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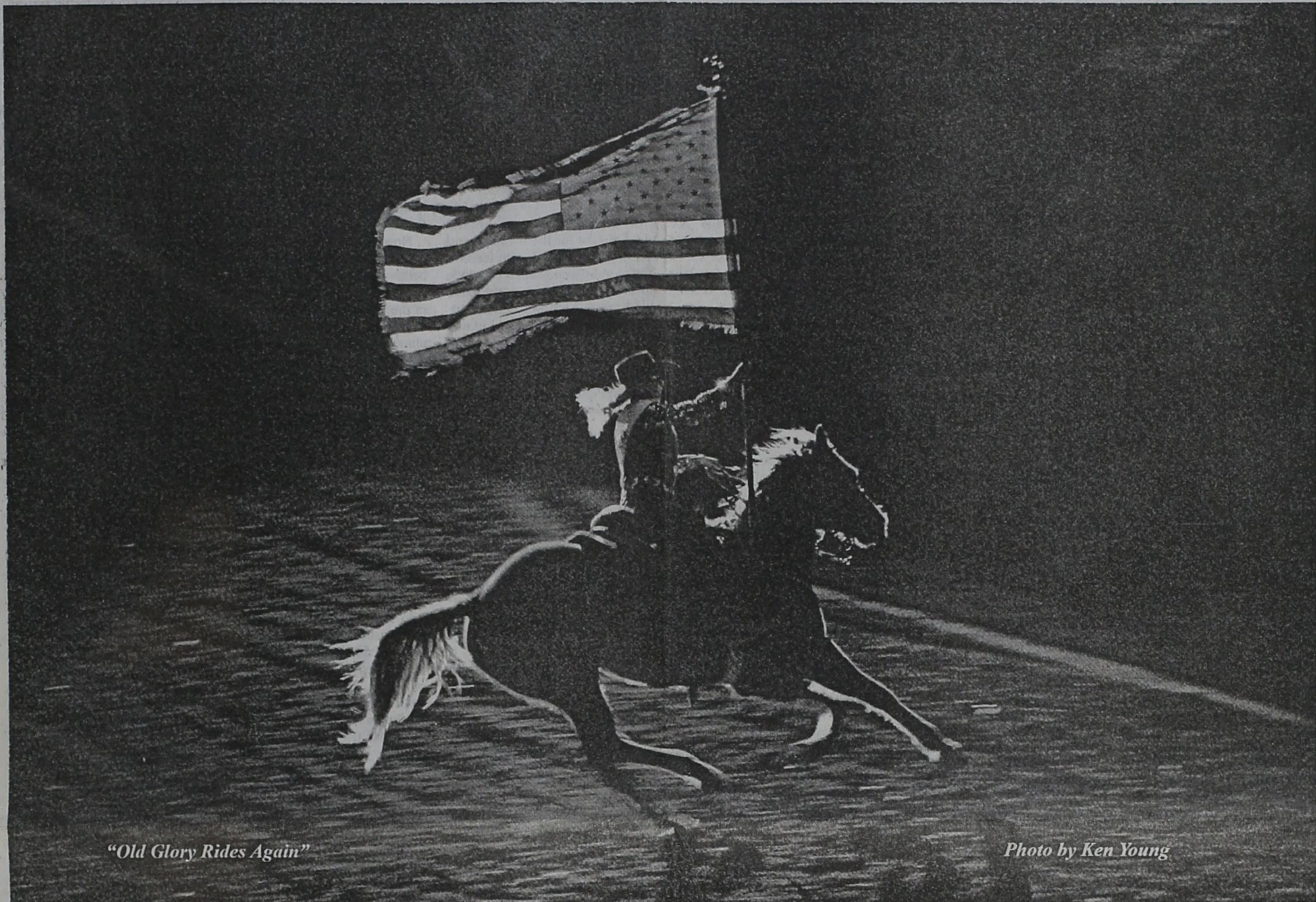
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"Old Glory Rides Again"

Photo by Ken Young

## Local transport business diversifies; opens new office

By Carol Campbell

The 4H Ag Transport, LLC, owned and operated by Mike Hackler, Matador, set up shop on May 1, 2008, at 720 Dundee, next to the Motley County Tribune. It's a family business, so the name includes all four Hackler's: Michael, Amy, Wyatt, 8, and Emma, 6.

The business office is a work in progress, Hackler said. While the walls have a new splash of paint, the floors need tile; but that will come later. Emma helped decorate the walls with her favorite Disney princess characters — bright crayon renditions of Princess Jasmine. The essentials are in place. Jodie Watson is on

hand to answer the phone and coordinate calls; and the coffee is brewing.

Michael has operated the commercial carrier business in his home for about three years. He moved his home office to a business address in order to sell insurance. "Currently, we sell crop (rain and hail) insurance and commercial truck insurance," Hackler said. "We will be bringing on more insurance in the near future, including personal insurance, homeowners, and vehicle insurance." Insurance carriers are Texas All-Risk and US-Risk, both commercial insurance companies.

A day in the life of Mike Hackler includes coordinating empty

and loaded trucks, both coming and going. 4H had three trucks on the road, however, one truck is currently parked because of high fuel prices, Hackler said.

On Monday morning, both trucks are empty, one in Muleshoe and one in Center, Texas. Before the end of the day, Hackler will have the truck in Center loaded with chicken; and the one in Muleshoe loaded with cow hides, both headed to the Texas-Mexico border town of Laredo, at which point the merchandise will be unloaded by another company that moves the goods into Mexico. In Laredo, 4H trucks will

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## Caprock Telephone donates \$3000 for new scoreboard

Motley County I.S.D officials are pleased to announce that Caprock Telephone has agreed to donate \$3,000 for the purchase of a new football scoreboard if another individual or organization will match the \$3,000 pledge.

Approximately \$6,500 has been donated; the additional \$6,000 would allow the district to move forward with the purchase.

Donation amounts have been organized into two categories to give potential donors different options. The scoreboard will have an advertising section for up to three donors. Donors who contribute \$3,000 or more will be recognized for their contribution with an ad on the scoreboard itself.

Donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be recognized for their contribution on a separate

donor sign placed near the scoreboard.

All donors of \$1,000 or more will also receive a commemorative picture football signed by the state champion team and coaches.

For more information contact Motley County I.S.D. Superintendent Randy Brown at 806-347-2676 ext. 2401.

## District 3 Horse Show held at Bradley Arena in Vernon, Texas

By D'anna Russell

June 18-21, 2008 the D-3 Horse Show was held at the Bradley Arena in Vernon, Texas. The group of competitors from the Rolling Plains District put up with rain delays to compete. Competing from Motley 4-H were Seth Baxter, Shane'a Russell, and Cassidy Turner.

Seth competed in the grade mare halter class. He and his mare Frankie were awarded 1st place. They also competed in the grand and reserve class.

