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## City Council proposes tax rate based on rollback

Properties on track for condemnation

By Carol Campbell

The Matador City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Attending were Mayor Pat Smith, City Superintendent Steve Barton, City Secretary Debra Scott and Councilmen Pat Seigler, Shane Jones, Chuck Ream, Kay Bailey, and Alvin Alexander.

In Open Forum, Matador resident Leo Faulkner spoke to the council about a property directly north of his residence that poses "a health and safety hazard," he said. "The house at Main and 8th Streets is a real mess," Faulkner said, adding, "it is full of skunks and (feral) cats." The council reassured Faulkner that they were ready to address his concerns in later agenda items targeted for council action.

The agenda included 11 action items, including a water project presentation by KSA Engineers, Amarillo; a presentation by Certified Public Accountant Dianne Washington on the 2008-09 city financial

audit; and a discussion on the condemnation of hazardous properties with approval to send letters to sub standard house owners.

Also, despite an earlier proposal in August by council member Kay Bailey to keep the tax rate at .41746 per \$100 value, the council voted to approve the rollback rate of .45080. The new rate would add about \$5,000 to the general fund, city secretary Debra Scott said.

"At the last meeting we voted to not go to the rollback rate," Mayor Pat Smith said. "We need to do a budget amendment to leave it like it is, or vote to propose a new tax rate based on the rollback."

Following a discussion including predictions of sales tax revenue decreases, Bailey moved to honor the tax rate proposed in August. The motion was seconded by council member Shane Jones. The motion failed with a 3-2 vote, with Seigler, Alvin Alexander, and Chuck Ream casting the dissenting votes. "I am proud

we have been able (in the past) to leave the tax rate as low as we have, but our budget is down to the bare bones as it is," Councilman Pat Seigler said.

Seigler also said based on his house evaluation it would raise his taxes approximately \$25.00.

A motion was then made by Alexander to propose that the tax rate be set to the rollback rate of .45080, increasing the tax rate by .03334 per \$100 value. The motion was seconded by Chuck Ream. The motion carried 3-2, with Bailey and Jones casting the dissenting votes. A public hearing is set for Friday, September 25, at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

In the City Superintendent report, Steve Barton reported to the council that with the cost-savings help of TxDOT, the seal-coat project from Hwy. 70 south on Bundy Street to Walton Road covered approximately 12,000 square yards of material, rock, and asphalt at a cost of \$1.17 per

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## Waltzing at Old Settlers



The Old People's Waltz contest winners were Skip Wyatt from Spur and Donna Kennedy from Roaring Springs.



The young people waltz winners were: Lisa Andrus from Silverton and Jed Gray from Benjamin.

## New laws strengthen seat belt and child safety seat requirements

Buckle up in the back seat, too

Starting Sept. 1, as required by House Bill 537, all occupants of a passenger vehicle, no matter their age or where they are sitting in the vehicle, must be secured by a safety belt. Maximum fines can reach as high as \$200, plus court costs. (The previous law exempted anyone 17 and older from wearing a seat belt in the back seat.)

The law also adds seat belt requirements for larger passenger vans.\* In addition, children younger than 8 must be in the appropriate child safety seat.

(This new law makes no changes to pick-up bed and school bus requirements.)

**Buckle children into the appropriate child safety seat.**

A new law (Senate Bill 61) amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats by requiring that any child younger than 8 be restrained in an approved child safety seat system unless the child is taller than 4 feet, 9 inches in height.

The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2010. Police officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date. However, the previous law remains in effect for now and requires children younger than 5 and less than 36 inches in height be in a child safety seat, and tickets can still be issued for this violation.

No children younger than 5 are allowed on motorcycles. HB 537 also prohibits a mo-

torcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

For more information on properly installing child safety seat systems, please go to this link [http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/public\\_information/carseat.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/carseat.htm).

\* A 15-passenger van is defined as a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver. This law applies to third-party transport service providers when transporting clients pursuant to a contract to provide nonemergency Medicaid transportation. (Previously, these providers were exempt from the specific safety belt requirements.)

## Roaring Springs Couple to Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

J.T. and Imogene Swim will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on September 19th, 2009 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Roaring Springs United Methodist Church fellowship hall hosted by their children, Sam and Reba Swim of Lubbock and J. R. and Stella of Abilene. All family and friends are invited.

The couple met at a Methodist youth conference at Buffalo Gap, Texas and were

married September 17th in Bovina, Texas.

They have lived most of their married life in Roaring Springs where J.T. farmed, owned a Massey Ferguson tractor dealership, and operated several other businesses. At age 92, he still buys and sells irrigation systems. Imogene worked many years as a seamstress and substitute teacher.

## Twenty-seven attend RS townhall meeting

Twenty-seven people attended the Town Hall meeting in Roaring Springs, mostly veterans and senior citizens, with one young person in attendance. Many concerns were expressed, health care at the top of the list. The chairman urged everyone to write to their senators and representative to express his/her views, to support and encourage them to stand firm on issues.

Here are the local addresses for the senators and rep for Motley County folks:

Kay Bailey Hutchison, US Senator  
500 Chesnut St.  
Suite 1570  
Abilene, TX 79602

John Cornyn, US Senator  
3405 22nd St.  
Suite 203  
Lubbock, TX 79410

Mac Thornberry, US Representative  
4245 Kemp, Suite 506  
Wichita Falls, TX 76308

## Starwalk at Quanah's Copper Breaks State Park

The popular StarWalk is set for Saturday September 19, at Copper Breaks State Park outside Quanah.

The nationally acclaimed public astronomy program continues its thirteenth year

with the presentation "Jupiter and Galileo" which will highlight planets in our own solar system.

Program creator Jeri Turner will return beginning at sunset, around 8 p.m. in Big Pond Campground. The presenter and will lead participants in a naked-eye exploration of the night sky.

In addition to the after-dark programs, Sky Guide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 4 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with filters for safe viewing.

Nighttime observing begins after sunset. Turner will begin the program using items for the NASA Night Sky Network, followed by a tour of the darkening sky—the original StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends, and lore, Turner will take the public on a trip through major constellations, spotlighting bright stars, and introducing the "star-hopping" technique to

find other interesting objects.

After the StarWalk, the public is invited to view these various dark-sky objects through the park's binoculars and telescopes with the help of knowledgeable Sky Guide volunteers, who come from throughout Texas and Oklahoma to assist with the StarWalk.

The 2009 slate of StarWalks includes one more Saturday presentation set for October 10, weather permitting. Upon entering the park, StarWalk signs will direct visitors to Big Pond Campground and parking. The quarter-mile walk into the observing area is on lighted asphalt, and extra assistance for the handicapped is available from park personnel.

StarWalk and Sun Fun are continuing Campsite Programs offered by Copper Breaks State Park. For more information on park facilities or other programs, call 940-839-4331 during business hours.

# Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

I don't think I have an article of clothing as versatile as the bandana. I carry the smaller 22 inch versions in navy blue and red traditional paisley patterns. These smaller ones fit in the pants pocket and have many purposes.

