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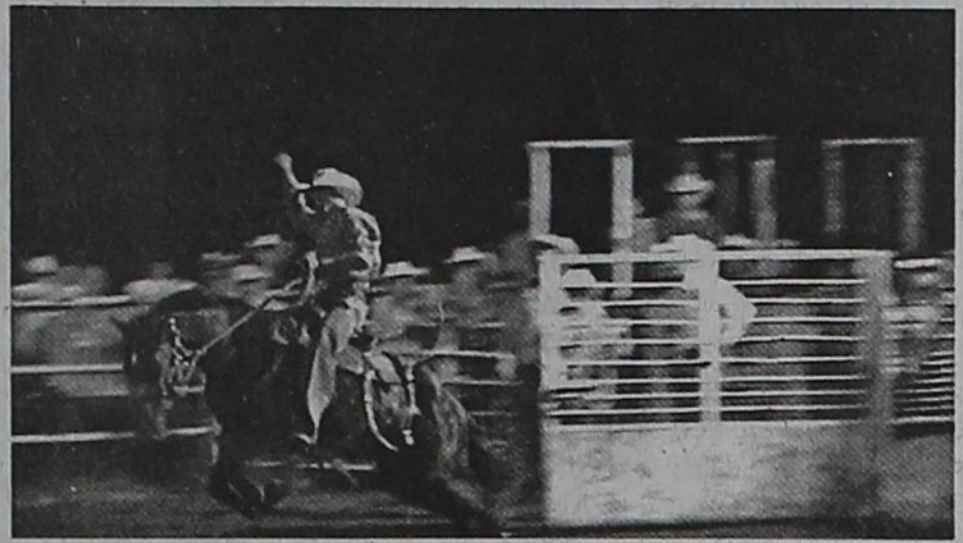
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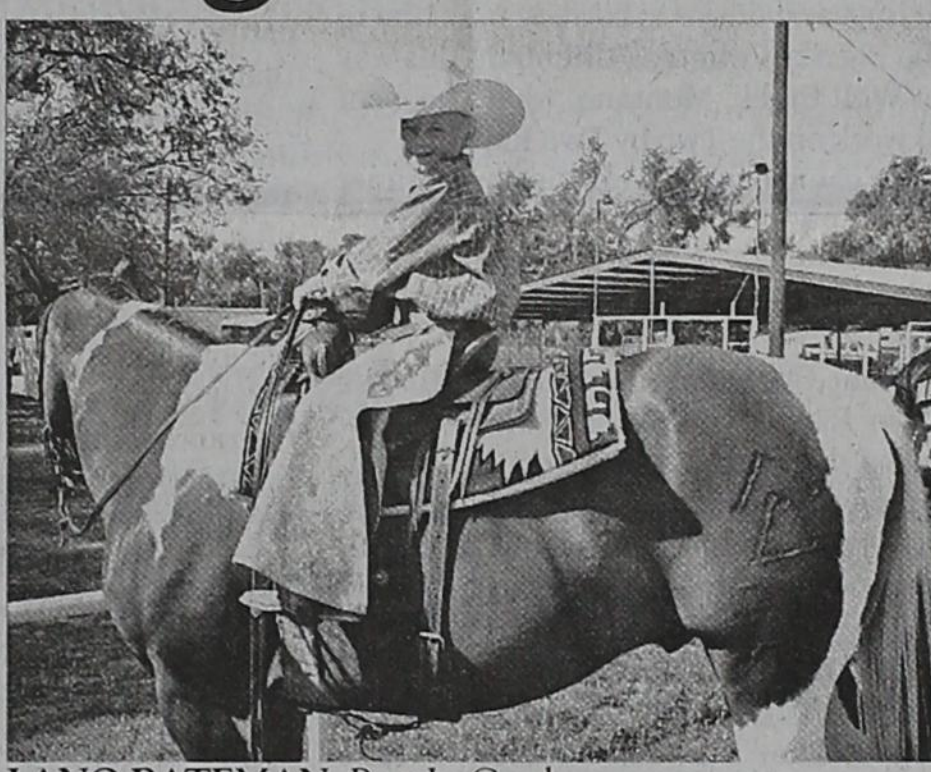
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Old Settlers huge success despite rain



