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"Chuck wagon and equipment headed for branding on the Matador Ranch while H.H. Campbell was manager.

The 88th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo set for August 25-27

Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo kicks off August 25-27

The 88th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo will kick off Thursday, August 25, 2011, in Roaring Springs at 10:00 a.m. with the annual parade in downtown Roaring Springs. All businesses and individuals are encouraged to decorate a float and join the parade route.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle on the rodeo grounds. There will be free admission all day on Thursday to the rodeo grounds.

A business meeting will begin immediately following the memorial. The Free Dance with Mike Porter and Friends is from 4:00-6:00 p.m. All Mike Porter dances are free to the public, continuing at 8:00-11:00 p.m. on Thursday;

and 5:00-8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Motley-Dickens Counties Arena Events will open books at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. Events begin at 5:00 p.m., including Cutting, a Flag Race for 6-years and under; and 7- to 12-years; Open Age Barrel Race with an entry fee of \$15.00; Junior Team Roping, 18 years and under with an entry fee of \$10.00 per team; and the Motley-Dickens Counties Team Roping, entry fee at \$60.00 with a stock charge of \$25.00.

On Friday and Saturday, General Admission to the rodeo events is \$5.00, free to ages 10 years and under. Events also include a Junior Flag Race on Friday and Saturday for ages 12 years and under.

Books open for the RHAA Ranch Horse Competition at 9:00 a.m. on Friday; competi-

tion starts at 10:00 a.m. There are four classes of competition: Cowboy Class, Ranch Hand Class, Junior Class and Senior Class. Entry fees for each class are \$110.00 with a \$40.00 stock charge.

The WRCA Sanctioned Invitational Ranch Rodeo on Friday and Saturday will begin at 7:00 p.m. Events include bronc riding, wild cow milking, team doctoring, calf branding, and team sorting. Teams consist of 4- to 6-members.

The Friday Night Dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. will feature Kevin Rainwater and The Blue Denim Band. The Cowboy Church Band will perform on the slab Friday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the Open Jackpot Ranch Bronc Riding will begin at 12:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$250 - one head, lim-

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Drought Contingency Plan

The Matador Water District Board and the City Council for the City of Matador voted on August 11, 2011 to enter Stage 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Matador. Due to the drop in the water table and the high daily water consumption, the City requests everyone with City Water to be conservative during these extreme dry conditions that threaten our public water supply.

Target: Achieve a voluntary 20 percent reduction in total water use.

(Meters have been read for the September billing so your efforts to reduce your water usage won't be evident until your October billing.)

- A) Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) and to irrigate landscapes only between the hours of **8 p.m. and 10 a.m.** Evaporation is between 40 and 50 percent during daytime hours.
- B) Water customers are requested to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes.

Third annual Foothills event a success

By Barbara Armstrong
 Motley county Tribune

The word on the street: "It was a great time last night in Downtown Matador - great music, great food and great friends!"

The 2011 Motley County Foothills Saturday Night was huge success with about 200 people attending from Motley County, Tahoka, Spur, Lubbock, Childress, Flomot, and Turkey as well as other towns in the region. Downtown guests braved the heat and turned out for the Chamber of Commerce event in downtown Matador.

Lawn chairs lined the sidewalks, some close to the "misters" that Shane Jones and Judy Renfro put up in the afternoon heat to help keep everyone cooler. Others sat across Main Street to enjoy the music and dancing.

The local talent show was a variety of gospel music, coun-

ty and Western. One young man performed a comic routine. Young Carley Turner played her guitar and sang for the crowd; another young lady, Krystin Ferguson, was too shy to get on stage but did her Hoola Hoop routine that astonished the crowd.

There were several vendors selling their wares along the sidewalks - tee-shirts, jewelry, decorator items, and handmade items; the Motley County Cheerleaders had a bake sale.

The 108 E Broadway Band, consisting of Chad and Casey Maines of Matador and friends played upbeat music to listen, foot tap, or dance to throughout the evening. In a favorite part of the celebration, Motley County businesses gave away 35 door prizes.

Businesses were represented by some wonderful prizes this year. Thacker Jewelry donated a pair of diamond stud earrings. There

were several Gift Certificates for meals, free flat-tire repair, tee-shirts, a purse, and photo print from Ken Young, a Breeze Fan from Matador Variety, as well as many others. Some were not claimed so these will go into storage until the Chamber has the Hunter Appreciation Lunch in November.

Barbeque sandwiches, chips, drinks and cookies, cupcakes and brownies were eaten and enjoyed. The Rockin' R travel concession wagon was in town with barbeque ribs and turkey legs. James and Margaret Stanley sold out of the Stanley Pharmacy Chicken Salad in less than an hour - a big thanks goes to Margaret and James!

Thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make it a success and helped in anyway, especially setting up and taking down. Several young people were a great help loading and unloading chairs and tables.



Pictured is Carley Turner, gearing up to compete in "Motley County's Got Talent" contest at Foothills Saturday Night event.

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo coming this weekend and lots of fun and activities for all ages, including an "Old Folks" dance. I don't know to whom that refers, unless maybe some senior citizens can cook up a better dancing energy than some prime time citizens. I heard someone say it was called that because the dance was earlier in the evening so the folks can retire early. When I have looked in on the dances it appeared there were folks of all age groups at all the dances. Correct me if you saw otherwise.

The parade is always fun with the flags, horses, and such. Remembering those who have passed on before us is always a good time for reflecting on the adventurous spirit of the ones who settled in this area. I can only imag-

ine what it was like to live in a dugout but I suppose there might be a few old settlers who remember that experience first hand. As publishers and editors, we always enjoy going through the old photographs and stories and adding writings and pictures we may not have seen before. If you happen to be in town for the festivities, you might approach someone of the older generation, introduce yourself, and get some stories right from the settler's speech. Especially fun is going to the cowboys' reunion. Those fellows are the real deal.

Then there is the phenomenon of "people watching". Some people say they like to go to events such as festivals and fairs just to watch the "people". Late last Sunday afternoon, as I sat in the middle of an art fair, waiting for the fair to close so I could help Laverne take down her tent, it occurred to me that I might be perceived as a "people watcher". Never mind, I think the people watchers get watched as much as those who think they are doing the watching. It's all in fun, here's hoping for a celebratory time this weekend at Old Settlers.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Billie Dean's an Icon on 70-70

By Marisue Potts

For forty-seven years, "Billie Dean's" has been an icon near the busy crossing of US Highway 70 and Texas State Highway 70 in Matador. Joe and Billie Dean Smith bought the motel and café in 1964 from Auctioneer Ken Bozeman and worked seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. to build up their business. At one point it was necessary to take outside jobs and even sell the café which became Smith's Steak House, owned by Ed Smith, but then take it back when that business faltered.

Since then the Joe Smith family has put in considerable sweat equity and innovations, such as a drive-in, a hangout for teens, and RV-hookups, to supply needs for the community and traveling public which at this junction is estimated at 1,500 vehicles a day. A continual parade of strange and wonderful transports stop at Billie Dean's: yachts destined for Houston or the Great Lakes, gigantic front end loaders for Wyoming mines, heavy equipment for the oil field, huge turbines for wind farms, and lately a stream of cattle trucks taking droughted-out herds to new pastures or slaughter. Many truckers have been stopping for years and ask about the family and the employees.

Recently I visited with Billie Dean Smith in her comfortable home, nestled conveniently between the café and motel on a block at the edge of town that bears the Smith branding through and through. I asked Mrs. Smith, "In the restaurant business that seems to have a tremendous turn-over, what has made 'Billie Dean's' endure and prosper?"

With a beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eye, she replied, "You have to love people. I

enjoy all types of people. And you have to be willing to work. Joe was open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. We were taught to work by our parents."

Mrs. Smith grew up on a farm near Allentown, Oklahoma, where her father raised peanuts, corn, melons and cantaloupes. When it was harvest time, Billie Dean's school turned out to help her and the family pick the crops. Her dad, Emer Gardner, was fun to be around and generous, traits his daughter shares. Her mother might "put up" and can from 400-500 jars of produce each year. Their home which was a mile and half from town was a gathering place for people who loved music since family members played the fiddle and guitar. Her mother was always ready with something to eat.

So when Billie Dean went to work as a waitress at the Triple N in Borger for Joe Smith, the cook and manager, she was already broke to work. She found Joe to be outgoing but strong-minded. He'd been a boxer in the Golden Gloves program. In the army he had been a cook. After they married, they moved to Munday and later had a truck stop in Benjamin. There Ken Bozeman approached them to buy a motel he had recently obtained. "If anybody can make it in Matador, you can," he told them.

At first the people in town were stand-offish and not too friendly, Billie Dean told me, and she was concerned. Joe reassured her that "They don't know us yet. They don't know who we are, but we know who we are." Gradually the ice was broken, and today everyone knows the Smith family. Their son Pat is at the helm of the operation and also serves as mayor of Matador. Public



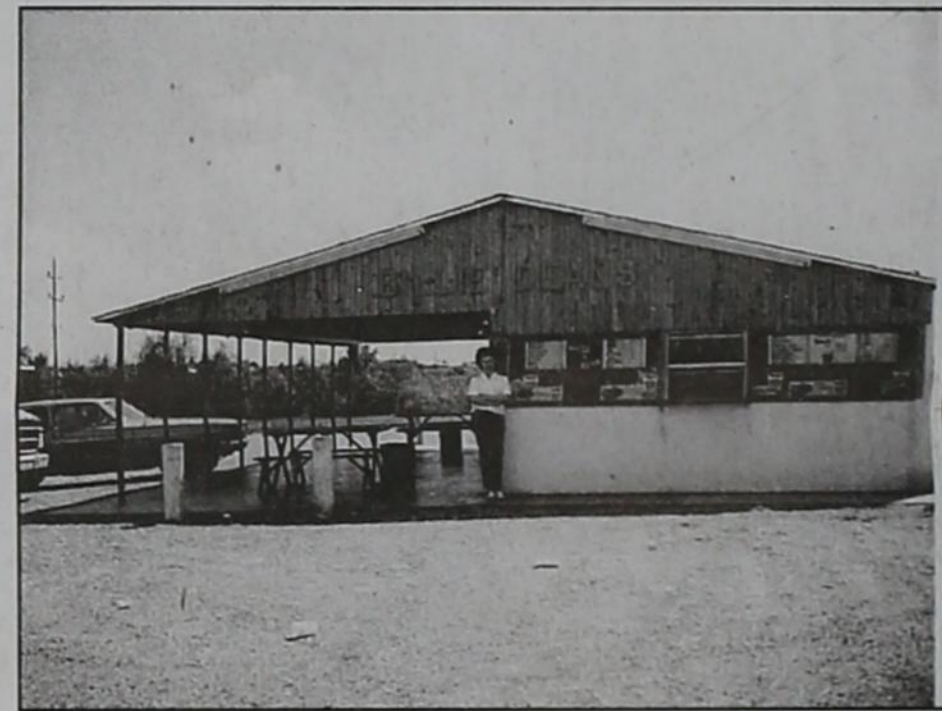
Billie Dean

service is not new to the family since Joe somehow found time to be on the City Council for three terms, was a member of the Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge. Their daughter, who was named by Joe in honor of his seven sisters,

Seven Alexander, helps as needed and with her brother Pat is actively involved with the EMS program in Motley County. Another son, Chip Smith, and his wife Ellen were killed in a car accident in

1998, a terrible loss that Joe and Billie Dean suffered from which Joe never recovered. At Joe's death, they had been married for 53 years.

