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Giant Arrow installed in downtown Matador



Pictured are volunteers who helped install the Giant Arrow south of Pioneer Park, downtown Matador. (L to R, on back row) Jim Roberts and Ron Bailey; (L to R, front) Ed D. Smith, James Bearden, Roy Hobbs, Tom Edwards, Charles Smith, Jerry Collins, and Bobby Klodginski.

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Giant Arrow, courtesy of sculptor and artist Charles Smith of New Home, Texas, landed in Matador on the corner of Main and Stewart Streets, north of the county courthouse, representing the first arrow placed on the Quanah Parker Trail.

Smith and community volunteers installed the arrow on Wednesday afternoon, August 10, in record heat. While the sun was blazing, the 21-foot arrow found its permanent home south of Pioneer Park — thanks to County Judge Jim Meador, who donated the location to mark the Quanah Parker Trail in Matador.

"The location of the arrow in downtown Matador will mark the Comanche presence in Motley County in the 1800s," Meador said. "We have photographs of Quanah Parker in full headdress, speaking to a large crowd in downtown Matador in the early 1900s. He most likely camped on Hackberry Creek, just north of the historic jail."

"In addition to marking the Quanah Parker Trail, the arrow is a real eye-catcher," Meador said. "With the historic jail as a backdrop, hopefully, it will attract tourists to

downtown Matador."

Placement of the arrow required a front-end loader to move it from a trailer; three bags of concrete; and a two-foot by 10-inch diameter hole to place the tip. Roy Hobbs dug the hole with his back-hoe a week before the installation. On Wednesday, volunteers showed up to supervise and lend a hand in installing the massive work of art.

Jim Roberts brought his tractor with a bucket for the first phase of lift-off. This effort was followed by a wench truck, courtesy of Brent Marshall and driven by Rodney Williams, to lift the arrow high enough to slide into the hole.

Bobby Klodginski furnished a water tank for mixing concrete; then Bobby, Ed D. Smith and Roy Hobbs handled the arrow into place. Coordinating the event was Matador's one-man ambassador, Ron "Beetle" Bailey, who helped supervise the event along with James Bearden, Tom Edwards, and Jerry Collins.

The arrow was the brainchild of Charles Smith, a cotton farmer, gin operator, artist, welder, and sculptor from New Home, Texas. He was commissioned by Gid Moore Crop Insurance Company

to create an arrow based on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem "The Arrow and the Song." It was installed about five years ago as the first piece of an Art and Literacy non-profit sculpture park on a 7-acre site. But the arrow still sits lonely on the site, rising grandly in the air, the metal rods representing the feathers on the arrow "singing" in the wind — seemingly placed in the middle of no-where.

When Texas Plains Trail Board members Holle Humphries and Dolores Mosser were taking the back roads home to Lubbock following a TPTR-sponsored Stamp Cancellation event, they did a double take at the intersection of FM211 and FM1730 in New Home. That double-take took them to Charles Smith and arrows began to fall on the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region.

According to Mosser, Texas Plains Trail region wanted to develop a cultural and historical trail that uniquely characterizes the region, and sets it apart from all other areas of Texas.

Dolores and Holle both serve on the Quanah Parker Trail board, a TPTR-sponsored initiative that has a large vision. The TPTR re-

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City Council Issues First Stage of Drought Contingency Plan

Rollback rate approved for 2011-12 budget cycle

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

The Matador City Council met on Thursday, August 11, 2011, to cover a packed agenda, including several action items consisting of the issuance of 4B tax funds for the jail video project; implementation of a drought contingency plan, approval of the proposed tax rate for 2011-12, and dog ordinance violations.

Citizens present to speak in Open Forum were Linda Roy, Ron Bailey, Judy Renfro, and Ed D. Smith. Also attending were Carol Campbell, Misty Jones and Roy Hobbs. Mayor Pat Smith opened the meeting by thanking the citizens present for participation in their city government.

Ed D. Smith told the group that his neighborhood had numerous dogs running loose,

some in packs of 10-12 dogs. He said a large portion of the dogs were coming from one residence. The dogs are digging under fences, barking, and harassing people trying to walk in the neighborhood. "I want to urgently request that you arrive at some workable decision to take care of this problem," Smith said. "I ask that you keep looking for a solution."

Linda Roy, President of the Board of Directors for Market Matador, submitted a strategic plan for an Industrial Park in Matador, recognizing the past work of Harry Hamilton who secured 116 lots in 2010; and Ron Bailey who secured 12 additional lots in 2011.

The one-page plan outlined strategies to "seek and promote economic development for the city of Matador by working to establish a viable Industrial Park, urging the utilization of

Section 4A sales tax funds to attract manufacturing or industrial businesses to the city."

The Strategic Plan included several strategies to promote the long-range economic growth of the city, including the use of 4A funds to 1) hire an abstract company to research and grant clear title to four blocks (32 lots per block) making up the Industrial Park; 2) locate utilities in proximity to the four blocks; and 3) research grants to attract businesses and build infrastructure.

Ron Bailey spoke in support of Market Matador Board of Directors and the strategic plan outlined by Linda Roy. "We have lost 133 people in the last 10 years," Bailey said. "In the next 10 years we may be below 500 in population." Bailey said that he supported a plan to allow the 4A tax fund to

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Motley County Chamber to host annual event

By Barbara Armstrong
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce met on July 19 to begin to finalize plans for the Foothills Saturday Night event set for August 20 in downtown Matador. Attending the planning meeting were Chamber President Dianne Washington, Shane Jones, Marisue Potts, Carol Campbell, Annette Hollinsworth, and Marilyn Hicks.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. with "Motley County's Got Talent," showcasing local talent. Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening. The 108 E. Broadway Band will perform for dancing and listening. The Chamber will feature barbeque sandwiches, chips, a drink and dessert. Other vendors will be set

up downtown offering food and crafts for sale. To reserve a vendor booth at the Chamber event, please call Linda Roy at 806-347-2600 or 347-2939. There is no cost for a booth to chamber members; others will be charged \$10. To sign up for the talent show, call Marilyn Hicks at 806-347-2939.

In other business, the Chamber voted to support the Texas Plains Trail Region Tourism and Preservation Round-up as a Bronze Sponsor. The Roundup is set for August 15-16 in Post, Texas, and will feature speakers tackling topics such as youth engagement, marketing communities, bringing history to life, and more. The event expects to register about 150-200 people at the fully-restored Heritage House.

In addition to hosting a booth at the Roundup event to display brochures and other marketing materials, as a sponsor of the event, the Chamber will receive special recognition on invitations, posters, and programs. In addition, a silent auction will be conducted.

Hotel Matador donated a night at the beautiful hotel, Bill Armstrong has donated a beautiful wooden cross; and artisan Laverne Zabielski has donated a silk scarf from her Wearable Art collection. The Matador Ranch Gift Shop donated caps, a cowhide purse, and thermos. Other donations from Matador to be used as "give-aways" or to place in the silent auction will be accepted by Carol Campbell at 806-777-8575.

RS City Council adopts new tax rate

The Roaring Springs City Council met in regular Session August 8, 2011, in the City Hall conference room. Those in attendance were: Mayor Corky Marshall, Council members, PK Green, James McCleskey, Timmy Brooks and Alex Crowder; Water Manager Robert Osborn, Zella Palmer and City Secretary Lisa Perryman. Absent was Perry Gullede.

The July 11, 2011, Regular City Council Meeting minutes were approved. The financial reports were approved and bills approved to be paid.

Mayor Marshall brought to attention the Community Center for consideration to purchase some window units for additional cooling in the building. This item was tabled until

a later time.

Council Adopted a City Ordinance for Weeds, Trash, Junk Vehicles and Substandard Housing to enforce clean-up.

Water Rates were approved for increase, effective October 1, 2011, to the following: Residential Rates: Water, \$23.00, Sewer, \$15.75 and Landfill, \$10.50 totaling \$49.25; Commercial Rates: Water, \$24.00, Sewer, \$15.75 and Landfill, \$13.00 totaling \$52.75 per month for the first 3,000 gallons and then \$3.00 per 1,000 thereafter. In addition, a late fee will be assessed in the amount of \$5.00 if not paid by the 10th of the month.