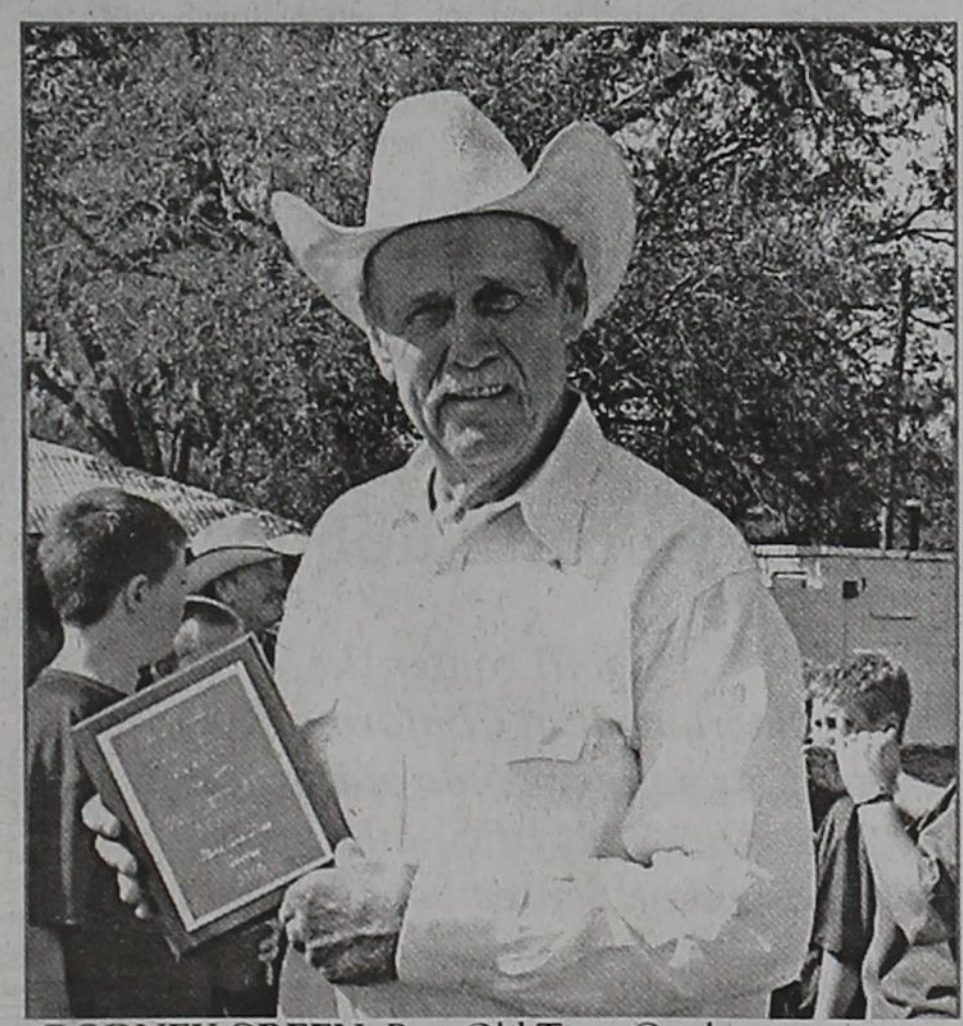
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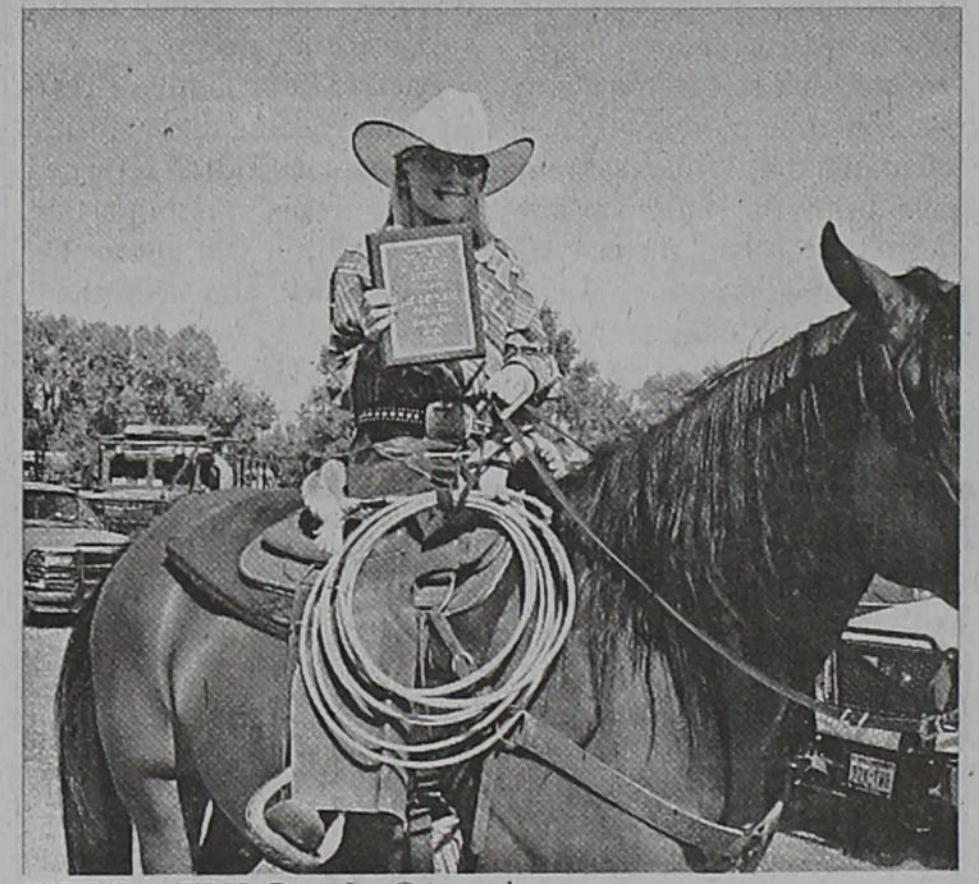
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RODNEY GREEN; Best Old Time Cowboy.



KENASAW STEVENS; Best Bicycle.



