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Nominations for Chamber awards will be accepted until September 18th

Nominations for Man, Woman and Business of the Year will be accepted by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce until Tuesday, September 18th.

Motley County has many deserving individuals and businesses that have contributed to the betterment of this County, and have gone the extra mile. If you would like to make a nomination, please write that person's or business' name, along with a brief description of why they should be honored as Motley County's Man, Woman or Business of the Year, and mail to the Chamber office, P.O. Box 788, Matador, TX 79244 or by email at motcoem@caprock-spur.com. You may also give your nomination to Dianne Washington at Thayer & Washington.

The winners will be recognized and honored with plaques at the annual Chamber banquet, which is scheduled for Saturday, 29 at the Courthouse lawn. A great night of fun is scheduled.

For more information contact Dianne Washington at 347-2636.

Chamber and Friends plan Old-Fashioned Fun Fair

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail will combine an old-fashioned hoedown with the annual Chamber award ceremony on the Motley County courthouse lawn Saturday, September 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket for the grass and enjoy free hotdogs and entertainment on the south side lawn and Gazebo area while the kids romp in a jumping gym.

Featuring former resident Gerald Pipkin on the keyboard, Pat Seigler, Billy Donaldson, Kelly Keltz and Brandt Bearden, entertainment will be lively, current and nostalgic,

country and pop, with lots of local singing talent and possibly a guest artist as well.

Wagon rides to the hoosegow will be provided for persons who want to tour the 116 year-old historical 2-story jail building. A grant has been submitted to the Texas Historical Commission requesting monies to fund a restoration plan for the jail. Awards for the competitive grant process will not be known until November. In the meantime, the group is asking for donations to help fund the dollar-for-dollar match expected by the state. Every dime will go toward Phase 1, which will repair the roof, exterior rock mortar, windows, and doors, in

order to stop the deterioration of the building.

The entertainment and food are "free" (donations will be accepted) which will include chili dogs, chips, drinks, and all the trimmings. Also in the works is a group of local yokels who will conduct a "mock" bank robbery and shoot-out. (Bring your earplugs for this event and warn the children).

Prize ribbons will be given to the winners of a local coloring contest for grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade, and an art contest for 4th through 6th grade. The subject will be the old jail house. A local artist will judge the 8" x 10" pictures. All entries will be displayed on the doors of the courthouse south entrance the night of the fair. So get busy young folks, mark your calendars, and get your parents to bring you to this event. Motley County teachers will have all the details and will instruct you if further informa-

tion is needed. The pictures will need to be turned to your homeroom teacher by Thursday, September 27.

September 29 is also the out-of-cycle Homecoming weekend. The Junior Class will sponsor a street dance, open to the public, on the East side of the courthouse at 9:00 p.m. Cost of the dance is \$2.00. Support your community and come to town for an old-fashioned hoedown, Matador style.

Schedule of events:

- 6-7 p.m. - Food, music, milling around, visiting, karaoke
- 6-8 p.m. - Wagon rides to the Jail for tour (ongoing)
- 7 p.m. - Chamber of Commerce Awards
- 7:30 p.m. - Announcing winners of art contest and more music.
- 8:00 p.m. - Mock bank robbery and shoot-out, southwest lawn.
- 9:00 p.m. - Move your chairs to the East Entrance for a street dance.

Motley County Board is formed to support families and youth

A new working board was recently formed to help support youth and families in Motley County. The Foothills Family Development Council, Inc. was established June 1, 2007, arising from the concerns of individuals in the community about the lack of support for youth and families in our county.

A core group of people met with the Natural Resource Conservation & Development specialist Darren Clark, Knox City, to discuss grant possibilities for developing a youth and family center. Other initiatives could include community improvements and other much needed

facilities.

The initial core group proposed a 5-member board to adopt bylaws, and to prepare paperwork for incorporation for the purposes of establishing a non-profit agency. This non-profit agency would then be able to apply for grants to accomplish identified goals. The mission of the new Council is:

The Foothills Family Development Council, Inc. is formed for family development of Motley County and the surrounding area, generally described as the foothills region of the Rolling Plains. The organization will assist individuals, families,

groups, and organizations to develop opportunities for the betterment of life.

The board has now met for four months, and has accomplished adopting a set of Bylaws, filing Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, establishing an Employee Identification Number, setting up an address (P.O. Box 131), setting up a bank account (Balance, \$50.00) and researching Planning Grant possibilities. The five-member board consists of Ryan Martin, Chair; Aaron Green, Vice-chair; Carol Campbell, Secretary; Mary Ann Potts, Treasurer; and Matt

Crawford, Member.

The FFDC needs funds to apply for non-profit status with the state. Any financial contribution that you may donate to this cause would be greatly appreciated. If you need further information regarding the organization, please feel free to call Ryan Martin, Chair, at 806-347-2733. To make a donation to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to:

Foothills Family Development Council, Inc.
P.O. Box 131
Matador, TX 79244

Motley County Commissioners meet

Goods and Transit tax is approved

Motley County Commissioners Court approved a Goods in Transit tax when they met for regular court session, Monday, September 10. Judge Smith read a letter from the County's Tax Attorney informing the court of the new law passed on taxing Goods in Transit. This tax does not currently affect any local business in the county.

In attendance for the meeting were Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners, Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson and Russell Alexander; County Clerk Kate Hurt; County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Jim Meador and Deputy Michael Crutchley.