Elaine Hart presented to Council the proposed tax rate for the City of Roaring Springs

at .63622 for the year 2011. Council voted unanimously to propose the new tax rate at .63622 for the 2011 year. Council will vote to adopt the new tax rate at the September 12, 2011, regular City Council Meeting.

Council voted and approved to place Lots 27-28, Block 13, up for bid.

The Water Fill Station will be locked and the key will be provided during regular business hours at the City Hall from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, effective immediately. The Bulk Water rate is \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons.

The Proposed Budget for 2011-2012 was accepted and to be adopted at the September 12, 2011, regular City Council Meeting.

Foothill Country Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

Watching the children board buses or walking to school I am reminded of my first entry into a school building. I was rather backward and shy and my mother walked with me to my first day of the first grade. I was so scared I thought the world was going to end right there. Of course I loved school by the time a few weeks passed and I enjoyed the contact with the other children, some of whom lived in the country and I had never met before.

The process of learning to read and write became a joyful exercise and I guess I never looked back on that first day of fear and trepidation. I gradually got past my shyness and developed a liking for learning and school. I

had many great moments as I progressed through the school years and even survived a move across the country at age 13 to another state and the entrance into a school full of strangers. As luck would have it, the kids were all nice to me and I thrived in the new location and went on to college after completing the high school years.

It is said that we are mostly formed by age seven and if that is true I owe a debt of gratitude to lots of loving and attention from parents, siblings, relatives, and my first grade teacher. I remember lots of encouragement and positive strokes for getting my alphabet letters learned and ciphered. Once I got the hang of reading I took off with it and read everything I could put my hands on. Those books were an opening to other ideas and events that kept me interested in learning and acquiring as much knowledge as I could fit into my mind.

Now it is with great joy that we can watch and participate in the school years of our grandchildren. My, my, they are so smart!

Cattle Kings of the Staked Plains Second Revised Edition, George A. Wallis, Sage Books, Denver, 1964 Claude Jeffers and "High Power" Bronc Peeler for the Matador

Note from Editor:

Motley County history is interwoven with the history of the Matador Ranch. A source book entitled *Cattle Kings of the Staked Plains* by George A. Wallis is the focus of this article, first published in 1957, serialized in *True West* magazine, in 1964; and a revised, second edition was published by Sage Books, Denver, in 1964.

Old "THC" had been an outlaw for ten years. Bob Haley, wagon boss for the Matador outfit, was the last man to try to ride him. When he got thrown, the sixty or so punchers of the ranch decided the horse could not be ridden.

Of course, the champion of the Matador tough string had worked up to his position by disposing of one puncher after another. He was probably just a promising novice when he tossed his first cowboy into a mesquite bush at the McDonald Camp, but he was a horse that could take an education and he improved with each new experience. Practice makes perfect, so by the time he got to the Matador's, boss the outlaw had already sent about half the outfit sprawling in the dust.

Haley didn't pay much attention to what the punchers said about the horse at first; but as the outlaw disposed of good riders one after the other, the foreman began to realize that here was an animal that called for his own superior horsemanship. If the boys had known that the boss was going to try THC, there would have been a flock of men sitting on the fence the morning the foreman met his Waterloo. Haley, however, was not a man for show or display, and there was no one present but a puncher and the cook the day the outlaw was brought in from the horse pasture and saddled.

After carefully tying the rowels of his "gal-leg" spurs so they wouldn't slip, Haley swung to the saddle and gave THC his head. The wagon boss need not have gone to so much trouble about the spurs, for the big bay, with a lot of mustang ancestry back of him, promptly kicked off the things that ripped his belly. He then proceeded to sun his side until the Matador foreman didn't know whether he was on the horse's back or riding under his belly. After tying some knots in his tail, and in Haley's neck, THC unloaded the boss in a water trough and went off toward the pasture kicking at the empty stirrups and trying to throw the saddle.

After that, THC had the run of the 420, 000-acre Matador range and was referred to as the horse that could not be ridden. But about 1900 a slender, wiry youth was employed to break horses for the Matador, who, like THC, improved with practice. As the years went by, Claude Jeffers, breaking from 50 to 500 horses a year, got to be something of a champion himself. He reached his highest efficiency the year he broke 580 horses and put them through 9 saddles each with the help of only one assistant. After the Matador broncs had seen for the ninth time that they could not unload the man on their backs, they were pretty well convinced of the futility of bucking and were turned over to the punchers to become useful cow horses.

As bronco after bronco, a lot of them from the tough string, went down before the 135-pound Jeffers, men began to say the horse had never been born that the youth couldn't ride. When

someone made a spiel like that, some of the older hands always reminded them of THC, the horse that could not be ridden. Many wondered what would happen if the two ever met. It looked like the irresistible force meeting the immovable object. Anything might happen.

Claude Jeffers did not press for the showdown with THC, but he continued

the right person if a change of clothes makes him appear different. Horses, like most people, can be handled best with kindness."

That is one reason this bronc peeler did not use spurs. You have to be a good horseman to ride a bad one without long shanks, but even the worst will pitch harder if he is lifted up on a pair of stickers every time he hits the ground.

them in breaking them. They are complete wrecks by the time they quit fighting. There were thousands of them on the Staked Plains and along the Caprock until stockmen killed them off to save the grass they ate."

Claude Jeffers liked a medium swell fork saddle. The one he used before winning the \$150 prize saddle at Stamford was made by H. H. Schwitzer



Pictured is Claude Jeffers, (in the vest) a bronc buster for the Matador Ranch for 37 years. He broke and sometimes trained more than 500 young horses a year during his long career with the Matadors. He was known as one of the greatest riders in the world. (Photo credit to come later). (From the files of the Motley County Museum)

to clean everything else they put into the corral. The funny thing about his riding was that he never used spurs. Most the boys considered themselves goners when a spur strap broke or when a tangle-foot like THC kicked them off. But when Jeffers got into the saddle, he just seemed "grewed there." To anyone insisting on knowing how he did it, he would say "Just leave your body limber and hold tight with your les. Catch the motion and roll of the horse. Hold a tight rein to steady yourself." It sounded simple, but riding a bad horse without spurs was not as easy as it sounded.

Sometimes the company paid Jeffers so much per head for breaking broncs (usually \$2.00 per year of age), and sometimes he was paid the usual wages of a cowpuncher with a bonus for the more hazardous work he was doing. Lots of different plans can be tried out in thirty-seven years. That's how long Claude Jeffers broke broncs for the Matador, and outfit that worked from 60 to 75 punchers and that still branded 10,000 calves a year as late as 1950.

Of course, when one has to break a large number of horses, he does not have time to train them, but Claude Jeffers was horse trainer as well as a bronc peeler. In fact, it was his ability to turn out good horses as well as his ability to ride bad ones that made him indispensable to the great ranch. Jeffers proved what he could do. In 1935 his horse, "High Power," won first place and was pronounced the best cutting horse in the State of Texas at the Cowboy's Reunion at Stamford. Jeffers entered this horse three years in succession in the cutting contest, and each year he took a prize and showed progress. The first year, High Power took third place. The second year he advanced to second and the third time he took first. Jeffers rode him and carried off the \$150 saddle offered as first prize.

"A horse is one of the most intelligent animals in the world," said Claude Jeffers. "He can see better than a man at night; and his ears, movable in all directions, can detect sounds that man cannot hear. He can smell almost as good as a dog and often smells of his master to see if he is

"If you want a gentle horse, be gentle," said Jeffers. "That's the whole secret. A nervous, fractious man makes a horse jumpy and hard to manage. Be good to a horse, and he will learn to love you like a dog. Some are temperamental just like people; but they love to work cattle, play polo, or run after hounds. I could ride High Power into a herd, show him a calf or a steer, take off the bridle, and he would do the rest. A man riding him might wonder whether he was coming or going, but out of the herd the cow critter would come."

It takes about the same thing to make a good cow horse as it does to make a good polo animal - sense, high spirits, and endurance. A cow horse should be heavier than a polo animal to throw a heavy steer. They had some pretty big ones down on the Matador. Ed D. Smith, one of the Matador cowboys, got one out of the Croton Brakes (sic) in the Thirties that was twenty-one years old and had a horn spread of forty-two inches.

