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Matador Hosts Over-the-Top 100 Year Birthday Party 500 to 700 guests invade downtown



Billie Dean's Restaurant built a 3-layer "Happy Birthday Matador" cake and took top honors in the Parade Float category. Pictured are the employees of Billie Dean's and their children.

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Downtown Matador was bustling with activity as the birthday bash of a century was celebrated in every imaginable way on Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, 2012. Event planners said attendance far exceeded their expectations, numbering 500 to 700 party goers.

Every venue was jam-packed kicking off on Friday evening with an all-you-can-eat fish fry; and Saturday morning with a Grand Parade, followed by food booths and fundraisers, clothing vendors, arts and crafts, cowboy and cowgirl contests, gospel singers and re-enactors, film, art and quilt exhibits, antique cars, a BBQ cook-off, washer pitchin', a water slide and bounce house, a giant sand box, jail tours, a lawn mower pull, cake walk, bake sales, and more; and

Food, food, food galore from barbeque brisket to turkey legs, roasted corn, chicken salad, hot dogs, hamburgers, and homemade ice cream and "real" brownies.

Friday, June 8, events included a Masonic Lodge Fish Fry with French fries and hush puppies. "We served about 200 people," Alvin Alexander said.

"We had three cooks - Wes Campbell, Billy Farley, and Devin Ballard, with Brady Watson and his wife Jody pitching in to help," Alexander said. Chris Spence handled the logistics and drinks, and Corky Marshall served as cashier. Roger Vinson and Skeeter Smith put batter on the fish before frying. The Masons hit a homerun - many guests went back for "seconds" once everyone in the

line had been served.

In addition, the Masons honored Shane Jones as the recipient of the Community Builder Award. This award is bestowed to an individual that has been active in public service, Alexander said. "Shane is a person that has had an overall impact on the community - her name comes up every year - it was time to honor her for her volunteer work," Alexander said.

Following the meal, the best dressed, most authentic cowboy and cowgirl competed in two categories. In the 1- to 4-year-old contest, Blaize Baxter took top honors with Ryder Russell running a close second. Other 4-year-olds competing were Rylynn Beshirs, Matador, and Wyatt Bullinger of Quitaque.

In the 9- to 13-year-old contest, modern-day cowgirl Destiny Pitts of Plainview took First Place and Second Place went to Emma Hackler, dressed as a frontier school girl in a long dress, apron, and bonnet, carrying her books in a lunch pail.

Then, the long-awaited 1975 Roy Rogers film "MacKintosh and TJ" was shown in the District Courtroom at the courthouse. The film was Roy's last full-length feature movie. (He died in 1998 in Apple Valley, California). The film was shot on location in Texas at 6666 Ranch and in Matador, Texas.

A large crowd filled the courtroom to the brim. Prior to the feature length film, a 12-minute documentary was shown that featured citizens of Matador - some recognizable residents in 1975 included an introduction by Mayor Kirby Campbell, cameo appearances included Lola Pohl, Ronnie Christian,

R.E. Campbell Jr., Vivian Jacobs, Opal Pipkin, C.R. Davis, Campbell Chevrolet, and retired County/District Clerk Loretta Campbell. The facade of the old Foreign Legion Building (most recently Vickie's Flower Shop) was used to represent a bar and "watering" hole for cowboys. Streets scenes were filmed in downtown Matador. The Matador Variety in 1975 was owned by Jake and Vivian Jacobs. The store was the scene of a buying spree by TJ with his new cowboy wages. Other street scenes included Ronnie Christian of Ronnie's Dry Goods store tossing TJs old (smelly) clothes into a trash bin on the street.

At 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, Chris Clerihew and the West Coast Turnarounds performed on a stage set in the street east of the courthouse. CC&WCT was formed in 2008. Their style of music has been described as "Hillbilly Acid Rock." Band members include Chris Clerihew of Vernon, Texas, on lead vocal; Heath Agnew, Vernon, on lead guitar; and Lee Hammonds of Crowell, Texas, on drums; and Rick Hammonds, Crowell, on bass. The energy of these young artists translated into a fun evening for the young listeners and dancers as well as the older toe-tapping crowd.

Saturday morning started out with a bang when more than 50 entries began to line up for the parade. City Councilman Alvin Alexander wore several "hats" during the celebration, including Parade Organizer. "I was surprised and thrilled that so many local residents showed up to be part of the parade."

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Commissioner's Court Approves Road Project

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2012, consisting of Commissioners Franklin Jameson, Roy Gene Stephens, Donnie Turner, and Russell Alexander with County Judge Jim Meador presiding. Also in attendance were County Clerk Kate Hurt, County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Chris Spence and Deputy Sheriff Jason Fry. Also attending were Larry Vogt and Jennifer Lawler from the Motley County Tribune.

Guests of the court were TxDOT Childress District Engineer Marty Smith and Rodney Murry. "The reason we are here is to discuss the FM94 Project from Northfield to Matador," Smith said. "The goal of TxDOT is to widen the road from Childress to Matador," he said, citing safety concerns in case of emergencies when other access roads to major highways are compromised.

"This is a \$3.84 million dollar project," Smith said. He projected that it would take 210 working days, about 13 months, to complete 7.32 miles of road. He is projecting to start work in August. "We will have to realign two S curves at Franklin Jameson's place," he said. "We have visited with the Jameson's and have come to an agreement with property owners."

The project will capture about 11 acres of right-of-way, Smith said. "We will be purchasing 4- to 5 acres of right-of-way and building new fences on both sides of the roadway at no charge to Motley County." The county is responsible for 10 percent of the right-of-way costs at \$480.00 and \$1,000.00 for utility adjustments, he said, for a total of \$1,480.00.

Commissioner Jameson said that TxDOT had taken the time

to visit with him explaining the road improvement in detail. "We appreciate TxDOT very much for coming out to talk to us," he said.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stephens to support a Resolution in favor of the FM94 Road Improvement Project, seconded by Commissioner Donnie Turner. The motion passed with four votes "for" with Commissioner Jameson abstaining from the vote.

In other business, Judge Meador reported that the county had received FEMA reimbursement for the 2011 fires. FEMA reimbursed 75 percent of the costs of the fire, consisting of \$6,596.89 for repairs and parts; \$7,775.25 for equipment hours; \$1,110.00 for labor pay for a total of \$15,482.14. In addition, payroll costs were \$1,266.43 for all four precincts. Following a discussion on "splitting" the payroll costs equally among precinct road hands or accepting the costs as presented, a motion was made by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Franklin Jameson to accept the reimbursement schedule as presented by FEMA. The court voted 4- to 1 in favor of the outlined schedule with Commissioner Alexander casting the dissenting vote.

Judge Meador opened a sealed bid on Lot No. 114 in Country Lakes Estate. Michael Smith bid \$500.00 for the lot. Commissioner Alexander made the motion to accept the bid, seconded by Commissioner Jameson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

