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# Old Settlers are winners



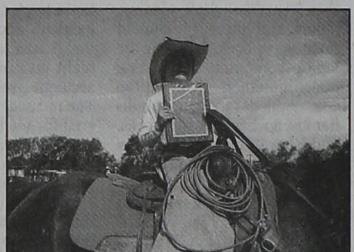
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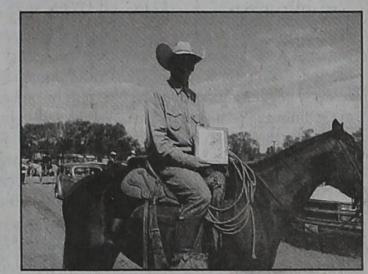
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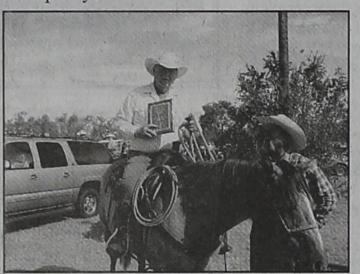
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Best Jr. Cowgirl, Jaci Zingerman



Best Modern Day Cowboy, Cliff Foster



Best Old Time Cowboy, Tommy Cooper



Best Bicycle, Delynne Collett



Jessica Ballard, Best Modern Day Cowgirl

All photos by Carol Campbell



Pictured is Kevin Rainwater, who made a guest appearance at the Oldtimers Dance on Thursday afternoon. Kevin Rainwater and the Blue Denim Band performed during Old Settlers on Friday night at the Pavillion.



Pictured is Mike Porter who along with local talent Kelly Keltz on base guitar, Gerald Pipkin on the keyboard, and B.R. Goodall, Girard, on guitar provided music for the Oldtimers Dance at Old Settlers on Thursday, August 27, in the Old Pavillion at the rodeo grounds.



Pictured (L to R) are Roaring Springs Mayor Corky Marshall, Buffy and Michael Crutchley who are serving beans and cornbread to residents on at the annual donation only fundraiser. Elected officials dished out the popular menu to more than 50 residents who also enjoyed other condiments and homemade cookies.

### Attorney General Greg Abbott Takes Legal Action to Defend Open Meetings Act

Brief argues that open meetings law furthers, rather than frustrates the First Amendment

AUSTIN – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today took legal action to defend the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) from a legal challenge to its constitutionality. Former Alpine city council members Avinash Rangra and Anna Monclova have filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of penalties that TOMA imposes on government officials who violate open meetings laws. On September 24, Solicitor General a stricter standard of review. James Ho will defend the law during an oral argument before the full 17-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

In February 2005, Rangra was indicted for violating TOMA. According to local prosecutors, Rangra sent e-mails to a quorum of the Alpine City Council. Because those e-mails discussed official government business, Rangra was charged with conducting an illegal, closed meeting. The charge were later dropped. However, Rangra and Monclova subsequently challenged TOMA in federal court, claiming the law violates the First Amendment. Their lawsuit sought an injunction preventing TOMA's enforcement. The federal district court rejected the lawsuit, but a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit later sent the case back to the trial court to review TOMA under In response, Attorney General Abbott asked the Fifth Circuit court to accept the case for rehearing before the entire

In a brief that was filed today, the Attorney General argues that TOMA furthers, rather than frustrates, fundamental First Amendment values. "Elected officials work for the people. They do not have a First Amendment right against the very people they serve. They suffer no actionable First Amendment injury

from being required to conduct public business in public, rather than in secret, to the exclusion of the voters who elected them to office in the first place," the brief states. "In short, open meeting laws expand, not suppress, communication. Such laws do not limit public discourse-they broaden it. ... Open government is precisely what the First Amendment envisions, not condemns."

The Attorney General's brief also argues: "Like virtually every open meeting law across the country, . . . the Texas Open Meetings Act is based on a simple premise: Because the decisions of governmental bodies are made not on behalf of the members themselves, but on behalf of the people they serve, the people have a right to view the decisionmaking process."

In addition to defending TOMA's constitutionality, the brief argues that the court continued on page 3

to keep the effective tax rate Assistant position is abolished in public budget hearing The Motley County Com-

missioners' Court held a Public Budget Hearing Monday, August 24, for the purpose of adopting the budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. A full court was in attendance, consisting of County Judge Ed D. Smith, Roy Gene Stephens (Pct. 1), Donnie Turner (Pct. 2), Franklin Jameson (Pct. 3), and Russell Alexander (Pct. 4). Also in attendance was County Attorney Tom Edwards, Sheriff Michael Crutchley, and Jen Charette, Assistant to the

County Judge. The budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$22,388.44 or 2.66 percent, and of that amount, \$5,680.71 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The agenda included comments from citizens; proposed changes to the budget, setting salaries and expenses for elected officials, and finally

the adoption of the 2009-2010 budget. In addition, the commissioner's were asked to vote on a proposal to raise the tax rate above the effective rate, set tax rate hearings, and set a meeting to adopt the tax rate. Later, the court voted unanimously to keep the effective tax rate at .79791, eliminating the need for additional tax rate hearings or public hearings.

Commissioner's Court votes

Motley County Oversight base. Judge Smith explained Committee were Marie Louise Liebe-Harkort, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Barbara Armstrong, and Olivia Barton. Also attending in behalf of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail was Carol Campbell.

While the effective rate remained the same as FY08-09, Ms. Liebe-Harkort asked for clarification on tax increases last fiscal year based on fuel cost increases that did not materialize. As of July 31, 2009,

there was still \$13,000 left in the fuel budget line item. "We don't know what fuel prices are going to be," Commissioner Alexander explained. "We could have a hurricane and it would go to \$4.00 a gallon in a heartbeat - it is very volatile."

Ms. Liebe-Harkort also asked the court to comment on increased land values, re-Citizens representing the sulting in an increased tax that while the 5-year average is based on productivity values, when the sixth year is added to the formula and the oldest year dropped, "it would show an increase in value for a time," he said.

Carol Campbell addressed the court to request that the commissioner's court reinstate the proposed \$1800 budget to the jail project. The budget was reduced from \$3,000 in 2008-2009 to a

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# Foothill Country

By Larry Vogt

"One false move and you're dead!" I don't remember what movie that line came from but when my buddies and I were playing cowboys or war we used it quite a bit in the late 1940's. Monday evening a week ago that line translated for me as "one false move and you're in a heap on the basement floor barely able to breathe and experiencing a world of pain." Somehow I managed to trip on a step and lose my footing, then went through an opening, falling, and hitting the cement floor on my back, dropping the laptop computer, and hitting a dehumidifier. The laptop was ruined, the dehumidifier lost a wheel but still works, and I have four broken ribs, a sore shoulder, and a very sore back.

Since I could not move and had no clue if something serious was broken, the EMS was called, the crew strapped me to the backboard, and got me to the hospital. After some X-rays determined that nothing drastic was going on with my upper spinal column, I was taken off the board and more X-rays were taken. All the while the my feet.

pain shooting through my left side was making me forget the clumsiness of the fall from the steps and the damage to the laptop. I was discharged from the ER about three hours after I arrived and went home very much subdued and tired.