The bigger traditional cowboy bandana is more like 35 inches square and although it is even more useful because of its size, it's just a bit too bulky for my pocket.

There were many uses for the cowboy's bandana. It was also suggested that the bandana be the official flag of the range country. It was used as a handkerchief, a face or hand towel, a

signal flag, a blindfold for skittish horses, a dust mask, a protection from the hot sun, a sling for a broken arm or dislocated shoulder, a face covering for the dead, an ear covering in cold weather, a strainer for drinking muddy water, a hat tie in windy conditions, a dish towel, a rope to tie a calf's legs during branding, a hangman's noose, and of course, if you were so inclined, a face mask for robbing trains.

"The Bandana" is a story by J. Frank Dobie that is published in the book Cowboy Stories. The bandana also figured prominently in many cowboy movies and the paintings and drawings of many Western artists.

## Letter to the editor

It disturbs me, these articles with quotes and figures from the government. When will we wake up, and see our freedoms are eroding around us? Do we really want our government telling us what we can eat, what we can drive, what doctor we can go to? I lived 10 years in Canada. Those people do not know any different because it's all they have ever known. The doctors are just as frustrated as the patients are. Since you are not the one paying the doctor, you are just a number to them. They have very little invested in you getting well. I took my teenage girls to have their teeth cleaned; had to make the appointment 6 months in advance, and drove hours. When we got in for their appointment, the doctor laughed at me and said "you are kidding or course? We don't clean teeth, we pull

them!"

I have several horrific adventures with Canadian health care. My oldest son was delivered by a doctor whom they had to pull out of the tavern. He was drunk. He dropped my baby boy onto the floor when he was born. But — oh yes, you can't sue doctors under socialized medicine, so they don't worry about things like that either. When I had bladder and kidney trouble after my two sons were born, I was placed in a ward. It was a large room with 30 other patients all around the room. The doctor would come from one patient to the next, I never saw him wash his hands. They are so overworked, and truly the government does not pay them well. There is little incentive for anyone to be a doctor except the few who just feel pity for the sick.

This is the system they

think would be better than what we have? Sure there are problems in our medical system, but such a radical change to the left is not what it needs to be better. There are those in congress whom have tried to change some things and passed small reasonable programs, but they can't get anything passed in this congress.

We had best realize, in order to get our country back on track we need to vote in individuals who have common sense, have actually run businesses themselves, and understand what this great nation was built on in the first place. America was a wonderful experiment. Our founding fathers knew what they were doing when they wrote the constitution and clarified our freedoms and right to choices. These same founding fathers left a nanny state to come here because they wanted

freedom, to make their own choices — one in this case being religion. Do we really want to go backwards and accept what they left, instead of what we have? These folks who apologize for our country and find fault with everything we do, need only go live 10 years (or even just a few) anywhere else on earth, and they will realize what we have here is better than there. That is why people line up to come here (including their doctors). That is why they risk their lives to cross our borders or row in boats to our shores.

All this reminds me of the frog placed in luke-warm water. He didn't know he was in trouble until the water started to boil, and then it was too late. Folks — the water is starting to simmer.

Dinah Young

## Local Kids Do Well at Colorado State Fair



Wyatt and Emma Hackler recently traveled to Pueblo, Colorado to partake in the Colorado State Fair Sheep Show which was held Monday August 31 and Wednesday September 2. Monday night's activities included the Sheep Lead contest in which the kids were judged on their clothing, and also the overall look of the sheep they were showing. Of course, the outfits needed to be made of wool. Wyatt won champion in the Jr. Division. He won a beautiful sheep pelt and a garment bag. Emma showed in the Pee Wee division and also won a wonderful ribbon. Next year, Emma will be in the Ju-

nior division competing for the big prizes.

Wednesday's activities included the showing of the wool breed sheep. Wyatt and Emma both own registered sheep that were shown that day. Emma was showing Gazelle and Koala. Gazelle is a natural colored Corriedale ewe and Koala is a white hand spinning Romney ewe. Wyatt was showing Herminie and Mattie. Herminie is a natural colored Corriedale Ewe and Mattie is the white hand spinning Romney Ewe. They did very well in all classes and also helped showed other sheep owned by their grandma in Colorado.

## A Stacker Comes Clean on Late Donations

By Marisue Potts Powell

I am a stacker. In most cases I eventually get to the bottom of my stacks and get most things done, more or less in a timely fashion. This year, however, with a mother-in-law going through her last distressing illness, my husband Ralph in the hospital three times before April, the rigors of legal and emotional stress of selling Ralph's mother's home of 72 years (!) located in a distant city, and the usual complications of ranch life, I cratered.

In this case, I dropped the ball on getting out the donation list for the Hackberry Creek Care Center. This week when I finally got to the bottom of the stack, there were the names that had been hiding for months. I apologize to the care center and to the people kind enough to donate.

Please know that your donations are ever so important and very much appreciated. Sammie Phillips does a wonderful job of writing thank-you notes to the donors and acknowledgments to the families, and to my knowledge, never craters.

Although I may not have all the latest donations, these are the ones from the demolished stack that I need to catch up on: Memorials for Elsie Gilbert Thacker by Bob and Jimmie Jameson; Frances Mitchell by Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay, Earlyne and Horace Jameson, Sammie Phillips; Bob Cooper by Douglas and Janie Campbell; Geneva Martin by Edna Ruth Green, Dorothy Day, June Moss; Irene Morris by Edna Ruth Green, Carolyn Ewing, Dorothy Day; Keys Families by Earlyne and Horace Jameson; Donnie Cruse by Douglas and Janie Campbell; Zelma Radney Family of Sanger by Todd and Teresa Washington; Billie Koon by Sammie Phillips; Pete Williams by Bessie J. Williams; Cora Smallwood by Judy Renfro; L. V. Damron by Sammie Phillips, Alex and Jo Crowder, June Moss; Jessie Powell by Stan and Lou Burleson, Horace and Earlyne Jameson, Dorothy Russell, Ken and Dinah Young, Judy Renfro, Lindy Stafford; Alan Bingham by Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay; Velma Mosely by Joe Ike and Anna Beth Clay; continued on page 7

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*Sincerely,  
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## Motley Clinic to reopen

Plans are underway to re-open the Motley County Clinic in Matador. The target date for reopening the clinic is October 15. After the clinic opens a Rural Health Clinic designation will be applied to better serve the patients of the clinic. This designation involves a detailed application and a long wait time. One way to speed up the process is to show a need for health care in the communities served by the clinic. The Motley County Hospital Board is asking all concerned citizens in the area to write letters expressing the need for health care in Motley County and the surrounding area. The letters can be as detailed or as simple as the writer wishes to make them. Please contact board members, Linda Roy at the Hotel Matador, 806-347-2939, or Dianne Washington at 806-347-2636 or 469-5278 for more information on this letter writing campaign. Completed letters can be dropped off at the Hotel or Dianne's

office. If you would like help in writing a letter please stop by and someone will help you with the letter. There is not a deadline for turning in letters at this time, but the letters are needed as soon as possible.

