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80th Annual Old Settlers Reunion draws hundreds to Roaring Springs

Roaring Springs gained hundreds of weekend guests as the 80th annual Old Settlers Reunion was celebrated August 28, 29 and 30. The celebration kicked-off with the traditional parade in downtown Roaring Springs. The parade featured several floats, antique cars and tractors, bicycles, and of course, horses.

A new and interesting feature this year was a herd of Longhorn cattle with a group of local cowboys driving the cattle the entire parade route. Drive leader Vic Read thrilled the on-lookers with a nostalgic look back at the trail driving days of Motley and Dickens counties.

In the early days of the Matador Land & Cattle Co. herds were driven as far as Canada to graze and fatten for the Chicago market. The railroad shipping pens of Russellville and MacBain changed that pattern of transportation for not only the Matadors but also the smaller ranches that stuck to the foothills like a grassbur on a saddle blanket.

The parade proceeded to the Rodeo grounds where winners were announced. Winning the plaque for having the best float was the Matador Ranch, which featured a huge birthday cake made of a round hay bale with big candles on top. The Ranch was celebrating its 50th anniversary as a subsidiary of Koch Industries.

Britt Simpson of Roaring Springs received the prize for having the best bicycle, although he seemed to have pedaled on down the road when it was picture taking time.

Tom Jordan of Roaring Springs received the plaque for having the best antique car. Tom's snazzy, stretch, midnight-blue 1970 Buick 225 cruised through the parade in style.

The plaque for the best tractor went to Loyd Martin. Joan Day won for best horse drawn carriage. Best old time cowgirl was Glenda White of Spur and best old time cowboy was Bob Kilmer of Matador. Modern day cowgirl and cowboy were Cassie Campbell of Matador and Ryan

Rankin of Roaring Springs. Best Jr. cowgirl and cowboy were Chloe Gleghorn of Matador and Tanner Arnold of Spur.

The memorial service was held in the tabernacle at 11:00 a.m. Names of Motley and Dickens county residents who have passed away since last year's celebration were read. Chelsea Read read the Motley County list, while Wynona Humphreys read the Dickens County list. The Motley County list is printed on page 4.

Cimmarron, Larado and Atlanta Shannon of the Turkey area put on a crowd-pleasing performance with their fiddles and guitar. The trio played a variety of beautiful western tunes.

Motley County Judge, Ed D. Smith presented plaques to the Oldest Man in Motley County, Omar Parks, who is 94 years old; Oldest Woman in Motley County, Ruby Hipp, 84; and Living the Longest in Motley County, Buzz Thacker, a resident for 76 years. Judge Smith also presented a plaque to those traveling the farthest, Judy and Dave Hemm, 1800 miles, from Shasta Lake California. The Hemm's are in the process of making Motley County their home.

Dickens County Judge, Woody McArthur, presented plaques to the Oldest Man in Dickens County, Homer Jackson, who is 93 years old; Oldest Woman in Dickens County, Eva Clay, 88; and the Longest in Dickens County, Homer Jackson, 86 years.

At the annual business meeting, president Wayne Smith, in the chair, called for the minutes which were read by the secretary, Marisue Potts. She also read the minutes of a special meeting on Sept. 26, 2002, and gave a balance report.

Up for election were the three director positions for the retiring Corky Marshall, Marisue Potts and Travis Bateman. The Nominating Committee consisting of Truitt Read, Jeff Thacker, and Bill Smith recommended the following: Marisue Potts for secretary, Travis Bateman and Billy Smith. With no nominations from the floor they were elected

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A PATRIOTIC BEGINNING to the 80th Annual Old Settlers Parade held last Thursday in downtown Roaring Springs.

Large crowd attends Matador Ranch 50th Anniversary celebration

Cowboys meet for 10th Annual Reunion

Over 600 registered at the 50th Anniversary Matador Ranch celebration held last Saturday at ranch headquarters. Organizers said there were others who did not register. The celebration marked 50 years of ownership by Koch Industries. Part of the day's activities included the annual Matador Cowboy Reunion.

Ranch Manager, Bob Kilmer, welcomed the large crowd and expressed his thanks to those who helped make the celebration possible.

The day's activities included an open house of the headquarters, a historical walk tour of the ranch, and a delicious chuckwagon meal, courtesy of

the ranch. The meal featured Matador beef, prepared by Jerry Slaton of Afton and served by several volunteers. The food line was long, but worth the wait when chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, beans, sour dough biscuits and cobbler was served up. The meal was cooked the old fashioned way at the chuckwagon.

