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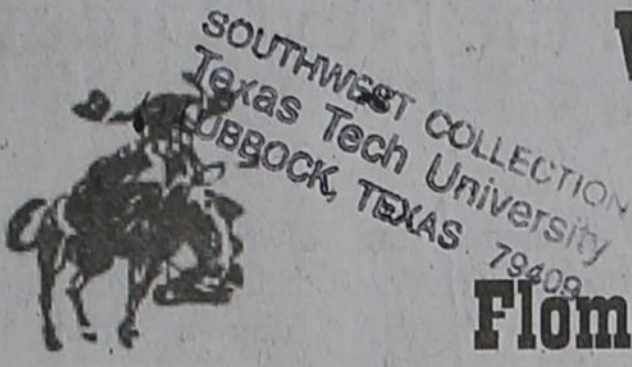
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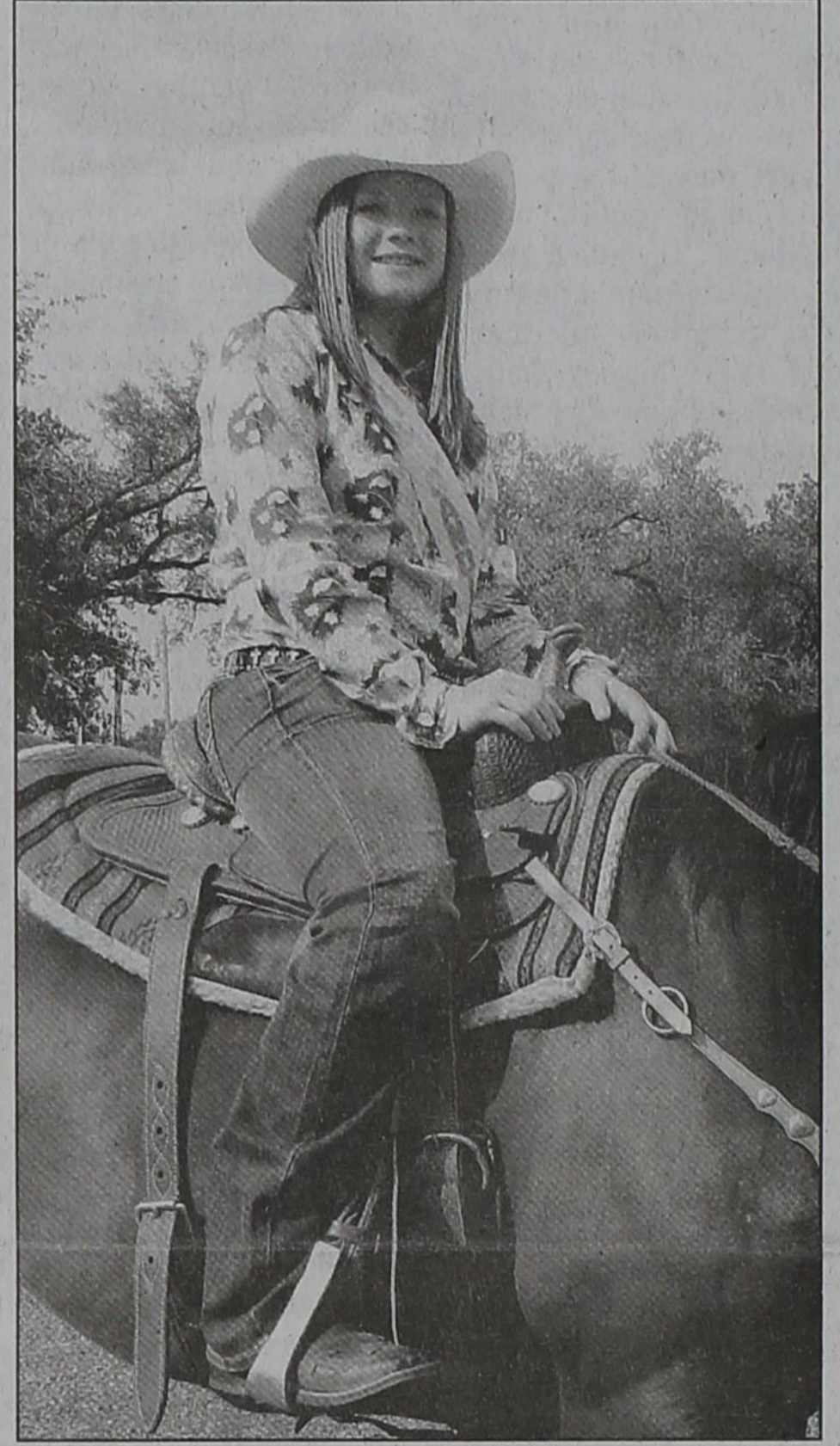
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## 2012 Old Settlers Parade and Rodeo Winners



Best Float – Dickens County Hillbillies



Emily White, 13 yrs old, 8th grade  
 Spur, TX Parents: Paul and Trudy White.  
 Hobbies: Basketball,  
 Cheerleading and running barrels

### The Matador Cattle Company Promotes Russell, Guerrero

Purebred Akaushi herd to be  
 expanded in Kansas

WICHITA, Kan. – John D. ("J.D.") Russell has been promoted to ranch manager at Spring Creek Ranch in Eureka, Kan., to lead The Matador Cattle Company's purebred Akaushi cattle breeding program. Gilbert Guerrero has been promoted to assistant ranch manager and will join J.D. and Adam Waters at Spring Creek.

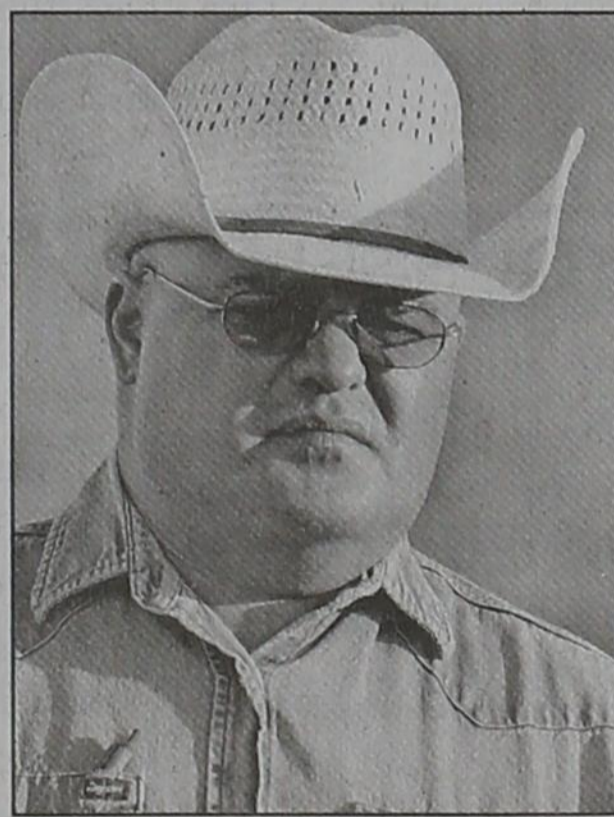
"Our ranching business is steeped in tradition rooted in Fred C. Koch's investments beginning in the 1940s," said Randy Lair, president of Koch Agriculture Company, which operates The Matador Cattle Company. "Mr. Koch was keen on innovation and set the expectation to carefully manage resources to efficiently produce a customer-preferred product [that we strive to meet today]. To that end, and building on our reputation as a producer of high quality beef cattle for the past 60 years, we began experimenting with the Akaushi breed of cattle, which originated in Japan. Our interest was founded in its superior beef grade that required no additional inputs than our traditional crossbred program.

"Thus, as we embark on our fourth year producing Akaushi beef, J.D., Gilbert and Adam will focus on fully leveraging our relationship with HeartBrand Beef and grow our business to include developing a purebred Akaushi herd of 600-800 cows to supply bulls and replace-

ment heifers for our Texas and Montana ranches to position them to produce half-blood Akaushi calves for market."

J.D., most recently assistant manager at Matador Ranch in Texas, will celebrate 25 years with Koch companies this year. Gilbert most recently managed the Wolf Creek herd at the Matador Ranch and will celebrate 15 years with the company.

Bob Kilmer, Matador Ranch manager and vice president of Koch Agriculture Company, will devote his time to develop opportunities to grow the Texas ranch's hunting and deer breeding businesses. James Palmer, vice president of The Matador Cattle Company, is relocating from Kansas to Texas to assume responsibility for the Texas cattle and horse programs. Rounding out the company's leadership team is Kyle Hardin, Beaverhead Ranch manager, based in



Gilbert Guerrero



J. D. Russell

Mont., and Pam Lyford, operations support manager, based in Wichita, Kan.



photos by Carol Campbell

### Matador Ranch Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Cowboy Reunion

By Carol Campbell  
 Motley County Tribune

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fred C. Koch's purchase of the Matador Ranch, more than 100 former and current employees and their families gathered at the Matador Ranch Lodge Saturday, August 25, to swap tall tales, see old pals, and enjoy a traditional barbecue lunch.

The event was hosted by Matador Ranch Manager Bob Kilmer and his wife, Wanda; and Linda Roy, Lodge Manager; Office Manager Janie Campbell and Lodge Cook Kim and Les Woolsey. A brisket lunch with all the trimmings was served to guests topped off by apple, peach, and cherry cobbler a la mode.

The 130-year-old ranch has seen a lot of changes from cow punching on the open range to line riders, pole fences, and floating crews attached to a chuck wagon; and from wild cattle and bucking broncs to barbed wire and steel corrals. But the biggest change, according to Corky Morris, a Matador Ranch hand in the late 1940s, was



Pictured is Ron and Jo Conatser of Trinity, TX. Jo was raised on the Matador Ranch; and Ron worked under Ranch Superintendent John Stevens in 1957-58. Ron is an inductee into the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Hall of Fame.  
 photo by Carol Campbell

simply, "goin' from 'horse-back to pickup trucks."

Corky lives in Barksdale, Texas, (between San Antonio and Del Rio) and he hasn't missed a cowboy reunion in 10 years. He remembers a time when you followed the wagon, set up camp, punched cows, and slept under the stars. You were on the range for weeks on end, he said. Now pickups haul horses to fenced pastures, work cattle, and travel to the local restaur-

rant for lunch, he said. The wagon and straw bosses and the reliable old mobile chuck wagon are a thing of the past.