"Joe was a perfectionist," Billie Dean said. "He wouldn't serve a plate that he wouldn't eat. We both managed the restaurant. If I saw something that needed to be done, I did it. If he saw it, he did. We were equals. We were a partnership." That, in a nutshell, had answered my question.



Billie Dean at the restaurant

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CLIFFORD CALDWELL,
AUTHOR OF "TEXAS LAWMEN"

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**88th Annual
Old Settlers**



WHAT IS A SETTLER?

By Arlyce Manney

The rickety old Model T Ford pulled up at the top of the hill on the dusty road, and stopped.

Pa, is this where we're going to live now?

Yes, son, this is the place. Matador, Motley County, Texas.

Maybe here we can make

a decent living; diggin' post holes, stringin' fence wire, pullin' calves, herding cattle.

Or maybe open a little cafe downtown.

Your Ma sure is a good cook, I could wait tables, and you could help with dishes.

Fast forward 50, 60 years.

That same settler tops that same hill, scans the horizon - AND REMEMBERS.



**Rustle-Up Some Fun at
Old Settlers Days**

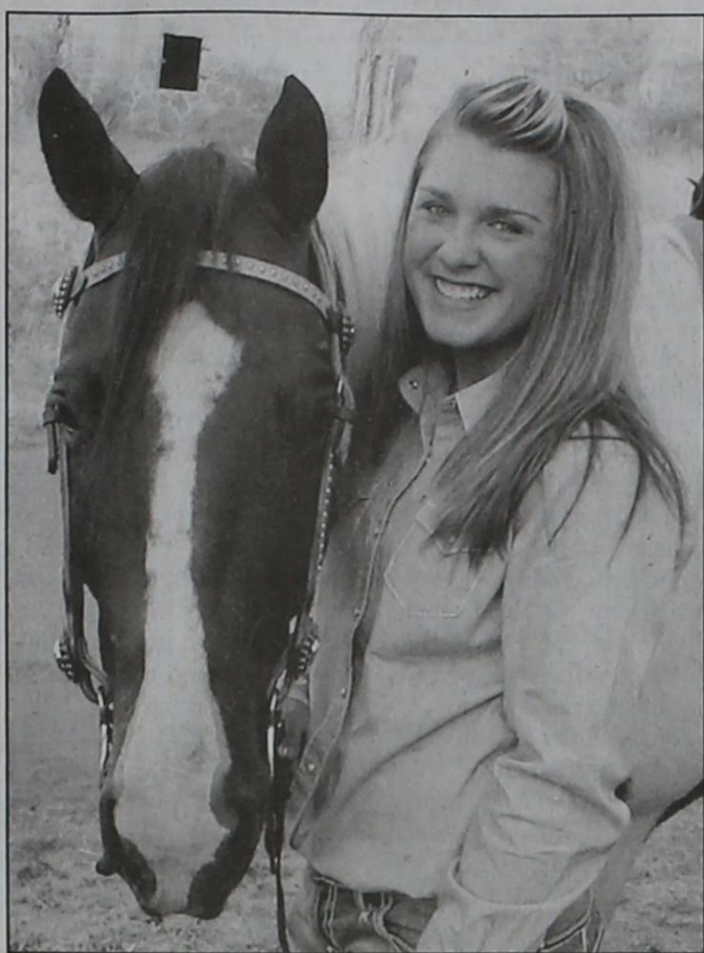


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2011 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen Candidate



Kaitlan Price

is the daughter of Tonya and Heath Givens of Spur and Keith Price of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Donna Hoyle of Matador, Preston and Cinda Givens of Spur, and Joe and Janice Price of Amarillo. Kaitlan is an 8th grader in Spur where she is a cheerleader and participates in cross country, basketball, track, and UIL. She is active in the FUMC youth group and Dickens County 4-H. She enjoys working with her show lambs and riding horses.



Natalie Jameson

is the daughter of Danika and Jeromy Jameson of Matador and the granddaughter of Franklin and Susan Jameson of Northfield, Darrel and Linda Dudley from Oklahoma, and Cindy Carthel of Edmonson. Natalie is an 8th grader at MCISD where she is a cheerleader and participates in basketball, track, cross country, tennis and UIL. She is active in Motley County 4-H and enjoys riding horses, driving the tractor, and spending time with her show pigs.

88th Annual Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo

Roaring Springs, Texas
AUGUST 25, 26, & 27, 2011

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>FREE ADMISSION ALL DAY</p> <p>PARADE - 10:00 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING - 1:00 P.M. FREE DANCE - 4:00-6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>RHAA RANCH HORSE COMPETITION Books Open at 9:00 A.M. Competition Starts at 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>COWBOY CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge RANCH HAND CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge JUNIOR CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge SENIOR CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge</p> <p>RANGER BUCKLE SETS TO CLASS WINNERS</p>	<p>OPEN JACKPOT RANCH BRONC RIDING SATURDAY 12:00 P.M. ENTRY FEE - \$250 ONE HEAD -- LIMITED TO 30 ENTRANTS ENTRY DEADLINE AUGUST 10 \$100 DEPOSIT - BALANCE DUE DAY OF EVENT FOR INFO & ENTRIES - TOM STOKES 806-689-2265 MATT HUMPHRIES RANGER BELT BUCKLE SET TO WINNER</p>
<p>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES ARENA EVENTS Books Open at 4:30 P.M. Events Begin at 5:00 P.M.</p>	<p>JR. FLAG RACE FRIDAY & SATURDAY - DURING RODEO 12 Years Old & Under (As of That Day) Entry Fee \$10 (Stock Charge \$10) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER</p>	<p>SHETLAND BRONC RIDING Featuring Butler's Bucking Shetlands ENTRY FEE - \$25 -- LIMITED TO 10 12 & UNDER BUCKLE TO WINNER FOR ENTRY & INFO - TRACI BUTLER 806-596-4632 AFTER 6:00 P.M.</p>
<p>CUTTING Entry Fee \$70 (Stock Charge \$30)</p> <p>FLAG RACE 6 Years & Under - Free 7 Years to 12 Years - Free (As of That Day)</p> <p>OPEN AGE BARREL RACE Entry Fee \$15 (Office Charge \$5)</p> <p>JUNIOR TEAM ROPING 18 Years & Under Entry Fee \$10 per Team</p> <p>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES TEAM ROPING Entry Fee \$60 (Stock Charge \$25) Draw Pot - Draw 4 Partners 3 Hd - Progressive After 1 Top 12 Back for Short Go</p> <p>MATT HUMPHRIES RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNERS</p>	<p>AQHA WILL SPONSOR TOP HORSE AWARD \$250 AND AQHA BRONZE TROPHY</p> <p>Sanctioned WRCA Ranch Rodeo</p> <p>INVITATIONAL FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>BRONC RIDING WILD COW MILKING TEAM DOCTORING CALF BRANDING TEAM SORTING</p> <p>Team of 4-6 members 20 Teams @ \$750 Each 3 Lazy 5 Rodeo Co. PRIZES TO EVENT WINNERS FOUR MONIES PAID IN AVERAGE BITS TO TOP HAND & TOP HORSE WINNERS</p>	<p>WASHER PITCH CONTEST 1:00 P.M. - SATURDAY BELT BUCKLES TO WINNERS</p> <p>POKEY THE CLOWN'S WRCA JR. RANCH RODEO STICK HORSE RELAYS FOR KIDS Saturday Only -- 3:00-5:00 P.M. PONY EXPRESS RACE -- STEER DOCTORING WILD COW MILKING -- CALF BRANDING 3 AGE DIVISIONS: 3-7 yrs. 8-11 yrs. 12-16 yrs. Entry Fee per Team: \$20 Pre-entry & Practice 9:30 A.M. THE TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS AND QUALIFIES FOR WRCA WORLD Championship Finals at Amarillo</p>
<p>OLD FOLK'S DANCE MIKE PORTER & FRIENDS Thursday - 4:00-6:00 P.M. / 8:00-11:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday - 5:00 - 8:30 P.M. ALL DANCES ARE FREE</p>	<p>FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE 9:00 TIL 1:00 KEVIN RAINWATER & THE MOONLIGHTERS</p>	<p>KID'S SNAPPING TURTLE RACES 2:00 P.M. - SATURDAY \$50 TO WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION 0-4 yrs. 5-9 yrs. 10-14 yrs. Call Russell Alexander @ 806-348-7958</p>
<p>FRIDAY & SATURDAY General Admission \$5 Free Admission 12 & Under</p>	<p>COWBOY CHURCH BAND Friday & Saturday - 6:00 P.M. - On Slab Ron & Marianne Brunson</p>	<p>During Saturday Night's Ranch Rodeo: CROWNING OF QUEEN and DRAWING FOR SPURS HANDMADE BY MATT HUMPHRIES</p> <p>CONCESSION ON GROUNDS</p>

88th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion

MATADOR VARIETY
DOWNTOWN MATADOR

Welcome 88th Old Settlers

The Insurance Store

Correction
The memorial starts at 11 am and the business meeting starts immediately following the memorial service

"SOME SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS"

It is for our well-being to create as much happiness in this life as we can. Every day we make contact and have relationships with those around us. "No person is an island." Being pleasant and cultivating good nature is to our benefit. Several years ago H. Jackson Brown wrote a book which was entitled "Life's Little Instruction Book." In his book he set forth some important rules for us to live by. Here are a few of them:

- Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
- Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- Pray not for things—but for wisdom and courage.
- Be kinder than necessary.
- Keep your promises.
- Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
- Leave everything better than you found it.
- Don't rain on other people's parades.
- Never waste an opportunity to tell someone that you love them.