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## 4th grade studies official state dog of Texas



4th graders have been studying the symbols of Texas, and one of the Texas symbols got to visit their classroom! Sandy Harrell from Crosbyton, Texas is a Blue Lacy dog breeder and on the board of directors of the Lacy game dog association. She brought some of her dogs, Calamity Jane and Diamond Lil, to share with the local 4th and 5th graders and gave them some information about the history of the Lacy dogs, which are the official state dog of Texas. They are the only breed to have begun in the state of Texas, and a favorite breed of the late Sam Houston. Students enjoyed listening to the history of the dogs, as well as getting to pet and play with them after the presentation.

# Obituaries

## Rosemary Anderson,

Rosemary Anderson, beloved Mother, retired teacher, and great friend died August 27, 2009 in Port St. Lucie, Florida following a brief illness. Rosemary was born in Whiteflat, Texas on May 3, 1932 to her parents, Joe and Arlene Bloodworth who were long time farmers/ginners of the Whiteflat area. She graduated from Matador High School in 1949 and just celebrated her 60th class reunion.

After graduating from Texas Tech in 1953, Rosemary married Lyle Reginald Anderson, an officer in the Navy. Following Navy service, they began their lives together residing in the Prairieview Community outside of Lovington, New Mexico where they raised three children: Robin Zinter of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Joe Anderson who resides in Los Angeles, California and Cynthia Wryn Best of Hobbs, New Mexico. Rosemary taught in Lovington, New Mexico for 30 years, was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hobbs, was a 4-H leader, Sunday school teacher, artist, animal lover and a great mentor and friend to many. She was preceded in death by her husband Reggie



and is survived by her children, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, her sister and brother-in-law, Jolene and Vernon Higginbotham and family. Plans for a memorial service celebrating her life will be held October 10, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church in Hobbs at 2:00 pm. The family requests that donations in Rosemary's honor be given to either VistaCare Family Hospice of Hobbs, New Mexico at 1515 W. Calle Sur St or to the Lea County Commission for the Arts located at 122 W. Broadway St. in Hobbs, New Mexico.

## Faye Walters

Faye Walters, 92, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Grace House in Lubbock.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at the Trinity Assembly Church in Floydada with Rev. Barry Tilley of Lubbock and Rev. Henry Russell of Floydada will officiate. Private burial will follow at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Family will greet friends at the Trinity Assembly Church from 6-8 p.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

Mrs. Walters was born January 29, 1917, in Putnam, Texas to Joseph Franklin and Pearl Mae McNelly. She married the love of her life, Ed Walters on December 1, 1934 in Baileyboro, Texas. He preceded her in death in February of 1987. She was also preceded in death by her parents,

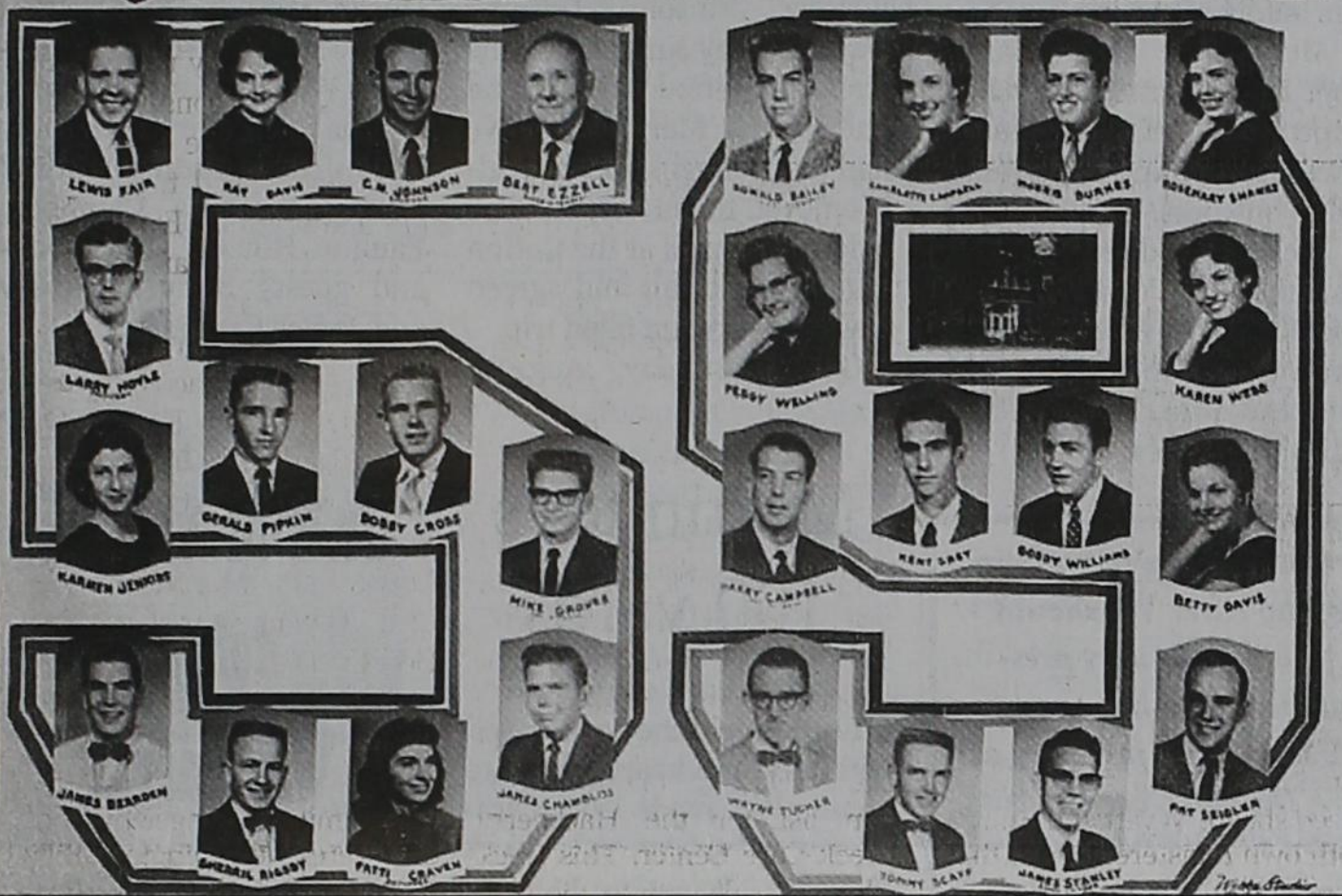
two brothers, three sisters, two daughters, Barbara Faye Walters and Doris Gray and a grandson, Teddy Gray.

She is survived by a son, Eddie Walters and wife Linda of Lubbock; three daughters, Nona Doss and husband Lee of Lubbock; Carol Williamson and husband Don of Abernathy; and Dartha Westbrook and husband Paul of Matador; twenty four grandchildren, thirty four great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Faye loved the Lord, her family and bowling. She was a member of Cornerstone Family Church in Lubbock. She bowled in several leagues in Lubbock for many years and was an LWBA member.