A week later the aftermath is still going through some kind of ripple effect and a visit to a doctor today helped plan a course of action for recovery and management of the pain. As I rest and try to relax, I think about the 12 days of intense work that preceded this incident and have to admit that I was very fatigued that night and probably I was an accident waiting to happen. The message is very mluti-layered for me but involves "take it easy and don't drive so fast." Another part of the message is "stuff happens."

The most notable part of this false move story is that the outcome would have been totally different if I had been alone. As it was, I will be eternally indebted to my wife, my neighbors, the EMS crew and the ER staff for getting back to healing and recovery. And yes, I am very careful where I put

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# WRITING COMMUNITY

**Continued from August** 20, 2009

July 2009 -

Yeah, I considered the Pontiac station wagon to be "a barn" -- albeit a very high powered barn -- but I think it was a '57 Pontiac because we bought a car every two years.\* That Pontiac was the stereotypical icon of the highway culture around Motley County in the mid 1950's when we had about the same respect for 90 that we have for 60 today.

\*I remember my family owned in sequence a 46' Chevy sedan, a 48' Chevy sedan, a '51 Chevy sedan (It was only a 2-door, and we skipped a year, so times must have been tougher.), a 53' Chevy four-door, the 55' Chevy that was my first car to really mo-tor around in, and then the 57'

Two stories come to mind -- nothing, of course, like your race with my brother

Mike [Groves] – the details of which, for some reason, he never shared with me. He From Pat [Groves] on 11 probably didn't think it was anything unusual -- just the normal day's return from measuring cotton or flagging crop dusters.

> I remember one night when I was coming home from The Springs after dark. Karmen [Jenkins] and Gwen [Killingsworth] may have been along for the ride, but my memory is foggy about that detail. Anyway, we were in some kind of hurry. I remember that if you gave a car a little extra gas when you crossed the railroad tracks near Irwin's Hilltop Store at the wye in Roaring Springs, you could sometimes get a little air, so I did that. As we came down on the other side and squealed through the curve to drop across the Dutchman Creek bridge, I noticed a car parked beside all the propane tanks there on the right and thought how odd it was that someone was

"parking" there beside the highway were everyone could notice them.

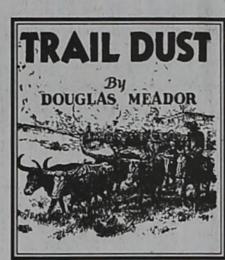
As I zoomed by the Airport Golf Course, I remember noticing that I was going 10 or 20 faster than the normal 90 and about that time also noticed some red lights in the rearview mirror! Jody Graham, who was one of the deputy sheriffs in those days, had been in the "parked" car.

After I pulled over and stopped near the Dutchman Camp gate, Jody walked up and said something like, "Hi Pat!. Do you know how fast you were driving back there?" I said something like, "Gosh, I'm sorry, I may have been going over the speed limit." He shined his flashlight on the 120 mark on the speedometer and said something like, "Well it might have been double the speed limit. Would you mind getting out of the car?" So, I hopped out and we went back toward his patrol car.

He said something like, "Oh,

I forgot. You never drink anything, do you?" I didn't want to admit that, but I allowed as how it was not very often. Then he gave me a lecture on what could have happened if I had a blow out and reminded me about Porky's [Arvin Ellithorp's] and Janey's [Norman's] accidents on "Dead Man's Curve". (That was be-fore my dad [Algie Groves] who was the resident engineer for the Highway Department redid the highway to straighten out the curve there.) Jody asked me if I would promise him not to rush back from The Springs like that anymore, which, of course, I was eager to do. So he gave me a warning instead of a ticket. Then he followed behind me the rest of the way in to Matador. That was probably the only time I every drove into Matador at 55 (which I think was the speed limit at night in those days).

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#### **Matador Tribune** 1937

During the evening twilights of long summer days when the cowboys garnered a few crumbs of leisure dropped from the table of time, the small dark man would lie sprawled over his bed roll as one plaited quirts and hat bands from various colored horse hair. The older men who had ridden far through the years would grow silent and lean back against their beds to watch the blistered horizon simmer in the rising tide of night, while the younger riders laughed, sang and practiced twirling lariats in the gathering dusk. The small lone mans artistic fingers were as swift as shuttles in a loom in the creation of a beautiful handwork and the others often watched him in silence for he was one who did not squire friendliness and he spoke only in sharp abrupt sentences. He asked no favors and granted none. One day two men with Winchesters in scabbards under the sweat leathers of their saddles rode up to the wagon and placed hand cuffs on the cowboy with slender fingers just as he finished plaiting a black and white quirt Before he left he asked to be allowed to remove a flour sack of horse hair from his bed roll and the two men looked at some samples of his work.

### FSA's Farmer Elected Committee Association Elects New Officers

NAFEC Annual Meeting Held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee

WASHINGTON (Rural-Wire), Aug 20, 2009 - The National Association of Farmer Elected Committees (NAFEC) recently held its annual meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The event was held in conjunction with the National Association of County Office Employees cern to farmers and ranchers. (NASCOE) annual convention. This year's venue was the beautiful Park Vista Resort Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

NAFEC elected a new slate of officers at the meeting, includ-

President — Jim Zumbrink,

1st Vice President --- Craig Turner, Texas

2nd Vice President-Jim Van Oss, Alaska

Secretary / Treasurer---Tom Ardoin, La.

NAFEC had a very full agenda, including a visit by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Jonathan Coppess. The group of officers and directors led by out-going NAFEC President Dennis Kuhlengel of Ill. discussed many issues of con-The group discussed its legislative agenda with the David Senter, Chairman of the Board & Chief Operating Officer of the Washington, D.C. firm KSCW.

NAFEC also held discussions of mutual interests with Bonnie Heinzman, out-going President of NASCOE, Jim Mace of JM Marketing and Myron Stroup, the newly-elected President of NASCOE. NAFEC will be publishing more detailed results of these efforts on their website: HYPERLINK "http://www.fsacountycommitties.org" www. fsacountycommitties.org.

Newly elected President Zumbrink asked the group to continue to work for the good of the organization and its supporters. The next two years will be "tough times so we must look for all the resources and support available," Zumbrink said. He complemented Dennis Kuhlengel for his loyalty and leadership and asked him to remain active in the organization as Director serving the Midwest Area. He also thanked Cole Sims from Louisiana as he continues to serve as Southeast Area Director. Craig Turner will continue to serve as Southwest Area Director and Jim Van Oss will remain as Northwest Area Director.