There is no doubt these rules will surely help us to enjoy a happier life. Here is a greater rule. Jesus said, "... that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another..." (John 13:34-35). There you have it! Let's let everything we do be grounded upon our love for God and for our fellow man.

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

Windmill Cafe
Roaring Springs

Thursday 11am-2:30pm
Open menu
Fried Chicken Buffet

Friday 11am-9pm
Open menu
Mexican Buffet starting at 5pm

Saturday 11am-9pm
Open menu
Steaks starting at 5pm

Saturday 7am-10am
Breakfast Burritos

Sunday 11am-2pm
Fried Chicken Buffet

NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

During these hot summer days I take heart in what God promised Noah, "That while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer and day and night shall not cease." To know that cold and winter is coming to relieve this heat is a blessing. Weather is frightening lots of times; what if we had to look forward to 365 days of 100 degree days? I don't think I could survive.

The wild animals are coming into the city limits more and more often looking for water and food. The Gulledeges and Grahams have heard feral hogs near-by; skunks have invaded our town as well as raccoons. Several skunks have been trapped and killed in our yard. I hear many skunk stories lately. We need to be careful when we step out at night for fear of startling a skunk and getting sprayed. Our pets and even small children could look tempting to a feral hog. Now that is scary.

In the community

Roaring Springs is getting geared up for The Old Settlers Reunion complete with parade, ranch rodeos, dancing and visiting. The Matador Ranch Cowboy Reunion is a good place to see old friends,

remember wild horse and cow tales, an opportunity to reconnect with friends and share memories. To the young people it is a fun time, a chance to show your skills on horseback, win ribbons, meet other kids and maybe be a beauty queen!

Lyn Montgomery visited with her son, Michael Gaither and his family in El Paso from August 4-14, 2011. One week was spent at the Mayan Palace Resort in Puerto Penasco, Mexico. Lyn had a great time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On Sunday afternoon, Billie Stuckey celebrated her birthday at the Travelers Inn complete with cake and ice cream. Those attending were: Don and Billie Stuckey, Pearl Patten, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Alex Crowder, Chig Gwinn, Corky Marshall, Donna Kennedy, Eugene and Cherry Daniell, Zella Palmer, Glennard and Edith Daniell.

On Wednesday evening, Pastor Johnny Perez of the Church of the Blessed in Lubbock came and spoke to the Full Gospel Church about blessing Israel. The Church of the Blessed is involved in supporting work to build an underground hospital in Israel. Their church is located at 1809 34th Street.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

In 1941, I owned a 1928 Chevrolet roadster. It was pretty dilapidated, but fine for a teenager around our small town. One night I was returning to my rural home with only one good headlight when a state trooper in our area pulled me over. When he told me about the headlight, I feigned innocence, but he knew better. "You don't have to worry 'bout me", I said, "I've been driving a car for three years and have never had a wreck." He backed away, took a look at my car and said, "You've got that backwards. You've been driving a wreck three years and have never had a car."

Community News

Aleda Elaine Ross of Kingwood visited a few days recently with her grandmother, Mrs. Aleda Ross. Her son and daughters, Tom P. Ross, Ciara, Anjolie and Elisa Ann of Castroville visited for two weeks with Aleda. Visiting two nights last week were Darrell and Christina Charles and three sons of St. Joseph, Missouri. Other recent visitors were daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock, Walter and Kay Skinner of Quitaque.

Jere Kendall celebrated his 13th birthday Sunday in Lubbock and enjoyed lunch at Rosa's Café and entertainment including a movie. Honoring him on his birthday were parents, Melissa and Tim Kendall. Also attending the festivities were grandparents, Linda and Travis Kendall and

brother, Jacob.

Mrs. B. Rogers, son, Donnie Rogers and daughters, Brooke Rogers of Austin and Natalie Rogers of Flomot visited in Ruidosa, N.M. this weekend with cousin, Jerry Rogers and enjoyed the tourist attractions.

Mrs. Cindy Calvert and son, Cade of Watertown, Massachusetts, visited from Thursday until Saturday with her parents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. Cade remained to visit during August. Visiting the families from Thursday until Sunday were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Emily and Haley of Lake Kiowa. During their visit they visited in Wolforth with their other daughter and family, Kerri and Kevin Sehon, Brian and new baby daughter, Brooke Elaine.

Wilburn Martin had an optical appointment in Plainview, Wednesday.

Jack Starkey is having lung and brain radiation treatments at the Veterans' Hospital in Amarillo. His wife, Nada Starkey, is still taking rehabilitation treatments following her recent surgery. Their children, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch, Michael Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo are with them.

Butch and Janice Hughes visited in Floydada Wednesday with sons and families, Roger, Tiffany, Reagan and Brody Hughes, Ricky, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes. Ricky visited them Saturday.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited his brother, Johnie Starkey, Saturday.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

Foothills Celebration

Foothills Saturday Night offered jazz, blues, and some country music as well as dancing by young and old. "Misters" serviced and installed by Shane Jones helped participants enjoy their supper, shopping and music. Diane Washington, Shane Jones, and Annette Hollinsworth did the lion's share of the work on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks from the community for the cooking, serving and the cleaning up. This is a wonderful occasion that gets bigger each year.

Three couples came to town just for the dancing. They were Sherry and Larry Fletcher from Richardson, Bob and Ben Ella Stewart and Pat and Loyd Underwood from Big Spring. They will all be back in April for the Bob Wills celebration.

Chris and Ronnie Travis from Fort Worth were the research team from Spirit Seekers on Friday and Saturday. They enjoyed their visits with community member, both living and "passed on". They are collecting interesting data.

Emil and Joy Schattel from Lubbock returned to Matador to enjoy the music and friends they have made since making us their get-away retreat.

Keven and Lisa Wood brought new shirts for their foothills booth. The proceeds from their sales go into scholarship funds for area students. The effort is in honor of their daughter, Melanie, who died in an accident several years ago. They have some new, glitzy shirts that are routinely stocked in local stores and at the hotel. Lisa and Keven own Motley County Abstract with a main office in Paducah. Accompanying them this trip were Keven's parents, Hilton and Gerald-Diane Wood from Tahoka. He is a retired farmer, and she is a part of the Singing Women of West Texas, a group who has performed across the United States and Europe.

Robert Queen from Spring Branch visited with Carter and Betty Luckett last week. He is a long time friend of the family. Robert had a multiple by-pass earlier in the year and is recuperating well.

Ballweber Ad-Tech Signs put up a new Pinnacle Sign at what was formerly Wylie Propane. Putting up the nice new sign were Blake Ballweber,

Mike Webb and Don Sutherland. They enjoyed the courtyard after a long, hot day of work.

Must be nearly hunting season. We had three men in to work on their lease. This trip they brought wives, who stayed inside except for occasional shopping spurts in local stores. They were Butch and Zelma Prince from Argyle, Johnny and Kandi Allen from Denison, and Garland and Janice Head from Dallas.

I had two of my grandchildren last week, Jaxon and Isabel Escobar from Canyon. Jaxon is starting to school this week. It is hard to believe; it is such an exciting time. This weekend Kimmie Hicks, wife of our son Jason, and daughters Hannah and Hailey attended the festivities. They are all moved to Abilene, and the girls will be enrolling in the Wiley school district this week. Kimmie had a long visit with the Spirit Seekers and is going to go on one of their future projects.

Tom and Deanie Edwards were in Glen Rose Texas over the weekend to check out lodging and activities for upcoming family reunions. They visited the Creation Museum, Dinosaur State Park where they took pictures of the Dinosaur tracks in the river rocks and climbing in 110 degree weather; and spent an afternoon going through Fossil Rim Reserve. This was very interesting seeing all the African animals. They were especially impressed with the size of the grey rhino. It was huge. You can feed the animals as you go through. They chose to just drive through. It is a wonderful place to take your children to see the animals. They visited a lot of the hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast lodgings. The bed and breakfast lodgings were so quaint and delightful. Some of them sat right on the Paluxy River. They ate at Hammond's Bar B-Q, The Green Pickle and The Lone Coyote. Loved the old wooden benches and long wooden tables. Great food and atmosphere. The town square was a treat. A must see for all who go there. The museum was very interesting. They were very glad to get home after a fast weekend. A wonderful place to go if you have not been there.

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Golf Update by Cynthia Stafford

On August 5-7, 2011, the Roaring Springs Ranch Club held its Club Championship Tournament. The Men's Club Champion is Conway Clay and the Ladies Club Champion is Olivia Barton. We would like to thank all those who participated; Kenny Barton, Mark Brannon, Christian Brooks, Lee Hurt, Ken Marshall, Pat Smith, Olivia Barton, and Tammy Simpson.

The Tuesday, August 16, Scramble participants were Kenny Barton, Olivia Barton, Mark Brannon, Timmy Brooks, Garland Cartwright, Jason Clauser, Lee Hurt, Brad Jameson, Lee Jones, Kelly Keltz, and Ken Marshall. Closest to the pin winner was Mark Brannon. The winning team with another card playoff was Lee Hurt, Brad Jameson, and Lee Jones with a score of six under par.

The Thursday Ladies play-day participants were

Olivia Barton, Polly Campbell, Jean Hoover, and Glenna Ross. The 9-hole player with the least putts was Glenna Ross and the 18-hole player with the least putts was Olivia Barton.

The 2-man Scramble will be held on September 10-11 - all interested players, please call the Golf Shop at 806-348-7267 as soon as possible to register. We currently have 30 teams already signed up!

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Weather Trivia

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

Greetings Motley County Library fans! I am beginning a new adventure this week as I take over the reigns as Librarian. Most of you know me very well, from my many years at the *Motley County Tribune*, or most recently my article for Hackberry Creek Care Center. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Carla Meador. I am a Motley County native; growing up in Roaring Springs and graduating from Motley County High School. My husband, Jim, longtime Sheriff, is now the Motley County Judge. We have a son, Jeremy, a Lubbock police officer, daughter-in-law, Whitney, a second grade teacher and two of the most awesome grandkids you could ever find - Morgan, a freshman at Lubbock High and Judson, a sixth grader at Irons Middle School.

I am very excited to begin this new position and hope I can continue to carry on the tradition of the wonderful Librarians before me. Please stop by and say hello and check out the great books, DVD's and so many other things the Library has to offer. Also, please bear with me as I learn.

Don't forget the **Friends of the Library Beans and Cornbread Lunch** in the Library Annex, Friday, Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The library will be closed on this date. In addition to getting a great meal, Clifford R. Caldwell, author of *Texas Lawman 1835-1899: The Good and the Bad* will be on hand for a book signing.