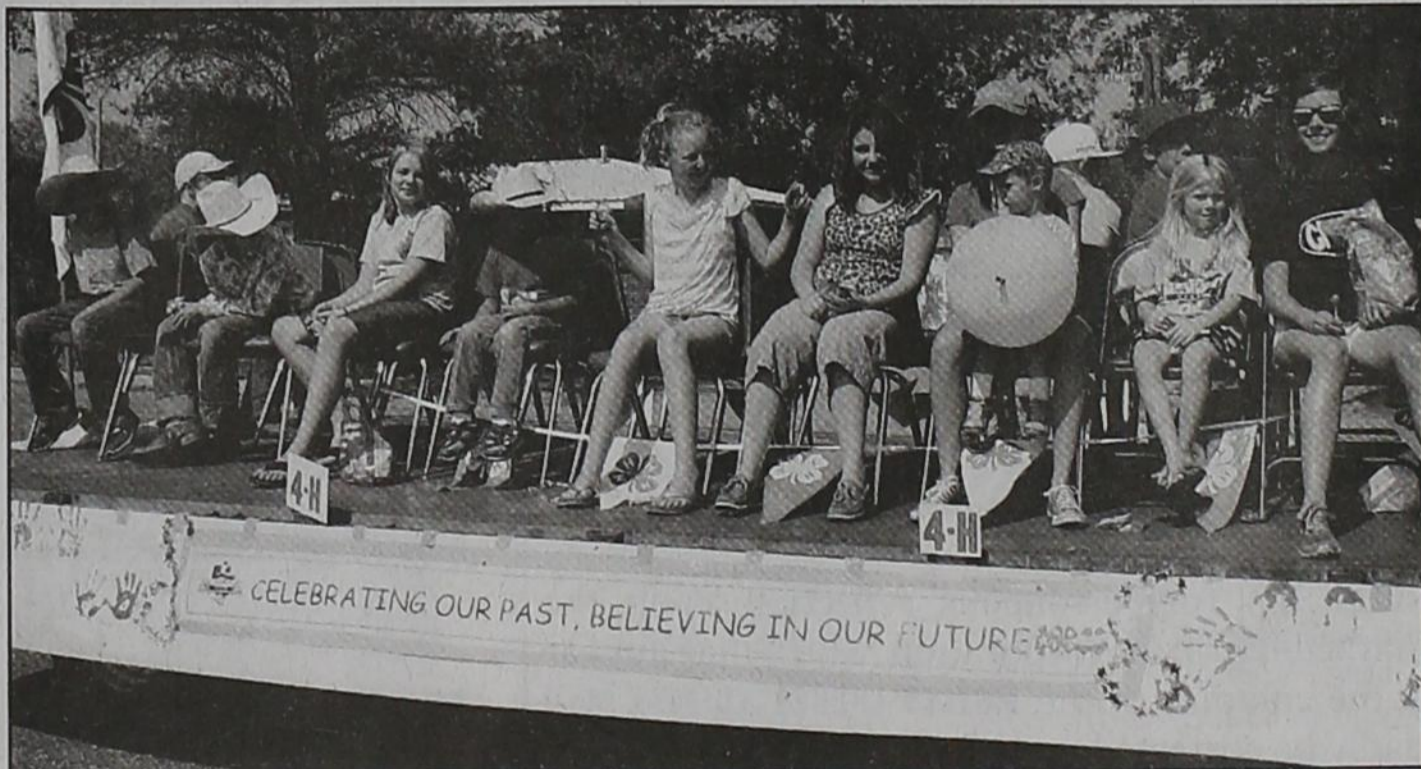
A discussion on a Burn Ban for unincorporated areas of Motley County was initiated by Judge Meador who said he had talked to Fire Chief Lee Jones who said the citizens of Motley County were being responsible but that we might want to consider banning aerial fireworks in

the unincorporated areas. Judge Meador made it clear that a ban in unincorporated areas would not affect the incorporated cities of Matador and Roaring Springs. No action was taken.

Dianne Washington, CPA, began her remarks by thanking the county in behalf of the Centennial Committee for the use of the county courthouse during the recent celebration. She then presented the county 2010 audit. In a letter to the court, Washington presented an "unqualified opinion on basic financial statements accompanied by required supplementary information." She said that all funds for the county were "... in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the US."

As of September 30, 2010, the total net assets were \$1,121,715.00, an increase of \$66,406.00 from fiscal year 2009. "In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Motley County Texas."

Deputy Sheriff Jason Fry said Motley County had been approved for equipment by the Texas 1033 Military Surplus Property Program. Deputy Sheriff Fry has located two 5-ton trucks and three Hummers through the program, now available to Motley County. The Sheriff's Department would have ownership of the equipment for 10 years, leasing the equipment for \$1.00 a year. Flomot and Matador Fire Departments have shown interest in paying the freight on a 5-ton truck and a Hummer each. One Hummer would be leased by Motley County for Precinct 2. No action was taken on this proposal.



Celebrating Our Past - Believing In Our Future. The 4-H Parade Float says It all. This active club with a lot of parent and community support has served the community of Matador for a number of years. A big thanks goes to the supporters of 4-H in Motley County.

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By Larry Vogt

The 100-year celebration for the City of Matador was a tremendous success. In my conversations with folks during and after the celebration I found that people were enjoying the events and having a good time visiting. The Roy Rogers movie on Friday night had more than 100 in attendance and it seems every event and activity had ample participation.

Perhaps the most impressive part of the celebration was the way many people became part of the preparation and conducting of the events. Debra Scott and Dianne

Washington were co-chairs of the planning committee and remarked that every person who volunteered to coordinate an event or activity did their job and had enough helpers to complete the tasks. There were folks strolling around the vendor booths, children playing in the Kiddie Park, and folks dancing and enjoying the music in the evening. The many volunteers are to be commended for their hard work and enthusiasm. It always seems to be a great satisfaction to work with others to bring off a major event like this.

Since most of us won't be here for the next 100-year celebration, perhaps we should try doing something like this before 2112. Of course, everyone who worked hard is ready to rest, but in a few years the pleasant memories of the great celebration may spur us on to planning another celebration. A tip of the hat to Matador!

WRITING COMMUNITY

J. Henry Hughes, Itinerant Cowboy by Robert Robin Brown

The author was a student at Matador Schools from 1957-61. He fondly remembers studying under Margaret Edwards, Pina Studivant.

Mrs. Damron & Mr. Fair among others. He also learned to know the local cowboys by listening to their ol' Tales, while shining shoes at the Matador Hotel Barber Shop for Warren Clements.

According to the postmaster Mrs. Cooper at TeePee City, the last remnants of the buffalo hunters that had flourished here during the 1870's was a lone grave marked... "Isaac Armstrong, buffalo hunter rests here". Nearby Jeremiah Cox glanced again at the military map he had been following and said to J. Henry Hughes, "Back to the northwest are the Quitaque Peaks, ten miles SW of here is the Matador Ranch headquarters. However, our destination is farther southwest to the caprock and onto the Llano Estacado. If you will travel with my wagon-train until we reach 'Silver Falls Pass' we will be forever grateful!"

Since Cox and the other Quakers had catered so kindly to J. Henry he couldn't say no and desert them now. They needed an experienced driver for a wagon so he replied, "If it will make your journey to Estacado town safer Mr. Cox I won't be satisfied until I see you through the treacherous Silver Falls Pass. The quaker leader was extremely grateful to hear this.

After their desolate encounter with TeePee City the wagon-train continued south along the Rath Trail for several miles. At the South Pease River they turned West and began traveling along an old indian trail that skirted the river. A few miles upriver Cox halted the lead wagon as it topped a small, scenic hill.

"According to the map there is an old Comanche campground in this area. There is fresh water on the river so we will camp here for the night," the Quaker leader stated with authority. Soon all the wagons were blocked, the teams were unhitched and the stock was led to the river. As the women were scurrying around to make camp a small boy cried in the distance, "Hey! There's a beautiful water-fall down here. Come lookee!"

Before long some of the women and children took advantage of the crystal pool beneath the rushing falls. As the children swam in the hole the women waded and washed the trail-dust from their long skirts. It was a warm evening and there was little danger of catching a chill nevertheless many of the covered-wagon staves served as clothes-lines that night.

The next morning the caravan continued it's westward trek along the river and passed the remnants of a petrified tree near a big, sandstone boulder. On this rock they saw the portrait of an indian which appeared to had been carved there centuries ago. Cox looked at his map and surmised that they were probably passing near Panther Canyon. Finally as the train neared the caprock the trail abruptly turned southward and ran parallel to the caprock. About mid-afternoon the wagons made a bend in the trail and Silver Falls Pass came into view!

Since leaving the roaring waterfall at the Indian encampment this was the most scenic region they had encountered. Silver Falls and it's creek ran alongside the narrow trail which spiraled upward. The horses and oxen were tired so before attempting the steep ascent to the plains Cox decided to send

a messenger into Estacado with the news of their arrival. In the meantime the wagons were blocked and the teams were watered as the weary travelers rested.