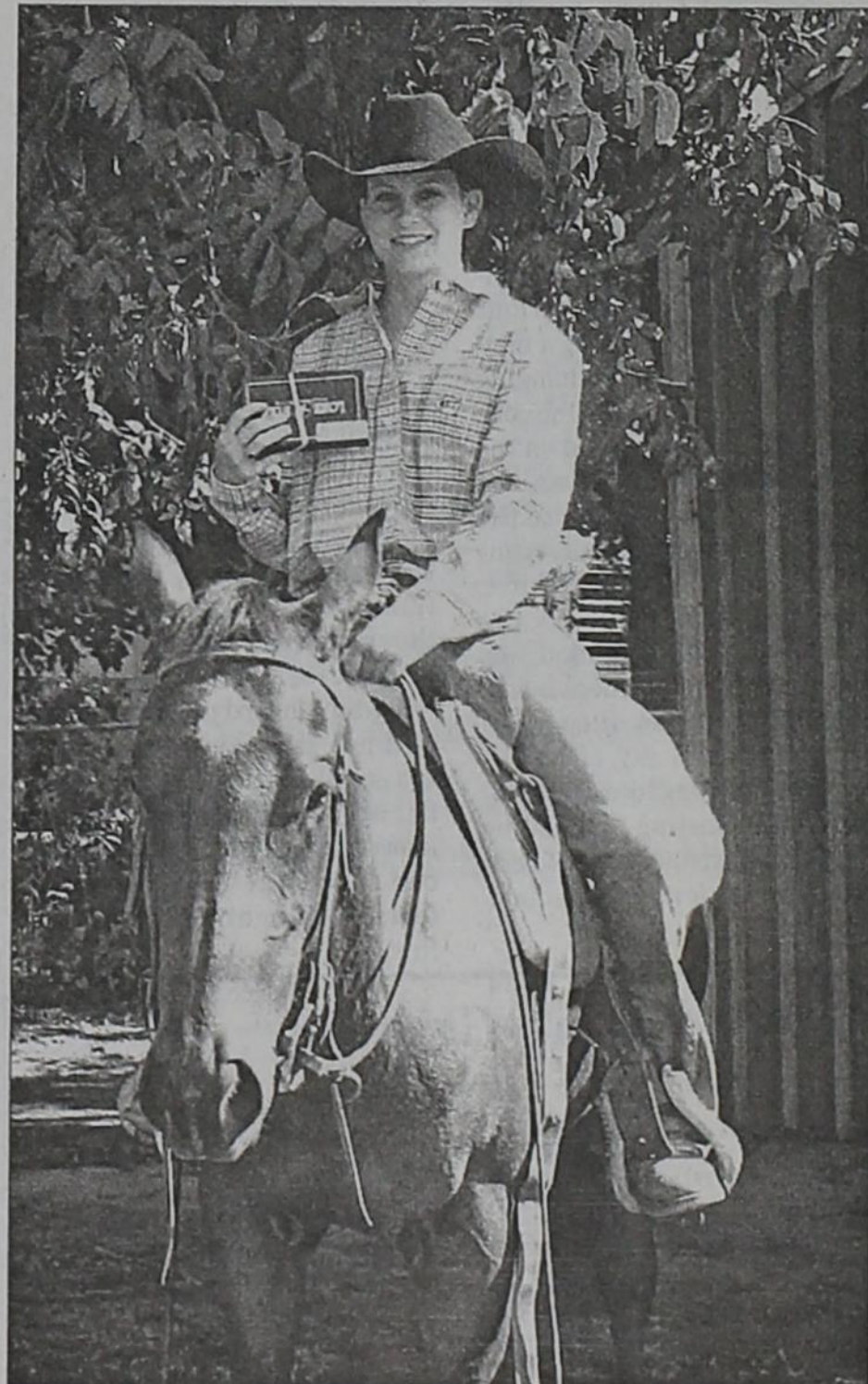
Shane'a competed in team penning with Lottie Elliott and Ashley Daniel both from King County. The girls penned all their cattle in both rounds but there time was not fast enough to make the top 10. Shane'a also showed in the 2 yr old Western Pleasure Futurity.

She and her mare, Chic, had some warm up problems outside the arena however, it must have done both of them some good because they came out with the 1st place buckle. She also exhibited in the 3 yr old Stock Horse Futurity with a horse she calls Uno. They received 6th place with their pattern work of circles, flying lead changes, roll backs, turns and stops.

Cassidy Turner exhibited her registered gelding twister and beautiful 8 year old paint in the registered gelding halter class 5 and over. She received 8th place.

Cassidy, Seth and Shane'a will

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SHANE'A RUSSELL and her mare, Chic at the District 3 Horse Show held at Bradley Arena in Vernon Texas

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

### July 4th Celebration

In Roaring Springs from 9 a.m. to dark. Lawn Mower Parade, BBQ, Hilarious Hat Contest, Fireworks and more!

### School News

MCISH 2007-2008 Sixth Six weeks "A" and "A-B" honor roll.

### Roaring Springs News

Grandson of Roaring Springs residents, Kenneth and Barbara Marvel, Sgt. Marvel, receives bronze star.

### Days Gone By

A Cash Crop: Liquid Corn, a two part series from "Motley County Round Up" begins this week.

### County Agent News

Workshop to explore wind power development and effects on wildlife

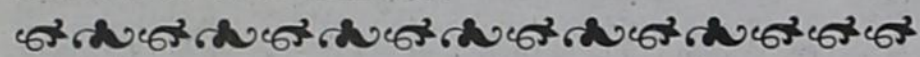
# Foothill Country Connections Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

My earliest memories of the 4th of July are mainly dare devil escapades with fireworks. There was no organized display at that time and in South Dakota in the middle 1940's a mere child could purchase some pretty volatile firecrackers and shooting star type rockets. I have a few barely discernable scars from those adventures and it was a big disappointment to move to Oregon in 1952 and find out that the state actually had a say in the matter of who could purchase what and when. I was also surprised to find out that you had to have a drivers license, and you had to be 16 years of age to drive solo. Since I had been

driving since I was 12, that was a comedown.

By the second grade I had a pretty good idea what Independence Day really meant and as soon as I was able I read the Declaration of Independence and was very impressed. The way the language was used, the setting of the ideas, and the apparent courage of the writers and signers gave me much pause for thought. To think that this document was written 232 years ago, with its erudite language and high ideals gives us much inspiration in our own quest for the best ways to give the current populace their "inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."



By Laverne Zabielski

My grandsons, Avery and Chuck Logsdon visited this week. They flew from Lexington, Kentucky to Forth Worth for a wedding, then they drove to Motley County with their granddad, Don Wittler. It's what I did as a child. We always referred to grandmother's farm as a "you can't get there from here" sort of place.

And, like my vacations fifty years ago, their activities have been pretty much the same. This past week we toured downtown Matador, the jail and the park. We explored the museum with all its neatly organized collections on two floors making me wonder why it isn't the most frequented place in town. So much history has been collected. We shopped at the Glittered Pig and the Variety Store and bought groceries at Lowes.

We drove out to Whiteflat to see the fallen down Tilson homestead and the historical marker of their great-great grandfather W.R. Tilson.

We ate cheeseburgers at Main

Street Cafe and burritos at Billie Deans. In Roaring Springs we visited the park, walked the dogs, went swimming and hiking at the ranch. And, we drove to Caprock Canyon for more hiking and finding buffalo and tarantulas. "I got to run through quick sand," Avery Logsdon said. When asked what was the most fun, Chuck Logsdon answered, "Swimming!"

Boredom, nonetheless, found its way in. And what a gift. What would life be without boredom? It's in the state of boredom that creativity lives. It's where you start asking questions like "what's there to do?" And answers that begin with "what if?" begin to give you new ideas.

What if we told stories of what we did fifty years ago at Old Settlers? How were the experiences of newcomers to Motley County in the fifties different from those of early pioneers? What was it like to grow up in Motley County in the fifties? These are the stories we want to uncover for this years "Old Settlers Special Edition of the Motley County Tribune." Send us your stories.

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Sandstorm

by Pup Price

It was in the early thirties, shortly after the onset of the depression, when, true to the curse of Job, billows of dark red sand began to boil and churn in the Western sky on a regular basis, stretching from the horizon where it began and rising until it blotted out the entire sky. As Feb turned to March, the frequency of the storms increased to become a predictable event.

The misery of summer heat was intensified by sand storms during the months when temperatures hovered around 100 degrees and the wind driven sand acted as a blast furnace. At the beginning of the storm, the sun would appear with a deep haze covering its surface, slowly becoming nothing more than a red ring, and even that was soon to completely disappear.

The sand overcame everything in its path; propelled by high winds the grainy substance entered every crack in a house and every orifice in a body. A severe sand storm arrives with its very own distinctive unpleasant odor - impossible to forget. I cannot describe it today but would recognize it anywhere. As the wind grew in velocity, cows and horses reacted in a violent manner; dogs barked and whined, and as the sand intensified, chickens went to roost believing it was night time, or perhaps they were simply avoiding as much of the storm as possible.

In the middle of the day, unlucky drivers caught in the storm turned on their headlights in a futile attempt to pierce the sand induced darkness with a feeble

beam of light from an inadequate source. In the homes lamps were lit, and outside we groped our way in darkness to tend the cows. Every activity except those absolutely necessary came to a halt until the winds subsided.

For hours the storm would rage, emitting a howl so loud it blocked out other sounds, then slowly easing in the night with the howl becoming a lonely moan, only to return again with all its fury - maybe not the next day but certainly the day after. We tried to protect ourselves with wet cloths over our noses but there was nothing for our eyes - we still had to care for the livestock and were often felled by the force of the wind. Even though we made every effort to block entry paths with rags and wet sheets under doors and around windows, houses filled with the sand, requiring heavy brooms and shovels to clear.

Years later when wiring houses, I saw the accumulation of sand in attics, often level with the studs in the middle, which is four inches high. In the corners the sand would be heaped over the rafters, covering any signs of wood - I often wondered about the insulating qualities of sand. Small sand hills with the pattern of the wind visible on its surface emerged next to buildings and fences, protected by the accumulation of tumble weeds. If the protection was sufficient, the hill would grow with every storm. If protection was meager, the sand quickly dissipated with the next wind.