We have a new book in the Library this week. *Quinn* by Iris Johansen. As a former Navy SEAL turned cop, Joe Quinn has seen the face of evil and knows just how deadly it can be. When he first met Eve Duncan, he never expected to fall in love with a woman whose life would be defined by her dual desires to bring home her missing daughter and discover the truth behind her disappearance—no matter how devastating. With the help of CIA agent Catherine Ling, they make a shocking discovery that sheds new light on young Bonnie's abduction and puts Quinn squarely in the crosshairs of danger.

Emotionally charged, with one shock after another, Quinn reveals the electricity of Joe and Eve's first connection, and how they fell in love in the midst of haunting tragedy. As their search takes them deeper and deeper into a web of murder and madness, Joe and Eve must confront their most primal fears . . . and test their resolve to uncover the ultimate bone-chilling truth.

Wow! This book sounds great! It was checked out as soon as it arrived and I have a feeling there will be a list for this one. The Library has many great, exciting, mysterious books, as well as an array of other topics to choose from. We also offer computers for your use and wireless connection for your convenience. Everyone is welcome to stop by! Let me thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to seeing and visiting with you!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

COMMISSIONER TODD STAPLES TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WAIVER EXTENSION ASSISTS RANCHERS DEVASTATED BY DROUGHT

Temporary waiver makes transporting hay easier in times of emergency

AUSTIN — Texas ranchers suffering from the worst one-year drought on record can continue to count on a hay transportation waiver to help feed their dwindling herds. At the request of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, Gov. Rick Perry extended the waiver from August 4 to September 1 with the possibility of further extensions every 30 days as long as the drought continues. The waiver relaxes certain restrictions and permitting requirements in order to expedite the transport of hay.

"This year's drought may be the most costly in state history for Texas farmers and ranchers," Commissioner Staples said. "The devastation is unprecedented. Texas ranchers are in desperate need of hay to feed their herds and this transportation waiver will help in these troubled times. It is critical to employ every resource available to avoid further herd reduction, which is why I'm working with surrounding states to obtain similar waivers on any highway that stands between drought-parched Texas and available hay supplies in other regions of the nation."

This Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) waiver temporarily suspends height, width and length restrictions on round hay bales and associated permit fees for hay carriers. Public safety remains a priority and therefore dictates that all other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance and safety precautions continue to be in place and monitored closely for compliance. The waiver also considers alternate routing wherever possible.

Commissioner Staples is working with other surrounding states to obtain similar transportation considerations. Louisiana, Oklahoma and Kansas have joined the Lone Star State in increasing allowable height and width dimensions, and waiving permitting fees on oversized loads of hay en route to Texas farmers and ranchers. Commissioner Staples is also seeking partnerships and opportunities with other states to provide relief to the hardworking Texas farmers and ranchers who have suffered more than their share this year.

For information on donating, selling or locating hay or forage supplies, visit the Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline webpage. To learn more about this temporary hay-transport waiver and explore expedited routing, call TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division at (512) 465-3592.

South Texas cotton harvest ending well...considering

EDINBURG — As the cotton harvest winds down in South Texas, experts are qualifying their favorable comments with a single word: considering.

"We've had a really good cotton year, considering," said Brad Cowan, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent in Hidalgo County. The qualifier, of course, refers to the lingering, record-breaking heat and drought.

"One reason our cotton has done so well is that cotton actually likes hot, dry weather, especially if it can be irrigated or rained upon in a timely fashion," Cowan said.

With beneficial rainfall from a tropical storm in early July and timely river irrigations, some yields from the Lower Rio Grande Valley's 195,000-acre crop have been exceptional, he said.

"We've got about 20 percent of our crop in Hidalgo County still out in the field, and I suspect we'll be harvesting right up until the Sept. 1 deadline," Cowan said. "But some of our irrigated yields have been really good — over three bales per acre. Even some of our dryland growers, not all of them, but some are bragging about their yields too."

The successful dryland farmers in the Valley were helped by a rain in early May and a moderation of temperatures in June. The later-maturing irrigated crop got a boost from Tropical Storm Don instead of potentially devastating rains that were feared, Cowan said. Normal cotton yields on irrigated fields have averaged two- to two-and-a-half-bales per acre, Cowan said. A bale is 500 pounds of lint.

"Yields have been going up historically because of better-yielding varieties of cotton that have been introduced to the area," Cowan said. "But even more significant is the lack of insect damage due to the successful efforts of the boll weevil eradication program."

Farther north, in the Coastal Bend area, Cowan's counterpart in Nueces County sums up their harvest in similar words.

"About 98 percent of our cotton has been harvested and yields are fairly respectable, considering what we've been through," said Jeff Stapper, an AgriLife Extension agent near Corpus Christi.

Unlike the Valley, the vast majority of cotton in the Coastal Bend area is grown on dryland fields that depend totally on rainfall.

"Our biggest rain came in mid-May, 1 to 3 inches, and that made our cotton crop because it came just when plants were starting to bloom," he said. "It was a big help, but then nothing after that. It's been bone dry."

Yields are averaging 600 to 700 pounds of lint per acre, Stapper estimates.

"We planted 136,000 acres of cotton in Nueces County, and about 20,000 acres failed," he said. "It just never came up. But what did survive matured earlier than usual thanks to above-normal heat units in the growing season, so our harvest ended about 20 days earlier than usual."

Valley cotton gin yards are overflowing with modules, which will take some time to process.

"We don't have as many gins as we used to," Cowan said. "And nobody's sure how long it will take to gin it all, but that's okay. The weather's good and cotton stores fairly well once it's in the gin yard since the tops of the modules are covered with tarps. The sides are open and can get a little wet, but that's just not an issue."

Both Cowan and Stapper are now hoping for rain in what's normally considered the rainy season in South Texas, late August and September.

"Once we get the cotton out of the way, then we'll be looking for moisture, just like everybody else in agriculture," Cowan said. "And there's hope since the weather patterns seem to have changed the past few days."

Stapper said rainfall is especially critical now.

"We grow some of the state's best grain sorghum and cotton crops right here in the Coastal Bend area, but now we need some good rains to get us going and help us start preparing for next year," Stapper said.

With sufficient fall rains, Stapper expects growers will plant a winter crop of 5,000 to 6,000 acres of wheat and a few hundred acres of oilseed crops, including canola, rape and safflower. "Then by the first of February we'll start planting corn, then grain sorghum and depending on soil temperatures, cotton will start going in the first of March."

Texas crop, weather for Aug. 16, 2011

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Forage expert: It's a 'no-brainer;' sell out herds now

COLLEGE STATION — With little to no grazing and hay, should livestock producers continue to try to buy feed, move cattle to another state or just sell out?

"It would be much less expensive to just get out and come back later," said Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas AgriLife Extension Service state forage specialist. "And that's the message that we're trying to convey."

Many livestock producers have already tried to cut feeding costs by extensively culling their herds, but have held onto enough cows to rebuild their herds if the drought passes, he said.

In some dry years, that might be a good strategy, but not this one, Redmon said.

"It's unprecedented," he said. "We've had the 12 driest months in Texas history, and there's just not many ways to combat that."

With grazing and hay supplies next to non-existent in many areas of the state, it's getting very expensive to buy feed. On average, it's costing producers "somewhere around a \$100 a month to have these animals (cows) stay in the pasture and feed them," he said.

Another choice is to move cattle elsewhere, most likely another state during this drought, and lease land where there is grazing, Redmon said.

"It could be western Mississippi; it could be eastern Louisiana; or it could be maybe Missouri," he said. "I haven't talked to anybody this year, but in the past couple of years people have called me from other states and they've quoted prices of \$20 to \$22 per (cow/calf) pair per month. Even assuming that's \$25 or \$30 that's still a far, far cry from \$100 a month."

Of course, one has to add the cost of hauling a trailer load of cattle to the leased grazing, but even with that added cost it still cheaper than trying to buy hay and feed at today's prices, he said.

"It's probably going to be \$3 to \$3.50 a loaded mile — something like that," he said. "If you just put all that together ... the savings could still be tremendous if a person could find a place to put those animals."

But completely selling out makes more sense yet, Redmon said, given there's no guarantee this drought will end anytime soon.

"Some people would counter and say it'll cost more to come back into the business later because conditions will have improved, and more people will be getting back in," he said. "That's true. But again, looking at the difference in what it would cost to buy cows and come back in at some later date — versus what they would spend trying to go through this drought — mathematically, it's just a no-brainer."

More information on the current Texas drought and

wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

Panhandle: Most of the region received scattered showers and cooler weather. Accumulations ranged from a trace to 1.5 inches. The rain and cooler weather was welcomed, but it was not enough moisture to help the very thirsty crops. Soil moisture levels remained very short. Irrigators were watering full swing trying to keep up with water demands. Gray County received hail along with the rain, which stripped the leaves off some cotton and corn. Also, high winds toppled six pivots in that county. The rain greened up some pastures, but more was needed to really make a difference in the very poor conditions. However, the cooler weather did ease water needs and heat stress on cattle. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued. Producers who were trying to hang on to their cattle were buying hay from other states, with hauling costs running \$20-\$30 per ton.

Rolling Plains: Rain! But the amount varied greatly from county to county. Throckmorton County received from 0.5 inch to 3 inches of rain, while Stephens County received from 0.5 inch to 5 inches. Haskell County received as much as 2.8 inches. Other counties received from 0.1 to 0.8 inch. However, the majority of counties did not receive any measurable moisture. The rain was no help for cotton producers, though it did help wheat growers who would like to plant in September. More moderate temperatures, especially nighttime lows, helped relieve stress on livestock. Cotton was fruiting, but even under heavy watering, fields still looked weak. Producers were weaning and selling calves. Some producers are selling or shipping their cows to out-of-state grazing. Hay was scarce and expensive when available. A few hay producers hoped to have a late-summer cutting. Large trees were beginning to show the effects of too little moisture.

South Plains: Some areas received as much as 3 inches of rain. Others got none. The remaining cotton is from two weeks to a month ahead of schedule; and the final stages of flowering or in cut-out. In other areas, cotton was shedding bolls and squares from lack of water. Of the 42,000 cotton acres planted in Garza County, only 8,000 remained. Many producers were planning on an early harvest. High temperatures dropped into the 90s. Most counties were still under burn bans. Some growers chose to dig and harvest peanut vines for hay due to the low pegging rate. White grapes in Yoakum County were harvested, and red grapes were expected to be ready by the end of August. Cattle producers were selling off herds because of shortages of grass, hay and water.

