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"Farris Ranch Sunrise"

Photo by Ken Young

## Putting the Matador Flying V on a new business Ranch expanding wildlife operations

The natural assets that have made Matador Ranch a success and a legend in the ranching industry are proving to be a rich foundation for innovations in the 21st century business. Matador's flying V brand on the right rib has marked thousands of quality beef cattle since the ranch's formation in 1882.

Today, the brand of excellence is being extended into a new arena: Matador Ranch is enhancing its wildlife program to include a world-class wildlife habitat management program, a new 10,000-square-foot lodge for guests, and a deer breeding program that will feature industry-recognized genetics.

"This ranch is blessed with an abundance of natural resources," says Bob Kilmer, ranch manager since 1998 and a Matador Cattle Company employee since 1976. "We have welcomed hunters for a num-

ber of years and have seen that aspect of our business grow exponentially. We are challenged by our shareholders to be innovative and thus are taking the next step to improve our deer and quail population - and satisfy our customer demands for a quality entertainment experience."

Matador Ranch has hired Geoff Baker, formerly of Wichita, Kan., to oversee the wildlife management and development program. He is assisted by Les Woolsey of Matador, also new to the Matador team.

"Our goal is to develop a world-class experience for our customers - both those who have hunted with us for years and for the new ones we will attract," Baker said. "To do so, we have mapped out a long-range plan that is founded on Matador's rich natural resources. We have a new breeding facility going up that will allow us to utilize some of the

industry's top genetics. We are further enhancing our forage and nutritional program with help from our wildlife biologist Bobby Buntyn."

Matador Ranch has recently acquired seven top bucks from a private breeder based in Ohio. Matador will use these bucks in its breeding program next fall. Jointly, World Class Whitetails of Ohio and Matador will market semen from these bucks through private treaty sales.

The first-class lodge, which will welcome guests in October, is sited north and west of the ranch headquarters and offers 12 bedroom suites and a 3,200-square-foot great room. It is clad with Lueders limestone, reminiscent of the Matador headquarters. Guests will stay in the lodge during hunting season; it will be available for reservations outside hunting season as well.

## Junior High Undefeated

By Kayla Simpson  
This year for the 2008 football season our Mighty Mavericks, in the two games they have played, have been undefeated. Their first game was against Wilson with a score of 47-24. The second game they played Southland with a score of 50-6.

Their next game will be against Silverton at Silverton October 9th. All of the fans are encouraged to support the Mighty Mavericks.

## Hurricane Ike spares home of MC ex-Student

By Marisue Potts

Plans to attend 2008 Homecoming for Motley County schools' changed for Christy Potts Horn as Hurricane Ike barreled toward her home in Galveston. Instead she and husband Larry spent their time boarding up a home they had only recently bought. Built in 1884 on a high point of the island, the two-story house had weathered other storms and after the 1900 devastation was elevated some more. However, this time an unusually high surge was expected to precede the storm and the house was located only three blocks from the seawall.

Before following mandatory orders for evacuation and leaving for her brother Rob's home in Rosharon, the Horns sprayed a wistful "Take a Hike

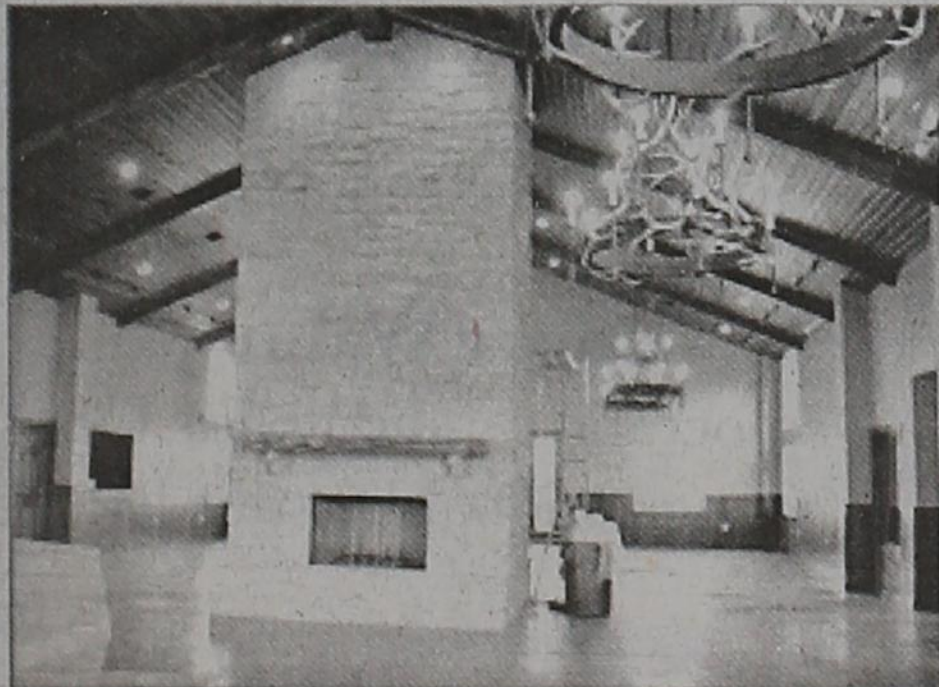
Ike" on the plywood covering windows on the upper floor. They loaded up the three cats, leaving an outdoor cat to fend for itself. Also refusing to join them and leave the home she had lived in since she was a little girl in the 1920's, was their elderly neighbor, Nellie. At 86 years old, she said, "What will be will be."