When news reached the colonist at Estacado that their brethren from Pennsylvania had finally arrived all able bodied men raced to the pass to meet them! When J. Henry saw a dozen men arrive with fresh horses and mules he knew his services were no longer needed. The excitement of the men's arrival was soon subdued when the train's leader received news that his relative, the famous quaker Paris Cox had died. This had occurred since his last correspondence.

Since the Quakers no longer needed J. Henry's assistance he retrieved his horse and headed back down the trail after saying goodbye. Over near the South Pease he came across two cowboys out working so he asked directions to the Matador headquarters. "If you ain't in no hurry pardner, you can just ride with us. We'll be headin' that way 'fore long," the friendly cowboy said. So J. Henry fell-in with the two men and assisted them as they drove some mavericks out of the brush and planted the 'Flying V brand' on them.

Finally near sundown the three cowboys rode upon the rambling ranchhouse and barns of the Matador at Ballard Springs. After leaving Mulberry Creek in Armstrong country and escorting a band of Quakers along the Rath Trail to TeePee City and beyond, J. Henry Hughes had finally reached his destination, the mighty Matador ranch!

A.G. Ligertwood was glad to see the young cowboy he had met over at Estelline, not long before. After customary greetings he said to his new employee, "For the next few

days, I want you to acquaint yourself with headquarters and it's personel. You can do some odd-jobs around here until you get your string of horses and we can assign you to a line-camp." Although Henry loved being out on the range he welcomed this opportunity to loaf a few days! Sure enough the boss recognized that he was trail-worn and gave him the easy task of cleaning the bunkhouse and white-washing a picket fence that encircled the new office building.

On his second day of employment the manager instructed Henry to go into the nearby town of Matador and pick-up some ranch supplies. Traveling in a buck-board he soon found that the seat of Motley county was not much more than a dozen small, wooden buildings on a town-square which surrounded a courthouse in the process of being built. Aside from a general store, there was also a black-smith shop, a livery stable, a post office, barber shop, a saloon and a wagon yard. After picking-up the supplies that Ligertwood had requested Henry made his way over to the post office on the south-side of the square. He needed to advise his relatives and a few other people of his whereabouts and his current state of well-being. He mailed letters to his folks in Kentucky, to Joe Horn and one special letter to Ellie Love.

Before heading back to the ranch he dropped in for a shave at the new barbershop. He hadn't shaved since leaving Claude and his face was getting rugged. He entered a small frame building that joined a larger structure that was being built next door just off the square.

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Thank You

The MCJH Cheerleaders would like to thank everyone who supported the Centennial this weekend buying t-shirts. We would also like to thank City Hall, Debra Scott, The Centennial Committee, Diane Washington and who ever else had a helping hand. Awesome weekend!!



Twenty two Lady Mats and Mavs participated in a basketball camp this past Thursday and Friday at MC. The camp was directed by Aubrey Pedigo, who currently plays for the Wayland Flying Queens. Special thanks to Coach Richards for organizing the camp.

Blair Thacker featured in Lubbock Magazine

Blair Thacker Wilson was featured in this month's May/June Lubbock Magazine. The "Women in Business Issue" features women entrepreneurs and executives who are advancing Lubbock's future. The article highlights Terra Bella Salon, which Blair owns in Lubbock as well as LaVoe Beauty Shop in Roaring Springs, and Backroad Barbie's partnership with Janell Turner.

Great Birthday Party

Matador Hosts Over-the-Top 100 Year Birthday Party

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Five categories of winners were announced with an award plaque going to Billie Dean's Restaurant for the Best Float. The float consisted of a very large 3-layer decorated cake with the number 100 scripted on the top layer. It was a family affair with Billie Dean's employees and their children perched on the float under the gigantic cake. The banner read: Happy Birthday Matador!

The Best Small Vehicle winner was the EMS team. It caused some alarm with the audience because the "wounded" on the stretcher looked so realistic. The Best Old Car award went to Richard and Sue Lancaster's 1968 Red Chevrolet Malibu convertible. Riding shotgun was Bob Stults and perched on the back of the car along for the ride were the "Shelton Girls," Joann Stults, Sue Lancaster and Evelyn Smallwood.

The Best Cowboy award went to Kyler Beshirs on his pony Geraldine. Kyler and Geraldine pulled a wagon with Future Matador Ranch Hands Rylynn Beshirs and Ryder Russell on board.

The Best Cowgirl award went to Ashley Wenzel, the Masked Rider for Texas Tech University. The Masked Raider is the university's oldest mascot, beginning in 1936. Appropriately, Ashley was mounted on "Midnight Matador."

Following the announcement of the parade winners, Winifred Darsey was honored with a plaque naming her as the "Oldest Female Resident of Matador;" and Jessie T. Sims received his plaque as the "Oldest Male Resident of Matador."

About 20 vendors invaded Matador and set up booths showcasing their wares, located on the north side of the courthouse and in the Senior Citizens Building. Some of the items for sale included stain glass, clothes, tooled leather items, candles, car care items, Mary Kay™, handbags and totes, Sensy™, wooden craft items, t-shirts, and a crowd favorite, Centennial Dolls crafted by Matador Arts and Crafts Club. Also showcased in the Senior Building was Rock Art by the Rev. Bill Manney.

Crazy Hoe Farm provided fruit drinks, lemonade, and had shirts for sale north of the courthouse. The Junior High Cheerleaders had t-shirts for

sale; and the Sophomore Class had a concession stand. A bake sale by Faith Fellowship Church sold out and the Varsity Cheerleaders sponsored a popular Cake Walk. Framed photos, articles, and art were displayed at Hotel Matador, including a collection of Masonic Lodge photos that had been in storage. This effort was spearheaded by D'anna Russell.

Three performances by the Windy Ridge Posse, Plainview, kept the crowd jumping with intriguing tales and gunfire (blanks). Props representing a jail and a bank were set on the east lawn of the courthouse where rowdy cowboys staged a true event in Matador's past.

In 1891, Matador Ranch cowboy Jeff Boone confronted the first sheriff of Motley County, Sheriff Joe Beckham, and they exchanged gunfire in the Motley County Courthouse. Both men were injured, but Boone apparently didn't seek treatment for his injury and later died of lead poisoning. Beckham was charged with his murder, later the charges were dropped. About 10 actors participated in additional re-enactments, consisting of a bank robbery and a jail break.

As a fundraiser for the Senior Citizens, Loretta Thompson served chili cheese hot dogs or a chicken salad meal deal for \$5.00. After expenses, her efforts earned the center \$732.00.

At 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom, a large crowd met Judge William "Billy" McGill (aka known as Marisue Potts) who told how Motley County was settled in 1891 and described two warring factions – Matador Ranch versus the settlers. Following her performance, the crowd learned how Belle Starr, a notorious American outlaw, lived her life and then how she died. Belle was killed by an unknown assailant in 1889. Re-enactor Lou Burleson, carrying a long-gun and dressed in riding attire performed "The Bandit Queen" to perfection, capturing the imagination of the audience as only an oral history lesson can do. After the re-enactment, the Motley County documentary "Old West Tales from Motley County" was shown, receiving positive review from attendees.

An ongoing Quilt Show at the Motley County Library An-

nex showcased 74 quilts and was seen by 200 people. "I couldn't believe the response," organizer Joyce Campbell said. A crowd favorite was a quilt loaned by Loretta Thompson, and was the oldest quilt in the collection. Joyce called the quilt "The Jane Quilt" – because this family quilt had been owned by "Janes" since 1865.

Another favorite was loaned by Pat Warren Bender, sewn by her grandmother Lydia Warren. The quilt was fashioned with small tobacco sacks (like Bull Durham sacks) with the string removed. The sacks were pieced together to make a quilt. It was hand stitched on every seam, Campbell said. "We also had several cross-stitched quilts that were embroidered," she said.