Corky started his career at Matador Ranch under Ranch Manager John Stevens and Red "Tightwad" Lesley in 1949. He was 19-years-old. Now a bit stooped, using a walker for support, this octogenarian still has a twinkle in his eye, and a lively conversation about the days past. He

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## Foothill Country

### Connections

Community, Diversity, Art  
When you have history, you have pride.



By Larry Vogt

There was a first time event over the weekend. It was the first women's rodeo event in Roaring Springs and it was, as the poet e. e. cummings put it, "mud-luscious." The much needed and welcome rain came late Saturday afternoon and so the cowboys had a muddy old time that night, and then another rain after midnight made the arena muddy for the ladies next day's event.

All the cowboys and cowgirls plowing on through the mud and the horses and cattle galloping down the arena throwing mud everywhere impressed me. I don't know if mud is easier

to land on than dirt but the cowboys who didn't last the time limit on the broncos must have an opinion on that matter. I talked with one person whose grandchild thought that all those people playing in the mud was the best thing he ever saw.

The Women's Ranch Rodeo Association was founded in Kansas in 2005. They now run their own Nationals and have quite a few members. I had a chance to talk with a few of the competitors and found out they are from many different states and backgrounds although I swear they grew up with horses just like the cowgirls from Motley County. Watching the competitors in the events Saturday night and the events on Sunday, I couldn't help but think about all that extra weight from the mud. All in a day's work, right?

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Always One Rain Away from the Next Drought

By Marisue Potts

Continued from August 23, 2012

A "barreling" February, 1956, blizzard, most severe in 50 years, dumped 8 to 10 inches in the county, buried Plainview with 30 inches, and stranded range cattle near Amarillo for five days without feed until hay was dropped from airplanes. Winds in the 80 mph range dropped a "dilly" of a sandstorm. Funnel clouds hovered over Matador while high winds damaged property. Over 100 of 500 county farms were barren and unplanted, a strip five miles wide with Matador in center. The Soil Bank paid \$20 an acre on cotton land and \$6 on wheat to lay out land. The county was named a disaster area for the second time in three years, 61 counties became eligible for cheap feed.

That year only 5.93 inches of rain fell. Severe blowing created fence row drifts and sand dunes, while scouring paint off license plates. Graves at Matador's East Mound were covered by drifting sand. Most severe wind and dust storm in memory of pioneers uprooted trees, blew out windows. 100 trucks and cars were stranded when static electricity or lack of visibility made operation impossible. Winds were clocked at 70 mph or more. Pasture land blew like plowed fields. Businesses shoveled debris from streets. QA&P brought in train carloads of hay for relief.

The "most devastating drought ever," more prolonged and intense than even the Dust Bowl era, ended abruptly in 1957 with general rains, from gully washers to slow soakers, throughout Texas.

Rain during usual dry months produced optimism; prospects seemed

the best in eight years. The edge of a killer storm of March 23, 1957, hit the county with winds of 65 mph, dust, sleet, snow for 50 hours. Livestock losses mounted in the Panhandle; motorists were stranded at Vega, but damage remained light here.

"Old man Texas is scraping the mud off his boots and wringing the rainwater out of his shirttail," reported the Matador Tribune. General rains soaked the country, flooded fields, rivers and creeks, washed out roads. Flooded south Texas farmers and ranchers were unable to get to town to cash drought relief disaster checks.

The Silverton tornado killed 16, injured 70. Besides 25 homes being destroyed, a gin, granaries, and businesses were lost. Thereafter the fire alarm in Matador was used to warn residents of approaching storms. The raging Dutchman River washed out the temporary crossing on State Highway 70 between Matador and Roaring Springs. A heat wave shot the temperature in late June to 108 degrees.

"Snow on the wings of night" kept most crops in the field until well after November. Two months of continued rains slowed progress of harvest, dropped the grade of cotton. In 1968 youngsters rode sleds down banks of Hackberry and Ballard Creeks as four inches of snow covered the slopes. Three months of near blizzard conditions brought blowing blinding snow to Amarillo in 1971. Low temps in January of 1973 froze the ears, tails, and noses of calves and killed young stock.

The drought of the 1980's, the sixth major one in the last one hundred

years, was affected by the perils of economics. Everything that a farmer/rancher buys cost more, so if he sells out, there likely won't be any buying back. Perhaps the only improvement over previous drought situations was air conditioned pickups.

In 1984, the Siberian Express brought extremely low temps, up to 65 below zero in Utah. Young stock here were frozen or their tails, feet, and ears damaged as livestock suffered during the prolonged ice and low temperatures. October flooding in 1986 took out the Quitaque Creek bridge as County Commissioner Bill Dean was crossing. Daughter Sandra Barclay, rushing to his rescue, plunged into the creek bed before realizing the bridge was out. Twenty-one days above 100 degrees blistered the area; 1940 had 17 such days. It was the hottest and driest June on record up to that time, a record that was challenged and surpassed with the drought of 2010-2011.

October, 2010, to September, 2011, proved to have been the hottest twelve month period ever measured. From 80 to 100 degrees of heat above 100 degrees were noted with alarm as stock water dried up and cities went on water rationing. During that time 88% of Texas was in severe drought. Grazing was scarce, hay short, grain and corn expensive. Some ranchers opted to put their cattle in feed yards, hoping to bring them back to home pastures when it started raining again. Others sent cattle to slaughter while a few felt compelled to hang on to remnants of herds built up over a life time. Many were fortunate to receive good prices for their cattle, something not

always the case in other droughts. Another major difference from historical drought accounts is the benefit of cooling air conditioning in homes, businesses and automobiles, to better endure the heat.

Texas state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon attributed the unusual weather event to an increase in the global ocean temperatures, or the La Nina pattern effect. The Texas A&M professor predicted that this will continue as global ocean temperatures continue to increase. However, he also predicted this pattern will reverse over time when the global ocean temperatures decrease to create the El Nino effect of wet springs and summers and colder winters.

Although this expert claims the most recent drought officially ended in May 2012, the effects of it can still be seen all over Motley County: bare hills, many that have not recovered from the wildfires; very old trees that have been stressed or died; crops and grassland that are dying from lack of rain; creeks and ponds that are dried up; aquifers that are in danger.

As we have seen in years gone by, this too will pass. We have to endure or find ways to endure until the rainy season returns. We know that long before the plow unfurled the endless ribbons of sod, billows of dust periodically darkened the prairie skies. We know that nature's carpet, harvested by an overgrazing abundance of grasshoppers, rabbits, or buffalo, was stressed by the relentless sun, an unceasing wind, and sometimes a rapacious fire. Most of all, we know that the prairie will bloom again.

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would quit the Matadors, rodeo for a while, come back, and then move around to other ranches during cattle branding. "It was chicken one day, and feathers the next," he said. But by far, his home was the Matador Ranch. "They had the best horses and the best breakfast you could find. I caught the biggest steer of my career on the Matadors and the sorriest bull," he said. "I worked for the Matador's three times," he said. "I got in on the tail-end of punching cows on the range."

What time he wasn't rodeo-ing, he worked for the Four 6s and the JA Ranch, he said. "I called the Waggoner's for a job once, and they hung up on me," Corky said with a big smile. He was raised in Quitaque, Texas, on a farm, but "I never found a tractor seat as good as a saddle." Other cowboy stories abound.

Tommy and Freddie Hemphill married 56 years ago. They live in Blossom, TX, about eight miles east of Paris, TX. Tommy worked for the Matadors from 1950-1953. His brother, Billy Hemphill, worked under John Stevens. Stevens was superintendent of the Matador's from 1946 to the late 1950s.

"I started out at Dugout Camp as a line rider," Hemphill said, "then moved to Red Lake Camp, close to Afton, then Ballard Camp." Later, Tommy joined the floating crew on the wagon that worked out of headquarters, he said. Tommy lived close to the Guitart Ranch when he was teenager, and was always fascinated with the cowboy life. "My parents were farmers, but out of three sons, we all lived on ranches," he said.

Meet Ron and Jo Conatser, celebrating their 55-year wedding anniversary at the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion this year. Ron worked at the Matadors in 1957-58. Jo was born and raised on the Matador Ranch to Slim and Lula Mae Felts. Ron and Jo married when she was 17 years old and are the proud parents of four children, 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. They currently live

in Trinity, TX, where after retirement from the rodeo circuit, he began preaching in cowboy churches. He currently preaches at the Risin' Sun Cowboy Church outside of Trinity, in the piney woods of East Texas. But that is getting way ahead of Ron Conatser's story.

"I was a cowpuncher for the Matador's and worked at the chuckwagon on the Matador Ranch in 1957." He also worked for the Waggoner Ranch and the Four 6s, but by this time, Ron and Jo had four children, and, "I needed to make a living," he said.

At age 29, Ron became a professional rodeo man. He competed in saddle bronc riding and steer wrestling. He finally became a rodeo judge, a job he still performs. "I have been judging for 38 years," he said. The family followed the rodeo circuit. Jo had a big job too, she home-schooled her children and was a scorekeeper on the rodeo circuit for 30 years.

"When we bought a place in Trinity in 1988, I decided to run a beauty shop," she said. She kept this job for more than 10 years, cooked in restaurants for 10 years, and worked in the East Texas Auction Barn. She still likes to waitress, she said.

Ron retired from the rodeo circuit in 1980, and for 10 years, besides preaching, he worked at shoeing horses, judging rodeos and as a commercial fisherman supplying restaurants with catfish. Ron is a life member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, headquartered in Colorado Springs. He has been nominated for the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Another interesting character in attendance was the youngest son of Dr. Oliver Morris (OM) Franklin who developed a vaccine for blackleg during his study of veterinary medicine at Kansas State Agriculture College in 1912.

"He walked out of the school with the full rights to manufacture the vaccine," Bill Franklin said. Blackleg in cattle and sheep is caused by spore-forming bacterium found in the soil. It can kill an animal within 48 hours, Bill said. The bacterium can

survive in soil for many years and it is very contagious, killing whole herds in a matter of hours.