State Rep. Rick Hardcastle gave a brief talk to the crowd, with a special welcome to the Matador cowboys. Rep. Hardcastle spoke of his love and respect of ranch life and its importance to this area. Hardcastle is a rancher and businessman of Vernon. He is

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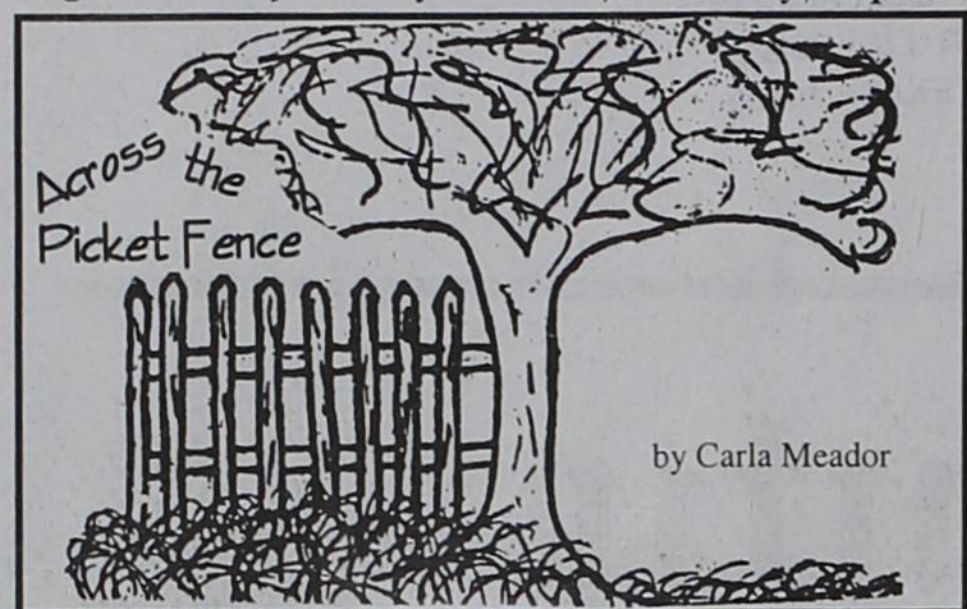
State Rep. Rick Hardcastle spoke at the Matador Ranch 50th Anniversary celebration held last Saturday.



Omar Parks, 94, of Roaring Springs, received the plaque for being the oldest man in Motley County at the Old Settlers Memorial service. Mr. Parks was also recognized as the oldest cowboy at the Matador Cowboy Reunion, Saturday.



LONGHORN DRIVE — Local rancher, Vic Read, brought a herd of Longhorns to town to drive through the parade. Several local cowboys joined the drive to keep the cattle calm and on perfect tract for the entire parade route.



Well, another Old Settlers has come and gone. The parade was really good this year. If you missed it, you missed a good one. The longhorn cattle drive was great and added a lot to the parade. The floats were great - especially the Matador Ranch float with its big birthday cake. And we even got a little 'Old Settlers rain!' That was the best part of the entire event.

The Matador Ranch celebration was wonderful. A lot of people put a lot of work into making it possible. And the chuckwagon meal was delicious.

Early deadline for September 11th edition

The Motley County Tribune will be closed September 8-12. All news and ad copy for that edition must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 4 to be included in the September 11th edition.

We understand that this early deadline is somewhat of an inconvenience and we truly appreciate your cooperation.

The paper will be mailed out, as usual, on Wednesday afternoon.

Beth Moore Bible Study to begin at Matador First Baptist Church

A new 6-week Beth Moore Bible Study, "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things," will begin Tuesday, September 9.

There will be two sessions. The morning session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon

edition give a little insight to the events of the past weekend. I took lots of pictures, I wish I had room to print more of them. Anyway, I hope you enjoy them.

Next week, I plan to take the week off. The office will be closed, but the paper will be mailed out, as usual, on Wednesday afternoon. I haven't done this in about 3 or 4 years, but this has been a very busy summer for me and I have hardly been away from the office at all, so I really need this time. I appreciate your cooperation and understanding, and getting everything in early so I can get the paper together early.

I plan to work at home next week. Sometimes I get so homesick, to do homey things. Do you? I love yard work and getting dirty and sweaty - talk about a great workout. I love cleaning house and decorating and all the things associated with home-making. So really, I guess I am going to play house next week.

Sorry about all this rambling. Have a great week!

House of Faith to begin Sept. 10

The House of Faith Children's meetings will begin September 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the Park in Roaring Springs.

All children are invited.

session will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The study will be held in the Church Basement. Workbooks are \$13.00 each. Everyone is invited to take part in this study. For more information contact Lana Copp at 347-2425.

childhood intervention, criminal justice, and family/marriage counseling. The Center was started in 1969. It has an annual budget of almost 7 million dollars and a staff of about 210 employees.

Mrs. Moore's term started September 1, 2003. She has demonstrated leadership ability and an interest in providing efficient, effective services to the various clients in the area. Mrs. Moore is employed by the Motley County Independent School District as a Special Education teacher.