"Our entire board will continue to maintain a watchful eye and a tuned ear on the politics and policy issues facing Ameri-

### Sign of the times: Cowboy on a cell phone



photo by Jennifer Lawler

### Opinion Editorial

The letter objecting to AARP President Mary Scott's article on health care had several objectionable parts itself. I'd like to spell them out:

1. The letter says that the idea that our health care system costs too much "is simply not true." Not true? We average more than twice the perracies in the OECD, countries like Sweden and Switzerland, --- and with lower longevity rates and higher child-birth deaths than almost anyone, Please, do the checking yourself people. The figures are easy to find.

Why? That's a more difficult question. Some say our use of technology. But many point to the way we set up compensation which is based

on a pay per test rather than a pay per patient. Others point to the stranglehold insurance companies have on the system which is why so many are urging a public option that would curtail the power of insurance companies. Another culprit in our high cost might be the over use of the emergency room which is what poor, uncapital cost of the 30 democ- insured people use not just for emergencies but for every day care. Emergency room use is very expensive.

> 2. The letter says something confusedly about a government committee deciding the fate of other government programs, Medicare and Medicaid. I imagine there will be changes in those two programs, but they are run by our government already. Obama has stated, not that he needed

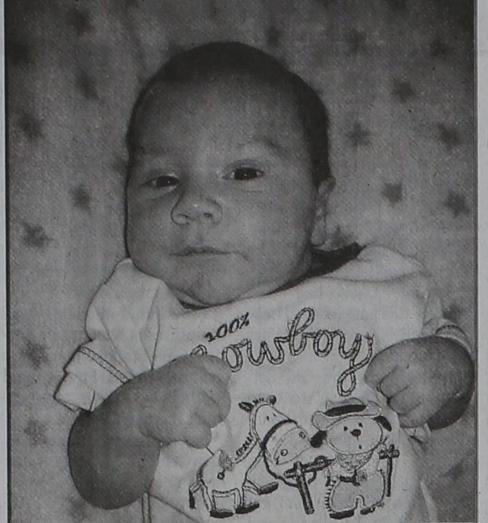
to, that these programs will be protected. We've heard those people yelling government hands off Medicare! Hello? It's a government program and working well---not without problems---but well. And our new government programs will work well, also.

3. The letter states that only four million people are uninsured. Look it up, people. It's more like fifty million. And another fifty million are not adequately insured. Millions go bankrupt every year who have insurance. Two thirds of the bankruptcies in this country are related to health costs. You can look that up, too.

So why all the opposition to reform? Many people are confused and scared. They don't know what will happen

and they are being fed scare stories----from death committees to the idea of mindless bureaucrats running our lives. But who is feeding them these stories? I'd say follow the money, those who like the present system because they're making money out of it: the insurance companies, the pharmaceutical companies, the specialists, the doctor-clinics that are raking in fortunes with their labs, the very rich who might be taxed to help pay for the new system. They are the small group of people who want to keep the world from changing. They are not the small group of people Margaret Mead had in mind.

Joseph G. Anthony



Cale Crockett Drum

Cade and Case Drum are proud to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Cale Crockett Drum. Cale was born on July 20, 2009 at 6:05 am. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Lewis and Lauren Drum of Roaring Springs. Grandparents are Dale and Karen Petersen of Pipe Creek, TX and Ruth Drum and the late Lewis Drum of Valle de Oro, TX. Great-Grandparents are Eddie and Gloria Anderson of San Antonio, TX and Earl and Beryl Swanson of Lincolnshire, IL and the late Edward Petersen.

### NHS Collecting Pop Tabs

The National Honor Society will once again collect pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Ronald Mc-Donald House uses these pop tabs to help pay their electric

Last year MCISD collected 51, 283 pop tabs, with the help of the community. We are asking for your help again this year. The box for donations is in the hall beside Mr. Cochran's office. If you are unable to go to the school, please call Kyla Simpson or Kathy Gillespie. They will be glad to pick up the pop tabs from you.

Thank you for your assistance with the NHS service project.

### Letters Needed

Letters from community members in support of the designation of the Motley County Clinic as a federal Rural Health Clinic and in support of the clinic's reopening are being collected at Dianne Washington's CPA office and at Hotel Matador. Letters telling the needs of individual citizens are needed, rather than form letters.

### Matador Ranch commits \$2,500 for historical documentary

Matador Ranch today became the first contributor to a new effort to document Motley County history launched by the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail.

"Matador is proud of our heritage and this community and county," said Bob Kilmer, ranch manager. "We believe these documentaries will aid in educating visitors who want to know more about our area's colorful history. We are delighted to commit to this first contribution."

"With this \$2,500 commitment, we believe we can expand our efforts in raising the additional funds," said Ed D. Smith, Motley County judge. "We are lucky that a Matador native, Bob Brandon, has agreed to help us put these historical documentaries together. With his nationally-recognized work, we expect the final product to be first-class and welcomed by

our community and our visitors. We appreciate Matador Ranch's generosity and kickstart to our fundraising campaign."

Brandon, who owns and operates Brandon Productions in Denver, has agreed to film the area's history, interviewing a number of people and utilizing some of the many fine photographs available that tell the area's history. Carol Campbell, Chairman of the Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail, is heading up the fundraising drive.

The video will be used for those visiting the refurbished Historic Motley County Jail, for which Matador Ranch donated ranch-quarried stone for some of the exterior repairs. In addition, the videos are expected to be used for promotions of regional tourism opportunities and within the local schools.

The Friends of the Historic

Motley County Jail is a nonprofit consortium of interested residents and former residents who promote and support the repair and renovation of the historic 1891 Motley County Jail.

Matador Ranch is owned and operated by Koch Agriculture Company, which is an indirect subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. Fred C. Koch co-founded what has become Koch Industries; in 1953, a company owned by Koch acquired Matador Ranch, which was once part of an 800,000acre ranch originally formed by Scottish investors in 1882. Today's operation covers 130,000 acres in five Texas counties: Motley, Dickens, Cottle, Floyd and Crosby. In addition to the hunting and deer breeding operations, the ranch runs commercial cattle and breeds Quarter horses.

Old Settlers Memorial Service

**Matador Tribune** 

**Doctors of 4 Counties** Here Today

Physicians meeting for First time in Motley County

In the neighborhood of 20 prominent West Texas doctors are expected here today as members of the Hardeman Foard, Cottle, and Motley counties Medical Societies when the organization holds its annual convention been held in this county during the 20 years since the society was originated according to Dr. A.C. Traweek declared. After the visiting physicians have been the guests at a special "Henry Pipkin" barbaque in the city park.

**Prominent Doctors** 

# RETRO NEWS

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A number if prominent west Texas Physicians will deliver papers during the program. Dr. Traweek said, including Dr. Sam Dunn of Lubbock, who will attend the meeting. Dr. Mildred Hannah of Quanaah is secretary of the organization. The Hardeman Foard and Motley counties Medical Society is affiliated with the Panhandle Medical Association as well as the state organization. Matador is honored in being selected as the cosvention city by the doctors and extends a cordial welcome.