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Submitted by Monta Marshall

Dear Mama,
I have been waiting until I could sit up to write you a long letter. It isn't much fun writing while lying on ones back. I've had enough of it. I can get out of bed by myself and walk a little with a cane. I haven't dressed yet but I am raising inquiries as to my clothes whereabouts.

I have taken all the adhesive plaster off my side and back and trying to get rid of the itch.

Today Charlie went to Spur after the windmill and tower; Lillie and Mrs. McDonald went with them to get Lillie a spring bonnet. The boys are beginning to take a shine to her so she will have to spruce up! Lela and Susan have gone to McDonald's after water for the hogs; it is a pretty big job for them but they have a slop cart and will not have to lift much.

Lela is remarkably well considering what she has been through. She proved herself a splendid nurse.

We are having the most beautiful weather now; the days are warm but a fine breeze all day and at night it is cool. Last night we had quite a hard wind and it was pretty cool; it's warm again today. Good growing weather, we haven't got our planting done as two of our horses got their shoulders sore and they either could not or would not pull the planter. We will put four horses to it and get it done next week although break sod and plant maize until July.

The farmers generally have their old land all planted in Kafir corn and maize. The sod is so stiff it cannot be worked to an advantage the first year but they claim it will make feed crops better without working.

The second year they just disk the land, roll and harrow it to make a good seed bed then it will make cotton or anything. There are over one thousand acres planted in sight of our place and more than that much in other crops.

We have had plenty of rain so far for every purpose of farming and the grass is fine. The prairies are green and dotted with flowers every color of the rainbow. There is a world of fine pasture and the sod is as thick as blue grass. It is better than I ever

expected to see here. Much of land looks like your bottom land and about the color and it is just as good sod. Some of it is of red cast and folks here say that it is better than the black. We have 400 acres in one tract that I can stand in the middle of it and see a rabbit moving on any foot of it. It drains perfectly as the highest spot is in the middle.

Folks say we are having ideal weather for cotton, plenty of moisture below the subsoil and dry on the surface. A few inches down, there is plenty of moisture.

We had planted a few rows of corn several days ago and Mr. McDonald is finishing the corn for me today and will begin planting maize this afternoon.

The corn is coming up but we are not banking on corn much but pin our faith to maize which the livestock like better. The chickens are crazy for it.

The drillers are about to complete our well. They have about 20 feet of water and will quit drilling when they strike gravel to which they think they are almost down. They will have to case a little farther down to shut out the quicksand.

I have bought a carload of fence posts (3000) and we will have to haul them from Floydada which is 38 miles away. Charley has made one trip with the two other teams and hauled 830 posts. I struck bargain on the posts; I got them for 8 cents apiece. Some are a trifle small but at Spur they are 16 cents for posts not much better. We can haul two tons a load from Floydada as the road is level as a floor all the way. From Spur, it so hilly and sandy we only haul one ton at time. It takes two days to make a round trip to either town so we aim to try and do most of our heavy hauling to and from Floydada at least until we get a railroad near us.

There is now a railroad at Crosbyton only 16 miles from us; it doesn't do us any good as Blanco Canyon lies between and they have no bridge yet and the canyon is about 300 feet deep and 2 or 3 miles across. The banks are almost vertical.

Some days there is a mirage here and we can see the entire opposite bank of the canyon. It

will apparently rise up and looks like a mountain range. When the mirage is to be seen the neighboring houses appear to rise up in the air and we can see lots of houses that ordinarily are out of sight. If you see a man a mile or two away, he looks like his legs are ten feet long; everything is that way, horses, dogs and cattle. They look like they are on stilts. The mirage usually occurs about an hour after sun-up but sometimes at any time; it is a curious sight in this country.

I had been told that the antelope had all been killed off but that is a mistake. The day I got hurt we saw a herd of eight about 600 yards away. They would stop ever once in awhile and look at us and then hike out again. Finally a big eagle swooped down and scared them away. The eagle followed them a mile or two just over their backs and they fairly burnt the wind!

Charley shot at an antelope from our front yard. The wolves come up every night and prowl around and howl; we have our chickens shut up and the wire fence keeps them out. We haven't seen a rattlesnake yet but we expecting to any day. Loyd Hickman killed one coming in with the posts.

The Hickman family is a large family; almost all of their children are grown and married. The Hickmans are from Tennessee; though they are not kin they look like they could be as they are all tall.

Most of the people here are Southerners from East Texas but Mr. Elsby is from Indiana and Mr. McDonald from Illinois, he came here when he was a small boy.

We are almost all the 'furriers' there are here.

I broke a piece of ground where we mean to build and will plant an orchard next fall or spring. We will have apples, peaches, plums and grapes; they say peaches do not do too well on the plains.

Well I don't know what Lela has written to you about my accident but I thought you might want to hear the tale of woe from me.

To begin with I had just bought a new horse I did not know much about. He seemed gentle and quiet and I had seen him working to a plow in a three horse team. He looked all right; I bought him and took him home and hitched him to the plow that afternoon and worked him myself. He was a little high strung but not mean and he worked all right. So the next day (March 25th) we went after a load wood and worked the new horse to the wagon. He seemed gentle

and I began to have confidence in him. We stopped to feed at noon; I locked the wagon and dropped the inside traces. Then I put feed on the ground as they were not reined up; they began eating. I took the left hand horse's bridle off and hung it on one of the hames and stepped past the tongue and from the left side of the off horse. I pulled his bridle off and hung it on a hame; the instant I did so he threw up his head and jumped forward pushing me back. I did not fall at first, but tried to stop and quiet him. He was scared and kept plunging forward until he got the other horse past his feed and he too got scared; then he rode me down. They kept me going backward so fast I could not get past his head to escape.

I tried to grab the hame and climb the tongue chains so I could get on his back; he was too fast for me; this made me fall on my back and the horse stepped on my face, I think with his hind foot. We had side bar shoes on his hind feet and I think that bar is what caved in my cheek bone and eye socket. The whole right side of my face was black from my nose out.

Then of course as I was under the horse the wheels both had a crack at me. The front wheel struck me as I tried to roll to the center; Again I was too slow and the wheel ran up my back on my right side and dropped off my shoulder leaving its mark all the way but did not break any bones. Then the hind wheel which was almost sliding caught me, I think in the left flank and rolled me under it. I know it

rolled clear over then and I could hear and feel the bones breaking. I did not faint nor lose consciousness; I did use my wits and kept trying to get to the center of the wagon. It was too swift for me.

I thought my insides were all busted at first and expected to die right there; when I didn't I told Charley to go to the house we had seen down in the breaks for help and send someone if possible to telephone for a doctor. He found two boys at the nearest house and one of them got on a horse and went to the nearest telephone, the other came back to me on a horse with a pillow and a coverlid which I needed more than anything as it was very cold and the worst norther blowing we had had this year.

I lay there on my bare back on the rocks from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m. My clothes were ground off my back by the wheels clear to the hide and then some. I had on my heavy jacket, best flannel shirt and my heavy underwear.

Charley stayed with me and Mr. Huckaby went after help. I had to tell them everything as Charley was too scared to know much. I knew that Mr. Elsby our neighbor had a big spring wagon. I told Huckaby to go to the Taylor's and get March and to take a quiet team and go after Elby's hack and he could let Lela know and to get the old spring cot for a stretcher all of which they did as speedily as possible; it seemed a hundred years to me!

Mr. Taylor was the only one

who had his wits about him and he sent his hand on a wild horse to me with a jug of water which was mighty welcome. They had to wait for the spring wagon to move me, so I lay there and grinned and bore it.

Our team had run about two miles down into the breaks and stopped; they didn't hurt anything but themselves. Charley and one of the boys got them after they got me loaded.

I had examined myself as best I could while waiting and made up my mind that I had a chance or two; when Mr. Taylor got there he checked me and we decided to take me on home and wait for the doctor which was our first plan.

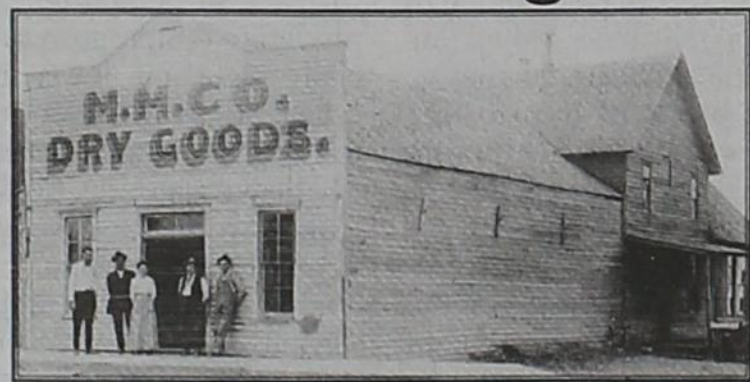
You may wonder why I had to lie there so long before I could be moved; but, you see we were seven miles from Elsby's and that called for 14 miles of travel before the hack could get there. Everybody was out at work and had to be gotten together. They put me on the cot with a camp bed which was a relief; they put the cot in the spring wagon with the gate up which made it as easy as possible for me. That seven miles of agony and seemed like seventy.

When we got home at dark the doctor was waiting for us. He bound me up and stayed all night. I suffered a plenty for the next 15 days. I will not be much disfigured or crippled. My side is caved in a little and check bone and that is all.

I will be fine, Mama so don't worry.

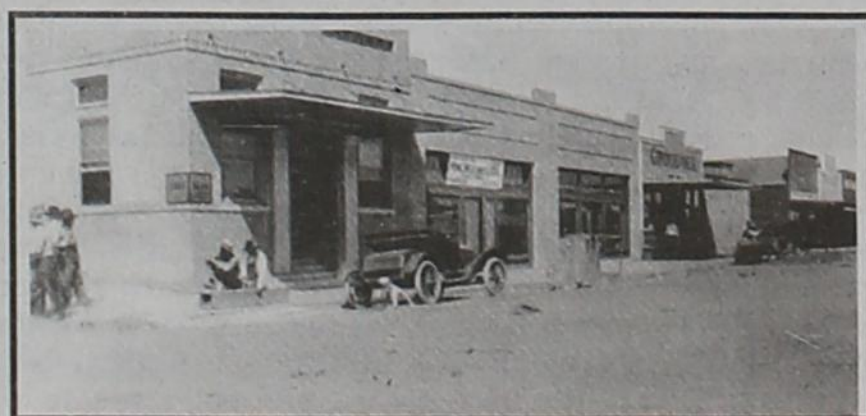
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TPTR hosts 3rd annual Roundup

Motley County receives a tourism grant from THC

By Carol Campbell

The Texas Plains Trail Region sponsored their third annual Tourism and Preservation Round-up in Post, Texas, on August 15-16, 2011. Attending from Matador were Barbara Armstrong and Carol Campbell.