Memorials may be made in Faye's name to Hospice of Lubbock, Trinity Assembly Church in Floydada, or Cornerstone Family Church in Lubbock.

## MATADOR SENIORS



## 50 Year Reunion

The Matador High School Class of 1959 will be celebrating their 50 Year Reunion on September 19th. Headquarters for the event will be Hotel Matador. Eight members of the 25 graduates still live in Motley County: James Bearden, Lewis Fair, Ray Davis Baxter, Larry Hoyle, Pat Seigler, Betty Davis Simpson, Bobby Williams, and Ronald Bailey.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed  
**Constitutional Amendments**  
Special Election November 3, 2009

### PROPOSITION 1

HJR 132 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow a municipality or a county to issue bonds and notes to finance the purchase of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. The buffer areas would be used to prevent encroachment or to construct roadways utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation. The municipality or county may pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues for repayment of the bonds or notes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

### PROPOSITION 2

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for the taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the property may have a higher value if it were used for other purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."

### PROPOSITION 3

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to require the legislature to provide for the administration and enforcement of uniform standards and procedures for appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."

### PROPOSITION 4

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to establish the national research university fund to provide a source of funding that will enable emerging research universities in this state to develop into major research universities. The amendment would require the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the fund and to transfer the balance of the existing higher education fund to the national research university fund. This amendment would further require the legislature to establish the criteria by which a state university may become eligible to receive and use distributions from the fund.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."

### PROPOSITION 5

HJR 36 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow for a single appraisal review board for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated reviews of tax appraisals.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."

### PROPOSITION 6

HJR 116 would amend the constitution

to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds, subject to certain constitutional limits, for the purpose of selling land and providing home or land mortgage loans to veterans of the state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."

### PROPOSITION 7

HJR 127 would amend the constitution to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."

### PROPOSITION 8

HJR 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans' hospitals in this state.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."

### PROPOSITION 9

HJR 102 would define what is a state-owned public beach. The public, individually and collectively, would have an unrestricted right to use and a right of ingress to and egress from a public beach. The amendment would authorize the legislature to enact laws to protect these rights.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use

the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."

### PROPOSITION 10

HJR 85 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that members of the governing board of an emergency services district may serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."

### PROPOSITION 11

HJR 14 would amend the constitution to provide that the taking of private property for public use ("eminent domain") is authorized only if it is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, its political subdivisions, the public at large, or by entities granted the power of eminent domain, or for the removal of urban blight. The amendment would prohibit the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or to increase tax revenues. The amendment would also limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain in the future unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State, a political subdivision of the State, the public at large, or entities granted the power of eminent domain under law or for the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property, but not for certain economic development or enhancement of tax revenue purposes, and to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

The official rainfall for Roaring Springs was one and five-tenths inches. It was such a blessing and it fell so slowly that hardly any was lost to runoff except around paved and concreted areas.

I received several fun birthday cards last week. One of them was of a dachshund puppy that looked much like our elderly "Wixie" when she was younger. She is pictured in the bed on a pillow with the cover pulled up like a person. Wixie thinks that she is a person and before she got arthritic she often thought she should jump up on the bed and snuggle down and sleep with us! I really hated sleeping with a dog so I bought her a foam bed with a fleecy cover and made her a blanket for her very own and we were both happy.

When my grandchildren were little and we would lie down for a nap I would read them a story; Wixie always insisted on being in on the story reading and would listen intently with her head cocked a little to the side and with very bright eyes like she understood every word. She thought the grandkids came especially to play with her and she refused to be left out of any activity. Many Lincoln logs were carried off and teddy bears were never the same after Wixie played.

When my son was little he had a dachshund named Longfellow that would allow Kevin's little friend to dress him in doll clothes and he would ride in her doll buggy.

Rodney Long died Sunday night about 11:00 p.m. Rodney had a long struggle with cancer. Our hearts go out to Nona and their girls as well to other members of their families. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Sept. 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at Roaring Springs.

We are invited on Saturday afternoon Sept. 19th to celebrate with J. T. and Imogene

Swim on their 70th wedding anniversary from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall in Roaring Springs. Seventy years is a very important milestone for any couple. Congratulations!

Glennard Daniell was taken by ambulance late Friday evening to Covenant Hospital where he underwent surgery for gallstones. He returned home on Monday.

The Roaring Springs Volunteers met on Tuesday, Sept. 7th to conduct business for their organization. Nine members were present.

The Old Settlers Cowboy Camp Meeting kicks off on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. with a hamburger supper served from Don Stuckey's chuck wagon on the Old Settlers Grounds. The meeting will run through Saturday evening with three chuck wagon meals a day and Bible studies at 9:00 a.m. and Prayer Tree at 3:00 p.m. Evening church service begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be classes for both women and men. Johnny Morris and Thomas Pepper of Wheeler, TX will be doing the preaching. Everyone is invited.

The Town Meeting was held at the Roaring Springs Community center on Thursday evening, Sept. 10th. Twenty-five citizens attended the meeting. Alex Crowder was the moderator. Issues concerning our freedom as a nation were discussed. Everyone was urged to play close attention to the happenings in our nation's capitol and to voice our opinions to our representatives and senators. Their addresses and phone numbers are in our local phone directory on page #2. Only our district is listed so they are easily found. Everyone needs to be aware and know about changes being considered and people appointed to offices.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

Much certainty of happiness and purity in our lives depends on our making wise choice of our companions and friends.

### Attended Wedding

Judy Rhodes and Mike Cox were united in marriage at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 12 at the Klein United Methodist Church in Spring. Serving as matrons of honor were Judy's sisters in law, Mrs. Kathy Shorter of Flomot and Mrs. Beverly Shorter of Fort Worth.

Others attending the ceremony and rehearsal dinner Friday night were Judy's father and brothers, L.E. Shorter and Clois Shorter of Flomot and Louis Shorter of Fort Worth; Mrs. Cindy Calvert of Istanbul, Turkey, Christi and Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily of Kiowa Lake and Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian of Wolforth. Jennifer Lawler, Allison, Matthew, and Braeden of Matador, and Salina and Grayson Marks of Lockney. They returned to their respective homes Sunday from Houston.

Good saturating rains of one and a half and two inches was reported September 11-14

in the Flomot and Whiteflat communities. Just what dry planted wheat land, feed and cotton crops needed!

Wilburn Martin visited during the Labor Day holidays in Borger with daughter and family, Marilee and Fred Cooper, Bob Cooper, Cory Cooper and sons, Gavin and Mason.

Visiting Saturday and Sunday with Jack and Nada Starkey was daughter and family, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch. Visiting them Sunday was Jack Davis of Quitaque.

Loretta and Harry Race of Dover, Arkansas, Mrs. Waydette Clay and Wilburn Martin of Flomot visited Friday in the home of Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers to Lubbock, Tuesday for a medical appointment. They visited Ronnie and Lou Rogers before returning home.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton met Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch in Matador Sunday Morning and attended to business.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Tuesday for her medical tests. En route home they visited in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

## Matador News

Northfield's Homecoming is October 3rd, 10 A.M. at the Senior Citizens Building

It will be a Covered Dish Luncheon.

