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Ralph and Marisue Powell won the plaque for having the Best Horse Drawn Carriage in last Thursday's Old Settlers parade. (See more pictures inside)

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82nd Annual Old Settlers Reunion held in Roaring Springs last weekend

The 82nd Annual Old Settlers Reunion was held last weekend in Roaring Springs

under blue skies and big shade trees, with pleasant weather to make the three-day celebration

one to remember.

Activities got underway Thursday morning with the traditional parade which continued through downtown and on to the Old Settlers grounds where winners were announced as follows:

Best Float, Spur Elementary; Best Bicycle, Baile Perryman; Best Antique Car, Tom & Lorine Jordan; Best Tractor, Rodney Randolph; Best Horse Drawn Carriage, Ralph & Marisue Powell; Best Old Time Cowgirl, Deana Washington, Cowboy, Bob Kilmer; Best Modern Day Cowgirl, Janell Turner, Cowboy, Doug Harney; Best Jr. Cowgirl, Kenzi Clary, Cowboy, Brody Rankin.

The Memorial Service was next on the agenda, held in the historic tabernacle. Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith and Dickens County Judge Woody McArthur were co-emcees for the gathering. The Shannon Kids of Northfield gave a musical performance which demonstrated the great talents of the youngsters, children of Nathan and Wendy Shannon.

Wynona Humphreys of Dickens read the Memorial List for Dickens County, and Chelsea Tead of Matador read the Motley County list. (See list on page 6).

Receiving recognition for living the longest in Dickens County was Helen Arrington, a 67-year resident of that county. Elva Clay, 90, was recognized as the oldest woman living in Dickens County and Bennie Clay, 89, was recognized as the oldest man. Rita Groves, 92, received the plaque for the oldest woman in Motley County, while J.T. Swim, 89, was recognized as oldest man in Motley County. Buzz Thacker was recognized as having living the longest in Motley County, 78 years. Belinda Roberson of LaCoste, Texas, received the plaque for traveling the farthest, 500 miles, to attend the celebration.

Sue Green Maxey received special recognition for having attended every Old Settlers reunion.

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School Board meets Budget approved, tax rate adopted

by Tina Brooks,
School Board Reporter

The Motley County School Board met Monday, August 15 in a regular scheduled meeting. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Randy Brown, Principal Marilyn Hicks, and Denise Ford.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Brown.

No one was present for open forum.

A time was set for the August 29, 2005, public hearing for tax rates.

Board voted to hold a meeting to adopt the 2005-2006 budget and set the tax rate for August 29, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., following the public hearing.

The board reviewed and discussed the budget. No action was taken.

Mr. Brown informed the board that there will be no change in the cafeteria charges for the 2005-2006 school year. He also reported that the preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) indicated that Motley County ISD did meet AYP standards. AYP is the federal government's accountability system as opposed to the state's accountability system. This is graded on a met or did not meet basis.

The Motley County School Board of Trustees met Monday,

August 29 in a called board meeting. All board members were present with the exception of Robert Fisk. Also present were Superintendent Randy Brown, Denise Ford, Principal Marilyn Hicks and Marisue Potts Powell.

The invocation was given by Mr. Brown.

Mrs. Powell was present for open forum. She was concerned about the information on the property value increase that was presented in the newspaper. It was explained the property values were evaluated thus increasing the values.

The proposed tax rate was reviewed and discussed.

The Board met for a regular meeting immediately after the called meeting.

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Tribune office will be open Monday

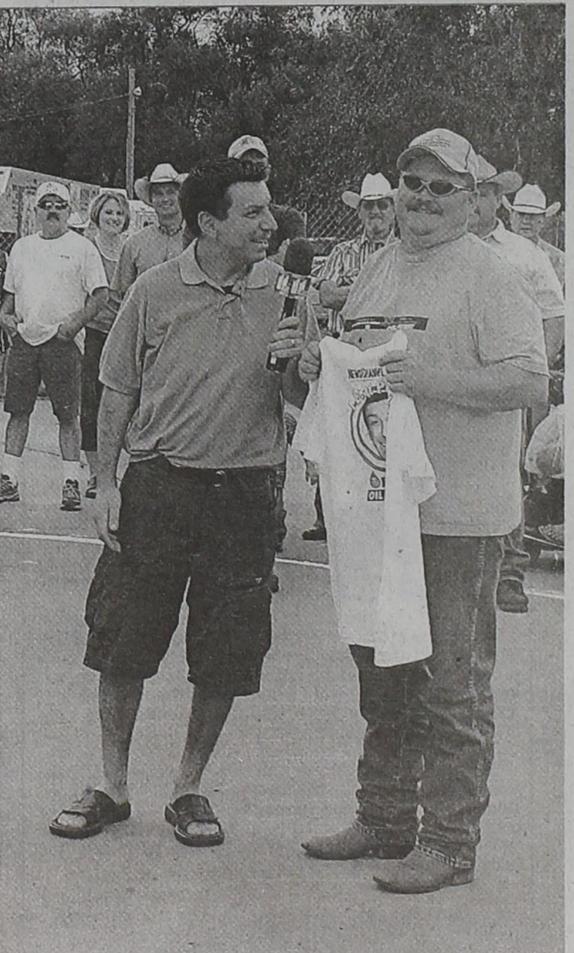
The Motley County Tribune will be open Monday, September 5, and will observe the regular deadline of 5:00 p.m.

To those who have a Labor Day holiday, please enjoy a safe and happy day off.



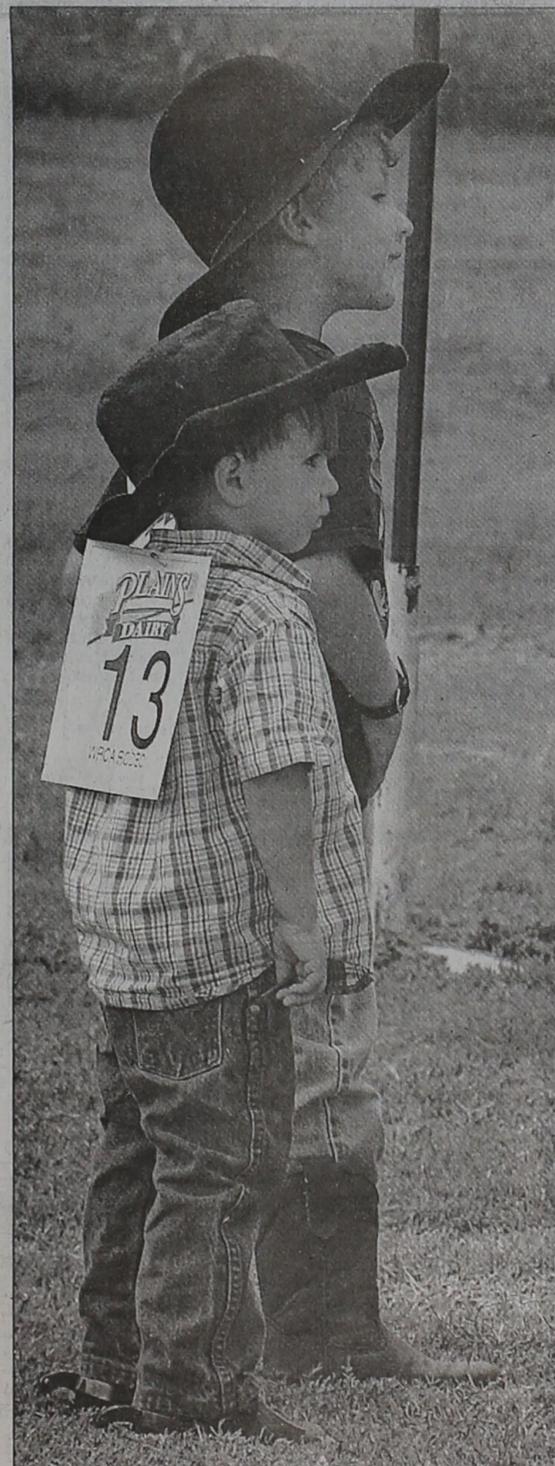
RODEO ROYALTY — Kyla Simpson was crowned the 2005 Rodeo Queen during Saturday night's Rodeo performance. She is the daughter of Terry and Tammy Simpson of Matador.

photo by Jim Meador



DIDN'T BEAT PETE ... Russell Alexander, with tee-shirt in hand, is being interviewed by Pete Christy, Sports reporter for News Channel 11, Lubbock, declares on camera that he didn't beat Pete. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Christy put their turtles on the course for an exciting race, with Mr. Christy's turtle winning.

photo by Carla Meador



LITTLE COWBOYS — These two little cowboys were listening attentively to Pokey the Clown's instructions for the Stick Horse Rodeo Saturday afternoon. A big group of youngsters participated in the event.

photo by Carla Meador



Well, another Old Settlers has come and gone. Whew ... what a weekend. The month of August is one of the busiest for Jim and I. We're always ready for a vacation after Old Settlers. But, the celebration is great for old friends to get together and reminisce or to meet new people and make new friends. The weather was great, not too hot, not too rainy or muddy. I have been through many wet, soggy Old Settlers, and as most of you know who have been to the celebration several years, the rain and mud don't stop anything!

The Cowboy Reunion was neat. These guys are great to

talk to. If you've never stopped by one of these reunions, put it on your list for next year. They've got some stories to tell. The Turtle Race was the hit of Saturday. There was a huge crowd to cheer the turtles on and watch Pete Christy from Channel 11 Sports. That was fun.

