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The 87th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo set for August 26-28

The 87th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo will kick off Thursday, August 26, 2010, in Roaring Springs at 10:00 a.m. with the annual parade in downtown Roaring Springs. All businesses and individuals are encouraged to decorate a float and join the parade route.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle on the rodeo grounds. There will be free admission all day on Thursday to the rodeo grounds.

A business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by a Free Dance with Mike Porter and Friends from 4:00-6:00 p.m. All Mike Porter dances are free to the public, continuing at 8:00-11:00 p.m. on Thursday; and 5:00-8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Motley-Dickens Counties Arena Events will open books at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. Events begin at 5:00 p.m., including Cutting, a Flag Race for 6-years and under; and 7- to 12-years; Open Age Barrel Race with an entry fee of \$15.00; Junior Team Roping, 18 years and under with an entry fee of \$10.00 per team; and the Motley-Dickens Counties Team Roping, entry fee at \$60.00.

On Friday and Saturday,

General Admission to the rodeo events is \$5.00, free to ages 10 years and under. Events also include a Junior Flag Race on Friday and Saturday for ages 12 years and under.

Books open for the RHAA Ranch Horse Competition at 8:00 a.m. on Friday; competition starts at 9:00 a.m. There are four classes of competition: Cowboy Class, Ranch Hand Class, Junior Class and Senior Class. Entry fees for each class are \$110.00 with a \$40.00 stock charge.

The WRCA Sanctioned Invitational Ranch Rodeo on Friday and Saturday will begin at 7:00 p.m. Events include bronc riding, wild cow milking, team doctoring, calf branding, and team sorting. Teams consist of 4- to 6-members.

The Friday Night Dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. will feature Kevin Rainwater and The Blue Denim Band. The Cowboy Church Band will perform on the slab Friday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the books open at 8:00 a.m. with 3-member Team Knot Tying beginning at 9:00 a.m. Teams may enter two times, but not with the same partners. There will be three loops allowed. There is a \$75.00 team entry fee; \$25.00 stock charge.

The annual Washer Pitch Contest will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday; then Pokey the Clown's WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo will begin at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Events include Stick Horse Relays for kids, Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow milking, and Calf Branding. There are three age divisions: 3-7 years; 8-11 years; and 12-16 years. The Entry fee per team is \$20.00. Pre-entry and practice begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Kid's Snapping Turtle Races will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday with \$50.00 to winners of each division: 0-4 years; 5-9 years; and 10-14 years. Call Russell Alexander for more information at 806-348-7958.

During the Saturday night Ranch Rodeo, the Rodeo Queen will be crowned, and a drawing for spurs, handmade by Matt Humphreys, will be conducted. The Saturday Night Dance with Cadillac Jack will begin at 9:00 p.m.

Other community events include the 10th Annual Beans and Cornbread fundraiser luncheon on Friday, August 27, at the Motley County Library in Matador from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. County and city elected officials will be serving.

Chamber sponsors annual Foothills Saturday Night



Ashley Washington shows Donna Hoyle her "pretty, sassy" fabric pins. These one-of-a-kind hand-crafted pins sold for \$10.00 each at the Foothills Saturday Night event.

photo by Carol Campbell

By Carol Campbell

A cool breeze with lightening and threatening rain didn't deter a crowd of about 250 who gathered in downtown Matador, Saturday, August 21, 2010, to enjoy music, food, booths, door prizes, and dancing in the street. With a cool break from triple digit temperatures, the breeze was a welcome addition to the Chamber's "bigger, better event."

The annual event, sponsored by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce, featured 12 vendors, who lined the west side of Main Street from US70 north to Dundee Street.

On the west side of Main Street, the Chamber sponsored a "do it yourself" hamburger meal deal, consisting of hamburger, chips, drink and dessert for only \$5.00.

More than 200 hamburger patties were grilled, courtesy of Randy Hicks and Bill Armstrong.

Leonard Lopez, Lubbock, set up shop east of the Matador Variety store, selling sausage, brisket, corn-on-the-cob, and homemade tortillas. Lopez is

the son-in-law of local resident Toni Gonzalez.

A snow cone table, manned by Tammy and Kyla Simpson was a big hit with the thirsty crowd. Snow cone ice heaped with cool flavors from coconut to strawberry helped the crowd beat the stifling heat.

Other vendors included "pretty, sassy flowers" by Ashley Washington. These one-of-a-kind fabric flowers sold for \$10.00 each. Jessica Ballard sold ice cold bottled water and lemonade at the Faith Fellowship booth. Lisa Wood sold Matador and Roaring Springs one-of-a-kind tee-shirts, with humorous phrases like "where in the heck is Roaring Springs?" set on a Texas map.

Proceeds went toward a scholarship fund in honor of her daughter who was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Lawrence and Janie Jaramillo brought unique woodwork from Lake Mackinze, featuring the redwood coolers and trash bins, decorated with Texas emblems. They also sold sunglasses for \$6.00 each.

In a prime location in front of Hotel Matador, Linda Roy

sold camouflage Matador Ranch shirts, jackets, caps, and unique gift items, including playing cards stamped with the Matador brand, the Flying V. A jewelry booth featured D'Anna Russell's one-of-a-kind cowgirl jewelry, including necklaces, pins, and rings; while Lori Alexander sold Old Settler's 2010 tee-shirts. Sage Brush, Etc. sold beautiful metal and wood crosses, crafted by Sage Brannon of Silverton.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club showed off a beautiful diamond ring, courtesy of Thacker Jewelry, selling tickets for a drawing to be held in December.

An "open microphone" featured local talent, including Annette Hollingsworth with an acappella rendition of Amazing Grace. Steve Smith sang several numbers from gospel to country western; and Stephanie Sponzo sang "Tomorrow" from the play, "Annie." Stephanie is the granddaughter of Alex and Jo Crowder in Roaring Springs.

The Flashback Band from Fort Worth, featuring former resident Max Barton, entered

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Motley County adopts effective tax rate

By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Commissioners' Court held a Public Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 on Monday, August 23, 2010, in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

Citizens present to speak in Open Forum were: Larry Hoyle, Deannie Edwards, Marisue Potts-Powell, Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, Bill Armstrong, Marie Louise Liebe-Harkort, and the Rev. Bill Manney.

County officials at the meeting were: Judge Ed D. Smith, Eva Barkley, Treasurer; Kate Hurt, County-District Clerk; Tom Edwards, County Attorney; and Commissioners Russell Alexander, Franklin Jameson, Donnie Turner, and Roy Gene Stephens. Following an invocation by Judge Smith, minor changes to the budget were made, and the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Larry Hoyle, president of the board at the Motley Coun-

ty Library, spoke to the group. "We are still trying to bring the librarians's salary up to minimum wage," he said. "We need an additional \$460.00 in the budget to do so," adding, "as a matter of information, in July, 742 people used the library."

Commissioner Jameson asked, "Don't you have \$30,000 in a CD?" When Hoyle answered in the affirmative, Jameson then suggested that the library move

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Foothill Country

Connections

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

By Larry Vogt

This edition of the Motley County Tribune represents the efforts of writers, some familiar, some not so familiar. We have writers who worked on the historical parts of the edition such as Monta Marshall and Carol Campbell, and then we have our special anthology of stories from those who submitted writing for our *Writing West* contest. This project was an undertaking that involved a lot of work and time and we hope you enjoy the extra attention paid to the pioneers and the current writers of family stories and fiction.

The Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo is a celebration of those past and present that

participate in the spirit of the old West and its traditions. I urge you to attend as many events as you can and get a feel for this unique celebration.

I want to thank all of the writers who produced work for this edition and the judges who read the submitted stories. I also want to extend a special thank you to Charli Bigham, our office manager, who is working to get pictures, copy, advertising, and gets the labels on the papers and gets them to you, our readers. I also want to thank all the advertisers who have placed ads in this edition. We couldn't do it without you. Thanks to all for this community effort!