Betty and Billy Paul Simpson enjoyed the Labor Day holidays at Lake Ivie near Ballinger. Their daughter and family, Tanya and Warren Multer, Kathy and Cory of Garden City joined them there.

Betty reported Northfield

had a total of 2.09 inches of rain in August.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson Friday morning were Barbara and Jimmy West of Amarillo and Mrs. Toni Ratliff of Paducah.

Mrs. Mary Del Toles of Tullia and Mrs. Wilda Dixon were in Austin from Wednesday until Saturday. They attended the 113th annual Fall Board Meeting of Texas Federation of Womens' Clubs held from Thursday through Saturday.

## Red Hat Club

The following members enjoyed the movie "Julie and Julia" on Tuesday, Aug 25th, in Plainview; Queen Mother Joyce Campbell Norma, Marrs Marihelen Wason, Beverly Vinson, Dorothy Day, Dorothy Knight, Pauline House, Winifred Darsey, Joan Patton, and Mary Jones. We had many laughs and all really enjoyed the movie. We had a delicious meal at the Cotton Patch Restaurant and agreed we had a very fun filled trip. On Wednesday, Aug 19th

members donned their red hats and purple attire to attend a most "sumptuous" brunch at the Hotel Matador. The tables were beautifully decorated. Attending were Queen Mother Joyce Campbell, Suzanne Abbott, Marihelen Wason, Dorothy knight, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Day, Joan Patton, Winifred Darsey, Lucretia Campbell, Pauline House, Mary Jones and guests Buffy Crutchley and Janice Campbell.

## Martin tops 100 yards

Friday night the boys played with time and heart the entire game. We made some improvements from last week but still have areas to work on. Friday night was a first for the Matadors in two different areas. We had a receiver (Andrew Martin) with 100 yards receiving and our extra point group was 100% on the night. We still have a young team this year, but are making promissory strides, each and every game.

### Motley Co. / Whitharal

Rushing: #2 Jonathon Osborn 23 carries 145 yds 3 TD's; #4 Augustine Chavez 13 carries 144 yds 1 TD; #4 75 yd KOR for TD.

Passing: #7 Austin Taylor 5-9, 104 yds.

Receiving: #3 Andrew Martin 3 Catches 100yds; #17 Justin Newman, 2 catches 4 yds; #13 Juan Flores 5-5 on extra points; #13 Juan Flores 1 interceptions 1 Fumble Recovery, #7 Austin Taylor 3 Fumble Recoveries

Tackles: Andrew Martin, 9; Colby McClesky, 9; Augustine Chavez, 9; Jonathon Osborn, 11; Austin Taylor, 8; Juan Flores, 8.

Final Score 60-40. Our next game is with Wilson at Wilson.

## Jr.H Mavericks defeat Whitharal

The Motley County Mavericks defeated the Whitharal panthers by a score of 44-35 last Thursday afternoon at Burleson Field. Connor Mason scored four touchdowns, Jamie Jameson scored two touchdowns, and Cobey Chochran returned an interception 82 yards for a touchdown to round out the scoring for the Mavericks.

The Mavericks played well on the defensive side of the ball, limiting an explosive panther offense to 35 points.

The next Maverick game will be played at Burleson Field on Thursday September 17 at 5:00 p.m. against the Wilson Mustangs.



Guitar Classes and Private Lessons being offered Now. Tuesday and Thursday Classes In Matador Small class sizes at - \$15 Per Class

Private Lessons- \$30 per lesson In Matador or your home, by arrangement Contact Juliana at 940-585-9187

*We are so blessed to be surrounded by friends in Motley County and dothers who care. We should never take you for granted. God is our very present help in time of trouble but He has to have you to remind us how good He is. We thank you for every act of caring that you have shown. The calls, cards, visits, food and words of encouragement during Ben's surgery and heart attack. We are on our way to recovery and bless you all for blessing us. We especially thank you for your prayers. Love, Ben and Devonne Dillard.*

**Dan Barton's 91st Birthday**  
Hackberry Creek Nursing Home  
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Sat. Sept 19th

**Barton Reunion**  
**October 17**  
914 Walton Rd., Matador, Texas,  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Pot Luck Lunch  
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## Senior Menu

**Tuesday, 15th**  
Broccoli & Cheese, Stuffed Potato, Tossed Salad, Banana Split Desert

**Wednesday, 16th**  
Chicken Salad w/ roll, Baked Tater Tots, Cucumber & Tomato's, Tapioca Pudding.  
**Thursday, 17th**

Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Fruit.

**Friday, 18th**  
Fried Fish, Red Beans, Tossed Salad, Baked Hush Puppies, Oranges.

**Monday, 21st**  
Beef Tostada, Refried Beans, Mexican Rice, Tortilla, Pears

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### Weather Trivia

Does the risk of sunburn increase with altitude?

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Answer: Yes. At high altitudes, there is less atmosphere to shield you.

### Weather History

**Sept. 17, 1965** - A storm produced a band of heavy snow across parts of Wyoming. Totals of 23 inches at Rawlins and 20.7 inches at Lander easily surpassed previous snowfall record totals for so early in the season.

### Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
9/18	9/25	10/4	10/11



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Friday Night  
Fish Fry

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## Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

I want to start off by saying thank you so much to all the folks who came to the Friends of the library Beans & Cornbread fundraiser. We had the best year we've ever had, and it's all because of YOU! And thank you to all of our 'celebrity' servers, and the Friends of the Library volunteers who made all the delicious goodies!

We've decided on our next book discussion. We will be discussing "Same Kind of Different As Me" by Ron Hall & Denver Moore. This is a true story about a homeless drifter and an upscale art dealer who form a very unlikely friendship. All the

reviews I've read for this book have been great. I can't wait to read it, and I hope you'll join us. We haven't set a date yet for the discussion, but it's never too soon to get a jump on reading.

Another new book that looks pretty interesting is "Our Boys" by Joe Drape. This is a true story about the football team in Smith Center, Kansas that has won sixty-seven games in a row, and holds the nation's longest high school winning streak. The author was so inspired by the team's story, that he moved his entire family to the town in order to follow the action more closely. I don't think you have to

## HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

From the desk of John Vunk

Please mark your calendars for the Town Hall meeting at HCCC on September 22 regarding planning for long term care. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome, finger foods and refreshments will be served.

Nurse Erin Forsha gave birth to a baby boy Benjamin Cruz on September 4, 2009. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

On Tuesday, September 8, Activities Director Brooke Barton, Marketing Director Ashley Washington and I traveled to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. We gave a PowerPoint presentation on Hack-

berry Creek to all case managers and social workers and they were very pleased and impressed with our facility. Other outreach programs are planned for the future.