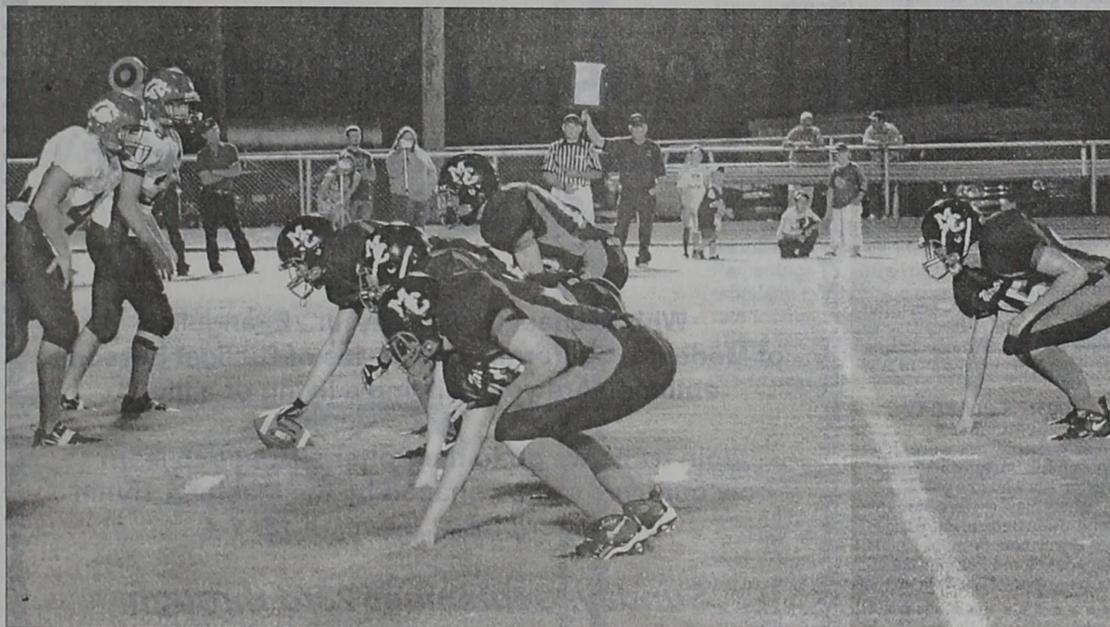
Mrs. Hurt read the minutes from the previous meeting. Outstanding bills were reviewed, as well as reports by the Treasurer, Tax-Collector, Justice of the

Peace, County Agent and Librarian. All were approved.

Judge Smith informed the court that the courthouse elevator had unexpected repairs made. Commissioners approved the transfer of \$275.00 from General Misc. Courthouse Furniture and Maintenance to the Elevator Fund.

Charlie Johnson met with the court to present the new Librarian recommendation, Buffy Crutchley. Commissioners approved hiring Mrs. Crutchley as the new librarian.

Judge Smith informed the court of a new Rural Transit Organization formed to service the Childress TxDOT District. This organization will enable counties to have more input into the improvements planned for their counties.



Motley County Matadors line up against the Spur Bulldogs during last Friday night's home game. The Matadors got a big win over the Bulldogs, defeating them 52-36. The Matadors will face Rule, here Friday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

photo by Winfield Davenport

Matadors defeat the Bulldogs

The Motley County Matadors improved their 2007 football season record to 2-0 with a 52-36 victory over the Six-Man Division I Spur Bulldogs. The Matadors entered the game ranked 3rd in the state in Six-Man Division II Poll.

"We started off the game well. We are disappointed that we didn't play as well after we went up 22-0. If we had avoided mistakes and played with more intensity the game could have been over at halftime. The Spur team fought hard, you have to give them credit. Overall, we are pleased with the win and looking forward to getting better,"

said Head Coach Mike Bigham. Bradley Brown led the Matadors offensive attack with 215 yards rushing and 5 rushing touchdowns on 17 carries. Brown also made 5 of 7 extra point attempts. Isaiah Archer added 147 yards rushing and 1 rushing touchdown on 15 carries. Jacob Blanco completed 4 of 8 passing attempts for 51 yards including one 16-yard touchdown pass to Will Butler. The Matadors racked up 418 yards of total offense, 367 yards on the ground and 51 through the air.

Leading the Matador defenders was Bradley Brown

with 11 tackles, three interceptions, and three quarterback sacks. Isaiah Archer recorded 12 tackles, including 2 tackles for a loss, a caused and a recovered fumble. Other leading defenders were Jacob Blanco with 16 tackles, Stephen Webb with 13 tackles, and Eric Simpson with 10 tackles.

The 2-0 Rule Bobcats are up next for the Matadors. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 14 at Matador. Rule

defeated Valley 60-23 last week and is the number two ranked team in the Six-Man Division I poll. The Bobcats played for the 2006 Division I State Champion-

ship and are heavily favored to return.

"Rule will be a good test for our ball club. We originally had another opponent scheduled for this week that cancelled the game because they didn't feel they could compete with us. We saw that Rule was looking for a game and felt this would be a terrific challenge for our kids. We are looking forward to facing a great team," said Coach Bigham.

The Mavericks are scheduled to open their 2007 season taking on Rule Thursday, September 13 at Rule at 5:30 p.m.

USDA unveils sign-up dates for new livestock and crop disaster programs

(Matador, TX) -- Amy Hackler, Executive Director for the Motley County Farm Service Agency announced Monday that eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

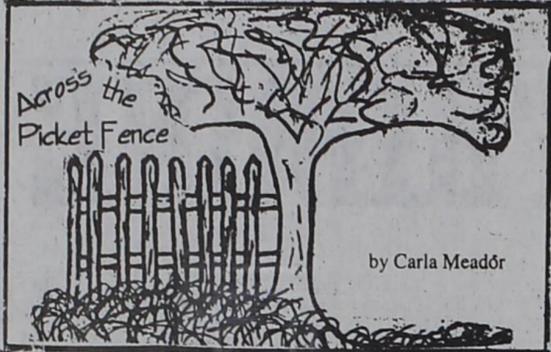
"Between 2005 and early 2007, agricultural producers across the country experienced financial difficulties as the result of devastating drought, floods, blizzards, tornadoes and other natural disasters," said Hackler. "I am pleased to announce that FSA is delivering these benefits to America's farmers and ranchers at a time when many need it the most."

Livestock Compensation provides benefits to livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster - including producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January

2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disasters occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible.

Livestock Indemnity compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss

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CRICKET INVASION! Monday morning when downtown business owners and employees came to work, the town had been invaded by crickets! Yuuuuck! Double yuuuck!! The nasty creatures were solid around my door frame and walls to my office, and as I unlocked my door, they were jumping all over me. I wanted to scream! Everyone in town has swept, swept and swept some more.