Noiselessly, with neither the sound of fife nor drum, the ragged troops marched ahead, quiet as death. The Twin Sisters, loaded with chunks of scrap iron and horse-shoes, were pushed and tugged forward as the cannons' wooden wheels cut furrows in the moist loam.

When the Texans were within 200 yards from the Mexican barricade, Houston signaled. With a sweep of his battered hat, the gunners fired. The musicians played the only song they all knew, a popular love song, "Will you come to the bower? Will you come to the bower with me?" Cries of "Remember the Alamo! Remember La Bahia!" reverberated down the line.

Houston shouted, "Halt! Halt!" Then he advised, "Now is the critical time. Fire away! God damn you, fire! Aren't you going to fire at all?"

To increase their desperation, Deaf Smith galloped down the line and yelled, "Vince's Bridge is down! Fight for your lives."

At sixty paces from the enemy, all discipline broke loose and the line dissolved with men running and screaming at the enemy. They fired at will, reloaded, and then charged on without further orders.

Colonel Rusk left Sherman's regiment and rode out in front of the battle line to report to Houston. Mottley followed as closely as possible. The first volley went high overhead, but as they neared the General, the Mexicans discharged a second barrage. Mosely Baker was cut down. He screamed with pain from slashing wound.

Mottley was hit square in the abdomen. A burning, copper ball knocked him from his horse. Rusk stopped to ask Mottley if he was hurt.

"Yes, I believe I am mortally wounded," he declared.

"Doctor, I will get someone to take care of you," said the older man who had always seemed more like an affectionate father than a superior officer.

"No, if you whip them, send back a man to assist me, but if you do not—I shall need no assistance," the young surgeon said.

When Houston and Rusk were about forty yards from the enemy lines, a volley of balls caught Houston's stallion and the horse sank to the ground. The General stepped off and mounted an abandoned horse which someone had caught for him. The army commander neared the breastworks, but

another volley struck his ankle and shot yet another horse out from under him. Mounting yet a third horse, the bleeding Houston charged among the tents.

In only eighteen minutes, the outcome of the battle was assured. Some comrades returned to Mottley's side. Gently they carried him from the bloody scene to an oak tree where three doctors, Jones, La Badie, and Phelps, worked in a make-shift field hospital to staunch the flow of blood from deadly wounds.

The staccato of rifle fire and sporadic screams of the pursued Mexicans continued throughout the afternoon until darkness stole over the prairie, and the fog crept up from the river.

A frontiersman tucked a saddle blanket around a wounded buddy. In answer to his friend's query, he said, "Over 600 we killed, fellar, and a bloody mess it was. Men kinda went crazy for a time. Fightin' hand to hand. Knifin' and clubbin' them Meskins. Hittin' 'em with rifle butts or anythin' handy. We only lost two men, but, including you, I counted twenty-three wounded. Some of 'em, like the Doc, are in a real bad way.

"Houston took a ball right after you went down. The surgeons want to work on his ankle, he won't let 'em touch it yet. But, by God, we finally turned to fight—Hear me, old friend? We finally whupped their tails."

The boisterous shouts of the crazed Texans rang out as they plundered the enemy's camp and divided the Mexican booty. The revelry and the cries of victory were broken by the groans of the semi-conscious and dying.

In his official report, Rusk wrote, "My aid-de-camp Dr. William Motley (sic) of Kentucky, fell near me mortally wounded, and soon after his spirit took its flight to join the immortal Milam and others in a better world."

Epilogue

Nearly two years after Mottley and his fallen comrades were buried on the battle grounds of San Jacinto, on January 1, 1838, the Probate Court of Harrisburg Co. appointed William G. Cooke administrator of the estate of William Motley (sic). Though efforts were made to contact relatives in Mottley's hometown of Greensburg, Green Co., Kentucky, Cooke was unable to locate any heirs.

Almost ten years later, W.R. Baker appeared before the board of land commissioners of Harris County, stating that the headright certificate No. 335, was "lost at the time of the visit of the investigating board" of the General Land Office. An entire records book, containing a voucher of the headright certificate of Wm. Motley (sic), was missing from the commissioners' files.

Soon after the county clerk issued an execution order commanding "the sheriff of said county to levy the sum of \$90.75 on the goods, chattels, land and tenements of William Motley (sic), dec'd."

On a bright December 4 in 1849, Sheriff David Russell stood on the steps of the Harris County Court House, hawking a warrant for the headright of William Motley (sic), who had fought and died at San Jacinto. W.R. Baker stepped forth with a bid of \$15.

Before Baker could be issued a duplicate certificate by the General Land Office, however, he was required by law to try to find the "lost" certificate. Newspapers of the time were filled with such advertisements for lost certificates. So like others on a similar mission, he placed a series of tiny messages in Austin's *The Southwest American*. On March 10, 1850, it read:

"Lost—My headright certificate for one third league of land issued in Harrisburg County, to William Motley (sic) on the 22 day of Feb. 1838 [if not heard] of within the time prescribed by law, application will be made to the proper officer for a duplicate. Jan. 10, 1850 W.R. BAKER, Assignee"

By the time a duplicate was issued by the General Land Office on April 13, 1850, Baker had relinquished his rights to J. DeCardona, a co-publisher of the advertising newspaper.

Though many of the veterans of the Texas Revolution or their heirs received from 320 to 1,920 acres of land each, few really profited. In fact, many of the surviving veterans eventually became poverty-stricken. Over one-half of the awards were sold prior to patenting for as little as 10 to 15 cents an acre. Land fraud was common, with an estimated one-tenth of the land going to underserving persons.

On the steps of the Harris County Courthouse on that December day in 1849, a paltry \$15 was the going price for a man's life in the Republic of Texas.

WRITING COMMUNITY

The Long Road to San Jacinto

by Marisue Potts Powell



By Laverne Zabielski

During the budget hearing this week, concern was expressed that the librarian should make, not a living wage, but minimum wage. A business approach was suggested as a means for the library to generate more income.

Government is not a business. Government is the name you give a group of people who come together to facilitate the functioning of a community. The goal of a business is to be profitable. The goal of a community is to be sustainable. Sometimes decisions need to be made where the dollar is not the bottom line. Sustainability is the goal.

For instance, if a county wants to increase its tax base in order to increase revenue, it must attract more residents. A county without businesses such as a bank, restaurants and stores is not attractive. When local citizens do not support their local businesses, the business fails.

One way Motley County could increase revenue is for each citizen to truly look at every dollar they spend outside of the county. Considering the decline in population which was revealed in the last census, if a new model of commerce is not adopted, eventually the concern regarding taxation will be moot as there won't be any citizens to tax.

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MC FSA receive award



The Motley County FSA was presented with an Honorable Mention Teamwork Award at the 2010 TASCOE convention held in San Antonio this past July. From left to right: Rachele Davis, PT; Shonda Elliott, PT; Sherry Seago, PT; Amy Hackler, CED. Sherry Seago, PT from Motley County received her 25 years of Service Award. We appreciate the dedication and service Sherry has provided to FSA the past 25 years.