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The Name of Jesus



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In the first century, miracles as recorded in the New Testament, were accomplished in the name of Jesus. In fact we read in John 20:31, that it is through the name of Jesus that we might have eternal life. When we read the New Testament, we find people being baptized in the name of Jesus and also being healed through His name. The early Christians risked their very lives for the name of Jesus. The New Testament also informs us that the great Apostle to the Gentile world, preached boldly in the name of Jesus. That apostle, who was called Paul wrote in Colossians 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

Today, our prayers are offered up to God in "Jesus' name." Yes, there is a difference in things done in Jesus' name and things that are not done in His name. There is a certain power that is found in the name of Jesus that does not exist anywhere else. We give thanks to our God for the power that is found in the name of Jesus.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP, 9:00 A.M.



NEVER MISSED AN OLD SETTLERS — Sue Green Maxey of Post was recognized at last Thursday's Old Settlers Memorial service for attending all 80 reunions. Mrs. Maxey is a former resident of Roaring Springs.



Pivots & Divots

By Mary



The ladies play-day on August 28th was for blind bogie. This was hole #2 for the 18 hole players and hole #7 for the 9 hole players. Playing 18 holes were Liv, Louise, Jeannie and Francine. Louise and Jeannie bogied #2. Playing 9 holes were Tommye, Nell, Frances, Judy R, Mary and Marihelen. Nobody bogied #7.

There were 19 playing in the Tuesday Scramble on August 26th. Jake Goodson won closest to the pin with 12 ft. 10 1/4 in.

Winning first, with a score of

30, were Alan Bingham, Gerald Pipkin, Louise Barton and Stan Hanesworth.

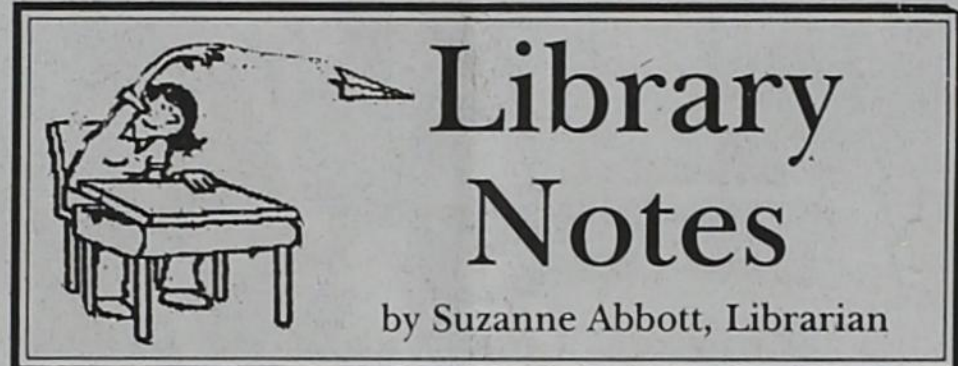
Winning second, with a score of 30, were Kenny Barton, Liv Barton, Harvey Case, Jake Goodson and Casey Lawrence.

Winning third, with a score of 31, were Buzz Thacker, LaVoe Thacker, Geneva Wilson, Darrell Cruse and James Stephens.

Others playing were Kelly Keltz, Corky Marshall, Gene Brannon, Francine Braselton and Kyle Moore.

Phoenix. We also have Tom Clancey's newest **The Teeth of the Tiger**. The author of **War of the Rats**, David L. Robbins, has written **Scorched Earth** that is now in the library and ready to check out and enjoy.

A couple of weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Elvin R. Moore of O'Donnell came in the library and presented us with a copy of **Random Shots and Tales of Texas**. This book was written by Ben Moore, Sr., Elvin's father. It is full of funny and interesting stories told about Texans and Texas happenings. When Mr. Elvin returned home he sent another book **Butterfield Seven Years with the Wild Indians**. This book was also written by Ben Moore, Sr. These books are now ready to check out.



We had a Rip Snortin' good time at the Friends of the Library's Rootin' Tootin' Beans lunch last Friday. I thank everyone who came and ate Ruby McGuire's good beans and I appreciate all the hard work by the Friends of the Library. I especially thank our Motley County Celebrities who served beans and cornbread. Ed D. Smith, Jim Meador, Franklin Jameson, Donnie Turner, Corky Marshall, Fred Parson, Cora Smallwood, Elaine Hart, Kate Hurt and Eva Barkely are true celebrities. They did a great job of serving and keeping everyone entertained.

New books in the library include the fifth in the Harry Potter series. This one is **Harry Potter and the Order of the**

Note of Thanks

On behalf of the Matador Ranch and myself, I want to thank all the volunteers who helped make the celebration at the Matador Ranch a success! It was busy, nerve wracking in some instances and hot around the fire, but your efforts helped the ranch and the community. We couldn't have done this without you. I especially want to thank the crew here at the ranch. You worked hard over the last three months to make this event a success and I would say this was accomplished. I appreciate all you did! And to the community, thank you for coming out and making this a special event for us. We enjoyed having you for the day and letting us tell you our story. We are proud to be a part of Motley County and a part of Texas history.

