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## A Trio of Grassfires in 36 hours



Fire at PK Ranch

By Matt Crawford

Sweet dreams and restful sleep descended upon Motley County USA for everyone except a small but committed group of volunteers. The call was answered and the page went out in the wee morning hours, Tuesday, August 11th that Dickens Fire Department needed assistance on a grass fire east of Afton on the Stokes Ranch. Six men from Matador and two from Roaring Springs, roused from their beds, piled in three Matador fire trucks and one Roaring Spring's truck, and headed south to aid a neighboring department. Three separate fires kept Dickens and Matador VFDs busy through most of the night. Quick response and hard work kept the damaged acreage to a minimum. The cause is believed to be lightning from the thunderstorms that passed through earlier in the overnight hours. Four hours later as the rest of the Motley was beginning their day this tired bunch of firemen parked their trucks and

took their place among the working class.

Fast forward half the day to when most folks are sitting around the lunch table enjoying a filling of vittles and sharing a laugh or two. The phone rang again and Dickens needed assistance on a flare up from another fire the night before. Four firemen put down their forks, met at the station, and headed northeast of east Afton to the PK Ranch. A fire that had gotten out of the fire guard was spreading southwest. Varieties of fire fighting techniques are used depending on the conditions; sometimes water, sometimes fire. "Black don't burn," so another fire guard was bladed, and this time a back fire was set to take away the fire's fuel. With a guard in place and lots of black the firemen headed home, just as the workday was coming to a close.

After refueling and minor repairs, an evening at home or catching up on missed work was the agenda for the night. Sleep was not interrupted and Wednesday started like a nor-

mal workday.

Later that afternoon, about 2:30 the final episode of the trio was announced. Fire crews were dispatched to the 5HP ranch east of Roaring Springs off of county road 421 and Hwy 684. Three guys in three Matador fire trucks, three guys in a Roaring Spring's truck, and a few personal vehicles converged upon the small grass patch and quickly extinguished the fire sparked by a down electrical pole. Assistance from a county maintainer helped keep the fire contained to the small patch of grass. A quick response time and a large crew made quick work of the small fire and the busy 36 hours came to a close.

The late summer thunderstorms caused two of the three fires. It is pretty moist and lush across the county but never say "it's too green to burn." Please take care when you're out in the pasture and remember the words of smoky the coyote, "Only you can prevent grassfires."

## TAXES NOT RAISED IN MATADOR

By Juliana Sabina

The Matador City Council met Thursday, August 13, 2009. Council members in attendance were: Shane Jones, Kay Bailey, and Alvin Alexander. Mayor Pat Smith, Water Superintendent Steve Barton and City Secretary Debra Scott were also in attendance. Council members Pat Siegler and Chuck Green were not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Pat Smith who followed with the invocation.

Superintendent Barton opened the meeting with his report: Street improvements on Bundy will begin Monday morning at 7am. The area slated for new asphalt will be from Hwy 70 to Walton Street to

include one block of Burselon Street south of the school. He stated that an effort will be made to coat the school parking lot as well. He reported an oil leak on the John Deere tractor as well as the several water leaks around the city. It was estimated that over 10,000 ft. of water pipe, which was installed in 1977, will need to be replaced. It was also estimated that the city loses 30,000 gallons of water each day to this leak. The locations of the leaks are down Campbell Street on the outer part of town. Later in the meeting KSA Engineers from Amarillo were in attendance to address this issue.

Secretary Debra Scott reported that due to an effort to keep the radios of our Fire Dept, EMT, Sheriff Dept and Municipality's in compliance, new ra-

dios will be purchased. The radios in current use are VHF and UHF but the purchased radios will be digital to comply with the new state mandates going into effect in 2010. A grant was obtained by Judge Smith to offset three fourths of the cost. It is estimated the City's share of the cost to be \$400 per radio.

Representatives from US Wind Energy, Foster Cannon and Tom Morrison, were present for the signing of the Wind Energy Contract. The city contracted with US Wind Energy to erect 5 to 7 wind towers on property in Roaring Springs owned by the city which the city's wells are located. Tom Morrison, Secretary Scott, and Mayor Smith all signed the contract while

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## The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular session August 10, 2009, in city hall conference room,

Those in attendance were; Mayor Corky Marshall, Alex Crowder, James McCleskey, Kelly Keltz, Timmy Brooks, P.K Green, water manager Robert Osborn, city secretary, Zella Palmer, Elaine Hart, Buffy Crutchley, and Sheriff Michael Crutchley.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Alex Crowder gave the invocation, and P.K. Green led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

Elaine Hart, Motley County Tax assessor met with council concerning the 2009 tax rate. Due to the closing of the Poly Pipe plant the city of Roaring Springs will be looking at a different tax rate that in the past. The new purposed tax

rate for 2009 is .64851. Council will vote to set the new tax rate during the September 7, 2009, regular city council meeting.

Buffy Crutchley, Motley County librarian, met with council and explained how donation money helps the library. Council voted unanimously to donate \$700.00 to the library.

The July 13, 2009, regular city council meeting minutes were approved as written. The July financial report was approved the bills were approved to be paid as presented.

Council voted unanimously at the July 13, 2009, regular city council meeting to replace the sidewalks in front of the windmill Café. The project will be funded out of the Economic Development Part A fund. The Economic Development Part A board of direc-

tories met July 20, 2009, and approved the funds to be used to replace the sidewalks. The City has been working with Tx Dot on the project, they will fund the cost of the cement and the city will fund the cost of labor.

Refinishing the floors at the community center was discussed, but was tabled until later.

The 4th of July celebration has become a big event for our small town. The Roaring Springs Volunteers have always sponsored the event. Due to age, health, and other problems, it has become more than the Volunteers can do. Alex Crowder, who has been the coordinator of this event, reported he has had three persons come forward to volunteer to help. More volunteers are still needed if this event is to continue.

## Foothills Saturday Night Summer Celebration August 22

Remember when everyone came to town on Saturday night and the streets were full of neighbors greeting neighbors?

If you're too young to remember it, now you can experience it at the Motley County Chamber of Commerce Foothill Saturday Night Summer Celebration in downtown Matador Saturday, August 22, from 5:30 - 10 p.m.

Enjoy music by Flashback beginning at 7 p.m. The group features golden oldie tunes, and band members include native son, Max Barton. Some selections will feature local talent such as Chloe Gleghorn, Dode Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, and Superintendent Andrew Seigrist. For more information on Flashback, see [www.myspace.com/flashbackshowcase](http://www.myspace.com/flashbackshowcase).

Main Street will be blocked off for dancing and mingling.

You can buy a hamburger, chips, a drink, and a dessert for the yesterday price of \$5, and hot dogs are free to children under 6.

If you'd like a booth at this celebration to sell artwork, antiques, baked goods, crafts, or anything-at-all, call 806-347-2939 to reserve

your space. Eight booths have already been reserved for the evening.