School's in full swing and now that Old Settlers over, and after the Labor Day holiday, everything will get back to a normal routine in good old Motley County.

If you are fortunate enough to have a Labor Day holiday, I truly hope you have a great one!



Library Notes



by Suzanne Abbott, Librarian

We thank all those who turned out for the Rootin' Tootin' Beans. We also appreciate the good food that the Friends of the Library prepared. We especially thank our celebrity servers — what a fun bunch they are! We served 83 people and made a good start on buying building materials for the renovation of the new building.

The library offers the best seller, *The Secret of the Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Her new best seller, *The Mermaid Chair*, is also available at the library. We are planning a book discussion on *The Secret of the Bees* some time this fall. Other books new to library shelves include *Runaway* by Heather Graham and *Angels Flight* by Michael Connelly.

The library also offers Jeffery Deavers' *The Blue Nowhere*, Olivia Goldsmith's *Bad Boy and Gone South* by Robert McCammon. A wonderful book new to the genealogy section is *Lamplights of Lampasas County* by Jonnie Ross Elzner.

Couple exchanges wedding vows in double-ring ceremony

Kaycee Rhea Marricle and Ian Alexander Schafer pledged their wedding vows at 5 p.m. on June 18 in the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Bennie and Charla Marricle of Snyder. The groom's parents are Neil and Gail Schafer of Lubbock. Kaycee is the granddaughter of Marihelen Wason and the late Billy Wason of Matador.

The church was decorated with five candelabras placed behind the altar, flanked by two silver vases holding a mixture of orange and yellow gerbera daisies, purple larkspur, orange roses and a variety of shasta daisies, arranged by Kathleen Wason, aunt of the bride. Silver buckets filled with orange and yellow gerbera daisies, purple larkspur, pink wax flower and roses marked the pews and also arranged by Kaycee's aunt. The altar held an arrangement of orange gladiolus, purple larkspur, gigi pink carnations, orange and yellow gerbera daisies, and the unity candle. Candles and ivy covered the kneeling rails.

Pianist was Pam Gibson who played *Canon in D* for the processional and *The Wedding March* for the bride's presentation and the recessional.

Cindy Wright sang *Looking Through Your Eyes* and *Standing Right Next to Me* as the couple lit the unity candle.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a white Georgette sheath gown with a trumpet skirt trimmed with beaded lace bodice, skirt, and train. She wore a fingertip veil accented with beaded lace trim. She also wore a silver tiara. The bride carried a hand-held garden style bouquet consisting of purple larkspur, orange and yellow gerbera daisies, hot pink spray roses and white stock. The bouquet was accented with misty blue lace filler and lemon leaves with sheer orange, yellow, and purple ribbons holding pennies minted in the birth years of the bride and groom.

In keeping with tradition, something old and something borrowed was a pair of diamond earrings belonging to Kaycee's grandmother, Marihelen Wason. Something new was her wedding gown. Something blue was her garter.

Matron of honor was Shahala Hoelscher, sister of the bride from Lubbock. Randi Reed of Atlanta, GA., was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Lindsey Palacios of Snyder and Jana Himes of Dallas.

Attendants wore orange, floor-length satin dresses and each carried smaller garden style bouquets similar to the bride's.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH

BY TOM EDWARDS

THE SUPREME COURT STEPS OUT THIS BEGINS THE EXPOSE' ON HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY...

We all know that the Federal Government was established upon a concept of "separate but equal" branches of government, and "dual sovereignty" between the State and Federal Governments.

If the President were to declare: "Henceforth, I will decide finally, what the law is; what policy is; whether the Supreme Court is correct; whether Congress is correct; and whether the State Legislatures are correct; and I will answer to nobody," we would conclude that he was trying to become a dictator and should be impeached. But, that is exactly what the U.S. Supreme Court has done, in slow incremental moves over 200 years, with barely a whimper from us, or Congress! The Court has become a 5-9 member "Constitutional Convention," the latest rewrite being the Kelo case, which allowed the taking of a private property for "private" use to increase taxes.

The best current book documenting the Court's gross usurpation of power is Mark Levin's "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court is Destroying America." It's a "must read," and a best seller.

An independent judiciary is an absolute necessity if we are to be a government of laws, but the federal judiciary has gotten "too big for its britches," giving us a government of the lawless - the Supreme Court. How'd this happen?

It began with Marbury v. Madison, in 1803. One can search the entire record and



Mrs. Ian Schafer (nee Kaycee Marricle)

Maci Palacios was the flower girl. Maci wore a white floor-length, taffeta dress with an orange sash. She dropped white silk petals from her pearl covered white basket.

Best man was Reed Schafer, brother of the groom from Lubbock. Groomsmen were Kevin and Clint Schafer, cousins of the groom from Lincoln, Nebraska, and Brad Blann of Lubbock.

The groom and groomsmen wore black western tuxedo jackets, denim jeans, silver vests, white shirts, black ties and boots. The groom wore a boutonniere made with an orange mini gerbera daisy and accent color taken from the bride's bouquet. Groomsmen wore similar boutonnieres.

Cousin of the bride, Dalton Wason and Tommy White, both of Lubbock were ring bearers. They were dressed like the groomsmen.

Ushers were Allen Hoelscher, brother-in-law of the bride, and Brad Crooks, both of Lubbock. They also were dressed like the groomsmen.

Leah Cruse, cousin of the bride of Canyon, registered guests. The table was covered with a white cloth that held a dozen orange roses in a silver vase in memory of Kaycee's grandfather, Billy "Daddy Bill" Wason.

Colton and Kayli Brewster of Snyder distributed programs.

The reception was held in Wesley Hall of the church. The bride's table featured a white wedding cake decorated with fresh flowers and a white cake topper. Punch and white mints decorated with the couple's initials, horseshoes and boots, were also served. A white lattice table background was covered with tulle and greenery.

Serving were Courtney Rinehart of Dallas and Veronica Williams of Lubbock, friends of the bride.

The groom's table displayed a chocolate horseshoe cake surrounded with chocolate dipped strawberries and a coffee service. Greenery, rope and metal artwork with the initial "S" covered the lattice background.

Serving were Angela Kavanaugh, cousin of the groom from Colorado, and Danielle Kavanaugh, cousin of the groom, from Lincoln, Nebraska.

A dance was held that night at Jack Green's park honoring the couple. A Lubbock DJ provided the music.

Kaycee and Ian have made their home in Lubbock where Kaycee is a kindergarten teacher at Wilson ISD, in Wilson, and Ian is employed with Lubbock Feeders in Lubbock.



RECOGNIZED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE — Helen Arrington, left, was recognized for living the longest in Dickens County, 68 years, at last Thursday's Annual Old Settlers Memorial Service. Continuing left to right, is Buzz Thacker, who was recognized for living the longest in Motley County, 78 years; Belinda Roberson, traveling the farthest; J.T. Swim, oldest man in Motley County; Rita Groves, oldest woman in Motley County; Elva and Bennie Clay, oldest woman and man in Dickens County; and Sue Green Maxey, for attending every Old Settlers Reunion since its establishment in 1923.

photo by Carla Meador

Tee Time

by Judy

Ladies Play Day, Thursday, August 25, was for Blind Bogie. There were no 18 hole players that morning.

Playing 9 holes that afternoon were Frances, Marihelen, Tommye, Judy R., and Tempie. Judy won the ball, #7 was drawn for Blind Bogie.

19 ft. 9 in. won Rodney Huffaker closest to the pin on #6 in the Tuesday scramble, August 23.

First place, with a score of 29, were Rodney, LaHonda, Louise and Alan.

Second place, with a score of 30, were Ken, Stan, Tempie, Gerald and Jim.

Others playing were Conway, Geneva, Lee, Neal, Kenny, Liv, Cody, Darrell, Garland, Judy, Brandon, Kyle, Keane, Billy, Freida, Billy Roy, Paige and Matt.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

Consider: Oscar Wilde once commented on a man who knew "the price of everything and the value of nothing."
— Bill Bonner

The price of the volunteer work and other good works that go on here in the county is \$0.00, but its value is immense. Just think of all the wonderful things neighbors and friends have done in the past year, and ponder how much richer we all are for these acts.

One of the ways we can show that we know the value of what people have done is by expressing our appreciation, and the Chamber of Commerce does this every year at the annual banquet by honoring the Woman of the Year, and Man of the Year and the Business of the Year. These awards go to people who have done special things for the communities that they were not obligated to do,

but they chose to do them anyway, and that makes life here better for all of us. By giving them the award, we show that we noticed their contributions, and are grateful for them.

But oh, how hard it will be to choose just one Woman of the Year, just one Man of the Year, and just one Business of the Year. Look at Bob's Oil Well, gleaming in the sun and shining in the night -- ever so many people contributed hours and hours to propelling it from near collapse to a landmark to be proud of. And surely there is no one who has not noticed the effects of the clean-up project in Matador. 65 tons of junk and debris were carted away -- just think of that -- and it certainly did not walk off by itself. It took hours of work by many, many people to make that happen.

But, don't let these big projects blind you -- there are ever so many smaller projects that have taken place across the country, some one person projects, some involving the work of two or three.

So, how can we choose just one Woman of the Year, one Man of the Year, and one Business of the Year? Well, it won't be easy, but the start is for people in the county to nominate individuals who seem most deserving of the honor.