Panhandle Plains Land Bank

87th Annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion



Windmill Cafe

Roaring Springs

Thursday 11am - 2:30pm

Fried Chicken Buffet

Friday and Saturday 11am - 9pm

Open Menu

Steak Dinners served at 5pm

Saturday 7am to 10am

Breakfast Burritos

Closed 5th Sunday, August 29th

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MATADOR VARIETY

DOWNTOWN MATADOR

2010 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen Candidate



Sierra Fry is the daughter of Clint and Becky Fry. Her grandparents are Sonny and Jody Fry of Spur and Jim and Jane Ann Roby of Girard. Sierra is an active 4-H member. She recently participated at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show and won the State Champion Pole Bending title. She also participates in several other events with her horse, Smugga Kai Juan, including barrel racing, roping, and team penning. She also shows her horse, Banty, in judged events. She is an 8th grader at Spur ISD. She loves hunting, playing basketball for the Spurettes, and cheerleading for the Bullpups. Sierra also participates in band and runs cross country and track. She wants to become a veterinarian one day. Sierra has dreams of becoming a professional barrel racer and making it to the NFR.

Teachers and administrators meet in Guthrie

More than 195 teachers and administrators from seven Rolling Plains school districts met on August 18 at the new activity center in Guthrie for the annual back-to-school event.

Featured speaker for the event was David Warlick, a 34 year educator and nationally sought-after speaker. Warlick's motivational presentation was titled "Responsive Learning" and focused on educating people who are special in some way, people who are not constrained by conventional thought patterns. He started the presentation recalling attendance at an annual conference in San Francisco called the Technology Reading & Learning Difficulties conference. The conference became a place for people to "come out," an event where learning diversities were accepted and our stories of people's differing learning styles were received and celebrated.

Warlick related his own story of being a below average student who struggled in school. "What saved me," he recalled, "beyond caring, supportive, and accepting parents, was the discovery of a new kind of learning. It was a learning experience that was:

- Responsive
- Fueled by questions
- Provokes conversation
- Builds on identity
- Measures accomplishment
- Demands personal investment
- Guided by safely-made mistakes

This presentation examined how educators around the world are now using this same information environment and a gardener's approach to learning that is empowering them to cultivate casual, daily, and self-directed professional development — Personal Learning Networks.

Warlick has been a classroom teacher, district administrator, and staff consultant with the

North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction. For the past ten years, Mr. Warlick has operated The Landmark Project, a consulting, and innovations firm in Raleigh, North Carolina.

David Warlick's web site serves nearly a million page views a day and his classroom blogging tool, has served more than a quarter of a million teachers and students. He is also the author of four books on instructional technology and 21st century literacy, and has spoken to audiences throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, The Middle East, and South America. Statistics shared with the educators underscored the prevalence of technology in today's world. From 2008 to 2009 (a recession year), the percentage of households with an income of \$30,000 or less and the percentage of senior citizen households with internet access increased dramatically. In 2008 there were 80 billion internet searches a month on the top internet search engines; and in 2009 the number of searches increased to 113 billion! He pointed out that the "average American teenager" send and/or receives 3000 text messages a month.

Following Warlick's presentation teachers and administrators enjoyed steak and shrimp prepared by coaches and principals at the seven school districts and served by Guthrie CSD cheerleaders. Afternoon entertainment was provided by teachers who responded to the disk jockey's call for karaoke singers!

The annual event is coordinated by Beverly Mars, director of the Rolling Plains Shared Services Arrangement. The purpose of the event is to bring teachers together at the start of the school year and motivate them to "teach each child," according to Ms. Mars.

87th Annual Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Reunion & Rodeo

Roaring Springs, Texas
AUGUST 26, 27, & 28, 2010

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>FREE ADMISSION ALL DAY</p> <p>PARADE – 10:00 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE – 11:00 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING – 1:00 P.M. FREE DANCE – 4:00-6:00 P.M.</p> <p>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES ARENA EVENTS</p> <p>Books Open at 4:30 P.M. Events Begin at 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>CUTTING</p> <p>Entry Fee \$70 (Stock Charge \$30) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER</p> <p>FLAG RACE</p> <p>6 Years & Under - Free 7 Years to 12 Years - Free (As of That Day) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNERS</p> <p>OPEN AGE BARREL RACE</p> <p>Entry Fee \$15 (Office Charge \$5) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER</p> <p>JUNIOR TEAM ROPING</p> <p>18 Years & Under Entry Fee \$10 per Team RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER</p> <p>MOTLEY-DICKENS COUNTIES TEAM ROPING</p> <p>Entry Fee \$60 (Stock Charge \$25) Draw Pot – Draw 4 Partners 3 Hd – Progressive After 1 Top 12 Back for Short Go RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNERS</p> <p>OLD FOLK'S DANCE MIKE PORTER & FRIENDS</p> <p>Thursday – 4:00-6:00 P.M. / 8:00-11:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday – 5:00 - 8:30 P.M. ALL DANCES ARE FREE</p> <p>FRIDAY & SATURDAY</p> <p>General Admission \$5 Free Admission 12 & Under</p> | <p>RHAA RANCH HORSE COMPETITION</p> <p>Books Open at 8:00 A.M. Competition Starts at 9:00 A.M.</p> <p>COWBOY CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge RANCH HAND CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge JUNIOR CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge SENIOR CLASS \$110 Entry Fee \$40 Stock Charge</p> <p>RANGER BUCKLE SETS TO CLASS WINNERS</p> <p>JR. FLAG RACE</p> <p>FRIDAY & SATURDAY - DURING RODEO 12 Years Old & Under (As of That Day) Entry Fee \$10 (Stock Charge \$10) RANGER BUCKLE SET TO WINNER</p> <p>AQHA WILL SPONSOR TOP HORSE AWARD \$250 AND AQHA BRONZE TROPHY</p> <p>Sanctioned WRCA Ranch Rodeo</p> <p>INVITATIONAL</p> <p>FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>BRONC RIDING WILD COW MILKING TEAM DOCTORING CALF BRANDING TEAM SORTING</p> <p>Team of 4-6 members 20 Teams @ \$750 Each PRIZES TO EVENT WINNERS FOUR MONIES PAID IN AVERAGE BITS TO TOP HAND & TOP HORSE WINNERS</p> <p>FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE</p> <p>9:00 TIL 1:00 KEVIN RAINWATER & THE BLUE DENIM BAND</p> <p>COWBOY CHURCH BAND</p> <p>Friday & Saturday - 6:00 P.M. - On Slab Ron & Marianne Brunson</p> | <p>TEAM KNOT TYING</p> <p>BOOKS OPEN 8:00 – ROPE 9:00 (3 MEMBER TEAM) -- 3 HEAD AVERAGE May Enter 2 Times (Cannot be Entered With Same Partners Twice)</p> <p>3 LOOPS ALLOWED 2 Full Rounds & Short Round \$75 per Team Entry Fee \$25 Stock Charge</p> <p>RANGER BELT BUCKLE SET TO AVERAGE WINNER</p> <p>WASHER PITCH CONTEST</p> <p>1:00 P.M. - SATURDAY BELT BUCKLES TO WINNERS</p> <p>POKEY THE CLOWN'S WRCA JR. RANCH RODEO</p> <p>STICK HORSE RELAYS FOR KIDS Saturday Only -- 3:00-5:00 P.M.</p> <p>PONY EXPRESS RACE -- STEER DOCTORING WILD COW MILKING -- CALF BRANDING</p> <p>3 AGE DIVISIONS: 3-7 yrs. 8-11 yrs. 12-16 yrs. Entry Fee per Team: \$20</p> <p>Pre-entry & Practice 9:30 A.M. THE TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS AND QUALIFIES FOR WRCA WORLD Championship Finals at Amarillo</p> <p>KID'S SNAPPING TURTLE RACES</p> <p>2:00 P.M. - SATURDAY \$50 TO WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION 0-4 yrs. 5-9 yrs. 10-14 yrs. Call Russell Alexander @ 806-348-7958</p> <p>During Saturday Night's Ranch Rodeo: CROWNING OF QUEEN and DRAWING FOR SPURS Handmade by MATT HUMPHREYS</p> <p>SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE</p> <p>9:00 TIL 1:00 CADILLAC JACK</p> <p>MIKE FUSTON FOOD CONCESSIONS ON GROUNDS</p> |

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note . . .