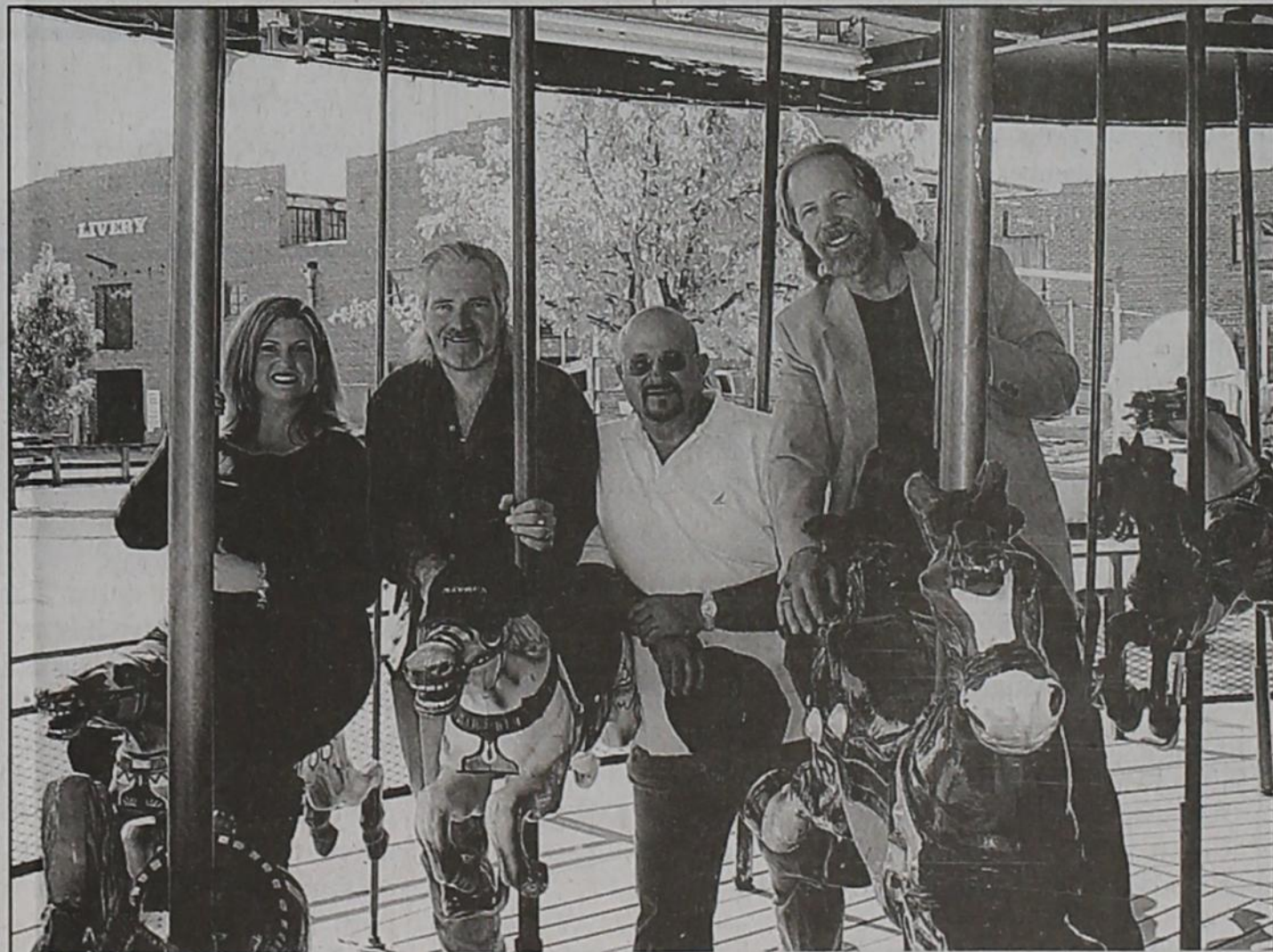
Saturday night there will be drawings for many valuable door prizes and for \$100 in Motley County Bucks. Tickets will be on sale that night or prior to the event at the following merchants: Washington CPA, New to You, Matador Variety, and Hotel Matador. Cost is \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

Door prizes will include things such as a diamond drop necklace from Thacker's Jewelry, a basket of ivy from Matador Floral, a night's stay in the Heritage Room at Hotel Matador, a blouse from Petticoat Junction, and a stay in Traveler's Inn in Roaring Springs.

And don't forget to bring your lawn chair.

Guests will have the opportunity to make a donation to the Motley County Chamber of Commerce to assist in expenses associated with the evening's entertainment.

Join the fun August 22nd for an authentic Foothill Saturday Night, 'cause you KNOW, there ain't nothing quite like Texas on a Saturday night!



Flashback will be performing in downtown Matador beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 22, during the Foothill Saturday Night summer celebration sponsored by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce. The group recreates songs "just as the original was performed with the added flair of a four-part harmony ([www.flashbackshowcase.com](http://www.flashbackshowcase.com)). Musicians are (from left) Tracey Howard, Glen "T" Urganharat, Max Barton, and Jay Hubbard.



# Foothill Country

## Connections

Community, Diversity, Art



By Larry Vogt

Nightsnow Vogt, recently returned from a ten-week stucy in Quito, Ecuador, is an international relations major at Humboldt State University, in Arcata, California. He talked to me about his adventures there in a language immersion program where all the classes were in Spanish and in addition to classes; there were field trips to places of interest in the area.

He was able to stay with a host family in much the same

way as foreign exchange students do when they come here for study. The program sounds very interesting and the immersion into other cultures has benefits that apparently cross over into whatever employment opportunities will be available after graduation in the spring of 2010. My hat is off to young folks who wish to expand their horizons and get out of the regular classroom milieu picking up knowledge in alternative settings. Oh, and by the way, Nightsnow is my youngest son.

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# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Girls, Boys, and '50s Cars

Editors Note: The following conversation, mostly between Pat [Groves] and Gerald Pipkin], grew out of an email note received from Porky [Arvin Ellithorp]. These segments are in chronological order.

From Porky [Arvin Ellithorp] on 27 June 2009

Sure brings back old memories!!!

1950 Chevrolet Club Coupe 437 original, actual miles!

Continued from August 13, 2009

From Gerald [Pipkin] on 10 July 2009

Hey Patrick, I thought of some other fun stuff involving [your brother] Mike [Groves] and your '58 Pontiac wagon.

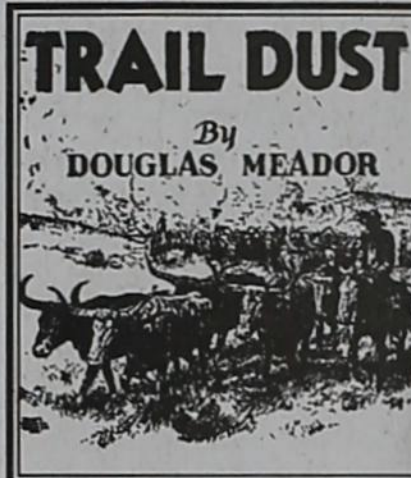
The Hep Cats had a practice session over at Paducah -- as usual. [Larry] Hoyle probably was along for this one, for sure. Maybe Carolyn [Pohl] too, I don't remember. What I do remember is that on the way home -- very late at night -- the headlights, dash lights, everything went out while Mike was driving. Everything was pitch black. Mike tried the turn indicators, and they worked ... one side at a time.

So Mike slowed down to about 30 mph, and drove back to the big M by alternating the turn indicator lights left, then right, then left, then right. He kept the car centered in the correct lane all the way home. He dropped us off one at a time, then went on to your house without a hitch. I don't remember whether we met another car on the road that night or not ... do you remember that incident? If not, you were probably hustling Kay [Stanley] or some chick in the VW!