Since Bill was the youngest, he was the "driver" for his father. Actually, "Dad slept and I drove," he said, visiting every small town in the area. They would sometimes leave at 2:00 a.m. covering mile-after-mile to visit potential clients. On arrival, Dr. Franklin would tell his son, "Now that wasn't so bad, was it?" Well, Bill said with a smile, "it was certainly not bad for dad."

Dr. Franklin, who developed the original method of delivery of a vaccine to immunize cattle against this dreaded disease, eventually operated worldwide, serving livestock owners in the U.S. and 22 foreign countries. According to an article written by Kay Ledbetter for the *Amarillo Globe-News*, Franklin Laboratories marketed its 250-millionth dose of anti-blackleg vaccine in 1971.

"He had distribution in every little town in Texas, and he was known far and wide," Bill said. "He conceived of hiring cowboys and then turning them into salesmen." This technique built trust with the customer. It was the cowboy salesmen that gained the credibility to help distribute the blackleg vaccine far and wide. Bill worked for the Matador Ranch in 1948, during the John Stevens era.

Following his stint with the Matadors, Bill went to East Africa. He was there right after the end of WWII. "I lived in a very interesting time," he said. "I was a cowboy in 1948 and five years later, I was flying supersonic jets."

Bill has three daughters, Claire, Olivia and Alice. He now lives in Dallas, but the Texas Panhandle is his home, he said. The Franklin family still owns a ranch near Pampa, TX. Dr. O.M. Franklin died in 1973.

More stories than time to capture the stories were exchanged at Matador Ranch Lodge on the last day of Old Settlers 2012. Matador Ranch Manager Bob Kilmer said, "I think it was a great day. We appreciate everyone coming out to celebrate 60 years with Koch Industries."

**Editors Note:** A special thanks to Marisue Potts (pioneers) and Kay Bailey (exes) for compiling this comprehensive list of persons that have died in our county this past year. If someone is inadvertently missing from the list, please contact the Motley County Tribune at [tribune@gmail.com](mailto:tribune@gmail.com).

Jackie Royce "Sonny" Smith  
Raysworth Eugene Hoover  
Tommy Scaff  
Garland Rattan  
Lonnie Terry  
Ruby Elliott Hipp  
Edna Ruth Bourland Green  
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Dorothy Gwinn Bailey  
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Ola Bell Doyal Lawrence  
Geneva Lewis Smith  
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Frances Traweek Morris  
Zelma Alice Redding Carr  
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Lorene Smallwood Thompson  
Roy Taylor  
Audrey Underwood Jones  
Harold Dean Martin  
Jimmy "Witt" Smith  
Donald "Butch" Hughes  
Lorene Kingery Sands  
Myrtle Marshall Bowen  
Francis Marion Gunter  
Ross Bearden  
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## The Kitchen Bible Study presents Valerie Moody's "My Big Fat Greek Mindset"

The Kitchen Bible Study group of Motley County presents Valerie Moody in a program entitled "My Big Fat Greek Mindset" on September 10, 2012, 10:00 am at the Library Annex. With this popular teaching, Valerie helps people recognize how they have been influenced by the ancient Greek culture. She also explains the Hebrew origins of the Bible. Her presentation on "My Big Fat Greek Mindset" will look at the Hebraisms in the Bible, a Hebrew view of God, Hebrew faith, Greek thinking,

philosophy, and religion, with Bible-based solutions to Greek thinking. This life-changing message will encourage twenty-first century Americans to read the Bible with fresh insight and understanding.

Valerie Moody is the author of four books, and television Bible teacher. She is a founding teacher of the Hebraic Roots Network, an internet-based television station. She shares biblical topics before local, regional, state, and national organizations, Bible study groups, and congregations.

Valerie has served as a contributing writer and editor for many newspapers and magazines including the Austin American Statesman. Along with her husband David, she co-founded Israel Discovery Tours to lead unforgettable, life-changing tours to the Land of the Bible. She also is co-founder of the Hebrew Roots Discovery Center which works to restore authentic faith according to Acts 3:21. The Discovery Center provides assistance to homeless and needy families in Israel.

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Thank you,  
Tim, and the whole Ward family

## Farm Service Agency Provides Assistance to Livestock Producers

Motley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Hackler, announced that special provisions will be made to the FSA emergency loan program and to the Risk Management Agency (RMA) federal crop insurance program in order to provide greater flexibility for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a result of drought.

On August 22, 2012, Secretary Vilsack announced that modifications will be made to the emergency loan program allowing them to be made earlier in the season. In the past, emergency loan eligibility was determined after the production cycle. Produc-

ers will no longer have to wait until the end of the production cycle to obtain a loan. This change will support producers who currently need assistance to help offset high production costs.

Vilsack also announced that a special provision will be made to the federal crop insurance program through RMA that will allow producers to hay or graze cover crops without forfeiting crop insurance eligibility on planted 2013 spring crops. This change is beneficial to livestock producers making forage and feed available this fall and winter. However, before making any plans to plant crop cover, produc-

ers should consult with their insurance agent, according to RMA.

"Adding more flexibility to current program requirements will make much needed assistance more readily available to producers affected by disaster," said Hackler. "These changes in particular should benefit livestock producers who are facing higher feed costs or are at risk of liquidating their herd due to the drought," she said.

For more information regarding special provisions to the emergency loan program, please contact the Motley County FSA office at 806-347-2263 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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### NO CROP...



It would be extremely rare in our part of the world to hear of any farmer praying for a crop failure. If we did we would consider that to be ridiculous. A farmer naturally wants the seed he has planted to grow up to be a strong and healthy plant. Even though we are aware of this principle of every day farming,

sometimes upon reflection of our past we would hope those wrong decisions would produce nothing.

Perhaps there have been times in our lives when we have managed to get into some trouble or situation and wanted the consequences to disappear. When they don't then we are ready to be angry with God. It is easy to blame God for our troubles when all along we choose to forget, "...for whatever a man sows, this will he also reap." God is simply reminding us that sometimes we must live with the consequences of our sin whether we have repented or not.

Why then do some pray for a crop failure in their personal lives? The answer is, because of the principle stated in Galatians 6: 7, 8. Why not live the kind of life which will be rewarded with good things? I am sure that all of us would rather plant seeds in life that will lead to good consequences. Let us live our lives in such a way that we pray for a successful crop.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

**On a personal note**  
Weren't the showers wonderful? Their cooling felt so good and grasses, trees and plants perked up seemingly with renewed hope. The rains have been spotty but more places received showers than had been getting rain. For some it is too late to produce a crop; grasses seem to come back better than crops. Everyone just seems happier, friendlier and encouraged when it rains. Thank you Lord for the rain!

The rains cooled of the Old Settlers Reunion and there likely wasn't much griping about getting wet and muddy. The large rain puddles looked like an asset instead of a set-back.

**In the community**  
On Friday morning, Don Stuckey hosted a breakfast for any who would come. He served 19 early risers. Ralph Roming helped him get enough biscuits baked to serve the crowd. Don always has a good 'feed' almost every year for their friends.

Billie Stuckey will be treated to a birthday bash at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church here in Roaring Springs next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Don and Billie's daughter, Leandra Harris and family of Flower Mound, TX are the hosts.

There were eight campers in the City of Roaring Springs parking spaces. Some were in Kenneth Marshall's RV spaces and quite a few campers on the Old Settlers Grounds.

The annual Thacker reunion was held on August 18th at the home of Joey and Ann Thacker in Lubbock. Attending were: Buzz and Tince Thacker, John and

Jana Thacker of Abilene, their daughter, Amy Smith and children Dane and Scout; Jeff and Pam Thacker of Roaring Springs, their children and grandchildren: Bradley, Westlyn, Charlee and Edie of Amarillo; Blair and Brad Wilson of Lubbock; Joey and Ann's children, Amanda, Isaiah, and Emilea all of Lubbock.

On Friday, Tince's niece, Pauline Robinson of Floydada and her friend Travis Jones of Ralls visited with the Buzz Thackers.

Katie Miller visited her mom, Monta Marshall on Friday. They went to Childress and had fun visiting neat little shops.

Remember that the Windmill Café is still closed. It will be open again on beginning on September 4th. Perry and Deanette Gullege have been in Alabama visiting family for a couple of weeks. Lexie Gullege is already enrolled in school in Alabama. The Gulleges plan to move to Alabama when they sell the Windmill Café. The café has served wonderful meals in a very pleasant atmosphere. It is a great opportunity for someone to continue their well established business. We will miss them.

James and Pat Palmer have been in Roaring Springs at their home for a few days. They will return to their home in Eureka, KS, on Tuesday.

On Sunday, Zella Palmer had several of her family for Sunday dinner and a good visit. Attending were: James and Pat, Johnny, Tammy, Miranda and Tinley Palmer of Lubbock, Scott, Nesa and Seth from Cliff, New Mexico.

Louis and Beverly Shorter of Fort Worth visited their daughter Jennifer Lawler and children: Allison, Matthew and Braden during the Old Settlers Reunion.

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As always, your assistance in this service project is greatly appreciated! Motley County has done a wonderful job in years past, and the NHS is looking forward to this year's donations.

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## Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

**Overheard**  
Labor Day weekend is nice to be observed. Man, despite his artistic pretensions and his many accomplishments, owes his existence to a 6-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains.

**Grandson Farewell Party**  
The family of Jerry and Sandra Barclay had a farewell weekend party for their grandson, Colton Barclay of Meadow, who entered the U.S. Air Force Monday, August 27, 2012.

Those attending and wishing Colton the best was his family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay and Kayla of Meadow; his grandparents, Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot and Mrs. Geneva Barclay of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador; Mrs. Wilma Barclay and Mrs. Bobbie Bowman of Plainview and Britany Decker of Silverton.

**Vacation with Grandchildren**  
Kathy and Clois Shorter enjoyed a fun-filled time Sunday and Monday, August 18-19 at the Great Wolf Lodge with an indoor Water Park with their grandchildren, Brian Sehon of Wolforth, Emily and Haldey Milam of Lake Kiowa and

Cade Calvert of Boston, Massachusetts. They all returned to their respective homes on Tuesday except Cade who returned home with Kathy and Clois to visit until Tuesday August 28 when they accompanied him to the Dallas Airport for his return trip to Boston.