You never know what you will need at 'Old Settlers,' a fan or an umbrella; either way it is a fun festive time. Get out your boots and cowboy regalia and get all 'spizzarded' up! It is Old Settlers Reunion time again! My joints don't cotton to much celebrating anymore; so I doubt I'll take in much of the goings on, just the parade and the visiting.

In the community . . .

Linda Perryman is still a patient in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She is doing well and they plan to move her to Hackberry Creek Care Center sometime this week for continuing care. She is able to be taken outside in her wheel chair and I think Bill took her on a little shopping trip. She had made good progress and hopes to be home again soon.

Fred 'Banty' Brandon was released from the Heart Hospital in Lubbock on Friday. Pepper Nichols is here again to help Sybol and to take 'Banty' back for his follow-up appointment with his physician.

One of the Old Settler's regulars for many, many years is Dumont Dorsey. He is in the nursing home in Crosbyton recuperating from a stroke. He was always at the 'Old Folk's Dance. He will be missed. Hopefully when he gets stronger he will be able to move to assisted living.

Imogene Swim remains in Carillion Skilled Nursing. She is not doing well. J. T. is staying at home.

Billie Stuckey was feted with a surprise birthday cake and ice cream at the Travelers Inn on Saturday. Those attending were: Don Stuckey, Chig Gwinn, Glennard and

Edith Daniell, Pearl Palmer and her son Willie from Lovington, NM, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Floyd Carter, J.N. Fletcher, Ken and Suzanne Abbott and Corky and Monta Marshall. The cake and ice cream were delicious. Edith does make delicious cakes!

Dianne Carter has been ill at home. She is awaiting test results from the V.A. in Amarillo.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz were in Lubbock on Thursday evening to celebrate their daughter Kandi Johnson's birthday.

On September 2nd, the Roaring Springs Lions Club will be meeting at the Windmill Café. Special guests will be the newly elected Lions Club District 2T2 Governor, Danny Leake from Lubbock. He will be bringing several other guests. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The Roaring Springs Lions Club had a booth to sell tickets on the diamond ring for their annual fundraiser at the Foothills Saturday Night in Matador. The ring was made by Thacker jewelry. The tickets will be on sale until mid-December. The RS Lions would like to thank all who purchased tickets. They enjoyed the music and the visiting too!

Jonah Meredith returned home to San Angelo after spending the summer with his grandparents, Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith and his cousin, Parker Meredith. Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith took him home on Saturday.

Steve Zabielski and his children, Gracie and Michael from Rochester, New York are visiting Grace Zabielski. They attended the Foothills Festival in Matador and went swimming at the springs.

Overheard

Fresh air, green grass and good looking horses and riders is a good time to visit with neighbors and renew friendships this weekend at the Old Settlers Reunion in Roaring Springs.

Zelma Dean Starkey

Graveside services for Zelma Dean Starkey, 80, of Amarillo formerly a resident of Flomot, were held Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at the Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Rector Funeral Home in Amarillo. His grandson, Walter Bull, officiated.

Z.D. died Tuesday, August 17, 2010, following heart failure. He was the son of the late C.W. and Bessie Starkey of Flomot. He graduated from Flomot High School in 1950 and married Bobbie Slover of Flomot.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Vickie Bull; a son, Jimmy Don Starkey; five grandchildren; three brothers and six sisters.

Birthdays Celebrated

On July 30, 2010, Tommie Ross, daughters, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa of Castroville and daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock arrived to visit their mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross. Elisa Wigley visited until August 15 and Tommy and girls until August 16.

During their visit, Ciara celebrated her 10th birthday on August 4 and Elisa Wigley's birthday was celebrated August 14 with decorated cakes and all the trimmings. They enjoyed entertainment at Joyland in Lubbock. Tommy attended his MCHS 1980 class reunion in Roaring Springs, Saturday, August 7.

Natalie Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia and Brooke Rogers, student at Texas Tech University in Austin visited their father, Donnie Rogers and grandmother, Mrs. B. Rogers. They enjoyed the tourist attractions in Ruidoso, New Mexico, last weekend. They celebrated Natalie's 22nd birthday Friday, August 20 with a fish fry and all the trimmings at the home of Bobby McWilliams of Fairmot. Brooke returned to Austin, Wednesday and Natalie to Virginia, Sunday.

The sons of Sandra and Jerry Barclay, Lance Barclay of Lubbock, Cody Barclay of Borger and Ty Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with them and helped repair their home.

Clois and Kathy Shorter accompanied grandchildren, Emily and Haley, who visited here the past week, to Vernon where they met their mother, Mrs. Christi Milam for their return trip home to Lake Kiowa.

Visiting during the week with Ruth and Orville Lee was grandson, Robert Lee of Amarillo. Visiting them Sunday were son and wife, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon.

Rickey and Tasha Hughes, Kason and Kendal of Floydada visited his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes Thursday. Butch had a medical treatment in Lubbock, Thursday, and reported to be feeling better Sunday.

Mrs. Linda Kendall accompanied grandchildren, Connor and Chancey Kendall to home in Midland after they visited here the past week. She visited their parents, Janet and Cory Kendall. Jere and Jacob, children of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall make the trip with her.

Mrs. B. Rogers and son, Donnie Rogers joined family members Sunday at the reunion in Dumont.

Johnie Starkey, Jack Starkey and wife, Nada attended the graveside services of brother, Z.D. Starkey, in Amarillo, Wednesday, August 18.

Clois and Kathy Shorter enjoyed the Southern Gospel Concert of the Booth Brothers Friday night held in Midland at the Bellview Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jackie Davis of Fritch, Jackie Lee Starkey and Destiny McIntire of Higgins visited the weekend with Jack and Nada Starkey.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

It did seem like an old-time Saturday night in Matador this weekend. When Tom Hamilton put the cornmeal on the street to aid in the dancing, it was an omen of a good time. We know that at least three groups of hunters from the county came in, sat in the shade, and enjoyed the company.

The community of Dumont had a reunion on Saturday and Sunday. Some of those attending who also enjoyed the festivities in Matador were Glenn Burch and family from Lubbock, Jess and Peggy Thompson from Burnet, and Mike and Tammy Hollar from Brenham.

Robert and Kathy Revier from Lubbock were in town to celebrate their anniversary. They danced on the patio at HM and reveled in the friendliness of the community. They left with a promise to return, maybe for Kathy's birthday on the 28th.

The performers in the band Flashback bunked at the Barton house Saturday night and were hosted by Max and Carla. The band is made up of performers from the metroplex and as usual provided outstanding entertainment. Joining other guests Sunday morning at the Hotel for breakfast were Max and Carla Barton, Jay and Kay Hubbard, Glenn Turquhart from Burleson, and Tracy Howard from Fort Worth.

Four other visitors drove in to the HM on Sunday from Turkey. They were Don and Linda Eudy from Midland and Don and Sue Guest from Arlington.

They had attended the Saturday celebration and decided to come back for breakfast.

Additional guests at the Hotel Matador who enjoyed the festivities this weekend were Jim and Lisa Barnhill, Harvey and Esther Case, and Jean and Jim Rymer. These couples are all from Lubbock. Delton and Sydni Shirley were in town from Midland.

Carol Campbell, Lucretia Campbell, and Winifred Darsey took a vacation/business trip into Colorado and New Mexico this last week. They returned home tired but excited about the trip, the sights, and the family together time.