Gospel Singing was staged on the east side of the courthouse at 5:00 p.m. Saturday featuring Lee Ann Talamantez, Waydetta Clay and Kathy Shorter, and the Macedonia Baptist Church choir consisting of Jesse Mae Sims, Renomia Campbell, Clara Mangum, and Jessie T. Sims. Also performing were Frank Ortiz and Stanley Martin. Cowboy poet Billy Crenshaw, Class of 1960, performed between singers, regaling the crowd with cowboy humor.

And what would a celebration be in West Texas without a BBQ Cook-off? The City Park hosted seven teams competing in four categories, consisting of beans, ribeye steaks, spare ribs, and brisket. There were 20 judges, five in each category. Blind judging allowed judges to assign points. The cook-off was sponsored by the First National Bank of Paducah and Calico Treasures.

Cash prizes were awarded to Grand and Reserve Champions in all four categories: Grand

Champion went to Rub It Like You Love It with Cagen Pillars and Jackie Jones. The Reserve Championship was the Fat Boys team consisting of Britt Pierce, Les Woolsey, and Matt Woolsey. Other events at City Park were the Washer Pitchin' contest and the Lawn Mower Pull contest.

Ongoing events were Stage Coach Rides, Antique Car Show, Motorcycle Trivia Run, and for the kids, the popular spot in town was the Kids' Corner consisting of a water slide, bounce house, an obstacle course, and a sand box. In addition, the Historic Motley County Jail was open for self tours. The day ended with a street dance, music by Country, Pop, and Rock (CPR) Band. David Hunter, from Flomot and now Midland, organized the band after retiring from the city offices of the City of Midland. CPR (Country, Pop, and Rock) was a rousing success.

The party's over. Matador has officially ushered in a new era. Perhaps in 2112 planners will look back and marvel at the 100 year old birthday of this proud frontier town. Event planner City Secretary Debra Scott laughed and said she was sporting a t-shirt that read: "I survived Motley County Centennial." Planning was the real key, she said, and as most leaders do when confronted with a major, multifaceted project, she credited her Centennial team for the months of meetings and detailed planning for the event. Her co-chair, Diane Washington, is not new to the event planning venue. As president of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, she has seen her share of celebrations and events, but she admits this celebration was "one for the books."

James Driver retires

LUBBOCK, Texas — James Driver retires as general manager of Gate City Electric Cooperative on June 1, 2012. His tenure covers 36 years of service to two electric cooperative memberships.

Driver was hired as general manager of Gate City Electric Cooperative in 1976. He served the Gate City membership until the merger with South Plains Electric Cooperative in 2000. After the merger, he moved to Lubbock to serve the newly expanded South Plains Electric membership as the director of business development. The South Plains Electric Cooperative Board of Directors selected Driver to assume leadership responsibilities upon the retirement of Jim Roberts.

Driver was elected president of the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Board of Directors in August 2008. Golden Spread is a cooperative wholesale electric supplier for South Plains Electric. During his tenure, he was part of construct-

ing Mustang Station Unit 5 at Denver City, Antelope Station at Abernathy and Golden Spread Panhandle Wind Ranch at Wildorado.

Dale Ancell of Lubbock, Texas, was selected by the Cooperative Board of Directors as the next executive vice president and general manager for South Plains Electric effective May 31, 2012.

Ancell has 26 years of experience with South Plains Electric. For the past 14 years, he has managed the Cooperative's North District office located at I-27 and Municipal Drive.

Ancell is only the fourth general manager in the Cooperative's 75-year history.

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Library to host Book Signing for local author

Carla Meador
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Library will host a book signing for local author, Barbara Alexander, Thursday, June 14, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Alexander will be on hand to autograph her newly released book, *Through A Mother's Eyes*, detailing the ordeal she experienced after learning of her son's disappearance and death in Iraq.

In her author's notes, Mrs. Alexander says, "Sometimes in our life, we are given this long journey. You know by the feeling deep inside there is a reason. We may not know why or when, we just have to go on. I have this journey now, without my son.

He is kept safe forever; no one can harm anymore. There will be a time I'll see him along with the others that have gone on before me. I go towards every day a light, so beautiful and bright. There is peace within that light. For I know HE is there to greet me, and guide me with every passing thought."

FBI authorities notified Mrs. Alexander that her son, Ronald Withrow, was kidnapped in January 2007. It was a year later before his remains were found. Withrow worked for JPI Worldwide when he went missing.

Please join us as we recognize Mrs. Alexander for the release of her book. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

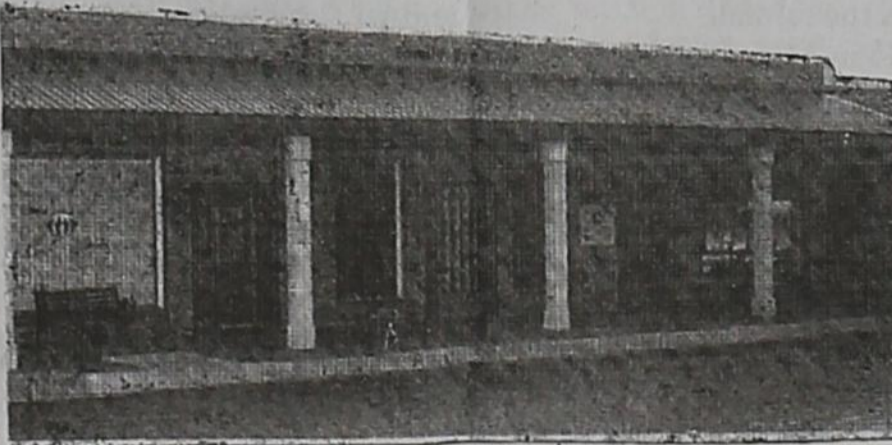


Nancy Worcester, Ventriloquist, entertained children attending the Summer Reading Program at the Library.

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador
Librarian

Our first Summer Reading Program day was a great success! Nancy Burkes Worchester of the Dallas area wonderfully entertained the twenty-six children in attendance! She is an awesome Ventriloquist and the kids, as well as the adults, were captivated by her talent! She had several of her 'children' on hand to visit with those in attendance. This week, the children were entertained by Miss Maria, also of the Dallas area, which will be reported in next week's column. If you have not had the chance to register your children yet, it's not too late. Programs will be held every Monday morning in June.

The Centennial Quilt Show, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Red Hat Society was also a roaring success! Spectators were amazed by the many beautiful and antique quilts on display, and delighted by the chance to be able to cool off for awhile after enjoying other celebration activities around town.

This job is so rewarding! I love visiting with everyone who comes to the Library, especially the children. They are so honest and truly appreciative and excited with the books and movies they are able to check out. I was delighted to receive a note attached to a book returned in our outside drop last week, "Thanks for the book and movie," scribbled on a sticky note. The note will now forever hang on my

desk to remind me of how it touched my heart to know that this child really appreciates our library.

We have three new DVD's on our shelf this week: *Alvin and the Chipmunks Chipwrecked*, *Island Adventure Sing-Along*, and *Man on a Ledge*. We also have some new books including *Miss Julia Rocks the Cradle*, *Miss Julia Delivers the Goods* and *Miss Julia Renews Her Vows*, all by Ann B. Ross and *The Storm* by Cliye Cussler.

Don't forget about our Book Signing reception on Thursday, recognizing Mrs. Barbara Alexander of Matador, on the release of her book, *Through a Mother's Eyes*. Mrs. Alexander will be on hand to autograph copies of her book from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

We appreciate everyone treading lightly on the plastic which we've had placed over our carpet for protection since the repaving of Main Street last week. Thank you for checking the bottoms of your shoes and removing them if necessary. Our carpet is fairly new and we certainly appreciate your help in keeping it clean.

Library hours are Monday, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.; and Friday, 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Stop by and browse our shelves for something to read or a movie to watch. I'm sure you won't be disappointed by our selection.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Gasification may convert mesquite and juniper wood to a usable bioenergy

VERNON - Biomass gasification is being considered as a possible technology for converting 60 million acres of Texas brush into biofuel, according to Dr. Jim Ansley, Texas AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist in Vernon.