Sincerely,
Bob Kilmer
Matador Ranch - Koch Industries, Inc.

I would like to say thank you to all of the people that supported me in my vie for 2003 Motley-Dickens County Old Settlers Queen. I really appreciate your helping me reach my goal. I would also like to thank the Old Settlers Board of Directors and Jana Smith for all their time and support. I couldn't have won without the great people of our community.

Thanks again,
Laura West

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RECOGNIZED AT MEMORIAL SERVICE — Buzz Thacker received the plaque for living in Motley County the longest at last Thursday's Old Settlers Memorial Service. Mr. Thacker has been a resident of the county for 76 years. Eva Clay, 88, was recognized as the oldest woman in Dickens County; Ruby Hipp, 84, oldest woman in Motley County; Judy and Dave Hemm, traveling the farthest, 1800 miles. Not pictured is Homer Jackson, 93, oldest man of Dickens County and lived in Dickens County the longest.



SHANNON KIDS — Atlanta, Cimmaron and Laredo Shannon presented the program at the Old Settlers Memorial Service, last Thursday.

Matador Ranch

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serving his third term as chairman of the House of Agriculture and Livestock Committee and serves on the House Natural Resources Committee. He represents Motley, Cottle, Foard, Dickens, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Baylor, Knox, King, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Montague, Clay and Cook counties.

After the meal, the Matador Cowboy reunion, which is held annually in conjunction with the Motley - Dickens counties Old Settlers celebration, got underway. There were 96 former and current Matador cowboys who registered this year.

The reunion has been held in the past at the home of Jerry and Patricia Green in Roaring Springs. Special tribute was paid to the Greens for their dedication and work to make the yearly reunion possible.

Also recognized was Jim Cross, a longtime Matador cowboy, who had worked in various areas of the ranch, including ranch manager. Mr. Cross is now retired.

Bill Hand of Roaring Springs received a Moore Maker knife as the earliest cowboy in atten-

dance, having worked in January of 1940. Omar Parks received a knife as the oldest cowboy. Mr. Parks is 94. Corky Morris of Barksdale, Texas, received a knife for having traveled the farthest, and Ken Abbott of Roaring Springs was the lucky winner of the drawing for a knife.

David Keith, one of the organizers of the event, announced that a reunion is not planned for next year, and that the next get-together will be announced.

Matador Cattle Company operates ranches in Texas, Montana, and Kansas that cover about 400,000 acres.

Men's Breakfast is Saturday

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

All men of the county are invited.

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A black and white photograph of a man in a cowboy hat standing next to a dark classic car at a fair. In the background, there is a large fairground structure and other vehicles.

A black and white photograph of a man in a cap and overalls driving a horse-drawn wagon. A young child sits on the left side of the wagon, and a small dog sits on the right. The scene is outdoors on a dirt road with a building and a car in the background.

MENU



A black and white illustration of a young boy with short hair, wearing a collared shirt. He is holding a can of milk and pouring it into a glass. The can has a label with a picture of a cow. The glass is partially filled with liquid. The illustration is simple and cartoonish, with bold outlines.

Matador Cattle Co., Koch Industries



RIDERLESS HORSE — In memory of the Pioneers, led by Wayne Smith, pictured above. At right is the Texas Tech masked rider.



Motley County Memorial List

- Ruth Plemons Lowrimore
Sam Kennedy
Lula S. Cramer
Wilbur F. Rev. Gaede
Virgil George
Treva G. Clower Gillespie
Robert Franklin Collier
Frank Watson
Raymond Kendall
Richard E. Nall
Doris Harris
Gaynell Cook
Curtis Baker
Norma Jean Phillips
Charlie Benjamin Keith
Frances Lancaster Finch
Larry Jackson
Joyce Ellis
Grant E. Carlson
Travis "Shady" Bynum
Edith Norton Jenkins
Lucille McNabb
Lorene Friar Calhoun
John Morris
Brady Thomas
Evelyn Jones
Odessa L. Mullins
Juanita G. Gonzalez
Oscar Hardin
Anna Belle Hale
Gale Stafford
Irene Blasingame
Cuma Lorella Tiny Harmon
Hazel M. Gordanier
Irene Bourland Brown
Monie Casey
Sarah J. Sain
- Joni Lovell Porter
Lottie Carter Stotts
Morlex Don King
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Fern Whitaker Henderson
La'Rece Lawrence Estes
Ruth Noel
Elwanda F. Martin McCaghren
Ben Dickerson
Marvin Hunt
Melba Jo Beeson
Thomas Leslie Jameson
Nathan Coy Morris
Leroy Lipham
Patty Lane
Leona Holt Smith
Bonnie Turner Grimland
James Dake Merritt
Myra King Spears
Riley Dean Nordquist
Joseph Augustus Cooper
Wreathel Alanee Long Persons
Ralph J. Trice
Richard Baker
- Madge Nichols Renfro
Herman M. Nix
Manuel Dean Young
Frances Gainer
Lura Mae McDonald
Billy Munsey Cogdell
Zona Ruth Scaff Cammack
Apolinar Paul Torres
Don Monk
Claudis Nichols
James Meador
Johnny Stephens



News Around the County

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

I watched a storm and marveled how the trees could twist and bend and realized if our roots are deep, we need not fear the wind.