Working late Tuesday night and into the wee hours of the morning Wednesday, I guess I was just about the only place in town with lights. Crickets were dropping out of my ceiling, crawling through cracks, dropping from vents. It was hard to work for fighting crickets.

I felt like I was in a horror movie - "The Invasion of the Crickets." I literally was battling crickets. With this invasion, I have decided I'm ready for Winter, or at least some real cool weather, so maybe they'll die or fly off to a warmer climate.

I wonder what made them descend upon Matador and this area in such big numbers? One thing for sure, everyone in town has heard the 'song of the Cricket' a few too many times this week. And that old wives tale that it's bad luck to kill a cricket has gone by the wayside.

We don't believe in bad luck around here anyway! So, let's just start a new tale that it's good luck to kill a cricket!



CRICKETS EVERYWHERE — This is just an example of the crickets all over the walls in downtown Matador this week.

LIBRARY NOTES

By Suzanne Abbott, Librarian



The library has a new section of books. It is the weaponry section with many books and digests and manuals about all sorts of guns. Many of the books feature beautiful colored photographs. If you are interested in guns, you will enjoy looking through this section.

We have a new Karen Kingsbury book, *Summer Kingsbury* is a very popular author in this library and I know that many of you will enjoy this new book. The library also has a new poetry book for children that adults will enjoy, also. *When We Were Very Young* by A.A. Milne has delightful poems to

read aloud to young children. Research has shown that it is very important to read aloud to children and this book would be perfect for that purpose.

For older children, the library has a new Encyclopedia Brown book. Encyclopedia Brown is a detective and in this new book he "Cracks the Case." We also have a newly issued book of an old title about *Freddy the Pig*. This volume is called *Freddy the Cowboy*. We have a new book about basketball, *Second-String Center* by Rich Wallace. This book will be in the juvenile fiction section of the library.



C.H. AND RAYNITA MURPHY

Couple celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dr. C.H. and Raynita Dunning Murphy celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary August 31, 2007. They were married at the First Baptist Church of Matador.

The special occasion was celebrated at the San Antonio Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort with all of their children and grandchildren: Michael and Laura Murphy, Brittany, Cal and Brooke of Henderson, Nevada; Mark and Laura Murphy, Morgan and Pamela of Plano, TX; Ken and Kim Murphy, Miles and Millie of Alpharetta, Georgia.

C.H. and Raynita further celebrated with a two week cruise and land tour of the state of Alaska.

C.H. is a retired pastor and missions director and Raynita is a retired English teacher. They reside nine miles east of Athens, TX at Safari Waters Ranch.

Flomot Do Gooders plan Annual Fall Bazaar

The Do Gooders' Club of Flomot met Tuesday afternoon, September 4th at the Community Center in Flomot. Mrs. Kathy Shorter, president conducted the business meeting.

The club will have their annual Fall Bazaar Saturday, November 17 at the Community Center. Members are already accepting consignments and reservations from people in the area including Plainview and Lubbock that have been pleased with their sales in the past at this location. The club is continuing their work on the club's Bazaar quilt.

Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Brenda Browning, hostesses presided at an autumn designed service. The table was laid with an orange cloth centered with a beautiful autumn floral arrangement in a metal pitcher. They served chips and dips, savory blueberry pound cake and cinnamon pound cake with punch.

Due to illness of club members and family members the attendance was limited to Mesdames Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Erma Washington, Brenda Browning, Nada Starkey, B. Rogers and Connie Franks.

Motley County Chamber of Commerce News & Views

Consider:

Ask not what your Chamber of Commerce has done for you; ask rather what you can do for your Chamber of Commerce.

-- borrowed from J.F. Kennedy *****

Okay, that's not what J.F.K. actually said, but he could well have said it.

And it's time we of your Chamber of Commerce say it.

Last week, you (perhaps) read Dianne Washington's letter about what your Chamber of Commerce has done for you in the last year, and it was a pretty long list, and not even all inclusive.

She ended her letter by asking you to come to the Chamber meeting on this coming Tuesday, September 18th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Library. And this request deserves repeating.

But, you might be thinking, what has this to do with me?

Glad you asked. The answer is: Everything.

You live in Motley County, and you benefit greatly from the businesses that work hard here to make your life easier. You don't have to drive 30 or 60 or 90 miles for every little thing you might need, or every service that can make your life better. You may never have thought about it, but life is not easy for businesses in small communities, with their small number of potential customers. And everyone is so different, with different needs. They really have to struggle to make their customers happy.

The Chamber of Commerce is the organization that is dedi-

Fairways & Rough



by Geneva

TUESDAY SCRAMBLE
September 4

First, with a score of 30, were Ken Marshall, Kevin Keltz and Jim Watson.

Others playing were Alan Bingham, Kyle Moore, Darrel Cruse and Mike Hancock. Ken got closest to pin on #3 - 19' 3 1/2".

LADIES PLAYDAY
September 6

18 hole players were Jean Hoover, Liv Barton and Geneva Wilson. Liv won low putts.

9 hole players were Tommye Keith, Judy Renfro, Pat Warren, Nell Berryman, Frances Hobbs, Mary Jones and Polly Campbell. Tommye won - low putts.

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*Please come by and meet our Residents
and visit with our Staff*



Some Shared Thoughts

- To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world.

- Life is 10% of what happens to you, and 90% of how you respond to it.

- Keep company with those who make you better.
- The secret of success is to be ready when your opportunity comes.
- The truth doesn't hurt - unless it ought to.
- Do what is expected of you - then do some more.
- An angry person is seldom reasonable - a reasonable person is seldom angry.

Roaring Springs Church of Christ
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.
BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

You Are Invited!

Gospel Meeting Matador Church of Christ Matador, Texas

With Michael G. Crowley, Jr., Evangelist of Modesto, California, in a Series of Biblical Lessons entitled "Are you building a living or a life?"

Join us as we go to the Potter's House to learn how our lives can be shaped by the Master's Touch.
Key Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1-4

**Sunday, September 23rd through
Wednesday, September 26th.**

Sunday Bible Class - 10 a.m., "Standing in the Rain"
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m., "Like it or Lump it!"