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce was a Bronze Sponsor at the event. The Chamber was recognized and highlighted in all the promotional brochures and program materials; and received a special "thank you" recognition from the TPTR Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald in her introductory remarks.

The sponsors were invited to set up a table at the Round-up to introduce the attendees to Motley County. The table was visited by more than 100 attendees from the 52-county region. "I think it's important to make new connections and renew old connections to keep our community visible," Barbara Bird Armstrong said, adding, "This sort of contact creates opportunities for tourism to our county."

In the first order of business, Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald gave a Texas Plains Trail welcome and legislative update, introducing the State Director of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, Teresa Caldwell; and Susan Shore, a Program Specialist for the heritage tourism program. Shore then announced the recipients of the Texas Historical Commission Tourism and Partnership Grants. Only four grants were awarded in the TPTR Region. Thirteen grants awarded statewide.



At the recent Texas Plains Trail Tourism and Preservation Regional Roundup, awards for partnership grants with the Texas Historical Commission were announced. Pictured (L to R) is the State Director of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, Teresa Caldwell, TPTR Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald, TPTR Board Member Carol Campbell, accepting a grant for Motley County; and Susan Shore, a Program Specialist for the heritage tourism program.

Receiving Texas Historical Commission (THC) Partnership Grants were Motley County in partnership with the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail for the video documentary project; Armstrong County Museum for a Charles Goodnight Travel Exhibit, the Cottle County Museum in Paducah for a project documenting the early-day rural schools in the county; and 3-Rivers Foundation in Quanah for the Quanah Parker celebration. The

Partnership Grant for Motley County was fully funded in the amount of \$6,000 to provide post-production funding for the editing costs of the video documentary, set to begin the production filming during Foothills Saturday Night, August 20, 2011.

Following a welcome speech by Mayor Thressa Harp and Chip Polk, of the Ragtown Gospel Theatre in Post, seven presentations from Geocaching for the Buffalo Soldier Expedition of 1877, to What's

Happening with Texas Tourism; Nuts and Bolts of Marketing 101; and Making the Most of Your local History by Tai Kreidler, Deputy Director for the TTU Southwest Collection; and Holle Humphries, Texas Plains Trail Board of Directors, who presented a slide presentation on the placement of the Giant Arrows on the Texas Plains Trail. Motley County was recognized for receiving the first arrow on the trail, followed by Crosbyton County.



Dianne and Seab Washington were honored at Foothills Saturday Night by the Masonic Lodge for "Outstanding Service" to Motley County. This outstanding couple have sponsored and chaired many worthwhile events in our county, donating time, energy, and equipment. Dianne is the President of the Motley County Chamber of Commerce; Seab serves as President of the Board of Hackberry Creek Care Center. Both have fulltime jobs in addition to their volunteer work - Dianne is a CPA in Matador and Quitaque, and Seab farms and ranches in Flomot, Texas.

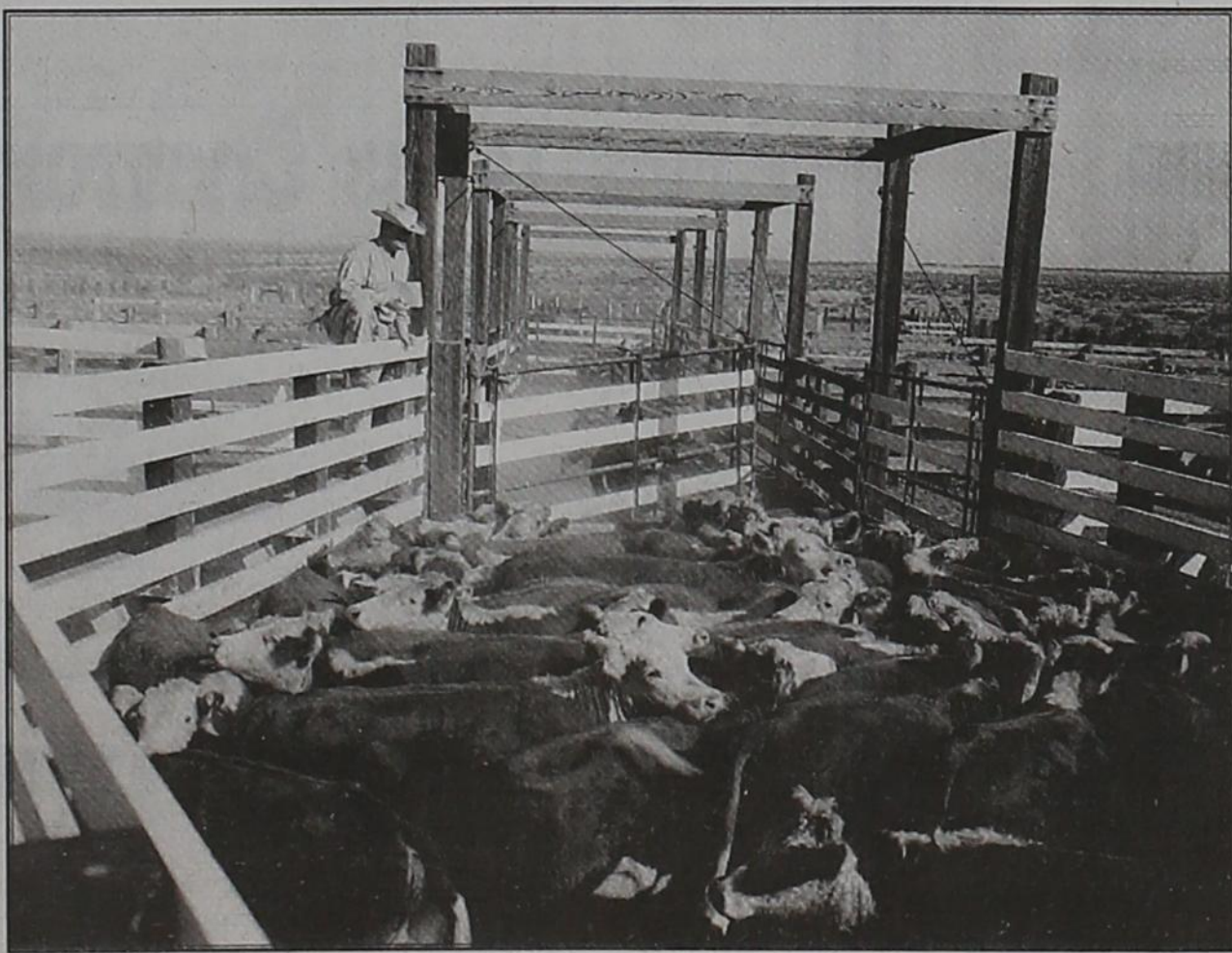
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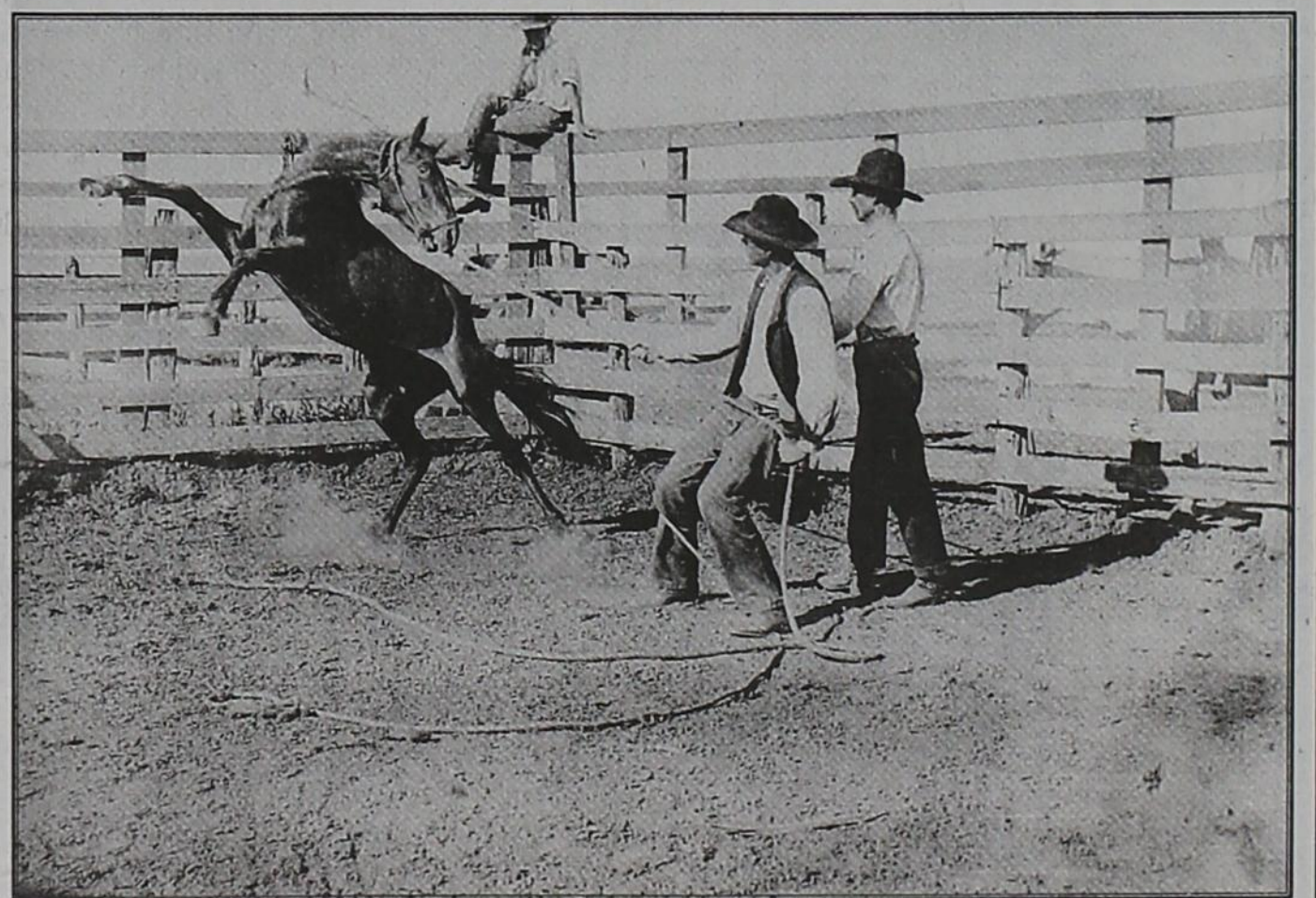
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A large crowd attended the 3rd annual Foothills Saturday Night sponsored by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce in downtown Matador on Saturday, August 20. The crowd enjoyed food, drinks, arts and crafts, and dancing in the streets to music by the 108 E. Broadway Band from Lubbock, Texas.