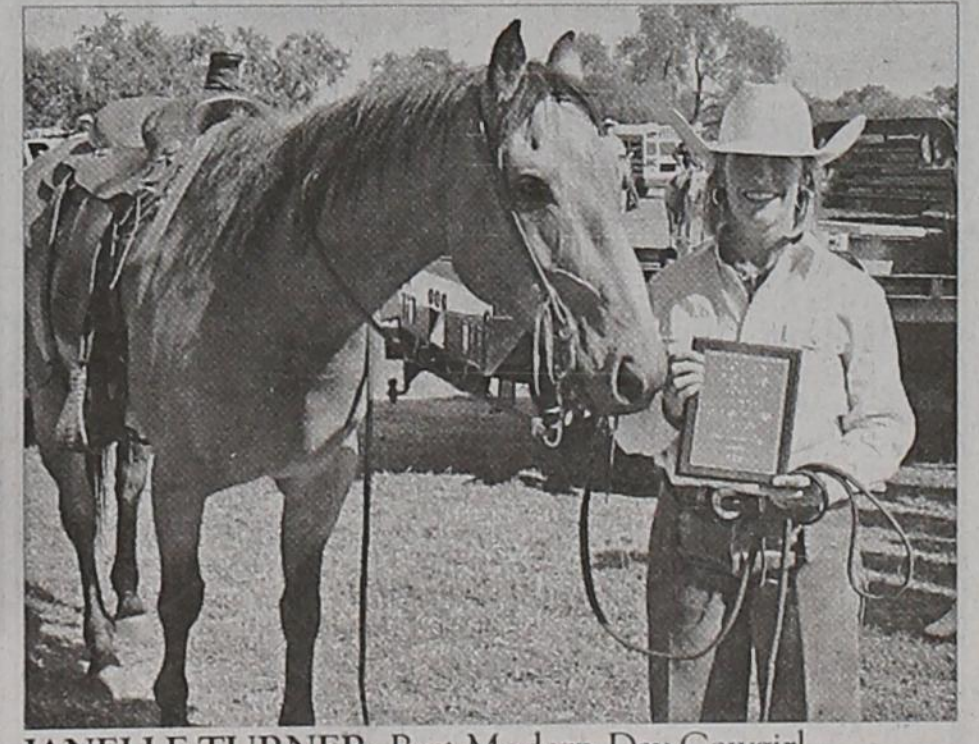
SIERRA FRY; Best Jr. Cowgirl.



JIM ROBERTS; Best Antique Car.



FULL GOSPEL CHURCH; Best Float: Participants were; Erin Braselton, Sean Braselton, Ciara Shaw, Lesa Keltz, Kaitlyn Keltz, Kenzie Keltz, Kevin Keltz, Kagen Keltz, Marcus Ortiz.



JANELLE TURNER; Best Modern Day Cowgirl.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Driving from Roaring Springs to Matador at dawn Thursday, there was a sense of good fortune as I stopped to make a photo of the windmill silhouetted against the clouds and coming sunrise. When the light makes a spectacular contrast between the sky and the object, in this case the windmill, one can feel fortunate, indeed.

After the flags were put out in Matador, the events of the Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo began with the parade. This being the first for me, I was impressed with the festive atmosphere and congeniality of the participants and spectators.

I especially enjoyed visiting with the cowboys at the Matador Ranch reunion on Saturday. When asked if the cowboys were going to fade away with the increased usage of ATVs and other machinery, Slim Durham thought there would always be cowboys and that horses were much more maneuverable than machines when working with cattle.

After watching the evening events on Saturday, I wholeheartedly agree. The speed, endurance, agility, and ability to change direction were exciting to watch. The team efforts in the sorting and roping, the tenacity of the bronc riders, every event showed the bond between horse and rider. Long live the cowboy!

By Laverne Zabielski

The Democratic Convention came to a close just as Old Settlers began. What a week. Mom attended the parade, the memorial service and lunch at the Hitchin' Post. Thursday night she stayed up late and listened to all the speeches, clapping every time she was inspired. She listened to every word. She may forget what she had for breakfast, but she hasn't forgotten her Democratic roots. In the Old Settlers Edition last week she immediately recognized her parents, Stella and Tom Til-

son. It was definitely a plus that my dad was a Democrat when Mom decided to marry him. It softened the fact that he was a northerner and a Catholic. I hear lots of stories about how he would debate politics. I am my father's daughter. However, instead of participating in debates I publish them. The next eight weeks are going to be an exciting time for America. Motley County has considerable diversity. I look forward to rich debate in the Tribune's Opinion Editorials.

Letter to the Editor

Sebastopol, California

Dear Laverne,

I read your grandmother's autobiography on page 2 of the August 28th Tribune, and was taken with the vivacious young girl's story, her photo as well, looking flirtatiously at the camera. I noted that she was born in 1897, and figured that this woman is probably not still alive at 111 yrs. I looked for some explanatory note, found nothing until I turned to page 8 and found the William R. Tilson autobiography, and his connection with you and your mother; then, I calculated that William would have been the father-in-law of Stella (too bad she left off in 1915; obviously there was a good bit more to her story).

By contrast, William's story is rather epic (shades of "Lone-

some Dove"). You are fortunate that your ancestors took the time to write; their stories make it seem natural that you are so "into" writing, and working with others, bringing them along to find their own voice. I have only one such family manuscript that I transcribed, from my mother's older sister. There are many old newspaper clippings, even a ballad allegedly sung by my great-grandfather. I need to put them together, but they'll be in my voice. Better that, I suppose, than no voice at all.

Back to your family, I realize after reading these stories, how you have indeed returned to your roots. I hope that your children will appreciate these stories, and keep them for theirs.

Job well done,
Eloise Van Tassell

WRITING COMMUNITY

Matador Cowboy "still remembers"

By Carol Campbell

Former Matador Ranch cowhand Johnny Davenport did it the "cowboy way" for 28 years, before he hung up his spurs and stored his saddle.

Davenport and about 15 other cowboys attended the annual Matador Cowboy Reunion during the Motley and Dickens 85th annual Old Settlers Reunion. They met at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteer Center Saturday, August 30, to share "pitchin' horse stories;" and they stayed until "no one could think of another story," County Judge Ed D. Smith, Director, said.

Johnny Davenport's story is just one of the exceptional cowboy stories that he documented in his own published work, *The Last Matador Wagon*. Except for a short sojourn of "eight or nine years" at the Diamond A Ranch in the southwest corner of New Mexico, Davenport drifted and worked for ranches all over the western half of the U.S., never staying in one place for more than a few weeks or months at a time.