Please stay and enjoy a Potluck Meal with us following the morning worship service

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m., "Vessels of Mercy"
Monday Evening - 7 p.m., "Quality Control"
Tuesday Evening - 7 p.m., "Dark Counsel"
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m., "Fired or Fired Up?"

**A Warm Welcome
Awaits You!**

Former Roaring Springs resident chosen for cast of "Harvey Girls"



BLAIR THACKER WILSON

Blair Thacker Wilson, formerly of Roaring Springs, and now residing in Lubbock, has been chosen for one of the lead roles in the cast of "Harvey Girls" at the Garza Theatre in Post. Direction is by Jay Young. "Harvey Girls," an original play by Rosa Latimer-Bell, will be staged at 8 p.m. Sept. 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29, and at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 30, at the Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main St. in Post.

Other cast members are Mari Robles, Derek Thomas, Eileen Aiken, Emily Hattaway, Holly Aiken, Michael Blackburn, Christy Bradshaw, Matthew Gallagher, Roy Willis, Ian Klotzman, Jacob Miller and Kelli Mulcahy.

The story of the "Harvey

Girls," is based on the true story of Latimer-Bell's grandmother who was among thousands of women who worked in restaurants and hotels established by Fred Harvey along the Santa Fe Railroad at the turn of the 20th century.

Reserved seats are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 & under. Tickets for groups of ten or more are \$10 each. Call 495-4005 for reservations.

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Turtle Race Winners

Pictured above are the winners of the Old Settlers Turtle Race, held Saturday, August 25. This year a new division was added for 40 & over. Over 60 entrants brought their turtles to the concrete slab and the race was on. Winners are pictured left to right: David Foster (40 & over) with his granddaughter, Lindy; Kale Sherrill (4 & under) with his mom, Cassidy Karr Sherrill; Llano Bateman (5-10) and Jaci Zingerman (10-14). Each winner in each division received a plaque and \$50.

Grandson suits up for the Aggies



Cory Multer

Cory Multer, grandson of Billy Paul and Betty Simpson of Northfield, and a Sophomore student at Texas A&M University in College Station, suited up for the Texas Aggies last Saturday for the team's game against Fresno State.

Cory is a walk-on player from the 6-man school at Garden City. He is only one of four walk-ons asked to suit-up for the Aggies.

Cory is the son of Warren and Tanya Multer of Garden City. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Multer of Ballinger.

**Thank you for
reading the
Motley County
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"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

Haggai 3:17

50-197
(Rev. 05-06/10)

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **Motley County Commissioners' Court** will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by **7.9977** percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The second public hearing will be held on **Friday, September 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Commissioners' Courtroom, Motley County Courthouse, 701 Dundee, Matador, Texas.**

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Judge Ed D. Smith, Commissioners Ronnie Davis, Donnie Turner, Franklin Jameson and Russell Alexander

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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 **4.01** % (increase) or _____ % (decrease)
Debt service _____ % (increase) _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures **4.01** % (increase) or _____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Values calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 183,045,372 \$ 237,675,247
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 248,649 \$ 445,409
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 66,210,814 \$ 72,360,610
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 163,621 \$ 394,958

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ **None**

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ **0.80** per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$ **0.79698** per \$100 in value

Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year - \$ **.00301** per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year **0.00** % Increase
OR
0.337767 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(B), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 17,873.84 \$ 20,599.39
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit	\$ 5000.00 \$ 5000.00

(excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)

Average taxable value of a residence homestead \$ **12,873.84** \$ **15,599.39**
(excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ **102.99**. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ **124.33**. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ **21.34** or a decrease of \$ _____ in taxes.

Form 50-197 (Rev. 05-06/10) (Back)

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Matthew 15: 10

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DAN BARTON

89th Birthday Party

3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15

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PIP's sign-up now in progress

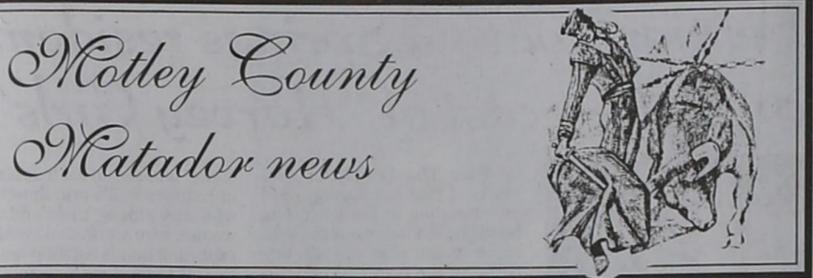
PIP's is gearing up and ready for another great season and new fun to begin. The coaches are now taking sign-ups at school in Mrs. Rankin's classroom.

PIP (Players in Progress) is a non-profit youth organization working through the community. It is a basketball performance group of boys and girls,

kindergarten to sixth grade. The PIP motto is "Everyone leaves the PIP floor a winner." PIP goals are to help each child become the best they can be by instilling responsibility, discipline, confidence and the willingness to help others. PIPs learn that they can work hard and still have fun! Forms will be sent home

this week with your child to sign up and secure a spot. The cost will be \$55.00. This includes tee-shirt, ball, shorts, and a camp (TBA). Money and forms need to be turned in together to Lacey Rankin by October 19th.

If interested in being a PIP sponsor please contact Lacy Rankin.



Shane'a Russell competes in State 4-H Record Book Judging

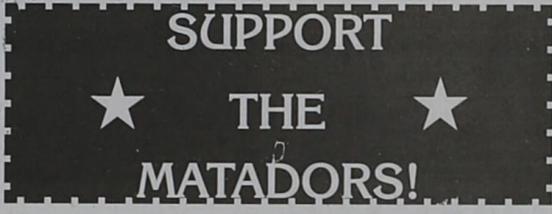


Shane'a Russell

Shane'a Russell competed in the Senior Division of Food and Nutrition with her 4-H record book where she placed first in District 3. This allowed her to advance to the state record book judging contest in Lubbock where she placed third out of twelve in the state. This is a great accomplishment on her part and congratulations go out to her.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED — Motley County Student Council members elected officers for the 2007-08 school year. Pictured above (left to right) are Bradley Brown, Vice-President; Melissa Flores, Reporter; Courtney Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer; and Isaiah Archer, President.