Little damage was experienced at her brother's but they felt the loss of electricity in hot and humid conditions, and endured gas shortages, closed businesses, and little news except by cell phone or battery-powered computer. Tense days followed the storm as the news media showed the devastation on the island and places located near their house, such as the Balinese Room where Larry had proposed to Christy. It was demolished and splintered all

over Seawall Blvd. Stress was relieved, however, once they made contact with their former landlord who also had stayed through the storm. He checked on their house and found it in good shape. Neighbor Nellie was rocking on her front porch, unscathed by the storm and its aftermath.

Finally, the Horns heard over the car radio that they would be allowed back to "take a look and leave." It took hours of waiting in line for gas and to get money from the ATM, then hours on the highway stalled in traffic. "It was shocking to see all of the debris and boats on the side of the road. We drove by houses flattened by the wind and by fires. It really hit home that our island is not going to be the same for a long time."

With only 15 minutes before  
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INTERIOR of new 10,000-square-foot lodge for guests at Matador Ranch.



Larry and Christy Potts Horn prepare their home as Hurricane Ike barreled toward Galveston.

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

### Matador News

Hotel Matador has an agreement with RHN to provide free lodging for any locum (temporary) practitioner who provides services to the Matador Clinic.

### School News

Motley County Family Career and Community Leaders of America hosted the area FCCLA Leadership meeting.

### Coming Home

Corky Marshall moved back to Roaring Springs with his wife in 1999, after a 22-year absence.

### Library News

Library celebrates Banned Books Week sponsored annually by the American Library Association to protect freedom of speech.

### County Agent News

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces proposed rule to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations.

# Foothill Country Connections

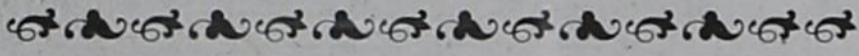
Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Just when I thought I was handling the aging thing pretty well, I looked at a picture of Grampa Larry with grandchild and knew it was time to quit pretending I am still 18 going on 19 and get with the program. No matter how

young you think you are in your mind there is the reality that those kids you are watching at the playground on the gigantic slides have a huge advantage in just pure energy.

They are a joy to watch and play with and I hope to be around to help them celebrate their graduation.



By Laverne Zabielski

Last week, Fred Anders from the Texas Press Association came to Matador and taught Larry, Carol and I a class on Indesign and Photo-shop. Journalists from *The Texas Spur* and *The Hesperian* also joined us. Fred stayed at Hotel Matador and the class was held in the library annex; a miniature newspaper convention center right here in Matador.

It was the kind of class that packs your mind with so much information you can hardly function the rest of the day. Nonetheless, Larry and I took off for a trip to Kentucky on Friday afternoon. We worked via the internet while Carol, my niece, Jennifer and my brother, Julian covered the office and made sure the paper got out.

Our community, hyper-local newspaper continues to

evolve. Walter Taylor is having his class write articles for the paper each six weeks. He told his students that the articles have to be published to count. However, he also informed them that their article may or may not be published, due to space concerns, timeliness of the article, and how early the article was sent to the paper.

This week we are publishing articles by Wichita Falcon, Karyn White, and Kayla Simpson. Community writers, Jan Barton Hamilton, Dorothy Pope, Marisue Potts and Joe John Bland have also contributed. And we received some pictures we could not use for lack of space. Next week we will have our first winner of the copy edit contest. (Parents and friends, if you see a typo, point it out to a student to help their class win a pizza party.)

# WRITING COMMUNITY

## Cowboy Saddles

by Joe John Bland

performed at 2008 Old Settlers Memorial Service

Well there's Old Saddles, New Saddles, Saddles with a name, Saddles that are plain. If they could talk what stories they could tell, if they've been around a spell.

Dust and water, blood and sweat, but a good saddle ain't through yet!

The jerks that they take and the sun that bakes through canyons and brakes, you wonder how much more they can take.

The history behind a saddle is an individual thing, because of all the things its seen. It's part of a cowboy's dream.

Through the ages these old saddles have been around



They've been thrown on the ground and wallered all around. They deserve some honor and gain. A Natonal Cowboy Saddle Hall of Fame

## A.L Barton, My Great-grandfather, the Cattleman

by Jan Barton Hamilton

This is a story I heard through the years in many forms from Aunt Milda in Galveston, Aunt Sally in Austin, Uncle Clayte in Bertram and around the campfires in Motley County. Our great grandfather A.L. Barton was a young cowboy working for Colonel Charles Goodnight running cattle in the Palo Duro Canyon during the winter and along the prairie from Channing to Clarendon or wherever the good grass enticed the cattle on the open range in the spring and summer.

After a long drought, Charles Goodnight gathered the cowboys in the dining hall of the Old F Ranch and said "Boys, I can't pay you. We are out of money. But I have heard they have hit gold in California, and if we can get some of these cows out there, they have money to pay and we can get through these hard times. Do any of you boys want to take this on?"

Everyone in the room knew that there was a strong possibility that whoever took on this job might not come back alive. There were Indian raids, prairie fires, stampedes, desert with no water, and no easy way to get there. However, after the long deliberation my great grandfather raised his hand and said he would go. I guess we will never know all the hardships he and his team encountered, but they made it to San Francisco and sold the cattle. Then, it was a "sure fire fact" that he would not make it home alive. It was well-known that the only currency was gold and the robbers along all the roads leading out of that area were skilled and ready.