Kathy and Clois accompanied his father Everett Shorter to Dallas, August 17 to visit his sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard and returned him home Tuesday, August 28 when in Dallas with Cade.

**Community News**  
Mrs. Brenda Cruse and her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador visited in Amarillo Saturday with Leah Cruse and celebrated her birthday.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed the Old Settlers Parade and visiting with friends Thursday in Roaring Springs.

Mrs. Janice Hughes and friends, Sherry and Trent McCay of Quitaque enjoyed tourist attractions on Wednesday until Sunday in Ruidosa, N.M.

Wilburn Martin visited in Granbury from Friday until Sunday with sister and husband, Nita and Ervin Merritt and son, Tom Merritt.

Visiting recently with Mrs. Aleda Ross were daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock and granddaughter, Mrs. Aleda Elaine Balchelder.

things out that we need signatures on. Please make sure that you are keeping up with all current programs and their requirements and contacting the office with questions. We have several producers that we need signatures from so if you are near the office you might stop by to ensure that you are up to date on all necessary paperwork.

## FSA News By Amy Hackler

NAP (NON INSURED Assistance Program) deadline for Wheat -GZ coverage is September 1, 2012. Please make sure that if you are planting wheat for grazing and would like to cover it for drought, wind, etc...please schedule an appointment to purchase.

As our budget and manpower decrease it has become increasingly harder to mail

## Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks  
From my earliest memories, Old Settlers in Roaring Springs has created a buzz, whether I happened to attend (hardly ever) or just knew those who participated. Of course, as a little person I rode in the parade with great-grandfather, grandfather or Dad, and there are pictures to document the occasions. The picture of the year 2012 is of our brother, John Douglas, leading the horse bearing his grandson Ryder in the parade. It is nice to see the continuing of traditions.

Amanda Morton from the Working Ranch Cowboy Association was the representative who saw to the rodeo as meeting qualifications and verifying points and winners. She worked early and late, and we hardly saw her at the hotel. This is her third time to be the rep for Old Settlers and is from Amarillo.

Sheryl and August Galli from Heath are fans of Ranch Rodeos and came down to enjoy the event as well as celebrate their anniversary. She works as an assistant to her mom's businesses, and he is a rancher.

The weekend was a gathering for the occasion of Grady Wilson's second birthday. Grady's parents are Cara and Kris Wilson who came in primarily for the reunion lunch at the Matador Ranch. Grandparents Jerry and Jean Armstrong from Holyoke, Colorado, were accompanied by their daughter, Lana Stromberger, from Champion, Nebraska. Lana is a hair dresser and helps on her husband's farm. The Armstrong, Cara's parents, has the Superior Live Auction video site for selling livestock. Their rep in this area is Dr. Murray in Spur.

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## Kids' Praise and weekly family meal to resume at First Baptist Church, Matador

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 5th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, September 5, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, at First Baptist Church, Matador (FBCM). There will be food, Bible stories, music, and fun for all at this monthly event.

The church has also resumed its regular weekly Wednesday evening schedule, with the family meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by praise and worship at 7:00 p.m. Following the prayer and music time, there will be special activities & Bible study for each age group.

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**Weather Trivia** How are tornadoes formed?  
Answer: When thunderstorm clouds produce rapidly rotating winds.

**Weather History** Aug. 30, 1982 - A tropical depression brought torrential rains to portions of southern Texas. Up to 12 inches fell south of Houston and as much as 18 inches fell southeast of Austin. The tropical depression spawned 14 tornadoes in three days.

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**Library Journal**  
by Carla Meador Librarian

Library Journal, 8-30  
Woo Hoo! Talk about a root and a toot – the Friends of the Library’s annual Beans and Cornbread lunch and fundraiser was a great success! A big thanks to everyone who came to eat with us and made donations. Also thanks to the elected officials who served the food. We truly appreciate everyone for their support of our Library!

Speaking of supporting our Library, did you know that the Motley County Library operates mostly on donations? The County and the cities of Matador and Roaring Springs contribute funds each year and we are thankful for that, but those funds are immediately designated for operating costs. In order to purchase books, movies, audio books, technical support for our computers and computer equipment, office supplies, etc. we must rely on donations. The state has cut all public library funding! So, if you are looking for a place to make a donation, we are always in need and we truly appreciate your support.

We have a new audio book this week, *The Inn at Rose Harbor* by Debbie Macomber. We have a wonderful selection of audio books. Many people who travel for their jobs, or have trouble with their eyesight, or just enjoy the sound of someone reading to them, take advantage of our audio books.

We also have a new book, *Michael Vey, Rise of the Elgen* by Richard Paul Evans. This is second book in the Michael Vey series, the first being *The Prisoner of Cell 25*, which we also have available for check out. These two books tell a very different story and show a very different style of writing for Mr. Evans, but all who have read the first book have said great things.

In our large print section, we have *Lullaby* by Robert B. Parker and *The Last Boyfriend*, book two of the Inn Boonsboro Trilogy by Nora Roberts.

And, for all those who have

patiently been waiting, we now have 2 copies of *The Hunger Games* DVD. The book series continues to stay checked out with a waiting list. I have a feeling that even with two copies, the DVD will also have a waiting list. So, come by and put your name on the list and be one of the first to view this much anticipated film.

Our featured book this week is *The Day The Falls Stood Still* by Cathy Marie Buchanan. Steeped in the intriguing history of Niagara Falls, this epic love story is a rich, spellbinding, and majestic as the falls themselves. 1915 was the dawn of the hydroelectric power era in Niagara Falls. Seventeen-year-old Bess Heath has lead a sheltered life as the youngest daughter of the director of the Niagara Power Company. After graduation day at her boarding school, she is impatient to return to her picturesque family home near Niagara Falls. But when she arrives, nothing is as she left it. Her father has lost his job; her mother is taking in sewing from the society ladies she once entertained, and Isabel, her once vivacious older sister, is a shadow of her former self. She has shut herself in her bedroom, barely eating – and harboring a secret. The night of her return, Bess meets Tom Cole and finds herself inexplicably drawn to him. He has an uncanny ability to predict the whims of the falls, and his daring river rescues render him a local hero. As their lives become more entwined, Bess is forced to make a painful choice. Set against the tumultuous backdrop of Niagara Falls, at a time when daredevils shot the river rapids in barrels and great industrial fortunes were made and lost as quickly as lives disappeared, *The Day The Falls Stood Still* is an intoxicating novel.

Library hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday – Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. See you at the Library!



**County Agent's News**  
by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Vegetable growing program set for Sept. 8 in Amarillo  
*AgriLife Extension expert to answer gardening questions*

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AMARILLO – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Hutchinson and Potter counties will present a class on vegetable production Sept. 8 at the AgriLife Extension office for Potter County, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo.

The workshop, open to anyone from the Panhandle, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m., said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County. Preregistration is required by Sept. 4. Contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 to preregister or for more information.

“Most of us have had a really tough year with some of our vegetables, especially tomatoes,” Boughen said. “I hope that this class will help people understand why some of those problems occurred and how to make sure they don’t face those same issues next year.”

This course will provide an overview of the difficulties of growing vegetables in the Panhandle and how to overcome obstacles, Boughen said. The agenda will include soil preparation, 10 steps to successful gardening and a presentation called “90 percent organic and 10 percent common sense.” Dr. Joe Masabni, AgriLife Extension state vegetable specialist in College Station, will be presenting the class.

Five new Lone Star Healthy Streams manuals available to public  
*AgriLife Extension publications aimed at keeping Texas waters safe, clean*

COLLEGE STATION – A group of research scientists, resource conservation agencies, agricultural groups and producers have collaborated to compile five new Lone Star Healthy Streams manuals, all of which are now available to the general public, according to sources.

The Lone Star Healthy Streams program aims to educate Texas livestock producers and land managers

on how to best protect Texas waterways from bacterial contributions associated with livestock production and feral hogs, said Jennifer Peterson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service program specialist – water quality.

Peterson and Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, are working to get the manuals to producers and others needing best management practices for reducing E. coli bacteria in rivers and streams.

The two said about 300 Texas water bodies currently do not comply with state water quality standards established for E. coli.

By getting best management practices to landowners dealing with beef and dairy cattle, horses, poultry or feral hogs, they hope to help landowners further protect Texas waterways from sediment, nutrient and pesticide runoff, Peterson said.

The Lone Star Healthy Streams program is a partnership between AgriLife Extension, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Water Resources Institute. The program is funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through Environmental Protection Agency 319 funds.

The Lone Star Healthy Streams program has been well received by producers across the state and endorsed by seven livestock groups and three natural resource agencies, Redmon said.

He said in fiscal year 2012 alone, two to three beef cattle educational programs have been delivered each month, reaching more than 3,000 producers throughout Texas. In addition to direct delivery of these educational programs, the Lone Star Healthy Streams website averages 45 unique visitors per month.


Printed copies of the manuals are now available by contacting Peterson at 979-862-8072 or [jlpeterson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlpeterson@ag.tamu.edu). The manuals also are available electronically for download from the AgriLife Extension Bookstore website at <http://agrilifebookstore.org>.

Publication numbers for the manuals are: Beef Cattle, B-6245; Dairy Cattle, B-6253; Horses, B-6254; Poultry, B-6255; and Feral Hogs, B-6256.

More information on the Lone Star Health Streams program can be found at <http://Lshs.tamu.edu>.

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# Obituary

## Billy Paul Simpson

Church Services for Billy Paul Simpson, 79, of Northfield, were held Monday August 27, 2012, at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Bro. Patrick Adair and Bro. Nathan Mulder officiating. Interment was in the Northfield Cemetery under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home of Matador. Visitation was held on Sunday August 26, 2012, at 1804 Main Street in Matador.

Billy Paul was born and raised at Northfield. Members of his family settled the community of Northfield in Northeast Motley County in 1897. He attended school at Northfield, Estelline, and Matador. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1953-1955.

As a young 18-year-old, he bought a truck and helped haul cattle when the Matador Ranch was dispersing their herd. As a 21-year-old, he purchased combines from his uncle and followed the wheat harvest for four years.