Jeffers thought the Morgans make the best cow horses. They are just about the right weight for the average man, and have lots of ginger and endurance, too. The Steeldusts also are fine. They are active and learn quickly. They can't stand as much hard riding as the Morgans, though, in the opinion of Claude Jeffers. They are a little too nervous and work themselves down too soon. High Power was half Morgan and half Steeldust.

"For good cow horse form range mares, I would say that a Morgan stallion would be the best," said Jeffers. "Some people find that Hambletonian is all right when crossed with range stock."

"How about the Mustangs?" he was asked.

"Most of them are too small, and they never get gentle. It takes a gentle horse to work cattle with efficiency. If you want to run a good horse to death, put him after a Mustang. Those things can run until the world looks level. Capture a big one, and get him broke, and you will never be afoot, though. They are hard to tame. I have seen them stand in the corral for days without as much as looking at the water trough. You have to wear the Mustangs out or kill

of Matador, Texas. He often used double cinches with a girth just tight enough to hold the saddle on. A single cinch is not enough for roping purposes, and it has to be made too tight for the best results in breaking broncos.

"It's the tight cinches which tend to cut off a horse's breath that make many of them buck so hard. They are much like a man fighting for air. They do not object to the weight on their back as much as they do to being strangled. As for spurs, nearly any person is ticklish and will jump if suddenly poked in the ribs. A horse is the same way. He either starts pitching or tires to escape by flight," said the famous bronc peeler.

Jeffers thought there was nothing as good as the Navajos for saddle blankets. They are soft but firm and do not scald a horse's back. A whole lot depends on the weave, but it is probably the natural wool that makes them so desirable. Army physicians long ago found that soldiers get along all right with woolen shirts, even in warm climates. Cotton tends to harden a blanket and hair scratches too much. Wool keeps a horse warm in winter; in summer it collects the perspiration and provides a cooling process by evaporation.

Although Jeffers converted over 3,000 young broncs into cow horses, he was never permanently crippled. On the other hand, Ed D. Smith has been thrown and kicked about so much that he has a shoulder that slips out of place with the least sudden movement. Even a sneeze will throw out of place the shoulder that horses and steers have dislocated so many times.

"Have you even been thrown?" Claude Jeffers was asked. He started for a moment then grinned. "Say! If you ever meet a bronc peeler who says he has never been thrown, you can just put it down then and there that he is not what he claims to be. I've been thrown more ways than a scrambled egg. I don't get thrown very often, but I feel pretty lucky when I go two or three years without getting spilled. Things will just naturally go wrong once in a while. Yes, I rode old THC, the outlaw that had not been ridden for ten years. I tell you about that later."

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The men pulled rawhide-bottomed chairs to the table at McDonald Camp and mixed Ed Smith's sourdough biscuits with more conversation. Jeffers agreed four years old is the best age to break a cow horse, for they are at their best age at eight to ten. Like men, it takes time for a horse to get experience and become thoroughly efficient. An animal begins to deteriorate at about twelve, Jeffers believed.

"Ten horses make a full string on the Matador Ranch. I have seen some men who could get more work out of five or six than others could get out of a dozen. It all depends on the man. If you want to make a hit with the Matador, take good care of your horses. The better horseman you are, the more good horses you will get. If you are horse killer, the range boss will probably give you some sorry animals to kill off. Every new hand gets a lecture on the care of his horses when he starts to work for the outfit," Jeffers explained.

In winter, the string is cut down to about three horses per man on the Matador Ranch. These are fed and can do a lot more work per horse than the summer *remuda*, which is ridden on grass. Horse feeding has changed, too, in recent years. The Matador cow horses are now given a balanced diet consisting of corn, oats, kafir, a little cottonseed meal, as planned by feed experts at experiment stations. This is a ground feed that saves a horse's teeth. Ground feed is more completely digested, too. But for maximum endurance, there is nothing like shelled corn. The grass season is from the last of April to December 1.

"Rawhide makes the best hobbles. Manila rope is too hard and often skins a horse's legs," said Jeffers. Thirty to forty-five feet is about right for a good lariat, although some men can throw a sixty-foot rope. For roping purposes, there is nothing better than Manila hemp.

Although Claude Jeffers was one of the greatest riders in the world, he seldom performed for rodeos. Peeling broncs for a real cow outfit is different from the showmanship of a rodeo. In the rodeo, the object is to thrill the audience. Jeffers was not spectacular, for everything he did was practical and purposeful.

The methods of the rodeos don't turn out champion roping or cutting horses like High Power; and the Matador outfit paid their men to produce fine cow horses, not bad ones. Jeffers, without tricks or fancy stunts, would not have looked spectacular on a bad horse, but he could have kept his seat

just as long as anyone. There is probably not a man living who can go out and put 580 young horses through 9 saddles in a year. Max Bentley, special writer for the *Ft. Worth Star Telegram*, has called Jeffers the champion bronc buster of the world. If the number of horses ridden counts, Jeffers fits the description.

There was a time when the Matador bronc peeler thought every horse had a certain number of bucks in him and proceeded to let him get them out of his system. Later he learned to discourage pitching tendencies. It is something they do not need to practice to become good cow horses.

Although Claude Jeffers disliked public appearances, he rode a few times for local people. For years the Matador punchers wanted to see him try out THC, and Jeffers finally agreed to ride him for the benefit of a local celebration that was about to go dead. When the news went forth that the man who could ride anything with hair on it was going to try the horse that could not ridden, the cowboys and ranchers came in from the range for 100 miles. There was the usual barbecue, calf and goat roping, and a lot of preliminary bronc busting before THC was finally eared down and saddled. It had been ten years since anyone had tried the famous outlaw. The crowd held its breath as Jeffers swung to the saddle and said, "Let him go!"

The horse bogged his head and started to give his opponent the works. Since the time old THC had thrown his last rider, he may have forgotten a lot. Some of the old-timers who had witnessed the contest were of the opinion that age had slowed the famous horse down. Others declared the outlaw did a first class job and that he just looked easy because it was Claude Jeffers who was in the saddle. It is reasonable that the famous buckler was at least badly out of practice. As he gave the saddle one violent shake after another, he may have discovered something different in this quiet boy who rode with a light, easy rhythm. No one beat him with a quirt nor gouged him with spurs. The saddle cinches were not tight enough to interfere with his breathing. After a moderate amount of hard pitching, the famous outlaw quit and trotted off without even making Jeffers show daylight between his Levis and the saddle.

Those who had bet on the horse were disappointed. Some yelled for Jeffers to make THC strut his stuff. But Claude Jeffers played fair, even with his horses, refusing to make mean

horses out of those that wanted to be good. He patted THC understandingly then, sent him back to the Matador pasture.

Then someone in the crowd, dissatisfied with Jeffers' easy performance, unhitched a mule famous for his cussedness, and dragged him out for Jeffers to ride. This animal, Old Sam, was in the prime of life and as full of Old Nick as a circus clown. The mule watched the saddling unperturbed and probably confident of his prowess. He had seen a good number of bronc peelers and had convinced them they were just ordinary cowhands. Jeffers may have looked like just another man who should be made aware of the advisability of changing his profession.

When the bronc peeler landed on his back, Old Sam began to bawl and have walleed fits. He rolled himself up until there wasn't a three inch width for the saddle to rest on. Jeffers stayed with the saddle and hoped that when it was over he would find a mule somewhere underneath. He couldn't tell just where the brute was while the fireworks were on. The mule bellowed and bawled. He fence-rowed until the sky and earth looked scrambled to Jeffers. The crowd got onto its feet and, with much laughter, screamed itself hoarse.

Old Sam seemed to have more tricks in his bag than a magician. He hit the ground stiff legged, he whirled, and he sunned his side. The mule had a technique that differed somewhat from that of a horse. Jeffers had seen a lot of fancy steps, but the mule showed him many new ones. Old Sam had the wind of a buffalo bull and kept pouring it on thick and fast. The hard jar of his stiff leg jumps made the bronc peeler begin to hiccough. The saddle seemed to be tossed about in a hurricane but when the storm was over, Jeffers was still with the saddle and there was an exhausted mule between his legs!

Claude Jeffers rode many bad horses in his thirty-seven years as bronc peeler for the Matador, a lot of them worse than either THC or Old Sam, but these two remained among the surprises of his career. He was surprised at the ease with which he rode the horse he once dreaded and equally surprised that an ordinary mule could pitch so long and display such a variety of tricks.