Johnny was born November 23, 1937, in Guilford County, North Carolina. He was one of 13 children: "two died in infancy, 11 were raised, and nine are still alive," he said. His parents owned and operated a dairy farm, and according to Johnny, dairy farming is "like being in prison." He ran away from home as a teenager, "came back" and left for good again when he was 19-years-old. "All my life I was headed west," he said.

He "thumbed" all over the U.S., and finally landed a 30-day job in Happy, Texas, in the summer of 1956; then traveled to Dimmitt where he laid steel in grain elevators. But by fall of '56, Johnny's wanderlust and desire to cowboy took him to the Big Sky Country, "thumbing" his way to Wolf Creek, Montana, where he went to work on the Two by Two Ranch.

He came back to Texas in the summer of '57 and went to work for the JA Ranch in Clarendon. "Clarendon was sorta my home away from home back then," he said.

From Clarendon, he came to Tongue River Ranch. The Tongue River is now called the South Pease River. Back then, Johnny explained, "there was a North Pease and a Middle Pease, but the South Pease was on the map as Tongue River." That's when he met "Bull" Durham.

"He could tell more lies than Slim could," Johnny said with a smile, referring to Slim Durham, another old-time Matador cowboy attending the reunion. Bull had a saddle shop, and he also had a brother "Slim" who was running a ranch in Montana. So in the spring of '58, Johnny headed to the Beaver Head Ranch in Montana, owned by the Koch Industries and the Rock Island Oil and Refinery. "They didn't call the ranch the Matadors until a few years later," Johnny said. Slim had already left by the time Johnny made it to Montana, and that was his first encounter with Jim Cross, who was operating the ranch at the time.

He then went "over the mountains to Idaho, and landed in Bend, Oregon," he said. He was in a remote area, far from civilization, and he got ready to move on. "One day there was a semi-truck came to the ranch office, and I hitched a ride back to the highway (about 50 miles); didn't even wait for my wages," he said. He was "thumbing for Idaho." That's the cowboy way, he said. He flagged a Greyhound bus and landed in Tucumcari where he only had enough money to put his bed and saddle on the bus to Clarendon, then he hitch-hiked back to Clarendon.

It was 1958, early summer, and ranch work was over with, Johnny said. He made his way to the Matador's, and asked Superintendent Johnnie Stevens for a job with the Matador Ranch. "I was really gettin' broke by then," he said. "Johnnie had his crew and wasn't hiring, so I hitched a ride to Amarillo, and got a job as a horse trader for a riding stable, but I had Matador Ranch in my mind. I was always looking for bucking horses and wild

the Matadors and went to work again for Jim Cross. That is when he met Jean Perkins, and married August 12, 1960. Jean was raised in Turkey, Texas. They had two boys, Billy, now deceased, and John Wesley, who lives in Louisville, Ky.

He moved his new bride to Russellville Camp, eight miles east of Roaring Springs, where they spent their first winter. Then, "I got itchy feet again," and he and Jean headed to the U-M Ranch in Wyoming where they stayed from the spring of '61 to the spring of '62.

"Then we went to the Padlock Ranch, east of Hardin, Montana, close to Custer's Battle Field." He remembers riding on the battle field: "They have markers in the valley where the soldiers fell, one by one." In your minds eye, you could see the battle, he said.

By the fall of '62, Johnny and Jean were back in Texas. He went to work for the Mill Iron's Ranch, east of Turkey, Texas. When that ranch sold, he went to the "T-Bar Tippet in Tell, Texas," he laughed. "That sorta sounds like a lie, but that was the name of that ranch."

He spent the summer there, then went to Oklahoma where he decided he wanted to train cutting horses; and finally got into training race horses. But the "bucking horses" and "wild cattle" were calling him home. He went to work for the Waggoner Ranch in Vernon; the Slaughter Ranch in Post; and

in February '68, he went to work for the Double-O Ranch, south of Sleigman, Arizona. In the fall of '69, he went to work for the Diamond A Ranch in the southwest corner of New Mexico, and finally, this cowboy "hung here," he said.

By then, both boys were in school, and Jean started cooking for the headquarters. He stayed "put" for nine years, he said. "We ran 9,000 head of mother cows; 10 head per section," he said. "It takes a lot of land to run 9,000 cows."

Even raising a family didn't keep this cowboy from "doing his thing" -- that is, seeking bucking horses and wild cattle. He left the Diamond A in 1978, and headed to Nevada. He had never been to Nevada, he said, and "I finally got a job on the Idaho line on the Y-O Ranch;" and from there to Battle Mountain, Nevada, to work for the 25-Ranch. "I stayed there three years, running a wagon," he said. "I was the wagon boss and foreman over the other cowboys."

In 1980, he transferred to a small outfit as foreman, but "ranches were getting more and more out of touch with the cowboy," he said. "They wanted college educated cowboys," he said. "We used to

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JOHNNY DAVENPORT with his wife, Jean Perkins. They married August 12, 1960.

cattle," he said, explaining, "its a cowboy thang."

Ranch bosses have an unwritten rule, Johnny said. "If you have a job, they won't hire you." Johnny figured this out after asking the Matador Ranch boss for a job, three different times. "Every time he would ask me about my little riding stable job, and I would tell him I was holding on to the job, but wanted to work for the ranch." Finally, "I lied and told him I quit that morning, and he said for me to come on down."

He was hired by the Matadors in October, 1958, but left and went to work for the Four Sixes in King County in February, 1959; then back to Montana to work for Jim Cross who was managing holdings for the Matadors.