I have been at the facility now for the past six weeks and have been very impressed with the caring and dedication of all the employees that serve our residents. I could have not selected a better place to move. I would also like to once again thank the entire community for their warm welcome and support since my arrival here in Matador.

## CHRISTIANITY IS PRACTICAL



The foremost thing about Christianity is living it. If we are not practicing what we are teaching, then we are merely using up space and time. The people that you and I might want to bring to Christ already know who we are and how we behave. If we prove to be inconsistent then what

we have to say about Christianity will fall on deaf ears.

Francis of Assisi once remarked, "Preach the Word at all times. If necessary use words." That is a powerful statement about how loud our actions speak. Once we began to live Christ, then we are learning why we believe in the Christian way of life. Now real sharing of the "truth of the gospel" can now begin. "That's my opinion" is not a persuasive argument for Christianity. Knowing what the Bible teaches and practicing it is of paramount importance.

Whatever is done in the name of Christianity, whether it is inviting a friend to worship services or discussing beliefs with someone of another faith, we should remember that love is the key. Our Lord said that we would be known as His people when we love one another. So in doing our best to show anyone how practical Christianity can be we must first show that we care. We share the love of Christ. That is very practical.

## Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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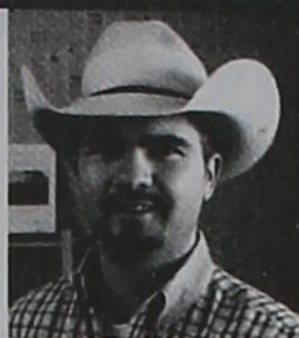
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## County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



### Motley County Cotton Turn Row Field Day

On September 29, 2009 the Extension Offices of Dickens, Motley, Briscoe and Hall counties will be hosting Cotton Turn Row Tours for area producers. The tours will begin in Dickens County at 9:30a.m., Motley County at 1:00p.m., then to Briscoe County at 4:00p.m. The Motley County Cotton Turn Row Tour will take place at the Four Corner's Test Plot, located 1 mile east of Whiteflat on county road 214.

Speakers at these field days will include Randy Boman, Extension Cotton Agronomist, Jason Woodward, Extension Plant Pathologist, Eddie Clark, Crop Production Services and seed company representatives from Delta Pine, Fibermex, Dynagrow, Phytogen, Nexgen and Stoneville.

These tours will showcase the cotton test plots that were developed to evaluate cotton varieties suitable for the Rolling Plains. 2 CEU's will be offered to private applicators. For more information, contact your local County Extension Office.

### 2ND Annual Motley 4-H Benefit Concert

Featuring Trent Willmon

The Motley 4-H Club and Adult Leaders Association will be hosting a 2ND Annual Motley 4-H Benefit Concert featuring Trent Willmon. The concert will take place November 14, 2009 at the Old Settlers Grounds in Roaring Springs beginning at 7:30p.m. Woolley and the Sandbillies will be the opening band that night followed by Trent Willmon. Tickets are available at local businesses in Matador and Roaring Springs for \$10 each. Tickets will also be available at the gate for \$15. For more information contact the Motley County Extension Office at (806) 347-2733.

### Motley 4-H Club Meeting

The Motley 4-H Club will be holding their monthly meeting on o September 19 at 5 p.m. in the Motley County Courtroom. All youth ages 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 as of August 31, 2009 to 19 years of age are welcome to come see what 4-H has to offer. Enrollment forms will be available and in-

structions on how to enroll on 4-H Connect will be available. Motley 4-H club officer elections will also take place at this monthly meeting.

### AgriLife Extension program teaches 'marketing savvy'

AMARILLO -- Greater price volatility in agricultural markets is demanding producers develop better marketing skills to improve their bottom line, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo, will be leading a group of instructors from within the agency, several universities and private industries to put on the third Master Marketer Program.

Master Marketer is a national award-winning risk-management educational program where students learn how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk, and execute a risk management and marketing plan, Amosson said.

A wide range of topics are covered to enhance marketing/risk management skills, he said. Case studies, group discussions and simulation exercises will be used to provide experience with real tools that can be used on individual farm and ranch operations after the class.

The 64-hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks. It is the most intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the U.S., Amosson said.

The next Master Marketer Program will be held in Amarillo, starting Jan. 13-14, with follow-up dates of Jan. 27-28, Feb. 10-11 and Feb. 24-25. All the meetings will be held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service Center of Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

### COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"That rain come and went before I could git the winder rolled up!"

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## School Menu

### Tuesday, 15th

Breakfast-Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch- Hot dog/Chili, Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Orange Slices, Milk

### Wednesday, 16th

Breakfast- Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk, Juice.

Lunch- Cheese Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk

### Thursday, 17th

Breakfast-Cereal, Jelly Biscuit, or Toast, Milk, Sliced Pears

Lunch- Hamburger/Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Potato Chips, Brownie, Sliced Peaches, Milk

### Friday, 18th

Breakfast-Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch- Beef Tips/ Rice, Broccoli/ Cheese, Biscuit, Fresh Grapes, Milk

### Monday, 21st

Breakfast-Biscuit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch- Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Motley Co. Appraisal DisBudget

The \_\_\_\_\_ Motley Co. Appraisal District \_\_\_\_\_ will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the \_\_\_\_\_ fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on 09-29-09 7:00 p.m. at Motley Courthouse

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. \$ 50,676.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. \$ 50,676.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. 1  
(full-time equivalent)

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. 1  
(full-time equivalent)

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

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

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

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## City Council proposes tax rate based on rollback

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mates to seal-coat the school parking lot alone was as high as \$20,000. Material that was left over on the project was used to repair the parking lot, which has been in disrepair for some time. While the left over material didn't cover all the parking lot, Barton said, "We were able to patch and sweep the lot."

In the City Secretary Report, Debra Scott said that the prediction of \$2- to \$4,000 in the hotel/motel occupancy tax would actually more than double in the next fiscal year. "This money will be used to promote the town," Scott said. The Chamber of Commerce is seeking membership in Go Texan, a rural community program sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture. This members-only initiative provides marketing and networking opportunities for rural communities. Go Texan will pay one-half the cost for two years (about \$3,200) to advertise on the billboard on U.S. Highway 70 (next to the Church of Christ). "The Chamber wants to publish what Matador has to offer in lodging and restaurants," she said. The deadline for the application is September 25.

Ned Muse and Clayton Scales, engineers with KSA Engineering firm in Amarillo, prepared an analysis of the water system problems in south Matador along with budget estimates, including potential funding sources. Sources ranged from block grant programs to low interest long-term loan programs; to qualifying as

an economically disadvantaged area for low interest loans with a 35 percent loan forgiveness option; to volunteer programs through the Texas Department of Rural Affairs.

"You can basically keep on doing what you are doing right now," Scales said, "which costs the city about \$5,000 a year in lost water and \$5,000 a year in man hour wages - keeping in mind that costs will likely go up as time goes on. Or you can repair a piece of the transmission line by examining the elevation of all pipe with a 75 psi, then cover the area of leaks," he said. City Superintendent Steve Barton said the city only had about one and 1/2-days of water in case of a catastrophic event.