SURPRISE RETIREMENT
COURTESY

Morris Degan of Medicine Mound was given a surprise retirement party Saturday and Sunday held at the Quartz Mountain State Park in Altus, Oklahoma. Mr. Morris had been employed as a counselor the past seventeen years at the Correctional Unit Facility in Vernon. Many staff members and friends attended the enjoyable activities and cook out meals. Special guests were his wife, Lou and children, his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan of Flomot, his sister and her granddaughter, Mrs. Sheila Gilbert and Caitlin Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama.

MARS PLANET
CLOSE TO EARTH

Mars, the planet the ancients feared and revered at the Red One, the Fiery One or the Death Star made its closest pass to Earth in 60,000 years Wednesday night, August 27, 2003.

HAS LIGHT STROKE

Mrs. Glen D. (Laverne) Tiffin returned home Friday from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock where she was conveyed by ambulance Wednesday morning suffering a light stroke. She has facial and

speech complications. Her husband, daughters, Mrs. Karen Ott and Sue Tiffin of Plainview were with her during hospitalization and since her return home.

Salt Jones of Calgary, Canada visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Jones and other relatives.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse was a guest Saturday night at the 80th birthday celebration honoring Troy Martin of Amarillo.

Many friends and relatives attended.

Mrs. Sheila Gilbert and granddaughter, Caitlin Gilbert of Jacksonville, Alabama visited from Thursday until Monday with her mother, Mrs. Leona Degan. She also visited in Quitaque with her mother in law, Mrs. Christeen Gilbert. They were accompanied to Lubbock Airport for their return trip home.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed the Matador Ranch observance and Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo in Roaring Springs during the weekend.

Barry Pickett of Garland visited last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks.

Ronnie Rogers and son, Randy Rogers of Lubbock visited overnight Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers.

His wife Alice and children hosted the happy occasion at the Park Place Towers Parlor in Ama-

Matador News

Mrs. Eugenia Barton was conveyed by ambulance to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Saturday. She is undergoing medical tests.

John Briscoe is a patient at news time at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after being conveyed there by ambulance Saturday night.

Word was received that Mrs. Jean Mize Tucker of Amarillo, former Matador resident, died following a stroke, Saturday afternoon. Funeral services are pending due to Labor Day holidays.

Mrs. Paula Patton Son of San Antonio is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koon. She has also visited relatives and friends. She attended the Saturday Matador Ranch celebration and Old Settlers Reunion.

Mrs. Billie Ruth Lawrence is a patient at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Multer of Garden City, spent Labor Day holidays at Possum Kingdom.

South Pease River Ranch
to sponsor Shoot-out

The South Pease River Ranch will sponsor a Shoot Out, September 12 and 13. Books will open September 8 and close September 12 at 11:59 a.m.

The golf competition will be held at the Roaring Springs Ranch Club and Dove hunting will be at the South Pease River Ranch.

Combining scores will produce the winners of the first annual G&D shootout.

One half the pot will go to the winners based on low score of regulation golf (nine holes) and

the least amount of time and shells taken to bag a 15 dove limit. 1/4th of the pot will go to the winner of golf, 1/4th of the pot to the winner of the dove shoot and 1/2 of the pot to the overall winner.

To enter call 348-7082 or 348-7325. Limited to the first 32 entries.

The dove hunt warm up will be held at 4:00 p.m., September 12. Nine holes of golf will begin at 8:00 a.m., September 13, and the Dove Shoot will begin at 4:00 p.m., September 13.

Three teams advance to
Pokey's Jr. Rodeo finals

Pokey the Clown's Jr. Ranch Rodeo advanced three Old Settlers teams to the Working Ranch Cowboy's Rodeo finals in Amarillo in November. Winning the stick horse relays were the Little Rascals from Guthrie, the Green Hands from Spur, and the Rocking D team from Guthrie and Spur.

Cloud cover eased the heat and humidity level for the kids from ages 3-16 to compete in events involving cows on skis, stick pony express races and relays, and a cow milking. A wagon train of wooden longhorns, powered by a bull-headed lawn tractor, captured the kids' imagination and rewarded them with rides.

From the moment that Pokey's trailer arrived on Friday afternoon, little boys with big eyes started coming around to check out the livestock and equipment. Their fascination ceased only when the clown pulled out to return to his home in Panhandle, Texas, where he is known as Doug Smith.