After marrying Betty Davis in 1960, Billy Paul began a lifelong career of farming and ranching in Motley County. At one time, he owned and operated the Moline and David Brown tractor dealership in Matador along with a well service. Billy Paul was a director at the Flomot Farmer’s Gin and also a director of the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District. He was also a caretaker of the Northfield Cemetery for many years, especially keeping the equipment going. Billy Paul was a self-made

engineer who built most of his equipment himself. In later years, he also designed and manufactured RV steps.

Billy Paul was a participant in a cancer research program for 16 months in San Antonio. He was the second person to receive an experimental drug that will probably be on the market soon. Billy Paul was a hard worker but enjoyed traveling and time with family as well. He especially loved to spend time with his daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren. He enjoyed taking them camping and on family vacations.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Simpson of Northfield; one daughter, Tanya Multer and husband Warren of Matador; three grandchildren, Cory Multer of Lubbock, Amy Multer of Dumas, and Katy Multer of Lubbock; one Brother, Gayland Simpson and wife Jo of Midland; five brother-in-laws, H.E. Davis and wife Betty of Wellington; Harry Davis and wife Beverly of Rogue River, Oregon; Jacky Davis and wife Barbara of Burleson, Tx.; Kenneth Davis and wife Donell of Matador; and Danny Davis and wife Judy of Iowa Park; and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Daniels of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family has asked that memorials be made to Motley County Senior Citizens P.O. Box 184, Matador, Tx 79244; Northfield Cemetery, c/o Susan Jameson, 1671 FM 94 Northfield, Tx 79201, and We Can Care Childress, 330 Main, Childress, Tx 79201.



Pictured (L to R) at the annual Beans ‘n Cornbread lunch are: Slim Durham, Ron Dunn, Laverne Zabielski, Larry Vogt, and Marisue Potts. About 100 guests attended the popular event, donating more than a \$1,000 toward special programs for the library. photo by Carol Campbell



A crowd of more than 100 guests attended the annual Beans ‘n Cornbread annual lunch at the Motley County Library Annex on Friday, August 24, 2012. Western-themed decorations included cowboy boots and belts, historic old West photos, musical instruments and wagon wheels. photo by Carol Campbell



Emma and Dorian Elliot-Seel, grand daughters of Ken and Dinah Young, of Roaring Springs, enjoy beans and corn bread.

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## 2012 Old Settlers Pokey the Clown Winners



JUNIORS 1st Place; Rusty Spurs, 40 pts. Carley Turner, Autumn Perryman, Llano Bateman, Brody Rankin.

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PEE WEE, Wild Mustangs, 1st Place, 40 pts. Left to Right Brogan Rankin, Kyler Beshirs, Ryder Gass, Gunnir Bateman.

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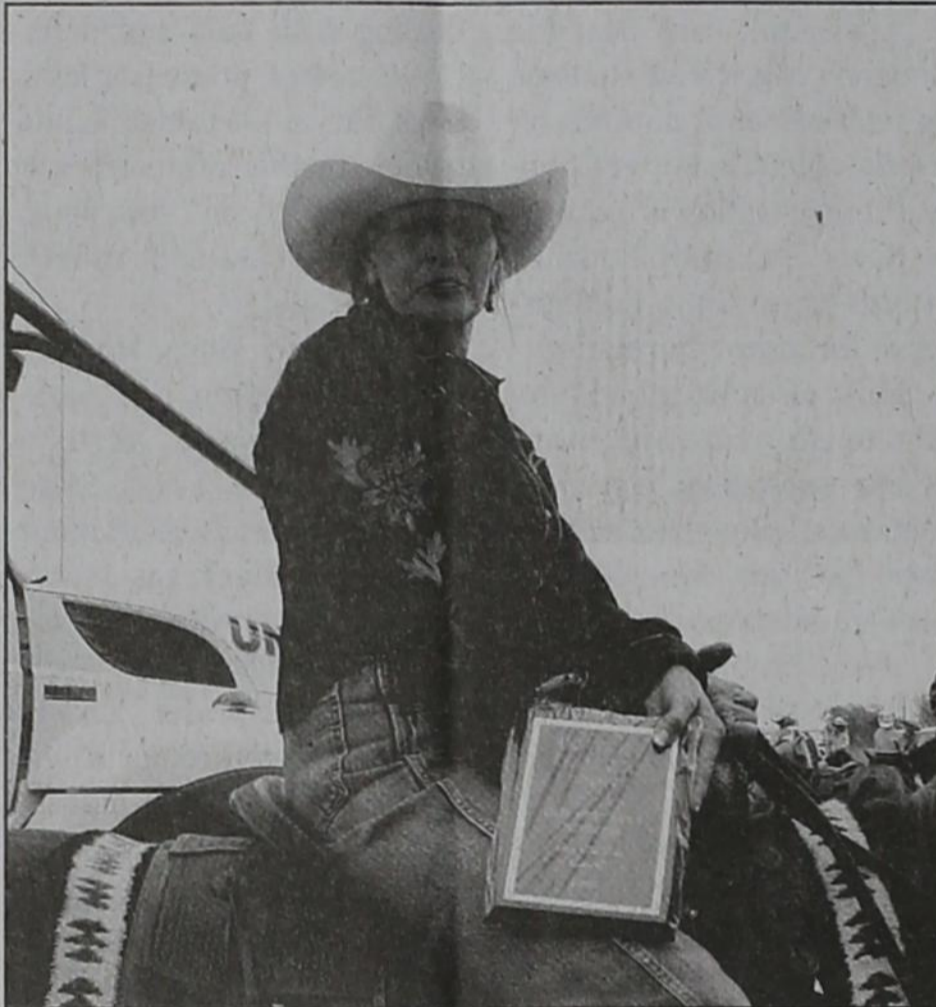
SUPER PEE WEE, 1st Place, Rockin' C, 38 pts. Brinley Lefeure, Haygen Lefeure, Kyler Bell, Slydor Bateman.

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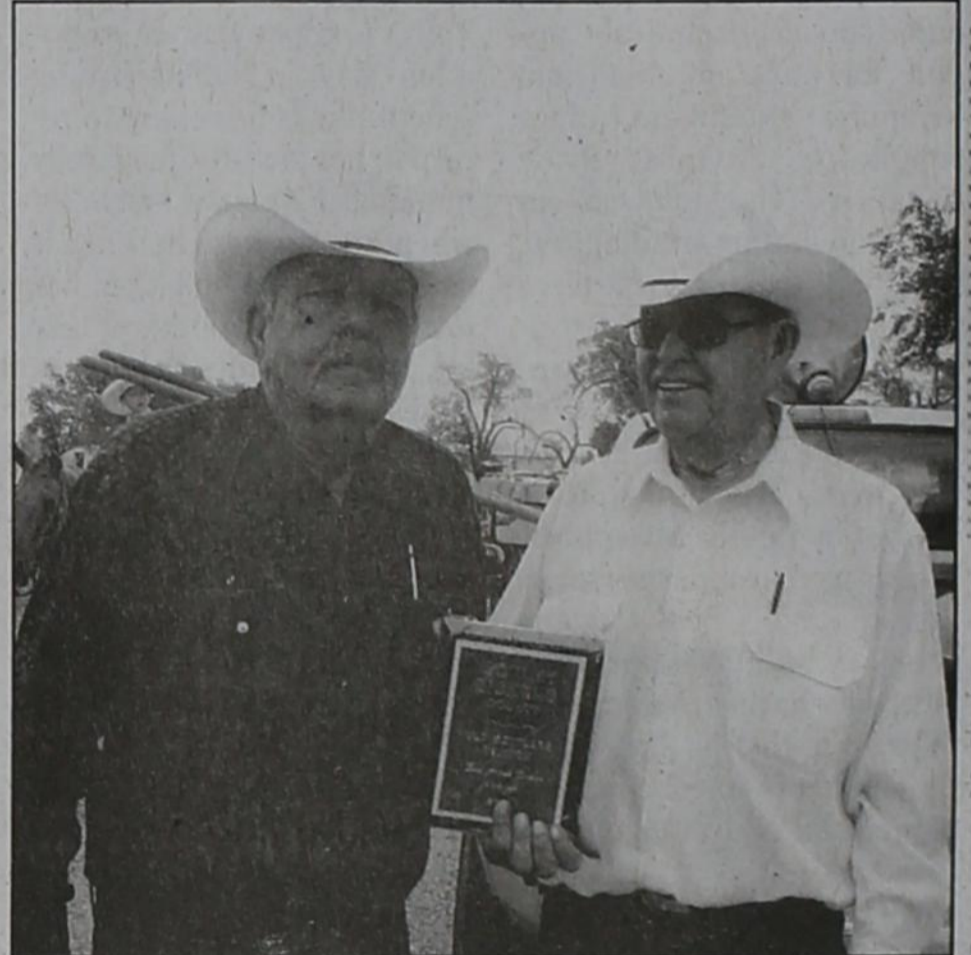
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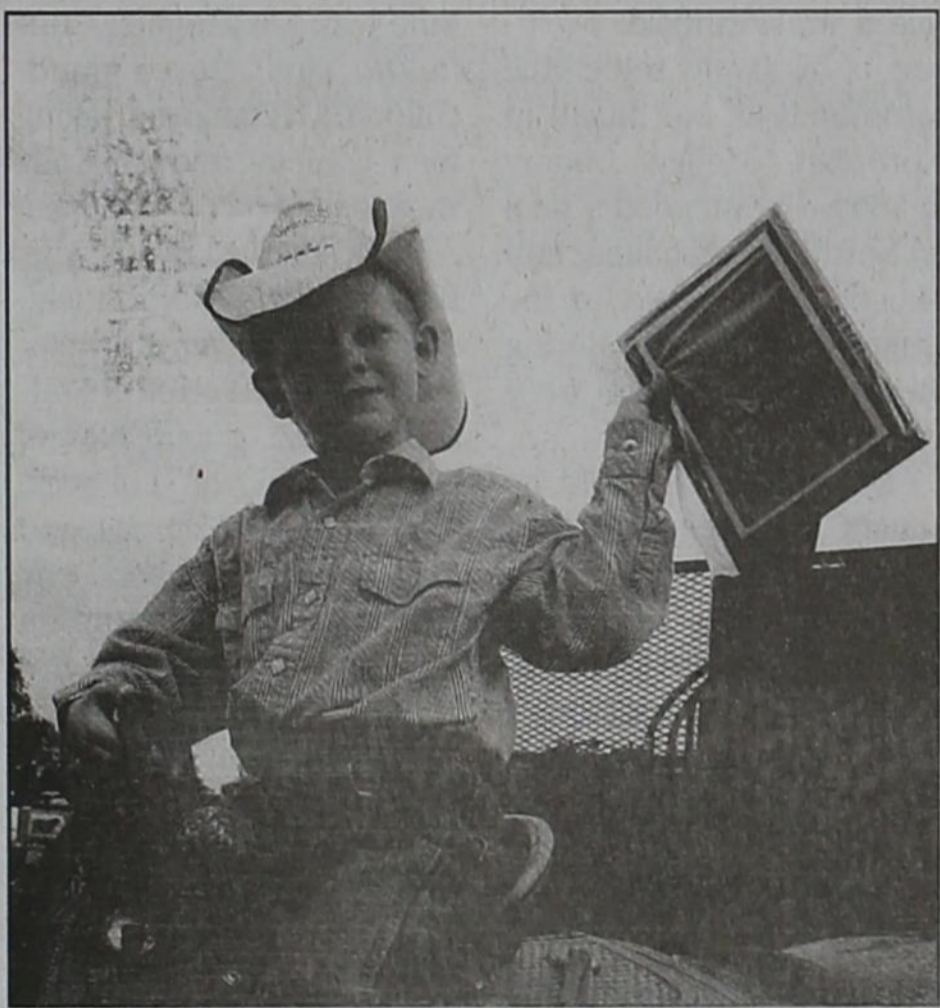
Best Old Time Cowboy - Benny Maben, Spur, TX.



