



# FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Nan Wardlaw Fidler

It was interesting last month to locate a company that has a safe and non-harming way to get rid of noxious birds. Good work "Birds B Gone".

It was sad to hear of the passing of Cass O. Edwards II last month. As W.R. Watt, Jr. so apply said "Cass had the enormous respect and admiration from everyone who knew him". "He was a gentleman in every sense of the word".

Another wonderful friend to Fort Worth whose passing, last month, will leave a void was Mary D. Fleming Walse. She shared so much of what she had with this community.

This is the eleventh exciting year of the W.A."Bill" King Award. Previous honorees are as follows:

1994	John Merrill
1995	Dan Anderson
1996	Don King
1997	David Simons
1998	Marcus Hill
1999	Jake M. Schrum
2000	Lanham Riley
2001	Sonny Nance
2002	John Justin
2003	National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame
2004	Justin Industries
2005	Zack Ward
2006	Come and learn who will be our next honoree.

You are still invited to enjoy lunch with the Dallas Agricultural Club, Monday, October 10, 2005, 12 Noon, Old Mill Inn – State Fair of Texas, 1121 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75210. Please remit your \$20.00 per person for lunch and parking pass/entrance to the Fair to: Patti Beckham, Sec/Tres, Dallas Ag Club, c/o Lone Star Land Bank, ACA, P.O. Box 1479, Weatherford, Tx. 76086, by October 1, 2005, so that she may send you your parking pass.

If the vote to approve permanent repeal of the death tax HR 8 has not taken place by the time of this letter, please contact your Senator and tell him, "IT'S TIME TO BURY THE DEATH TAX".

If you haven't seen it, The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is offering two courses that will let women cowgirl up. Mitzi Lucas Riley, a member of the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame will be hosting the first Cowgirl 101 Class at her and Lanham's ranch home in Aledo. The second class, Ranching and Rodeo Basics will be in October at their ranch. They are both members of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

I look forward to seeing all of you and your guests at the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*N. Fidler*

## SEPTEMBER MEETING:

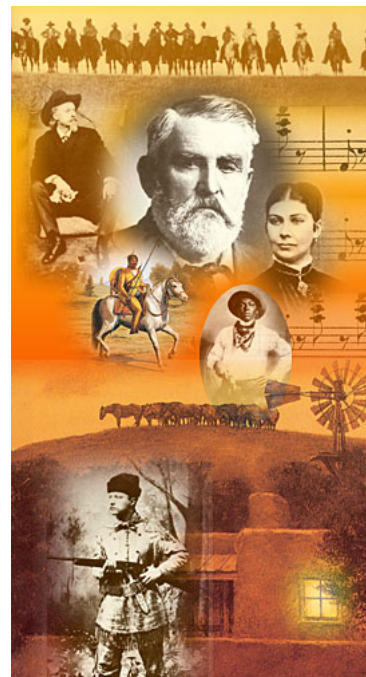
Hugh Ross

Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – 12 Noon  
TSCRA Brand Room  
1301 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Worth 76107

Brisket/Sausage - \$10.00

A representative from the Panda Group will tell us of their plans to build a 100 million gallon per year fuel ethanol plant in Hereford, Texas. Headquartered in Dallas, the Panda Group is a privately held company that has built over 9,000 MW of electric generation capacity at a cost of \$5 billion. Panda is currently developing fuel ethanol plants, biomass electric generating facilities, bio-diesel plants and is also actively working on next generation clean coal projects throughout the United States. The Hereford Plant will refine US grown corn and milo into a clean burning auto fuel that will replace the equivalent of 2.4 million barrels of imported gasoline per year. The \$120 million project will become operational late 2006. The Hereford plant will be the most energy efficient fuel ethanol facility to be built in the nation. Instead of using natural gas in its boilers, the plant will utilize technology that converts cattle manure and cotton gin waste into clean burning bio-gas to power the plant, realizing an energy savings equivalent to 1,000 barrels of oil per day.

## CLUB NOTES:



## Soul of the West

Presented by the Cowboy Heritage Association of Fort Worth

Tuesday, 10/04/2005  
7:00 PM

Experience the journey of the great **Charles Goodnight** and the others that helped settle the glorious West, brought to life by Red Steagall, Barry Corbin, Alex Cord, Buck Taylor, Anne Lockhart, Don Edwards and more.

Premier ticket level (\$100) includes an exclusive "Taste of Texas" cast reception and dining extravaganza provided by some of Fort Worth's finest restaurants.

For further information, or to purchase tickets by phone, please call the Bass Hall Box Office at 817-212-4280 or toll-free at 1-877-212-4280.



# FARM & RANCH CLUB MEETING MINUTES

TEXAS & SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS MUSEUM, BRAND ROOM  
TUESDAY, August 23, 2005

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26 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Nan Fidler

**INVOCATION:** Joe Lenamon

**WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS:**

Nan Fidler welcomed a new member from the last meeting Patricia Stultz of Alliance Financial Horizons. Marcus Hill introduced Sam Curl, Former Dean at OSU, Grant and Candy Lantz of National Farm Life. Breinn Runnels-Richter introduced Shelby Smith, Intern, Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance. Hugh Ross introduced Albert Ross, Attorney in Arlington.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Treasurer Rosalind Sullivan reported that all bills are paid leaving us a balance of \$7,365.94.

Minutes of our last meeting were approved as written.

Please remember the State Fair Luncheon with Dallas Ag Club on October 10 at 12 noon at the Old Mill Inn. Tickets are \$20 and include parking and entrance into the Fair. Please make your checks out to the Dallas Ag Club and mail to Patti Beckham, Lone Star Land Bank, P.O. Box 1479, Weatherford, Texas, 76086.

**PROGRAM:** Vice President Hugh Ross introduced Rick Samaniego and Albert Rangel from Fort Worth based, Bird-B-Gone. The small company started when Rick's wife commented to him that she was so frustrated with constantly having to clean the bird mess off of her sidewalk. So Rick and his family developed 2 devices that help control the bird population, not only for Rick's wife and other homeowners, but for concerned business owners as well. Specialized units are placed inside the trees that are covered with the unwanted birds. A screamer shot, about the size of a shotgun shell, is fired into the apparatus, creating a low screeching noise and a lot of smoke. Since no projectiles are shot into the air, it is safe for the birds as well as the public. The other machine that is used emits a high pitched whistling sound arranged on a timer. The only difference with this device is that it must have a power source to operate. They have found that driving a mobile unit on a truck provides them with more control for targeting the most difficult of bird populations.

**DOOR PRIZES:**

Hugh Ross - a Pizza Ranch T-Shirt, donated by the Dairy Museum

Patrick Murray, Sam Curl and Grant Lantz - a bird book, goggles and kitchen shears respectively, donated by Albert Ross

Marcus Hill - 2 tickets to Dallas Ag Club Luncheon at the State Fair, donated by Paul Burrough, National Finance

Albert Rangel - won a free guest lunch

**ADJOURNED:** Nan Fidler adjourned our meeting at 1:00PM