The event was popular with a gallery of friends and relatives for each team who sat on tail gates or on lawn chairs. Many

special moments were caught on camera or in memory. One four year old rode his stick horse like his daddy rides his roping horse and threw back his head so that hat would fall to the ground, out of his way. A father-cowboy coach who had participated in Friday night's rodeo led his little wranglers around the barrels with spurs a-jingling on his knee-high cowboy boots. One serious team of galloping gals in braids and red shirts had qualified earlier, but entered to practice for the finals. A special team of grannies and daddies grinned and trotted through their races to the delight of all.

Winners of the four events, pony express, steer doctoring, wild cow milking, and calf branding were: PeeWee 1st: Little Rascals of Guthrie, Kara Hurt, Carli Maxwell, Dusty White, KayLee Adams; 2nd, Galloping Gals; 3rd, 3M. Junior Division: 1st, The Green Hands of Spur, Cole Clark, Matthews Sellers, Tanner Arnold, Charlsie Heinrich; 2nd, Little Wranglers; 3rd, L2. Senior Team: 1st, Kristin Martin, Ronda Roberson, Holley Hurt, and Logun Timberlake.

OBITUARIES

John V. Stevens

Funeral services for John V. Stevens, 89, of Matador, were held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Jack Boggs, pastor. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador, under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Stevens died Wednesday, August 27, at a Floydada, Texas nursing home. He was born May 3, 1914, at Round Timber, Texas. While a student at Texas A&M he was on the Junior Livestock Judging Team, the International Livestock Judging Team, the Saddle and Sirlain Club, and the Scholarship Honor Society. He became an assistant manager of the Pitchfork Ranch, and manager after his graduation in 1937.

He became manager of the Alamositas division of the Matador Ranch in 1940, and then became superintendent of the Matador Ranch at Matador, TX in 1946. After the sale of the Matador Ranch in 1952, he

purchased part of the original ranch, known as Dugout, and operated the ranch until 1999.

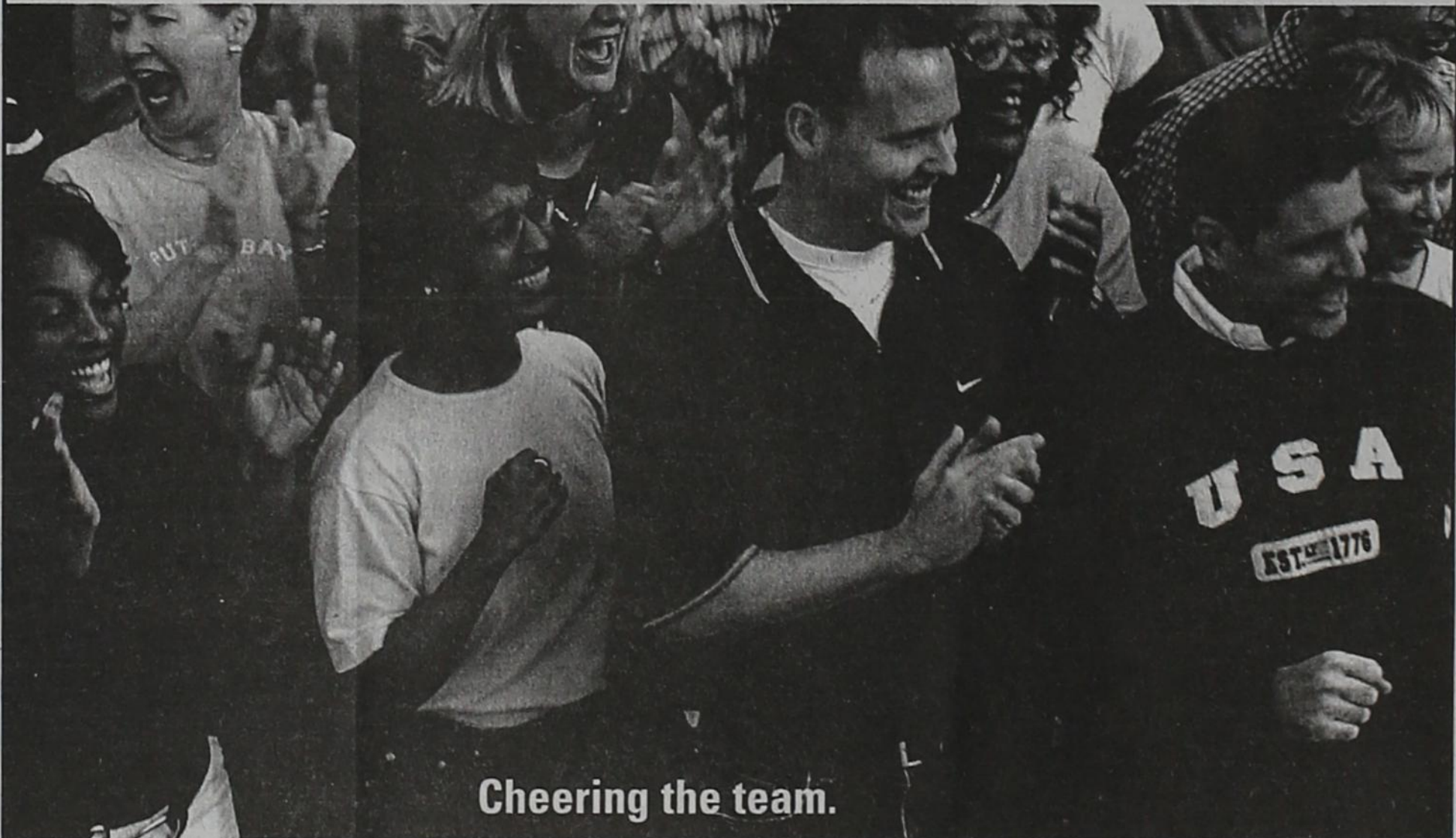
He was married to the former Helen Wright in Nov. 7 1940, at Marlin, TX. She preceded him in death in 1986.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Matador, and had served on many area boards and committees, including the Matador School Board, the Motley County Hospital Board, and the Matador Lions Club.