... Oh, for what it's worth, if you are near a TV and have access to WGN Chicago station, my nephew Jason Nix is starting for the White Sox in tonight's game. Not sure his position, he may be in left field or third, SS, or second. But he is in tonight's lineup. Check this guy out ... see if he doesn't look and play a whole lot like

his uncle Gerald [Pipkin] used to ... Huh? OK, ask Kathy [Groves] what she thinks ... or Cortney [Groves], even.  
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August 15, 1946

The years have staked their memories to gaze far beyond the waving needle grass of many springs since I last watched the tall rider dig his boot heels in the cool sand. The towering cottonwood above us on that tranquil summer day, has been uprooted by the river and the brands he traced with his finger, have not been recorded on his star. His face was wrinkled leather, his heart a nugget of gold and his laughter was a kind of music that kept on playing after he was gone. Born in a dugout on the range, he lived by its simple creed. I used to think he prayed for rain when the stench of gyp was in the water holes and bawling cattle milled about empty windmill tanks. His humor was a part of his life, like good horses, a good saddle and plenty of beef hanging on the chuck-wagon. His pranks had an original quality which never offended his friends and his good nature accepted rebuffs with the same deer pleasure. If there is laughter in paradise, then I shall hear it. He will admit dropping a cap-

sule of quinine in my coffee and face me with record of placing a cockle burr under his saddle blanket.

Keeping their grim secret, the bleak New Mexico hills will finally erase slight scars the homesteader left. Wilted weeks grew amid the once plowed grass in the little field. The door was swinging on the lean to shack. Pack rats had cut away the labels from a few cans of food and left holes in the dust covered bed. Wood was piled against the wall by the bachelor stove which still contained ashes of its last fire. Outside, the milk lot with its gate still closed. Rusting hoops had fallen off a crumbling water barrel bear the fence.

Rising like a white bubble in a sudsy sky, the moon floated in its basin of stars until a clean wind had rinsed the clouds away. Endless and silent the prairie was like a thick silver fog fastened to the horizon and extending to the portal of time. There was a breathlessness about the moment as if it bore a halo which sound might destroy. Then the cry rose, not from the prairie but from the depths of the sky. It was the pleading of an strayed soul, the gratin of worlds in agony of signals from passing boats on the river Styx. The earth shuddered as if braced for a blow, when a spear of light lanced the horizon in mad frenzy, then advanced. The train was like a bright dragon thrashing the brush of space and maddened with futility, tossing maddened with futility, tossing its weight into oblivion. An other scream flooded the sky; like a demon falling. A shy wind swept the last crumb of noise away.

## RETRO NEWS

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1946

ROARINGS SPRINGS TO VOTE ON NEW SCHOOL

Roaring Springs school district qualified voters those who have rendered property for taxation will go to the polls Monday October 21, to decide a three proposition election, according to information released to the Tribune last week by superintendent Henry Teague. Outstanding proposition is the issuance of \$ 40,000 in bonds to replace the Roaring Springs grade school building destroyed by

the fire this spring. Proposition No. 1 will decide whether or not to continue the maintenance tax of \$1 per \$100 valuation. Proposition No. 2 will decide on the assumption of an outstanding bonded indebtedness, and levying of the tax in payment thereof, spreading of the old debt over the new district. Mrs. Teague declared. Proposition No. 3 will decide whether or not \$40,000 in bonds will be issued for the construction of a public free school building. Election judges will be presiding judge JD Mitchell judge Mrs. Isabelle Mitchell and Mrs. Bertha Jones, Clerk.

## Letter to the Editor

As a tax paying county citizen, I am writing concerning the article in the paper dated August 13, regarding Commissioner's Court. It's not just about a little interest, it's about keeping the local bank in town. The Bank pays county taxes on property, employes 6 people who pay taxes, supports stock shows and other organizations in county as well as the local newspaper with paid ad every week.

Let me tell you what happened in my home town of

Deport, Texas, population 722. First the bank closed, followed by the only grocery store, medical clinic, and drug store. The only business remaining is a small convenience store.

Let's look at the whole picture, not just a little more interest.

Paul Westbrook  
Concerned Citizen

PS Several counties would like to have our Bank

## Opinion Editorial

Government Health Care, House Bill 3200

I read with interest the article in the Matador Tribune, August 13, 2009 from AARP State President Mary Scott.

First, Ms. Scott stated "For too long our country has settled on a health care system that costs too much, wastes too much and leaves too many without care." This is simply not true. We are being lied to about the uninsured. They ARE getting care. From a new born baby whose mother is not insured to the 90-95 year old without insurance, including all illegal aliens, medical care is not refused to ANYONE, and this is true in every community in America.

Ms. Scott also states "scare tactics, half-truths and outright deceptions!" This is a

most untrue statement. She goes on to say that AARP would never support a reform that jeopardizes Medicare. This is the program, along with Medicaid, that will become non-existent after this bill passes. Fact: A government committee, instead of you and your doctor, will decide what treatments and benefits you get (and unlike an insurer, there will be no appeals process), page 30, HR 3200.

Why would the American people want to have the same type of system that Canada, England, and other countries have now, wherein the people of those countries come to America to have their surgeries and other health issues seen about. And more importantly, President Obama wants to change health care

for 300 million Americans to cover approximately four million uninsured people. The fact is these four million people who do not have health insurance have access to the finest health care in the world. Another provision in this bill is the fact that Americans will pay for illegal aliens (they will not be required to pay anything) to have access to our medical system, page 50. This single pay coverage will exempt union members; ie UAW, ACORN, SEIU from paying for their coverage; "We The People" will pick up the tab, Page 65. Small businesses (\$250K-400K) payroll who do not offer the public option, will pay a 2 to 6% additional tax on payroll.

Does this sound like Medicare is included in the bill?

If there is a TEA party near Matador on 9/12, please attend. (There will be one in Odessa, and you are invited) More information and bill provisions will be made available at these rallies. Whether, Democrat or Republican, be informed on this critical bill, and do not forget the Cap and (Tax)Trade bill, also to be voted on in September.

"Never doubt the power of a small group of people to change the world. That is about the only way it has ever happened in the past." --Dr. Margret Mead

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# A Foothill

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present council members and a member of the press looked on.

KSA Engineers, Ned Muse and Clayton Scales, then took the floor to speak about their firm's desire to assist the City of Matador with the water leak dilemma. They offered to do an analysis of this issue making themselves available, at their cost, to study the problem and offer viable solutions for the City's consideration. They will send a proposal with budget estimates in time for the next City Council meeting. Councilwoman Kay Bailey asked about the possibility of different funding sources. Mr. Muse stated that a block grant could take up to two years to obtain but he would check into that source, as well as grants and loans from the USDA and Texas Water Dept.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as well as expenditures.

Next on the agenda were the 2009 proposed City tax rates. Mayor Smith and Secretary Scott recommended the roll back rate as it would add an additional \$4000 to the City's general fund. Discussion was made on the effects of the tax raise for the City and individual Matador residents. Councilwoman Bailey estimated the effect to be mini-

mal. Councilman Alexander gave a motion to go to roll back. No one seconded and the motion was denied. Councilwoman Kay Bailey made a motion for the tax rate to remain the same at .41746 per hundred dollar value. Shane Jones seconded the motion with all in favor. The motion was passed and 2009 taxes will remain the same.