This trend continued for several years, giving us the name of Dust Bowl and leading to a plan

developed by the Roosevelt Administration who directed shelterbelts to be planted on the outside parameter of farms located in the dust bowl. Sandstorms did finally subside. I doubt if the shelter belt contribution was significant other than provide some measure of protection for those farms capable of producing trees, which in Motley County was not many. It simply was due to the end of the long draught that plagued us through most of the thirties, the practice started during that time of planting grass on land and not cultivating it, and to the advent of irrigation.

Now over sixty years later I can find some of those shelter belts in Motley County, especially Sterling's. He had the best in the County on his place South of White Flat. We attempted to plant one on the place we rented near the twin bridges but it would not grow, and strangely I did not expect it to. Someone in authority planted a sign right at the entrance to Sterling's place, attesting to the magnificent growth of trees. I always used that sign to guide me to the turning place at Myrtle and Lillie's.

I placed some importance to the fact that we could not grow one and Sterling did. These shelterbelts, even the ones that amounted to little, did take from the working acreage of a farm. I do not know if farmers were compensated in some manner by the government.

The Dust Bowl involved north and west Texas, eastern New Mexico, and most of Kansas and Oklahoma. Though the primary cause was the cessation of rain, farming practices of the time

intensified and supported the effect of the wind and draught in bringing on a farming disaster and drastically reducing the productivity of once fertile farming land.

Through the 1920's this area had an abundance of rain and produced good crops, causing many farmers to come from other areas, bringing their farming practices with them. When the rains ceased, farmers continued to deep plow all the fields, taking none from cultivation or practicing any kind of soil preservation, understandably attempting to grow whatever they could.

This area went for several years with little rain, causing serious erosion of the land - never to be again the excellent farmland it was before the thirties. In 1937 the Government introduced the shelter belt program and encouraged a different kind of plowing. The planting of soil protecting crops on some of the acreage and letting it rest for a period of years became popular, primarily because of a small government subsidy. This did lessen the severity of the sand storms, but the draught continued.

I have strong memories of the dust bowl, there have been periods since that time when the sand and wind blew, but nothing approaches the ferocity or duration, or crippling effect of the storms of the thirties. There was a terrible draught - I wonder why so many high winds occurred during the same years and I wonder what attracted the huge green grasshoppers in such numbers.

### TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR

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Old windmills are as actors who remain on the stage after the curtain is drawn and the noisy audience has departed. In various stages of decay they bring a melancholy pageant to the changing scene of the times. Once the conquest of an empire rested on the turning wooden or galvanized wheels. They were close to the home and the prayers of a generation always fearful of thirst. Livestock beat trails to the troughs of water and food was produced in small gardens below the overflow. Now they stand lonely against the sky, often a silent vane pointing into the wind; twisted and rusting pipe falling against the casing. Dry weeds rattling in the long-empty tank.

## RETRO NEWS

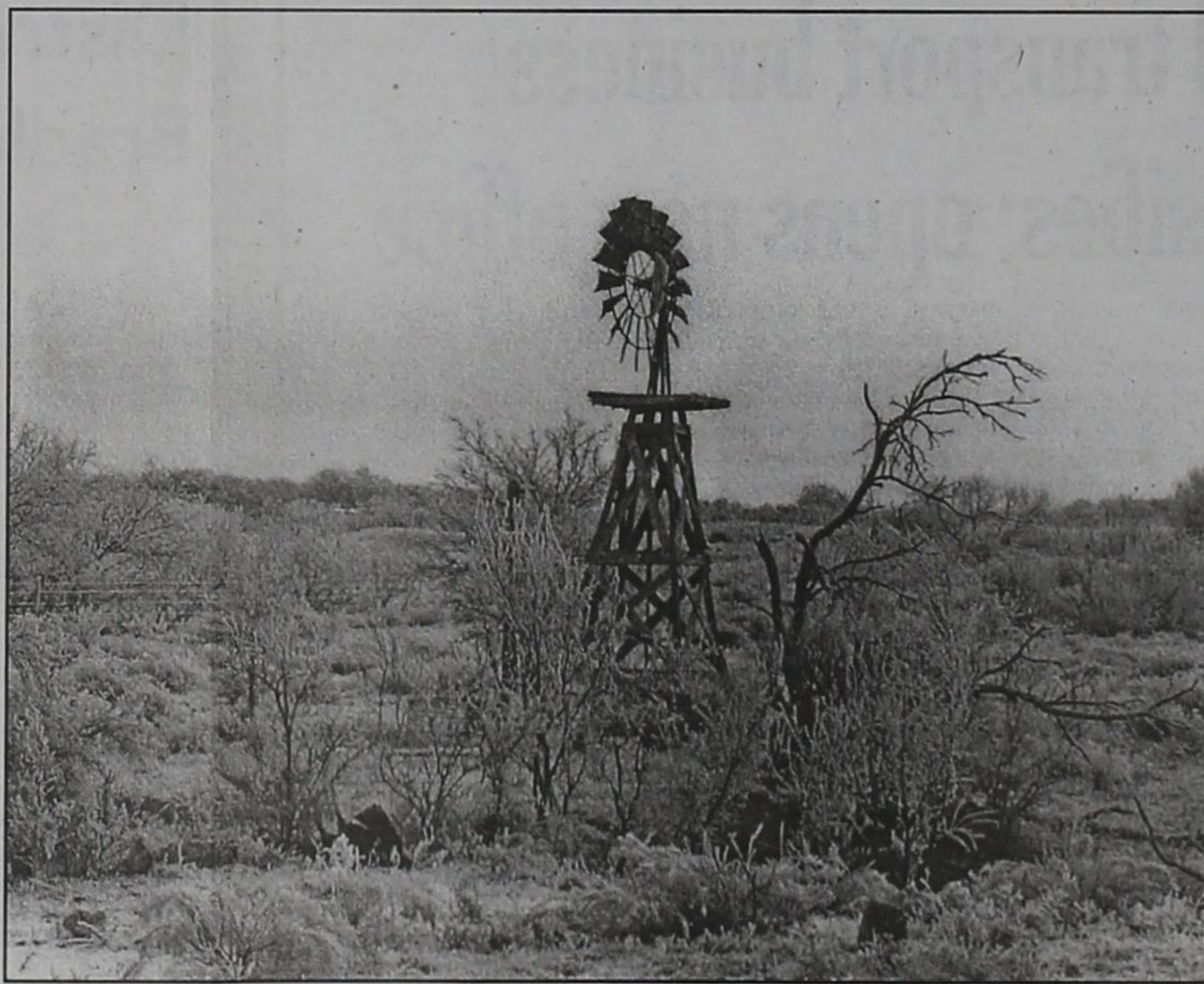
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### Prairie Fire Strikes Red Lake Range Small Quail Burn in Racing Terror

Prairie fire driven by a high wouth wind Tuesday afternoon destroyed an estimated 3,000 acres or about 5 sections of luxuriant grass for the Red Lake Cattle Corporation. Located northeast of Old Teepee City in the Sand Mill area, the raging flames finally subsided when they reached broad, sandy North Pease River.

Cowboys heard piteous sounds at times as coveys of tiny quail too small to fly, perished in the flames. It is not believed that any livestock was lost in the fire. At one time more than 60 volunteers were fighting the prairie fire.

## West Texas Wind



2007-2008 District 3 4-H Blue Ribbon Photograph by Jaci Zingerman

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## "July 4th"

by Dinah Young

Do we really understand this freedom we have?

The importance of the red, white and blue?

What it took for our forefathers to stand up to a country so strong as Great Britain was at the time?

It's why the 2nd amendment is so important in our right to bear arms. We could never have defeated the British army had we given up our fire arms. Taxation without representation was the key note in starting the battle. Their voices were not being heard -- the Boston tea party. But are we truly represented

today? Has our government gotten so big and brash they forget the people stood up once and said "Enough"?

I love this country -- none is as great in my opinion; but when government starts getting in our business and taxing too many things and starts telling us what doctor we can see, or what food we can eat, or what guns we can't have --

The hair on the back of my neck rises and I squint, and start thinking about those colonists back in 1776 -- and how they felt about being told what they could and couldn't do. Our government wants to make us think

they will take care of us -- free medical, free food, free housing -- It's not free! We pay dearly in our rights for these things. There are still too many independent folks in this great country who have their own ideas of medical help, what food to eat and their living quarters, etc. Thank God we do not have to rely on big government to live. My prayer is that we will, as a people, stand behind our constitution that these hard working, Godly patriots wrote to protect us from big government, and this will always be a great nation under God with liberty and justice for all. In trusting God for decisions in the courts, the

Congress, the Senate, the White House -- we will have a strong victorious country. This is one of the most important holidays we celebrate -- the date we gained our freedom.