Then John Scott, San Angelo, had 4,000 head of cows he had bought from the Matadors and he had to haul them back to Montana. "I heard John had good bucking horses, so off I went." He amatured in rodeos for a year during this time, and finally landed on the U-M Ranch in Sheridan, Wyoming.

"I was on a ranch between Sheridan and Buffalo, Wyoming, on the east side of the Big Horn Mountains." Johnny "summered" in Big Horn, then came back to

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AND THE OLD SETTLERS WINNERS ARE...

The 85th Annual Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo was held August 28-30, 2008, at the Rodeo Arena in Roaring Springs.

On Thursday, August 28, Arena Events results were: Cutting: Judd Bennett, 1st; Rodney Green, 2nd; and Brad Baxter, 3rd.

Open Age Barrel Race winners were: Brody Rankin, 1st; Hara Hurt, 2nd; and Sierra Fry, 3rd.

Junior Team Roping winners were: Cole Clark and Brody Rankin, 1st; Cole Clark and Tee Bateman, 2nd.

Motley-Dickens Counties Team Roping winners were: Cody Taylor and Ryan Rankin; Tye Maben and Tutt Garnett, 2nd; Marty Daniel and Tot Garnett, 3rd; and Cole Clark and Ross Graham, 4th.

On Friday, August 29, the RHAA Ranch Horse Competition Cowboy Class winners were: Dustin Self, 1st; Buddy

Thomas, 2nd; Colton Daniel, 3rd; Bob Jones, 4th; Gilbert Guerrero, 5th. The Ranch Hand Class winners were: Michael Seaton, 1st; and Bob Jones, 2nd. The Junior Class winners were: Heath Owenbey, 1st; and Tim Washington, 2nd. The Senior Class winners were: Monte Hollar, 1st; Colton Daniel, 2nd. The Youth Class winners were Zinne Lindsey, 1st.

On Saturday, August 30, the Double Mugging winners were: Frank Wright and Jay Hurt, 1st; Cody Aaron and Reese Clark, 2nd; and Cody Aaron and Jeff Flowers, 3rd.

The WRCA Sanctioned Invitational Ranch Rodeo competition included bronc riding, wild cow milking, team doctoring, calf branding, and team sorting. Teams consisted of 4-6 members. J.B. Miller won the Top Horse category from Bradley J3 Ranch; Top Hand winner was Kenny Chambers of Masterson JY

Ranch. Winning the competition was Meyers-Mimms Cattle Company; followed by Lemoore Cattle Company, 2nd; Sandhill Cattle Company, 3rd; and Schneemann Ranch, 4th.

During Saturday Night's Ranch Rodeo events, the crowning of the Rodeo Queen and a drawing for spurs, hand-made by Matt Humphreys was held. Winning Rodeo Queen was Jordan Garvin; 1st Runner-up was Jaci Zingerman.

The Open Flag Race was moved from Thursday to Saturday night, with Brody Rankin winning 1st Place in the 12 and under race. In addition, Bronc Riding honors went to Tyler Rice, Sandhill Ranch, Earth, TX; Sorting honors went to Circle Bar Ranch, Truscott, TX; Doctoring, Sandhill Ranch; Branding, honors went to Bradley J3 Ranch, Electra, TX; and the Milking category was won by Sandhill Ranch.

The Washer Pitch Contest on Saturday was won by Steve Nail and Kevin Popelwell;

Matt Abram and Coy McKay, 2nd; and Shane Taylor and Conway Clary, 3rd.

At the Saturday Night Dance, Tom and Sherry Cheney won the 55-years and under category; and Terry and Brenda Hill won the 55-years and over.

The Turtle Race Winners for Old Settler's 2008 were: Cortny Taylor from Spur in the Under 4, Hanna Alexander of Lubbock in the 10 - 14 age group, Mike Ragland from Acuff in the Over 50 age group, and Brody Rankin from Roaring Springs in the 5 - 9 age group.

WINNERS OF PARADE

Best Float: Full Gospel Church; Best Bicycle: Kenasaw Stevens; Best Antique Car: Jim Roberts; Best Tractor: Matador Motor Implementation, David Boward; Best Old Time Cowgirl: Donna Kennedy; Best Old Time Cowboy: Rodney Green; Best Modern Day Cowgirl: Janelle Turner; Best Modern Day Cowboy: Ryan Rankin; Best Jr. Cowgirl: Sierra Fry; and Best Jr. Cowboy: Lano Bateman.

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Matador Cowboy "still remembers"

say they were educated beyond their means." By 1984, Johnny Davenport had hung up his spurs, leaving his "cowboying" days behind him.

"Except for five years in the mid-1960s, when I trained cutting horses, I punched cows all my adult life, 'til 1984," he said. "That is when I left the 25 Ranch and moved back to Texas for good. I've been shoeing horses ever since." He moved to Brownfield then Post and started his own Ferrer business. "I'm still shoeing horses, in fact, I shod four head Monday; went to my aunt's funeral in Paducah; shod four horses Wednesday; and came back to the Cowboy Reunion on Thursday," he said. Johnny likes the solitude of Ferrer business: "I'm a loner, I like to work with my hands, and I wanted the solitude of it."

Johnny worked on about 20 ranches spanning a 28-year career. He broke his collarbone two times, and his left ankle three times; and then there was the time his horse took a nose-dive off of an 18-foot bluff. That's a story for the books; and speaking of books, Johnny has published four-3-ring binder books called The Last Matador Wagon.