However, A.L. Barton befriended the hobos on the hobo car as the train left California and headed back to "God's Country" as we have always called it. He smudged his face with coal dust, bought an old tattered trunk for the gold and made it back to the bank in Denver. As the story goes, he put the money in a Denver bank and used it to buy the 75 sections of land from Goodnight that we still farm and ranch today, 150 years later. With 14 children and all the grand children, great grand children, it has been traded and divided many times. Life takes many twists and turns, but much of the land still holds the name "Barton" in the title. We have a proud heritage of stamina and grit that many families share. He was one of the first to come to Motley County in 1854 and most of his offspring have stayed. We love cattle, dirt and each other.

It has been said that A.L. Barton went "flat broke" three times during his lifetime. One was when the entire herd of cattle had to be killed due to Hoof and Mouth disease. The story goes that large ditches were dug and the animals were led to the pit while the cowboys stood on horseback and shot them one by one. The carcasses were then burned to prevent the spread of the disease. It was said that he was heartbroken but knew the responsibility he had to the other ranchers in America. And even with all the adversity, he recovered each time and died a millionaire, so Aunt Milda said.

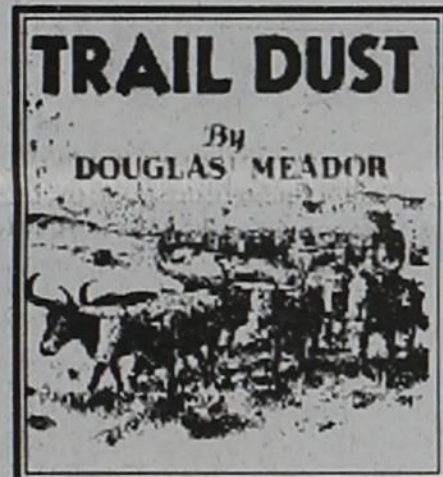
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## Hurricane Ike

fore an imposed curfew that could bring a \$2,000 fine for violation, Christy and Larry checked on the house and found the high water mark two feet below their floor. Then they hurriedly picked up more clothes and essentials and this time enticed the outdoor cat to join the second exodus.

Their real homecoming came a few days later when they were allowed to return to

a Galveston that is a mixture of miracle and mess. "It will be a long time, if ever, before we get our city back," Christy said. "I have innate faith in the strength of Galveston people. We choose to live in a beautiful, special place, knowing that it can be washed away in a few hours. It is worth it to us and we will try to make it even better."



Matador Tribune October 19, 1939

Courtship has lost some priceless, unknown quality since the cowboy climbed into his stirrups and rode away. The rich, yellow glow of lamp-light spilled from a single window in the darkness; a white, broad-brimmed hat hanging on the organ lampstand while a bronze-faced man listened to the awkward thunder of his clumsy words that concealed his heart. The vast world waited patiently and in silence save the faint creaking of leather near the hitching post where a saddled horse breathed sparingly against the poised ear of Cupid.



Matador Tribune October 19, 1939

### Evening of Mirth

Hilarity amid a Halloween setting, established a new pace of entertainment of the Matador Lions Club Tuesday night at the semi-annual Ladies Night program held at the Baptist church.

Starting with a lively tempo directly after Boss Lion Henry Pipkin's brief welcoming address, there was not a single dull moment during the entire program. After assembly in the church auditorium, followed by the introduction of Master of Ceremonies R.E. Campbell, partners were selected by matching Panhandle counties and county seats on small slips of paper.

You are invited to  
Poetry, Music and Art  
Ken and Dinah Young  
Laverne Zabielski  
Larry Vogt

Hotel Matador  
October 17, 2008  
6-8 pm  
refreshments

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Homecoming committee for the well-organized and fun Homecoming celebration on September 13, 2008. The food was delicious, the program very entertaining, and getting to see old friends was wonderful.

I want to mention that in 1935, the football team was called The Rattler's, and the colors were purple and gold. The school voted to change the colors to black and red, and the name to Matador Matadors. Our team was the first to get to wear the red and black. That was in 1936.

I received the recognition for being the oldest graduate present, and it was an honor to accept this in behalf of all the graduates of Motley County.

Sincerely,  
Lucretia Estes Campbell,  
Class of 1936

P.S. I may not have been the oldest in attendance, but I was the only one that would stand up and claim this honor.

Dear Editor,

Loved your coverage of the town meeting.

Jan Barton Hamilton

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October 18, 2008  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
914 Walton Rd. Matador, Texas  
Home of the Jan Barton Hamilton Family  
Jan Barton Hamilton, Cheri Barton Karr,  
Mitchell Max Barton, Larry Melvin Keltz,  
Benjamin Terry Keltz and James Kelly Keltz  
Bring Family Pictures & Stories & Recipes  
Potluck Lunch  
For more information call 970-309-1675 or  
email janbhamilton@aol.com  
Spread the Word  
Don't miss Wilson & Dude's Stories and Jokes

**YOU ARE INVITED**

To come hear what  
Texas Democrats have to say

FEATURING  
**Joseph Paul "Joe" Heflin**  
Texas State Representative from  
District 85 (South Plains)

**Roger Waun**  
Democratic candidate for U.S.  
Congressional District 13

**October 11, 2008, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Hotel Matador**  
Main Street, downtown Matador  
Refreshments, local musicians,  
"stump" speeches, conversation,  
Q&A

**West Texas Coalition of Democrats**

# Corky Marshall Comes Home

“Who has not felt how sadly sweet, the dream of home, the dream of home.--Thomas Moore (1779-1852)

By Carol Campbell

Corky Marshall celebrates his birthday on April 29, 1933, but a birth certificate he discovered later in life showed he was born on June 29; and he found other papers that report his birth on May 29. Corky was adopted from Hope Cottage in Dallas when he was about nine-months-old, he said.