On the agenda next was the assembling of the City's Centennial Celebration Committee. Candidates for this committee were discussed but no committee was solidified. Date for the Celebration will be decided upon at the next council meeting as well as committee members selected. Superintendent Barton reported on the City Well repair. The City's well has been in need of repair and Matt Washington has been contracted to do those repairs. It is in process.

Next on the agenda were the bids for City Hall's roof repair. The roof had damage from the hail storm this past June and the City's insurance will cover this cost. After the two bids were perused, the decision was made to obtain other bids so the best option could be decided upon. Mayor Smith felt a foam roof was not a wise choice and Councilwoman Jones suggested the

option of a metal roof and other bids. New bids will be obtained to consider at the next council meeting.

Secretary Scott then reported on the Community Block Grant she is working on to obtain a Kubota or back hoe to help facilitate the heavy clean up where illegal dumping has occurred on the northeast side of the city. The grant will be completed by Aug. 31st and monies from the grant will need to be spent by July 2010. The Community Clean Up event will be decided upon in a future council meeting.

Mayor Smith commented that he was pleased on some recent clean up activity that was recently seen in this area. He then reported on the animal control issue. The city's animal control officer sustained injuries while attempting to cage an unclaimed animal last week. This issue will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Secretary Scott then gave the financial report.

Suggested issues to be on the next Council Meeting's agenda were: City Investment Policy, Animal Control and the City's new radio's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

## 86th Annual Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo

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<b>FREE ADMISSION ALL DAY</b> 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. <b>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES ARENA EVENTS</b> Books Open at 4:30 P.M. Events Begin at 5:00 P.M. <b>CUTTING</b> Entry Fee \$70 (Stock Charge \$30) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER <b>FLAG RACE</b> 6 Years & Under - Free 7 Years to 12 Years - Free (As of That Day) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER <b>OPEN AGE BARREL RACE</b> Entry Fee \$15 (Office Charge \$5) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER <b>JUNIOR TEAM ROPING</b> 18 Years & Under Entry Fee \$10 per Team RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER <b>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES TEAM ROPING</b> Entry Fee \$60 (Stock Charge \$25) Draw Pot - Draw 4 Partners 3 Hd - Progressive After 1 Top 12 Back for Short Go RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER <b>OLD FOLK'S DANCE</b> 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 <b>FRIDAY &amp; SATURDAY</b> General Admission 55 Free Admission 12 & Under	<b>RHAA RANCH HORSE COMPETITION</b> Books Open at 8:00 A.M. Competition Starts at 9:00 A.M. <b>COWBOY CLASS</b> \$100 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge <b>RANCH HAND CLASS</b> \$100 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge <b>JUNIOR CLASS</b> \$100 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge <b>SENIOR CLASS</b> \$100 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge <b>YOUTH CLASS</b> \$40 Entry Fee \$20 Stock Charge 18 Years and Under (As of Day of Competition) RANGER BUCKLE SETS TO CLASS WINNERS <b>JR. FLAG RACE</b> FRIDAY & SATURDAY - DURING RODEO 12 Years Old & Under (As of That Day) Entry Fee \$10 (Stock Charge \$10) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER <b>WRCA SANCTIONED INVITATIONAL RANCH RODEO</b> FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. BRONC RIDING WILD COW MILKING TEAM DOCTORING CALF BRANDING TEAM SORTING Team of 4-6 members 20 Teams @ \$600 Each PRIZES TO EVENT WINNERS FOUR MONIES PAID IN AVERAGE BITS TO TOP HAND & TOP HORSE WINNERS <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE</b> 9:00 TIL 1:00 KEVIN RAINWATER & THE BLUE DENIM BAND <b>COWBOY CHURCH BAND</b> Friday & Saturday - 6:00 P.M. On Slab Ron & Marianne Brunson	<b>5:00 P.M. TEAM KNOT TYING</b> (3 MEMBER TEAM) -- 3 HEAD AVERAGE May Enter 2 Times (Cannot be Entered With Same Partners Twice) <b>3 LOOPS ALLOWED</b> 2 Full Rounds & Short Round \$75 per Team Entry Fee \$25 Stock Charge RANGER BELT BUCKLE SET TO AVERAGE WINNERS <b>WASHER PITCH CONTEST</b> 1:00 P.M. - SATURDAY BELT BUCKLES TO WINNERS <b>POKEY THE CLOWN'S WRCA JR. RANCH RODEO</b> STICK HORSE RELAYS FOR KIDS Saturday Only -- 3:00-5:00 P.M. PONY EXPRESS RACE -- STEER DOCTORING WILD COW MILKING -- CALF BRANDING <b>3 AGE DIVISIONS:</b> 3-7 yrs. 8-11 yrs. 12-16 yrs. Entry Fee per Team: 590 Pre-entry & Practice 9:30 A.M. THE TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS AND QUALIFIES FOR WRCA WORLD Championship Finals at Amarillo <b>KID'S SNAPPING TURTLE RACES</b> 3:00 P.M. - SATURDAY 150 TO WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION 0-4 yrs. 5-9 yrs. 10-14 yrs. Call Russell Alexander @ 806-348-7958 During Saturday Night's Ranch Rodeo: <b>CROWNING OF QUEEN</b> and <b>DRAWING FOR SPURS</b> Handmade by MATT HUMPHREYS <b>SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE</b> 9:00 TIL 1:00 CADILLAC JACK <b>CHARLIE CARTER FOOD CONCESSIONS ON GROUNDS</b>

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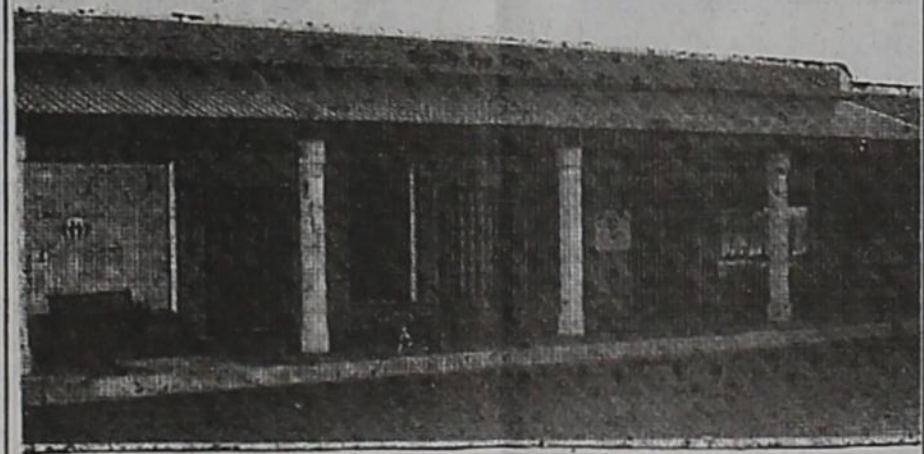
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"UNCHRISTIAN SPEECH CONTINUED..."