During his ranching career, Johnny and cowboy Bob Walters took hundreds of pictures, he said. "I kept getting out my Matador Ranch pictures, stored in a big box, looking at them and finally decided in 2000, 'I got a good story here.'" His pictorial history of the Last Matador Wagon spans his lengthy career, creating a living memory of the last days of the "old-time" cowboy. He saw a lot of changes in his career - from grass rope to nylons, to haul-

ing horses rather than riding them, from camping on the open ranges and eating from a chuck wagon to bunk houses with heat. He captured it all in his book, written in a meticulous hand (not a fancy computer) explaining the history of the Matador cowboy. He only made four copies, and one of the copies resides in the Motley County Museum. It is well worth a read.

Johnny Davenport is still doing it the cowboy way, and just when you think you have come to the end of the story, there is more. In 2003, he was inducted into the Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame. Yep, that's right; he won the World Horseshoe Tournament in Ardmore, Oklahoma, last year. And he will be competing in the state tournament in Waco, Texas, the first weekend in October to defend his state title. For the uninitiated, Johnny claims he averages 61 percent ringers out of 100 shoes, scoring the highest average in the state in the three top tournaments for 12 months. "In the mid-1990s I designed a pitching shoe that is currently used in tournament competition all over the U.S and Canada," he said. This shoe was patented.

The Avalanche-Journal published a story in April, 1959, about the "Last Roundup at Matador Ranch." It reads in part: "The branding fires have gone out and the big range is empty, but the Matador will never die so long as these men and others can remember." (Jerry Hall, A-J Staff writer). "I still remember," Johnny said, and those memories are shared every year at the Old Settlers Cowboy Reunion in Roaring Springs.



MEMORIAL SERVICE: Oldest man, Dickens County, Elmer Maben, 95; Oldest Man, Motley Bill Hand, 84; Came the Farthest, Gene Brannon, 468 miles; Lived the longest continuously in Dickens County Helen Arrington; Oldest woman, Dickens County, Bernice Rutledge; Oldest Woman, Motley Margie Payne, 85; Lived the longest continuously in Motley county E.G. Reed, not pictured.

2008 OLD SETTLERS QUEEN JORDAN GAVINS, DICKENS COUNTY



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The Bible set for two things—the cross and the throne. The Old Testament points toward the cross. The Gospels tell the story of the cross. The Epistles point toward the throne. The Book of Revelation tells the story of the throne.

The Old Testaments tells us what sin leads to and ends with: "Lest I come and smile the earth with a curse." (Mal. 4:6). The New Testament shows the way out of sin and ends like this: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." (Rev. 22:21).

From the flyleaf of Dwight L. Moody's Bible

Michael G. C. Crowley, Sr.

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Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m.

CASA /GAL of the South Plains in need volunteers

CASA /GAL of the South Plains is in desperate need of volunteers. CASA/GAL is the acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardian ad Litem, a national organization that advocates for children who have found themselves involved in the court system through no fault of their own. These are children who have been the victims of abuse or neglect and are usually in foster care. Last year the south plains had approximately 900 cases with CASA able to serve only 502 of the 703 who needed a CASA. As a CASA volunteer you are their voice in court and are instrumental in finding a safe permanent home. The volunteer tells the court what the child wants and recommends what is in the child's best interest. It is important work that requires the commitment of time, energy and compassion. It should be noted that this is not a foster care or Big Brother, Big Sister function, but more of an investigative and support service.

To be considered as a CASA you must first pass an interview, a police background check and attend training in either Lubbock or Plainview, Texas. The training is to develop volunteers who are competent, autonomous and able to exercise good judgment. Most of the training is done in the evenings and volunteers will be instructed in the law and Child Protective Services (CPS), cultural awareness, family dynamics, understanding children, investigation techniques and reporting the findings.

The investigations are designed to be an objective, systematic examination of the child's situation, including relevant history, environment, relationships and needs of the child. This is accomplished by talking to the child, their parents and foster parents, teachers and anyone else that is involved in their life. It should be noted that volunteers work for a District Judge and are consequently given a court order that allows the various entities that you contact permission to give out otherwise confidential information. This information is to be kept confidential and shared only on a need to know basis.

After assessing the child's needs the volunteer will contact resources and services for the child and facilitate a collaborative relationship between all parties involved in the case, to help create a situation in which the child's needs are met. Many of the kids have a multitude of problems and may be in need of medical care, medication, special education and counseling. CASA's role is to ensure that CPS and schools are aware of these problems and follow through with the needed services.

According to CASA volunteers, Pat and C.W. Moore, of Matador, this is challenging but very rewarding work and highly recommended. If you are interested in learning more about being a CASA, you may contact C.W. and Pat at 347 2999 or Peggy Espinoza, the training coordinator, in Lubbock at (806) 763 2272. Every child deserves a CASA.

Matadors succumb to Kress, 46-12



ERIC SIMPSON, MC Matador carries the ball.

Senior Citizen Menu

Thurs. Sept. 4
Beef Stroganoff, Beets, Wheat Bread, Lemon Pudding

Friday, Sept. 5
Chicken strips, cream gravy, black eyed peas, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, banana pudding.

Monday, Sept. 8
Smothered pork chops, augra-

tin potatoes, carrots and peas, broccoli cauliflower salad, biscuits, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Sept. 9
chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, rolls, cake.

Wednesday, Sept. 10
Taco Salad, corn, peaches, cookie

Motley County Tribune Remodeling Sale
We have lots of new and used stuff to sell so we're having a garage/yard sale at the Tribune Office Thurs., Fri. and Sat.
Sept. 11-13 9-6pm
Enjoy Homecoming Happy Hour 4-6pm
Also check out
Laverne's Truly Wearable Art

Come and Go
90th birthday party
for Dan Barton
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September 12, 13, and 14
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We hope to see you there!
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Cowboy Campmeeting Old Settlers Grounds Roaring Springs, Texas September 11, 12, 13

A Cowboy and Family Camp Meeting
Experience for all ages with Christ at the Center

Two Full Days of Gospel Music
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Chuckbox Supper, 6 p.m. Thursday, September 11
Words from God immediately following.