His adoptive parents, Lee and Hattie Marshall, named him “Cordy Lee,” but Cordy Lee couldn’t pronounce his own name as a child, and Cordy Lee became Corky.

He and his wife, Monta, attended the 75th anniversary of Hope Cottage in 1993. He remembers meeting Roy Rogers and Dale Evans who were there to adopt an Indian child, he said. Corky always knew he was adopted—that he was special. “Dad said they laid 10 babies or more out on a bed, and they told them to pick out a baby,” he said. “He said it was the hardest thing he had ever been asked to do. He said I looked at him intently, and watched him, I guess that turned him on,” Corky explained.

In the early 1930s, adoption records were closed. So Corky never tried to discover the identity of his biological parents. He only found out, much later, that “I was abandoned on a porch swing at a doctor’s home,” he said. The doctor has since died. Times were tough in the ‘30s. Cordy Lee was born at the tail-end of The Great Depression; families were displaced, overburdened. Franklin Roosevelt was elected to office the previous year in 1932, introducing the New Deal which was intended to empower farmers while raising taxes on corporate profits. His grandparents farmed the old A. A. Marshall Family farm in Tee Pee Flat, settling in 1916. They had seven children.

Somehow, you can’t imagine Corky ever living anywhere else but Roaring Springs. He was raised in the Tee Pee Flat community. He had “lots of cousins,” one that was adopted the same day he was. He grew up in an era when times were hard for everyone.

“We didn’t have anything, but we were up with the Joneses, they didn’t have anything either,” Corky said. But his memories of Roaring Springs when he was a child were of a lively, thriving community “bustling with activity,” he said. “Every Saturday night the town was full of people, every storefront had a business,” he said. “On Saturday you had to get to town early, to find a parking place.”

“There was a bank here when I was a kid, and I remember that Matador had two banks. We had a movie theatre, and you could

go to the show for 12 cents. Hamburgers cost 15 cents,” he said. “I had privileges because I was an only child,” he explained, referring to his weekly allowance that allowed him to be generous with his cousins. “I lived next door to seven cousins, so I would pick one cousin a week to go with me to the movies.”

Corky went through 11 grades in Roaring Springs; the Roaring Springs “Yellowjackets” were the hometown football team. “Back then, you could graduate in 11 years by excelling,” he said. He played baseball, tennis, and graduated in 1950. He married Margaret Scott in 1952, and they had two children; a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Pennie. His children and grandchildren still live in Motley County. He has four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Corky farmed the family land until 1959, when he bought a feed business, the Marshall Feed and Grain. He ran the feed store and a grain elevator until about 1965 for Kimbell Milling Company out of Graham, Texas.

Corky calls himself a “people person.” And his people skills undoubtedly played a big part in his later career as a salesman for veterinarian supplies; and finally as a salt salesman for the American Salt Company. He had this job for 27 years. Following a divorce in 1977, Corky moved to Lubbock. His passion for community service led him to work untiringly with the Hub Lions Club and Big Brothers and Big Sisters in Lubbock. Additionally, he served as a Director of Texas Boy’s Ranch and of the Shriner’s Club.

Then he met Monta, and the rest is history. They married September 8, 1990, at Texas Boy’s Ranch. He and Monta together have 34 members in a large extended family, he said.

Corky moved back to Roaring Springs with his wife in 1999, after a 22-year absence, and into his uncle Grady Webb’s old 1928 house, close to downtown Roaring Springs. The Marshall’s added space, modernized the closets and bathrooms, turned a screened-in porch to a sunroom, and added a carport. While Monta says she likes to stay behind the scenes, selecting a few projects close to her heart, Corky likes to be involved in a lot of projects.

He leaped again into community service, running for City Council in 2000, serving two years. He then ran for mayor of Roaring



Springs, an office he has held for five years now. “I’ve enjoyed it,” he said, “I wanted to see if I could improve things, and I have had a lot of fun.” What kind of “fun things” does a small-town mayor do? “Well, just Saturday I was called to pick up a dead cat,” he deadpanned.

The Mayor is heading up a new sewer grant and a water grant to obtain a new water well. His past accomplishments along with that of Ken Abbott, Buzz Thacker, and Alex Crowder, include a \$1.2 million grant from TxDOT to restore the old depot. “We thought we could raise the \$350,000 cash match. But the project is currently on hold. It is a historical monument, so we have to comply with a lot of rules and regulations,” he said.

Corky said Roaring Springs has been “blessed” with an abundance of dedicated community volunteers that have completed numerous projects, including Memorial Park; and an active 18-member Lion’s Club that recently installed new playground equipment at the park. The community spirit in Roaring Springs is renowned in Motley County, hosting the annual 4th of July celebration and the Motley-Dickens County Old Settler’s Reunion. Volunteers at work secured a grant and built the Community Volunteer Center, which has just recently been donated to the City.