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Josh and Amanda Piercy are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Layla Jane. Layla was born at Covenant Womens Lakeside August 16, 2009 at 12:58 a.m. She weighed 8lbs. 9 ozs and was 20 in. long. Proud Grandparents are Tommy and Kate Hurt Matador and Ken, Rhonda Williams of Sudan. Great Grandparents are Thomas and Dora Hurt of Matador and John and C.A. Williams of Sudan.

### Thank You

The City of Matador would like to thank the Texas Department of Transportation for their assistance seal coating Bundy Street. Without their assistance projects like this could not be accomplished. Thanks again from the City and the citizens of Matador.

Awards were presented at the Memorial Service held Thursday, August 27. Pictured,

left to right, Helen Arrington-Dickens County's Oldest Woman (in attendance); Albert

Ozborn-Traveled Farthest-245 miles; Margie Payne-Motley County's Oldest Woman

(in attendance); Buzz Thacker-Residing Longest in Motley County; Billy Hand-Mot-

ley County's Oldest Man (in attendance.)

# Automatic Car Wash TOUCH FREE



Block North of Dairy Queen Floydada, TX Owner Eric Cornelius ~ Cornelius Conoco

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should dismiss the case because it is moot. The brief argues that Rangra and Monclova lack standing in the case because they are no longer city council members and, as a result, are no longer subject to the act's penalties.

To learn more about the Office of the Attorney General's efforts to ensure openness in government, visit the agency's Web site at www.texasattornevgeneral.gov.

### "SIMPLY CHRISTIAN"



There are certainly some private aspects to the Christian's life. Prayer, meditation, reading the Scriptures, memorizing special passages from the Bible, all of these, without controversy, are important activities in the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ,

But, what does it mean to be called a "Christian?" In Acts 11:26 we read about those early disciples being called Christians first at Antioch. In Acts 26:28 King Agrippa speaks to Paul about almost converting him to Christ. 1 Peter 4:16 Peter exhorts those who are "strangers" in this world to not be ashamed if they suffer persecution because of wearing the name "Christian."

There is much more to the Christian Faith than just silent devotion to the Lord. Those early people who were called "Christians" were alive and vibrant with their faith. They were not ashamed of who they were or what they were. Rather, they were engaged in the activity of declaring the Kingdom of God to those around them. From those around them came the name, "Christian." Why? It is obvious. The early disciples were identified by their conduct.. They were seen as men and women who resembled Jesus in their actions. Should not our conduct in speech and activities resemble Jesus?

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

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

### Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Due to doctor appointment, Monta was unable to get the news this week and after Larry's fall we were unable to follow up. There will be plenty next week. And remember, anytim you have something to share you can email it direct to the Tribune at mctribune@gmail.com

### The Matador High School Class of 1969



The Matador High School Class of 1969 gathered for a reunion recently at Hotel Matador. Class members attending were (front row, from left) Pete Gonzalez, Kate Thompson Hurt, June Sandefer Gholson, Barbara Slover Luster, Wanda Matney Johnston, Virginia Green, Elaine Dixon Risser, Mark Hill, Franklin Jameson,

(middle row, from left) Leslie Jameson, Don Cox, Steve Bostick, Aaron Timmons, Steve Gwinn, Margaret Evans Scott, Larry Dunn, (back row, from left) Darrel Marshall, Larry Markham, Pat Nichols, and Jimmy Timmons. A total of 17 of the surviving 22 members of the class attended the reunion.

#### In Recognition of Academic Excellence

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Sam Houston State University extends congratulations to Aleda Elaine Ross for distinguished Academic Achievement and was named to the Dean's List for the Spring Semester 2009. Aleda Elaine attended Motley County and Medina Valley Schools and is the daughter of Tom P. Ross and granddaughter of Aleda Ross and the late Tom Ross of Flomot.

### Matador Lodge Pro Shop

Open to the public every Wednesday from 8am - 5pm. The shop will also be open everyday of Old Settlers Reunion. We are located at the new lodge on the historic Matador Ranch. Come out to see us soon!

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### Flomot News

By Earlyne Jhamison

We need young farmers to buy land, enter the business and stay in the rural communities to raise their families.

Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla. visited from Monday until Thursday with her brother, Johnie Starkey. Visiting them Wednesday was brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls. They also visited brother and wife, Jack and Nada Starkey.

Mrs. Pete Meyer of Turkey and Mrs. Janice Hughes attended to business and enjoyed entertainment in Amarillo, Saturday.

Visiting Friday night and Saturday with Jerry and Sandra Barclay were grandchildren, Tylee, Trent and Trevor Barclay of Matador.

Mrs. Aleda Ross was in Plainview, Wednesday for an optical medical appointment.

Donna Rogers accompanied his mother, Mrs. B. Rogers to Lubbock Thursday for a medical appointment. They visited Ronnie and Lou Rogers before returning home.

Cally and will Sperry enjoved the Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs Saturday.

Mrs. Tina Carson, Parker,

Ryleigh and Walker of Turkey and her mother, Mrs. Anna Beth Clay visited from Friday until Sunday in Clifton with sister, daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. Tina and children attended the six man Football Super Saturday held in Hico. The Valley High School team defeated the Strawn team who won the state championship in 2008!

Kathy and Clois Shorter visited Friday and Saturday in the Home of daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley at Lake Kiowa. Dwain is on the school faculty at Collingsville High School.

Visitors of Ruth and Orville Lee were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon and grandson, Brandon Lee of Plainview. Brandon also visited his brother, Josh Lee. Weekend visitors of Jack and Nada Starkey were children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and Kyler of Canyon, Mrs. Jackie Davis, Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch.

### Matador High School Class of 1959 to hold 50-year reunion

The Matador High School Class of 1959 will meet in Matador on September 19, 2009 for their "Fifty Year Re-

Headquarters for the reunion will be at Hotel Matador, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Tours of the Motley County Museum, the historic Motley County Jail, and the Matador Ranch Lodge are planned.

The class began school in Matador on September 1, 1947 with 47 class members. 25 students graduated from Matador High School on May 18, 1959. All other classes that attended high school with the Class of 1959 are invited to stop by and say hello.

Class members will end the day with a feast at 6:30 P.M. at Hotel Matador.

### **Matador News**

Charlie Johnson returned home from Lubbock, Tuesday following knee surgery Friday. His wife, Opal was with him during hospitalization.

Sammie Davis had knee surgery this past week in Lubbock and is recovering at her sisters house.

In town for the Old Settlers Reunion last weekend and staying at Hotel Matador were Brownie and Kenny Pickens of Henrietta, Jean and Jim Wynn of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Wayne and Pat Northcutt of Levelland, and Amanda Morton of Amarillo, a representative of WRCA.

Paul Gore of Phoenix, Arizona, assisted in filming events at Old Settlers for an Australia Radio and TV show.

Joyce Campbell is in Spokane, Washington, along with her sister, Edna, of Amarillo attending the funeral of their brother, Glen Allen.

Marsha Seale Moore of Buffalo Gap and Carolyn and Rocky Lucas of Lake Ransom Canyon were in town for the recent Foothills Saturday Night Summer Celebration.