A study using an adiabatic bed gasifier to convert mesquite and redberry juniper species found in the Southern Great Plains into usable bioenergy gases was conducted by Ansley and Dr. Kalyan Annamalai, Paul Pepper Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Coal and Biomass Energy Laboratory, Texas Engineering Experiment Station at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The team also included graduate students Wei Chen, Dustin Eseltine and Siva Thanapal in College Station, and Dr. Mustafa Mirik, AgriLife Research associate scientist at Vernon.

The first published paper on this study, which appeared at www.elsevier.com/locate/energy with Chen as lead author, determined the heating value of mesquite and juniper, as well as the effects of wood chip particle size and moisture content on gas composition and yields, Ansley said.

The study found some of the basic thermal properties of these solid fuels, including chemical composition and heat values, and various heating factors affected syngas yields, he said. Syngas, a mixture of carbon monoxide, ethane and hydrogen, can be used as a substitute for natural gas. A solid by-product of the conversion process, tar, may also be used for fuel or other chemical products.

With limitations for growing bioenergy crops on land normally used for growing food, Ansley is looking to the vast supply of unwanted woody plants on rangelands as a possible energy source. The down side would be increased transportation costs, because of the trees' lower biomass density. One option might be to develop small-scale, localized gasification facilities to convert the trees into usable bioenergy.

"Right now, they are perceived as noxious plants that are detrimental to rangeland ecosystems," he said. "Their removal and use as a bioenergy feedstock would improve ecosystem quality as well as services from these lands, such as increased income from livestock grazing."

With no available data regarding gasification of mesquite and juniper, Ansley said his team's objective was to determine the heating value of the two woods and obtain gasification performance data.

Mesquite and juniper can achieve standing biomass of 20 dry tons per acre, he said. Moisture content of these species is much lower than other woody feedstocks and this contributes to greater heating value and lower costs for drying the feedstock.

Mesquite and juniper samples were harvested from native rangeland areas near Vernon. The trees were multi-trunked, 10-12 feet tall with diameters

ranging from 2-8 inches. Tree ring counts indicated that above-ground portions of these trees were 15-35 years old.

Basal stems and branches were passed through a wood chipper, he said. The chipped material was then passed through a motorized sieve system to separate into different particle sizes. Wood chips were then stored in cellulose bags and transferred to College Station for gasification trials.

The team's article is the first to report the heating content and syngases derived from these woods, as well as some potential yields and composition from gasification, Ansley said.

The heating value of redberry juniper wood was slightly higher than mesquite - 8,849 Btu per pound compared to 8,653 Btu per pound, Ansley said. Both values are equivalent to medium grade subbituminous coal.

He said mesquite and juniper woods are better quality fuel than cattle manure biomass which has lower heating value, 5,520 Btu per pound, and much higher ash content, 14-45 percent compared to 1-2 percent in the wood.

The power plants typically prefer low nitrogen fuels so the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-regulated pollutant nitrogen oxides can be minimized. As opposed to coal, mesquite and juniper contain very low amounts of nitrogen, about one-third to one-half of coal. Nitrogen content was slightly higher in mesquite than juniper, because mesquite is a legume that fixes its own nitrogen, Ansley said.

Wood chips of different sizes were combusted within a steel column that produced a range of temperatures from 400-2000 degrees. This caused various stages of wood decomposition and syngas yield, he said.

Syngas yield was comprised of nitrogen gas, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen gas, oxygen, methane and ethane. Percentage gas composition varied between the wood types, but juniper had a slightly higher percentage of carbon monoxide and methane, while mesquite had higher percentages of nitrogen, carbon dioxide and ethane.

The heating value of syngases produced from these woods was slightly higher in juniper than mesquite, 1,482 Btu per pound compared to 1,275 Btu per pound, Ansley said. When nitrogen was removed from the gasifier, the heating value of syngases from both wood types more than doubled to about 3,575 Btu per pound and 3,261 Btu per pound for juniper and mesquite, respectively.

Compared to pure methane, which served as a surrogate for natural gas, syngases from these woods reached almost 100-150 Btu per standard cubic foot, which is about 10-15 percent of the heating value of methane, he said. When nitrogen was removed, syngas heating value increased to 27 percent and 25.8 percent of methane heating value for juniper and mesquite, respectively.

Both wood types generated high-quality gas, but the juniper gas quality was slightly better than mesquite primarily due to lower nitrogen content and higher heating value, Ansley said.

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Catlett to discuss future of cattle industry at Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course will feature a New Mexico State University economist who will address the future of the cattle industry and economic trends during the Aug. 6 general session in College Station.

Dr. Lowell Catlett, a Regents professor, dean and chief administrative officer in the university's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, will provide insights and an outlook on the agriculture industry, specifically beef-cattle production, plus the overall current state of the economy.

The short course is coordinated by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and scheduled for Aug. 6-8 on the Texas A&M University campus.

"Dr. Catlett is a noted, national speaker who provides varied and upbeat presentations," said Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator. "His latest focus is the economy and what we can expect for agriculture and beef cattle markets in the future."

Meanwhile, the cattleman's college portion of the short course provides participants with an opportunity to choose workshops based on their level of production experience and the needs of their ranch, Cleere said.

"These 22 concurrent workshops will feature information on introductory cattle production, management practices in

the areas of forage, nutrition and reproduction, record keeping, Brush Busters, cattle handling, landowner issues and much more," he said. "Our goal is to provide participants with information that will help them improve the efficiency and, ultimately, the profitability of their cattle operations."

In addition to classroom instruction on Aug. 6-7, participants can attend one of the popular demonstrations on the morning of Aug. 8.

"There will be demonstrations on chute-side calf working, cattle behavior, penning, selection and brush-busting," Cleere said. "These provide an opportunity for ranchers to see beef cattle production practices put to use."

Participants can receive a Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator's license during the short course and can earn at least seven pesticide continuing education units if they are already licensed, Cleere added.

An industry trade show will be held during the event, featuring more than 120 agricultural businesses and service exhibits.

Registration is \$160 per person and includes educational materials, a copy of the 600-page Beef Cattle Short Course proceedings, trade show admittance, admission to the Aggie prime rib dinner, lunches, breakfasts and daily refreshments.

Registration information and a tentative schedule was mailed to previous participants in May and can also be found on the short course website at <http://beef.tamu.edu>. Producers can register online at <http://beef.tamu.edu> or contact Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

FSA News By Amy Hackler

Farm Service Agency Announces Accepted CRP Offers

(COLLEGE STATION, TX) - June 6, 2012 - James B. Douglass, USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director announced that 767,242 acres were accepted during the 43rd Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup, bringing the total number of active CRP acres in Texas to 3,302,035.

Nationwide, USDA accepted enrollment of 3.9 million acres bringing the total program enrollment to 29.6 million acres.

"For more than 25 years, CRP has protected natural resources in Texas while providing economic and environmental benefits to rural communities throughout the state," said Douglass. "The newly accepted CRP offers will continue the CRP legacy by improving water and air quality, increasing wildlife habitat and preventing soil erosion," he said.

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments

and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Accepted contracts will become effective October 1, 2012.

According to Douglass, during 2011, CRP acres nationwide reduced nitrogen losses from farm fields by 623 million pounds and phosphorus losses by 124 million pounds. CRP has also restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year.

All CRP signup 43 offers were evaluated and ranked using the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that consists of the following five environmental factors plus cost: wildlife enhancement, water quality, soil erosion, enduring benefits and air quality. The national average rental rate per acre for this signup is \$51.24.

For more information about the Conservation Reserve Program, please contact your local FSA office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

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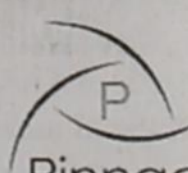
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Obituary

Zelma Alice Redding Carr

Zelma Alice (Redding) Carr of Arcadia, Missouri, 82 years old, passed away May 16, 2012 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, after a brief illness. She was born in Roaring Springs, Texas, to Wesley and Dorothy Anderson Redding on November 9, 1929.