The “dream of home” spoken of so eloquently by Thomas Moore is a reality for Corky and Monta. “We love it here,” Corky said.

## Mrs. Ballard to teach history and world geography

By Wichita Falcon

Mrs. Ballard is temporally a new teacher at Motley County ISD. She has a very impressive educational background with an Associates Veterinary Technology degree from Midland College, and Bachelors in Applied Arts and Sciences

from The University of North Texas. She will be teaching history and world geography for grades 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11. Mrs. Ballard has asked the townfolk to please bring to the school helpful magazines like *Time*, *National Geographic*, *US News*, *World Reports*, and *News Week*. They

may be left at the front office or given to any high school teacher.

The periodicals will help teach her class the fundamentals of geography and get students in touch with the world by learning more about world events and cultures.

### Trail Fixin’s

By Dorothy Pope

I’ve noticed when I get up in the mornings to let my dogs outside that we are getting a hint of fall in the air so here is a “warm-you-up” dish for breakfast.

- Sausage Casserole**  
 2 lbs. sausage  
 3 cups milk  
 1 ½ cups biscuit mix  
 6 eggs  
 1 cup shredded cheese

Brown sausage in a skillet; combine milk, biscuit mix, and eggs, mix for one minute with electric mixer, in a bowl.

Spread sausage in a greased 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Cover with biscuit mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR

## MARGUERITE EDWARDS


# 95th

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Hosted by:  
Tom and Deanie  
Edwards

No gifts please. Just a note of remembrance of her as a student or friend. Send to Marge Edwards at PO Box 120, Matador, TX 79244. We will present these to her at the party.

### “IN PURE FORM”



Gold in its pure form is a very soft metal. In times gone by, biting the coin and seeing if a tooth mark would be left tested the quality of the gold offered. The easier to mark with a tooth from biting it, the more valuable the gold represented. The logic behind this practice was, the less pure the gold, the harder the coin to bite. Alloys mixed with the gold made the coin harder and therefore not nearly as valuable.

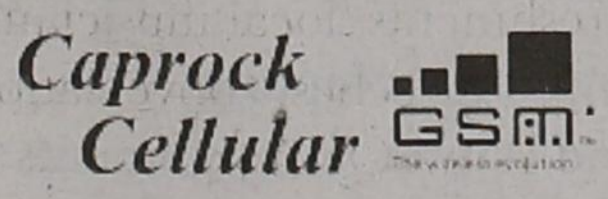
“Malleable” is one of the words used in describing pure, soft, impressionable gold. The dictionary defines the word “malleable” as meaning to be “capable of being extended or shaped by hammering or by pressure from rollers; adaptable.”

So here is our point: The purer we are as Christians, the more we are able to be worked by God and fashioned as He would have us to be. The more adaptable we are in God’s hands, the easier it is to have His image stamped on our hearts. The only thing easier than working with malleable, pure gold would be to work with pliable, pure souls to shape them into the image of Jesus.

Are we soft enough in our hearts to allow God to mold us? To recreate us into the image necessary to spend an eternity with Him?

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

# Motley County Shining Stars



### 4th & 5th Graders

Consuelo Samarripa shared her blend of multicultural folktales and historical stories from the Bob Bullock Museum in Austin. The event was in honor of the Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, and schools from around Texas, as well as Motley County, were able to participate through the ITV Lab.

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Dinah Young

This last week Ken and I spent time in the morning on the porch enjoying the cool morning and bright green grass and blooms, as well as digging stickers. One morning walking across the draw hurriedly, on my way to the post office, Kenneth Ashley stopped me to visit and swing on his porch swing. All my hurry and worry turned into blessings as he shared how fortunate he feels living in our quiet little town. Then he asked me if I loved getting a phone call from my children. I said "oh yes, it's one of my favorite things!" He reminded me when we pray it's like God getting a call from us since we are His children. How happy it makes Him when He hears from His kids. I left there so uplifted, reminded to "phone" my Lord and Father.

Jo Trammell had a doctor's appointment on Tuesday and Scott Cochran, their grandson, will have a procedure done on Wednesday. They asked for prayers for this.

Penny Kline's sister, Lyn Montgomery, has moved to Roaring Springs from Indianapolis, Indiana. She arrived this weekend and will be living near George and Penny at the Ranch Club. We welcome her

to our community.

Joy Beeson's memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday morning at the First United Methodist Church. The church women fed the family at noon.

Genetta Ameijide had a procedure done with the doctor on Tuesday, and is now home doing well.

Bobby Fletcher arrived home late Friday from the heart hospital in Lubbock. He had several stints put in and is not feeling well. We need to keep him in our prayers.

Saturday, Bennie and Don Dillard had a tour of the farm and the cotton crop at Cedar Hill. They enjoyed lunch at Floydada.

Louie and Judy Vaughn were in Roaring Springs on Wednesday from Snyder to visit Alex and Jo Crowder, Genetta Ameijide and Lee Cook. Judy is the sister of Jo, Genetta, and Lee. They had lunch together and a good time was had by all.

We hope Monta and Corky are enjoying their much deserved holiday. They do so much in our community. We pray for traveling mercies for them. We would appreciate you letting us hear your news for next week.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Working as a pediatric nurse, I had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children. One day I entered the examining room to give 4-year-old Lizzie her needle. "No, no, no!" she screamed. "Lizzie," her mother scolded, "That's not polite behavior." With that, the girl yelled even louder, "No, thank you! No, thank you!"