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YOU CAN'T CATCH A MATADOR! — Motley County Matador, Will Butler, carries the ball as Spur Bulldogs try to catch him during last Friday night's game. The Matadors came out victorious over the Bulldogs for a 52-36 win. (photo by Winfield Davenport)

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- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

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Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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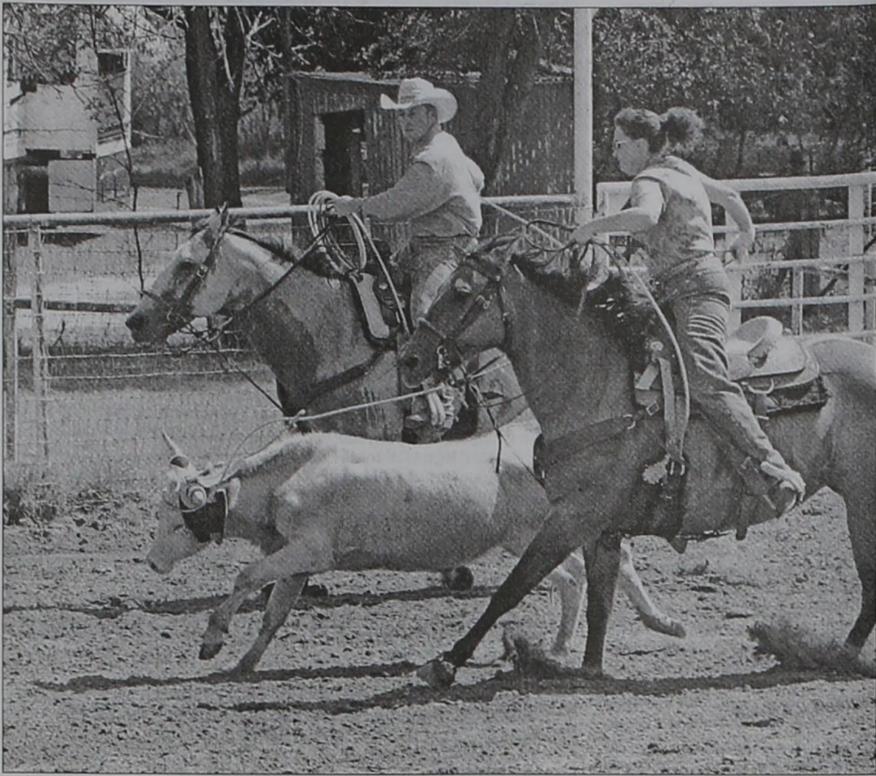
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ROPING FOR GOD — Ryan and Lacey Rankin demonstrate their team roping skills and win first place at last Saturday's Cowboy Camp Meeting Roping. Cost to enter was the promise to attend the Saturday night Cowboy Church service. The Cowboy Camp Meeting held in Roaring Springs last weekend was a success with many attending and enjoying the preaching, singing and good food. (photo by Winfield Davenport)

Starwalk scheduled for September 15th at Copper Breaks State Park

Quanah, TX — StarWalk, the acclaimed stargazing program at Copper Breaks State Park, will be offered Saturday, September 15. The popular family event begins at dusk, around 8:00 p.m. in the Big Pond Campground.

"The original and still the best," says park manager David D. Turner of the afterdark program.

In addition to the night time presentation, SkyGuide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 4:00 p.m. Sun Fun offers guests the opportunity a close look at our own star, the Sun.

The SkyGuide volunteers come from throughout north and west Texas, and Oklahoma and support the StarWalk through the generous use of their own equipment.

The last StarWalk of the 2007 season is scheduled for Saturday, October 13.

StarWalk is sponsored by the Quahadi Society, Friends of Copper Breaks, the non-profit support group for the park. For more information on park facilities, programs, or the Quahadi Society, contact the park office during regular business hours every day at 940-839-4331.

Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.

Old Pitchfork Cookhouse to be restored at the National Ranching Heritage Center

The 47th structure acquisition for the National Ranching Heritage Center is the Pitchfork Ranch Cookhouse, brought on-site at the NRHC on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007. The ranch was incorporated in December 1883 and has earned a rightful place in the history of ranching and Texas. For some, the Cookhouse represents many of those years of Pitchfork ranching development and growth.

Ranch owners donated the building to the NRHC when they decided to replace the old Cookhouse with construction of a new dining facility in the same location. For more than 85 years, the cowboys and guests of the Pitchfork Ranch sat down together to share their meals at the long, wood tables.

The simple wood-frame structure was a sanctuary for family reunions, birthday parties and, of course, daily meals for the ranch hands and cowboys as early as 1900. The building sat just a few yards away from the Big House, where many of the Pitchfork ranch managers made their home. A few yards out the back door of the Cookhouse, the land drops off to the north bank of the South Wichita River. Horses graze in nearby pastures. Tamed wild

turkeys milled around nearby eating corn chips thrown out for them by the cook. And at every mealtime, the old dinner bell was rung to call everyone in to eat.

The Cookhouse began as a two-room structure with the kitchen and dining hall separated by a single wall.

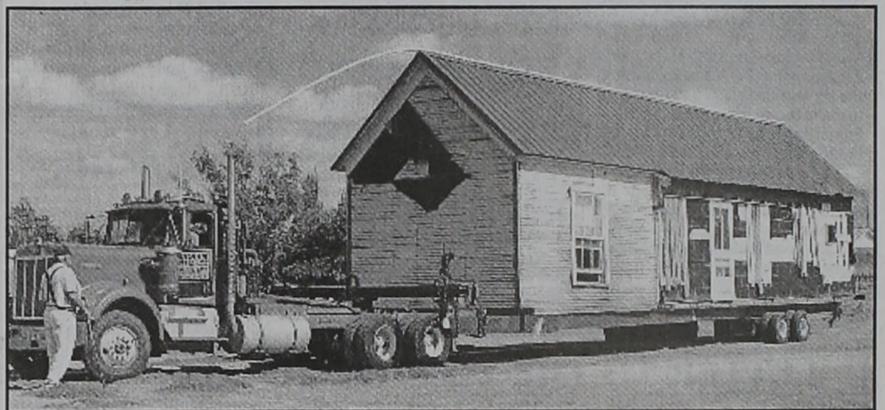
Though the exterior walls are now covered in modern shingles, the original wood clapboard siding is still intact underneath. The interior walls and ceilings were clad with narrow 1-inch by 2-inch beveled plank paneling. The dining hall was a long, spare space furnished with well-used wood tables and hand-made wood benches. Two cisterns were located near the structure.