On February 11, 1950, she was united in marriage to Roy Carr. To this union of 62 years was born three children. She is survived by her husband Roy, a daughter Donna and husband Pat McDowell of Ironton, Missouri; a son Dudley and wife Floella Carr of Arcadia, Missouri; and a daughter Hayley and husband Scott Elser of Doe Run, Missouri.

Also surviving are four

grandchildren: J.R. (Nicki) McDowell, Corri (Jamie) Wiles, Morgan Carr; four great grandchildren, Aniston McDowell and Lexi, A.J., and Krystabell Wiles; two brothers, Roy Redding of Lubbock and John Redding of Floydada; and a sister Faye Poyner of Lubbock, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Zelma was preceded in death by a sister Hazel Conard, a brother Doyle Redding, and a grandson Kirk McDowell.

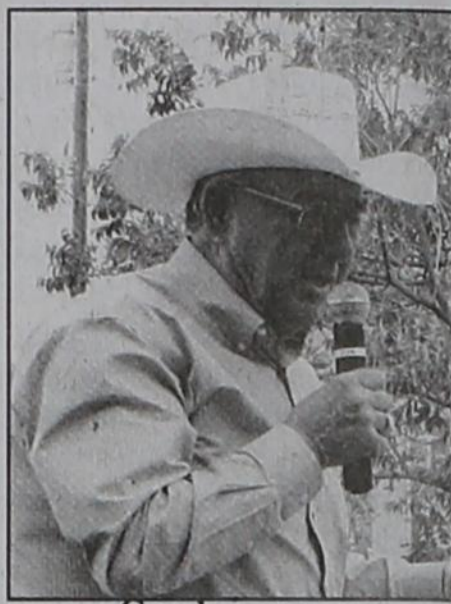
She was a housewife and secretary for Carr Drilling Company for many years. She was a long time member of the Delmar Church of Christ in Fredericktown, Missouri.



100 YEARS CELEBRATION



BBQ Cook-off Reserve Champion Team
Fat Boys – Britt Pierce, Les Woolsey and Matt Woolsey



Cowboy poet
Billy Crenshaw



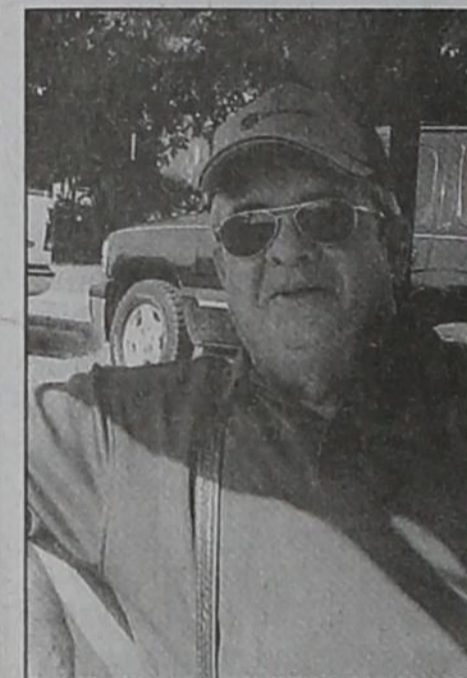
Best Cowgirl Award
Ashley Wenzoe, Masked Rider for Texas Tech



BBQ Cook-off Grand Champion
Rub It Like You Rub It – Cagen Pillars



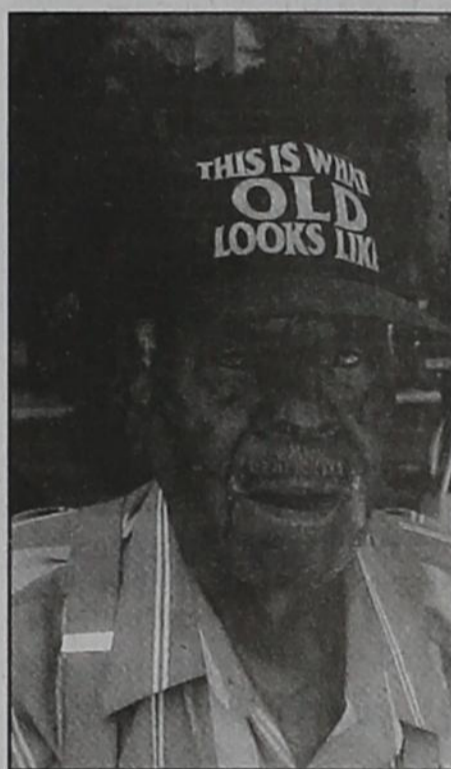
Oldest Female Resident Award:
Winifred Darsey moved to Matador in 1923



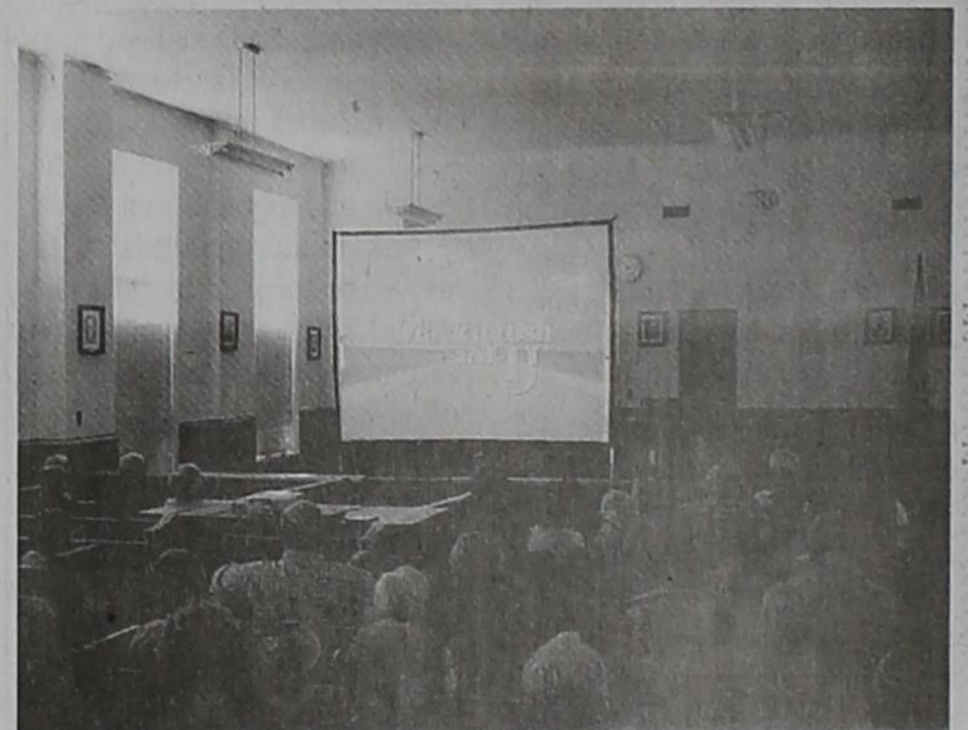
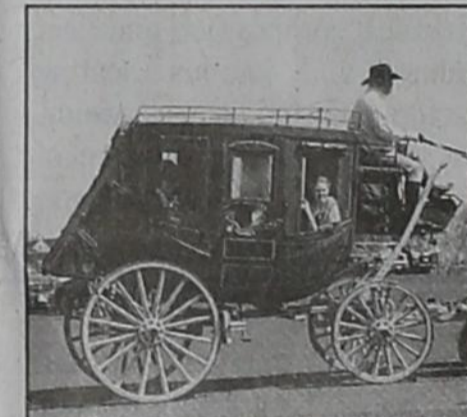
Parade Event Planner and City Councilman
Alvin Alexander lines up the parade.