### DO GOODERS' CLUB SELLING CHANCES ON A BAZAAR QUILT

Members of the Do Gooders' Club are selling chances at \$1.00 each or six chances for \$5.00 for their queen-sized Blue Bonnet Girl Bazaar quilt.

The winning name will be drawn for this artistic quilt at 3:30 p.m. the day of the club's Bazaar, Saturday, November 8th, at the Community Center in Flomot. You do not have to be present to win.

Booths are available for \$15.00 by contacting Mrs. Kathy Shorter, 469-5279, Mrs. Suzie Shannon, 469-5357; or Mrs. Connie Franks, 469-5358.

### MARTIN FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of John and Arthur G. Martin who moved to Texas in 1830 and to Motley County in 1891; held their annual reunion Saturday afternoon, September 27, at the Community Center in Flomot. They enjoyed delicious snacks and visiting and at 6:00 p.m., Seab and Dianne Washington served hamburgers with all the trimmings.

Those attending were Donnie Martin of Silverton; Eldon and Gwen Martin of Lubbock; Nova Turner and Leo and Joy Archer of Matador; Wanda Lane of Lockney; Cole Martin of Portales, N.M.; Marilee Cooper of Borger; Chris Phillips, Patsy and Mike Patrick, Kay and Leo Phillips, Earle and Alice Fay McDonough of Plainview; Wilburn Martin, and Seab and Dianne Washington of Flomot.

Kathy and Clois Shorter were in Shallowater Saturday to celebrate the 9th birthday of granddaughter, Emily Milam of Petersburg held at the MAIZE. Hosting the fun-filled party were her parents, Christi and Dwain Milam and sister, Haley of Petersburg. Others attending beside her many friends were aunt and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian of Ropesville.

Brenda and Darrell Cruse helped move recently their son and family, Keane and Lacy Cruse and daughter, Reese of Turkey to Gillett, Wy.

Jerry and Sandra Barclay, Mrs. Erma Washington and Ms. Connie Franks enjoyed the Junior Varsity football game in Plainview, Tuesday afternoon. The Barclay's grandson, Lane Barclay, was on the Borger team that competed against the Plainview Bull Dogs. They met his family, Amanda and Cody Barclay and Ashton of Borger there to visit.

Ruth and Orville Lee were in Lubbock, Wednesday and in Plainview, Thursday for medical appointments.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers visited in Sundown, Friday with granddaughter and family, Shay and Jimmy McDaniel and sons, Seth, Luke and Kolt. Joining them there to visit were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Calgary.

Jack and Nada Starkey  
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## Matador News

### Class of 1968 Reunion.....

Class reunions in small towns often feel and look like family reunions. And while adulthood led the 13 graduates in different directions, they all began their journey together in the halls of the Matador School.

The Class of 1968 gathered recently and caught up on what's happened in each other's lives in the last 40 years.

The event was hosted Jesse and Caron Russell Perkins of Odessa and was held on Saturday, September 13, in the home of Marilyn and Randy Hicks.

Those in attendance were Kathy Lawrence of Lafayette, LA, Vickie Holt Phelps of Longview, Seven Smith Alexander of Matador, Joey Medador of Holliday, David Garrison of Hawley, and Carol Martin Gilbreth of Sundown.

The class members decided to meet again next year.

Elissa Miller of Oakville, CA, and Lee Ann Burney of Napa, CA, stayed at Hotel Matador last weekend. They were in the area attending The Return to the Remuda sale of the Pitchfork Ranch, 6666 Ranch, Tongue River Ranch, and Beggs Ranch.

Also attending the sale and staying at the Hotel Matador were Will Clifton and Salado, TX, and Scott Thomason of New Boston, TX.

Jay and Sharon Beakley of Old Glory stopped in Matador for the evening on a motorcycle trip to visit Caprock Canyon State Park.

Traveling from Elliott, TX, Betty and Jake Weiser, parents of Rodney Weiser, and Monica and Sam (Samantha) Wilkinson, sister and niece of Rodney, were in town last weekend. They were here to visit Rodney and his wife, Katie, and their two children Jake and Laney. Rodney is with the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Motley County.

Fred and Wilma Anders of Round Rock were in Matador last week. Fred is with the Texas Press Association, and he presented a two-day training in the Motley County Library Annex to area newspaper publishers on publication

software.

Lisa Perky of Amarillo, a compliance consultant, was in town visiting the Hackberry Creek Nursing Home. She visits nursing home facilities across the state, and she said the support of the home residents is amazing. Perky said only one other facility she visits comes close to the "sense of home" the Hackberry Creek residents expressed to her.

Paka Barton Horen of Plano was in town recently visiting her parents, Olivia and Kenny Barton.

Mike and Janice Hancock of McAdoo have been here delivering sea container storage units.

Jim Ward of Nacogdoches and Ed Dingleline of Ashville, OH, were here visiting area ranches and attending the Remuda sale. Ward and Dingleline are with Cargill, an international company that provides food, agriculture, and risk management products and services.

Hotel Matador has an agreement with Regence Health Network to provide free lodging for any locum (temporary) practitioner who provides services to the Matador Clinic.

Mrs. Wilda Dixon and her mother, Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. were in El Paso from Wednesday, September 17, to Sunday, September 21. They attended the 63rd annual reunion of the 62nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion. The late Ted Hester served in this Battalion in World War II.