Is this freedom at risk? So, while you are eating your hot dogs, and homemade ice cream and watching fireworks this July 4th why not think about the sacrifice it took 232 years ago to gain our freedom, and the sacrifices still necessary to maintain this freedom in the land of the brave and free.

# Former Matador Residents To perform At The Fourth On Broadway in Lubbock

The International CGMA Band of The Year, Surrendered is scheduled to perform at 2:00 PM on the country stage. Band member Rickey Green plays rhythm/lead guitar and has written several of the bands original songs.

Decided By Fate, a newly formed band is scheduled to perform at 10:30 AM on the FMX stage in the Battle Of The Bands. Band member Eric Green plays rhythm/lead guitar and has written several of the bands original songs.

Rickey is the son of the Nelta and the late Ted Green and grandson of the late J.C. Sr. and Leona Green. Eric, son of Rickey and Jackie Green is grandson to Betty Bearden and the late Jack Bearden.



SURRENDERED, The International CGMA Band of The Year, To perform At The Fourth On Broadway in Lubbock.

# Local 4-Her attended the 62nd Texas 4-H State Round-up

By D'anna Russell

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program provide the opportunity for 4-H members from across the state to venture to the campus of Texas A & M and demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have acquired through their 4-H project work.

Texas 4-H Roundup includes approximately 40 contests that test 4-H members on life skills such as decision making, public speaking, organization, and working with others. These contests included a fashion show, food show, an assortment of judging contests, and educational presentations. Shane'a Russell qualified for State by winning the

District Roundup Educational Presentation on the Beef Check-off Dollar.

On Wednesday, June 11, 2008, Shane'a was accompanied by her parents, J.D. and D'anna Russell, and her County Extension Agent, Ryan Martin and wife Jamie on a visit to Bryan College Station. The group checked in at the Memorial Student Center and visited with both A & M and Texas Tech students about their college Ag Communication Degree plans.

They also watched the line-up on Kyle Field for the largest 4-H clover ever made. This unique photo was in honor of this Centennial 4-H year.

The next morning the group returned to the Memorial Student Center for Shane'a to com-

pete with the other 11 District qualifiers in the Beef Symposium. While Shane'a did not place in the top 5, she did an excellent job and was commended for her speaking voice. Her dad and Ryan are looking forward to helping her prepare a power point presentation for next year's competition.

After Shane'a's presentation the group had the opportunity to view the Blue Award Photos. Shane'a had five pictures qualify for state. Two of her photos were on display in the Blue Award Room. One was of a Sea Horse and the other one was of a little cowboy riding away on his horse which is being kept by the State Foundation for Educational and Promotional purposes.

## Local transport business diversifies

load up with produce and head to Chicago.

4H Ag Transport pays more than the industry average per load, Hackler said. This competitive edge will help the business grow. "The industry average per load is 70 to 75 percent," Hackler said. "We pay 75- to 90 percent per load." 4H Transport has inter- and intrastate operating authority in 48 states. "This is the stuff that makes the world go 'round," Hackler said. "We pay the truck owner; and the truck owner pays the driver."

Hackler is trying to "grow his business" in a very unstable mar-

ket, he said, but he is resolved to ride it out - to wait for the turnaround. In the current environment, "fuel has out-paced the rates," Hackler said.

"One truck is parked because of high fuel costs," Hackler said. "The parked truck is a grain trailer," he said, "the grain market is down and fuel costs are up." The truck owner actually "loses less money by parking his truck, than running the truck."

Growth looks grim for the immediate future. "Statistics are showing that about 900 trucking companies nationwide have declared bankruptcy; and they expect this number to double by the

second quarter," he said. "There is a company out of New Jersey that has parked 1,300 trucks; another in Iowa that has parked 1,100."

Hackler plans to ride it out. As trucks go out of business, everything you learned in Economics 101 will apply: "its supply and demand," Hackler said, "it will turnaround in 2009," he optimistically predicted.

In the meantime, check out the new insurance rates with Matador's newest business in town. Call 806-347-2164, or stop by for a chat and a 'cuppa joe.' The art is worth the trip.

# Statewide campaign calls on motorists to reduce air pollution

## Agencies coax motorists to "Drive Green" with Hybrid SUV

(Austin, Texas) - Drive Clean Across Texas organizers say there are plenty of small steps drivers can take to do something about air pollution and save money at the pump at the same time. With gas prices approaching \$4 per gallon, one lucky Texan also will benefit from winning a new 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid in the campaign's online sweepstakes this summer.

Drive Clean Across Texas, the nation's first statewide air quality public education campaign, is encouraging motorists to implement no-cost and low-cost changes in their driving and vehicle maintenance behaviors to reduce harmful vehicle emissions, which affect air quality.

Keeping cars and trucks well-maintained tops the list of their clean air suggestions. Campaign organizers at the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality say that by regularly changing a vehicle's oil, keeping tires properly inflated and replacing filters, motorists can reduce their vehicle's tailpipe emissions and improve gas mileage by up to 5 percent, saving as much as 35 cents per gallon at today's gas prices. A poorly maintained vehicle can release as much as 10 times the emissions of a well-maintained one.

"A lot of us doing a few little things can make a big difference," says TxDOT's Richard Goldsmith. "All we're asking is for Texans to make one or two simple and easy changes to their driving habits so we can improve our air."

Drive Clean Across Texas suggests that Texans can drive less and save more by combining trips, sharing rides and taking public transportation.

The campaign also recommends that drivers remove un-

necessary weight from vehicles, drive the speed limit, reduce engine idling and stop at the "click" when filling up. These simple steps can increase fuel efficiency in a car or truck from 5 to 20 percent.

For the millions of drivers expected to replace their current vehicles this year,

**Drive Clean Across Texas also advocates the purchase of a hybrid or low-emissions car or truck.**

"Driving an air-friendly, fuel-efficient vehicle is one of the best things you can do to help our air quality. Not only do you save money on gas, you're also taking a big step to reduce tailpipe emissions," adds Goldsmith.

At least one lucky driver will be able to heed this advice when the campaign hands over the keys to a new hybrid SUV in August. To sign up for a chance to win a 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid and get more tips on how to drive green, motorists can visit the campaign's website ([www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org](http://www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org)).

### Reduce Air Pollution and Cut Fuel Costs, Too

Every driver can contribute to cleaning up the air in Texas. Here are some simple suggestions from the Drive Clean Across Texas air quality campaign:

1. Lighten Your Load - Empty your trunk of unnecessary weight. It slows down your car and requires more fuel to run. Have a removable roof rack on your vehicle? If you're not using it to carry something, take it off and store it. An empty rack can raise fuel consumption by up to 8 percent, and a fully loaded rack

may increase your gasoline bill by as much as 30 percent.

2. Check the Air - Under-inflated tires can reduce fuel efficiency by two percent for every pound they are under-inflated. Under-inflation also shortens the life span of tires by increasing wear and tear on the tread. Frequent checks of your tires' air pressure can help you avoid both of these pitfalls. For an accurate read, make sure to check the air when tires are "cold" and haven't been driven more than a few miles.

3. What's the Hurry? - Besides helping drivers stay safe and avoid expensive traffic tickets, driving the speed limit makes good gas sense. The higher the speed, the more fuel you burn for each mile driven. With gas well over three bucks a gallon, every five miles an hour you drive over 60 mph costs you an extra 20 cents a gallon. So slow down! And while you're at it, remember that pushing your engine with quick accelerations and making abrupt stops wastes fuel. Keeping your cool behind the wheel is good for your wallet.

4. Don't Idle Away - An idling engine really is burning a hole in your pocket! It wastes gas and creates more emissions than re-starting the engine. So skip the drive-through line at the fast food place. Park the car and head indoors.

5. Watch the Clock - It's smart to fill your tank in the early morning or night time hours when it's coolest outside and gasoline is actually denser. Gas pumps measure the volume of fuel - not the density - so you'll get more gas for your money. And don't top off the tank - spilled fuel pollutes the air when it evaporates, making your money disappear into thin air.

Find out more, visit [www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org](http://www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org).

# Sgt. Shawn Marvel receives bronze star

By Cindi Taylor (excerpts from The Texas Spur, June 19, 2008. Used by permission)

Sgt. Shawn Marvel received the Bronze Star with Valor Award Monday, June 9, for his brave and heroic actions performed by saving another soldier's life. Marvel was presented the award during a ceremony held in Vilseck, Germany. He is the 24-year-old son of Romeo and Debbie Tagle of Spur and Bucky and Lezli Marvel of Snyder. Shawn is the grandson of Kenneth and Barbara Marvel of Roaring Springs, and Alice Monroe and Jack and Jan Monroe, all of Kokomo, Indiana.