Local business owner Steve Smith sings country western in the "Motley County's Got Talent" contest at Foothills Saturday Night.

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Texas Drought the New Norm, say Climate Scientists

By Peter Malof

PALISADES, N.Y. - While the current Texas drought is the result of naturally varying conditions, climate scientists predict much more of the same in coming decades because of long-term warming trends.

Texas is poised to surpass a 1956 dry spell and record its worst drought on record if high heat and low rainfall persist much beyond summer. Get used to it, say scientists who point to climate models and historical patterns as confirmation that subtropical areas across the southern United States are permanently drying out.

While he's not expecting the entire South to become a vast desert, Richard Seager, a climate scientist with the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia Uni-

versity, says conditions that used to be considered extreme are fast becoming the norm.

"There were some historical droughts, like in the '30s and '50s, that went on for years and years on end. That level of aridity will become the new climatological state by the middle of the century."

Climate-change skeptics attribute today's conditions to natural variables rather than permanent atmospheric changes caused by humans. Seager argues that both are true: Natural patterns modified by long-term warming - leading to less-wet wet spells, and more severe dry periods. La Nina conditions in the Pacific, as well as unusually warm Atlantic temperatures, share the blame for the current drought, he says.

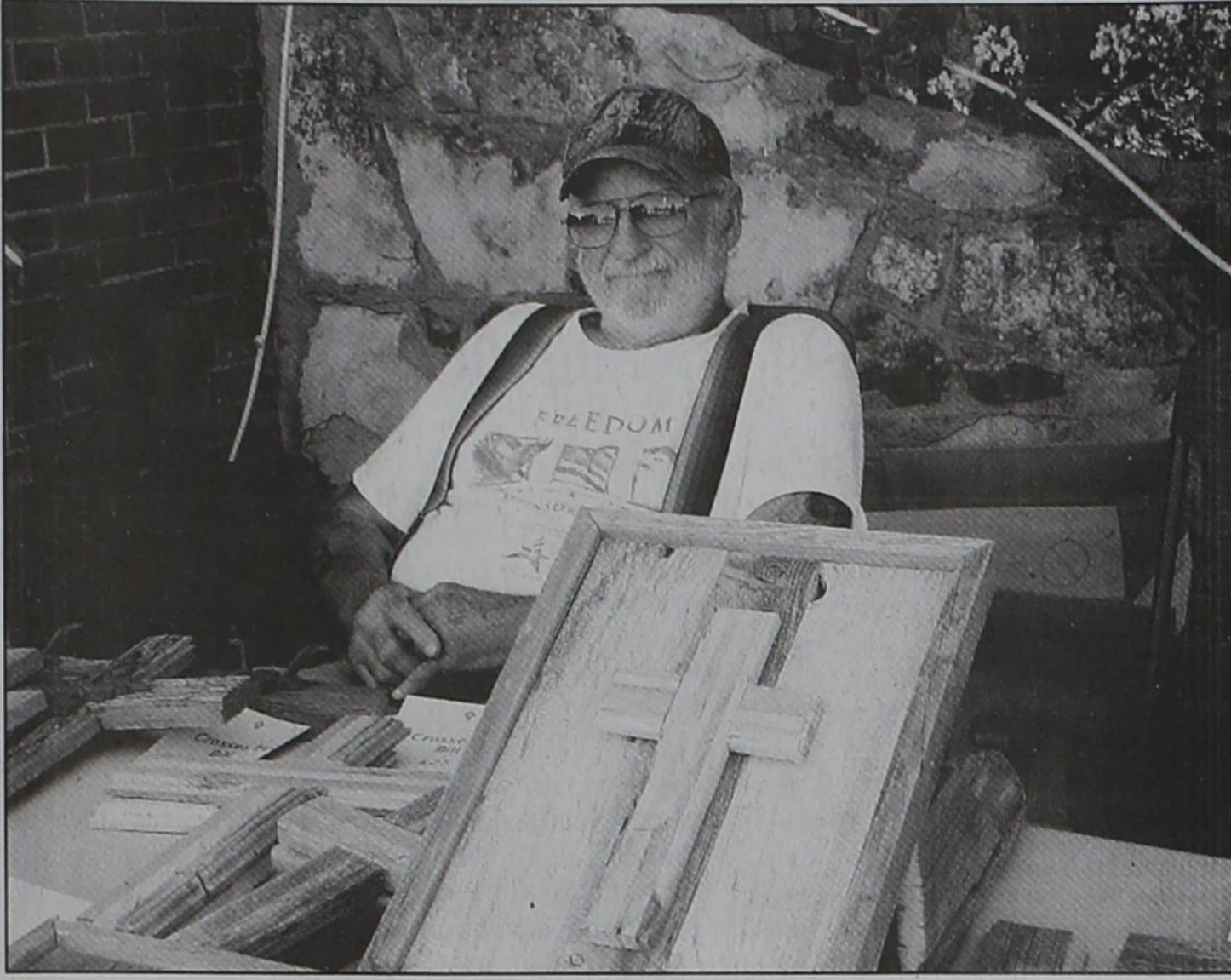
"For this individual event, yes, climate variability is very important. But, as this pro-

gressive aridification occurs due to human-induced climate change, events like this are going to become more likely."

Short of discovering ways to reduce carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere, Seager says not much can be done to slow the drying trend in coming decades. The good news, he thinks, is that lower water supplies are predictable. The question is how we choose to act on that knowledge...

"What places like Texas should be doing is thinking how to assign water resources to human users, industries, agriculture. We should start planning for that now."

Already this year, drought has led to farmers abandoning crops, ranchers thinning herds, record-setting electricity usage, and a record-breaking wildfire season.



Local artist Bill Armstrong's beautiful wooden crosses and wooden bird feeders were displayed for purchase at Foothills Saturday Night. Vendors lined the street in front of Hotel Matador to showcase their art.

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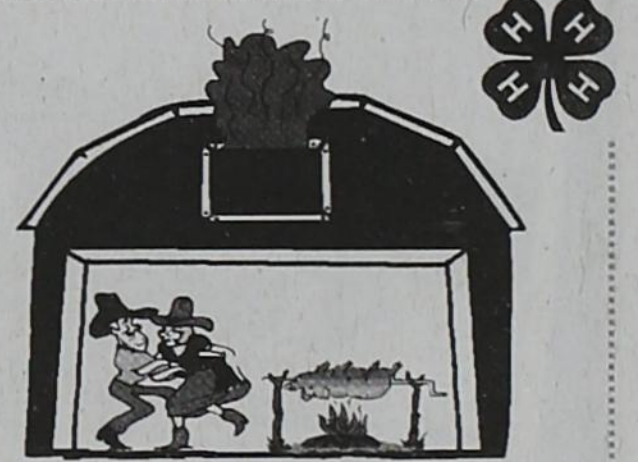
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10, 2011 - Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson traveled to Texas today to tour areas of the southern parts of the state devastated by drought and wildfires. Nelson said that USDA would continue to work to deliver assistance to those impacted by drought and encouraged producers to contact their local county or state USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office. Nelson also highlighted an announcement made earlier this week that will offer additional flexibility in the Conservation Reserve Program to assist producers struggling from drought.

"Our top priority is to make sure that all farmers and ranchers know that we are here for them and that FSA provides programs to help them through one of the worst disasters in this state's history," said Nelson.

Nelson was escorted by Texas State Executive Director and acting Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs Juan Garcia.

"As a native Texan, I have experienced extremely high temperatures and relatively dry conditions, but never anything of this magnitude," Garcia said. "I have no doubt that with help, Texas

producers will bounce back and continue to be one of the driving forces in American agriculture."

In June, the drought - which has plagued the state since January - caused Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to name 213 counties in Texas as primary natural disaster areas. In an effort to further help producers, Vilsack relaxed rules governing the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) earlier this week by extending the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Generally, land enrolled in CRP cannot be used for grazing unless special circumstances warrant the land to be opened for that purpose. Texas, along with Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma has been approved for emergency grazing.

So far this year, producers nationwide have received \$693 million in indemnity payments to help recover from disasters, including more than \$520 million to those affected by drought. Additional assistance for livestock producers affected by the drought comes from the Livestock Forage Program which has already provided over \$50

million in Texas. This timely assistance helps ranchers purchase feed for their livestock when they need it most.

FSA administers several important programs that help producers recover from disaster damage and livestock deaths. Among the key programs available to address impacts from disasters are the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program.

USDA will continue to work with state and local officials, as well as federal partners to ensure that producers have the necessary resources to recover from these challenges.

Fact sheets for all FSA programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets. To find the USDA Service Center nearest you, please visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>.

Texas agricultural drought losses reach record \$5.2 billion

Further losses could continue if no rainfall received for remainder of year

By: Blair Fannin

COLLEGE STATION - The historic Texas drought has led to a record \$5.2 billion in agricultural losses, making it the most costly drought on record, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists.

"The drought of 2011 will have a lasting impact on Texas agriculture," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and a member of the Governor's Drought Preparedness Council.

"This drought is ongoing," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. "Further losses will continue if rainfall does not come soon to establish this year's winter wheat crop and wheat grazing."

The \$5.2 billion in losses exceeds the previous record of \$4.1 billion during the 2006 drought. The losses also represent 27.7 percent of the average value of agricultural production over the last four years, Anderson said.

The current drought losses have reached record levels in large part due to Texas farmers failing to cash in crops during times of high commodity prices, economists said. The state's cattle producers continue to cull herds at historic levels and spend money on expensive supplemental feed.

"Livestock losses include the increased cost of feeding due to lack of pastures and ranges and market losses," Anderson said. "Market losses include the impact of fewer pounds sold per calf and the impact of lower market prices due to the large number of cattle sold in a very short time period."

The following are losses by commodity:

- Livestock: \$2.06 billion (includes \$1.2 billion previously reported in May);
- Lost hay production value: \$750 million;
- Cotton: \$1.8 billion;
- Corn: \$327 million;
- Wheat: \$243 million;
- Sorghum: \$63 million;

To remain comparable to past drought loss estimates, Wednesday's loss estimates do not include losses to fruit and vegetable producers, horticultural and nursery crops, or other grain and row crops.