Over the years, a number of modifications and additions were made to the building. Screen porches were added, removed and rebuilt. The building was expanded, including a 4-foot widening of the kitchen and a new room used as an infirmary for several years. Two other rooms and a full bath were added later. A porch on the south side of the building was enclosed, creating yet another room. One wall of the kitchen was modified to allow for the in-

stallation of a six-door refrigeration unit. The kitchen is focused around a central work counter with the large gas stove on the east side and the sink and clean-up area on the west. There were no frills — this was and still is a working ranch kitchen.

The original Cookhouse was separated from the rest of the structure in preparation for moving the old facility to the NRHC, where it will be rebuilt. Extra siding, paneling and windows were salvaged from the original site for restoration supplies. House movers lifted the structure onto steel beams for the journey from the ranch to a site in Proctor Park at the NRHC, where it will be set on a new foundation. Restoration work will repair the walls and ceilings, returning the building to a condition similar to its original construction.

The Cookhouse will provide visitors with a unique opportunity to see and understand an aspect of ranch life rarely seen by outsiders. The building was saved through generous financial donations and respect for the past by individual members of the Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co. board, plus RHA Executive Committee member Jim Burkhart of Lubbock and the Ranching Heritage Association.



The old Pitchfork Ranch Cookhouse in transit to the Ranching Heritage Center where it will be restored.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Ouch, did I ever miss that cool weather prediction! One thing about the weather, it can make a liar out of you real fast. Cooler weather was just a couple of days away! It has been nice.

Joe Ed Helms of Quitaque visited with Bill and Lea Peacock to wish them well as they are moving to a new home in Lubbock soon. Jo Ed was one of Bill Peacock's former students.

The Cowboy Camp meeting was a success. Eighty people attended the camp meeting. The speakers brought good messages, and the women's meetings messages were very timely. Deanie Edwards spoke about King David's and Jonathan's friendship. Friendships are wonderful experiences to be nurtured and kept healthy. True friendship is hard to find; acquaintances are many but the friend that "sticketh like a brother" is indeed rare. A cliché often heard is to have a friend, you must be a friend. This might be a good time to remind your friends how much you value their friendship.

Chelsea Read spoke on the Good Samaritan. She likened people to stage coach tickets. When riding on a stage coach, if wheels came off or if another mishap befell the stage coach, the third class travelers were expected to help replace the wheel, get the stage coach out of the mud or whatever. The first class could remain in the coach and do nothing; the second class only had to step off to make the coach lighter. The Good Samaritan was a third class ticket holder, the first class and second class (priest and rabbi) had already been by and did not offer to help. We need a lot more third class ticket persons!

Don and Billie Stuckey, Donna Kennedy were great cooks. J.N. Fletcher and Roy Hobbs helped prepare breakfast. Zella Palmer and

Donna Kennedy made homemade bread; Connie Morris cooked beans and brought them in; Chig Gwinn furnished melons and Julie Lewis of Afton furnished fresh tomatoes. We give them a special thank you.

The three ministers did a great job. They were Jack Martin, Johnny Morris and Winfield Davenport. Kelly and Pennie Keltz and Kim Fletcher led the singing. A heading and healing event took place on Saturday afternoon. Bibles and halters were awarded to the winners. Ryan and Lacey Rankin won first place and received Bibles; Dana Graham and Ryan Rankin won second and received halters. In third place were Tommy Gleghorn and Ryan Rankin, also winning halters.

There were three re-dedications and one accepted Christ as her Savior. What a blessing. The hard work reaped a harvest.

It seems every event has conflicts. I wonder if a county calendar could be kept to keep track of events and give folks an opportunity to schedule events at the best possible time. The school has a calendar with their activities plotted. Perhaps that is just life; I know that on any given date there are already things scheduled. As I have said before, anyone that is bored in Motley County and thinks its 'dullsville' isn't involved in the community. The offering is broad. There is always something to do.

Elmer Parks celebrated his 75th birthday with a party at the Roaring Springs Community Center. There were about 50 attending.

Tuesday was 9/11, but 9/11 has always been a good day in my life. It is the day I was born; long before terrorist attacks made it infamous. There are lots of us that have birth dates that became days of infamy.

Buzz Thacker recently visited his son and daughter-in-law, John and Jana Thacker and family in Abilene.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD
To believe with certainty we must begin with doubting.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Cash Sperry, son of Cally and Will Sperry, celebrated his second birthday with a fun filled party Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9 at the Roaring Springs Ranch. He had a John Deere decorated cake and gifts. Refreshments of chili cheese dogs, cake, ice cream and soft drinks were enjoyed.

Those attending were his siblings, Savannah, Blayne and Gage; his grandparents, Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque, Mrs. Christi Yates of Andrews and Ken Pool of Dougherty.

Others attending were Bill and Janene Brooks of Silverton; Kelly Williams of Andrews; Kip and Joy Pool and Scarlett Sperry of Lubbock; Jack and Presley Brooks of Floydada; Josh, Janet and Braylee Brooks of Parnell; Susie, Max, Madison, Hayden and Sydnee Meyers of Quitaque; Randi Ham of Turkey; Mandy, Jeremy, Brooks and Jereen Hughes and Brenda and Jesse Browning of Florent.

Reported rainfall in Flomot Sept. 6-9 was over four inches. Whitefall reported .50 to three inches of rain. Sept. 6 both communities had 60 m.p.h. winds and broken tree limbs.

Wilburn Martin visited during Labor Day holidays in Borger with

daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper.

George and Phylis Gwinn of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma visited from Wednesday until Saturday with his brother and family, James and Darla Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin.