But the hard jolting of the buckers over a period of years injured the famous bronc rider internally. Claude Jeffers died at Matador, Texas, in 1936, having converted more broncs into good cow horse than any other rider of the Western range.

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Reassures Farmers and Ranchers in States Affected by Extreme Weather

WASHINGTON, August 8, 2011 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today pledged his commitment to the nation's farmers, ranchers and rural communities that USDA would continue to work to deliver assistance to those affected by recent extreme weather, including floods, drought, fires and tornadoes. Vilsack said that USDA would work to offer flexibility to producers and encouraged producers to contact their local county or state USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office for assistance. Vilsack also announced additional flexibility in the Conservation Reserve Program that will assist producers struggling from drought in a number of states.

"America's farmers and rural communities are vitally important to our nation's economy and our values, and my heart goes out to all who are facing hardships because of severe weather and natural disasters," said Vilsack. "At USDA, we are working tirelessly to get assistance to folks who need it and are searching for flexibility in our programs to help farmers and ranchers in these difficult times. We will continue to listen to producers' concerns and, whenever possible, offer assistance to help put people on the road to recovery as quickly as possible."

Vilsack has issued disaster designations for 547 counties in 30 states. So far, producers

have received \$693 million in indemnity payments to help recover from disasters, including more than \$520 million to those affected by drought and \$88 million to those affected by flooding. Additional assistance for livestock producers affected by the drought comes from the Livestock Forage Program which has already provided \$114 million nationwide and over \$50 million in Texas, \$24 million in Oklahoma, and \$11 million in New Mexico. This timely assistance helps ranchers purchase feed for their livestock when they need it most.

USDA has also offered more than \$30 million in emergency loans to help about 280 producers recover from production and physical losses due to disaster. To provide producers additional flexibility, USDA has contacted all current loan-holders in disaster affected counties and offered them the opportunity for a 'disaster set-aside' - permission to put off their next annual payment to the final year of their loan. So far, 230 producers are taking advantage of this option.

USDA is also working to rebuild local economies by making housing and business assistance programs available to help finance repair and replacement of homes and businesses in rural communities. To help feed families in need during the recovery efforts, USDA is also providing nearly \$149 million in Dis-

aster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to more than 1.1 million individuals in 466,080 households in 11 States.

USDA has also made available about \$27 million in financial and technical assistance to help 25 states restore damaged and flooded land by assisting with debris removal and other repairs. To ensure assistance quickly got to those in need, USDA provided funds immediately to states to enable the states to respond quickly to any urgent needs.

USDA reminds producers affected by extreme weather that resources are available to cover losses, including losses to livestock, crops, orchard trees, and private forests. Types of USDA assistance to farmers and ranchers may include the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), federal crop insurance, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

USDA continues working with state and local officials, as well as our federal partners, to make sure people have the necessary resources to recover from these challenges.

To find the USDA Service Center nearest you, please visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a Personal Note

I love it when people bring me news. Sometimes I wonder what I can write about. Writers' block is real! Having something interesting to report makes my day.

Home looks good. I have been gone off and on for over two weeks. My granddaughter, Kenzie needed a keeper for a couple of days and we decided it would be easier to keep her at her house. It was. She had lots of things to play with, kittens and toys. She stayed very busy and I cleaned up some on the farm house that sits next door. I had paint to scrape off doors that I had not stayed over long enough to get done earlier.

In the community

Dorothy Watson's daughter-in-law, Stacy's wife called Corky to let him know that Dorothy has not been feeling well. She lives with her daughter, Retha Smith; Dorothy's address is 1241 Portland; Abilene, TX 79605 and her phone number is 325-665-6557. She would enjoy hearing from her friends here.

Visiting Mozelle Hand from August 5th through Aug. 7th were her daughter, Missy Davis and granddaughter Joy Da-

vis of Grandview, TX; also Rita Hughes of Paducah and Ann Guess of Jayton. They enjoyed visiting and playing card games.

On Thursday, Mozelle's nephew Ronald Tucker of Midland visited and ate lunch with her.

On August 12th through the 14th, her grandson, Jay and his wife Laura, two great grandsons, Jhett and Kade Davis of Grandview came to visit. They enjoyed taking the boys to swim at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club.

On Wednesday, Susie Vaneria and Stephanie, daughter and granddaughter of the Alex Crowders who are visiting from Connecticut will be feted with a birthday cake and ice cream during the 3:00 p.m. coffee drinkers hour at the Travelers Inn. Also visiting the Crowders have been their other daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter: Denisa, Curtis and Hannah Brown of Dalhart, TX.

Curtis Brown has been instrumental in getting the grant for a new fire truck for Roaring Springs.

Grace Zabielski is living in Fort Worth with her daughter Beverly Shorter. Beverly is writing a blog about taking care of Grace. If you are interested in reading more you can click on this link, or type it into your browser. <http://lovingyoumom.blogspot.com>

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Katie Couric: "Good manners beget good manners. My dad was obsessed with a firm handshake and eye contact, as I am. Old fashioned qualities like integrity, honor and character, no matter how old you are, qualities that never go out of style".

Bengie and J.J. Hughes and daughter, Katie of Royce City visited from Thursday until Sunday with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Visiting them Friday were Rickey and Tasha Hughes, Kendal and Kason, Roger Hughes, Reagan and Brody of Floydada. The families attended the Hughes family reunion Saturday held at the Community Center in New Deal. Other family members attending were Mrs. Jean Cooper of Matador and daughter, Nancy Cooper of Oklahoma City, son and family, Jim and Judy Cooper and son, Clay of Matador.

Enjoying supper at the Steak House in Paducah recently were Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch, Mrs. Judy Renfro and Mrs. Dixie Campbell of Matador, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Wilburn

Martin of Flomot.

Mrs. Nada Starkey is undergoing rehabilitation in Amarillo following recent surgery. Her husband, Jack Starkey is a patient at the Veterans' Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. His daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and son, Michael Starkey of Canyon accompanied him to Albuquerque for medical tests.

Mrs. Kathy Shorter returned home Tuesday after visiting in Wolforth the past ten days with daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon, son, Brian and new baby daughter, Brooke Elaine.

Visiting Ruth and Orville Lee Sunday and looking after their livestock were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton joined Mrs. Judy Renfro, daughter and family, Mrs. Rachele Davis, Reagan and Bryer of Matador, Buddy Hart, friend and family of Lubbock at the Roaring Springs Ranch Saturday for a nice visit and swimming.

H.R. "Skeet" Jameson had surgery at the Heart Hospital in Lubbock on Wednesday, August 17th. His wife Earlene was with him.

Matador News

Happenings

Shane Jones is adding the comfort of "misters" to help beat the heat at the Foothills Saturday Night celebration on August 20th. There will also be a concession wagon from Westbrook open all day on Friday in addition to the barbecue being prepared by the Chamber of Commerce that will be sold that evening. If you know of vendors or talent entries that could be included in the event, please call the hotel at 347-2939.

I am here to tell you that imaginative play is alive and well. I listened to my grandchildren's conversation as we brought them here last night. I heard many "let's play like" sentences. It made my heart proud.

Comings and Goings

One branch of the Garrison family held a reunion at Roaring Springs last week-end. Staying at the hotel were Phyllis Landes and Nancy Brown with their father. They live in Benbrook. Hostess for the event was Evelyn Garrison Smallwood.

We had three guests from the northwest United States this week. Tim and Janet Chase were in town for three days. He conducted professional development for teachers in Patton Springs and Guthrie. While he was busy during the day, she designed and cut pieces for a quilt. Arrangements for teacher learning are made for the area schools by Cathy Morton of Lubbock. Theresa Burns from Kingsville, Oregon stayed as a stop over between family in Amarillo and the Houston area. As often happens, these guests made connections of acquaintances.

Cousin of Tom Roy, Robert Blanton and his wife Margaret

paid a visit on Wednesday. They are from Salado and reported a small break in dry conditions in their area. In addition to Tom and Linda Roy, Emily and Paul Teegardin from Silverton joined the family group for dinner.

Gareth and Janie Cook stopped by on their way from Austin to Taos, New Mexico.