Birthdays

August 26: Susan Jameson, Dereck Fisk

August 27: Janell Turner

August 28: Kevin Keltz, Kim Gleghorn, Dusty Jackson

August 29: Don Martin, Matt Mangram, Justin Jameson, Thanie Smallwood

August 30: Kaylee Woolsey, Lori Alexander, Sophia Crawford

August 31: Terry Simpson, Gary Simpson

September 1: Judy Cruse, Dorothy Turner, Juan Gonzalez, Christian Brooks, Donnie Ray Rogers

Anniversaries:

August 27: Mark and Debbie Seigler

August 30: Robin and Beverly Darsey, Howard and Debbie Martin

September 1: Arnold and Carolyn Johnson, Kayla and Neil Guest

SPCAA receives additional funding

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. SPACC has received additional funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program, CEAP January 2010-December 2010.

The primary intent of this is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affection low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60

or above, a handicapped individual and families with young children under the age of six.

The basic philosophy of energy self-sufficiency will be the central theme in the CEAP. The program is designed to offer flexibility to allow for creative implementation and innovation. Service delivery not only entails utility payments on behalf of the client, but also a system that addressed the underlying contributing causes of energy-induced hardship.

"ALMIGHTY IS JESUS."



Our Lord Jesus is a mighty warrior. Sometimes we neglect as teachers or preachers to remind ourselves and others of the might, power, and strength of our Lord. When we do, our audience, and or our students become the losers. There is so much

of the Bible that we need to learn and learn how to teach.

Generally speaking our view of Jesus is sometimes slanted because we try to make Him fit into the little box of our minds. But we have a Lord who is all-powerful. The Bible describes Him as the "Lord Sabaoth" and the "Lord of Hosts." In Revelation 19, Jesus is seen as the Lord of the Army of God.

Our Lord is found in the Bible to be the creator of this world and everything in it. He sustains life on this planet according to the first chapter of John. Jesus is indeed the Savior of us all. Comforting to us is the certain knowledge that our Lord has great power and will continue to exercise such until He comes in glory. Let us never forget the Almighty Lord, who after all, is in control of it all.

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

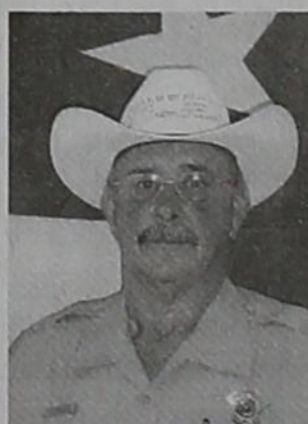
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I was deeply honored to be appointed Sheriff of Motley County, following the resignation of the former Sheriff.

In my 29 years in Texas Law Enforcement, I have been a Deputy Sheriff, Chief of Police, Deputy Constable, and Sheriff.

I have received the Basic certificate, Intermediate certificate, Advanced certificate, Instructor certificate and the highest peace officer certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education, a Master Certificate (requiring 20 years service and continued training). I also served with the Texas (Army) National Guard, retiring as Staff Sergeant after 22 years of service.

In my 3 years in Motley County, I hope and trust that I have earned your confidence and support, and would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election, in order that I may serve more.

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Matador Cowboy Reunion

All Matador Ranch employees (ex and current) and friends are invited to a reunion on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Center across from the Old Settlers grounds. The reunion will open mid-morning and close when no one can think of another pitchin' horse story.

Tea and coffee will be provided, but no dinner or program is planned. Bring your old pictures and prepare for a good day of visiting in the open air, covered pavilion, or in the air conditioned building if it is too hot.

Ed D. Smith -Director and Past president
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Notes from the Library

By Mary Ann Potts

Summer is coming to an end, School is back in session and the library is very quiet in the early afternoon.

My young patrons, who keep me very busy during the summer, have returned to their academic life.

I just want to say, I will miss their company and daily storytelling of their summer adventures.

While on the subject of school, I want to say Thank You to Motley County ISD for their wonderful donation of books to the library.

And another Thank You must be extended to the Upper Pease S.W. C. D. for their generous contribution to the Friends of the Library, in order for them to order custom shades for the Library Annex windows. This will be a great addition to the annex to help darken the room for projection presentations.

And just what you've been waiting for, the New Arrivals this week are **The Postcard Killers** by James Patterson and Liza Marklund. This mystery thriller involves an NYPD detective on tour of Europe's most gorgeous cities. But, unfortunately, it's not the sights that draw him to each museum, cathedral and café. You'll have to read the book to find out what does! And Mary Roach's, **Packing for Mars**. Roach takes you on a surreally entertaining trip into the world of space exploration, and what it means to be human.

Reading is relaxing, enjoyable, and a great escape! And isn't it wonderful when you read a story that describes an experience you've encountered or

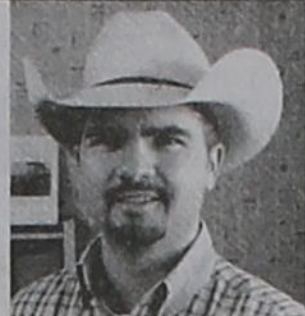
been told about and can immediately relate to it! Or one that you just thank your lucky stars it didn't happen to you! Well, I felt a wide spectrum of emotions when I read **Half Broke Horses** by Jeannette Walls and can't wait to join the Brown Bag Book Discussion set for Thurs., Oct. 7 at 12 noon at the library. If you haven't read the book yet, stop by and pick up a copy. The library ordered additional copies so everyone interested could have the opportunity to get a dose of Walls' no-nonsense and resourceful grandmother, Lily Casey Smith. You won't be sorry you read it.

And since we're on the subject of books, the library's 2 newest releases are **Tough Customer** by Sandra Brown, which is a heart-pounding tale about murder, obsession, the delicate balance of relationships, and possibly second chances. The other is **Veil of Night** by Linda Howard. This novel revolves around one major bridezilla, a wedding planner and a handsome detective. You put the clues together! We've also added a new DVD to our collection, **Julie and Julia** starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams. If you like food and cooking, you'll love this movie.

Thank you once again to our wonderful patrons who keep us in stock with books for our Annual Late Nite Shopping Book Sale and the library. We appreciate your contributions and support.

Just a reminder, the Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread Lunch will be on Friday, Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Library Annex. The library will be closed on this day.

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

State Goat and Lamb Validation

4-H and FFA members planning on showing a goat or lamb at a major stock show in Texas need to place their orders for state goat and lamb validation tags by August 30 in the Extension Office. Tags are \$7 each. All goats or lambs that will be shown in a major stock show in Texas must be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Validation Program. Official validation and tagging will occur during the month of October.

Motley 4-H Sign Up

For those interested in joining 4-H and did not make the Motley 4-H club sign up night, you can come by the office to get the enrollment forms and instructions to enroll online. The forms are due back to the extension office by September 1, 2010. Enrollment is free and is open to all youth ages 8 and in the third grade or 9 years of age by August 31, 2010 and have not reached their 19th birthday by August 31, 2010. For more information contact the Extension office at 806-347-2733.

Quail/Wildlife Appreciation Day scheduled Sept. 21 on Matador Ranch

By: Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5600
 Contact(s): Ryan Martin, 806-347-2733, rhmartin@ag.tamu.edu Katie Stavino, 281-363-7260, Katie.stavino-ha@kochps.com

MATADOR RANCH - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will join Matador Ranch to host a Quail/Wildlife Appreciation Day at the ranch Sept. 21.

The Matador Ranch is located one-quarter mile south of Matador on Texas Highway 70. The historic ranch covers 130,000 acres in Motley, Dickens, Floyd, Cottle and Crosby counties and has had an active wildlife management program in place for decades, recently earning the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Lone Star Land Steward Award for those practices.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m., said Ryan Martin, AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resources agent for Motley County. A noon luncheon will be sponsored by DuPont.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered, one

general and two integrated pest management, for private pesticide applicators.

The morning session will be indoors. Topics and speakers will include:

- Mixing Livestock and Wildlife on the Matador Ranch, Bob Kilmer, Matador Ranch manager.