Three meetings each day thereafter.

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Camp Preachers: Johnny Morris, Afton

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Many changes take place in a seemingly short time. Lately, Pearl Patten has moved into the former home of Robena Duncan King; Billy Ray and Mary Lou Martin have moved into Pearl's former home and our new Postmistress, Roxanne Reagan and her husband will be moving into the Dye house where Billy Ray and Mary Lou lived.

Houses have interesting histories. Unless you live in a brand new house there are many things that have happened in the house you live in that you may not know. Sometimes I think houses give off vibes of the preceding residents.

The house we live in was built in 1928 by the local merchant, George Gabriel. As far as I know there have only been four owners: the Gabriels, the Les Smiths, the Grady Webbs and us. There are things we haven't figured out about the house. There is a cement lined area under the bathroom window that we presumed was the way to get under the house to the bathroom plumbing but it wasn't. We still haven't figured what part it could have played in the early years.

We believe that the fireplace burned coal since it is so shallow, but that would have been an unhandy place for a coal bin. Also for some reason a cement walkway against the house foundation goes around the original house.

The imagined history and its owners of anything old appeals to me and maybe that is the main appeal of any antique.

Good neighbors, Delmar Fairly, Don and Lu Largent; Gary and Lisa Simpson, Kelly Keltz, Dean and Sherry Osborn and Tim Brooks came and moved Billy Ray and Mary Lou Martin on Saturday, August 24th. Patrick Harvey also helped. Venus Fairly prepared a delicious brisket lunch with all the trimmings and served the workers in the Fairley's back yard.

Many out of towners were here for the 85th Old Settler's Reunion. It was fun visiting and attending some of the events. Some that I saw in town were; Joe Thacker and daughter Emmalee of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brooks of Spicewood, TX; Jeri Nell Warren Poff and her daughter, Jessica of Dallas;

Dwight Clower; Pearl Patten's daughter and son-in-law, Arnold and Linda Parker of Boyd, TX; her son, Buddy Allen of Pampa; Devonne Dillard's nephew and his wife; Jo and Baru Spiller of Wingate; Jared and Kandi Johnson of Lubbock and Gene Brannon of Smiley, TX.

Gene Brannon, former resident of Roaring Springs won the Cow Patty Bingo sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers.

Beanie D. Dillard reported that his brother Bill Dillard is improving at his home in Oklahoma City and he talks with him often on the phone.

Dana Graham returned home Sunday from visiting in San Antonio with her son Jerod Rieger at Lackland Air Force Base. Jerod finished his preparation for deployment to Afghanistan and had some time before being leaving San Antonio to visit with his mother. He will return to Germany for a short while before going to Afghanistan. Dana spent the night with Becky Nichols on Saturday night in Austin on her way home.

On Friday evening, a water main was broken and part of Roaring Springs was without water for a couple of hours. Thankfully Robert Osborn was able to repair the leak quickly and efficiently. Robert does a good job keeping Roaring Springs running smoothly. Thank You, Robert!

Kevin Keltz was honored with a surprise 30th birthday party hosted by his wife Lesa Keltz on Saturday evening at the Full Gospel Church fellowship hall.

Winfield Davenport preached Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Johnny Morris' absence. Following the service, the joint fifth Sunday dinner was hosted by the First United Methodist Church. About 40 folks were served a delicious meal and eight take out dinners were prepared for the local shut-ins.

Kim Watson and family visited with her dad and stepmother Billy and Mozelle Hand on Sunday.

Corky and Monta Marshall attended Monta's granddaughter, Kelsea Miller's 14th birthday dinner hosted by her parents, Ford and Kay Miller and brother, Sean at her home near Lockney, Texas. Also

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Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor's office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist's desk, the man sat there, alone and silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man's, he said, "I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

Jerry and Sandra Barclay were in Hart Thursday night to see grandson, Colton Barclay of Lubbock play in a football game. They visited with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay and Kayla of Lubbock while there. Visiting Jerry and Sandra during the weekend were grandchildren, Tylee, Trent and Trevor, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay of Matador.

Jack and Nada Starkey attended the 80th birthday celebration of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Delma Moon in Fritch, Saturday. They visited overnight with daughter and son, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael in Fritch and returned home Sunday.

Weekend guests of Butch and Janice Hughes were sons and families, Bengie, J.J. and Kaitlyn Hughes of Royce City, Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes of Floydada.

Mrs. Aledo Ross was in Platinview, Wednesday for an optical appointment.

Kellan Roberts and friend, Allison of Memphis visited this week with his grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton attended the graveside rites of Mrs. Fred (Gelene) Stinson, 82, held Saturday afternoon in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah.

Craig Setliff of Turkey was a guest speaker last Sunday at the Church of Christ in Flomot. They had their fourth Sunday covered dish luncheon at the Community Center in Flomot.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers were in Lubbock, Friday to be with her great grandson, six-month-old Kolt McDaniel who had surgery for collapsed lungs at the Covenant Medical Center. He is in ICU. He is the son of Jimmy and Shay Degan McDaniel of Sundown.

Visiting Saturday night with Kathy and Clois Shorter were grandchildren, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg and Brian Sehon of Ropesville. They accompanied them home Sunday.

Trent McKay of Quitaque and Donnie Rogers competed in the Washer Pitch Saturday held at the Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs. They placed second.

