseline for the future."

The Southern Research Station implements the Forest Inventory and Analysis program in the 13 southern states in partnership with each state forestry agency

Texas Forest Service is recognized as the leading state forestry agency in the nation through its programs in forest and tree development; wildfire prevention, mitigation and protection; urban and community forestry and assisting and training fire departments. Texas Forest Service was created in 1915 by the 34th Legislature as an integral part of The Texas A&M University System. Its mission is to provide statewide leadership to assure Texas' trees, forests and related natural resources are protected and sustained for the benefit of all.

The Southern Research Station is part of the Nation's largest forestry research organization - USDA Forest Service Research and Development.

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip

On Thursday, April 2 the Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a Rabies Vaccination and Flea and Tick dip at the Matador Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. David Fuston will be here from 3:00 till 6:00pm to administer rabies vaccinations. After 6:00 pm he will administer coggins tests on horses.

With the recent outbreaks of rabies in surrounding areas, this is a reminder that your pets, horses and valuable livestock should be vaccinated annually. And with the mild winter we had, fleas and ticks are already becoming a problem.

The cost for a rabies vaccination is \$8 per shot and the flea and tick dip is free, but

donations will be taken for the Motley 4-H Club.

## Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation

The deadline for ordering state validation tags for steers is approaching quickly. April 15 is the deadline to place orders for state steer validation tags. If you would like to order tags, contact the county Extension office.

All Texas major livestock shows require all 4-H and FFA steers to be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation Program. Therefore, if you are taking a steer to a major stock show, your animal needs to be validated. Validation tags are \$7 per tag if ordered by April 15, after the deadline tags will cost \$20.

## MCHS Golf teams on winning streak

On March 24th and 25th, the Motley County High School Golf Teams hosted their tournaments at the Roaring Springs Ranch Golf Course. Thirty-five girls from eight schools participated in the girls' tourney while 70 boys from twelve schools took part in the boys' contest. Both teams continued to perform on a highly successful level by winning 1st place team honors, as well as 1st and 3rd place medalist honors.

In the Girls's Tourney senior, Courtney Alexander took 1st place medalist while sophomore, Kyla Simpson placed 3rd medalist. On the Boys side of the tournament, sophomore, Andrew Martin

garnered the 1st place medalist spot with freshman, Jonathon Osborn, only one stroke behind nabbing 3rd place medalist. Both teams are to be commended for their outstanding efforts and hard work this year. The District Meet will be held on April 14 in Childress where both teams plan to continue their winning streak.

All the Motley County players and their coach, Kay Bingham, would like to thank all the parents, community members, and Springs Ranch personnel for their hard work in making their tournament such an enjoyable and successful tournament.

## COW POKES® By Ace Reid



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Roaring Springs Golf Tournament, Courtney Alexander, first place, Kyla Simpson third place. Pictured standing Kyla Simpson, Hailey Blanco, Courtney Alexander, Lexi Osborn and Leanne Jameson

## Cheerleading Tryouts

By: Kayla Simpson

Cheerleading tryouts were held Friday March 26th. Sign-ups began before the students got out for Spring Break. There were 9 girls that tried out for Junior High cheerleader and 7 for High School.

Next year's Junior High Cheerleaders will be Virginia Gutierrez [7th]\*, Catherine Ward [6th], Katie Barton [6th], Mattie Brooks [5th], and Macy Marshall [5th].

The High School Cheerleaders will be Hailey Blanco [10th], Alyx Smith [10th], Sabra Pope [8th], Lexi Osborn [9th], Leanne Jameson [10th], Kyla Simpson [10th], and the mascot will be Anna Daniell [10th].

They are all looking forward to the coming year, and are proud to get the honor of cheering on our Mighty Matadors.

\*{Note: the classifications are this year's}



Roaring Springs Golf Tournament Picture, Andrew Martin, first place, Jonathon Osborn, third place. Pictured: Reagan Elliott, Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, Andrew Martin, and Will Butler

## Scramble

March 24, 2009 Scramble

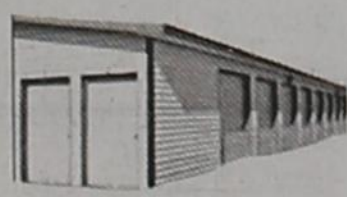
First Place with a score of 31. Conway Clary, Darrell Cruse and Paul Westbrook.

Others playing were Ken

Marshall, Pat Smith, David Taylor, Tammy Simpson, Kenny Barton, Jerry Johnson, and Jeannie Johnson. Closest to the pin- Darrell Cruse

**RS Lions Club, John. H. Letinger, a cowboy poet will be the featured guest, Windmill Cafe, April 2, 11:30 am**

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### Weather Trivia

What is the coldest recorded temperature in the United States?

ANSWER: Prospect Creek, Alaska was -80 degrees on Jan. 23, 1971.

### Weather History

April 2, 1989 - Strong and gusty winds prevailed from California to Colorado and Wyoming. Winds gusted to 50 mph at Lancaster, Calif. and reached 85 mph at Berthoud Pass, Colo. Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in the Colorado Rockies.

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### April

- 1 Kids Praise
- 2 Rabies Vaccination Clinic and Flea and Tick Dip at he Matador Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2 RS Lions Club, John. H. Letinger, a cowboy poet will be the featured guest, Windmill Cafe 11:30 am
- 4 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
- 4 4-H District 3 Fashion Show - Chillicothe
- 7 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 7 Motley County Chamber of Commerce, 5:30 p.m. at the library
- 8 The Angel Food Ministry orders due. RSFGC
- 9 Motley 4-H Club meeting
- 9 Matador City Council, 6:30 pm
- 11 - District 3 4-H Shooting Sports contest - Wichita Falls (rifle and pistol)
- 13 Commissioners' Court, 9:30 am
- 13 RS City Council, 6:00 pm
- 13 State Food Show entries due
- 14 RS Community Volunteers
- 16 - District 3 4-H Roundup - Horse Bowl, Quiz Bowl, Photography, and Consumer Judging
- 20 - State Fair of Texas lamb and goat validation due
- 20 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
- 21 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 22 - District 3 Horse and Livestock Judging Contest - Vernon
- 23 - West Texas Commissioners Conference - Abilene
- 24 - North Region 4-H Jr. Leader Lab entries

### May

- 1 - Horse Validation due for District and State 4-H Horse Show
- 6 Kids Praise
- 7 - Motley 4-H Club meeting
- 16 - District 3 Trap Shooting Contest - Iowa Park (shotgun)

### June

- 8-12 - Texas 4-H State Roundup - College Station
- 14-16 - Howard College Lamb Camp - Big Spring
- 14-19 - Texas Pork Leadership Camp - Amarillo to College Station
- 15-17 - District 3 Teen Leader Lab - Brownwood
- 19 Relay for Life

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