For his heroic actions Shawn also received a Purple Heart and a Combat Infantry Badge for actions while in Iraq. On June 2, 2008 he was inducted into the Noncommissioned Officer Corp.

Shawn, a 2002 graduate of Motley County High School, enlisted in the United States Army on November 3, 2005 and began his Basic and Advanced Infantry Training on November 10, 2005 in Fort Benning, Georgia. After graduation from basic training in March, 2006, he was sent to Fort Lewis, Washington with his wife, Sarah, where they were both stationed. By June, 2006 they were sent to Vilseck, Germany with the 2nd Cavalry Division. Their son, Sutter, was born in March, 2007.

Shawn was deployed to Iraq in August, 2007 to begin a 15-month tour of duty, but the tour was cut short after the incident in October when he and 2 others were wounded when their Stryker vehicle was hit by an explosive device.

Currently Sgt. Marvel is still stationed in Vilseck, Germany, with his wife and son.

## District 3 Horse Show

represent Motley County at the State Horse Show, July 19 through the 25th, in Abilene Texas.

They were accompanied to Vernon by their parents Don and Colleen Baxter, J.D. and D'anna Russell, Craig Cathey and Carley Turner and Agent Ryan Martin and wife Jamie.

## July is Watch Your Car month

(Arlington, TX) Every five minutes, a car is stolen in Texas, and every two minutes, a vehicle is burglarized for contents or parts. Stolen vehicles are often used to commit other crimes, including theft, drug smuggling, human trafficking, domestic/international terrorism, and countless other offenses. In addition, vehicle burglary incidents such as gas siphoning, stealing personal identification items, and theft of vehicle parts containing valuable metals are on the rise.

Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Lock, Take, Hide": lock vehicles, take keys, hide belongings. The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout "Watch Your Car Month" this July.



## COMPROMISE

Henry Clay, known as The Great Compromiser, was highly successful as a member of Congress in salving the wounds on both sides of a controversy. Mr. Clay was very skillful in the use of speech and manipulation of territory. However, he was not

successful in three attempts for the presidency of the United States. Fence-straddlers are not wanted in critical positions of leadership. Therein lies a good lesson for the Christian of today.

Jesus was diplomatic, perfect and guileless--yet despised, rejected and crucified because He would not compromise with evil. In fact, our Lord openly rebuked that which was wrong. We understand then why an apostle of the Lord would write:

"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them." (Ephesians 5:11).

William James had a perceptive statement on this point almost a century ago: "There is no more miserable human being than one in whom nothing is habitual but indecision." Our point is this: We need in our Christian men and women of today, loyalty, devotion and courage to uphold the standards of Biblical Truths. There can be no compromise of these Truths.

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

## Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Remember when road trips were more fun? Gas prices were cheaper, no interstates, slower and less traffic and amusing signs along the way...most advertising Burma Shave. They were always fun to read, I thought, as we were whizzing by at 55 miles per hour! Here's one to chuckle about: She kissed the hair brush by mistake. . . . She thought it was her husband, Jake! Another: Don't lose your head to gain a minute. . . You need your head. . . Your brains are in it - Burma Shave. Good advice for any driver!

Kayla Simpson Hollinsworth, daughter of Larry and Annette Hollinsworth is in the Army Reserves. She is doing her basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina this summer. She has been able to call home three times. Her big news last week was that she had conquered the Victory Tower! She says that she carries her rifle at all times and is really getting strong doing all the exercises. She is making new friends and is looking forward to her graduation from basic training on August 15th. She will return home to MCHS for the 2008/09 school year. After her graduation from high school she will be full time in the Army Reserves.

Bill Hand returned to the hospital in Lubbock on Thursday. He had light case of pneumonia. He was released on Sunday and returned to his daughter Kim Hand Watson's home in Lubbock. Mozelle is at home part of the time and doing better. She had been in Lubbock with Bill for a couple of days.

City Council members, P.K. Green, Corky Marshall, Mayor and Zella Palmer, City Secretary attended a Texas Municipal League Region III meeting at the American Wind Power Center in Lubbock on Thursday. They attended a workshop and then were hosted to a dinner and program sponsored by the city

of Brownfield and the city of Smyer. Glenn Patton spoke to them about using wind turbines for city electrical supply. Mayor, Marie Mullins of Dickens also accompanied them.

The Full Gospel held their fifth Sunday service and dinner on Sunday. They enjoyed fellowship and an afternoon of singing.

The First Baptist Church hosted the First United Methodist Church and the Church of the Foothills for a fifth Sunday luncheon and fellowship. The new minister and his wife for the Methodist Church were present. They are Bill and Arlis Manley of Lubbock. They are excited about meeting the people of Roaring Springs and working among them. They will continue commuting from Lubbock for the time being.

Louis and Beverly Shorter of Fort Worth were here in their 'home away from home' this weekend. They helped their grandson, Mathew Moncrief celebrate his birthday.

Former resident Carrie Tomlinson is in the ICU unit at UMC in Lubbock. She was admitted early Monday morning. She is undergoing tests, she has a severe infection in her bloodstream and her colon. She is very ill. Please pray for Carrie.

Johnny and Connie Morris are in Colorado where they participated in a Cowboy Camp Meeting at Holly, Colorado. Roaring Springs will be having their annual Cowboy Camp Meeting the second week of September. It is time to begin preparing for that.

Grace Zabielski was visited by her son Ray Zabielski and wife, Linda, from Chicago; and granddaughters, Danielle Wittler from Florida, and Dana Logsdon and sons, Avery and Chuck Logsdon from Kentucky.

Hope to see you in Roaring Springs for the Fourth of July all day celebration!

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

To preserve and protect our Constitution is a lifelong commitment. Thank the veterans and celebrate your freedom not only on July 4th but every waking hour!

Rain Saturday night and early Sunday morning varied in reports of 1.50 to 3.50 inches in Flomot area as well as Whiteflat. Roads are impassable in certain locations. I will have Motley County's June monthly weather report in next week's edition of the paper.

Mrs. Aleda Ross had a medical appointment in Lockney Thursday and was in Plainview, Friday for medical tests.

Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, OK, is visiting her brother, Johnie Starkey and is staying with her sister, Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney, a patient at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Mrs. Cypert has been moved from the ICU to a private room.

Wilburn Martin had a medical appointment in Amarillo, Wednesday. He continued to Borger and visited overnight with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper and returned home Thursday. He also visited Bob Cooper in Borger.

Mrs. Christi Milam and daughters, Emily and Haley of Petersburg visited Friday and Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Tanner and Sarah Clay of Panhandle have visited the past two weeks with their grandparents, Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay.

Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas visited Saturday with his family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Anna Joe Calvert of Dumas visited Saturday with his family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Billy Joe and Jinna Sue Turner Sunday afternoon held at the First United Methodist church in Lockney.

## Turner encounters charging bull

On Monday, June 30, 2008 Craig Turner encountered a charging bull while working on ranchland near Flomot. Before he was hit a second time his father, Dean Turner, shot the bull with a stun gun. Craig was taken to the hospital in Lockney. He suffered from broken ribs.

## Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund Extends Application Period

(Dulles, VA) - To be eligible, an applicant must be the dependent son or daughter of a U.S. soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, or Guardsman, who has been killed or permanently disabled (100% VA disability rating) as a result of an operational mission or training accident, or who is currently classified as a Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA). The student must

also be a high school senior, high school graduate or registered as a full time undergraduate student and under the age of 26.

Please visit [www.fascholarship.com](http://www.fascholarship.com) or call 1-800-475-6620 to learn more about the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund or to complete an application. The new application deadline for the 2008-2009 academic year is August 1, 2008.

## Fairways and Rough

by Tammy Simpson

### Ladies Playday June 19

18 hole players were Geneva Wilson, Dartha Westbrook and June Moss. Geneva won the ball - low putts.

9 hole players were Pat Warren, Olivia Osborn, Jan Martin, Polly Campbell, Nell Berryman and Judy Renfro. Judy won the ball - low putts.