Band member Max Barton and band members joined friends and Hotel Matador guests for breakfast Sunday morning after the celebra-

Hotel Matador owners Marilynn Hicks, Linda Roy, and Caron Perkins attended the annual Texas Bed and Breakfast Association state convention in Granbury last week.

Members of the United Methodist Church of Matador and Roaring Springs enjoyed barbecue sandwiches Sunday night during a fellowship for both congregations.

Beautiful wooden wall sculptures in honor of the former Gale Stafford have been installed in the First United Methodist Church vestibule and sanctuary.

Letters from community members in support of the designation of the Motley County Clinic as a federal Rural Health Clinic and in support of the clinic's reopening are being collected at Dianne Washington's CPA office and at Hotel Matador. Letters telling the needs of individual citizens are needed, rather than form letters.

Jack and Tonya Covington of Lockney celebrated their anniversary with a stay in the Heritage Room of Hotel Matador August 22. William Prince and Garland Head, both of Argyle, and Johnny Allen of Denison were here preparing their hunting lease for the upcoming season.

Luke Roy, son of Tom and Linda Roy, will graduate from the Air Force basic training in San Antonio this weekend.

Folks from the around the county enjoyed beans, cornbread, and homemade cookies at the annual Friends of the Library feed Friday in the "Motley County Library An-

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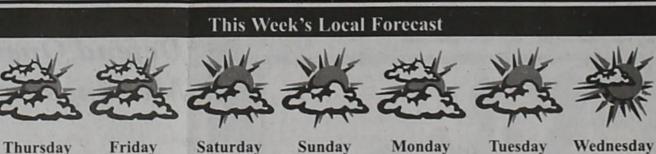
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Did Columbus encounter any

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### Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

In the time that I have been the librarian, I have come to realize there must be an entire team of guardian angels watching out for the Motley County Library. And one of these angels certainly is The Tocker Foundation of Austin.

Today the UPS man brought a giant box in the library. I could tell it was filled with books, but I was scared to open it, because I knew I hadn't placed any orders. I certainly didn't want to be out the shipping costs to return the books. But good 'ol curiosity got the best of me, and I opened the box. Inside were 22 books, still in the shrinkwrap, along with a letter. The letter explained that the Motley County Library was selected to receive \$500 worth

of books from the Texas A&M University Press, as a part of Tocker Foundations Collection Enhancement Program. What a great surprise!

The selection of books is definitely varied. There are a few photography books, along with some history books. There are some gardening books, and even a few children's books. All with one shared theme. Texas!

The Tocker Foundation has been so kind to the Motley County Library through the years, and this is one more time that they have truly made the library a better place because of their generosity. Thank you so much Darryl Tocker & the entire Tocker Foundation!



# Obituary

### Julian Stanley Nolen

Julian Stanley Nolen, 73, died August 13, 2009, in a McKinney nursing home.

A memorial service is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 6 at Charles W. Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 601 S. Tennessee St., in McKinney, Texas.

Mr. Nolen was born May 17, 1936 in Motley County, Texas, to Julian Franklin Nolen and Nadine Scott Nolen. He attended schools in Roaring Springs and Motley County. He graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene with a bachelor's degree. He later pursued graduate coursework at Texas Tech University and North Texas State University.

Mr. Nolen was a sports reporter at newspapers in Amarillo and College Station and wrote for other publications. He also taught at schools in Flomont, Ralls and Lamesa for 26 years. His longest

teaching stint was in Lamesa where he taught journalism and history at Lamesa High School from the early 1970s to 1988. Mr. Nolen later served as editor of the Belton Journal in Belton, Texas, and the Trinity Standard in Trinity, Texas. He retired in the Pilot Point and Tioga areas during the past ten years.

In June 1975, Mr. Nolen married Linda Helen Robertson of Lamesa.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Nolen, of McKinney, Texas; a son, Daniel Nolen, 20, of North Richland Hills, Texas; three step sons, Chip May, 45, of Aubrey, Texas, Jeff May, 43, of Allen, Texas, and Robert May, 41, of Rockwall, Texas; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by one sister, Lois Foster of Idalou, Texas, and two brothers, Jesse Nolen of Alba, Texas and Cecil Nolen of Clovis, New Mexico.

### THANK YOU

Wes and Lynn Campbell and Family, want to say THANK-YOU to EVERY-ONE who responded to the grass fire south of Roaring Springs (Sunday August 16th, 09). With-out your assistance, we would have lost most if not all of fences, grass and possibly some cattle. The Volunteer Fire Departments of (Matador, Floydada, Dougherty, McAdoo, Spur, Dickens, Roaring Springs, Flomot) deserve a BIG PAT ON THE BACK as well as friends, family and neighbors, and the use of Heavy Equipment from Motley and Dickens County's, and State Forestry Service, THANK-YOU TO ALL!!!!



### County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

#### **Dropouts costing** Texas billions

No matter how high-school dropouts are counted, Texas has a lot of them, and together they pack quite an economic punch to the gut.

Written by Kate Alexander, The Austin American States-

No matter how high-school dropouts are counted, Texas has a lot of them, and together they pack quite an economic punch to the gut.

The students in the class of 2012 who will drop out of school are projected to cost the state and its economy \$6 billion to \$10.7 billion over their lifetimes, a new study from the Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service found.

Dropouts are more likely to be unemployed or earn less than high school graduates, pay less in taxes, get welfare payments or end up in prison.

On the flip side, Texas will save as much as \$1.1 billion in the state budget by not having those same students in the classroom. But the researchers said the budget savings are swamped by the long-term economic costs.

"It is essential that policymakthe current trends and their im-

Funeral services for Thom-

as Jefferson "T.J." Beard Jr.

age 66, of Early were held

August 27 at the Heartland

Funeral Home Chapel with

Kathy Monroe, Chaplain of

the Brownwood Police De-

partment, officiating. Burial

followed in the Eastlawn Me-

morial Park. Family visitation

was held at the funeral home.

morning, August 24, 2009,

at the Brownwood Regional

Medical Center following a

sudden illness. He was born

June 30, 1943 in Casa Grande,

Arizona, the son of the late

Thomas Jefferson and Gladys

Davis Beard Jr. He had lived

in Brown County most of his

life and was a retired engineer

with Santa Fe Railroad. He

was Pentecostal by faith. One

of his favorite pastimes was

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Mr. Beard died Monday

State Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said lawmakers are well aware of the dropout problem and are always looking for programs that work to reduce the number of dropouts, such as expanding career and technology education to make school more relevant.

"There is no magic bullet," said Shapiro, chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee. "If there were, we would have done it a long time ago."

The wide range of the cost estimate stems from a lingering debate over how to count dropouts. Each method produces divergent results, and interest groups, politicians and education officials tend to pick the measure that makes their point.

To sidestep that debate, the Bush School used the range of measures to project that the dropout rate for the class of 2012 would be 12.2 percent to 22.2 percent - or 40,519 to 73,692 students - and estimated the costs accordingly.

