

# COWPOKE COURIER

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 5

AUGUST 8 2020



## CRAZY COWBOYS BEST ROWDY RANCHERS IN BID FOR THE CAYENNE VALLEY

The Rawhide Trail came to an explosive conclusion Friday as the two bands of cowpokes fought with determination for the prize. In fact, the possible win was so close, both teams could taste it. Starting the day with 3-in-a-Rodeo (the trail's special oversized game of tic-tac-toe), items were summoned by Marshall Rush. If the first to arrive passed inspection, teams were awarded a parcel within the larger grid. Despite fierce contesting, the Cowboys pulled off a win. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, they regrouped for a last challenge.

All cow hands assembled for the last Cattle Drive to Cowtown to win rights to sell their herd for the most beef bucks. After a relay encounter across the camp grounds that led to an intense show of pure strength in the "steer riding" golf cart pull. A splash of water-ballooning finished off the battle, when the Crazy Cowboys claimed victory again. But it was yet to be determined who had won the war. The official posse took account for every Bible memory verse said, every beef buck stored in the safe, every last point squeezed from a week of competition. The Crazy Cowboys claimed the victory, won the auction and are the proud owners of the precious parcel of prosperous property, and some braggin' rights, to boot.

### AS YA RIDE INTO THE SUNSET...



Peniel: Not bad 60°-80°

Kentucky: Looks like lunch. 83°

Greenville: Home Hot Home: 91°



### RAWHIDE DATA THIS WEEK

- 70 campers, 16 Trail Bosses, 15 Cookies, 9 Posse, 2 Extra Hands, 1 Preacher, a dentist and 1 Doctor.
- 58 pounds of cheese
- 1456 rolls/breadsticks
- 900 slices of bacon
- 13,345 photos were taken.
- 35+ hrs of video (285.6GB of data)
- 7 fish were caught. Maybe. Some may have been the same fish.
- 40 hours sleeping per normal cowpoke. The confused folk that fished might have a few less. (We won't reveal the staff sleep hours. But...it weren't 40.)
- 13+ hours were spent studying God's Word







### THEM AIN'T COWS

The Horseshoe Hurlers apparently spent the week entirely confused. Instead of collecting cattle for auction, they collected pets in and around their cabin: a fat caterpillar named “Willy Wonka,” and a little caterpillar, “Tonka” (who apparently also played 3-in-a-Rodeo.) A spider named “Sebastian” and a rabbit named “Shadow.” The *alive* mouse is “Falafel,” the *dead* one, they call “Robert.” But nothing compares to Dr. Dan’s pet he named “Betty,” a mouse that ran across him at 5am!



## The First Thing I'll Tell Mom

**McKenna Jones:** My counselors were *awesome!*

**Peter Labadorf:** Well. If I won, then I broke my losing streak!

**Grace Wright:** I'm going to bed.

**Andrew Sanders:** Peace.

**David Washer:** Camp was refreshing *and* interesting!

**Sarah Howell:** We loved the new playground thing after we figured out it *spins!*

**Shiloh Keck:** Hi, Mom. It was fun.

**Parker Furtney:** I *absolutely* wanna go back.

**Amelia Gartrell:** Hi! I carried the flag!

**Jonathan West:** Never jump in the lake in front of Pastor Rush.

**Daniel:** I'll show her my fishin' trophy. (Grin)

**Joanna Smith:** Take me back!

**Joy Schaub:** I missed you!

**Isabella Warren:** I'll show her my cheer!

**Lydia Scroggins:** I really had the *best* cabin ever!

**Micah Schaffner:** Hi, Mom.

**Trail Boss Julie Russell:** Well, the youth group is wonderful. I'd say more but my brain is mush.

**Christian Loeffler:** So the giant bag is my dirty laundry...

## LOOKING AT THE FEAR OF THE LORD

We have filled our coffers with studies on the fear of the Lord, and we wrapped up this rich week by turning our eyes to Jesus. He modeled this fear of the Lord: He wasn't *fearless*, but He sure didn't fear man. Can we not follow His example as we face trials and needs in the hours, days and years He gives us? He sees us in our need; He provides. We can be certain that there will be times we face rejection as we obey this great, good God. But it is so critical that we face these fears for Christ's sake and for the sake of the gospel. Don't fear what destroys the body, but the soul. Our eyes set on God's goodness is like the greater fear squelching the lesser.

So do you fear the Lord? As we finished working through Psalm 34, we looked inward. Do we spread strife? Are evil things pushing us in a direction that isn't the fear of the Lord, but is the love of the world? This is an everyday challenge that will follow us the rest of our lives: turning our eyes away from evil. Do you build each other up? Seek peace? There is much hope for where we stand today: God sees us! As we look to the future, we cling to promises. God will give sufficient grace for the day in which we need it, even as we face troubles. Our Creator God buys, possesses, holds, and loves His own! Do you find your refuge in Him, from every other fear? If you follow this God, His steps lead to glory forever.