Other options included in the recommendations were to bring in funding experts from South Plains Council of Governments (SPAG) or USDA to talk to the council about potential funding sources. However, Scales warned, "construction prices are depressed right now and the longer we wait, the higher the price." The mayor said the city would contact SPAG and let the engineering firm know of the next meeting.

City Auditor Dianne Washington presented the council with the 2008-2009 Matador City Audit. "There is a very good opinion on the audit," Washington said, citing a net increase in assets of \$55,000.

"The city had \$211,000 cash at the end of March," she said. The 4-B Tax Funds had a balance of \$39,000 with the 4-A

Tax Funds at \$90,000. The council voted 4-0 to approve the audit. Washington thanked the city secretary for her help, and complimented the city on a job well done.

Council member Kay Bailey asked the council for approval to give the City Attorney Tom Hamilton permission to send letters to the sub-standard housing owners, giving them 10 days to reply with "permission for us (the city) to tear them down," and if we didn't hear from the owners, she said, we could then condemn the property. A motion was made by Chuck Ream and seconded by Alvin Alexander to table the issue until the city attorney could be contacted regarding the wording of the letter. The motion to table the issue passed 4-1, with Bailey providing the dissenting vote.

Further, Bailey told the council that Ron Bailey, who has been mowing the Bob's Oil Well Property as a volunteer service for almost five years, has attempted to contact the owner of the old abandoned trailer house located east of Bob's Oil Well, requesting permission to move the trailer to a location of their choice at no expense to the owner. He has not heard from the owner. According to Bailey, since the trailer is not "real property" then destroying it is not an option, but moving the property is a viable option.

Additionally, Bailey has asked the city to condemn the Skaggs Properties within the city limits, including the house

north of Leo Faulkner on Main and 8th Streets. "We need to get a legal description of the property, send a letter to the owner for permission to clean the property; if no reply then it will be the responsibility of the owner to clean the property or be sued," Bailey said. "This is an important health and safety issue for the city," she added.

A motion was made by Bailey, seconded by Pat Seigler to have the city attorney mail letters on two Skaggs properties within the city limits. This motion passed unanimously.

Bids were opened on the pickup, roof and city hall window replacement. The council voted unanimously to reject a \$150 bid for the 1997 Chevrolet pickup; and to authorize the city secretary to submit the window replacement bids from Drum Plumbing and Hammond Sheet Metal to see if the bids would qualify for government stimulus money.

Rick Collett's bid representing U.S. Shield Roofing Company was approved for \$11,150.00, including a \$600.00 drain spout system. The motion was made by Kay Bailey, seconded by Chuck Ream and passed 5-0.

In other business, Debra Scott reported to the council that Matador was incorporated March 18, 1912. She said that the consensus of a group of potential committee members was to set the City Centennial Celebration in June, 2012.

## MCISD students study local culture

MCISD fourth and fifth graders in Lacey Rankin and Lori Alexander's classes, along with Mrs. Ballard have been studying cowboys for the first two weeks of school to emphasize the heritage of the local Old Settler's celebration. Students have studied the kinds of horses, as well as the parts of a horse. They have talked about registering horses and markings on them. They have learned about the heritage of cowboys and vaqueros, the background of the dress of cowboys, and some of the famous cowboys and the equipment cowboys use. They have also discussed the kinds of rodeos and different rodeo events, as well as their origin. Along with the heritage of the cowboy, horses, and cattle drives, as well as branding. Students also did a "cowboy collage" to represent the ideas they have learned about cowboys.

To mark the end of the unit,

last Friday, students celebrated with a ranch rodeo. Students were divided up into the Crazy Rockin' A's, Mrs. Alexander's Team, the P Bar, Mrs. Rankin's Team, and the JB's, which was Mrs. Ballard's team. Students competed in a barrel race, a flag race, a bronc riding, a bull riding, and did some roping.

Students were also treated to a "Cowboy Lunch" with roast and beans provided by the teachers before an afternoon of roping the dummy. All students got to try their hand at their cowboy skills!

Mrs. Alexander said, "I feel it's very important for students living in this area to appreciate their local culture. We are in the heart of cowboy country!"

Brendan Fisk, 4th grader, said, "It was great learning about all the rodeo events!"

Cade Drum said, "It was a great opportunity, and we all had a wild and wooly time!" Yeehaw!!



Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. Rankin, and Mrs. Alexander sporting their team rodeo ranch shirts in front of collages made by students reflecting their study of local cowboy culture.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for information about the former Childress Army Airfield Bombing Range No. 2

Recently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a Site Inspection at the former Childress Army Airfield Bombing Range No. 2. This site was used for training pilots and bombardiers assigned to the Army Air Forces Bombardier School at the Childress Army Airfield during World War II.

The former Childress Army Airfield Bombing Range No. 2 is one of many former military installations throughout the United States that will be reviewed under the Department of Defense's Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol. This protocol is used to assess sites that may have unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions or munitions constituents, and to assign priorities for any additional investigation or munitions removal that may be required.

The evaluation criteria, including types of munitions that may be present, ease of access to the site and number of people living near the site, are available for public review in the Site Inspection Report located at the Motley County Library, 1105 Main St., Matador, Texas 79244.

For more information or if you have additional information about past activities related to the former Childress Army Airfield Bombing Range No. 2, please contact please contact Patience Nwanna, project manager by email at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Patience.N.Nwanna@usace.army.mil"](mailto:Patience.N.Nwanna@usace.army.mil)Patience.N.Nwanna@usace.army.mil, via phone at (817) 886-1470 or by mail at USACE, Fort Worth District, ATTN: CESWF-PER-DI, 819 Taylor Street, Room 3A12 Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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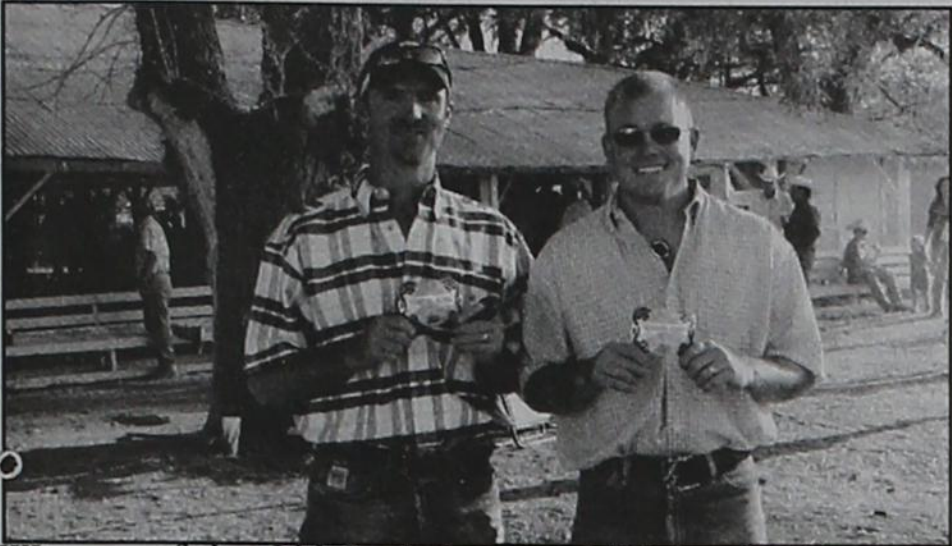
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For more information or if you have additional information about past activities related to the former Childress Army Airfield Bombing Range No. 3, please contact please contact Patience Nwanna, project manager by email at [HYPERLINK "mailto:Patience.N.Nwanna@usace.army.mil"](mailto:Patience.N.Nwanna@usace.army.mil)Patience.N.Nwanna@usace.army.mil, via phone at (817) 886-1470 or by mail at USACE, Fort Worth District, ATTN: CESWF-PER-DI, 819 Taylor Street, Room 3A12 Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300.