"In that regard, these estimates are considered conservative," Anderson said.

The \$5.2 billion total released Wednesday takes into account \$1.2 billion in drought losses previously reported by AgriLife Extension in May, which were primarily livestock-related losses due to added supplemental costs and lost grazing.

"The drought began for

much of the state in September 2010," Miller said. "Much of the Gulf Coast, Central, West Texas and the High Plains had seen abundant moisture in the summer from Tropical Storm Hermine and other rainfall events. An unusually strong La Nina pattern moved into place in the fall of 2010, which had an impact comparable to turning off the 'rainfall switch' for most of Texas and surrounding states."

October 2010 through July 2011 was the driest 10-month period in recorded Texas weather, Miller said.

"The drought, coupled with prolonged high winds and record temperatures were enormously destructive to Texas agriculture and natural resources," he said. "The summer rains caused grass growth, which provided fuel for an unprecedented fire season, with more than 3.3 million acres of Texas ravaged by wildfire."

"This destructive climatic pattern has taken a huge toll on crops and forages, and the timing could not have been worse for Texas producers, as all of the major agricultural commodities are enjoying strong prices."

Combined losses for wheat, corn and sorghum grain farmers in Texas due to drought are more than \$600 million. Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains economist, said Texas wheat production in 2011 is about half what it would have been in a normal year.

"Wheat yields were down from a five-year average of 30 bushels to 26 bushels per acre and abandonment was up," he said. "Given this year's plantings of 5.7 million acres, we would have harvested 2.8 million in a normal year. In 2011, harvested acreage is estimated at only 2 million acres, down 800,000 acres. The combination of yield losses on harvested acres and higher abandonment put Texas wheat-for-grain losses at \$243 million."

Texas corn production is estimated to be down about 30 percent in 2011, Welch said, with harvested acres down 16 percent due to higher abandonment rates.

"Yields are down 16 percent statewide," he said. "Highlighting the severity of this year's heat and dry conditions is that the most severe yield losses are seen in the irrigated corn grown in the Panhandle. The average corn yield in the northern High Plains is estimated at 165 bushels per acre compared to a five-year average of 205 bushels, down 40 bushels per acre. Yield losses

and abandonment will cost Texas corn producers about \$327 million in 2011."

Grain sorghum production in Texas, according to Welch, is expected to be about half of normal in 2011. The 1.6 million acres planted spring marked the lowest in Texas history.

"Then drought lowered yields and raised abandonment rates," he said. "The drought estimates for sorghum reported are based only on the yield and harvested acreage estimates from U.S. Department of Agriculture. This totals about \$63 million."

Meanwhile, Texas cotton growers faced unprecedented impacts from drought in 2011, said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist. Robinson said in August USDA projected "a relatively low average cotton yield of 636 pounds per harvested acre" in addition to a "historically high abandonment of 52 percent."

"Compared to five-year average yields and abandonment, 2011 represents a huge loss in potential production," Robinson said. "Applied to USDA's measure of 7.1 million planted cotton acres in Texas, and valued at their projected price of 95 cents per pound, this loss adds up to \$1.8 billion. "It's that \$1.8 billion is also the 10-year average total value of cotton lint and cottonseed production in Texas. So, Texas cotton growers lost as much market income in 2011 as they would normally make for an entire cotton crop."


"Perhaps the most telling thing about the 2011 drought was that even irrigated farmers were not spared," Miller said. "While most Texas irrigation systems work well in normal or even below normal rainfall, many irrigators found that water supplies were not able to provide all of the water requirements of the crop in the absence of any rain and excessive heat. By mid-July, farmers began to try to stop (economic) losses, dedicating all of their water supplies to a reduced amount of acres as water demand from the crops was higher than their ability to supply it."

The following is a list of economic drought losses from 1998 through 2011 compiled by AgriLife Extension economists:

- * 2011 - \$5.2 billion
- * 2009 - \$3.6 billion
- * 2008 - \$1.4 billion
- * 2006 - \$4.1 billion
- * 2002 - \$316 million
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Mandy Bogart, a junior student at Crosbyton High School, and her mother, Barbara Bogart, display Mandy's inspiration of art with glass beads at Foothills Saturday Night. These "Zipperpulls" are used to make it easier to close backpacks, purses, and jackets.



Pictured are members of Girl Scout Troop 6231. The troop was selling aprons, pillows, hot pot pads, key chains, and baby quilts at a booth set up in front of Hotel Matador at the Foothills Saturday Night event. (L to R, front): Cheyenne Mount, daughter of Karen Mount; Sydnie Pope, daughter of Ronnie and Dorothy Pope; and Samantha Quilimaco, granddaughter of Benita and Roy Moreno. (L to R, back): Chyanne Aumiller and Jasmine Aumiller, daughters of Linda and Scott Aumiller; and Isabella Quilimaco, granddaughter of Benita and Roy Moreno, Matador.

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Notice of Proposed Salary Increase

The Motley County Commissioners' Court is considering a salary increase in the amount of \$600.00 per year for the Motley County Sheriff. This increase is for cell phone reimbursement.

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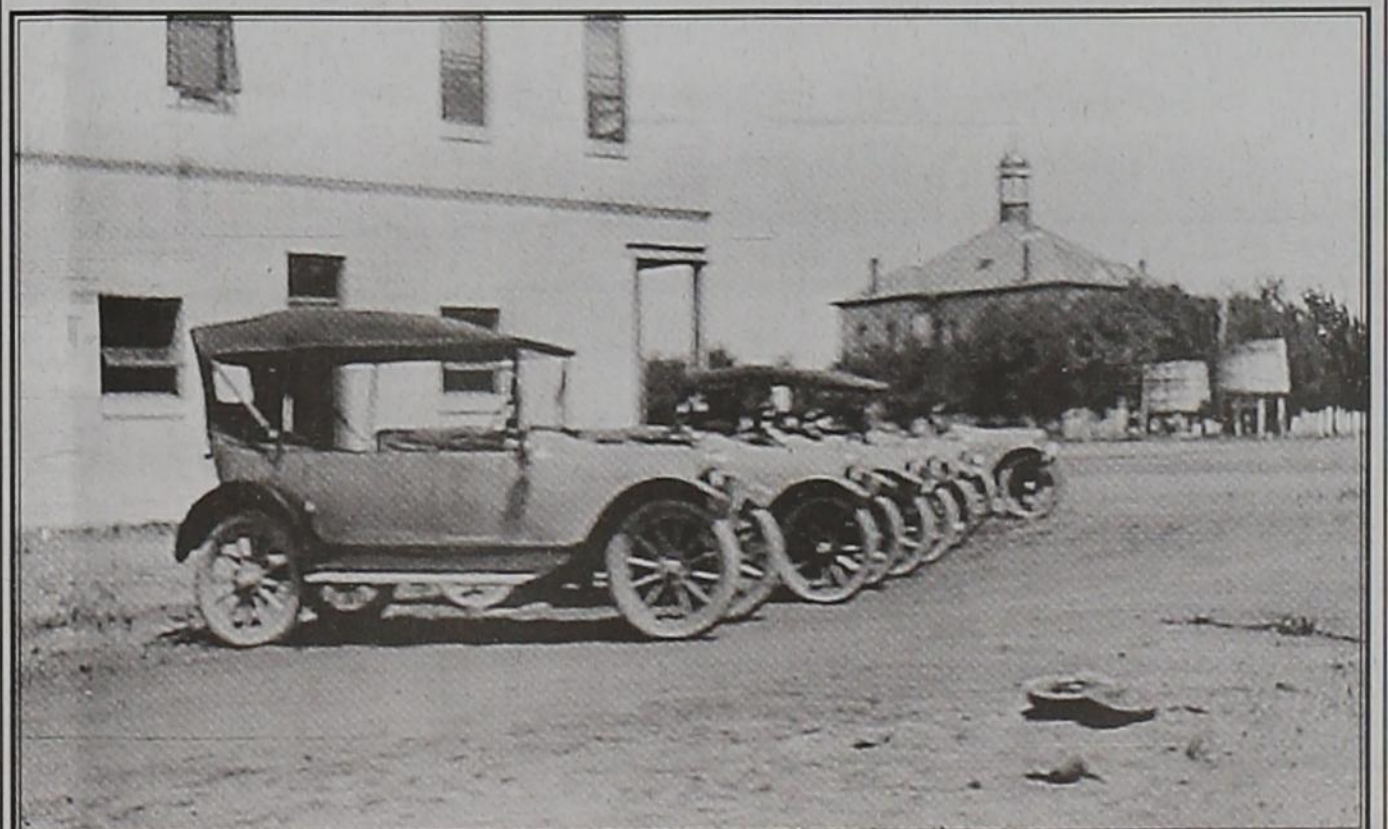
The Motley County Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 was filed in the Office of the County Clerk Thursday, August 11, 2011.

The Proposed Budget can be reviewed during normal business hours Monday through Friday until such time as the Commissioners' Court adopts the final 2011 - 2012 Budget.

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August

- 25 Old Settlers Parade, 10 am
- 25 Old Folks Dance, 4pm & 8 pm
- 25-28 Old Settlers, Roaring Springs
- 26 Old Folks Dance, 5 -8:30 pm
- 26 Kevin Rainwater and the Moonlighters, 9-11pm
- 26 "Friends of the Library Beans & Cornbread Lunch" on Fri., August 26th 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Library Annex. And book signing with Clifford R. Caldwell, Texas Lawman
- 26 MCISD Pep Rally
- 27 Motley Co. vs. Garden City at noon in HICO
- 27 Old Folks Dance, 5 -8:30 pm
- 27 Kevin Rainwater and the Moonlighters, 9-11pm
- 30 School Pictures, Cross Country, Jr. High Cheer and Varsity Cheer
- 31 EMT-Basic-Class orientation and sign up, 6:00 pm at the EMS station.

September

- 5 Arts & Crafts, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10 am until 3pm.
- 7 EMT-Basic Class Begins

NOTICE

THE CITY OF MATADOR WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 6:15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 AT CITY HALL, 706 DUNDEE, MATADOR, TEXAS TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2011. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS .49876 PER \$100 OF VALUE. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD INCREASE TOTAL TAXES IN THE CITY OF MATADOR BY 7.99%.

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THE MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 6:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 AT THE MOTLEY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARDROOM, MATADOR, TEXAS TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2011. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS .10500 PER \$100 OF VALUE. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD INCREASE TOTAL TAXES IN THE MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BY 5.93 PERCENT.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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