The reunion was held at the Fort Bliss Inn; and the banquet Saturday night was in the Officers Club. Four veterans, widows of Veterans, and their families, attended from Massachusetts, Washington state, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Wilda will be hosting the reunion next year to be held in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland visited Tuesday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Mrs. Bessie Jean Green Williams is a patient in the Cogdell Hospital in Lockney. She suffered a cracked tailbone following an accident in her home.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

WHEREAS, MARCUS R. GRIFFIN, of the County of Lubbock, State of Texas, did on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008, file in the County Court of Motley County, Texas, the following application and motions to determine heirship for the ESTATE OF EDGAR OLIVER LEE, DECEASED, and to sell certain real estate from the Estate of Edgar Oliver Lee, Deceased:

AMENDED AND RESTATED APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
VERIFIED EXHIBIT SHOWING CONDITION OF ESTATE  
MOTION AND ORDER TO APPOINT ATTORNEY AD LITEM  
MOTION AND ORDER FOR ISSUANCE AND SERVICE OF CITATION

The File Number is 2217 on the probate docket of said Court. All persons interested in THE ESTATE OF EDGAR OLIVER LEE, DECEASED, ARE CITED TO APPEAR BY FILING A WRITTEN CONTEST OR OBJECTION to said application by Monday, at 10:00 a.m. the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2008. (The time fixed by the Clerk in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to Return of Citation and Notices in matters arising in said application).

A copy of the said application and motions are on file with said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Matador, Texas, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008.

Kate Hurt, Clerk

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# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

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This week at our library we are celebrating something that has always been important to me, Banned Books Week. This awareness campaign, sponsored annually by the American Library Association, is an attempt to protect freedom of speech by celebrating banned and challenged books. I have a display set up of a few of the books our library has which made this years list. There are some classics on there such as "Huckleberry Finn", and "Of Mice and Men", as well as some popular children's books. The entire "Harry Potter" series, and the "Junie B. Jones" series also made the list. I'd be willing to bet most of you have read a book or two off of the list without even realizing it. Stop by the library today to see the list, or to check out one of the books that we have. For more information, visit [www.banned-booksweek.org](http://www.banned-booksweek.org)

# County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a proposed rule to amend the Federal meat inspection regulations to initiate a complete ban on the slaughter of cattle that become non-ambulatory after initial inspection by Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection program personnel.

This proposed rule follows the May 20 announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer to remove the provision that states that FSIS inspection program will determine the disposition of cattle that become non-ambulatory disabled after they have passed ante-mortem, before slaughter, inspection on a case-by-case basis. Under the proposed rule, all cattle that are non-ambulatory disabled at any time prior to slaughter, including those that become non-ambulatory disabled after passing ante-mortem inspection, will be condemned and properly disposed of.

"To maintain consumer confidence in the food supply, eliminate further misunderstanding of the rule and, ultimately, to make a positive impact on the humane handling of cattle, I believe it is sound policy to simplify this matter by initiating a complete ban on the slaughter of downer cattle," said Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer.

On July 13, 2007, FSIS published the final rule, "Prohibition of the Use of Specified Risk Materials for Human Food and Requirements for the Disposition of Non-Ambulatory Disabled Cattle; Prohibition of the Use of Certain Stunning Devices Used To Immobilize Cattle During Slaughter," (SRM final rule). The SRM final rule allowed a case-by-case reinspection of cattle to address the rare situations where an animal that is deemed by FSIS as fit for human food at ante-mortem inspection subsequently suffers an acute injury.

Under the proposed rule, cattle that become non-ambulatory disabled from an acute injury after ante-mortem inspection will no longer be eligible to proceed to slaughter as "U.S. Suspects." Instead, FSIS inspectors will tag these cattle as "U.S. condemned" and prohibit these animals from proceeding to slaughter. Establishments will be required to notify FSIS personnel when cattle become disabled after passing ante-mortem inspection.

Of the nearly 34 million cattle that were slaughtered in 2007, less than 1,000 cattle that were re-inspected were actually approved by the veterinarian for slaughter. This represents less than 0.003 percent of cattle slaughtered annually.

Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before September 29th, 2008. Comments can be sent to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 2534 South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250; e-mailed to [fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:fsis.regulationscomments@fsis.usda.gov) or submitted through the Federal eRule-making Portal at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) <file://www.regulations.gov>

All submissions received by mail or electronic mail must reference the Food Safety and Inspection Service and include the docket number FSIS-2008-0022.

For further technical information on the proposed rule, contact Dr. Daniel Engeljohn, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, at (202) 205-0495 or by fax at (202) 720-2025.