You have until September 19 to get your nominations in to the Chamber. You can do so by calling Annette Hollinsworth at New to You (347-2388) or the Chamber office at 347-2968, or giving them to any Chamber board member. In addition, there will be boxes for nominations at the Variety Store, New to You, the Senior Citizens Center, and the Bank.

So start thinking about all the little and not so little special acts of community mindedness that you have noticed in the past year, and acknowledge their value by getting your nominations in by September 19 at the latest.

Learning the Definition of Love



As a group of college students toured the slums of a city, one of the students, seeing a little girl playing in the dirt, asked the guide, "Why doesn't her mother clean her up?" "Well the guide replied, "that girl's mother probably loves her, but she doesn't hate dirt. On the other hand you hate dirt, but you don't love the child enough to get down there and clean her up."

The lesson in the story is this: Until hate for dirt and love for that child are in the same person that little girl is likely to remain as she is. Until a person learns to hate the sin and love the sinner, little will be done about the lost. The best lesson found in scripture on this point is found in the story of the Good Samaritan.

When we love the sinner and hate the sin, we will make every effort to share the goodness of Jesus Christ with them. Remembering the Good Samaritan who have a hate for the condition of the man and a love of his life, we too can be "good neighbors" and take the time to care not only for the body but also for the soul.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.

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GRAND OPENING



Thursday, September 8

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A Note from the Office ...

How about those Matadors! The game in Jayton on Saturday afternoon was wonderful. It is always nice to win and especially when you are predicted to lose by 40 plus points. The hard work and consistent dedication over the last few weeks is evident.

Thanks to all of you who came out last Friday for our celebration at the court house. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Gillespie for sounding the fire whistle and to Mr. Lawrence for being our escort. Even though it was morning, we enjoyed the ice cream treat provided by the Parents' Club. We can always count on them to help out.

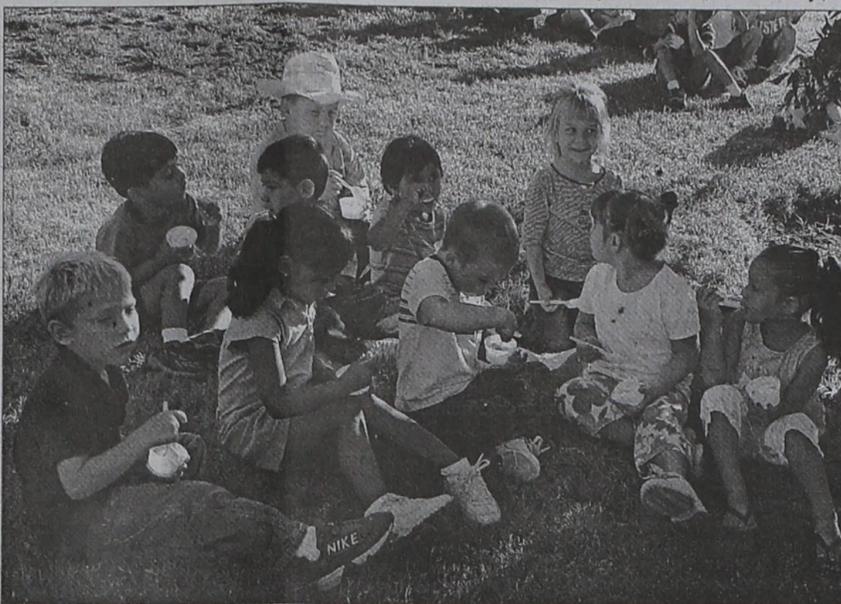
Speaking of helping out: the yard signs that have been painted by the Parents' Club volunteers are outstanding. They have also repainted signs

for the football field. We are "looking good."

Mr. Taylor is keeping a constant rotation of pictures in the computer at the front of the building. When you come in to visit be sure to look at them. It is an excellent chronicling of the school activities.

A reminder that when you have a concern about a class activity that your child is in, please go to the teacher or sponsor to work for resolution. If you are not satisfied, then please come in and see me. You can always move up on the chain of command and talk with Mr. Brown and even eventually the board, but it is important to start with the person most directly responsible.

See you at Burselon Field on Friday night at 7:30 when we play the Silvertown Owls.



Motley County Pre-K students are enjoying an ice cream treat at the School's celebration held last Friday morning on the Courthouse lawn. The entire school walked downtown in observance of the school's Recognized status.

photos by Carla Meador

Letter to the Editor

I know that everyone was not able to attend the celebration for Motley County ISD at the courthouse square on Friday morning, so I thought I would put this in the paper as well. Everyone could use a little encouragement and bragging every now and then.

"On behalf of the Motley County ISD Board of Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and commend the staff, students, and parents for all of their hard work and dedication that has helped us achieve the title of being a recognized school district. This is the third consecutive year we have been able to wear this title and that says a lot for our school. In this area, out of 55 school districts, one school earned the title of being an Exemplary school district, and Motley County is one of 13 school districts within that 55 that has earned the title of being "Academically Recognized." That should prove how hard all of you have worked.

I have been on the board now for five years and during the first couple of years, I would ask myself, "What in the world was I thinking when I ran for this position?" Now, I can honestly say it has been worth every late night meeting, every training that we have had to attend, and every telephone call that we have received, just to be able to see our school district take such a major turn for the better. Our financial aspect is looking better, our attitudes are improving, everything is looking so good compared to just a few years ago.

It's amazing how one negative comment about something can spread like wildfire. Seems that a lot of us just like to look for the negative aspects about our school and community. I would really like for everyone to try their best to look and comment on the positive things that our school has to offer. We have a new Superintendent on staff, Mr. Randy Brown, who has been doing an amazing job. Our staff has done such an extraordinary job considering all that we have had to cut back on over the last several years, and with our school earning the title of being a Recognized school district for another year, shows just how hard they all have worked. I think it's time for us, as parents, students, staff, and community members, to start supporting our school district in a more positive way. We are so fortunate to have what we have in our school system living in such a small community. I think we just need to open our eyes and see it. We encourage everyone, whether you have a child participating or not, to do your best to attend every school event possible and let the students of Motley County know that we are behind them all the way!"

Thank you, Shonda Elliott, President Motley County School Board

**Homecoming
October 21**

MC ISD earns State's highest fiscal accountability rating

Motley County Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Motley County ISD's financial management and reporting system.

"We are very pleased with Motley County ISD's Schools, FIRST rating," said Motley County ISD Superintendent Randy Brown, "as it shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Motley County ISD's schools are ac-

countable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools' FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard Achievement." Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended-Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

Kid's Praise September 7

It's Kid's Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, September 7, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Matador.

There will be songs, crafts, a Bible story, food and fun for all. Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.



BEST BICYCLE — Bailee Perryman received the plaque for having the best bicycle in the Old Settlers parade.

School Board meeting

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Mrs. Ford reviewed the final budget and amendments for the board. The board voted to approve.

The 2005-06 budget was reviewed and approved. The board voted to increase taxes with the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.50.

Contracts allowing the school to sell some of the WADA (weighted average daily attendance) were reviewed. The purpose of this agreement is to enable the district to reduce its wealth per weighted student to a level that is not greater than the equalized wealth for the school year. The board approved a contract with Jayton/Girard ISD and Guthrie ISD.

Mrs. Hicks reported that Motley County enrollment is at 162.

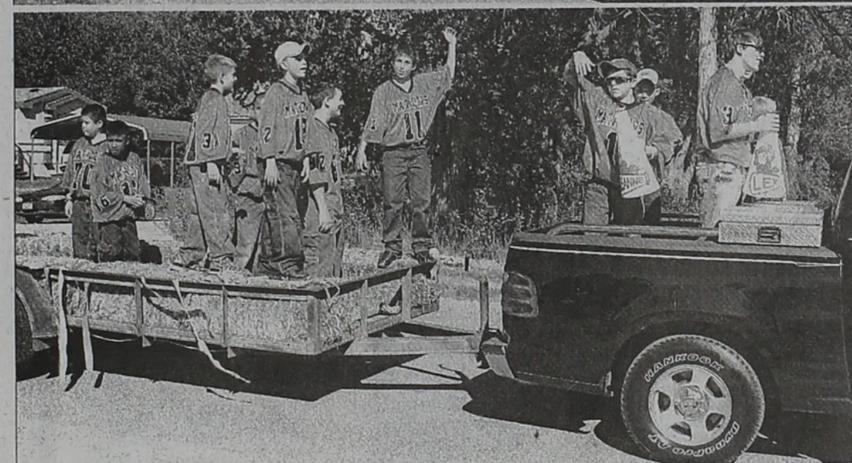
Mr. Brown informed the

board that a public hearing will be held to discuss the district's Financial Integrity Rating System at the next scheduled board meeting, September 12.

Mr. Brown also informed the board that the school has purchased a new water heater for the dressing rooms in the gym and the cafeteria. Mr. Brown is looking into a reliable PA system for the football field before the first home game.

Mr. Brown accepted the resignation of Imogene Newberry. Mrs. Newberry was recently employed in the cafeteria, but had to resign for personal reasons. Mr. Brown has hired Jamie Huddleston to fill this position.

The board entered into executive session at 8:00 p.m. and exited at 8:55 p.m. No action was taken.



SPIRIT FLOATS — High School football team members and cheerleaders (top picture) and Jr. High team members and cheerleaders rode on floats to show school spirit during the Old Settlers parade last Thursday morning.