It was Shakespeare that said, "He hath a heart as sound as a bell, and his tongue is a clapper; for what the heart thinks the tongue speaks." He reminds us that there are times in our lives, especially in our conversations that well are a "bundle of contradictions." It shows up in our speech. Listen to the Apostle Paul:

"My own behavior baffles me. For I find myself not doing what I really want to do but doing what I really loathe...I don't accomplish the good I set out to do, and the evil I don't really want to do I find I am always doing."

In our tongue is often found the greatest evidence of these contradictions. Notice how James puts it: "We use the tongue to bless our Father, God, and we use the same tongue to curse our fellow men, who are all created in God's likeness. Blessings and curses come out of the same mouth, surely my brothers, this is the sort of thing that never ought to happen!" To that I would add, amen!

We would be amazed at the problems we could avoid and the at the improvements in our lives in our relationships if we could manage to gain a better control over "unchristian" speech.

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



# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Lightening struck out south of Roaring Springs Sunday afternoon and burned about 1200 acres of Wes Campbell's ranch land just south of the Roaring Springs Ranch Club. David Stafford was working on a pivot on their place and saw the lightening strike. For a while it looked like the folks on the Springs Ranch Estates would have to be evacuated but the wind shifted and it saved their homes. Suzanne Abbott got some good digital pictures of the fire as they watched it from Lynn Montgomery's porch.

Roaring Springs has a new couple who have been coming here since they bought Harley Alsup's house on Argyle Terrace back in the spring. They are Louis and Debbie Luna, they have moved here from Plainview. Louis retired from Excel Energy in July. They have one daughter, Lisa Luna who is a veterinarian who has her own clinic and practices in Lake Havasu, AZ. Some of you will remember them from the days Lisa participated in the Junior Rodeo here in Roaring Springs. They are newcomers but know quite a few people here. We welcome them and look forward to having them as part of our community.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz attended the wedding of her cousin, Matt Woodman in Amarillo on Saturday evening.

Barbara Alexander entered the Heart Hospital last Monday. I talked with her last night; she is undergoing a lot of tests and has had four blood transfusions as of last night. They have not determined the cause of her illness but hopefully the results of the tests will reveal the cause and needed treatment today or tomorrow. Please pray for Barbara.

Two of the people from the Australia group, Show Group Enterprises were here in Roaring Springs last week. They were Matt Fitzpatrick of Melbourne, Australia and Evik Tily from Santa Monica, CA and Boston MA scouting the area for interesting sites to film for the entertainment company. Corky Marshall visited with them and took them on a tour of the Roaring Springs Ranch Club on Saturday morning.

They spent Friday night at the Traveler's Inn.

The First Baptist Church would like to thank everyone who brought food to the church for the Brooks Family. Including the servers and other helpers we fed about 84 people. We could not have done it by ourselves; it was a wonderful outpouring of love that made it possible. Thank You. There is nothing like a small town that takes care of its own!

I spent two nights and three days at the farm last week visiting my son and his family and helping get my little granddaughter's school uniforms altered to fit her. That job is about like trying to fit a wiggle worm!

James and Pat Palmer will be spending Monday night with James' mother, Zella Palmer as they travel to San Antonio, TX.

Other guests at the Traveler's Inn this week were Stanley and Cinda Brooks of Austin and Charlie and Kathy Brooks of Whitehouse, TX.

A correction from last week's news: Edith and Glenard Daniell's granddaughters who were visiting her last week were not from Plainview as reported. They now live in the Daniell's home south of Roaring Springs. Brad Daniell is going to college in the Dallas area and his wife and girls are here. Alyssa works at Hackberry Care Creek Center.

There will be a baby shower for Mickey and Kassie Beshirs at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 23rd immediately following the Sunday morning services. They are expecting their second little boy soon.

On Saturday evening, Patty, Jonathan and Elizabeth Adams of Lorenzo, and my two older grandchildren, Sean and Kelsea Miller of Lockney visited us and enjoyed a cool swim at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club. Patty is the wife of Patrick Adams, whom my aunt helped to raise. They were our neighbors when we lived on the farm. Jonathan will be beginning his second year at Texas Tech and Sean will be a freshman. They are looking forward to being in college together.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

An Air Force cargo plane was preparing for departure from Thule Air Force Base in Greenland. They were waiting for the truck to arrive to pump out the aircrafts sewage holding tank.

The Aircraft Commander was in a hurry, the truck was late in arriving and the Airman performing the job was extremely slow in getting the tank pumped out.

When the commander berated the Airman for his slowness and promised punishment, the Airman responded: "Sir, I have no stripes, it is 20 below zero, I'm stationed in Greenland and I am pumping sewage out of airplanes. Just what are you going to do to punish me?"

Mrs. Beverly Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson visited last weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan, and Bubba. They celebrated the 16th birthday of Kaitlyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Merritt of Granbury and Wilburn Martin of Flomot visited Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter Saturday.

Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada, Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch and Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed entertainment in Plainview, Friday.

Visitors Sunday of Ruth and Orville Lee Sunday were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon and grandson, Brandon Lee of Plainview. Orville had a medical appointment in Lubbock, Monday.

Wilburn Martin visited Thursday and Friday in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They enjoyed the performance of "Texas" Thursday night at Palo Duro Canyon.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Monday for her medical appointment. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid and in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Pepper Jones of Austin was in Flomot recently overseeing his agricultural interests. He visited in Quitaque with his mother and husband, Ann and Buck Chadwick.

Butch and Janice Hughes were guests Sunday evening of son and family, Roger, Tiffany, Tara, Reagan and Brody in Floydada. They honored Janice on her birthday with a cookout, decorated cake and all the trimmings. Other guests were son and family, Rickey, Tasha, Kason and Kendal Hughes of Floydada.

## Matador News

Kuehn and Wanda Faulkner went to visit children, Major Gary and Lisa Stone in Olympia Washington. Gary is Commander of The 673rd Medical Company. He returned from a 15 month Deployment in Iraq, on February 5th. Lisa is the FRG (Family Readiness Group Volunteer) for the 673rd to provide information, and resources to maintain family health and readiness. In her spare time she enjoys to quilt. When they visited Washington some of the sites they visited were; The Capital Building, Mt. Rainier, Fort Lewis, Tum Water where they enjoyed the Salmon Run, Steilacoom, which was the first established town in Washington (Beautiful scenery). Point Defiance Flower Gardens, which was gorgeous, and South Puget Sound, where they tasted lots of Fresh seafood, and wonderful fresh fruits.

### Host Battalion Reunion

The 62nd anniversary reunion of the 62nd Armored Field Artillery which served in World War II was hosted by Mrs. Wilda Dixon. Her father, the late Ted Hester, who died in 1994, served in this Battalion.

The reunion was held from Thursday through Saturday at the Fifth Seasons Inn in Amarillo. They attended the performance of "Texas" at

the Palo Duro Canyon Friday night and a banquet was held Saturday night. The 39 that attended included 3 Battalion veterans, 4 widows and families from Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Massachusetts.

Wilda's mother, Mrs. Ted Hester and brother, Carl Hester of Lovington, N.M. joined her in Amarillo, Thursday. Before returning to their respective homes, they visited Mrs. Carol Spann and Mrs. Cindy Gibson of Amarillo, Sunday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson Friday evening were former Whiteflat residents, Mrs. Sarah Howe of Sachse, Tx., Mrs. Wanda Johnston of Murphy, TX. and Mrs. Herbert Smallwood of Matador. Mrs. Howe was a luncheon guest Saturday of Mrs. Frances Dixon. Mrs. Johnston attended her MHS 40th class reunion, Saturday.