He is survived by four daughters: Sondra Frances, Shelley Cox, Shane Jones, all of Matador, Sue Patterson of Abilene; one son, Steve Stevens of Childress; two sisters: Naoma Martin of Amarillo and Etta Mae Moore of Granbury; ten grandchildren and 11 great grandchild.

Pallbearers were: Rob Francis, Micheal Patterson, Ron Cox, Lee Jones, John Wesley Stevens, Billy Wilson, Greg Reding and Noel Guerrero.

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NOTICE

The Motley County Precinct #4 Voting location for the Sept. 13, 2003 Constitutional Amendment Election has been changed.

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Matador Floral



OLD TIME COWBOYS — Former Matador Cowboys who worked for the Matador Ranch before the Koch Industries purchase.



Former Matador Cowboys who worked for the ranch after Koch Industries' purchase.



CHUCKWAGON — Jerry Slaton prepared the meal at the Matador Ranch 50th Anniversary celebration at his authentic chuckwagon.

Old Settlers Reunion

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by acclamation. The Nominating Committee recommended the names of Truitt Read, Jeff Thacker and Bill Smith for the coming year. With no nominations from the floor they were elected by acclamation.

An up-date on the progress of new by-laws was presented by the secretary. Acting upon special called meeting membership on Sept. 26, 2002, OSA consulted with attorney Tempie Francis on creating a set of by-laws conforming to regulations by state. After a great deal of discussion, the board approved the by-laws. These, along with articles of incorporation, and assumed name certificate, were sent to Secretary of State, recorded and returned with certification. With direction from CPA Diane Washington, an application for 501 c3 status has been filed and the decision is pending. When this is approved OS Inc. will then request a new tax ID# and an exemption from franchise tax.

The meeting was adjourned with thirty-seven in attendance. The directors for the current event of 2002-03 are Wayne Smith, Russell Alexander, Marisue Potts, Corky Marshall, Bob Forbis, Doc Edwards, Mike Jones, and Travis Bateman.

Thursday afternoon initiated the arena, with the annual, much anticipated County events. Winners are listed below:

County Cutting:
1st, Bob Moorhouse; 2nd, Colton Russell and Bill Smith, tie; 3rd, Rodney Green, Bob Moorhouse, and James

Gholson, tie.
Flag Race (6 & under):
1st, Caleb Clary; 2nd, Brody Rankin; 3rd, Garrett Jameson; 4th, Mattie Brooks.

Flag Race (7-12):
1st, Tee Bateman; 2nd, Shane'a Russell; 3rd, Laura West; 4th, Tanner Arnold.

Open Age Barrel Race:
1st, Glenda White; 2nd, Kelsey Stokes; 3rd, Bristi Arnold; 4th, Kelsi Arnold.

County Jr. Team Roping:
1st, Colton Russell and Tee Bateman.

County Team Roping - 36 teams:

1st, Chad Smith and Ryan Rankin; 2nd, Ryan Rankin and Travis Bateman; 3rd, Andy Paul Jones and Travis Bateman; 4th, Shorty Martin and Curtis Ozborn; 1st Go: Ryan Rankin and Chad Smith.

Open Flag Race:
1st, Charlsie Heinrich; 2nd, Tee Bateman; 3rd, Casey Furgeson; 4th, Tanner Arnold.

Ranch Cutting Horse Assn: (Sr. Division)

1st, (tie), Jim Rounsaville of Albany and Kim Lindsey of Jayton, with work off in favor of Jim Rounsaville.

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1st, Bob Moorhouse.

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Tongue River Ranch gathers herd of awards at Roaring Springs rodeo

Tongue River Ranch wranglers made a clean sweep of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Ranch Rodeo on August 29 and 30, at the Roaring Springs arena. The five team members from Dumont, Larry Abbott, Stoney Jones, Bubba Smith, Hunter Meinzer, and John Brothers, rounded up the most points to top 15 other ranch teams from a triangle ranging from Clarendon to Stanton to Seymour. They placed first in the Sorting and first in the Wild Cow Milking event.