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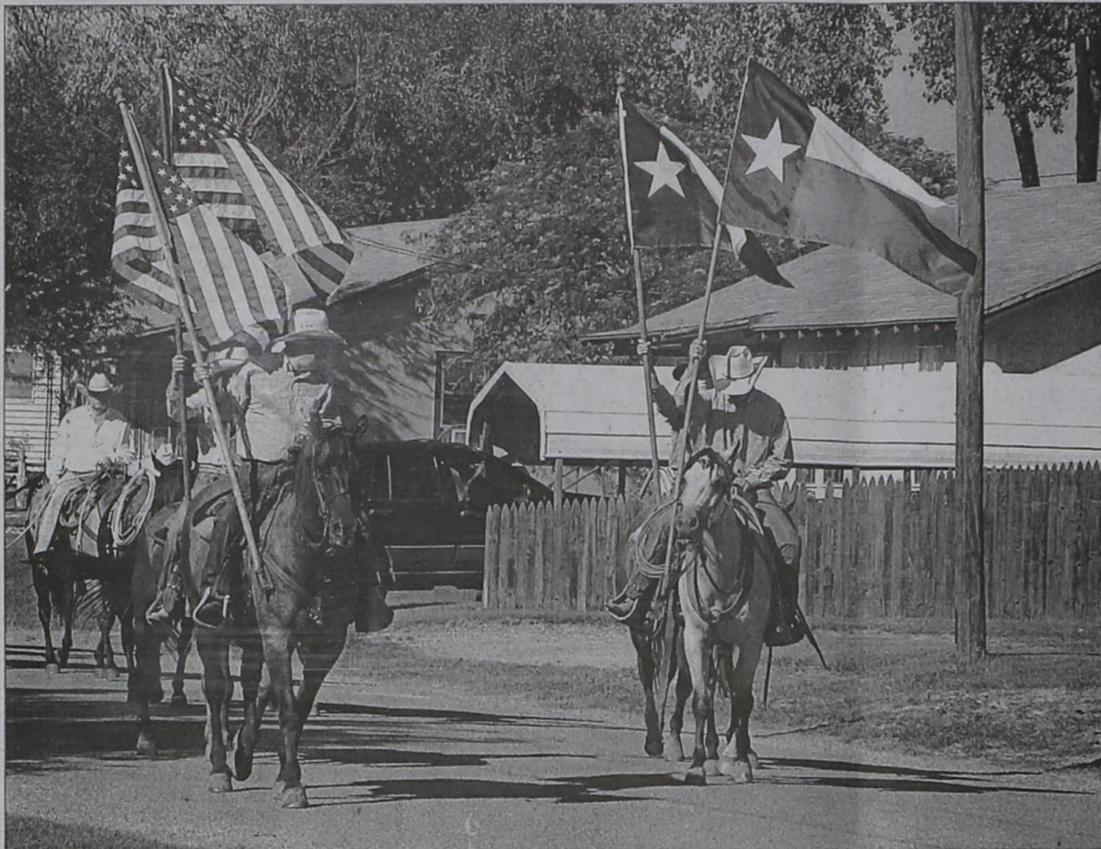


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LEADING THE PARADE — These unidentified riders carried the U.S. and Texas flags to lead the parade to kick off the 82nd Annual Old Settlers Reunion, last Thursday in Roaring Springs.



Jeff Daniell, Colton Russell and Chance McCauley, pictured left to right, competed at the 2005 Youth World Championship Show held in Fort Worth recently.

contributed photo

Local horsemen compete at Youth World Championship

The 2005 AQHYA World Championship Show kicked off the morning of August 6th with a parade representing 44 states, four Canadian provinces and the country of Israel for a total of 49 teams. The teams arrived in the John Justin Arena at the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth, waiving flags, carrying banners, flying kites, leading dogs, and throwing candy and paper airplanes to the crowd. "Welcome your youth teams," AQHA Senior Director of Marketing Tom Persechino told the cheering crowd, "as they capture their dreams and reach for the stars."

This year's Youth World, continued through August 13, and included 1,958 entries, 866 exhibitors and 1,147 American Quarter Horses. Texas had the most exhibitors with 186. The largest class was showmanship at halter with 134. This year the western classes had 1,223 entries in the various events including local youth Colton Russell, in team-penning along with Jeff Daniel of Guthrie showing Oil Creek Reno, and Chance McCauley of Seymour showing Mr. Sir Fifty. These young men did a great job with the cattle that they drew, but unfortunately 90 seconds was just not long enough to get them penned.

The boys have made a decision that the sky really is the limit, as was this year's theme, and have made plans to make it to the World Show next year and "show 'em how it's done Texas style."



A LITTLE COWGIRL ON HER HORSE — This little cowgirl runs the course with her pretty stick horse during a Pokey the Clown rodeo event.



BEST FLOAT — Spur Schools received the plaque for having the best float.

photos by Carla Meador

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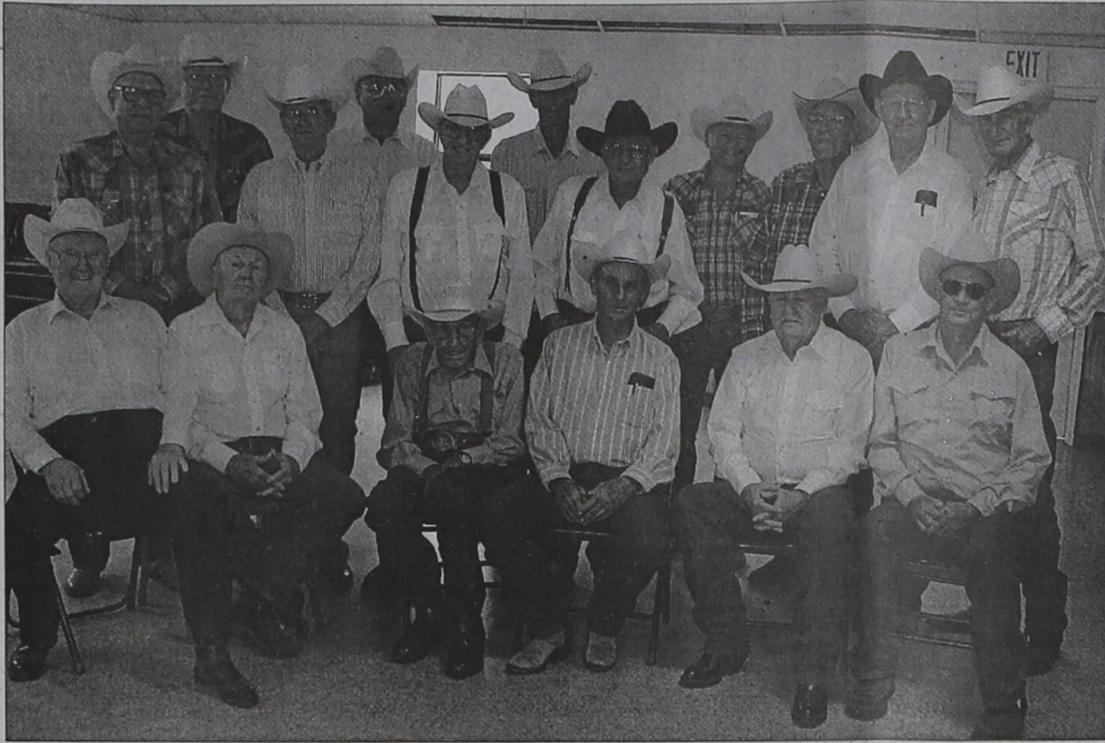
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MATADOR COWBOYS — This group of distinguished gentlemen were only part of the group of cowboys gathering for the 12th annual Matador Cowboy reunion, held at the Roaring Springs Community Center Saturday. Pictured left to right, beginning at back, are Banty Brandon, Vance Campbell, Bert Schweitzer, Richard Bumpus, Duff Johnson, Bill Raetz, J. Don Finch, Johnny Davenport, Slim Durham, Sucker Rod Osborn, Edd Whitley; (front) Dumont Bridge, George "Sis" Fulgham, Rusty Birchfield, Dave Keith, Jimmy Wynn, and Curtis Osborn.

Old Settlers Reunion

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There was standing room only on the concrete dance slab as youngsters raced their turtles in three age divisions. After several races, winners were awarded with \$50 each for having the fastest turtles. Nellie Shannon won in the 0-4 year division; Bryant Taylor, 5-9; and Jaci Zingerman, 10-14 division.

A large group of little cowboys and cowgirls participated in the WRCA Pokey the Clown Jr. Ranch Rodeo. Events included a stick horse relay, the pony express race, steer doctoring, wild cow milking and calf branding.

A rainfall cooled things off and dampened the audience, but didn't dampen the spirits of these enthusiastic rodeo participants.

Pokey the Clown Rodeo results were not available at newstime, but will be printed when possible.

Motley and Dickens County rodeo enthusiasts displayed their skills during the County Arena Events, Thursday afternoon.

James Gholson of the Pitchfork Ranch was number one in the Cutting event. Bill Smith of Dickens placed second, and Rodney Green of Spur placed third.

Kelsey Stokes of Afton was first in the Barrels, and Bristi Arnold of Spur was second.

In the Flag Race for kids 6 years and under, Brody Rankin of Roaring Springs came out first. Tanner Hart of Afton won first in the 7-12 year age division.

In the Jr. Team Roping event, Cole Clark of Spur, received first. Tee Bateman, Dickens, placed second.