### Scramble June 24

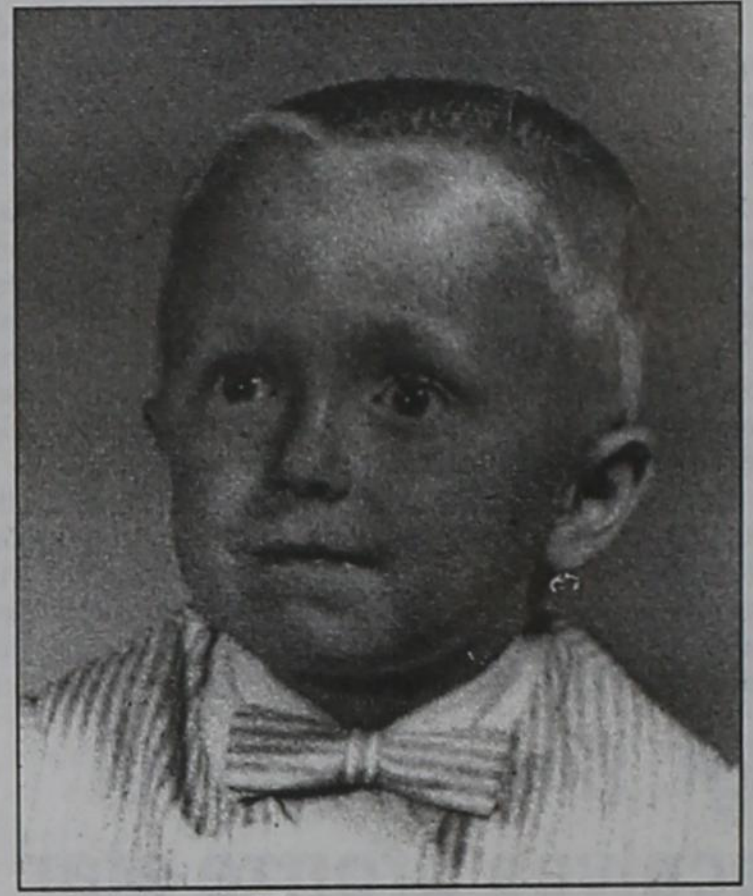
First, with a score of 29, David Taylor, Tammy Simpson,

Korbyn Simpson, Ken Marshall and Britt Simpson.

Second, with a score of 30, William Cochran Jonathon Osborn, Olivia Osborn, Devin Ballard and Jessica Ballard.

Others playing were Julian Zabielski, Paul Westbrook, Dartha Westbrook, Jim Watson, Alan Bingham, Timmy Brooks, Christian Brooks, Ronnie Vandiver, Bryan Glover, Roy Gene Stephens, Pat Warren and Alvin Martin.

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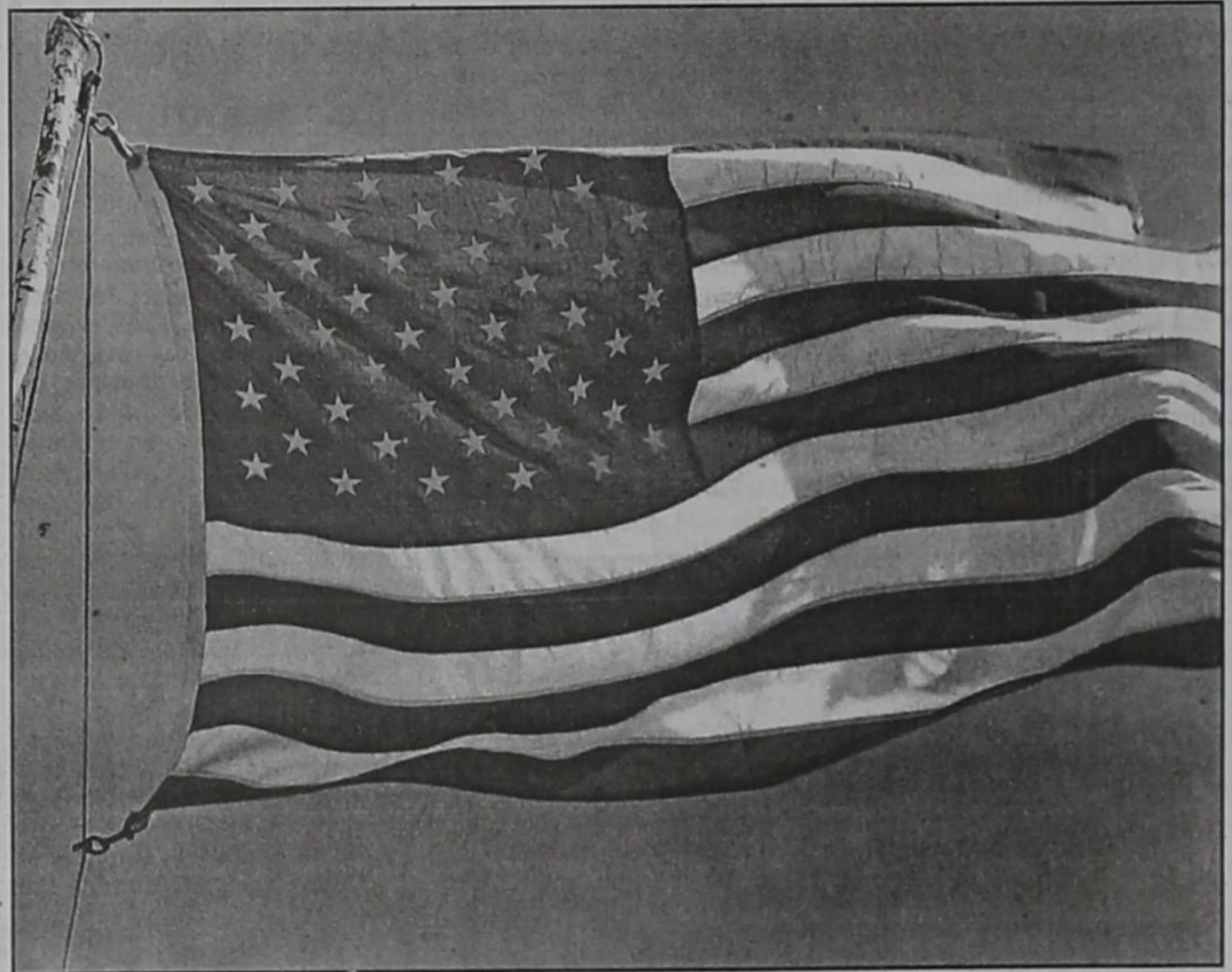
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  - own a NOAA Weather Radio with battery backup and a warning alarm
  - listen to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio
- If a warning is issued...**
- move to your building's pre-designated shelter (cellar or basement)
  - avoid windows and outer walls
  - if underground shelter is unavailable, move to an interior room on the lowest floor
  - get out of vehicles
  - abandon mobile homes

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# Chamber News & Views

By Mario-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:  
One must be poor to know the luxury of giving.  
—George Eliot

The 4th of July is upon us, and the Roaring Springs Volunteers are putting on their wonderful day of celebration. But even the prices of the fireworks have gone up, so they have asked for donations to cover them.

The Relay for Life just took place, and the organizers have announced that they received over \$17,000 in donations. The Friends of the Historic Motley-County Jail had their fundraiser a short time before.

Just look at the Hackberry Creek Care Center, the Senior Citizens Center, the library, all the recipients of generous donations. Look at Bob's Oil Well, rejuvenated with the help of people donating time and money so its lights could once again shine far and wide.

Not to mention all the churches in the county, where the giving is ongoing, weekly, monthly, year in and year out. And the churches have special collections, fund drives for people outside the county. And the people donate to those, too.

And these are just the "official" donations. Every day, neighbor helps neighbor by driving them to doctor's appointments, helping out with food, whatever is needed.

Motley County is not a rich county—in fact, it is downright poor. But just look at all the events and institutions supported by people giving, giving, and giving some more.

Something about loaves and fishes comes to mind, a miracle. How can a small community of people do so much for others, and for their community?

In the question itself lies the answer—in community. People know their neighbors, know their needs, and know how they could help. And people here care about their neighbors, their community, their institutions and events.

And it is this giving that makes the community strong. This has a lot to do with making Motley County a wonderful place to live.

So come on to the Roaring Springs 4th of July Celebration, and enjoy the many events they have planned, up to and including the homemade ice cream and the fireworks. And when they ask for donations, it will be no surprise that they will get them.



# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

## Library Notes

We've been very busy at the library this week! The children are reading up a storm for the Reading Bingo! Parents don't forget, the last day to turn in the cards for the grand prize drawing is July 30<sup>th</sup>. Two lucky winners will walk away with a brand new portable DVD player!

I want to remind everyone about our expanding Texas collection. I have purchased several, and I mean several, new books for this collection. The newest arrivals are featured on a display table by the video section, but I really recommend browsing the shelves in the Texas area. I'm trying to buy a varied assortment. This week I got in a book about Texas Indians of the 1800's along with a book about the history of Amarillo. I think there's something for everyone in the stacks, and hope you'll come in and browse around for a minute. I think you'll be glad you did.