There was a two day domino tournament on Friday and Saturday; guess it could be called the Tahoka Tournament. Mark and Tina Wuenshe, Cary Sawyer, and Robin and De'Ann Autry, all from Tahoka, were participants. I don't know who won the second day, but the ladies won the first evening.

Sorry to see neighbor Edna Ruth Green move to Amarillo, but I know she will enjoy staying with daughter Virginia.

See you Saturday, in front of the hotel. Be sure to wear your dancing boots.

Miss Amber Saucedo of Childress, Texas was a guest of Tom and Deanie Edwards last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Amber was entertained with trips to the Library, Variety Store, Antique store and lost of arts and craft projects. She visited with Marge Edwards at Hackberry Creek Care Center and did her nails for her. Deanie took pictures of Amber each day and made a collage of pictures for her to take home. She took one of her with the newly installed arrow. Amber ate at the Sr. Citizens on Thursday and Friday and enjoyed the company of all the adults there. Deanie took her home on Friday.

Amber is the daughter of Michelle Saucedo of Childress and granddaughter of Lonnie and Marianne Lynn of Childress, Texas.

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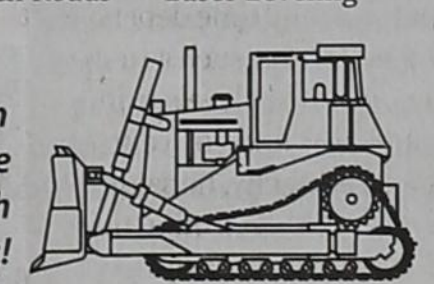
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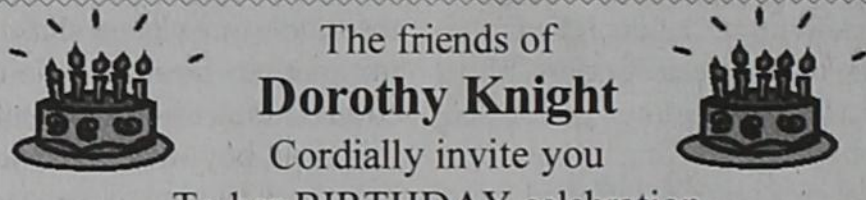
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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

There's another load of new arrivals at the library, 5 books and 6 DVDs are here for your picking. Our fiction additions are *The Lincoln Lawyer Novels* by Michael Connelly, include all three books under one cover; *Unsaid* by Neil Abrahamson is a new author to our library collection; Iris Johansen with *Eight Days to Live*; and Brad Thor is back with *Full Black*. For our Ranny Grady fans (author of Lou's Dirty Dozen), there's *The Rookie: A Great Cloud of Witnesses*.

Our new DVDs include: The Jesse Stone series by Robert B. Parker and starring Tom Selleck, *No Remorse, Thin Ice*, and *Sea Change*; *Inception* with Leonardo DiCaprio, *Seabiscuit* starring Tobey McGuire and Jeff Bridges; and *First Flight: A Mother Hummingbird's Story*.

Also, the correct date for The Friends of the Library Beans

and Cornbread Lunch in the Library Annex is Fri., Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please make a note that 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.

Lastly, I say goodbye. I have resigned as librarian. Thank You to everyone for your patience and understanding while I learned my librarian duties. I've had a wonderful opportunity and privilege to get to know many community members and will truly miss our weekly visits. I will still be a part of the library by being an active Friends of the Library member, therefore, volunteering on Monday when needed.

Thank you again for your support and well wishes. Please welcome Carla Meador as your new librarian when you stop by the library.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Online calculator helps homeowners preserve lawns while saving water

Dr. Guy Fipps, Texas AgriLife Extension Service irrigation engineer, holds an Aggie Catch Can in his left hand. The device is used to accurately measure the amount of water a sprinkler irrigation system applies in a given amount of time. In his other hand, Fipps holds a special rain gauge available from some water utility companies designed to do the same thing. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Jose Lopez)

COLLEGE STATION - Drought or no drought, homeowners typically overwater their lawns, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service irrigation engineer.

It's an expensive practice anytime, but during an extended drought, it's particularly wasteful "and may lead to further water-use restrictions by communities if done by everyone, which is often the case," said Dr. Guy Fipps, AgriLife Extension irrigation engineer.

Moreover, it's unnecessary as there is an online calculator that will allow Texas homeowners to apply within a tenth of an inch of exactly the amount their turf grass needs, said Fipps, who is also the director of the Irrigation Technology Center at the Texas A&M University College Station campus.

"I guess a lot of people don't know this sort of information and tools exist," he said.

There is also a lot of misinformation circulating about, Fipps said.

"Look at garden sections in newspapers and elsewhere, you'll typically see recommendations like water 1 inch to 2 inches a week, or that you should water infrequently and deeply - vague concepts like that," he said.

There are lots of reasons such an approach isn't appropriate, Fipps said. One reason is climatic variation.

"For example, this year we are having a very hot and dry summer, and water requirements are 30 percent to 50 percent higher than they would be in a more normal year," he said.

In reality, the amount of irrigation a given variety of turf grass needs at any time depends upon many factors, such as temperature, humidity levels, wind, solar radiation and, of course, recent rainfall, if any, he said.

"The way you determine how much water grass actually needs is a fairly complex process, but fortunately, we have this website that does all that for you," he said. "All you need to do is put in a little info about your location, the type of grass you're growing, and what your goal is."

Personal goals vary, he said. Some people don't worry about the expense of watering and want a lawn as green as a golf course even during the drought. Others may want to strike a balance with the amount of water they apply, just wanting "pretty decent" turf quality. Others may want to conserve water and economize during drought restrictions and put on just enough water to keep the turf alive, he said.

"This choice greatly affects the amount of water you use and will double or triple the amount of irrigation water (in most parts of the state) from about 0.6 to 1.7 inches a week during August, and in West Texas from 0.9 to 2.2 inches a week," Fipps said.

To use the online-calculator tool, go to the TexasET Network website at <http://texaset.tamu.edu/>.

The calculations are based on current weather data from nearly 30 automated scientific weather stations located throughout the state. Users

must first pick one of these weather stations either from a drop-down menu or by simply clicking on the nearest one to them on the webpage's Texas map.

The Aggie Catch Can Homeowner Kit is available on the AgriLife Bookstore at <https://agrilifebookstore.org>. The kit includes five catch cans, stands and an instruction sheet for \$18. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. Charles Swanson)

They then must click on one of three buttons: "home watering," "turf/landscape irrigation" or "crop irrigation."

Beginners should choose "home watering," Fipps noted.

"But once they are familiar with how it works, they should move to the turf/landscape calculator as it provides more options to customize recommendations for their grass and includes other plants as well," he said.

From there on, it's a matter of choosing the type of grass in the lawn, whether it's in full sunlight or partial shade, and the amount of rainfall received in the last week.

The next decision is how long to irrigate. The parameter, "sprinkler precipitation rate" in inches per hour may give some homeowners some pause, but it's easy to figure the rate, Fipps said.

"One simply puts out containers and run the irrigation system for a specified amount of time, usually 10 to 30 minutes," he said. "Everything from tuna cans to cups are often used, but the results must be converted to inches of water applied over the area per unit of time."

To make the process easier, Fipps designed the Aggie Catch Can. The catch can is cone-shaped and has graduated markings in both inches and millimeters to take the guesswork out of measuring, he said.

Aggie Catch Cans may be purchased as a kit on the AgriLife online bookstore at <http://agrilifebookstore.org>. For the Homeowner Kit, search for item number SP-424. Each kit comes with five cans and stands, as well as an instruction sheet, and costs \$18.

"Unlike tuna cans, catch volumes may be read directly without the need for rulers or graduated cylinders," Fipps said.

AgriLife Extension monitoring quail response to large-scale wildfires

Wildfires left little behind for this bobwhite quail to use as cover or food. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo)

AMARILLO - Quail counts in nine major wildfire locations are being made this summer to determine the impact wildfires have had on the birds and their habitat, according to two Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialists.