Jennifer Lawler, and her children, Allison, Matthew, and Braeden went to visit Jennifer's parents Louis and Beverly Shorter in Fort Worth to celebrate Braeden's 6th birthday. They enjoyed watching him as he blew out his birthday candles on his really interesting "Ant" birthday cake.



The Red Hatters hosted a birthday party August 11 in honor of July birthdays at HCCC, serving snacks and punch to residents. Pictured (L to R) are: Dorothy Day, Beverly Vinson, Suzanne Abbott, Joan Patton, Joyce Campbell, Marihelen Wason, Mary Jones, Dorothy Knight, and "Queen Mother" Norma Nell Marrs.

## Hackberry Happenings

The Red Hat Society met at the Center on Tuesday, August 11, to honor residents with birthdays for the month of July. The ladies at the Center turned out to enjoy homemade snack foods and punch, and visiting. The table was decorated with fresh flowers. The group wore the traditional red hats with purple attire, a trademark of the club. The Red Hat Society is a social organization founded in 1998 for women approaching the age of 50 and beyond. The Red Hat Society's primary purpose is social interaction among women, and to encourage fun and friendship.

"We are very grateful to the Red Hatters who come to the center two times a year to celebrate birthdays," Activities Director Brooke Barton said. "I'm sure they go to a great deal of expense to do this for us and we are very thankful."

The HCCC volunteers that have been opening the beauty shop on Fridays since the Center opened in 2007, need volunteer help on Friday mornings. "The ladies at the Center really look forward to having their hair fixed every Friday," Barton said. "Also the guys get haircuts," she said. "This is a great volunteer activity, and we would be so appreciative of the help." For information about this volunteer opportunity, or to volunteer as a reader or check out other opportunities to interact with the residents, call Brooke Barton at 347-2942.

## Motley County Chamber Fun Night

August 22

5:30-10 pm

### This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday Partly Cloudy 93/65	Friday Partly Cloudy 92/67	Saturday Mostly Sunny 94/68	Sunday Mostly Sunny 95/66	Monday Mostly Sunny 90/63	Tuesday Sunny 93/65	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 94/65

### Weather Trivia

What caused the worst weather-related aircraft accident?



Answer: In 1977, two planes collided on a runway killing 582 people in thick fog.

### Weather History

Aug. 20, 1910 - The "big blow up" of forest fires finally came to an end in Idaho. A record dry August fueled 1,736 fires which burned three million acres and destroyed six billion board feet of timber. The fires claimed the lives of 85 people, 78 of whom were fire fighters.

### Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
8/20	8/27	9/4	9/11

Matador Motor and Implement

806-347-2422

Panhandle Plains Land Bank

806-296-5579

Seigler Funeral Home

806-347-2626

Alexander Fuel & Service

806-348-7958

## Jaybird's Kitchen



### NEW HOURS!

Tuesday-Thursday

6am - 9am

11am - 2pm

5pm - 8pm

Friday-Saturday

6am - 2pm

5pm - 8pm

Sunday

7am - 2pm

Friday Night

Fish Fry

Main St. Matador

347 2297

## Hotel Matador

... a Bed and Breakfast in downtown Matador, Texas

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# MCISD girls attend WTAMU Basketball Camp



The Motley County Varsity Girls' Basketball team recently attended the WTAMU Lady Buffs' Basketball Camp at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. There was much basketball played and much fun had by all! The girls worked really hard, had a great time and learned a lot in preparation for their basketball season next year. Picture top row (left to right): Kyla Simpson, Jr., Melissa Flores, Sr., Danielle Gwinn, Soph, Alyx Smith, Jr. and Jaci Zingerman, Freshman. Bottom row (left to right): Lexi Osborn, Soph and Sabra Pope, Freshman.

# \$10,000 college natural resource scholarships available

San Antonio- The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAFF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. (SALE) have joined forces to offer four \$10,000 Natural Resource-Excellence in Education Scholarships in the fall of 2009. The scholarships will be awarded to four freshmen at Texas universities who are majoring in a natural resource-related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.

Completed applications are due by September 14, 2009, and an application can be obtained at [www.texas-wildlife.org](http://www.texas-wildlife.org)

"As our population has grown, the strain on our natural resources has grown proportionately," said TWAFF President Charles Davidson. "Our future depends on our ability to manage our natural resources wisely, balancing the needs of man and nature. It just makes sense to identify our future leaders and support them while they are getting their educations. We all will benefit from their expertise in the years to come."

This is the third year time that TWAFF and SALE have teamed up to offer scholarships to future natural resource professionals.

The program was expanded two years ago because of the overwhelming response and need.

"Last year, we were gratified by not only the number of applications, but by the high quality," Davidson said. "There are a lot of talented young people who are committed to caring for our natural resources. TWAFF and SALE are dedicated to supporting their efforts."

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be:

- A Texas resident;
- A graduate of a Texas high school;
- Enrolled in a Texas accredited college or university with a natural resource/agricultural degree program;
- Classified as a "Freshman" or in first year after high school in the accredited program;
- Majoring in a natural resource related field such as agricultural science, wildlife science, forestry, range science, etc.;
- A citizen of the United States and provide a valid social security number if chosen

Students must also maintain 12 hours per semester and a minimum 2.0 GPA per semester and 2.5 cumulative GPA.

The scholarships are awarded based on overall quality and on essay responses to a series of

natural resource questions.

Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAFF) and Texas Wildlife Association (TWA) Background

The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAFF), formed in 1991, is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, dedicated to providing science-based educational programs about wildlife and habitat conservation to all Texans. TWAFF's educational programs focus on the youth of today so they will become responsible citizens of tomorrow. Our sister organization, Texas Wildlife Association, has been conducting education for the past 16 years. TWAFF collaborates with like-minded organizations, such as the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), to facilitate agricultural and natural resource education initiatives, which include TWA's Conservation Legacy and Hunting Heritage Programs. The Hunting Heritage division consists of the Texas Youth Hunting Program, the Texas Big Game Awards and college scholarships. The Conservation Legacy program encompasses three major components: Conservation Initiatives, Adult Conservation Education, and Youth Conservation Education.

## Check Out Your Checkoff: National and state programs to build beef demand

### Beef Class in Session

Over 35 cattle producers recently attended the check-off-funded BEEF 706 session held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The two day hands-on experience is a producer program designed to educate cattlemen about factors impacting the safety and quality of beef. This session was unique in that it was designed for feedyard managers and employees. During the seminar producers were given the opportunity to evaluate live cattle, fabricate and evaluate carcasses. Throughout the session attendees also learned about choice and select spread,

grid marketing and branded beef programs. A tour of the local Tyson harvesting facility allowed producers to gain more knowledge about the meat packing industry and instrument grading tools. The gate to plate look at cattle production is led by Texas Agriculture Extension meat science experts.

### Culinary Education

As part of the Culinary Educators Training Conference held at the Texas Culinary Academy in Austin, Texas Beef Council (TBC) staff conducted a training demonstration for over 115 culinary arts

teachers in attendance. The session, titled "Summer's Best Savory Grilling Tips", focused on rubs and marinades and highlighted alternative grilling cuts such as the Flat Iron and Shoulder Steak. TBC also hosted the "Steakout at the Ranch" dinner where over 140 chefs, teachers and industry partners gathered at the TBC office and enjoyed a delicious beef meal.