I've also bought several new DVD movies that are available for checkout. With the kids being out of school, it's a perfect excuse to come on down to the library and check out a movie that will be fun for the whole family to watch. Some of the new titles include "Cheaper by the Dozen", "War of the Worlds", "Forces of Nature" and "The Alamo".

I apologize to everyone inconvenienced by the book drop not being accessible. I'm hoping we'll have our shiny new sidewalks very soon, so we can get back to normal. Until then, don't forget to call and renew your books. The fine is five cents a day if you're late, and let me tell you, they can really add up! The library's phone number is 347-2717.

Don't forget, the library will be closed Friday for the Independence Day holiday, so stop in early to pick out your books for the long weekend!

# County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

## Workshop to Explore Wind Power Development and Effects on Wildlife

AMARILLO – With the Panhandle targeted for increased wind power development, many landowners already have signed or are considering signing contracts with energy companies. But questions remain, especially about wildlife.

The Panhandle Wind and Wildlife Conference on Aug. 8-9 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo is aimed at answering some of those questions. The event is being organized by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Texas Wildlife Association.

Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, said Texas leads the nation in wind power development according to the American Wind Energy Association's rankings report.

The Horse Hollow Wind Energy Center in Taylor and Nolan counties was the single largest wind farm in operation in the nation in 2007, Cearley said. With four of the five largest U.S. wind farms now located in Texas, it is necessary to study the impact on wildlife.

"We have information from California wind farms that have been in business for 20 years or so that shows minimal numbers of birds killed by the blades of wind turbines," he said.

But other questions remain, such as the impact on:

- Bat populations and movements (bats are important plant pollinators).
- Waterfowl movements and survival through the Central Flyway, which includes the Texas Panhandle and channels migratory birds north and south seasonally.
- Wildlife survival and reproduction in both the installation phase and long term.

Additionally, and maybe most important to some landowners, is how will land values be affected, Cearley said. Will real estate values drop with wind turbines on the land, disrupting the view and the peace and quiet, which so many of today's buyers cherish and are willing to pay large sums for? Will grazing and wildlife leases lose value?

"If I were a landowner being presented with this opportunity, it would be tempting, but I would want to give it a long hard look before deciding, and weigh all of the pros and cons," he said. "The added income might allow some landowners to keep the ranch for years to come, avoiding having to sell due to financial constraints or estate taxes."

Large ranches are often broken up into smaller parcels, fragmenting ownership with each subsequent sale and the further division makes it progressively more difficult to manage for wildlife, Cearley said.

The added income could finance habitat improvement work and relieve financial pressure that might be leading to heavy stocking rates and subsequent detrimental effects on wildlife, such as a lack of sufficient nesting and fawning cover, he said.

"Like a good bird dog easing toward the scent of a covey from downwind, landowners should approach wind energy income opportunities with all their faculties alert and check out all of the possible ramifications before making a decision that will likely be with you for a long time," Cearley said.

The fee is \$60 with pre-registration by July 15 and \$75 after. To register, contact Kassi Scheffer at 800-839-9453 or [kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org). For more information on the conference, contact Cearley at 806-651-5760 or [kcearley@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kcearley@ag.tamu.edu).

# Motley County Matadors 2008 Two-A-Day Schedule

Date	1st Session (am)	2nd Session (pm)
Aug. 4, 5	6 to 8 a.m.	6 to 8 p.m.
Aug. 6	6 to 8 a.m.	4 to 6 p.m.
Aug. 7	6 to 8 a.m.	Midnight Madness
Aug. 8	6 to 8 a.m.	6 to 8 p.m.
Week 2&3 TBA		

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1954 MATADOR MATADORS Regional Championship Team. Back Row L. to R.: Tom Hamilton, C. H. Murphy, Arvin Ellithorp, Harold Dean Martin. Front Row L. to R.: Garland Cartwright, James Taylor, Stanley McDonough, Alvin Lynn, Jimmy Watson, Kenneth Baker, Charlie Renfro. Team Members not pictured: Curtis Baker, A. B. Simpson, Joe Fair, Clay Jameson, Donald Green, Clinton Holiman, Marlon Martin, W. E. Russell, Shelby Jackson, Pat Green, Stanley Neighbors, Dayton Graham, Richard Hamilton, Managers Pat Groves and Johnny Shanks, and Coach Ray Hopkins.

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# DAYS GONE BY

## A Cash Crop: Liquid Corn Part 1 of 2 From Motley County Roundup c. 1991

By Marisue Potts

(Author's note: The subject of corn has been prominently featured in the news in 2008 with the anticipation of ethanol production, but this is not the first time the crop figured in the economics of our country. The Dirty Thirties produced a ready "consumable" that was in great demand.)

Cow-Sow-Hen operations provided a means to survive the depression during the 1930's. Cream checks and egg money helped tide farmers over. Wason's cream depot in Matador was a popular meeting place.

The sorghum crop, worthless as a cash commodity, was pressed and cooked into syrup or molasses. The grain was ground into flour for baking and making hot cereal. The stalks and heads were burned in wooden stoves in place of fuel.

Some crops, especially corn, could be converted into liquor, a ready cash maker. Corn sugar production increased by as much as six times normal to capitalize on a home product that was in

great demand in nearby cities.

With the advent of Prohibition, a period from 1920-1933 marked by a law forbidding the manufacture, transportation, sale and possession of alcoholic beverages, illicit distilling took place anywhere, in the secluded canyons, the thickets, or even the bath tub of normal law-abiding citizens.

It was hard to get a conviction on a charge of illegally operating a distillery, because most judges were sympathetic to the plight of the working man trying to eke out a living.

In Motley County tradition states that "alky-cooking" stills were operated at various times near TeePee Flat, Flomot, Whiteflat, or on the creeks of North Pease, Tom Ball, Mott, TeePee, and Dutchman.

When local law officers broke up a still near TeePee Flat, the act was not lost on one school teacher who loaded up her students to show them an object lesson in the evils of law breaking. The stench of the mash and the drunken be-

havior of the pigs cleaning up the swill made an indelible impression on the young students.

A deluge of indictments for bootlegging, including the names of over 23 friends and neighbors, some rather prominent, was presented to the Grand Jury during the May 1924 term of District Court. Most were dismissed for insufficient evidence.

"Choc" beer, a potent sweet brown liquid made from meal and other ingredients, was considered a staple of Juneteenth celebrations so the sheriff was kept busy in the negro section of town, busting up stills improvised from the likes of a five gallon coal oil can and dripping coil.

During a trial in Judge W.R. Cammack's county court, a gentleman was charged with selling a high octane beverage in dry-voting Motley. He faced a fine of \$1,000 and a jail sentence. A seal was broken on a bottle of the evidence, then defense attorney John Hamilton told the judge that he felt the jury should be able to satisfy any doubts regarding the

contents. The bottle was passed around and smelled by the six man jury. Still unconvinced, five desired proof beyond a shadow of a doubt, and tasted the evidence. Two jurors, reported the Matador Tribune, required a second swig before they were convinced. "Whiskey," concluded the jury of 1947 and fined the defendant the minimum penalty of \$100.

The first bootleggers found the Ford V-8 the fastest and most efficient conveyance for transporting their contraband. With room for ninety gallon-size jars of alcohol, it could easily carry a cargo worth \$3,600 at the time.

No surprise then that a '34 Ford V-8 with ten cases of Christmas whiskey figured in a raid on a Caprock ranch headquarters near Flomot. In late November of 1934, revenue S.A. Tibbetts and law enforcement officer/cattle inspector Ed Russell uncovered a ring of bootleggers hoarding a cache of over 2,964 half-gallon jars, valued around \$3,000 at wholesale bootleg prices.

# OBITUARY

## Colleen Stone,

Funeral services for Colleen Stone, 84, of Lubbock were held on Saturday, June 29, at the First Baptist Church of Turkey. Officiating was Rev. Melvin Clinton, pastor. Interment was in Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador.

Mrs. Stone died Tuesday, June 24, in Lubbock. She was born January 25, 1924, at Turkey. She was the daughter of R. E. "Doc" Young and Tabitha Rivers Young. She had been a lifelong resident of Turkey until moving to Lubbock in 1995. She was a former member of the Missionary Baptist Church of Turkey, and later First Baptist Church of Turkey, and was presently a member of Southeast Baptist Church in Lubbock.

She was married to Guy Leroy

Stone on November 9, 1940, at Silverton, Texas. She was preceded in death by a son, Clyde Droy Stone, in 1978, and by her husband, Leroy, in 2004. She was also preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Thelva Stone of Lubbock; one brother, Dick Young, of Mountain Home, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Shandra Beavers and husband, Sean; Devlin Stone, Belinda Stone, and Misty Stone; three great grandchildren, Alina, Jason, and Chris.