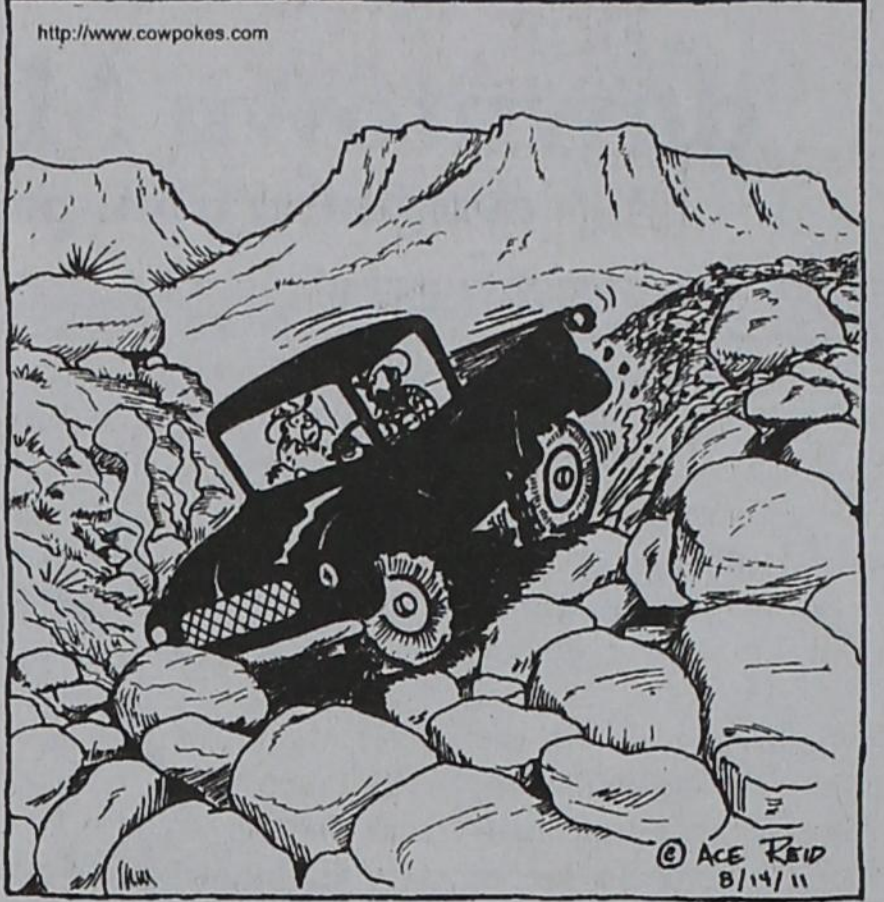
Brooks Hodges, manager of the Pitchfork Ranch in Dickens County, and Becky Ruzicka, a technician with Texas AgriLife Extension Service, examine recently burned quail habitat on the Dickens County Wildfire Complex as a part of the Quail Decline Initiative. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dale Rollins)

In what is being termed Operation Phoenix, after the mythological bird of fire reborn from the ashes, AgriLife Extension personnel will monitor three times in each location for three years, said Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in San Angelo.

Selected burn sites include the Wildcat Mountain fire in Tom Green and Coke counties, Cooper Mountain fire in Kent County, Matador fire in Motley and Cottle counties, Dickens County Complex fire, Swenson fire in Stonewall County, Andrews County fire, Possum Kingdom Complex fire in Stephens County and the 611 Gas Plant fire in Fisher County.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



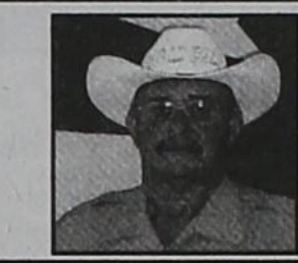
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by Chris Spence

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traffic stops, 2); Felony, 0.

PAPER SERVED: District Court, 4; County Court, 0; JP Court, 2; Out of County Court Papers, 3; Bailiff for Court, 3.

TRAFFIC: Traffic Citations, 14; Traffic Warnings, 12; Funeral escorts, 1; Cases under investigation, 0.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MOTLEY COUNTY: School is starting soon and everyone needs to watch for school children on their way to and from school. If you see anything suspicious or someone driving reckless, please call the Sheriff Office at 806-347-2234, or Chief Deputy Ware 806-269-3588 or Trooper Overton 806-269-0192 or Sheriff Spence at 806-269-3577. Thank you.

Call routes are 10 miles long and included burned and unburned areas, said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Amarillo. Counts are conducted for two hours following dawn, weather permitting.

Rollins and Cearley said they hope to continue the counts in these locations for three consecutive years to determine the initial impact and recovery of the quail at the different locations.

Becky Ruzicka, an AgriLife Extension technician from Dallas, coordinated this summer's counts. The studies are funded by AgriLife Extension's "Quail Decline Initiative."

While a bane in almost every respect, this year's spate of wildfires did provide some unique opportunities for quail research, Rollins said.

"We surveyed quail response following the 2006 wildfires in the Panhandle and have three years of data there," he said. "Our goal is to follow the 2011 burns for three years also."

In the 2006 wildfires, the specialists found that habitats dominated by sandy soils rebounded within the first year, but clay loam soils were much slower to rebound.

"Sandy soils in the Panhandle are usually characterized by shinnery and it resprouts very quickly following fire, and thus offers better quail habitat more quickly than other sites," said Rollins.

Cearley said after the 2006 fires, they monitored abundance of quail for three years on transects that started in burned country and extended into adjacent unburned country. Without pre-burn numbers for those areas, they could only test to see whether the burns enhanced quail habitat and resulted in more birds than the unburned areas.

He said that study showed population appeared to be af-

ected more by soil-particle size, plant composition and its response to fire, pre-burn habitat for quail, topography and rainfall, rather than whether it was burned or unburned.

Sandier sites responded more quickly and likely supported higher densities pre-burn than sites with tighter soils, he said. In many cases, the fires burned on top of the caprock and stalled out before burning the rougher country off of the cap, which is often better quail habitat.

"So, in some cases, the lines were unable to give an unbiased picture of the impact of the fires on quail populations," Cearley said.

A major difference between the 2006 fires and the 2011 fires is the tormenting heat and drought that spawned the 2011 fires and that has persisted unabated since the burns, Rollins said.

"Vegetation response has been much slower," he said. "Many of the sites dominated by cedars still look like a moonscape four months after the burn."

The specialists say the recent fires are unique in another regard—they had "pretreatment" counts on several of their study sites.

"Having pretreatment data for a wildfire study is pretty incredible. We had count lines in place on four of these burns, so we'll have a unique opportunity to better gauge the fires' impacts on quail, and how long it takes numbers to rebound," Rollins said.

With a history of several years' worth of density surveys on some transects, this study stands to be more instructive, Cearley said.

"With that information in hand we'll have a much better chance of being able to measure the impact of these fires on quail populations."

Obituaries

Lona Gerbig Gaylor

Lona Gerbig Gaylor, 91, passed away Monday, August 8, 2011, in Abilene. Graveside services were held Friday, August 12, 2011, at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock. Visitation was held Thursday at Elmwood Funeral Home.

Lona was born on December 22, 1919, the daughter of George Washington Chaney and Amanda Leona Johnston Chaney. She grew up in Roaring Springs where she graduated from High School in 1936 and was a resident of Lubbock for over 30 years. Lona loved being a part of the Seniors Bowling League at Abilene Bowling Lanes and enjoyed reading and playing dominoes. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children, Clovia Rice and Amanda Calvin and husband Martin of Abilene; Clarence Norwell Garrison and wife Patricia of Missouri; and Joe B. Rice and wife Evelyn of Ballinger; two brothers, Leolen Chaney of Colorado and Calvin Chaney of Washington; 12 grandchild-



dren, Dorothy Keller and husband Robert, Vernon Kelly Watkins and wife Angie, Jeffrey Watkins and wife Shayla, Leona Stanaland, Phillip Wauer and wife Sara, Tobias Calvin, Thomas Rice and wife Noelle, Shannon Garrison and wife Audrey, Cyrus Garrison and wife Debbie, Jerry Garrison, Shane Garrison and Jody Garrison. Her son, Don Harlan Garrison and seven siblings preceded her in death.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.elmwood-funeral.com

John Warren

The family of John Warren had a Memorial Service for their father and loved on Monday, August 15, 2011, at the Nazarene Church in Dickens at 3:00 p.m. Cremation is under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Warren passed away August 11, 2011, in Lubbock after attaining the age of 81 years.