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Kathy Shorter and Wade Clay



Oldest Male Resident of Matador,
Jesse T. Sims



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To all those who worked hard on the 100 year celebration, those who were committee chairs and those who helped with an event or activity. There are so many people who helped that we know if we tried to list everyone, someone would be left out, so please accept our gratitude for all your hard work.

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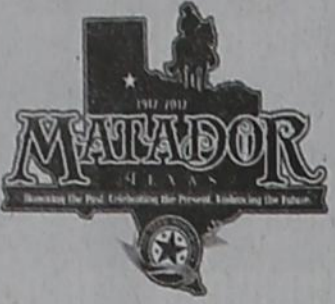
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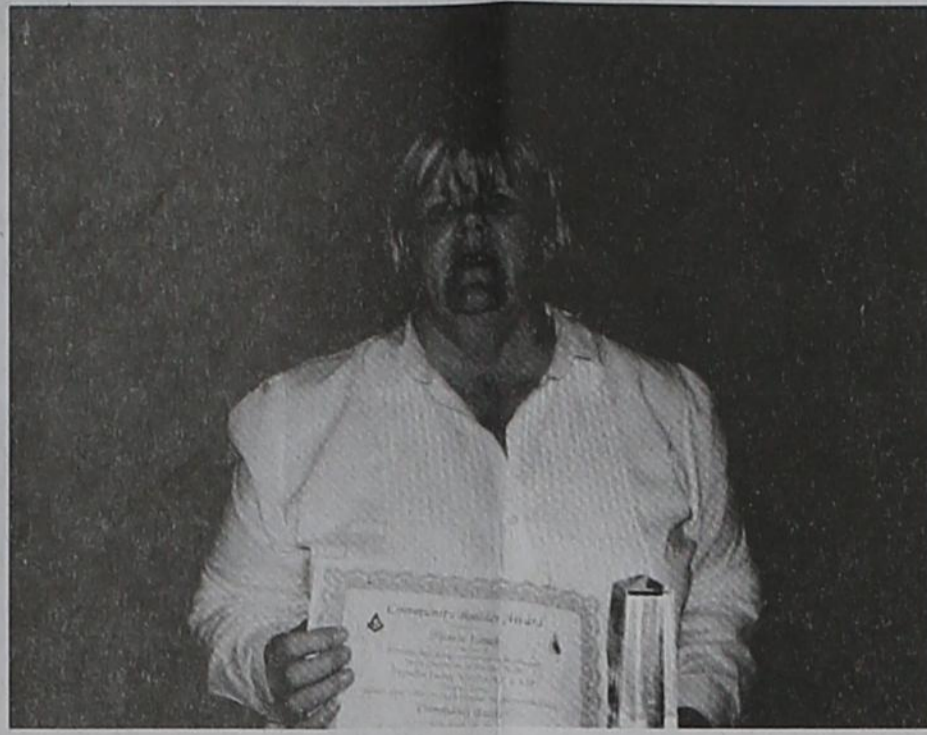
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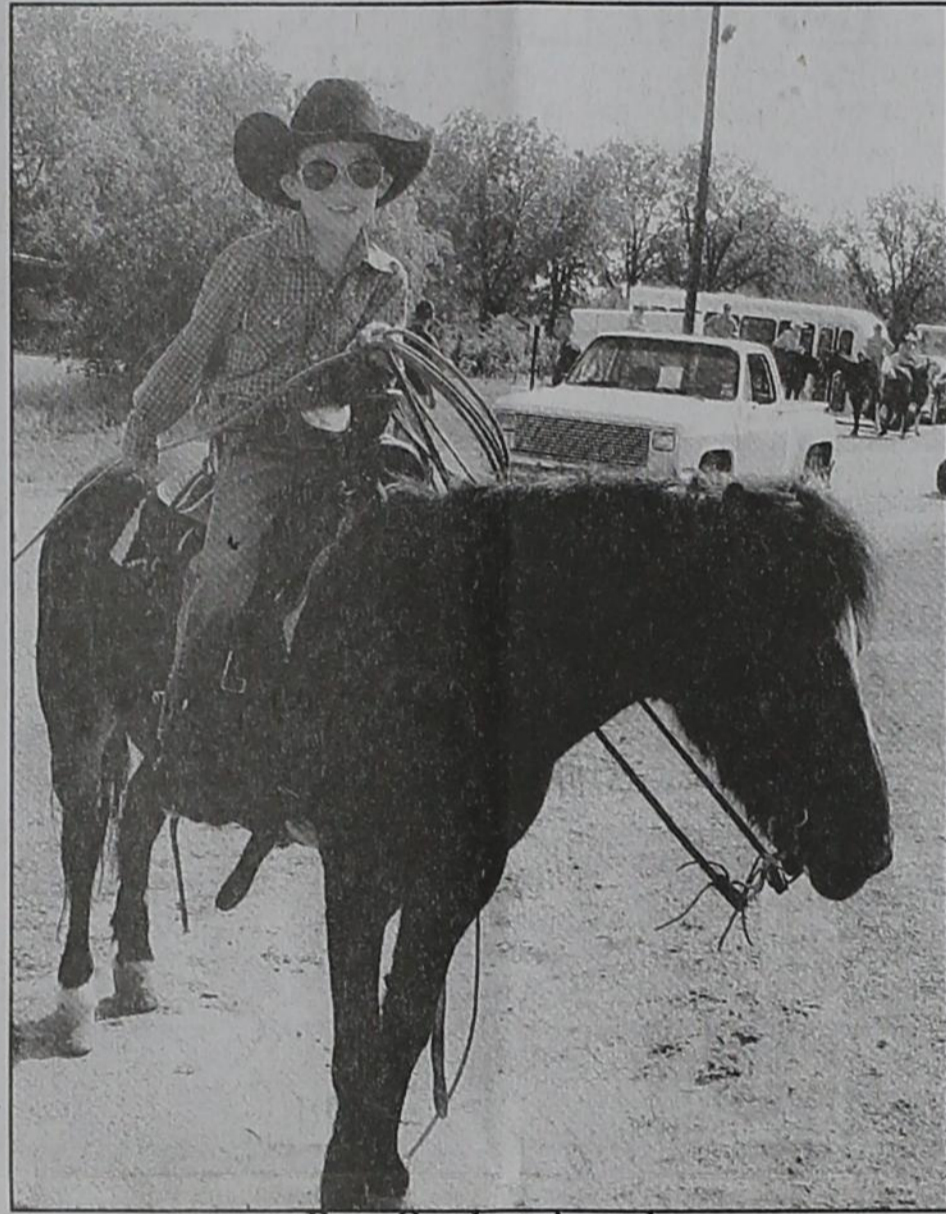
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Community Builder Award