Memorials are suggested to Dreamland Cemetery Association at Turkey, or First Baptist Church of Turkey.

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# MCISD HONOR ROLL

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Seventh: Jacie Zingerman.  
Sixth: Coby Cochran and Connor Mason.

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Sophomores: Utah Falcon, Melissa Flores, Justin Newman,

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Freshmen: Dayne Butler, Ky Christopher, Sarah Ferguson and Leanne Jameson.

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Seventh: Hance Davey, Kaitlan Perryman, Sabra Pope, and Austin Taylor.

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Fifth: Katie Barton, Tanner Bearden, Caleb Clary, Hayden

Davey, Shelby Elliott, Hannah Mason, Tallong Pollard, Korbyn Simpson and Gabby Silva.

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# Earth Talk

Carpenter ants may seem small and look harmless, but they can do serious damage to anything wooden in your home, including not only furniture but also the very framing and walls that hold up the house. If you are seeing a lot of ants or small piles of sawdust-like material in random spots in or around your home, you are most likely suffering from a carpenter ant infestation.

Perhaps the most economical and effective way to get rid of carpenter ants is by applying boric acid (also known as borax) to their nest sites and surroundings. This natural non-toxic element, mined from below the Mojave Desert in southern California, has a long history of use in exterminating brazen populations of cockroaches, palmetto bugs, waterbugs, silverfish, termites, and, you guessed it, carpenter ants.

Al Abruzzese, owner of the website Al's Home Improvement Center, swears by boric acid to get rid of wood-boring pests. "This simple inexpensive,

household chemical is deadly to all insects," he says. "It has been shown to attack their nervous systems, as well as being a drying agent to their bodies."

Beyond just being effective as an all-natural insecticide, boric acid is non-toxic to humans. Abruzzese says it is safe enough to use around children—it has been used in ointments and salves for diaper rash on babies in the past—and can be an important part of eyewash solutions as well, albeit in very diluted form (don't try it at home). One common brand name to look for is Nisus Bora-Care, but any pesticide with boric acid or borax listed as an active ingredient will do just fine.

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# Diálogo Ecológico

En las latitudes norteamericanas de los E.E.U.U. continentales y mucho de Canadá, las hormigas carpinteras son el insecto destructor de madera más común, sobrepasando incluso la temida termita. Pero aunque muchos pesticidas químicos disponibles en el comercio librarán una estructura de hormigas carpinteras, los dueños de una casa se están alejando cada vez más de tales toxinas que se ha demostrado afectan negativamente los sistemas nerviosos, respiratorios y reproductivos humanos.

Quizás el modo más económico y eficaz de librarse de hormigas carpinteras es aplicar ácido bórico (también conocido como bórox) a sus nidos y alrededores. Este elemento no tóxico natural, minado debajo del desierto de Mojave en California meridional, tiene una larga historia de uso en el exterminio de poblaciones desbocadas de cucarachas, bichos del palmetto, bichitos de agua, peces de plata, termitas, y, lo anticipabas ya, hormigas carpinteras.

Al Abruzzese, dueño del Web site Al's Home Improvement Center, tiene fe ciega en el ácido bórico para librarse de parásitos que "taladran" la madera "Este producto químico barato y simple de hogar es mortal a todos

los insectos," asegura él. "Se ha demostrado que ataca sus sistemas nerviosos, así como ser un elemento deshidratador de sus cuerpos."

Además de ser eficaz como insecticida absolutamente natural, el ácido bórico no es tóxico a los seres humanos. Abruzzese dice que es bastante seguro como para utilizarlo alrededor de niños—se ha utilizado en ungüentos y pomadas para la erupción de pañales en bebés en el pasado—y puede ser parte importante de soluciones de colirio también, sin embargo en forma muy diluida (no lo intentes en casa). Una marca común a buscar es Nisus Bora-Care, pero cualquier pesticida con ácido bórico o bórox enumerado como ingrediente activo resultará efectivo.

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# Farm Service Agency

Amy Hackler, CED

## DIRECT & COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENT SIGNUP UNDERWAY IN NEW FARM BILL

Signup begins immediately for the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) which helps delivers certainty for the crop year and the option of a timely advance payment.

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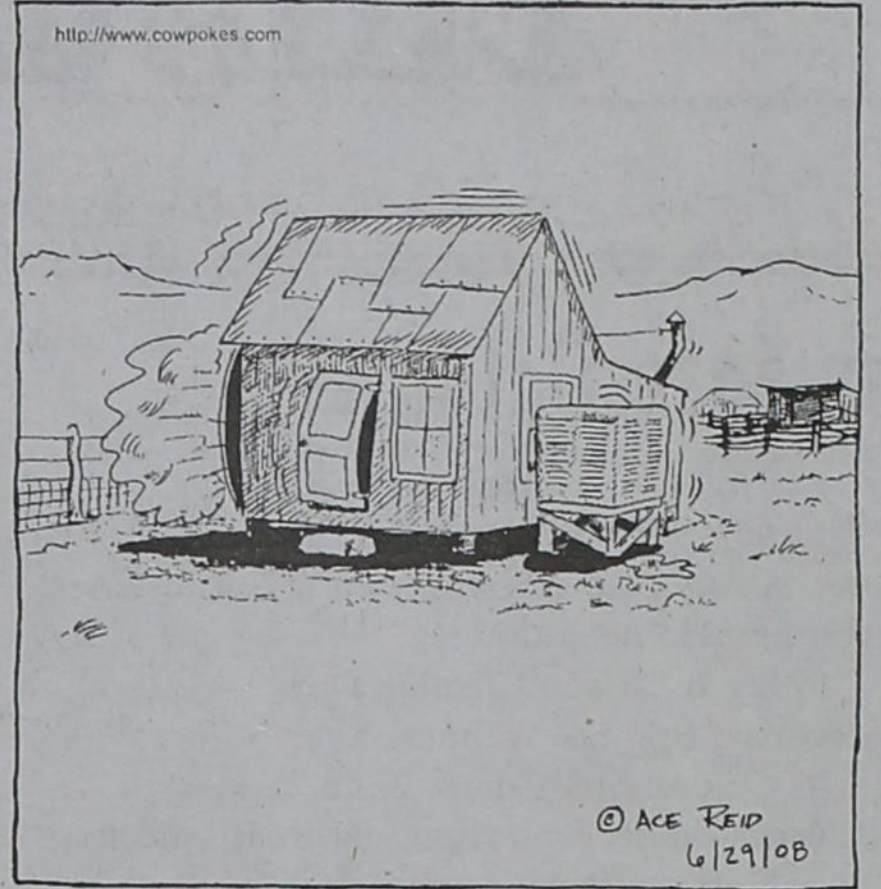
Since 2002, USDA has issued approximately \$40 billion in DCP payments to America's agricultural producers. Participants must submit the completed DCP contract by Sept. 30, 2008. Applications filed after this date will not be approved.

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"It only takes a spark to start a wildfire," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for Texas Forest Service. "Fireworks, especially aerial fireworks, can be the source of that spark."

Much of the state is experiencing drought. As a result, the grasses in these areas have dried and are easily ignited. Spencer recommends keeping fireworks use well away from dry grass and other flammable vegetation, to prevent accidental fires.

The Texas Forest Service recommends the following precautions for safe fireworks use:

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from dry grass and buildings.

- Follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks:
- Only use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby.
- Discard used fireworks; never try to relight them.
- Allow used fireworks to cool thoroughly before handling to avoid possible burn injuries.

Caution is advised on fireworks use because of the potential they pose for starting wildfires. Texas Forest Service urges those celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks to plan ahead and limit use of fireworks to areas where accidental fire starts will not occur.

"Everyone doing their part will help make sure we all have a happy and safe Independence Day holiday," said Spencer.

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- 4 4th of July celebration, Roaring Springs
- 5 Flomot Homecoming
- 8 Motley Jr. Rodeo Cleanup Day
- 8 Roaring Springs Volunteers, Community Center 7 pm
- 10 Texas Plains Trail Regional Board meeting, Hotel Matador 11:00 am
- 10 4 B Public Hearing, Matador City Hall, 6 pm
- 10 Matador City Council, City Hall, 6:30 pm
- 14 Motley Co. Commissioners Court 9:30 am
- 14 Roaring Springs City Council, 6:30 pm
- 15 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 24 Matador Eastern Star, 6:30 pm

**August**

- 2 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
- 5 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm
- 7 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 11:30 am
- 11 Commissioners Court, 9:30 am
- 11 Roaring Springs City Council, 6:30 pm
- 14 Matador City Council, 6:30 pm
- 19 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30 pm

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