John was born on July 5, 1930, to Colquit Warren and Ina Williams Warren in Childress, Texas.

Mr. Warren was a longtime resident of Dickens County, Texas, where he owned and

operated Warren Title Company for many years serving the area communities. He was married on the July 1, 1950 to Joan.

He is survived by his wife Joan Warren of Dickens, Texas; two sons John David Warren of Dickens, Texas, and Justin Cody Warren of Azle, Texas; three daughters, Janet Martin of Dickens, Texas, Susan Jacobus of Bartlett, Texas, and Jaye Martin of Bedford, Texas; one brother Jerry Warren of Stephenville, Texas; one sister, Jane Latimer of Austin, Texas; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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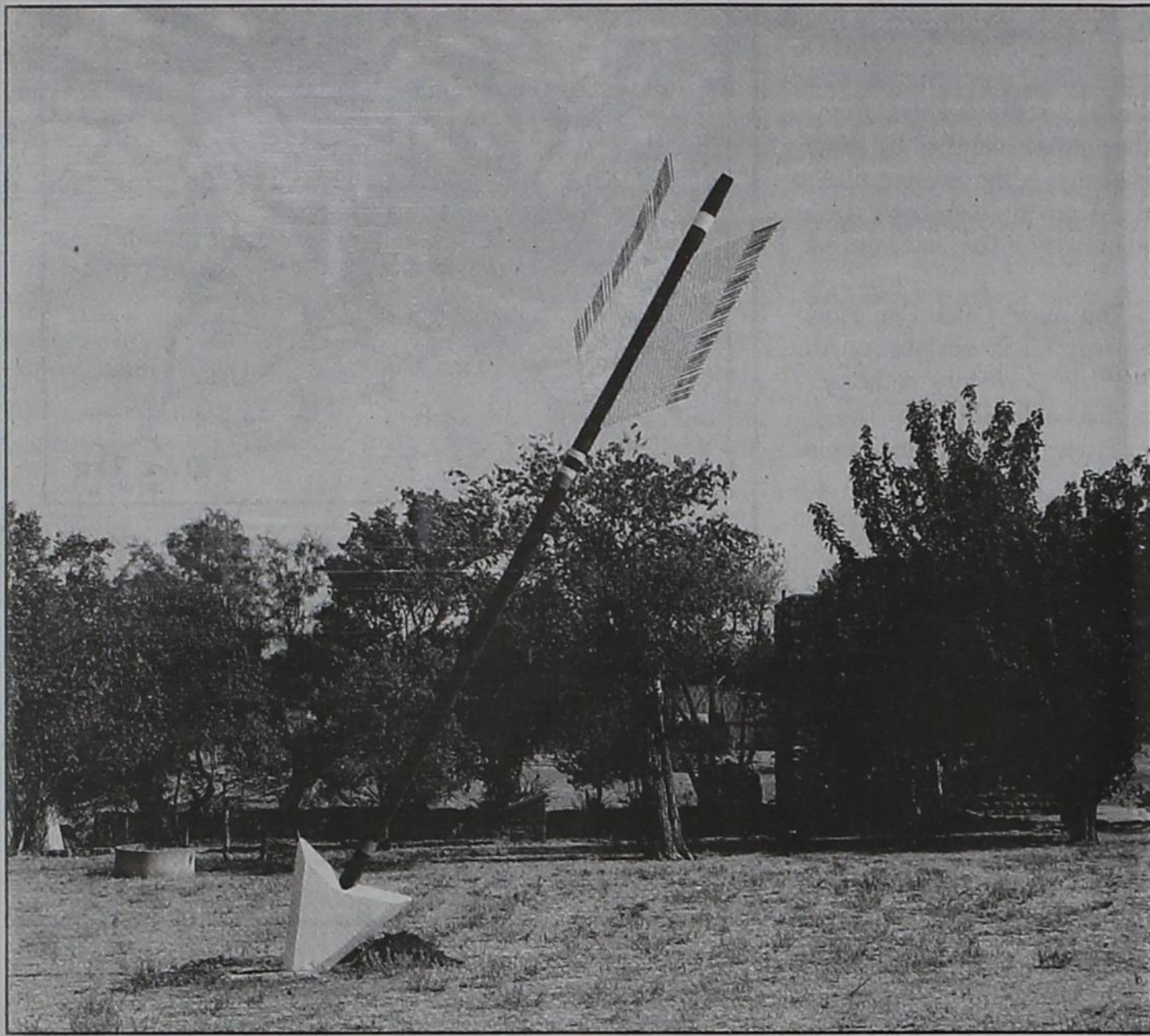
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Giant Arrow installed in downtown Matador

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The 21-foot arrow was the brainchild of artisan Charles Smith, New Home, Texas. Charles will be placing arrows in the 52-county Texas Plains Trail Region to highlight the Quanah Parker Trail. The Comanche were known as the Lords of the Plains.

photo by Carol Campbell

gion covers the Panhandle Plains area and beyond to "the last frontier where Indians roamed free in the 48 contiguous states," Humphries said.

The Quanah Parker Trail board wanted to create something that would tie the whole 52-county region together, Humphries said. "The Giant Arrows of artist Charles Smith will create a physical marker

to provide an incentive for travelers and tourists to find and discover," she added.

Dr. Humphries, a scholar of the arts, with a keen interest in public art, stated that her goal is to integrate the contribution of artists and art with the economic development plans and ideas for the Texas Plains Trail Region.

Meanwhile, the Giant Arrow with the distinction of Ar-

row Number 1 on the Quanah Parker Trail marks the spot in Motley County where the Comanche presence is well documented. A small plate adorns the tip of the arrow with the number 1 engraved on a plate to signify the first arrow placed on the Quanah Parker Trail 2011, followed by the signature of the artist, Charles A. Smith.

Foothills Saturday Night, Matador, August 20



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New business in Roaring Springs reminiscent of bygone days

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Blair Wilson wanted to do something "unique and fabulous" in Roaring Springs. A dream three years in the making has finally come to fruition. LaVoe's Salon, named in honor of her grandmother LaVoe Thacker who died five years ago, opened in February, 2011. "LaVoe would have been proud, we did it together," she said.

"I had been looking for a space to open a part-time shop in Roaring Springs, and thanks to Russell Alexander, that opportunity finally presented itself," she said. Tucked away between the old Alexander Fuel Building (a historical corner filling station), and several abandoned, boarded-up buildings in downtown Roaring Springs, the dream emerged - but not before a lot of hard work. All completed dreams usually have someone behind the scenes making it happen.

"This shop should have been named Jeffery Clyde," she said, referring to her father who did some heavy lifting. "Dad worked weekends and days off - we had to scrub the walls before we painted." But this labor of love had an added benefit for Blair - it was therapeutic. "When I was younger, I worked every day of my life to get out of Roaring Springs, and now I can't wait to get back," she said.

LaVoe Thacker was Blair's inspiration for painting and decorating the shop. Her grandmother had a certain flair for fashion - an eclectic persona, Blair said. The things that reminded Blair of her inspiration were "bright colors that make you happy, jewelry that makes noise," and stylish photos of days-gone-by. The shop is full of LaVoe Thacker photos and other icons of an era when a woman wouldn't be caught dead in public without her makeup on. "She told me if you are going nowhere but the clothes line, put your makeup on," Blair laughed.

The shop is painted a cool blue, with hot pink accents. Customers enter and walk down a narrow entry hall with family photos on one side and on the other wall, a large scripted L V on a brick wall above a long oak Parson's Bench invites customers to wait, sit a spell, or read. The shampoo station is to the left at the end of the entry, hidden from view; and the stylist



Pictured is Blair Wilson, owner and stylist at LaVoe's Salon in Roaring Springs, at her Open House July 4th. The new business opened last February, 2011, and is named in honor of Blair's grandmother, the late LaVoe Thacker.

station faces a fashionable mirror - this is where Blair does her magic.