Visiting Friday and Saturday with Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Mrs. Christi Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg.

Jack and Nada Starkey attended to business in Plainview Thursday and Friday following an electrical storm Thursday night at their home. Streaks of lightning damaged their television set and the inside connections to telephone and outside telephone pole.

Tim, Melissa, Jere and Jacob Kendall visited in Clyde Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mrs. Shirley Gray. Joining them there for a family get together were Melissa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth.

Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed lunch in Plainview, Sunday and attended to business before returning home.

Visiting Jerry and Sandra Barclay Sunday were son and family, Ty and Brittany Barclay, Tylee, Trevor and Trent of Matador.

Visitors of Mrs. Aleda Ross from Friday until Sunday was daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock and granddaughter Aleda Elaine Ross of San Antonio.

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Local News

Billy Paul and Betty Simpson of Northfield attended the Texas A&M vs. Fresno State football game in College Station Saturday, Sept. 8. Their grandson, Cory Multer, is a member of the Texas Aggies team.

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

2 Thessalonians 3:16

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We want to thank Marie Leibe-Harkort for bringing to our attention the tax increase we are all facing.

The proposed tax rate is .79698. Our elected officials would not admit to a tax increase.

The new county-wide appraisal is increased 6,149,796.00. With the proposed rate of .79698 Motley County's residents will pay an increase of \$49,012.65.

If the elected court keeps last year's budget the same this year's rate should be .73796/\$100.

We checked the following counties on their tax rate:

- Briscoe County - .69
- Hall County - .63
- Childress County - .768
- Cottle County - .7244
- Dickens County - .40

The complete total proposed budget is available to every citizen who requests it.

If you are concerned with your tax increase, the next budget hearing is Friday, Sept. 21 st. at 2:00 p.m. and the final hearings has not been set.

Thank you,
Betty Simpson
Wayde Clay

Dear Carla,

I have discovered it takes teamwork to be a success at whatever your dreams are and to make them work.

I have accepted to live the "Nothing is Impossible" or "Impossible is Nothing" with Jesus Christ's assistance (Phil. 4:13) as my mission.

The 3rd Annual O.S.C.C.M. was a success and we would like to thank all who donated their money, time and efforts to bring this about.

Money donated to operate on is nothing compared to time. Everyone has some money to donate and some have donated a great deal to our association.

I want to thank all for their donations of money and we really do appreciate it, but I want to especially thank those who donated their time. When you give your time you are giving part of your life and that is really special.

Another special thank you to Wayne Smith and Travis Bateman for their donation of the roping steers and to the Old

Settlers Directors for their donation of the grounds.

We are planning on another Cowboy Camp Meeting next year. The dates will be announced later. Again, thanks to all who helped in any way.

Old Settlers Cowboy Camp Meeting
Don and Billie

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsecured loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

OBITUARY

William David Collins

Kennewick, WA— Dave Collins passed away in his home in Kennewick, Washington on August 31, 2007, following a long illness.

He was born Nov. 4, 1938, in Memphis, Texas to Tom and Mamie Collins. He attended school at Northfield, Carey and Childress.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Christopher, and stepson, Steven Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Carole of 30 years; a sister, Sue Lankford; a daughter, Tracy Jander and husband Mark of Colorado; two sons, Greg and Kevin Collins of Lubbock and stepson, Ronald Hall of Salt Lake City, Utah; he also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 3

great-grandchildren. Dave loved the outdoors and spent many years of his life fishing and camping with friends and family. In his retirement, he took great pride in creating a beautiful yard and flower garden.

He was strong minded, dependable and always accomplished what he set out to do. His love for animals was known to all.

Dave worked for many years at Chevron Chemical - Unocal Chemical Plant in Finley, Washington. He retired in 1995 due to illness.

He will be greatly missed by all. A celebration of his life was held on Sept. 7, 2007, at Old Country Buffet in Kennewick.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends & Relatives,

We are so very grateful to you for your tender loving care, food and acts of love following mother's recent fall. There is no greater gift than this. Because of Jesus.

Cherri, Jan & Max Barton

We would like to thank everyone that has been so kind during Bill's stay in the hospital and continued stay at rehab. Especially for your prayers, cards, visits and words of encouragement, also the help and offers to help in any way. To the EMT's and ambulance for the quick response and kindness.

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disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,
Motley County Extension Agent



Wind Energy and Wildlife thrust of October Conference

Wind energy and its effects on wildlife will be the focus of a conference in Abilene October 25-26 at the Big Country Hall at 1982 Lytle Way.

The conference is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Wildlife Association.

"Wind energy is one of the fastest growing businesses in West Texas," said Gary Bomar, Extension agent for Taylor County.

"Our goal with this program is to create a forum for addressing the myriad of issues associated with this new industry and to explore the economic and ecological implications landowners may face. This program is a must for anyone contemplating a wind farm on their property."

The Oct. 25 program starts at 9:30 a.m., and includes talks on the past, present and future of wind energy, and its known and unknown effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat.

State Rep. Susan King of Abilene will be the keynote

speaker. Along with the topic of wind energy production pros and cons, the afternoon program will include a panel discussion of landowner perspectives.

The Oct. 26 program will begin at 7:30 a.m. At that time, participants will meet at the hall for coffee and to caravan to the Galbraith Family Ranch for a field tour of a wind turbine site. The tour will include a discussion of how wind energy production affects cattle, hunting and daily life on the ranch.

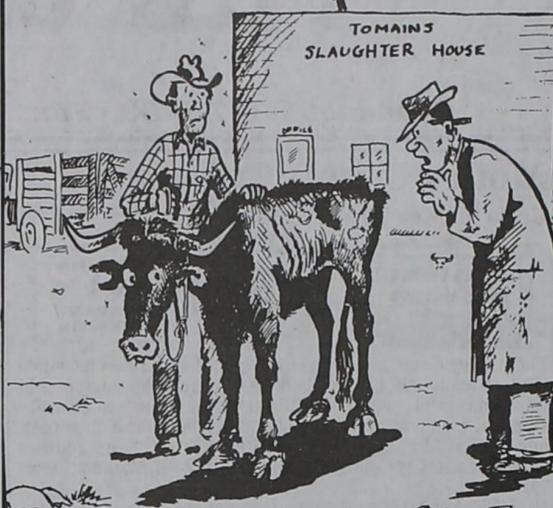
The conference will conclude with lunch at the ranch.