- Paradigm Shifts: Is the Wildlife "Tail" Wagging the Livestock "Dog," Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo.

- Patch-Burn Grazing as a Tool to Enhance Habitat Diversity, Lloyd LaCoste, Texas AgriLife Research research assistant, San Angelo.

- Brush Sculpting: Tailoring Brush Management Goals to Address Wildlife Needs, Rollins.

The afternoon topics will be outdoors and include:

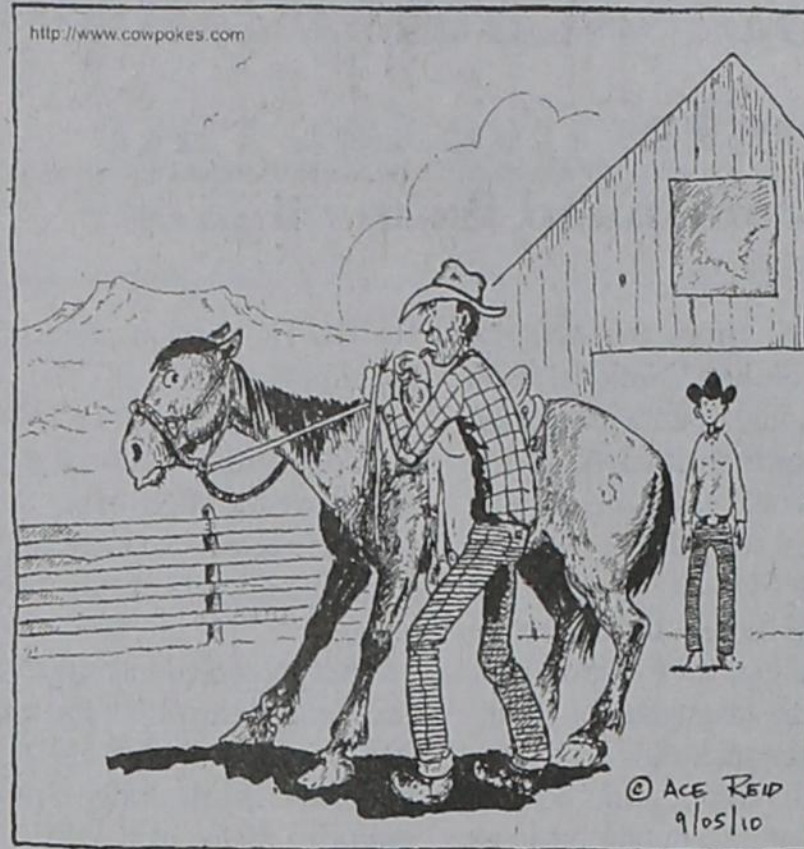
- Show Me the Money, Ken Mills, Hi-Pro Feeds nutritionist and member of Bobwhite and Buckskin Brigades.

- Rotational Grazing/Evaluating Wildlife Habitat and Brush Suppression, Kilmer.

- Reading the Range - Plant ID, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel Kent Mills, Chip Ruthven and Dana Wright, plus Rollins. The program is free, but those planning to attend the appreciation day are asked to RSVP by Sept. 17 to Martin at 806-347-2733 or rhmartin@ag.tamu.edu, or on the Matador Ranch's Facebook page.

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By Ace Reid



"Hoss, times have shore changed. When I was a kid I had to ride the tough hosses for the old men...now I'm old and I hafta ride 'em fer the kids!"

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FSA News By Amy Hackler

August 27th Deadline for General CRP Enrollment. If you have expired CRP land, or CRP land that will expire on September 30th, 2010 or any NEW cropland that you would like to bid in, please contact the office ASAP.

NAP DEADLINE: September 1, 2010 is the last day to purchase 2011 coverage for Wheat Grazing and Wheat Forage. This coverage affects your eligibility for Livestock Disaster Programs. Please call the office for an appointment to purchase this coverage.

Welcome Farm Old Settlers Bureau Reunion



Obituary

Leslie Taylor

Graveside Services for Leslie Taylor, 56, of Lubbock, formerly of Matador were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 15, 2010 at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Rickey Lawrence officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Shannon Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Taylor passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2010 in Odessa.

Leslie worked construction jobs for the railroads. He was currently working for Quick Stripe. He moved from Matador to Lubbock about 13 years ago. He attended the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church during his time in Matador.

Leslie was preceded in death by his father Raymond Taylor, and two sisters Joy and Gail.

He is survived by, his companion for many years, Diann Arington; one son, Shane Taylor of Matador; three daughters, Lou Ann Talamantez of Lubbock, Leslie 'Sis' Taylor of Matador, and Lisa Martin of Childress, Texas; two brothers, David Taylor of Matador, and Dennis Dove of Denton, Texas; one sister, Jan Martin of Matador eight grandchildren; and his special friend, Rufus the dog.

Memorials may be made to the Motley County Cemetery Fund.

Invitation to Party

You are invited to celebrate the 90th birthday of Everett Shorter of Flomot to be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 4th at the Community Center in Flomot. Friends are given a cordial welcome to attend. Please no gifts.

This Week's Local Forecast

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Weather Trivia

Is there such a thing as Heat Lightning?
 ANSWER: No. The storm is too far away to be able to hear the thunder.

Weather History

Aug. 26, 1949 - A hurricane made landfall at Delray Beach. Winds reached 153 mph at the Jupiter Lighthouse before the anemometer failed. The hurricane caused 45 million dollars damage to crops. The hurricane also caught the Georgia and South Carolina coast resulting in another two million dollars damage.

Moon Phases

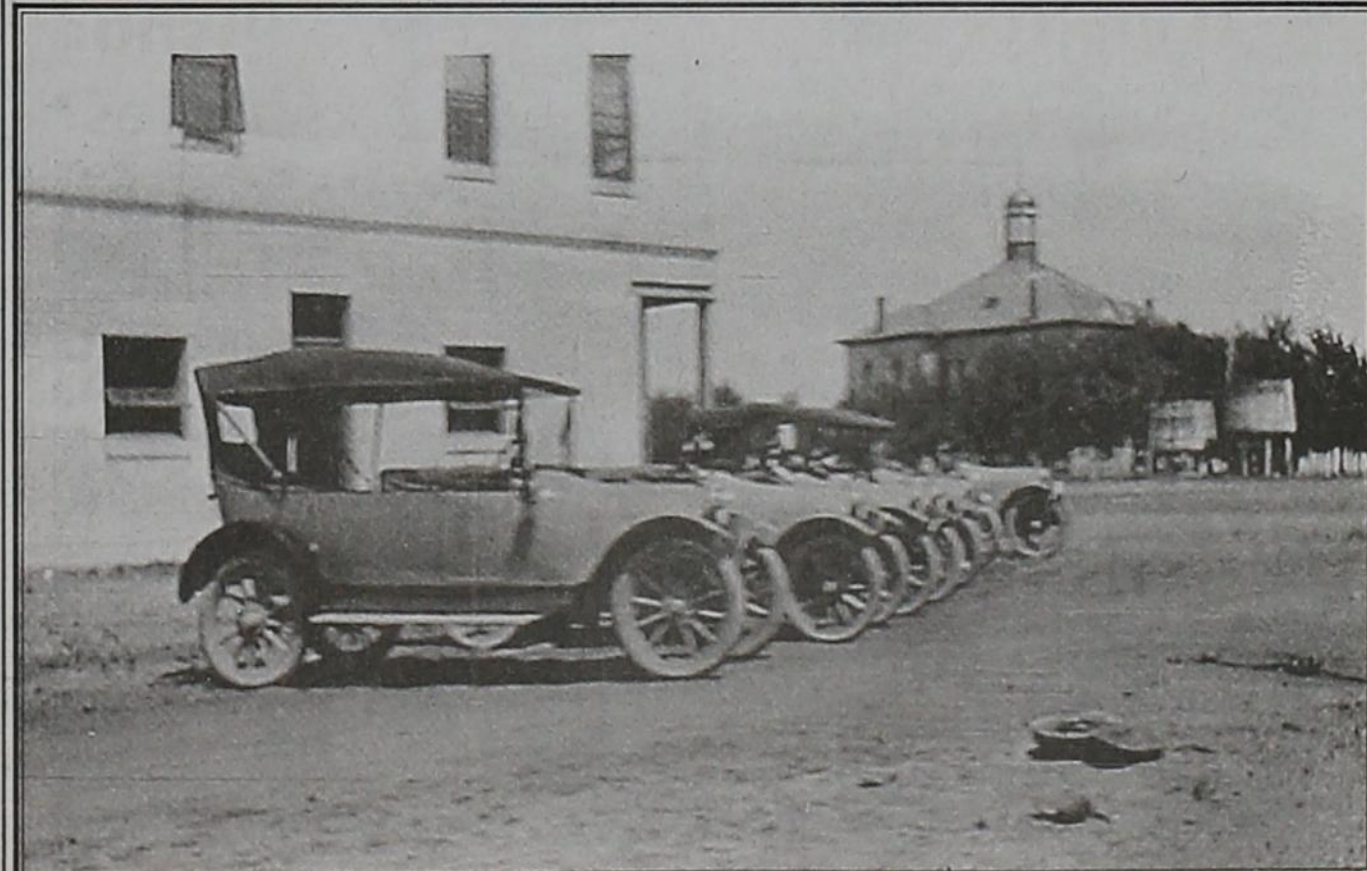
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OLD SETTLERS DAYS