Any way you slice the numbers, they show the problem is somewhere between "really big and terrifyingly big," said Jason Sabo, senior vice president of the United Ways of Texas, which commissioned the study.

The Bush School study is just ers begin making this issue a one of many that tries to estipriority in an attempt to reverse mate the economic impact of school dropouts in Texas, each

will be deeply missed by those

He is survived by his son

and daughter-in-law, Lynn

and Alanna Beard of Brown-

wood; two daughters and

a son-in-law, Patricia and

Bruce Foster of Alabama and

Tiffany Beard of Brownwood;

six grandchildren; five great-

grandchildren; a brother, Da-

vid Beard of San Antonio; Six

sisters, Betty Cunningham of

Early, Mary Robinson of Ama-

rillo, Manda McKinley of May,

Ruth Dickerson of Whitney,

Judy Walters of Brownwood,

and Debra Kelly of Overton; a

number of step-children, step

grandchildren and extended

family also survives. He was

preceded in death by his par-

ents; and sisters Nelda Carnes

Beard attended Roaring

Springs School in the 50's.

Friends may sign the guest-

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and Dorothy Irwin.

who knew him.

Obituary

Thomas Jefferson T.J. Beard Jr.

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By Ace Reid

# Hackberry Happenings

Hackberry Creek Care Center hosted a "Meet and Greet" the new administrator on Tuesday, August 25, serving brisket, homemade potato salad, baked beans, rolls, and peach cobbler to about 75 residents, staff, and community supporters. Chair- nursing home costs." man of the Board Seab Washington introduced the new administrator of HCCC, John Vunk, who then expressed his appreciation for the welcome he had received in Matador. Entertainment included a solo by Dr. Andrew Seigrist.

The Resident of the Month is Lydia Leal and Employee of the Month is Tanya Pierce in Dietary.

A Town Hall Meeting is set for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, at HCCC. The topic of the meeting will be "How to Plan for the Costs of Long-term Care."

"We want to get the word out on all of the different ways to pay for the nursing home," Activities Director Brooke Barton said.

The meeting will be hosted by The Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning Services. The meeting will cover myths and

facts on Medicaid, and how to avoid asset "spend-down" to qualify an individual for Medicaid. According to the Ladyman Law office for Senior Planning Services, "You do not have to spend all your money paying for

Raffle tickets for a homemade quilt are on sale at HCCC. "We will be selling the tickets for a drawing on a handmade quilt," Barton said. "The cost is \$2.00 a ticket and the drawing will be done at the Town Hall Meeting. Come by the Center to purchase tickets and view this beautiful quilt," she said.

Residents at HCCC braved the heat and headed to Roaring Springs to man a float for the Old Settlers Rodeo parade. The name of their float was "This is how we roll" and featured four residents in their wheel chairs on a flat bed trailer. Residents participating were: Dora Watson, Don Dillard, Jack Green, and Virgie Clower Bannister. While the float didn't win a prize, it was nonetheless a favorite of the crowd.



on the trailer is Dora Watson and Don Dillard.



Sitting on the HCCC float after the parade is Virgie Clower Barrister and Jack Green. The float reads, "This is How We Roll."

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### Commissioner's Court votes to keep the effective tax rate continued from page one

proposed budget of \$1800 for 2010. In subsequent budget workshops, the court reduced the proposed jail budget line item to \$200.

"I respectively request that the court reinstate the jail budget to \$1800 to pay for out-ofcycle budget preparation and general contracting specifications that are prepared by the architect," Campbell said. She explained that due to the economic downturn, the Texas Historical Commission would not be requesting grant applications for 2011 until the state fiscal year ends, August 31. This item was tabled until the end of the public hearing.

In other business, Commissioner Jameson said he had targeted three line items for elimination, specifically, the online law library at \$1600 a year; Caprock Wind Association dues at \$250.00, and the part-time Judge and County Attorney assistant position, budgeted at \$8,000 a year.

Tom Edwards, County Attorney, stated his case to the court for inclusion of funds for the law library. "This is the only law library in this county," Edwards said. "In my practice in Houston, the firm paid \$5-6,000 per month to keep the law library current. The online library is a cheap substitute for this."

Commissioner Jameson said he had called Hall County who reported to him that this expense was the "biggest cording to Jameson, "Dickens County has a Pro Tem, two days a month, and no law library. They are far busier than we are," he said. While this online library is primarily used in civil litigation, "the law library is not necessary until you really need it," Edwards argued. A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to abolish the online law library, seconded by Commissioner Jameson. The motion passed 4- to 1, with Judge Smith casting the dissenting vote.

Commissioner Jameson said as far as he knew, the Caprock Wind Energy Association had not done anything for Motley County, with the primary focus in Floyd and Hale counties. Commissioner Jameson proposed eliminating this line item with dues

costing \$250.00 per year. "This is still a highly political matter," Edwards argued. "It is possible we may be in the running to be partly included (with build-out of transmission lines) in this county. The suggestion that the association has done nothing and is doing nothing is not correct," Edwards said. "The question is: does Mot-

ley County want to support this association officially?" he asked.

Commissioner Jameson said that he feels this is a (private) membership association without the county imposing fees on the taxpayers. "I

have talked to people that have windmills, and I have never seen one (transmission line) that comes across Motley County," he said.

"These lines are only approximations," Edwards countered, "the final decision will be made by PUC. I have been assured by the companies that build, that they will submit three or four alternate routes. Those routes will be decided by PUC. The pressure right now is to get Motley waste we have ever had." Ac- County included in preferred alternate routes. Without the stated his case for keeping the access of Caprock Wind Energy Association, we would be in the dark," he said, adding, "we are trying to insure that we get a piece of the pie."

> Following discussion, Judge Smith called for a motion. Commissioner Jameson moved to discontinue the membership in the wind energy association. The motion died for lack of a second.

> Commissioner Jameson stated his position for eliminating the part-time salary for the judge and county attorney's assistant position, stating, "I don't think you need an

assistant," he said. "I'm not here to argue about it, it is my opinion."

Judge Smith reminded the court that when they hired the county attorney, he said he would not be his own clerk. At that time, the court agreed to hire a part-time secretarial position for the county attorney. "As far as I'm concerned, we should keep our word," he said. In addition, Judge Smith said, "in this county we are required to be members of organizations (such as South Plains Association of GovernEdwards said. "It is predicted that the next session will provide penalties on counties that don't meet the requirements."

"Essentially," Edwards said, "my office will be shut down without help." Some of the court dockets have been delayed because of the lack of secretarial help. You have the responsibility and legal obligation to fund my office so I can do my job," Edwards said.

The discussion moved to explaining the ins and outs of the county attorney's office, how criminal complaints

added.

In an effort to end the discussion and call the motion, Judge Smith, asked how many wanted to abolish the position. Commissioner Roy Gene Stephens said, "this is not clear to me. The county attorney is saying that this will shut down his office."

"I do not type and I am not computer literate," Edwards informed the court. "We are not talking about a lot of time. We are talking about a maximum of 24 hours a week on an "as needed basis," he said.