Stoney Jones lassoed the most points for the title of Top Hand to win a special breast collar crafted by Mike Diggs of Dickens. Stoney's horse, Denny, captured the judge's eye for Top Horse, also winning a specially

made breast collar with the brand of 2003 Old Settlers.

The NT Ranch of Stanton placed 2nd in the Ranch rodeo. In a Friday night performance plagued by rain and "no time" events, NT was the only team to post times in all six events. Team members, Joe Brewer, captain, Casey Armstrong, B.J. Roberts, and Cody Aaron who won first in the Bronc Riding event, also won the Team Doctoring contest.

The Four Sixes of Guthrie posted a third place with a team headed by Monte Hollar, Bubba Withers, Pate Meinzer, Cody Bell, and Cotton Leathers. Fourth place went to Spade Ranch, Northfield. LaMejor of Seymour won the double mugging event. The Masterson crew won the team branding.

Ranch teams vying in the six events of team sorting, team doctoring, bronc riding, mugging, calf branding, and wild cow milking represented the Wagon Hammer of Matador; LaMejor of Seymour; Masterson of Guthrie; Guitar of Dickens; Spade of Northfield; 6666 of Guthrie; Rafter S of Clarendon; O Cross of Matador; Hart of Munday; Bateman of Dickens; Foster of Aspermont; Parramore of Aspermont; Bridle Bit of Turkey; High Card of Clarendon; and Tongue River Ranch of Dumont.

Faithful ranch families and friends of Western heritage braved, and many enjoyed, the rain that fell gently during both nights' performances, with few leaving because of the weather.

The drought that has held most of the ranch country in its grips since June has felt an easing in some isolated areas. The season's first norther at Roaring Springs preceded the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

The ranch rodeo crowd on Saturday night was treated to the Bar None Drill Team of Plainview, dressed in their red, white and blue western clothing. The lovely ladies were introduced by announcer Skeebo Norris, formerly of Plainview. Lisa Arnold of Spur served admirably as head booker with assistance from Angie Condron and Donna Stokes. Judges were Mike Seago of Paducah, Tom Stokes of Red Lake, Bill Smith of Spur, and Jim Bo Humphreys of Dickens.

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- limited to 1 nominee
- signed by the preparer, if completed by someone other than the nominee
- signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- postmarked or delivered to the County FSA Office no later than 09/05/03

Person nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the farmer lives in the LAA and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president/vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee member include:

- informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs
- keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions
- recommending needed changes in farm programs
- participating in county meetings as necessary
- performing other duties as assigned by the State FFA Committee

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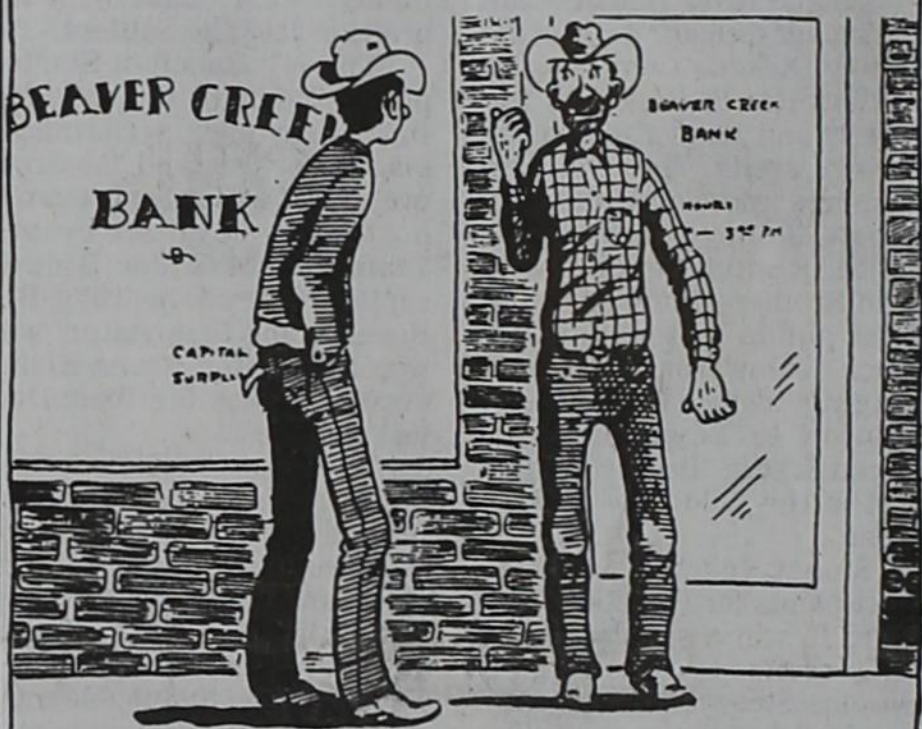
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