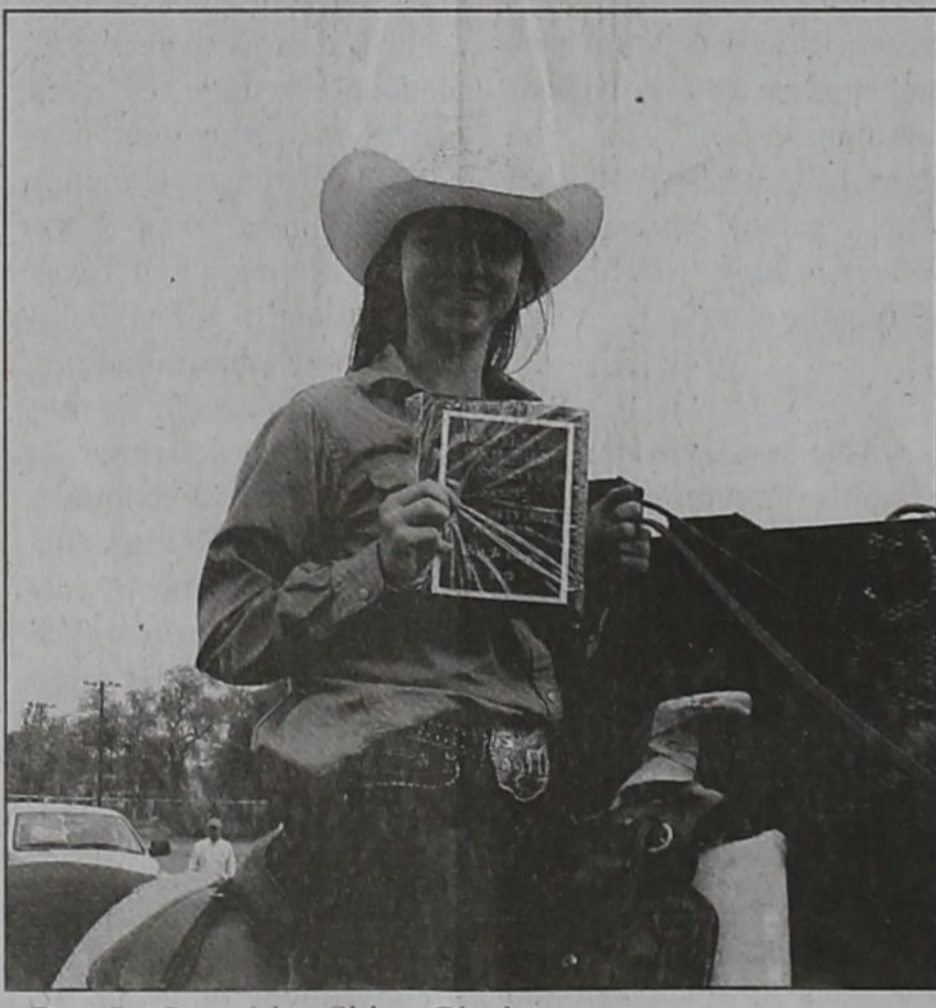
Best Old Time Cowgirl - Kathy Green, Spur, TX.



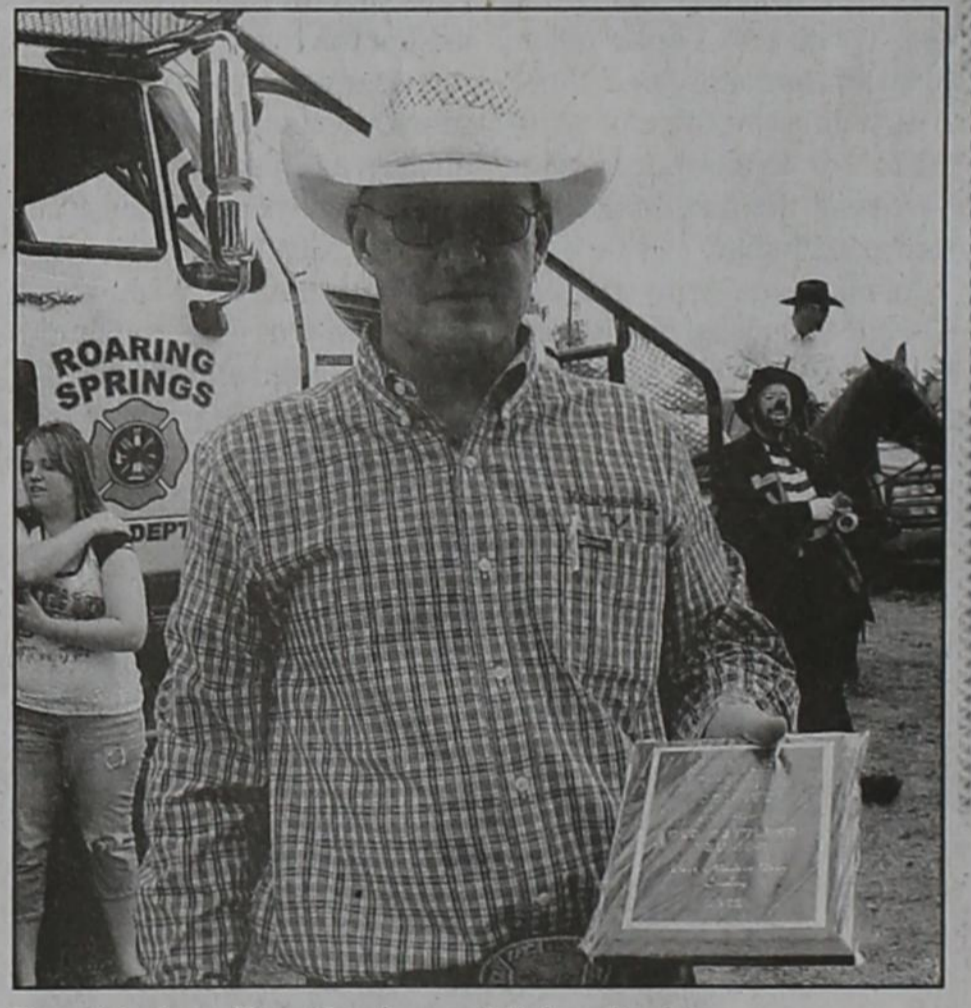
Best Horse Driven Carriage - Donnie Turner, pictured with Doc Edwards, Vice President of the Old-Settlers Association.



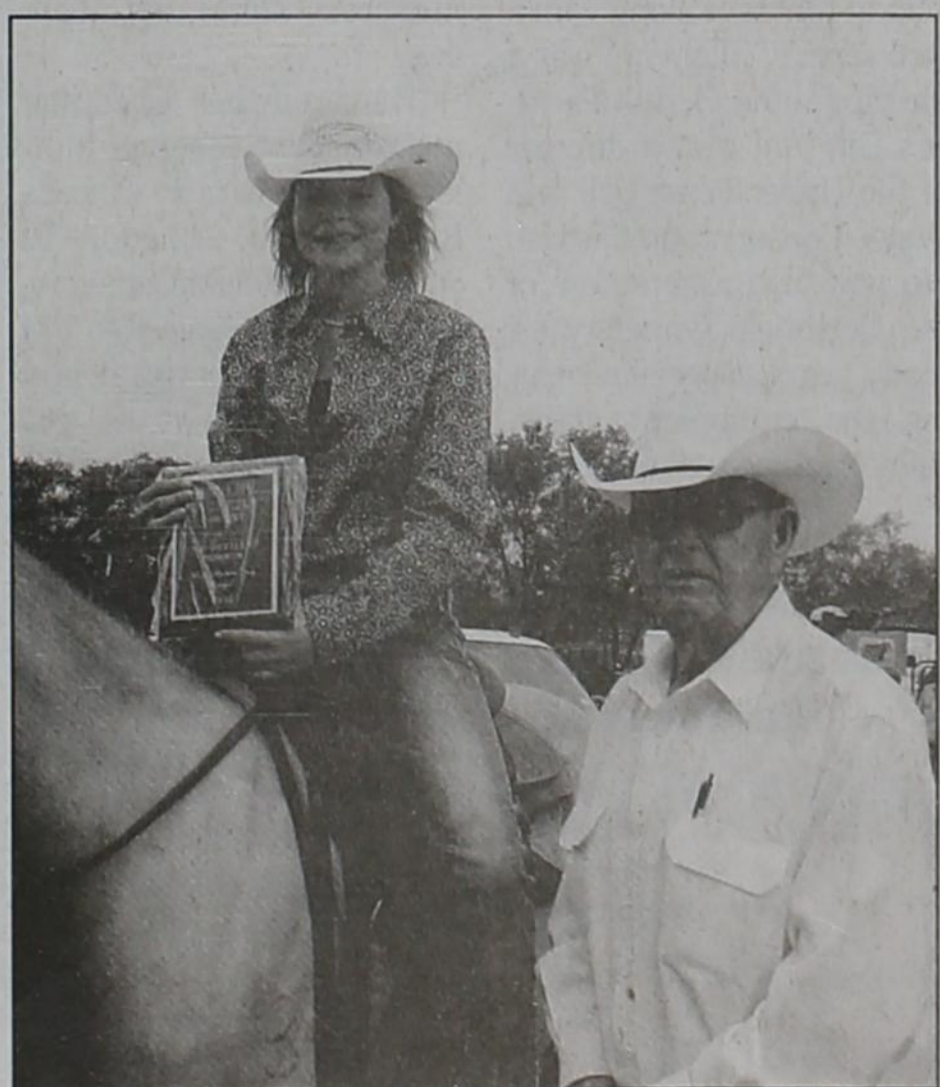
Best Jr. Cowboy - Justin McCleskey



Best Jr. Cowgirl - Chloe Gleghorn



Best Modern Day Cowboy - Mickey Beshirs



Best Modern Day Cowgirl - Cassidy Turner, pictured with Doc Edwards, VP of the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Association.