We salute the pioneers of Motley and Dickens Counties and honor the residents of today as the 87th Annual Old Settlers Reunion is celebrated



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Motley County adopts effective tax rate continued from page one

their CD (from the Matador Branch of the 1st National Bank of Seymour) to an account that would pay more interest, whereby they could cover the increase in interest earned.

"If the CD was in an account that paid more interest, then in my thinking, we wouldn't have to ask the taxpayers for an increase," Jameson said, adding, "I look at the public business as my own business." Hoyle replied that the library board had looked at that possibility, but preferred to keep their Certificate of Deposit account in the county. The court unanimously approved the line item transfer of \$460.00 without further discussion.

In the next item of business, the judge asked the court to set salaries and expenses for the elected officials. The Tax-Collector/Assessor position was raised \$1,425 to an annual salary of \$18,000.00. The Treasurer's salary was raised by \$1,000.00 to \$16,800.00. County employees receiving incremental raises were maintenance, deputy clerk, and assistant to the Tax-Collector/Assessor. "It is going to take years to get the employee and elected officials salaries in line with the requirements and responsibilities of their respective offices," Judge Smith said.

Marie Louise Liebe-Harkort commented that "when you look at the salaries across the board, there are a lot of discrepancies." The court voted unanimously to set salaries and expenses for elected officials. A motion was made by Roy Gene Stephens to adopt the 2010-11 budget; seconded by Donnie

Turner. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A discussion was then called by Judge Smith to raise the tax rate above the effective tax rate, or if there is to be no increase, to adopt the tax rate at this meeting.

While increased income from taxes is "guesswork" at the time the Proposed Budget is prepared and filed, Judge Smith reminded the court that the official effective tax rate is now at .69811 for fiscal year 2010. The rollback rate is at .75395. "If you go with the effective tax rate, you will only gain about \$3,270.00, based on new construction in the county," he said. "With the effective tax rate you will generate about what you did last year. With the rollback rate of .75395, you would gain about \$48,426.00 in additional income," Smith said. "We talked about needing a front-end loader, since the one we have is broken down," Smith said, "the increase would cover this expense."

"I think people in this county have enough taxes—especially in these tough economic times—they have all they can afford," Commissioner Stephens said. "We need to focus on increasing the tax base, not taxing existing taxpayers."

A motion was made by Commissioner Turner to keep the effective tax rate at .69811, with no gains for 2010-11. The motion was seconded by Roy Gene Stephens. The court voted 4-for to adopt the effective rate, with Judge Smith abstaining.

Chamber sponsors annual Foothills Saturday Night continued from page one

tained the crowd with '50s, '60s, and '70s music, while a brave few danced in the street.

Merchants donated a wide variety of goods and services consisting of more than 20 door prizes. The drawings were interspersed throughout the evening, including a Bosch Circular Saw, courtesy of Matador Motor and Implement; a \$50.00 Series EE Savings Bond, courtesy of 1st National Bank, Matador Branch; a Ken Young print; a Justin Berner sign from Glittered Pig; two lawn chairs from Matador Variety; three tee-shirts from Lowe's; a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Windmill Café in Roaring Springs; and a much-coveted Moore Maker pocket knife, courtesy of Wayland Moore.

Also, Lori Alexander donated an Old Settlers 2010 tee-shirt; and Motley County Abstract also donated a tee-shirt; Ashley Washington donated a fabric flower; SageBrush, Etc. donated a yard cross and key chain; Motley County Library, note cards; 4-R Trinkets and Treasures, a sign; Flashback, three CDs;

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Library Fund Raiser

Friday, August 27

All-you-can-eat for a donation

Beans, cornbread and fixin's

11:30-1:30

Library Annex

Featuring County and City

Officials as servers and

Bruce McGinnis and his book

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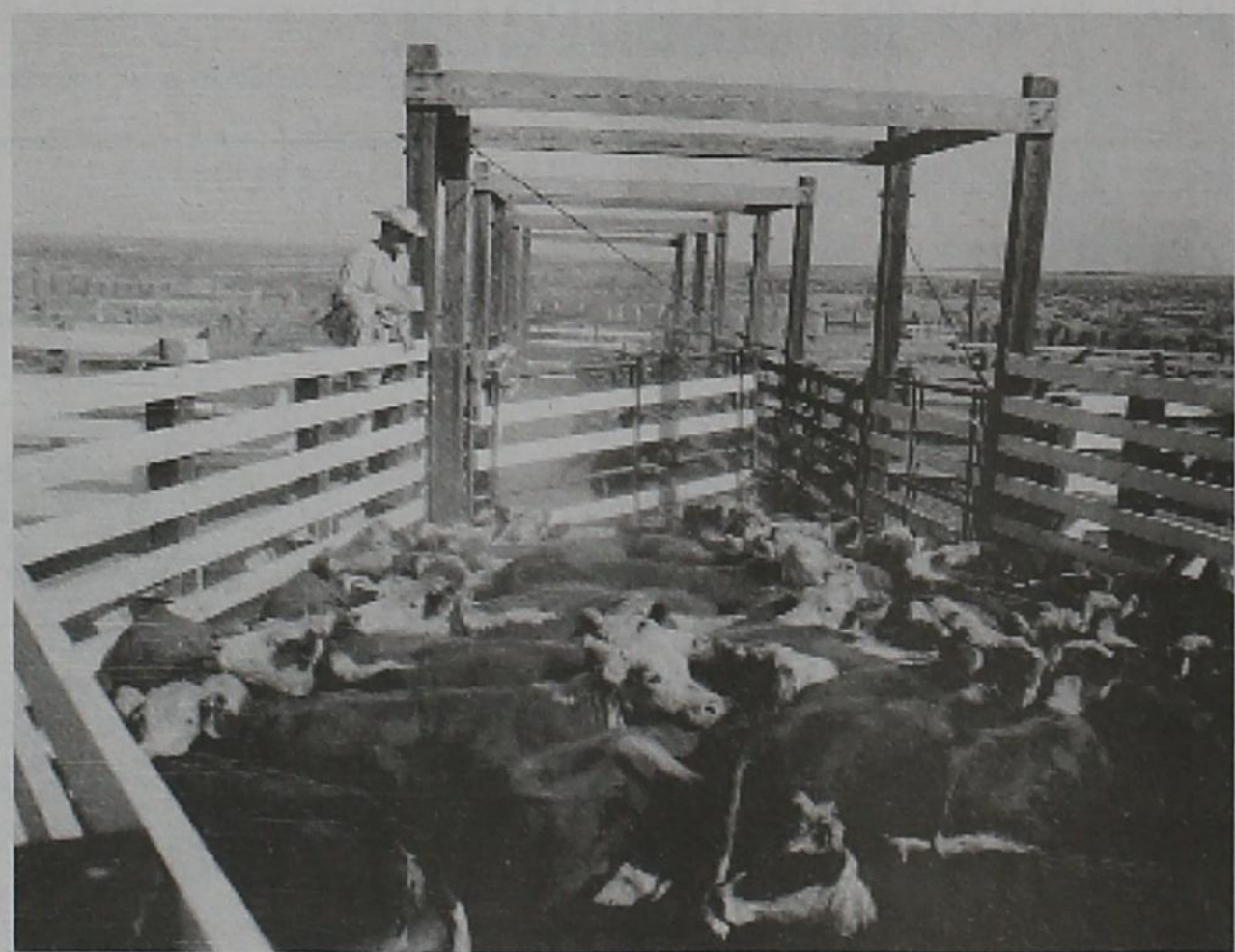
Dianne Washington, a cookbook; Caprock Telephone, gift bag; Calico Treasures, 20% off framing; Thacker Jewelry, cross necklace; New to You, two insulated coolers; Matador Ranch, a Trophy Cooler and a \$25.00 gift certificate; and Thacker Jewelry, a cross necklace.