The team of Wayne Smith of Dickens and Ross Graham of Roaring Springs placed first in the Open Team Roping event. Placing second were Wayne Smith and Shorty Clark of Spur. The third place team was Ray Bradley of Tongue River Ranch and Eddie Clark of Spur. Billy Hale of Spur and Chad Smith, Dickens, placed fourth.

Beautiful music filled the air while boots scooted across the dance floor for the Walk Contest, held Thursday afternoon. Jack and Tammy Marshall of Spur were named top dancers in the under 55 division, while Ralph Mote of Guthrie and Donna Kennedy of Roaring Springs won the over 55 division.

Friends and family gathered all over town to visit and reminisce as the annual event continued on Friday and Saturday.

Matador Cowboys met at the Roaring Springs Community Center for their 12th annual reunion on Saturday. The annual event coincides with the Old Settlers Reunion each year with former and current Matador Ranch employees and their friends and family gathering to reminisce.

Pete Christy, Sports reporter for News Channel 11 of Lubbock, was on hand for the Turtle Race. Organizer Russell Alexander put his snapping turtle against Pete's for a 'Beat Pete' competition, which is a special feature to Mr. Christy's sports report. After three races, Mr. Alexander could not say that he had 'beat Pete.' Although smaller, Mr. Christy's turtle was faster, and won the best two out of three races.

Mr. Christy went from racing turtles to pitching washers in a competition against last year's champ, Matt Abram from Crosbyton. After some washer flying action, Mr. Abram reigned victorious and could proudly proclaim that he "Beat Pete."

The special feature about Roaring Springs is scheduled to air Wednesday night, August 31 during the regular news broadcast, at 6:00 and 10:00 on Channel 11.

A Junior Flag Race was held Friday and Saturday nights for kids 12 and under. Charlsi Heindrich of Slaton won the event.

In the Working Cow Horse, which is RHAA sanctioned, J.B. Miller of Electra won the Cowboy Class. Bill Smith of Dickens won the Jr. and Sr. Class.

Kim Lindsey of Aspermont came out on top in the Sr. Class Cutting event. Tim Washington of Matador, won the Jr. division. Graden Garrison of Paducah won the Youth division, and Colton Russell of Matador placed second.

Friday and Saturday nights were filled with rodeo excitement while area ranches competed in a number of events giving working cowboys a chance to show their skills. After two nights of competition, the Lyles Ranch of Benjamin was declared the winner, with captain, Mike Lyles and team members Jon Lyles, Clint Jones, Andy Paul Jones and Tony Hunter.

Second place honors went to the N.T. Ranch of Hamlin with captain Cody Aaron and team members Casey Armstrong, Ty Brown and Joe Brewer.

Masterson Ranch of Guthrie received third place. Team captain was Edward Estrada with cowboys, Robert Estrada, Tom Butler, Kenny Chambers and Robert Masterson.

The fourth place ranch was the Bradley Ranch of Electra, with captain J.B. Miller and cowboys, Johnny Miller, Cobey Turner, Jim Tackett and Dewey Hill.

Ty Brown of the N.T. Ranch received the honor of being named Top Hand while Wes Mason of the Rafter S Ranch had the Top Horse.

Kyla Simpson of Matador was crowned 2005 Rodeo Queen during Saturday night's performance. First runner-up was Hanna Alexander of Roaring Springs. Frances Taylor was the lucky winner of the Jimbo Humphreys handmade spurs.

When the rodeo was over and the cowboys put their horses in the trailer, two bands played melodious tunes providing some more entertainment as two floors filled up with dancers.

As the dance music played, friends laughed and visited under the big star-filled sky, and the 82nd year of the Old Settlers Reunion came to an end.

Word of God

Jesus said repent!

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:3

Walking the paved road

by Jerri Poff-Hancock
In memory of Don R. Warren
11-17-37 - 2-18-05

Walking down the only paved road
Eighteen-wheelers are all that blow through here
We all know one another
We know others pain and their history
And we are what is left behind from the train
So I'll walk down this paved road
And I'll walk right past that sign
You can mark the population down by one
I'll look back and wave my "goodbyes"
But there's an adventure out there...and it's my time.

Troopers gear up for Labor Day enforcement

Texas drivers will have plenty of company on the roadways over the Labor Day weekend.

All available Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be on the lookout for speeders, seat belt violators and drunk drivers from Friday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5.

"Voluntary compliance is always our goal, but your chance of getting a citation from DPS more than doubles over the holiday weekend," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Driving drunk is a sure way to get a short vacation in jail, not to mention the hassle, embarrassment and costs that go along with DWI convictions."

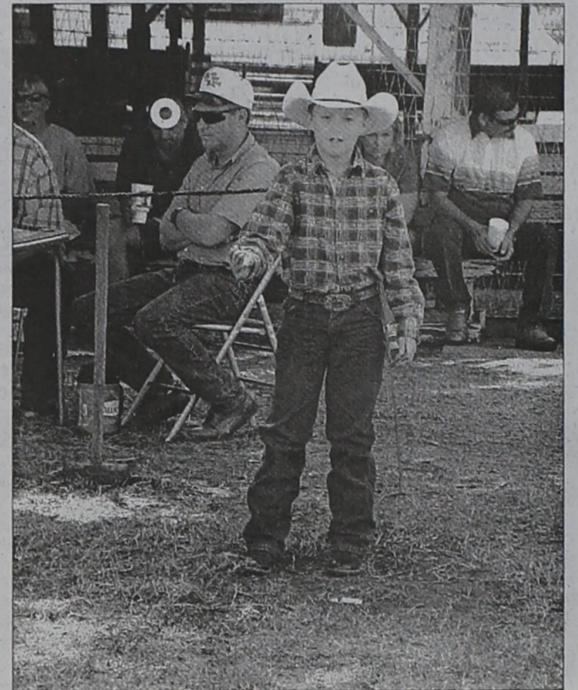
Last year, DPS made 985 DWI arrests during the Labor Day holiday — 59 percent more than the year before. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration predicts 7 of 10 traffic deaths will be alcohol-related during the Labor Day weekend.

DPS supports the Drink, Drive, Go to Jail campaign, a nationwide anti-DWI effort aimed at reducing alcohol-related deaths and injuries during the Labor Day holiday period.

DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE — Combined Accident Reduction Effort — a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.



OLD TIME COWBOYS — These distinguished gentlemen were once cowboys at the Matador Ranch, working at the ranch 65 years ago. Pictured left to right are George Fulgham, (seated), Banty Brandon, Bert Schweitzer, Duff Johnson, Slim Durham and Rusty Birchfield.



WHERE WILL THE WASHER LAND? Korbyn Simpson pitches a washer in practice for the Washer Pitch held Saturday afternoon as part of the Annual Old Settlers celebration.

photos by Carla Meador

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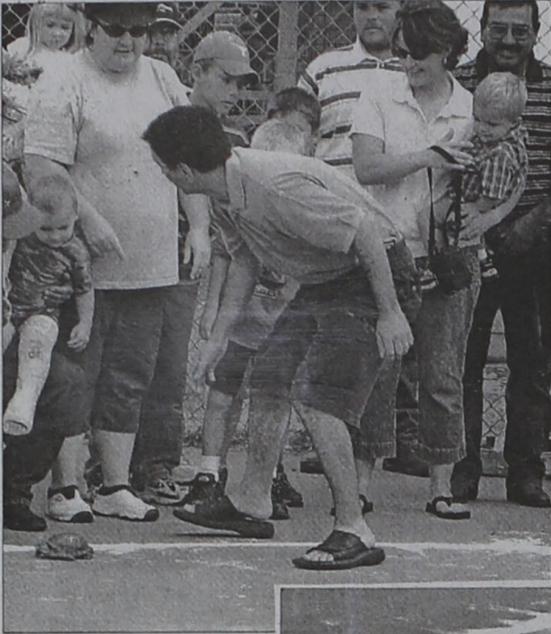


Matador Variety

Consider what God has done... Who can straighten what He has made crooked; When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider God has made the one as well as the other.

— Ecc. 7:13-14 NIV

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

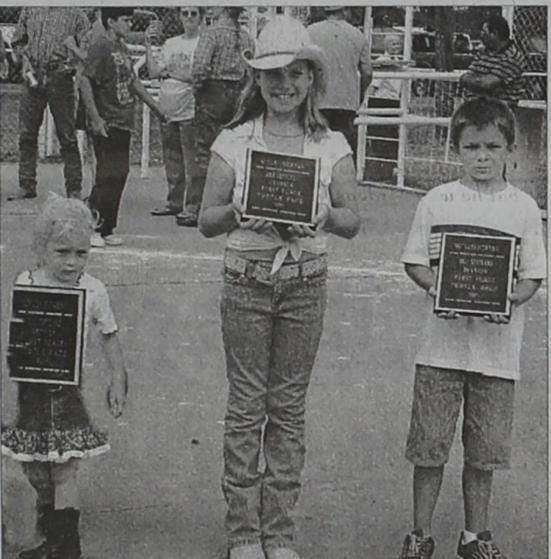


Bryson and Shelby Elliott and Logan Ferguson holding their turtles to give them a rest before the big race.