Best Antique Car award went to the David Stafford family. Pictured accepting the award was Cameron Stafford.

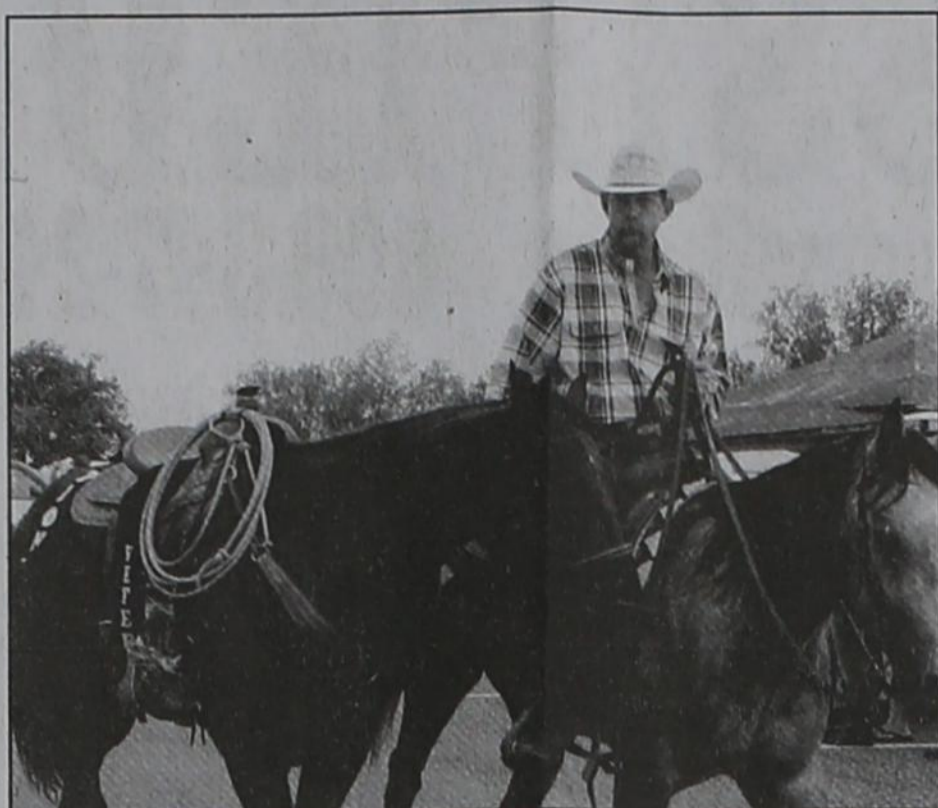


Ramirez, Best Bicycle Award.

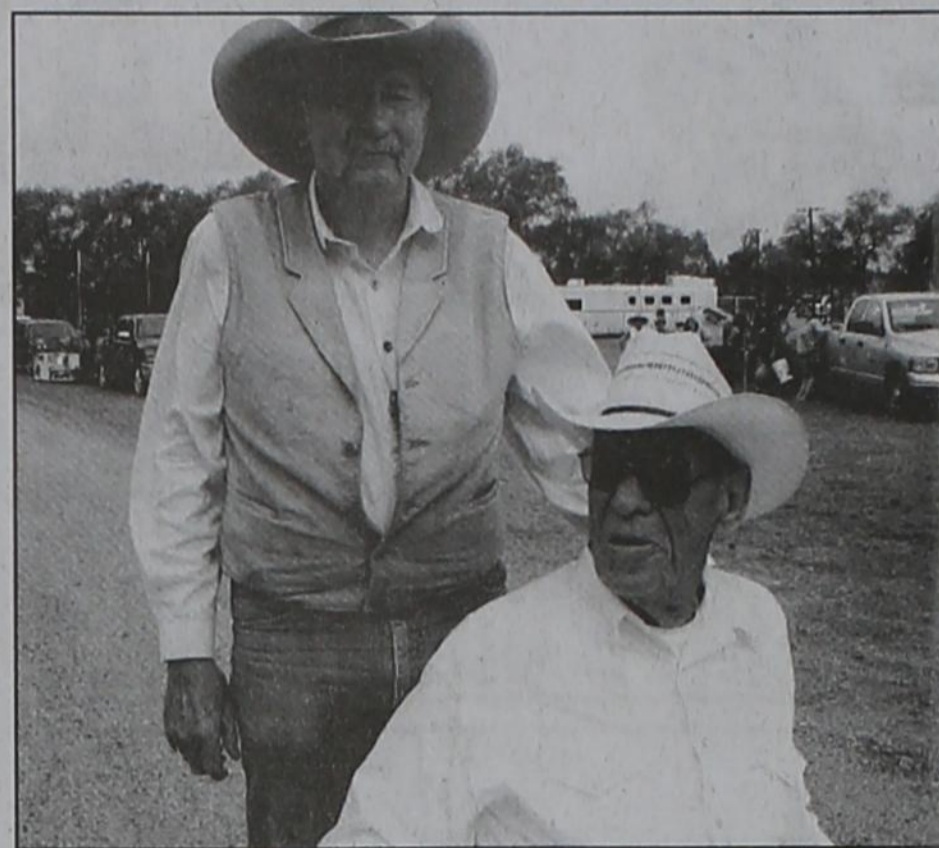
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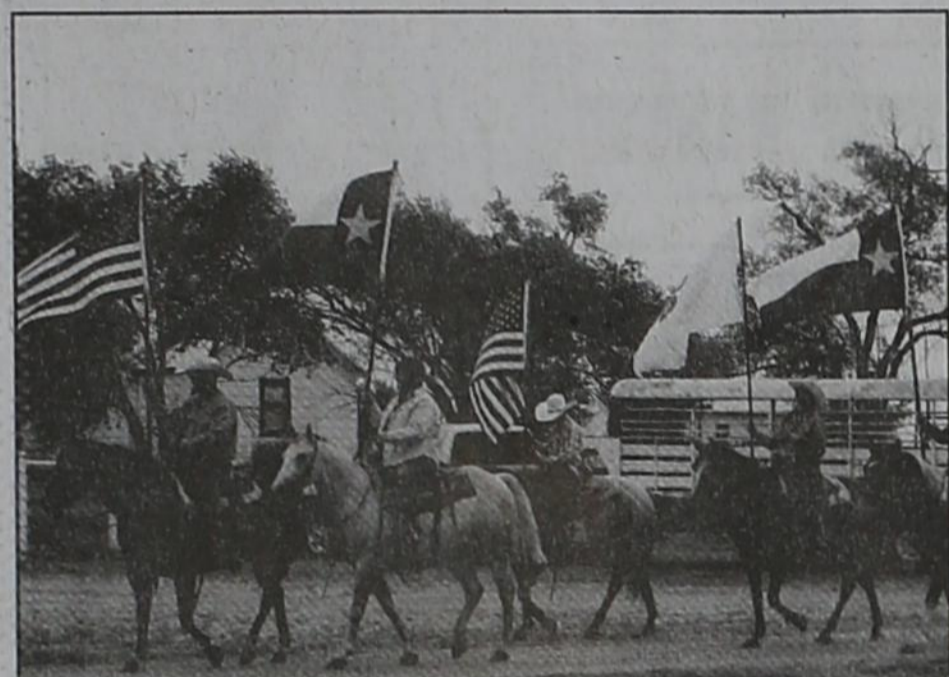
**We Ready**  
The Motley County Cheerleaders and Football team for 2012-13 joined the parade route with a message for sports fans in Motley County.



**Rider-less Horse**  
Leading the rider-less horse symbolizing the contribution of the pioneers and veterans of Motley and Dickens Counties, is Tom Stokes, president of the Old Settlers Association.