> Comsioner Stephens said there were too many unantions at this

"I am not satisfied point. with the need, and I'm not ready to vote," he said. Judge Smith tabled the issue and asked for a vote on the jail project budget.

According to Roy Gene Stephens, "I have had more complaints about the jail being a complete waste of money than any other issue," he said. Commissioners Turner, Alexander, and Jameson agreed. Judge Smith said he had nothing but positive com-

Campbell said the old jail had generated a lot of interest with about 100 members of the Friends Care network. (Friends Care is a network of local and former residents and other interested citizens that have joined a non-profit organization to support the repair and renovation of the historic property).

She said that two tour buses have visited the jail this summer because the jail had been placed on the regional tourism map. "It is short-sighted not to recognize the importance of the jail as a tourism draw for the city," she said.

Commissioner Jameson countered that it was not the taxpayer's responsibility to repair the jail for a museum. He said when it was in the plans to put law enforcement in the jail, then that was a different matter. The museum is a private venture, and the county should not use taxpayer dollars to restore it to a museum. Campbell thanked the court for their past support.

The motion was called, and the court voted 4- to 1 to reduce the jail budget to \$200.00. The dissenting vote was cast by Judge Ed D. Smith.

In the final move, Judge Smith polled the commissioners for a vote on the secretarial position. Commissioners Jameson and Turner stated they wanted to abolish the position.

At this point, the new asswered sistant Jen Charette, on board since the end of July, spoke to the court outlining her ability to help the county in numerous ways. She said she looked forward to serving the county in whatever capacity necessary, citing her Information Technology (IT) skills as an example of her expertise.

"There are several ways to look at this, Commissioner Stephens said."She (Jen Charette) has two kids in school. You don't want to cut off your nose to spite your face," he said. "But I am concerned about the need. Personally, I know I have to make a decision, so I am voting for abolishing the position," he said. Commissioner Alexander and Judge Smith cast the dissenting votes.

This ended the public hearing. The judge asked for a motion to adopt the budget for 2009-10, which passed 4- to 1, with Judge Smith casting the dissenting vote. In addition, the court voted unanimously to adopt the effective tax rate of .79791, eliminating the need for additional tax rate hearings or public hearings.

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> ments) and when I go to Lubbock for meetings, an assistant is invaluable to me, to answer questions, return phone calls and take messages. Although we had budgeted \$8,000 for this position in 2008-09, we have only spent \$4, 000," he

> After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Stephens asked the court for a recess, stating he was not ready to vote on this issue. The court recessed and reconvened when Tom Edwards, County Attorney, position.

> "I would remind you that when I took this job, it was on agreement that I would be provided secretarial help," Edwards said. "The initial plan was that this service would be provided by full-time employees already on staff, but this did not materialize. Then the court agreed to hire for this position," Edwards said.

> "As a result of the last legislative session, it became mandatory that counties report (criminal cases) electronically. We do not have a reporting clerk to accomplish this task,"

are generated, how cases get filed. Commissioner Jameson was not convinced. "I feel like you have had time to learn the computer system, and to generate your own paperwork," he said.

A visibly frustrated county attorney said that while the court had the "raw power to shut down my office," there will be ramifications, he warned. "You have the legal duty to fund this office," he stated again.

Commissioner Alexander ments about the jail. weighed in, saying, he wanted to keep the secretarial position, and offered to reduce his precinct fuel budget to support the line item.

Judge Smith reminded the commissioner's that the budget process is a matter of projecting what will be needed. "All we are doing is guessing what we will need. We pay our bills, try to build a cushion, and we are showing a negative budget for next year. Currently, we are \$11,000 to the good over what we budgeted last year," he said. "I am \$900.00 under budget in my office right now," Edwards

Property Tax Rates in CITY OF ROARING SPRINGS

property tax rates for It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can'set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

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### Matador beats Kress



#4 Augustine Chavez running the ball againt the Kress Kangaroos

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Final score was: Matadors 60 Kress Kangaroos 49

Next game will be here Friday night against Spur

Friday Night Football Stats # 2 Jonathon Osborn: 15 carries/ 205 Yds. 5TD, 45 Yd KOR TD

# 4 Augustine Chavez: 18 carries/197 Yds. 2 TD

#3 Andrew Martin: 9 yd TD, Reception, Fumble re-

covery #11 Austin Taylor: 22Yds TD

#13 Juan Flores: Fumble Recovery

### County Agent News continued from page 5

with different results.

Lori Taylor, the assistant professor at Texas A&M overseeing the graduate students who produced the study, said the product had to be academically defensible and able to stand up to criticism.

"We didn't have an answer to find or an ax to grind," Taylor

Sabo said he hoped the credibility of this study would put to rest some of the dispute over the numbers and get people focused on how to keep kids in school.

The Texas Education Agency estimates that the state will spend more than \$338 million in the coming fiscal year to help students at risk of dropping out, though much of that money goes to broad school improvement initiatives rather than targeted efforts.

The Bush School study singled out one state-funded program, Communities In Schools, as effectively getting kids to graduate, particularly because the dropout prevention efforts start well before high school.

Communities In Schools gets about \$16 million a year from the state in addition to federal money and local contributions.

"This isn't a cookie-cutter approach. It is very individualized," said Suki Steinhauser, chief executive officer of the Central Texas affiliate.

Its focus is meeting the specific needs of the students who are struggling to learn, whether those needs are academic, social or economic. Steinhauser said the approach works, and 85 percent of the students they work with show improvement.

"They get a heck of a bang for the buck," Steinhauser said.

#### Texas Crop, Weather Report

Hot, dry weather continued for most of Texas, with South Texas still the hottest and driest, according to HYPERLINK "http://agrilifeextension.tamu. edu/" \t "\_blank" Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

It has been so hot and dry that ranchers are losing cattle, said Sammy Gavito, AgriLife Extension agent for HYPERLINK "http://duval-tx.tamu.edu/" \t "\_blank" Duval County, west of Corpus Christi.

"There's some cattle dying," Gavito said. "It's not dead cattle all over the place. They're not lying everywhere. But every rancher I've talked to has had at least a cow or two die out in his pasture, and that's even when he's trying to feed."

Even small percentages of death loss represent more hardship for ranchers in Duval and neighboring counties, where agriculture is largely based on beef production.

Gavito estimated that most of the ranchers he talked to had lost from 3 percent to 5 percent of their herds. He attributed the losses directly to drought condi-

"We've had 2 inches of rain in a year's time," he said. "We're about 22 to 23 inches below normal for the year. There isn't enough for them to eat, and it's very hot. We've had almost 50 days in row of almost 100 degrees. That's a record for us down here."

Gavito said many of his ranchers who waited too long to liquidate their herds are in tough position.

"There's a fine line there," he said. "Where you've waited too long and now they're too thin,

and you're not going to get anything for them.'