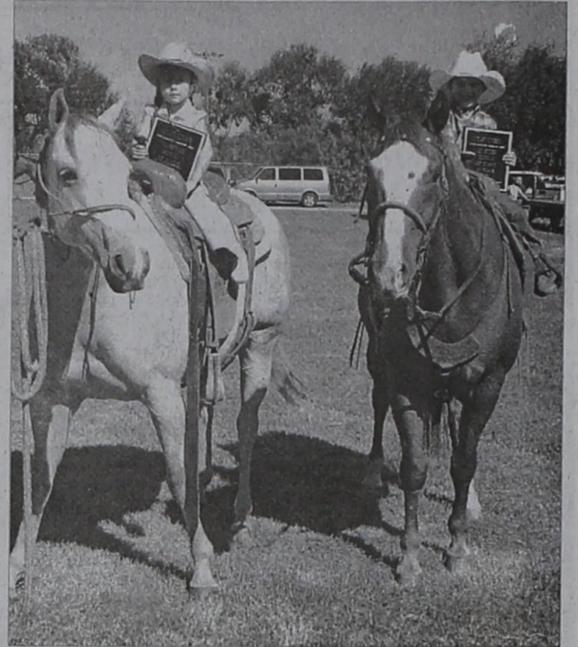
THE RACE IS ON — Pictured top left is Pete Christy, Lubbock's News Channel 11 Sports reporter, cheering his turtle on to a victory. His cameraman shoots a close-up (center, top). Russell Alexander's turtle was painted brightly with "Beat Peat" inscribed on his shell (center). Pete's turtle wins by a nose, as can clearly be seen in this picture.



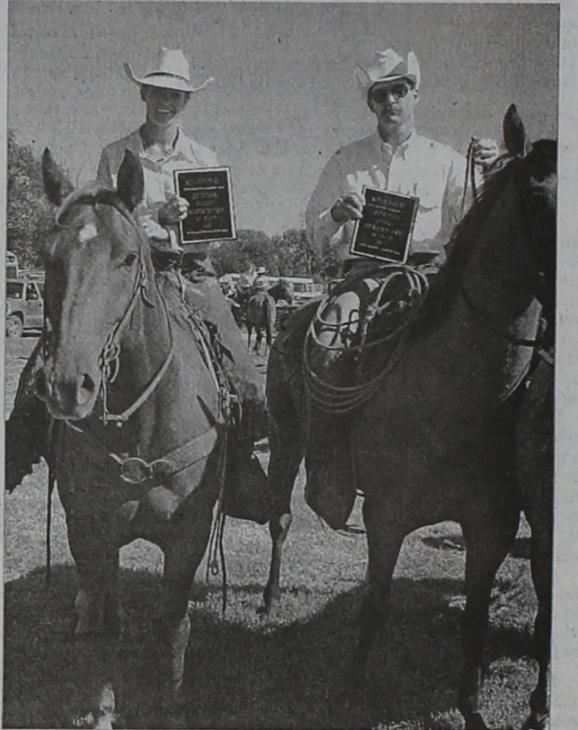
PERFORMS AT MEMORIAL SERVICE — Cimmaron Shannon joined his sisters, Atlanta and Aspen, and brother, Loreda, to perform at the Old Settlers Memorial Service last Thursday. The talented group of kids wowed the crowd with some beautiful tunes.



AND THE WINNERS ARE ... Little Nellie Shannon won the plaque for having the fastest turtle in the 0-4 age division, left; Jaci Zingerman, 10-14; and Bryant Taylor, 5-9. Each winner was presented a \$50 cash prize.



JR. COWGIRL AND COWBOY — Kenzi Clary of Matador, and Brody Rankin, Roaring Springs.



MODERN DAY COWGIRL AND COWBOY — Janell Turner of Lubbock and Doug Harney of Aspermont.



OLD TIME COWGIRL AND COWBOY — Deana Washington of Roaring Springs and Bob Kilmer of Matador.

photos by Carla Meador

Motley County Memorial List

The following list was read by Mrs. Chelsea Read at the 2005 Old Settlers Memorial Service, Thursday, August 25.

MOTLEY COUNTY MEMORIAL LIST

Annie Lee "Granny" Holiman
J.C. Murphy
James "PaPa" Baird
Lucretia Edwards Campbell
Genelle Bourland Lowery
Eva Jo Hacker
Ivy Huckaby
Billie Ruth Lawrence
Calvin Matthew Gilbert
Opal Bradford
Ola Mae Allen
Barbara Spray
Tommie Irene Borchers
Farris Wade Martin
Johnnie Ruth Jeffers
Frank M. Hill

Juanita F. Stafford
Jack Davis
Carolyn Rose
Joe Campbell
Billy Faver Nichols
Mary Loutitia Armstrong
Donnie Jenkins
Bailey Elliott
Charlotte Campbell Richardson
Bea Shafer
Jack W. Nichols
Paula Deloyce Eubanks
Imogene "Jean" Sprayberry Smith
Carl Barton
Barney Joe Martin
John Cecil Payne

May Turner Carson
Baker Bryant Bristow
James A. Simpson
Ivy Juanita Curlee
Don Warren
Pansy Spray
Julie Bell Martin
Cecil Slover
Christine Briscoe
Harold Grayson Allen
Joaquin Darsie Hays
Wayne H. Hunter
Shirley Ashley Smith
A. Norman Harp
Billy Gene Harrison
Imogene Archer Gibson
Onieta W. Neblett
Earline Vaughn
Jimmie Hunter
Bill Seale
Ruth Stapleton Harris
Artie Mae Gilbert
N.L. "Bill" Moss
Joe Edward Carlson

Frances Cooper Davis
Jerry Mervin Green
Bill Hemphill
Faye Bennett Witcher
Mary Martha Martin
Jerry Clarke Tarrant
Stella Cooner Browning
Waldo Duke
Clifford C. Lowrance
C.E. Watson Jr.
Darrell Woolsey
Hubert Holcomb
Maurice Kermit Goodwin
Wilma R. Crowell
Sarah Eilon Hunter
Furman Vinson
Vada Green
Netta Jewel Landrum

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News around the County

Roaring Springs News

by Lula Swim

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand Thursday through Sunday and attending Old Settlers was his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Watson and Abbi and Hanna Alexander of Lubbock. Saturday, his daughter Trudy Hand of Lubbock and granddaughter, Kristy and children, Madison and Tyler of Tahoka came for Old Settlers and spent the night. Visiting Sunday for lunch were his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Hand of Coppell.

Visiting Sunday and Monday with Bill and Mozelle Hand was her daughter, Missy Davis of Grandview.

There were 9 children and two dogs attending the House of Faith meeting at the Park last Wednesday afternoon. Monta Marshall told the Bible story. Other adults helping were Corky Marshall, Alex Crowder, Jo Trammell, Devonne Dillard and

Lula Swim.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim and Lula Swim were in Plainview on Friday.

Mrs. Jackie Condon of Crowell visited her sister, Mrs. Kay Jones this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Dylan and Ty of Lubbock visited her grandmother, Zella Palmer for the weekend.

Mrs. Clifford Lowrance of Amarillo visited in the home of her sister, LaVoe and Buzz Thacker. She came on Wednesday and returned home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Swim were in Lubbock on Monday where both had appointments with the eye doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad McNeil and family of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Fletcher for the weekend. They attended services at the Methodist Church, Sunday.

Flomot News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Prosperity is a double-edged sword. Right now we are being cut by high gas prices. In 60 years we have gone from \$3 fill-ups to \$2.60 a gallon. Are we prepared for what could happen if gasoline reaches \$5 a gallon as it has throughout much of Europe?

Mrs. Orville (Ruth) Lee had surgery Friday morning, August 26, at Covenant, Medical Center in Plainview. She is reported to be recovering just fine.

Judy and Lynn Stark visited from Friday until Sunday in Austin with daughter, Mindy Stark. They helped her move into another apartment.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson visited the weekend in Lubbock with son and family, Roger and Doris Vinson.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed the parade in Roaring Springs Thursday morning. Guests in her home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinson of Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay, daughter and family, Tina and Pat Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of Turkey, visited in Panhandle Sunday with son and family, Larry and Angelia Clay, Tanner, Kelsey and Sarah. They attended the baptism of Sarah at the Panhandle First Christian Church.

Cody and Mandy Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borger visited the weekend with his parents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg visited Saturday in the home of her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter.

Mrs. Wanda Lane of Lockney visited her sister and husband, Trula and Wilburn Martin, Wednesday.

Mrs. Nada Starkey had a MRI Wednesday at Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. She is having back therapy treatments. Her husband, Jack is home from the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo following knee replacement surgery and is reported to be doing fine.

Weekend guest of Coy and Connie Franks was his ex-college roommate, Barry Pickett of Dallas.

Greg Stapleton accompanied his son, Sam to Levelland, Friday where he is a second year student at South Plains College.

Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma arrived August 31 to visit at the Starkey home during the absence of her brother, Johnie Starkey who is visiting in Lebanon, Missouri with son and family, Rickey and Mary Starkey. Their daughter and his granddaughter, Johna Starkey, a U.S. Marine, is home on leave.



BEST ANTIQUE CAR — Tom and Lorine Jordan with their 1970 Buick 225.

Senior Notes

by Tommye Keith, Director



The Center has received memorial donations from Vance and Betty Campbell in memory of Jerry Green, Furman Vinson, Darrell Woolsey, Bill Seal and Juanita Green. Dorothy Day and Lucretia Campbell gave memorials in memory of Furman Vinson. Ellis and Geraldine Key gave a memorial donation in memory of Jewel Landrum. Thank you all very much.

