



The Red River Sun/Elizabeth Tanner  
Attendees shop over 40 vendor booths, including Kettle Corn Cuties, during the 90th Annual Hall County Picnic Saturday, Sept. 20 in downtown Memphis.

## 90th Annual Hall County Picnic welcomes hundreds

By Elizabeth Tanner  
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MEMPHIS — The 90th Annual Hall County Picnic welcomed hundreds of attendees, as well as over 40 vendor booths and entertainment by Ty Wellborn and the Last Stand, Saturday, Sept. 20 on the square in downtown Memphis.

"It was a great day, and we loved having everyone here," Memphis Chamber of Commerce Manager Kim Cloyd said. "We are blessed."

Following a Friday filled with hamburgers and football, as well as Love's Travel Stop's Golf Tournament, Saturday's festivities kicked off at 7 a.m. with the Hall County Preservation Foundation's Cowboy Breakfast, including scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, gravy, homemade biscuits, jelly, coffee and orange juice, at Bertie Fannie.

Following, runners attended the Memphis Independent School District (ISD) Cross Country Program's 10th Annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk, as well as the Hall County Picnic cornhole tournament, featuring amateur and professional flights.

The annual parade followed at 11 a.m. with appearances by Parade Marshals Bob and Sherry Tribble, as well as Judges' Choice winner Wellington State Bank. Additional winners included Antique Cars and Tractors: Dean Elliott, first place; Michelle Branigan, second place; and Shayne Branigan, third place; Bicycle Riders: Corey Welch, first place;



The 90th Annual Hall County Picnic Parade, including Judges' Choice winner Wellington State Bank, takes the bricks of downtown Memphis Saturday, Sept. 20.



Memphis Lions Club Queens Jordan Altman and Ansie Montgomery ride in the 90th Annual Hall County Picnic Parade, taking a first-place finish in the Civic category.

Civic: Memphis Lions' Club, first place; Memphis Volunteer Fire Department, second place; and Hall County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), third place; Commercial: Memphis Convalescent Center, first place; Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, second place; and Mike's Farm Supply, third place; Horseback Riders: Will Roger's Range Riders, first place; Cheyenne Perkins, second place; and Amber Montgomery, third place; Miscellaneous: Memphis High School (MHS) Class of 1965, first place; MHS Class of 1975, second place;

and the Wild Cards, third place; Motorized Vehicles: Uree Hatcherson and Hazel Ollinger, first place; Finn Ollinger, second place; and Haylee Altman and Kaelyn Jones, third place; and School and Youth Groups: MHS cheerleaders, first place; Memphis Middle School cheerleaders, second place; and the Cyclone Band, third place.

Between events, guests were invited to shop over 40 vendor booths on the square, including booths offering food, drinks, home décor, gift items, clothing, games and

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## Holland reminisces 41-year banking career

By Bev Odum  
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CHILDRESS — Born in Amarillo and raised in Wellington, Chad Holland describes himself as an eighth-generation Texan and a direct descendant of both a Stephen F. Austin "Old Three Hundred" colonist and a Green DeWitt colonist.

Working in farming and ranching, Holland said he learned the values of hard labor, community and stewardship of the land across Childress, Collingsworth and Cottle counties.

A 1984 graduate of Wellington High School, Holland earned his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree in Finance with an emphasis in Real Estate and Accounting in 1987.

"I've been working in banking since 1984 and have been a licensed real estate professional since 2003," said Holland. "I have been married to Camie Robbins Holland, from Canadian, since 1999, and together, we have three children and four grandchildren."

Holland explained that he knew from a young age that he wanted to become a banker.

"I was always fascinated by money and finance," he



Chad Holland Real Estate  
Chad Holland, Community Bank President, as well as Executive Vice President and Advisory Director, of Childress InterBank since Sept. 30, 2002, plans to hang up his full-time banking hat on Oct. 1. Employed by InterBank for over 25 years and in the banking business 41 years, Holland will continue in his banking profession on a part-time basis through the end of 2025. Scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 9, InterBank plans to celebrate Holland's retirement in conjunction with its Holiday Open House.

said. "Growing up working on the farm and ranch from the age of seven, I gained an appreciation for hard work and saw firsthand the contrast between that lifestyle

and the bankers that I personally knew, who worked in comfortable, air-conditioned offices. That early exposure sparked my interest and

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## Childress County Heritage Museum to celebrate 90 years of history this Saturday

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CHILDRESS — Childress County Heritage Museum will celebrate the birthday of their building — originally the Childress Post Office — during a 90th Birthday Bash from 4-7 p.m. this Saturday, Sept. 27.

"Our beautiful building — originally the Childress Post Office and now home to the Childress County Heritage Museum — is turning 90 years old," Childress County Heritage Museum Director Niki Seal said. "Bring your family, bring your friends and help us honor nine decades of community right here at the museum."

Established in 1887, the Childress Post Office was constructed in 1935, located on a site formerly occupied by the First Methodist Church. The building, which would be bought for use by the Childress County Heritage Museum in 1981, features round-arched windows, a parapet above the main entrance, a seven-bay façade, a round transom and decorative brickwork. In 1991, the Texas Historical Commis-

### 90TH BIRTHDAY BASH!

#### CHILDRESS COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM

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Cottage and a special appearance by Tha Grill — Damon's Catering Service, which will serve up a menu full of fan

ry panels and artifacts, you'll meet chiefs and captains from tribes, including the Caddo, Delaware, Keechi,

## Living History School Day to feature Comanche youth dancers