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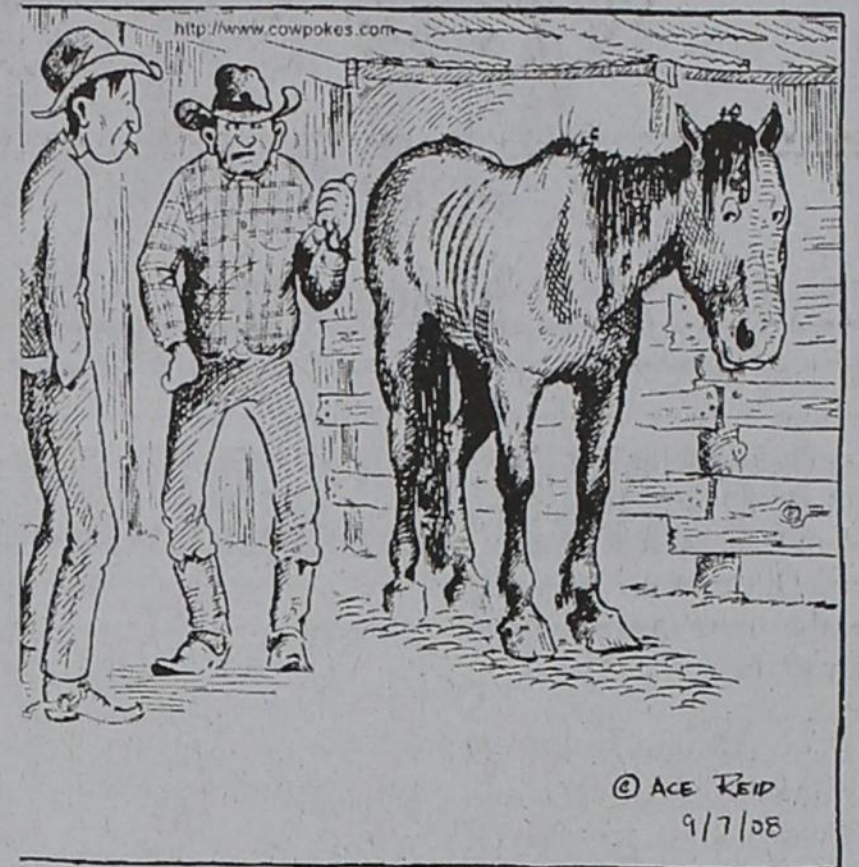
Oct. 11 - Motley 4-H Awards Banquet

Oct. 20 - Motley 4-H Club meeting 6:30 pm courtroom

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By Ace Reid



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# MCISD hosts area FCCLA Leadership meeting

By Karyn White

Motley County Family Career and Community Leaders of America hosted the area FCCLA Leadership meeting on September 23, 2008. The schools that attended were Motley County, Valley, and Guthrie.

The Leadership workshop was a great opportunity for

members to network with other FCCLA members from our area. The Motley County FCCLA members had a great time with the other FCCLA members from the other schools. It was a very productive meeting. Several leadership workshops were presented by the Regional and State officers. Everyone enjoyed the games and the food.

# Obituary

## Joy Beeson

GRAVESIDE rites for Joy Beeson, 79, of Roaring Springs, TX were held Saturday, September 27, 2008 at the East Side Cemetery in Bridgeport, Texas with Pastor Bill Manney officiating and under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador, Texas. A memorial service was held at on September 29th at the Roaring Springs Methodist Church.

Joy was born Oct 17, 1928 in Bridgeport, Texas. She resided in Dickens County and Spur for many years and lived in Roaring Springs for the past 10 years.

Joy was a member of the

Roaring Springs Methodist Church and the Roaring Springs Senior Citizens Organization. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and worked as a special education teacher's aide for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack S. Beeson in 2004. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Taylor of Idalou, Texas and Mini Pellizari of Afton, Texas; one son, David Beeson of Perryton, Texas, one brother, Embry Hines of Bridgeport, Texas; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

# Flomot News continued

were in Amarillo Tuesday for Nada's cardiac medical appointment. Visiting them this weekend were Michael and Virginia Davis of Lovington, N.M. and his mother, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch.

Mrs. Julie Edwards, Jaxon and Laney of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clay enjoyed Ju-

nior Varsity football game in Tulia Thursday night in which Tanner Clay and Panhandle teammates played.

Mrs. Marilee Cooper of Borger and Cole Martin of Portales, N.M. visited the weekend with Wilburn Martin and attended the Martin family reunion, Saturday.

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### October

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- 7 Matador Lions Club, Meth Church 12:30 pm
- 9 MCISD JH vs Silverton, 5:30
- 9 M City Council, 6:30
- 10 MCISD vs Silverton, Home, 7:30
- 11 Motley 4H awards banquet
- 11 Come Hear What Democrats have to Say, 6:30 pm  
Hotel Matador
- 13 Commissioners Court, 9:30
- 13 Roaring Springs City Council, 6 pm
- 14 RS Community Volunteers, Com. Center, 7:00 pm
- 16 MCISD JH vs Cotton Center, Home, 5:30 pm
- 17 MCISD vs Cotton Center, Away, 7:30
- 17 Poetry Music & Art, 6 pm Hotel Matador
- 20 Motley 4H Club meeting, Courthouse, 6:30 pm
- 20 MCISD School Board Meeting, 7:30
- 21 Matador Lions Club, Meth Church 12:30 pm
- 21 Chamber Meeting, 5:30
- 30 MCISD JH Amherst, Away, 6:30 pm
- 31 MCISD vs Amherst, Home, 7:30, Parent Night

### November

- 5, Kids Praise
- 6 MCISD JH, Lazbuddie, Home, 6:30 pm
- 7 MCISD vs Lazbuddie, Away, 7:30 pm
- 4 Matador Lions Club, Meth Church 12:30 pm
- 10 Commissioners Court, 9:30
- 10 Roaring Springs City Council, 6 pm
- 11 RS Community Volunteers, Com. Center, 7:00 pm
- 13 M City Council, 6:30
- 17 MCISD School Board Meeting, 7:30
- 18 Matador Lions Club, Meth Church 12:30 pm
- 18 Chamber Meeting, 5:30

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