Motley County had surprising weather in August of cool temperatures and rain

By Earlyne Jameson

As a rule, August is a dry and hot month in Motley County. However, cooler temperatures and wide spread rain with no hail or damaging winds helped soil moisture on cotton that is rapidly maturing. Later planted grain sorghum has just begun to head out. Wheat planting began and should shift into high

gear because of rain. Cattle in good condition.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers total rain report for August 2008: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 2.67 inches; Clois Shorter, Flomot, 2.35 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 2.40 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 1.80 inches and Ronnie Bailey, Matador, 2.80 inches.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our neighbors who helped us move. Especially Gary and Lisa, Kelly Keltz, Dean and Sherry, and Doug and Venus and Don and Lou and Tim; and also the Farley's for their barbeque dinner.

Billy Ray and Mary Lou Martin

Matador News

Jack Green moved from the Grand Court in Lubbock to the Hackberry Care Center in Matador this week.

Dink and Carolyn Wilson of Quanah were in Matador for Old Settlers last weekend. They also visited with his mother, Geneva Wilson, and sister, Nelda Tomison. Dink raises Angus cattle, and Carolyn is director of arts for the Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (www.3rf.org).

Sisters Sharlene Brittan of Lewisville and Teresa Riley of Amarillo attended the White Linen celebration in the Motley County school cafeteria with friends and family last weekend. The event was planned by Charlie and Vivian Campbell of Midland and will be an annual gathering.

Pat and Boyd Dean, parents of Lori Alexander, attended Old Settlers to support the queen candidacy of their granddaughter, Jaci Zingerman.

Jaci's father, Jason Zingerman, flew in from Longmont, CO, to support his daughter as well.

Jimmy and Jean Wynn of Carlsbad, NM, also attended Old Settlers. Jimmy was a cowboy for the Matadors as a young man.

Also attending the celebration were Kenny and Brownie Pickens of Henrietta. Janeen Bailey of Amarillo represented the WRCA at last weekend's rodeo. After leaving Motley County, she was on her way to another rodeo in Kansas.

David McCahan and his son Colby of Amarillo were dove hunting on their Jameson

lease Monday.

Bueford and Martha Sutherland of Paducah celebrated their fourth anniversary with a stay in Hotel Matador recently.

Sandra Vinson of Tye, an employee of AEP, was in Matador on a work assignment last week.

Bruce Hamilton of Fredericksburg visited the Matador Ranch last week.

Owners of the Hotel Matador Bed and Breakfast attended the annual Hospitality Accommodations of Texas (HAT) statewide convention in Round Rock recently. Attending were Marilyn Hicks, Linda Roy, and Caron Perkins.

Samantha and Jason Jameson are moving to College Station. Sam will be a receptionist for a team of pediatric physicians, and Jason will be working in the food industry in that city.

Janie and Douglas Campbell just returned from Denton where they helped daughter Kitty get settled in her apartment in preparation for the upcoming school year at the University of North Texas. Kitty had just returned from a summer internship in the northeast.

Vaden Hayes has created and installed a beautiful wrought iron gate into the archway entrance of the Hotel Matador courtyard.

Colton Russell, son of J.D. and D'anna Russell, visited in Matador over the weekend. Colton is now employed by the RA Brown Ranch (www.rabrownranch.com) in Throckmorton.

HOME COMING 2008 SCHEDULE (Revised)

Thursday, September 11th

8:30 p.m. (Approximately): Bon-Fire at the North end of Main Street

Friday, September 12th

2:45 p.m.: Pep Rally in School Gym
6:00 p.m.: Hamburger Cook Out at the Football Field
7:00 p.m.: Recognize the Championship Football Teams from the 1950's

(1954, 1955, 1957, and 1959 Matador Matadors and the 1954 Roaring Springs Yellow Jackets)

7:30 p.m.: The Defending State Champion Motley County Matadors vs. Whitharral

Saturday, September 13th

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon: Coffee, Registration, and Class Reunions at the School

12:00 Noon: Lunch catered by Stafford Catering

Brisket and Trimmings - \$10 Per Plate


1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: General Assembly of all Classes in Gym - Everyone Invited

- *Business Meeting
- *Recognition of Classes Holding Reunions
- *Earliest Graduate & Teacher
- *Ex Who Traveled the Farthest
- *Crowning of Homecoming King & Queen
- *Memorial of Exes
- *Bill Crenshaw - Cowboy Poet
- *Music by Gerald Pipkin & Friends
- *School Song

After activities are completed at the school, the Classes of 1956, '57, '58, '59, '60, '61, and '62 will meet at the Senior Citizen's Center. The Class of 1964 will meet at the VFW (Turner's Hunting Lodge), and the Classes of 1966, '67, and '68 will meet at the Gazebo on the Courthouse lawn for a picnic.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

September

- 3 Kids' Praise resumes, 5pm, all kids, 3yr thru 6th
- 4 Roaring Springs Lions, Hitchin Post, 12:30 p
- 6 Men's Breakfast, Methodist Church, 7:00 am
- 8 Comissioners Court, 9:30 am
- 8 Roaring Springs City Council, 6 pm
- 9 RS Community Volunteers, Com. Center, 7:00 pm
- 11 Matador City Council, City Hall, 6:30 pm
- 12 & 13, Matador/Motley County Homecoming
- 16 Matador Lions Club, Meth Church 12:30 pm
- 16 RHN /Town Hall meeting, 7-9 pm

HOME COMING & REUNIONS

September 12 & 13, Matador/Motley County Homecoming
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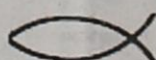
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