# More Old Settlers Winners



Winners of the Old Settler's Annual Washer Pitchin' were Matt Abram of Lubbock and Coy McKay of Amarillo.



Jr. Winners were the Rusty Spurs. Pictured, Team Members: Brody Rankin, Llano Bateman, Jett Cabler, and Garrett Fry.



Winners of the Old Settler's Turtle Race were Weslynn Givens in the 0-4 age group shown here held by her sister Madison Givens. Kaitlin Price, sister of Weslynn and Madison, won in the 10-14 age group. Ben Charles Grundy took home the prize in the Senior Citizen's age group, and Nellie Bly Shannon was the winner in the 5-9 age group. Each winner received a plaque and \$50 prize money. Congratulations!!



Pee Wee Winners were the Rafter-H Pictured Team Members: Andrew Stafford, Tatum Guerrero, Hunter Lefevre, and Autumn Perryman.

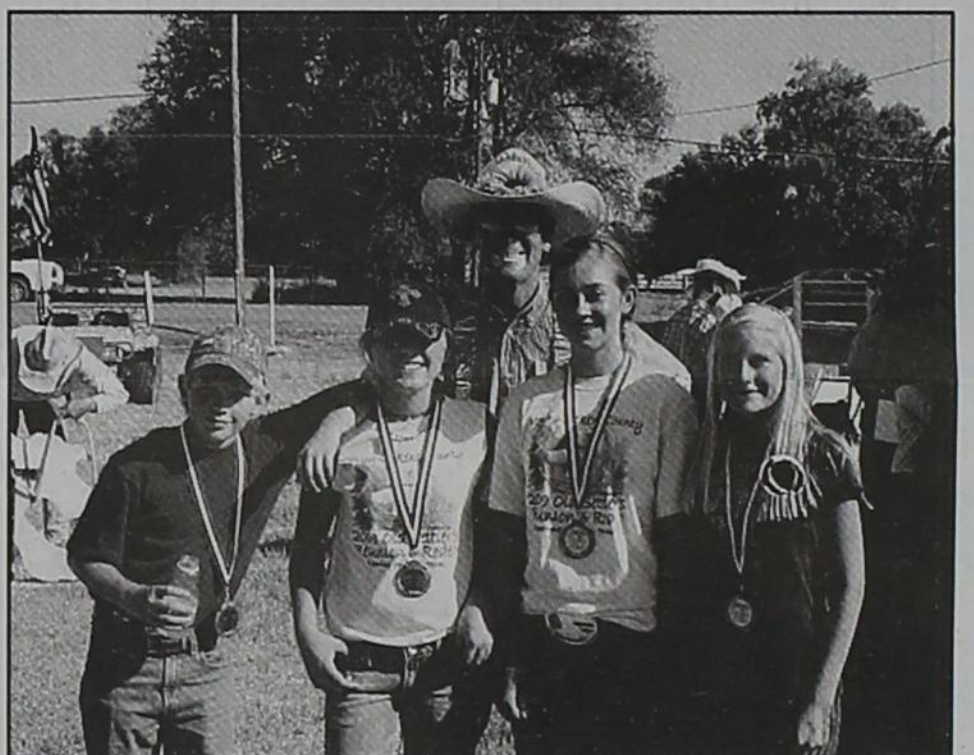
## Pokey the Clown winners

The Pokey the Clown event was held during Old Settlers on Saturday at 3 pm after the turtle races. Four age groups participated: Super Pee Wees (3-5) yrs of age, Pee Wees (4-7) yrs of age, Jr. (8-11) yrs of age and Sr. (12-16) yrs of age.

During the event there were several area kids that participated in the Pony Express Race, Cow Doctoring, Cow Milking, and Team Branding all done on Stick Horses and Wooden Cows furnished by Pokey the Clown and Plains Dairy. The winning top two teams were invited to participate at the 14th Annual World Ranch Rodeo held in November at the Amarillo Civic Center.



Super Pee Wees Winner were The Kopers. Pictured Team Members: Brogan Rankin, Gunnir Bateman, Kyler Beshirs, and Wyatt Perryman



Senior 1st Place: The Beauties and the Beast Pictured Team Members: Vance Parsons, Katlyn Price, Jacy Cabler, and Sierra Fry.

## A Stacker Comes Clean continued from page 2

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Dr. Pat Williams by Motley County Clinic Crew (Mary, Daphne, Dorothy and Joyce),

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Other donations were made for specific needs, and these include: three blankets for resident lap robes by Ashley Washington; activities by Sondra Francis; wheelchairs, walkers and other items by Karen Koon Fleming of Little Rock, Arkansas; hair saloon by Tina Brooks; patient benefit by Sharon Allen

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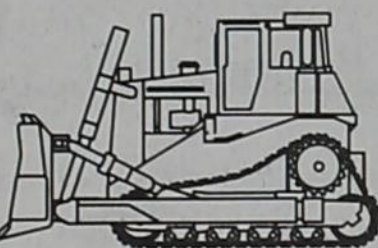
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### September

- 16 Methodist Women's Bible Study, at Lindy Stafford's home, planning session, 6:30 P.M. Light Refreshments
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 17 JH Mavericks, Wilson at Matador, 5:00 P.M.
- 18 MCISD Football at Wilson at 7:30pm
- 19 Dan Barton's 91st Birthday, Hackberry Creek Nursing Home 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- 19 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 19 Motley 4-H Club Meeting - 5 pm courtroom
- 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 22 "How to Plan for the Costs of Long-term Care." conducted by the Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning Services, Hackberry Creek 6:00 p.m.
- 22 Town Hall Meeting at Hackberry
- 23 Pot Luck Lunch September HCCC
- 24 Jr. H Mavericks, Southland at Southland, 5:00 P.M.
- 24 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 25 MCISD Football and Homecoming, Southland at Matador, 7:30pm
- 25-26 South Plains Fair Junior Goat Show
- 28 American Legion Post 337 at 7 PM at the Senior

The City Of Matador will hold a Meeting at 7:30 A.M. on Friday September 25, 2009. At the City Hall, Matador, TX. To consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the city of Matador by .0799 Percent.

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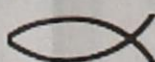
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