The Center had a float in the Old Settlers Parade and would like to thank Frances Hobbs, Roy Hobbs, Jim Watson, Deanie Edwards, Tom Edwards, Nova Dell Turner, Stan Hanesworth and Judy Renfro for helping with the building of the float. Thanks to Brent and Jana

Marshall for letting us pull the float with their pickup; Joel Dean Spray for the trailer; Paul Westbrook for the generator; and the Red Ball Gin for the use of their barn. We had a great turn out of riders on the float and live music furnished by Gerald Pipkin and Kelly Keltz. Thank you all so very much. It was a lot of fun.

James Bearden gave the Center tomatoes out of his garden, and Charlie and Opal Johnson and Frances Hobbs shared their garden peppers with us. Thanks!

The Center will be closed September 5 for Labor Day. We will be back in business the 6th. Hope to see you.

Matador News

Mrs. Lee (Misti) Jones had an appendectomy surgery Friday morning, August 26, at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She is recovering just fine since her return home.

Glenda Lynn Martin of Dumas, was guest of Tom and Deanie Edwards over the weekend. She had lunch with former classmates and attended the Old Settlers on Saturday. She enjoyed an afternoon at the swimming pool.

CLASSMATES MEET FOR REUNION

The 38th Annual Skeela Reunion was held August 18-24 at Lola Pohl's home in Matador. Those attending were Carolyn Pohl Limmer of Snyder, Carol Campbell of Dallas, Melanie Brown Camp of Jacksboro, Cherri Barton Karr of Whitney, Donna Williams Nelson of McMinnville, Oregon, and Kay Rattan Bailey of Matador. Janie Waybourn Brooks of Austin was unable to attend. This group of lifelong friends were schoolmates at Matador High School in the late 1950's and early 1960's. They have been getting together yearly since 1967.

The Skeelas enjoyed coffee at Anna's, lunch at Sr. Citizens and Billie Deans, dinner at Main Street

Cafe, lemonade from Colleen's, shopping at V&S Variety, New To You, Calico Treasures, and Lowe's, walking through East Mound Cemetery, seeing the Bob's Oil Well Lights, going to Springs Ranch pool and golf course, and photographing the beautiful Matador skies and sunsets.

They especially enjoyed getting to see and visit with old friends and classmates, including Roy and Frances Hobbs, Tom and Deanie Edwards, Kenny and Liv Barton, Butch and Judy Renfro, Vann and Sondra Francis, Ed D. and Pat Smith, Bundy Hal and Dixie Campbell, Vivian Campbell, Charley and Opal Johnson, Stan and Dorothy Hanesworth, Paul and Dartha Westbrook, Guy and DiAnn Campbell, Ronald and Karmen McCullough, James Bearden and Jerri Hughes, Ron Bailey, Jim Watson, Eric Lewis, Bobby Williams, Larry Hoyle, Shane Jones, Lindy Stafford, Brenda Osborn, Fredia Burns, Robin Darsey, Roger Evans, Tommye Keith, Pat Cooper Minton, Pat Groves, Marylell Groves, Lucretia Campbell, Dan Barton, Inez Bailey, and all the gang at Sr. Citizens.

Thanks to all who made us feel so welcome. It was wonderful getting to have our reunion in our "hometown!"

Matador City Council meets in regular session

Matador City Council met Thursday, August 11. Attending were Council members, Pat Seigler, Chuck Ream, Jim Watson and Shane Jones. Bert Darsey was absent. Also attending were Mayor Paul Westbrook, City Superintendent Steve Barton, City Secretary Debra Scott, and Dahl Clower.

Mayor Westbrook called the meeting to order and requested Chuck Ream to give the invocation.

In Open Forum, Mr. Clower stated that the road in front of his house on Keith Street is in need of repair. The road serves as a boundary line between the City and County and he has been unable to determine who's responsible for it, but feels it needs to be properly maintained by either the City or the County. Mayor Westbrook said he would speak with the County Commissioner on this matter.

The minutes were read and approved. Bill were examined and approved for payment.

A motion was made to reappoint the following members to the 4A and 4B Tax Board: 4A Tax Board: Ed Smith, 2 years; Pat Seigler, 2 years; Debra Scott, 2 years.

4B Tax Board (all two-year terms): Craig Turner, Roy Hobbs, Judy Renfro, Paul Westbrook, Lee Jones, Bert Darsey, Debra Scott, Secretary.

The motion was made by Jim Watson, seconded by Shane Jones and passed 4/0.

Market Matador asked for taxes to be forgiven on property donated to them by Francis Landrum (lots 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25) in the City of Matador. Council approved.

The subject of the Back Hoe Cab will be rescheduled until next month because the information had not been received from Yellowhouse.

A discussion was held concerning the \$1,250 being spent on the Deputy's salary. The Council feels that the General Fund can no longer pay the full amount and as of October 1, will decrease the amount to \$750 due to budget restraints.

An ordinance was passed concerning the Emergency Management System by a vote of 4-0.

Debra Scott was elected Municipal Court Secretary.

The Council set a limit of \$2,400 to be spent on the purchase of office furniture if the Matador Housing Authority will consent to paying one third of the cost.

A vote to amend the Water Works budget to cover the shift in salary expense from the General Fund was passed.

Council voted to allow the use of City equipment on the leveling and excavation of the area for the Nursing Home only if City employees run the equipment.

Council went into closed session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m. After a performance review, council voted a salary increase of \$100 per pay check for the City Secretary.

During the Financial Report, council reviewed the progress of expenditures and income against the budgets for Water Works and the General Fund.

Steve Barton said the City has not received permission to irrigate surrounding land with waster water, but he feels the

overflow can be handled with added sprinklers on the property.

He also reported that a dozer is down at the landfill and a dozer has been leased at this time. The problem with the dozer is caused from twine being thrown into the dumpsters. Residents are cautioned to bag twine being disposed of in the landfill.

The pit is 80% of capacity but the purchase of a new tarp will prolong the life of the pit.

Water pressure may be decreased while a check valve is being replaced at the wells.

A hole was discovered behind Bob's Oil Well and after closer inspection, it has been determined to be an old septic tank. It took 2 1/2 loads of dirt to fill the 7' x 18' hole.

An extension will be added to the City Well to accommodate the larger tankers for purchasing water in bulk.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We are so grateful for all the cards, flowers, food and prayers when I had my shoulder surgery. I also wish to thank those wonderful volunteers who kept the library open while I was out and who are still coming by to help as I recuperate. Motley County people are the best!

Suzanne and Kenneth Abbott

"Blessed is the man who always fears the Lord, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble."

Proverbs 28:14

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of Ken Young of Roaring Springs



School friends, Karmen Jenkins McCullough and Mary LeL Groves Fielder enjoyed visiting at Traveler's Inn in Roaring Springs.

contributed photo

Former resident visits Motley County after forty year absence

Mary LeL (Groves) Fielder, the oldest daughter of former Matador residents, Mary and Dick Groves, visited Motley County for the first time in over forty years last week. Mary LeL had moved away from Matador with her parents after completing the third grade in Matador when her father took a job as the postmaster in Wilcox, AZ in 1953.

While in Motley County, Mary LeL stayed at the Traveler's Inn in Roaring Springs where she met her childhood next door neighbor Karmen Jenkins McCullough (of Levelland) for an afternoon of chatting about old times, visiting the Springs where they played as children and enjoying a great dinner prepared by Mrs. Edith Daniell.

After a tour of Matador which

included a visit to the bank, lunch at the Main Street Cafe and seeing the house where she lived as a child as well as the home where she often visited her grandparents, Myrtle and A.B. Groves, Mary LeL attended a gathering of childhood friends at the home of Frances and Roy Hobbs where she saw several old friends for the first time in decades - those she saw there included Carolyn Pohl Limmer, Cherri Barton Karr, Carol Campbell Todd, Kay (Rattan) and Ronald Bailey, Donna Williams, Deanie (Lynn) and Tom Edwards and Ed D. Smith.

Mary LeL accompanied her cousin, Pat Groves along with his wife Kathy and daughter Cortney on a regular visit to Pat's mother, Rita Groves in Roaring Springs.