Some of the ranchers in his county sold off herds early. Others are now to the point where they're trying to sell off even though their cattle won't bring much at the sale barn, Gavito

"The ranchers have fed and fed and fed, and now they're fed up," he said.

But Gativo said he believed conditions will turn around

"We feel that the drought just has to break. It's just been too long," he said. "The predictions are that we're going to turn this thing around come September."

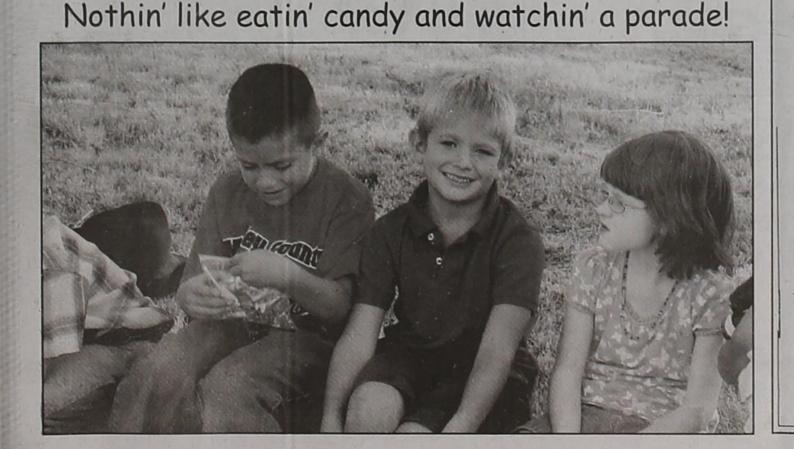
Soil moisture levels are high in the Panhandle, short to adequate in North and East Texas, but were dropping elsewhere.

More information on drought in Texas can be found at the Web site of the Drought Joint Information Center at HYPER-LINK"http://agrilife.tamu.edu/ drought/" \t "\_blank" http:// agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/.

#### **Cotton Turn Row Tours** Field Day

On September 29, 2009 the Extension Offices of Dickens, Motley, Briscoe and Hall counties will be hosting Cotton Turn Row Tours for area producers. The tours will begin in Dickens County at 9:30a.m., Motley County at 1:00p.m., then to-Briscoe County at 4:00p.m.

These tours will showcase the cotton test plots that were developed to evaluate cotton varieties suitable for the Rolling Plains. CEU's will be offered to private applicators. For more information, contact your local County Extension Office.





Twelve former Matador Ranch cowboys met at the Community Center in Roaring Spring on Saturday, August 29, to swap tall tales and buckin' horse stories. Standing (L To R): Bill Raetz, Matador, Albert "Suckerrod" Ozborn, Maljamar, N.M., Charlie Martin, Lovington, N.M., Curtis Ozborn, Spur, Dave Keith, Matador and Dickens, Ed D. Smith, Matador. Sitting (L To R): Jim Wynn, Carlsbad, N.M., Johnny Davenport, Post, Jim Cross, Matador, Corky Morris, Barksdale, Jay Don Finch, Matador, Jack McFall, Silverton. This annual event is lively with cowboy ranching stories, with old friends catching up on the present and looking back to their glory days on the range.

### School Menu

#### September 1-8

#### Tuesday 1st

Breakfast- Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch- Steak Fingers, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Milk

### Wednesday 2nd

Breakfast-Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast, Slice Pears, Milk

Lunch- Chicken Patty/ Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Slices, Oven Fries, Slice Peaches, Milk

Thursday 3rd Breakfast- Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch- Pizza, Salad, Pineapple chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk

### Friday 4th

Breakfast- Pancake, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Lunch- Bean/Beef Burritos, Spanish Rice, Cookie, ½ Apple, Milk

**Monday NO SCHOOL** 

Breakfast-Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast and Juice, Milk

Lunch- Salisbury Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Biscuits, Milk

### Senior Citizen Menu

#### September 1st

Beef enchiladas, Refried Beans, Carrots, Tortilla, Tapioca Pudding

### September 2nd

Polish Sausage, Baked Beans, Cabbage, Cornbread, Gelatin, and Fruit.

September 3rd

Beef Stroganoff, Beets, Wheat Bread, Lemon Pudding

September 4th Chicken Strips/Gravy, Black Eyed Peas,

Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Bañana Pudding

September 7th

Closed Labor Day Holiday

Thank you everyone who contributed to the Old Settlers edition and emails us news and brings us photos and for understanding when we make mistakes

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Last year's operating taxes	\$	599,491,43	5		\$	37
Last year's debt taxes	\$	.00	\$		\$	
Last year's total taxes	5	599,491.43	\$		\$	
Last year's tax base	\$75	,220,385.00			\$	
Last year's total tax rate	\$	.79698/\$100	\$	/\$100	\$ .	/\$100
his year's effective tax rate:						
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	599,020.28	\$		\$	
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$75	,072,936.00	\$		\$	
This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$	.79791/\$100	\$	/\$100	\$	/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$	.79791/\$100				
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notice	es and h	olds hearings.)				
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations

ELAINE HART

MOTLEY COUNTY TAX A/C OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, MATADOR, TX

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CAPITAL ACQUISITION

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#### September

- 1 Matador Lions
- 3 Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo, HCCC
- 3 RS Lions meeting at Windmill Cafe
- MCISD Football, Spur at Matador, 7:30 pm RSCV
- 9 Hospital Board, 7:30am
- 11 MCISD Football at Whitharral, 7:30pm
- 14 Commissioners' Court 9am
- 14 Matador City Council
- 15 Matador Lions
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 17 Foothills Fellowship 7:00 p. m. at the Community Center in Roaring Spr
- 18 MCISD Football at Wilson at 7:30pm
- 19 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk,
- 21 Motley 4-H Club Meeting 6:30pm courtroom
- 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 24 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 25 MCISD Football and Homecoming, Southland at Matador, 7:30pm
- 25-26 South Plains Fair Junior Goat Show 29 - Cotton Turn Row Tours Field Day (Dickens, Motley, Briscoe and Hall)

#### October

- 1 Roaring Springs Lion's Club sponsors bingo AT HCCC
- 2 MCISD Football at McLean, 7:30pm
- 2-3 South Plains Fair Junior Lamb Show
- 9 MCISD Football at Silverton, 7:30pm
- 10 Copper Breaks State Park, Sun Fun, 5pm Starwalk,
- 16 MCISD Football at Cotton Center at Matador, 7:30pm

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is seeking applicants to work in the scholl. The successful applicant my have duties including but not limited to: the main office, business office, helping trachers and students. Anyone intereted should coplete a Motley county job application and visit with Dr. Andrew Seigrist, superintendent.

Hospice Hands of West Texas, Inc. is seeking a provider in Matador. The job consists of 6 hours a week and possibly more in the future. For more information please contact Nora Mendoza @ (806) 652-3000 or toll free @ 1-888-795-1212. ctf Paducah Nursing Center needs CNA's. Contact Maryhelen or Kendra, 806-492-3516

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### INVITATION TO BID

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#### **Motley County ISD** in combination with the

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