### Protein Webinar

The Texas Beef Council (TBC), in partnership with the Texas Dietetic Association (TDA), hosted a webinar for all TDA members providing

continuing education credits for professionals. Protein researcher, Dr. Doug Paddon-Jones, presented the webinar titled "Role of Muscle in Health and Disease". Paddon-Jones and his research team have conducted checkoff-funded research focusing on protein's positive role in aging and prevention of sarcopenia. This research was also showcased during the recent checkoff-funded Protein Summit where leading health professionals and researchers from across the country gathered to discuss research and explore the impact of high quality protein on optimal health. Over 70 registered dietitians participated in the webinar which is also posted on the TDA Web

site for additional members to view.

### Safe and Savory Grilling

This summer the Beef Checkoff Program teamed-up with the Kroger Company to launch a "Practice Safe Summer Grilling" campaign that offers consumers safe preparation and cooking tips for grilling beef this. The nationwide campaign is in more than 2,400 stores and includes consumer brochures, fact sheet and retail store signs. Additional checkoff-funded campaigns such as the "Safe and Savory at 160 Degrees", encourages consumers to prepare beef the safe and savory way in efforts to minimize food safety issues.

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Reunion  
August  
27-29th**

2009 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS	
This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS	
It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.	
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 33,031.08
Last year's debt taxes	\$ .00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 33,031.08
Last year's tax base	\$ 8,215,988.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .40149 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 32,938.19
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 5,079,002.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ .64851 /\$100
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>	
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 32,938.19
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 5,079,002.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ .64851 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .70039 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ .00 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ .70039 /\$100
<b>Statement of Increase/Decrease</b>	
If CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ .64851 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 233.63	

2009 Property Tax Rates in MOTLEY COUNTY			
This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for MOTLEY COUNTY			
It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.			
	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Road/Control Fund	Special Bond/ Bridge Fund
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 599,491.43	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ .00	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 599,491.43	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 75,220,385.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .79698 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 599,020.28	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 75,072,936.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ .79791 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ .79791 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>			
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 599,020.28	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 75,072,936.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$ .79791 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .86175 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ .00000 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ .86175 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ .86175 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
<b>Statement of Increase/Decrease</b>			
If MOTLEY COUNTY adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ .79791 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 5,347.53			
<b>Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances</b>			
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.			
Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance		
GENERAL FUND	\$ 50,000.00		
AUTO FUND	\$ 12,000.00		
CAPITAL ACQUISITION	\$ 144,000.00		



# Gutter Cleaning Tips

## Gutter cleaning pro offers advice and safety tips that might save your life

Fall is the time of year to get your house in order before winter sets in. For most homeowners, this means it is once again time for a good, old-fashioned gutter cleaning.

According To Robert Lenney, gutter cleaning expert, it's the semi-annual project that strikes fear into the heart of all urban and suburban warriors who face that dreaded request, "Honey, it's time to clean out the gutters!"

"At its best, gutter cleaning is a tedious and disgusting task. At worst, it can be scary and downright dangerous. One slight misstep and you are heading to the hospital with a broken bone and bruised ego."

Each year, Consumer Reports states that about 180,000 homeowner accidents and fatalities occur that are ladder related.<sup>1</sup> That is why it's best to be prepared to do the job right. Here are a few tips and tricks that Mr. Lenney, Co-owner of Commercial Gutter, Inc, suggests for safe and effective gutter cleaning:

**Ladder Safety:** Always let someone know you will be using a ladder to work on your roof or gutters. Use a safe and sturdy ladder, preferably with a small shelf strong enough to hold a five-gallon bucket to collect gutter debris. Make sure to secure the bucket with a lanyard. We recommend a four-legged step ladder for a single story home, and an extension ladder for a two-story home. An orchard ladder is not recommended because there are only three legs for support and they can become unbalanced.

A wooden ladder is also not recommended because they are often wobbly and difficult to safely balance. Fiberglass

ladders seem to be the sturdiest, but are also the heaviest. If you are cleaning gutters for hours upon hours, muscle fatigue can set in from moving the heavy ladder numerous times. If this is the case, you should try using an aluminum ladder, which is the second-choice option for strength and support.

Inspect the ladder for defects, dents or loose parts before climbing. If your ladder is fastened together with screws and bolts, make sure all parts are tightened. When opening up a step ladder, make sure the extension-hinge arms are fully extended and locked in place.

Before climbing the ladder, lightly jump on the first rung a few times to make sure the ground is secure. Sometimes the soil is soft, or there might be a gopher hole underneath one of the ladder legs. Either condition could cause the ladder to collapse with the combined weight of the ladder and a person. A piece of half-inch plywood can be placed under the ladder legs to keep it level and steady.

When climbing the ladder, always remember the "Three Point Rule." As much as possible try to have both legs and one hand firmly secure on the ladder at all times to provide stability and balance while cleaning. Conversely, do not lean out from the ladder balancing on one leg while using two hands to clean debris from the gutter. Oftentimes, it is this stretching and reaching for that last scoop of debris that lands a person in the hospital. Lastly, if at all possible, have someone hold the ladder to provide additional safety while climbing.

**Garden Hose:** To use a garden hose with normal water pressure (30-40 psi - the standard for municipal water services), simply attach a pistol-grip trigger spray nozzle. This type of spray nozzle allows you to adjust the water pressure with the use of just one hand. This style of spray nozzle comes with a handy pistol-grip trigger, allowing it to be easily hung over the front edge of the gutter while moving the ladder, or while using a gutter scoop. This type of spray nozzle can be purchased at any hardware store.

Spraying out the gutter is generally best when most of the larger debris has already been removed. It's difficult to spray out leaves and pine needles that have piled up over the summer and fall. Spray toward the downspout (leader pipe) so the small, murky debris flows down the downspout. If the downspout is connected to an underground drain that goes out to your street, the base of the downspout needs to be disconnected so the debris can be released at this point, preventing a potential clog further down the system under your lawn or driveway.

**Gutter Scoop:** Scooping out the leafy debris seems to be the best overall method for cleaning out the gutter. An excellent tool for this job is the bright orange plastic "Gutter Getter" scoop, which can be purchased at most hardware stores. This tool is unique because the front scooping edge is very thin and it forms itself to the bottom of the gutter trough, making it easy to scoop out even the toughest of debris in any size gutter system.

# August Production Estimates Recognize Growing Potential Of High Plains Cotton Crop

by Shawn Wade

USDA's August Crop Production report includes an optimistic, but fully achievable, yield and production goal for 2009 High Plains cotton crop.

The High Plains crop, which is looking much better thanks to a

sprinkling of timely rainfall and near optimum growing conditions

over the past six weeks, has managed to get itself in position to

produce in excess of 4 million bales this season according to the

USDA production estimate.

Before anyone gets too excited, though, an experienced High Plains

cotton industry observer will quickly caution those less familiar

with the region that the August estimate is certainly a realistic

forecast of what the crop MIGHT ultimately produce, but that the crop is set still has a long way to go.

Like any High Plains growing season that exhibits good potential

September is shaping up to be the critical month for the 2009 crop.