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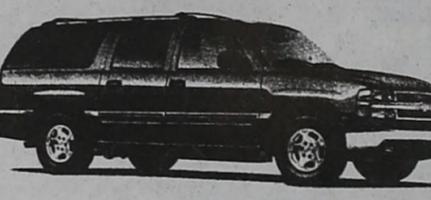
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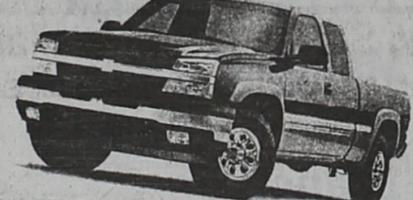
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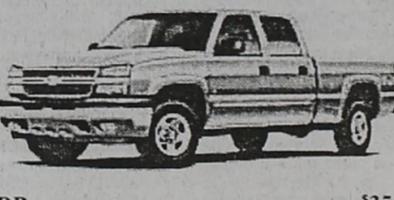
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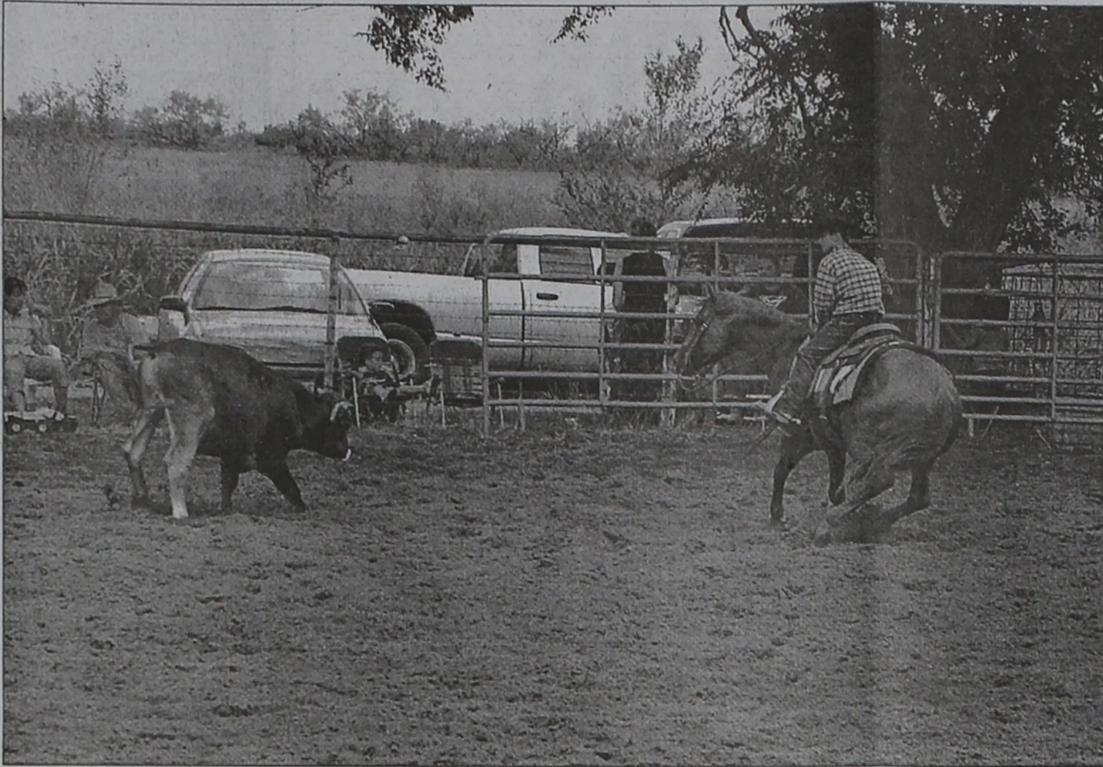
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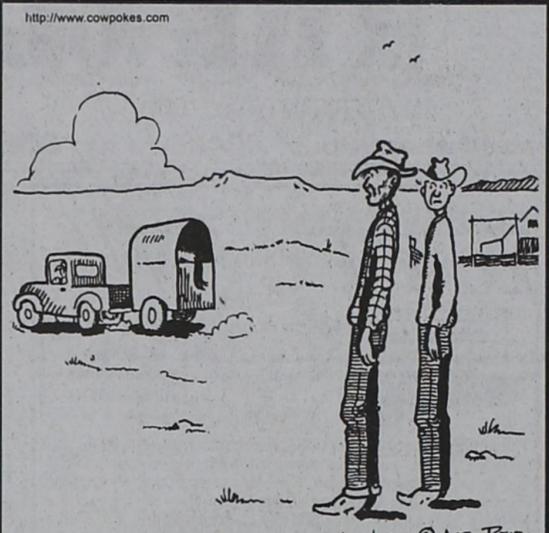
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Graden Garrison and his horse show their skills in the Cutting competition last Saturday in Roaring Springs as part of the Old Settlers Rodeo. Graden, from Paducah, took home first place.

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FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS
By John Bird, Motley County CED

USDA ASKING FOR INPUT ON UPCOMING FARM BILL

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking for your help in identifying ways to address agricultural issues in the next Farm Bill. The 2002 Farm Bill (officially entitled the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002) authorizes many USDA programs, including farm price and income support programs. New legislation will need to be enacted prior to the bill's expiration in 2007.

USDA intends to develop recommendations for the new farm bill and believes that public input is essential to this process. Written comments may be submitted to USDA on-line at www.usda.gov/farmbill. Select "Comment on the 2007 Farm Bill," which is the last item located in the middle section, to send your message. You can also send your written comments by mail to the following address:

USDA Farm Bill
Secretary of Agriculture
Mike Johanns
Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116-A
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20250-3355

In order for your input to be considered, please send your responses no later than Dec. 30, 2005. Comments should address one of more of these six questions:

1. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?
2. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?
3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?
4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?
5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?
6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Senior USDA officials will host issue-specific forums throughout the nation focusing on these six questions. In addition, additional forums will address conservation, rural development and nutrition issues. During these specialty forums, the public will be asked to respond to questions that are tailored to those subject areas. These questions will be announced prior to the specialty forums and published on the USDA website.

County Agent's News
By Eric Lewis, Motley County Extension Agent

4-H ENROLLMENT

It's that time of year again and 4-H will be enrolling members for the new school year Thursday, September 1, 2005, at the City Park in Matador. Come on by about 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a hotdog while you enroll for what is sure to be a great year! Remember, even if you are already a member and/or an Adult Leader, you still have to enroll each year. 4-H is open to any child 9 years old or in the 3rd grade up to 19 years of age, as of August 31, 2005. Hope to see you there!

WESTERN ROLLING PLAINS RANCH STOCK HORSE CLINIC

On Monday, September 12, the Texas Cooperative Extension Counties of King, Cottle, Dickens, Kent, Motley and Stonewall, along with ADM Alliance Nutrition, Fort Dodge Animal Health, and Walco Animal Health will sponsor a Ranch

and Stock Horse Clinic in Guthrie at the Arp Piper Community complex.

Presenters will include Dr. Pete Gibbs, Extension Horse Specialists; Dr. Mac Devin, DVM Fort Dodge Field Consultant; Dr. Ginger Elliott, DVM; Gary Antilley, King County CEA, Agriculture; Blane Chapman, Professional Farrier from Lubbock; Bill Smith, Horse Clinician, Spur.

All interested parties are asked to RSVP to the King County Extension Office by September 6 at 806-596-4451.

The day's agenda will include Management and Nutrition, Gibbs; Maintenance and Health, Devin and Elliott; Body Condition Scoring and Estimating Body Weight, Biggs and Antilley; Teeth Maintenance and Proper Injection, Devin and Elliott; Basic Hoof Care and Maintenance, Chapman; and Ranch Horse Demonstration, Smith.

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Matador Water Board Meets

Matador Water District met at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11 at City Hall. Council members present were Jim Watson, Bobby Brown, Nathan Shannon, Chuck Ream, and Shane Jones. Also attending were City Water Superintendent Steve Barton, Mayor Paul Westbrook and City Secretary Debra Scott, and Dianne Washington, CPA.

Board President, Jim Watson, called the meeting to order. An Open Forum was held with no outside participation. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Dianne Washington, CPA, presented the Annual Audit, explaining that the government has implemented a new format for audits. Mrs. Washington complimented the District on paying off the \$248,000 bonds in a timely manner. The budget was read and approved.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton said the Water Level is down approximately one foot since Fall, but sill 40 feet above the motor. A new pump and check valve are being installed and may cause some decrease in water pressure while the installation is being completed.

A discussion was held on leasing the land for grazing but council decided to wait at least one more year.

Oil & Gas Update
By Tom Musser

By Tom Musser

BASIN WIDE: While leasing activity continues, some of the 40 companies active in the 6 county area of the Palo Duro Basin have leased the acreage they were interested in and are now moving into the next phase of their operations - planning their drilling programs. Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc., has a drilling rig on contract and is expecting to start the first of their 6 wells in late October, 2005. As of Tuesday morning, no new drilling permits have yet been filed, but they are expected. Also at this time it is unknown when additional drilling rigs will be available to the Palo Duro Basin operators.

MOTLEY COUNTY: Work is proceeding on the Vintage Petroleum Inc. Echols 2 Lease Well #1. The well is being swabbed and has made some gas, on these occasions the flare has been lit. On Tyner Texas Operating Company, R.G. Stevens Lease Well #1 the rig is back to drilling, as of Tuesday morning at approximately 6,400 feet.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Sept. 1, 2005

7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 91 Low: 66
	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 90 Low: 67
	Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 91 Low: 66
	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 88 Low: 64
	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 90 Low: 65
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 89 Low: 62
	Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 91 Low: 63

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 91°, humidity of 42% and an overnight low of 66°. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 1983. The record low is 52° set in 1955. Friday, skies will remain mostly sunny with a high temperature of 90°.

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
9/3	9/11	9/17	9/25

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Sunday	89	68	93/68	0.00"
Monday	94	69	93/68	0.06"
Tuesday	95	70	93/68	0.00"
Wednesday	97	70	92/68	0.00"
Thursday	96	72	92/68	0.00"
Friday	99	70	92/67	0.00"
Saturday	93	73	92/67	0.01"

Precipitation 0.07"
Normal precipitation 0.54"
Departure from normal -0.47"

Average temperature 82.5°
Average normal temperature 80.1°
Departure from normal +2.4°

Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Sept. 1, 1988 - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Upper Mississippi Valley. Ely, Minn. was drenched with three inches of rain in two hours and pelted with hail. The heavy rain flooded streets and basements, and the pressure that resulted blew the covers off manholes.

Sun & Moon Times

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