Individual pre-registration is \$50 before Sept. 15 and \$75 thereafter. Those registering after Oct. 20 are asked to register at the door.

For more information and to register call Helen Holdsworth at 1-800-TEX-WILD or e-mail her at hholdsworth@texaswildlife.org. For sponsorship and booth information contact Bomar at 325-672-6048 or bomar@tamu.edu.

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Harkey, an orphan, a boy of some thirteen summers spent on Richland Creek in San Saba County, ran away from his brother's home with its comforts and its security. He got on his pony and rode out into the thinly settled ranch country. North by west and some three hundred miles in distance, Eli had older brothers who worked on the Matador.

there, fagged, tired and hungry. He started to work, first as a horse rustler and then with the cattle. About 1885, Eli stacked his rope on a big steer that dumped him on the ground, with his horse on top of him, breaking his collar bone. (That was done at the corral at the mouth of Wolf Creek). The nearest doctor lived at Colorado City, more than one hundred miles distant. No doctor could be had, so the boys tied him up as best they could, carried him to the ranch house and left him to the healing of nature. As a matter of fact, it was not long until Eli was back alongside of his cronies.

Eli was a fine roper and otherwise sweet little cow hand, if there ever was one who could be so designated. It was not a happen-so, but Eli came as near being in the right place at all times and occasions as any man I was ever around. Alert, wide-awake, active, he could anticipate every possible need and was right there to fill it. Eli lives in the hamlet of Dickens where he has resided for the last forty years. The town is in the bounds of the once-mighty Matador Ranch, so Eli feels perfectly at home though he no longer works with cattle Ranch, as here mentioned, means a grazing domain as big as all creation, not a stock farm. Rancho the house or

camp, though in most cases applicable to headquarters.

As near as I can estimate and remain conservative, the time being anywhere in the nineties, with one wagon at work and making one roundup per day, it would have required around fifty days, without loss of any time, for the Matadors to work over their ranch. At that time, they had thrown out some three hundred thousand acres originally enclosed.

Since then, they have sold and otherwise been reduced fully that much or more. To be exact, I have lived in the Matador range forty-two years, and was never one of their employees. I have been along with them, if you wish to dignify my part of the effort by calling it work. I do not want to get that far out on the end of the limb; it is dangerous. Anyway, I have eaten their bread and beef and somehow subsisted off and around them. I helped them a little, while they helped me without ever drawing their money, not so much as a Sou-Mark-ee.

Eli Harkey worked for them when there were no fences and their range of work was only limited by the distance a cow could drift from season to season, but let Eli tell in his own words about it.

to be continued

Texas Tech among five universities receiving food and fiber grant funding

Texas Tech University is among five universities selected by the Texas Department of Agriculture to receive \$1.2 million in grants to bolster the state's food and fiber industries, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced Monday.

Staples made the announcement at Texas Tech's International Textile Center (ITC).

Texas Tech will receive \$457,315 to fund 15 of the 39 total projects. University researchers will conduct studies including evaluating the fiber properties of cotton; imparting antibacterial properties to cotton fabric; developing chemical warfare protective fabrics; and making peanuts a profitable crop in West Texas where water is limited.

"For 100 years, TDA has partnered with Texans and private industry to support our food and fiber industries," Staples said. "The projects funded for this year will not only go a long way in keeping Texas at the forefront of agricultural research and technology transfer, but will also have a positive impact and effect on food and fiber industries around the world."

In expressing thanks to the commissioner, ITC managing director M. Dean Ethridge said, "Over the years, these research grants have been indispensable to the ITC in fulfilling its mission to improve and protect Texas' cotton industry. I know this is also true for other research and extension programs affecting food and fibers produced throughout the state."

The grants were awarded through TDA's Food and Fibers Research Grant Program. Four other universities received funds:

- Texas A&M University, \$446,500 for 14 projects such as broadening the genetic diversity of cotton; researching engineered systems for seed cotton handling, storage and ginning; and using goats to manage juniper.

- Texas Woman's University, \$273,000 for eight projects ranging from using products containing cottonseed oil to increase the dietary intake of vitamins A and E to reducing or eliminating trans fats in various food products.

- The University of Texas at Arlington, \$30,000 for a project that will study the effectiveness of using cottonseed oil to produce biofuel.

Each project is required to leverage about \$2.75 for each dollar received from the state, bringing the total amount of research to more than \$3.3 million.

"These projects, which range from reducing or eliminating trans fats in food products to comparing modern cotton harvesting equipment to using goats in managing brush control, will provide an important boost to the state's economy and impact the lives of all Texans," Staples said. "Whether you are a cotton farmer on the High Plains or a family living in Dallas or Houston, your lives and livelihoods are constantly being improved by the benefits of food and fibers research."

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Hackler emphasized, "For LIP, LCP and CDP, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 qualifying years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits."

In an effort to expedite the application process and provide efficient, quality customer service, Hackler recommends that producers call their respective FSA County Office to schedule

an appointment for disaster program assistance.

For detailed application and eligibility information, please contact the Motley County FSA at 806-347-2263. Interested producers can also access LCP, LIP and CDP fact sheets on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

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Friday	Partly Cloudy	High: 79	Low: 57	Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation	Normal precipitation	Departure from normal
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	High: 82	Low: 62	Sunday	90	65	90/66	0.00"	0.45"	0.56"	-0.11"
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	High: 88	Low: 64	Monday	87	63	90/65	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Monday	Partly Cloudy	High: 86	Low: 65	Tuesday	87	64	89/65	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	High: 85	Low: 63	Wednesday	89	66	89/65	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	High: 81	Low: 62	Thursday	94	70	89/65	0.30"	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
				Friday	86	70	89/64	0.13"	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
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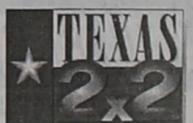
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