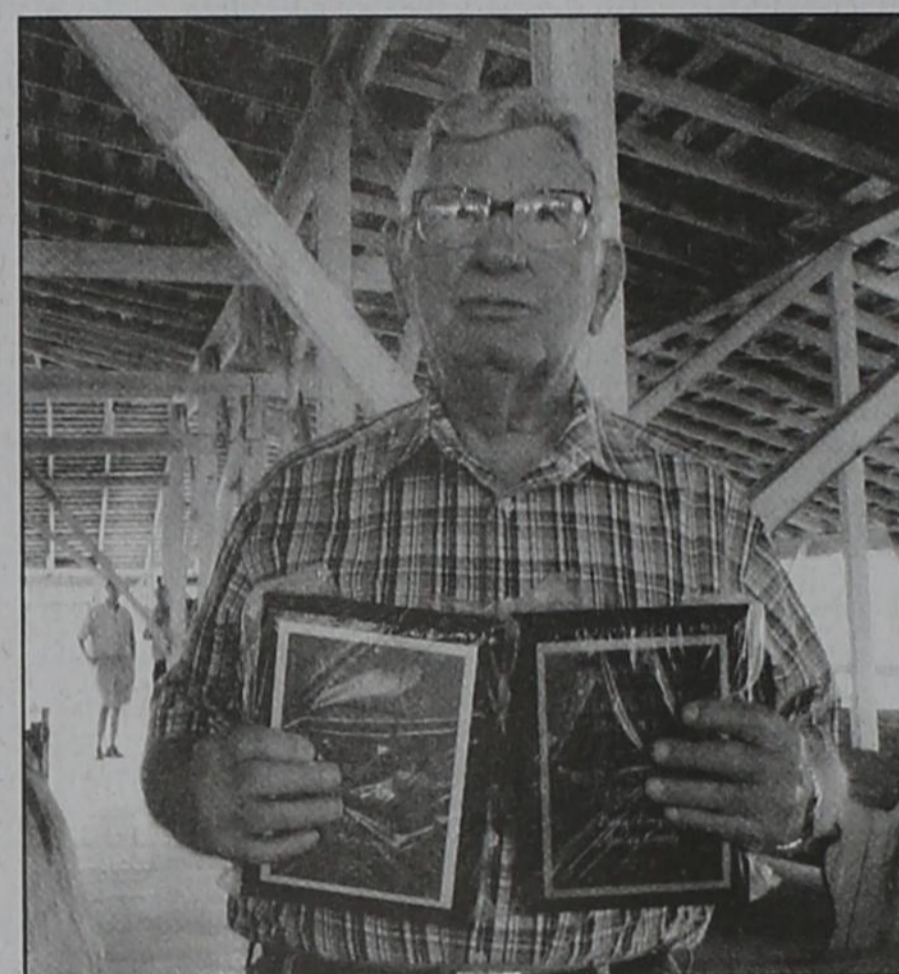
**Oldtime Cowboy**  
Oldtime Matador Cowboy Slim Durham from Oklahoma, attended the festivities accompanied by his friend Ron Dunn.



**Flag Bearers**  
Leading the parade with the American Flag, Tim Washington with Deana Washington, Texas Flag; followed by Brody Rankin, American Flag; and Carly Turner, Texas Flag; and Chloe Gleghorn carried the 4-H Flag.



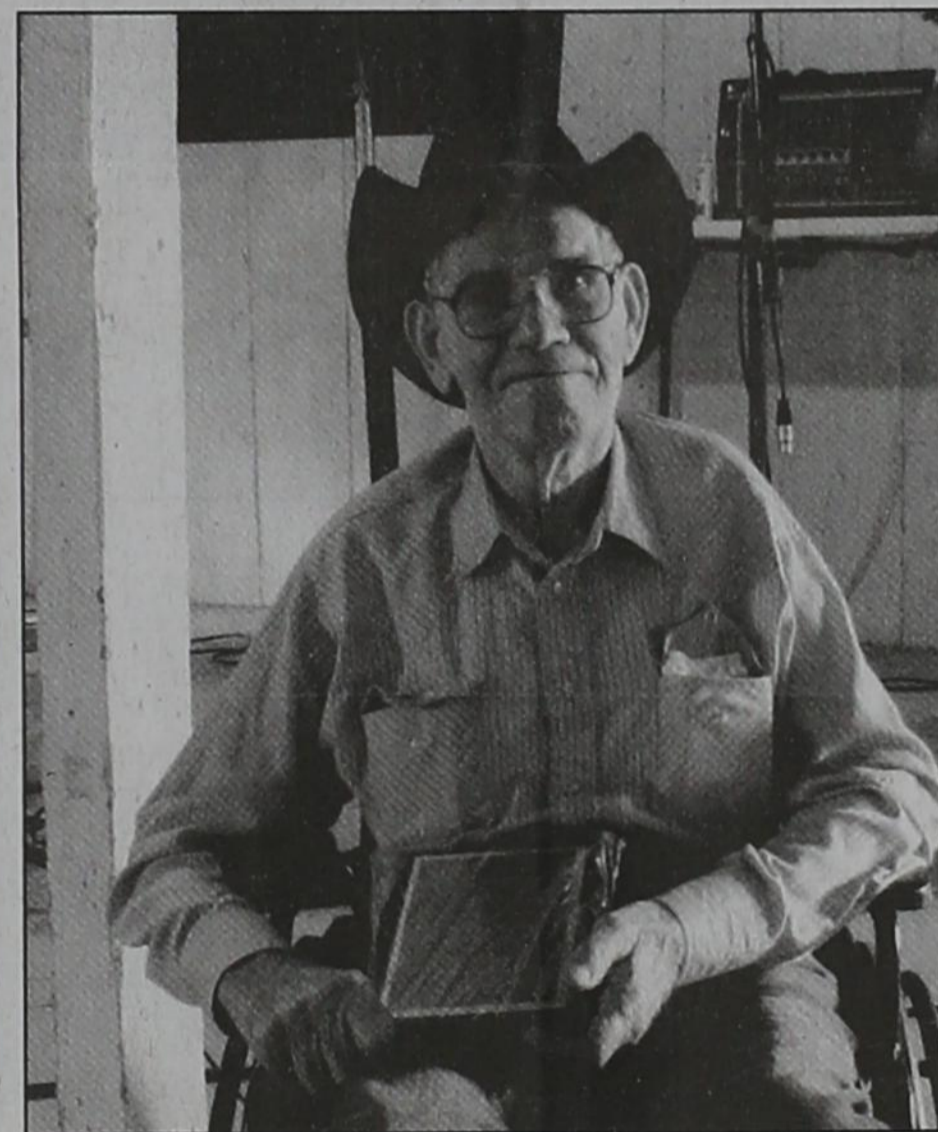
**Horse Parade**  
Making the rounds at the Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Parade were horses and riders from the surrounding area.



**Oldest Male, Motley County and Oldest Living Continuously in Motley County**  
Buzz Thacker, Roaring Spring



**Turtle Race**  
Winners, 0-4 Mattie Foster, 5-8 Jacelyn Perryman, 9-14 Nellie Bly Shannon, 40+ Don Baxter.



**Oldest Man Dickens County – Elmer Maben (100 years old next July)**



(L to R) Oldest Man in Motley County – Buzz Thacker. Oldest Living Continuously in Motley County – Buzz Thacker, Oldest Woman Dickens County – Linda Ozborn Oldest Man Dickens County – Elmer Maben (100 years old next July), Traveled the Farthest - 1,200 miles – Unknown, Oldest Living Continuously in Dickens County – “Snooks” Williams, Oldest Woman in Motley County – Geraldine Waybourn Key



**Congratulations**

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### August

- 27 MCISD First Day of School
- 31 MCISD Matadors vs Highland at Jayton, 6pm
- 31 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador

### September

- 1 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Matador, Methodist Church
- 3 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm
- 4 Matador Lions
- 6 Roaring Springs Lions
- 6 MCISD Mavericks vs Kress, 6:30
- 7 MCISD Matadors at Kress, 7:30 pm
- 7 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
- 10 Valerie Moody presentation, Library Annex, 10:00 am
- 10 Commissioners' Court Roaring Springs City Council
- 12 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
- 13 Matador City Council
- 13 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 13 MCISD Mavericks at Amherst, 5:00/6:30
- 14-16 Caprock Canyons State Park to Host Bison Celebration Days, Asleep at the Wheel Concert
- 14 MCISD Matadors vs Amherst, Home, 7:30
- 14 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
- 20 Matador Lions
- 20 MCISD Mavericks vs Paducah, 5:00/6:30
- 21 MCISD Matadors at Paducah, 7:30

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**House for Sale** in Roaring Springs. 2BR, 2 BA- Garage is setup now as a 3rd bedroom but could be easily used again as a garage. Great front porch with pecan trees providing nice shade. Carport and fenced area in the back. Call 817-319-9329 Remodeled in 2010 with new floor coverings, paint, bathrooms and kitchen counter top and sink. Some of the floors are the original wood floors. Please call 817-319-9329.

## HELP WANTED

**Part time Server/Cook** at Billie Deans Restaurant, in Matador Apply within ctf

## LOST

Lost in Matador, pierced earring, silver with green stone, please call Arlyce at 347-2335. ct35

### PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The City of Roaring Springs will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on September 10, 2012, at the City Hall (209 Broadway, Roaring Springs, TX 79256) regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture's CDBG Program. Citizens are encouraged to attend to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of CDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to the Mayor dress above. Persons with disabilities or others who may require auxiliary aids or services to participate in this hearing should contact the City Secretary at (806) 348-7231 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.

### Proposed Budget

The Motley County 2012-2013 Proposed budget has been filed in the County and District Clerk's Office for public inspection. Office hours are 9:00 am to noon and 1:00pm to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday and closed September 3, 2012 for Labor Day. ct36

### SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

THE MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 6:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 AT THE MOTLEY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUILDING AT 1212 MAIN ST. MATADOR, TEXAS TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2012. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS .11000 PER \$100 OF VALUE.

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD INCREASE TAXES IN MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BY 5.485%.

### SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

THE GATEWAY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 8:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 AT 109 WEST 11TH STREET, QUANAHA, TX. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2012. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS 0.010000 PER \$100 OF VALUE.

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD INCREASE TOTAL TAXES IN GATEWAY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY 9.10%.

### NOTICE

THE GATEWAY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013 BUDGET FOR THE DISTRICT ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 109 W. 11TH STREET, QUANAHA, TEXAS. THE HEARING WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. THE HEARING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL CONCLUDE FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET.

### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Transportation Equipment Operator Motley County Maintenance Section

Position will close on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

A completed State of Texas Application for Employment (Rev 09/2009) is required. Five year experience in roadway maintenance or heavy equipment operation required at time of application as well as Class A CDL with N endorsement. Interested applicants may call 940-937-7190 for complete application information. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than September 5, 2012.

Online application process may be submitted at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/careers>

An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply, may call 1-800-893-6848 or TTY 512/416-2977.

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### City of Roaring Springs Economic Development Part B Board of Directors Meeting August 22, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Corky Marshall. Present, in addition to Mr. Marshall, were Dana Graham, Alex Crowder and Suzanne Abbott.

Mr. Marshall explained that the ceiling of the Community Center is not insulated and that a thermometer placed near the ceiling showed 110 degrees. The City solicited bids for insulating the ceiling and one bid was received from Perry Gullledge for \$3,900. Part B has \$4,715.83 in the account.

Alex Crowder moved that insulating the ceiling be paid for from Part B funds. Dana Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Suzanne Abbott*  
Suzanne Abbott, Secretary

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