Most authentic cowgirl contest 9- to 13 year old
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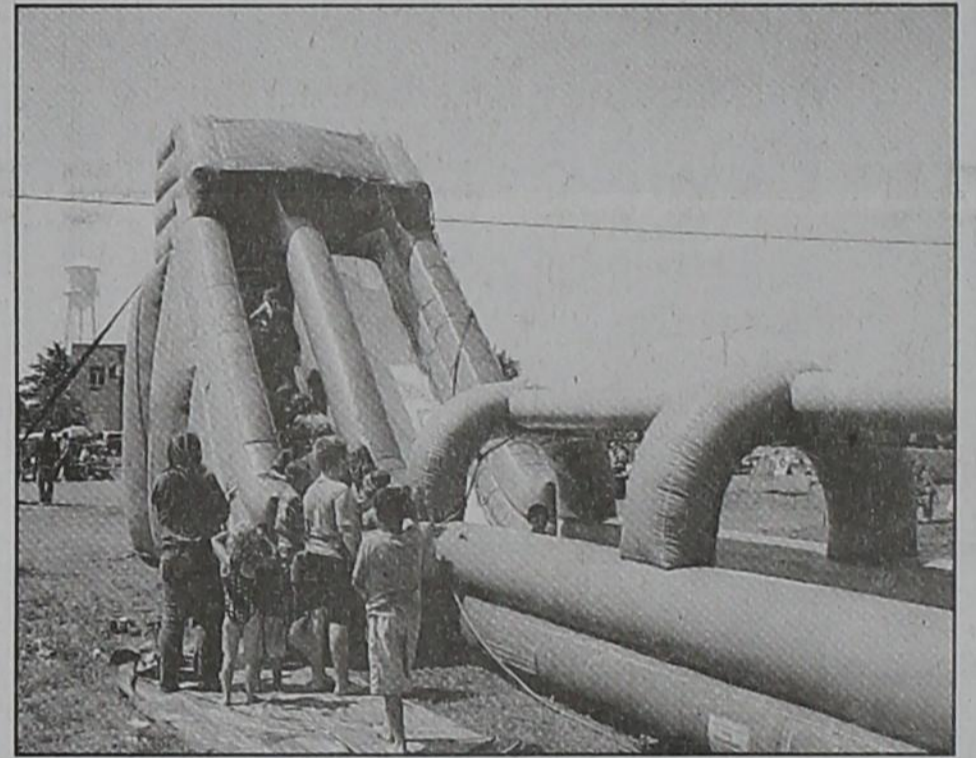
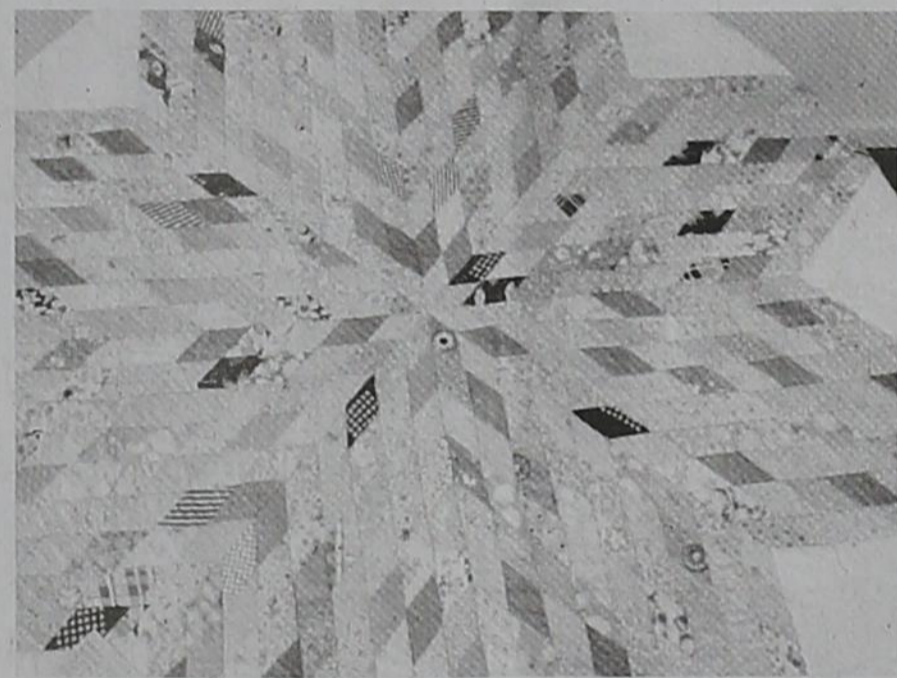
Best Cowboy Award
Kyler Beshirs on his pony "Geraldine"



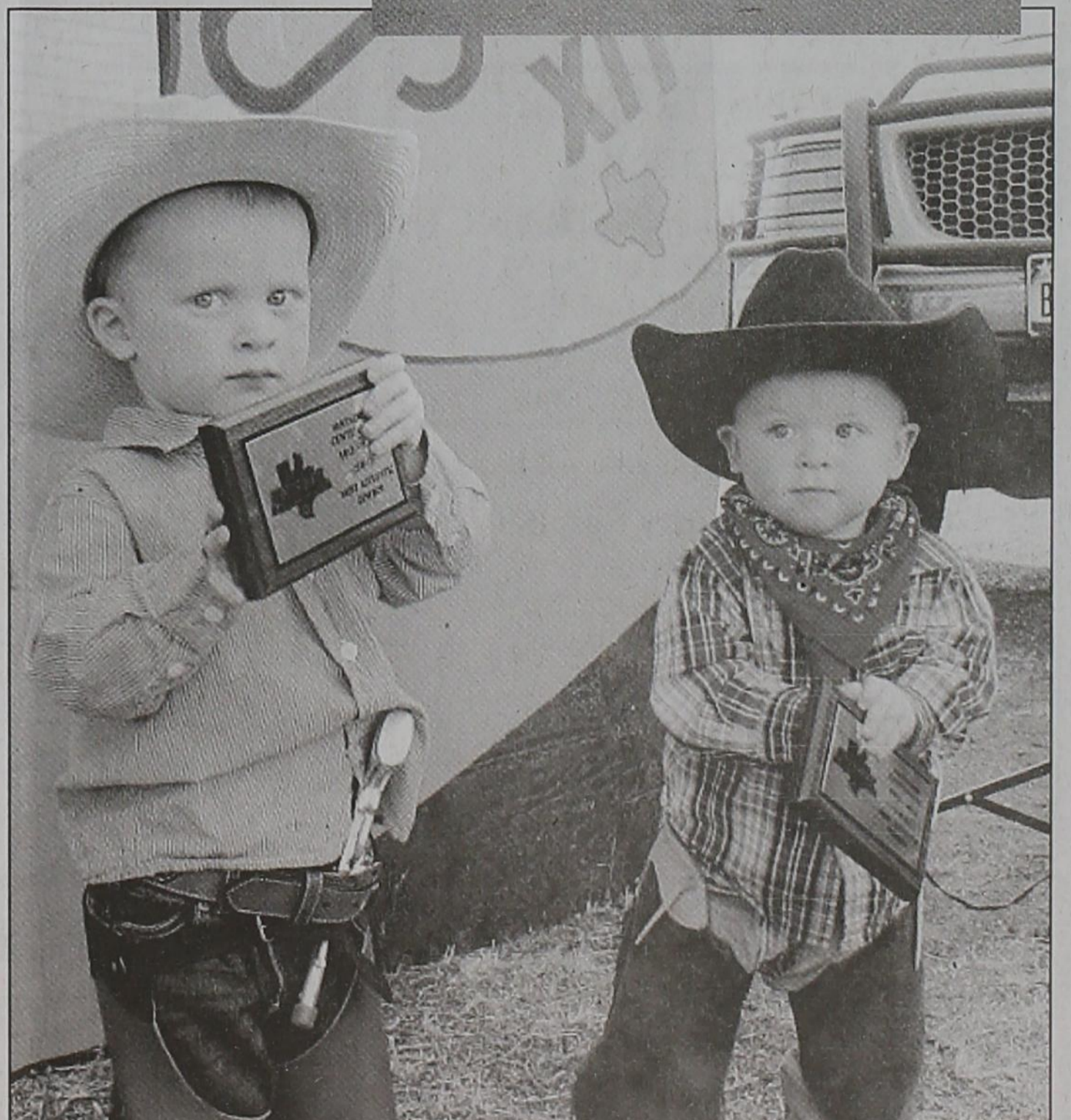
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- June**
- 2 The men's breakfast will be at the Methodist Church in Matador at 7:00a.m.
 - 4 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
 - 5 Matador Lions
 - 7 Roaring Springs Lions
 - 8-10 Matador Centennial Celebration
 - 8 The Motley-Dickens Relay For Life event in Spur
 - 11 Commissioners' Court
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The public hearing will be held on June 26, 2012 6:30 pm at Motley Co Courthouse, Comm R, located at 701 Dundee. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

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| The total amount of the proposed budget. | \$ 51,917 |
| The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. | \$ 0 |
| The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. | 3 |
| The number of employees compensated under the current budget. | 3 |

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

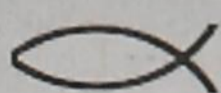
If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 701 Dundee.

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