"The August report verifies much of what we have been witnessing in

the development of the 2009 crop," says Plains Cotton Growers

Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "One of the things that

immediately caught our eye, beyond the solid estimates for yield in

both districts 1-N and 1-S, was the reshuffling of planted acreage

within the state that raised our area's plantings by 180,000 acres."

He notes that the added acreage in the two districts that comprise

the High Plains resulted from declines in reported acreage in several

other districts around the state. All told, though Verett said that

this month's planted acreage revisions will probably be adjusted

further in September as USDA inserts final Farm Service Agency

acreage certification information into the mix.

Based on the August report's changes, however, the rearranging of

Texas cotton acres significantly narrowed the gap between High Plains

planted acres estimated on June 30 in USDA's Planted Acreage Report

and a variety of outside cotton industry estimates.

Where the June 30 report slotted High Plains cotton at

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The \_\_\_\_\_ MOTLEY COUNTY ISD \_\_\_\_\_ will hold a public meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00PM, AUGUST 24, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ MOTLEY COUNTY ISD BOARD ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ MATADOR TEXAS \_\_\_\_\_.

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

<b>Maintenance Tax</b>	\$ 1.17000	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
<b>School Debt Service Tax</b>	\$ 0.00000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	1.03000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)**

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 239,487,831.00	\$ 284,167,206.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 4,739,040.00	\$ 742,780.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 72,520,274.00	\$ 71,528,543.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 4,739,040.00	\$ 742,780.00

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0.00

\* Outstanding principal.

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  - School chemistry or biology labs
  - Applicators regulated by the Texas Structural Pest Control Service
  - Oil and oil filters from businesses that change oil for a fee



Collection Hours: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 12 - Lubbock**  
 Crop Production Services  
 880 Industrial Dr., Slaton, TX 79364  
 Mark Brown, CEA  
 806-775-1680, cm-brown@tamu.edu
- Wednesday, Oct. 14 - Gaines**  
 Agrilliance  
 101 Loop Hwy., Seagraves, TX 79359  
 Terry Millican, CEA  
 432-758-4006, ex. 238, gaines@ag.tamu.edu
- Friday, Oct. 16 - Scurry**  
 Farmers Co-Op  
 1904 East Hwy. 180, Snyder, TX 79549  
 Greg Gruben, CEA  
 325-573-5423, ggruben@ag.tamu.edu
- Monday, Oct. 26 - Williamson**  
 Williamson County Grain, Inc.  
 504 E. Walnut St., Taylor, TX 76574  
 Bob Whitney, CEA  
 512-943-3300, rwhitney@ag.tamu.edu  
 Jared Ripple, EA-IPM  
 512-943-3300, jwripple@ag.tamu.edu
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 - Guadalupe**  
 Road and Bridge  
 2605 N. Guadalupe St., Seguin, TX 78155  
 Travis Franke, CEA  
 830-379-1972, tfranke@tamu.edu

### Open to ALL Texas residents

- Who apply pesticides or other agricultural chemicals for the production of agricultural products in Texas
- Who currently have banned or unwanted agricultural chemicals

### We CAN Accept:

- Pesticides
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- Insecticides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Nematicides
- Bactericides
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- Harvest aid chemicals
- Properly rinsed, empty plastic pesticide containers<sup>1</sup>
- Oil/Oil filters/Grease
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- Transmission fluid
- Brake fluid
- Power steering fluid
- Anti-freeze
- Lead-acid batteries
- Paint
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Pesticides used on livestock

<sup>1</sup>For large quantities of plastic pesticide containers, please contact USAg Recycling at 1-800-654-3145 to arrange for a free pickup.  
<sup>2</sup>Limited to two (2) 55-gallon drums of oil filters per participant.

### We CANNOT Accept:

- Tires
- Radioactive materials
- Explosive materials
- Fertilizers or nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures
- Propane/Butane gas cylinders larger than 20 gallons
- Biomedical wastes
- Ammunition

**Contact Information:**  
 Your local County Extension Agent or the TCEQ at 512-239-3143  
[www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/schedule.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/schedule.html)

For information on how to safely transport and handle waste materials, call the TCEQ at 512-239-3143 or visit: [www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/agwaste.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/agwaste.html)  
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**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
<b>Last Year's Rate</b>	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,986.00	\$ 5,918.00
<b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b>	\$ 1.62266	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.62266	\$ 7,132.00	\$ 5,714.00
<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,999.00	\$ 6,306.00

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 21,606.54	\$ 21,992.48
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 6,606.54	\$ 6,992.48
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 77.30	\$ 81.81
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 4.51

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.**

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 948,344.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### August

- 20 M Masonic Lodge, 6:30
- 21 4-H/FFA Lamb and Goat Validation
- 22 Motley 4-H Club meeting, 5:30 pm
- 22 Motley County Chamber Fun Night, 5:30-10 pm
- 22 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 24 First day of School
- 25 A Meet-and-Greet HCCC Director, John Vunk, 6 p.m.
- 27 HCCC Pot Luck Lunch at noon
- 27 Eastern Star, 6:30
- 27-29 Old Settlers Reunion, RS
- 28, Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread, 11:30-1:30, Library Annex.
- 28 MCISD Football at Kress, 7:30 pm
- 30 Fire It Up! Sunday, FBC, Matador, 10 am - 2 pm; casual attire; includes cookout

### September

- 1 Matador Lions
- 3 Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo AT HCCC
- 3 RS Lions meeting at Windmill Cafe
- 4 MCISD Football, Spur at Matador, 7:30 pm
- 8 RSCV
- 9 Hospital Board, 7:30am
- 11 MCISD Football at Whitharral, 7:30pm
- 14 Commissioners' Court 9am
- 14 Matador City Council
- 15 Matador Lions
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 17 Foothills Fellowship 7:00 p. m. at the Community Center in Roaring Spr
- 18 MCISD Football at Wilson at 7:30pm
- 19 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk, 9pm
- 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 24 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 25 MCISD Football and Homecoming, Southland at Matador, 7:30pm

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## Wanted

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The Motley County Chamber of Commerce is asking for donations of brownies, rice crispy squares and other easy to eat goodies for the Foothills Fiesta set for Saturday, August 22, 2009. For more information please call 347-2636 or 347-2820.

Need someone to do light housework, in Roaring Springs, from 9am-12pm, Monday-Friday, also need someone to take to the store occasionally. Exceptional Pay. Call J.T for further information at 806-281-6049 - or call 806-791-3785. Needing someone Immediately..

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**Hospice Hands of West Texas, Inc.** is seeking a provider in Matador. The job consists of 6 hours a week and possibly more in the future. For more information please contact Nora Mendoza @ (806) 652-3000 or toll free @ 1-888-795-1212. **ctf**

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## Public Notice

"Motley County ISD is seeking quotes for a construction project at the football field. Anyone interested in looking at the project and giving a quote to the school should contact Andrew Seigrist, superintendent, directly for specifications and an explanation of the project."

## NOTICE

The Motley County Hospital District will hold a meeting at 7:00 P.M. on September 8, 2009. At the EMS station, Matador, TX. To consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is .11000 Per \$ 100 of value. The proposing tax rate would increase total taxes in Motley County Hospital District by .0424%. ct34

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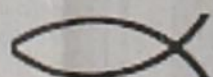
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