Blair grew up in Roaring Springs surrounded by a large and supportive family. The daughter of Jeff and Pam Thacker in Roaring Springs, she graduated from Motley County high school in 1999, before attending Texas Tech University for four years. She "needed a change," she said, so she completed hair styling school. She married Brad Wilson, son of Carolyn Ewing, Matador, and currently resides in Lubbock, Texas. She is the owner, operator, and stylist of Terra Bella Salon in Lubbock, a full-time job supervising 11 hairstylists, two receptionists, and four shampoo technicians. Her once-a-month trek to Roaring Springs is her labor of love.

This 5-foot dynamo doesn't seem to have a hard time with a large staff - she exudes confident authority. LaVoe told her, "You can rule the world in your high heels." And she took this advice to heart. "People made fun of me July 4 for showing up

with high heels on," she said. But this little chick didn't fall too far from the tree. "I have a picture in my head of my grandmother who was always beautiful inside and out. After she died, I really wanted people to feel a little bit of her in me. I didn't want people to forget her," she said.

Once the shop was completed, Blair "booked up" with customers before she made her first appearance in Roaring Springs, she said. But this shop is more than just styling hair. She has a vision of a monthly Trade Day in Roaring Springs, featuring local artisans with crafts, jewelry, and other unique items "something different each time" she comes to Roaring Springs, she said. The next highlight featuring a local artist will be Old Settlers weekend, August 25-27.

Blair also learned how to have a party from her grandmother. So stop by LaVoe's Salon during Old Settlers weekend, sit a spell, have a cup of coffee, shop and browse - "everyone is welcome," Blair said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00PM, AUGUST 29, 2011 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.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax \$ 0.00000 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters

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 0.89000 % 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	\$ 293,951,613.00	\$ 321,986,393.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 468,161.00	\$ 226,680.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 83,063,385.00	\$ 84,121,814.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 468,161.00	\$ 226,680.00

* "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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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.15130	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.15130	\$ 5,232.00	\$ 6,358.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.23034	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.23034	\$ 6,102.00	\$ 6,438.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.17000	\$ 5,780.00	\$ 5,472.00

* 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	\$ 23,756.73	\$ 23,906.61
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 8,756.73	\$ 8,906.61
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 100.82	\$ 104.21
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.39

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)	\$ 1,488,998.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

City Council Issues First Stage of Drought Contingency Plan

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increase thereby providing incentive dollars to gain a manufacturing business for future growth.

Judy Renfro, President of the 4B Tax Board, spoke to the council in support of the video documentary project currently planned by the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail. Renfro gave a brief background on how the project developed, and asked the council for support of the request of \$5,000.00 to help fund the production phase of the project set to begin on August 20, 2011.

Following Open Forum, City Superintendent Steve Barton reported the water table was down to 39 feet due to usage during the drought. Mayor Smith complimented the council and employees for providing for a backup system two years ago. Councilman Alvin Alexander said the Water District was going to purchase two new pumps.

Following a brief discussion regarding the request of the 4B Board to fund the

video documentary project at \$5,000.00, Alvin Alexander made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Bobby Klodginski. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Water Superintendent Steve Barton recommended to the Council that the City implement Stage 1 of a Drought Contingency Plan due to low water levels. "This is the longest drought in our history," Barton said. "We are using about one-half million gallons a day, and there is no relief in sight."

The Council voted to implement the first stage of the Contingency Plan, consisting of a 20 percent voluntary reduction of water usage. If Stage 2 is implemented, Barton said, it would entail substantial rate increases.

In other business, the council voted 3-for and 1-against the use of the rollback rate of .49877 rather than the effective tax rate of .49487 in 2011-12 budget cycle. "We can be \$1,000.00 short using the rollback rate;

or we can be \$5,200 short using the effective tax rate," Smith said. "I recommend we go with the rollback rate."

Casting the dissenting vote, Councilman Klodginski said, "Right now, in these tough economic times, every dollar counts in a household."

In a discussion on the Dog Ordinance Violations in the city, the Mayor explained a certified letter was sent to a homeowner three weeks ago outlining the violations and asking for voluntary compliance. Homeowners within the city limits can only have four dogs on their property. From receipt of the certified letter, the homeowner has two weeks to comply or face fines, up to \$500.00.

In a financial report, the City Secretary reported that 4A Tax Funds were at \$127,000; 4B Tax Funds at \$61,000 (less \$5,000 for the video project); and Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Funds at \$15,000.

Items for future consideration are dog ordinance violations, possible equipment purchases, and the investment

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Changes to CRP to Assist Producers Impacted by Severe Drought Conditions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 2011 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is modifying its Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) policies to help those affected by sustained drought conditions. Throughout this year of extreme weather, USDA has supported and delivered assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country.

"We continue to do all we can to help thousands of farmers and ranchers in the southwestern United States who are struggling from drought," said Vilsack. "Many ranchers have been or will be forced to sell livestock due to drought and USDA will do what we can to help our farmers and ranchers during these challenging times."

The policy changes influence FSA rules governing emergency grazing. The period normally allowed for emergency grazing lasts through Sept. 30, 2011. FSA is permitting farmers and ranchers in drought stricken states who have been approved for emergency grazing, including those in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, to extend the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Producers wishing to participate in emergency grazing must first request permission from the FSA county office by indicating the acreage to be grazed.

As a second condition designed to help livestock producers, FSA will allow producers nationwide to utilize harvested hay from expiring CRP acres when those acres

are being prepared for fall seeded crops. Prior to this modification, all mechanically harvested hay was required to be destroyed. This change enables livestock producers to feed the hay that is mechanically harvested to their own livestock or to sell or donate hay. Consistent with existing policy for managed or emergency haying and grazing, eligible CRP acres, rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent for those utilizing this option.

"We are eager to do all we

can in the face of this drought crisis across the southern plains," said FSA Administrator Bruce Nelson. "This has been one of the worst dry and hot spells since the Dust Bowl era of the '30s."

For further information about the Conservation Reserve Program and Emergency Haying and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their USDA Service Centers or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov. Search under Conservation Programs and Disaster Assistance.

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NOTICE

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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(Rev. 08-09/10)

2011 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS

This notice concerns 2011 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.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 31,899.38
Last year's debt taxes	\$.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 31,899.38
Last year's tax base	\$ 5,160,876.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.61810 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 31,899.37
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 5,013,879.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.63622 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:

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)	\$ 31,899.37
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 5,013,879.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.63622 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.68711 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.68711 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

Property Tax
Form 50-179

CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.63622 per \$100 of value. Taxes would DECREASE compared to 2010 taxes by \$.07 CENTS.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

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	\$ 22,600.54

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Insert address: 701 DUNDEE, COURTHOUSE, MOTLEY COUNTY TAX A/C OFFICE
MATADOR, TX 79244

Name of person preparing this notice: MOTLEY COUNTY TAX A/C

Title: MOTLEY COUNTY TAX A/C
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EVENTS CALENDAR

August

- 18 THE MATADOR MASONIC LODGE, MEAL-6:45pm MEETING 7:30pm
- 18 Motley County Matadors Scrimmage at Jayton, 6 p.m
- 20 Foothills Saturday Night, Matador
- 22 First Day of School
- 23 Spirit Rally at the football field.
- 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

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Bid Notice

The City of Roaring Springs in now accepting bids for City Lots 27 & 28, Block 13. Bids may be mailed to the City of Roaring Springs, PO Box 247, Roaring Springs, TX 79256, or be brought to City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. until 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Bids must be received by noon September 9, 2011. The City of Roaring Springs has the right to refuse any or all bids. ct34

Foothills Saturday Night, Matador August 20

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Childress

Contract 6227-02-001 for SEAL COAT in CHILDRESS County, etc will be opened on September 08, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,252,909.60.

Contract 6227-14-001 for CRACK SEALING in DONLEY County, etc will be opened on September 09, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$477,053.80.

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. NPO: 37333

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. ct33

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Contract 0031-04-048 for SEALCOAT TYPE WORK in COLLINGSWORTH County, etc will be opened on September 08, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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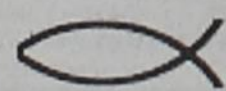
THE GATEWAY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 BUDGET FOR THE DISTRICT ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 109 W. 11TH STREET, QUANAH, TX. THE HEARING WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. THE HEARING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL CONCLUDE FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET.

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

THE GATEWAY GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 8:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 AT 109 WEST 11TH ST. QUANAH, TEXAS TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2011. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS 0.010000 PER \$100 OF VALUE.

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