The August heat in Texas didn't hold back the enthusiasm of this summer crowd, experiencing an old-fashioned family venue reminiscent of the

'50s—a "bigger, better than ever" evening under the stars in historic downtown Matador.

"I would like to thank the merchants that participated in the Foothills event this year," Chamber President Dianne Washington said. "I would also like to thank the *Motley County Tribune* for their advertising donation; and Jaybirds Kitchen for opening up their establishment to keep us in ice for tea, lemonade, and snow cones."

Congratulations Motley-Dickens Counties 87th Annual Old Settlers' Reunion and Rodeo



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A salute to the Pioneers of Motley and Dickens Counties



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DPS Trooper: Chad Overton
Game Warden: Matthew Cruse

County Commissioners:
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Precinct 2, Donnie Turner;
Precinct 3, Franklin Jameson;
Precinct 4, Russell Alexander.
Sheriff: Chris Spence

Deputy: Chad Ware
Deputy Clerk: Sherry Rose
Deputy County Clerk:
D'Anna Russell

Courthouse Maintenance:
Larry Markham

Tax Assessor/Collector: Elaine Hart
County & District Clerk: Kate Hurt
Justice of the Peace: Libby Cruse
Treasurer: Eva Barkely
County Attorney: Tom Edwards
County Appraiser: Brenda Osborn

Road Maintenance:
David Taylor, Precinct 1;
Billy Farley, Precinct 2;
Richard Thomas, Precinct 3;
Dean Osborne, Precinct 4.

RETRO NEWS

The Matador Tribune
August 31, 1932

Tilson Family Among First At Whiteflat

W. R. Tilson was a native of Virginia and came to Texas when only 24 years old. He helped survey the city of Childress prior to the construction of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad and was one of the pioneers who aided in establishing Whiteflat and Matador.

He worked on the large ranches of this section as a cowboy before marrying Miss Sally Williams at Quanah in 1883. The old abandoned dugout where he and his bride lived is only a short distance from the Tilson home near Whiteflat.

Died in 1937

Mr. Tilson passed away in November, 1937, at the age of 79, and in his death Motley County lost one its most respected pioneers. Mrs. Tilson is still living at Whiteflat.

The children are Tom Tilson of Whiteflat, W.R., Tilson Jr. of Brownsfield, Mrs. Ruth Kay of Denton, S. D. Tilson of Blacksburg, Va. Earl Tilson of Charlotte Courthouse, Va. Mrs. Pheila Davis of Denton and Warren Tilson of Lexington, Va.

FAMOUS QUOTES FROM DOUGLAS MEADOR

"I do not believe it is possible to place a price tag on duty, on love or on friendship." (Published in the Tribune before announcing for the office of mayor of the City of Matador, 1948). (Note: Meador returned to the city the \$600 annual salary, receiving wide publicity throughout Texas. It was picked up by the AP and was used by radio newscasters from Dallas and San Antonio. It made front page news in Lubbock and Ft. Worth).

"To be bored with oneself is to admit that associates pay dearly for the acquaintance-ship." (From The Dallas Morning News, January 15, 1987, Bob St. John)

"God's constant miracle that remains unheralded is protecting men and women from themselves." (From The Dallas Morning News, January 15, 1987, Bob St. John).


Tenth Annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread

The Tenth Annual Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread luncheon will be held on the Friday of Old Settlers, August 27, 11:30-1:30, in the Library Annex. This is a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Library with proceeds going to library projects. This year hungry participants will, again, be served by county and city officials. Also featured will be Bruce McGinnis, Professor at Amarillo College, and his book about Motley County saddle maker, H. H. Schweitzer. Don't miss seeing old friends and making new ones at the Rootin' Tootin' Beans and Cornbread luncheon.

A Night at the Historic MC Jail

Friends of the Historic Motley County Jail will sponsor "A Night at the Historic Motley County Jail and East Mound Cemetery Tour" on Saturday, October 16, 2010.

The event will kick off at 5:00 p.m. at the jail with a food venue, including free chili dogs, chips, and drinks, followed by a jail tour featuring the first sheriff of Motley County, Joseph Beckham, who turned outlaw; a legendary character, "Digger" Dansby, and the "Crazy Lady," who will be housed in the cell reserved for "women or the criminally insane." (A few resident ghosts may arise and mingle with the living).



HACKBERRY HAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

We would like to thank all of you who have taken advantage of our out-patient lab services. We hope this service has been beneficial to you. In order to be available for you at your convenience, we must ask that you please call ahead and set up a time for your lab work. This service is offered on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Please call Cindy or Amy at 806-347-2942 for more information or to set up a time for your lab work.

We are definitely ready for Fall at Hackberry and began making preparations for Autumn decorating at the Center last Tuesday when several of our residents created some beautiful fall arrangements during an arts and crafts session hosted by Mellane, our activities director, and instructed by me. I very much enjoy these monthly art sessions we started in July. Our August creations consisted of an old tin can, painted orange, yellow or brown. We then glued a star or a wooden word piece to the can (the creator's choice) and filled them with beautiful silk flowers in an array of fall colors. The arrangements were then placed on the tables in our large dining room. The arrangements added some color and pizzazz to the dining room and really gave everyone the itch for Fall to hurry!

In July, those participating in the art session made some beautiful mosaic crosses. Beginning with an unpainted wooden cross, the artists used mortar and colored marbles or pebbles to create some of the most amazing art pieces. Some residents hung their cross on the wall or placed them in their room somewhere to display. Hackberry residents are very artistic and creative!

This week we are celebrating the 'Old West' at Hackberry in honor of the annual Motley-Dickens Old Settlers Reunion set for this weekend in Roaring Springs. On Tuesday residents were treated to a 'chuckwagon' meal consisting of brisket, beans, potato salad

and all the fixins'. This delicious cowboy grub was created by our awesome kitchen staff, headed by Alyssa Daniell. Plans are to accompany residents wishing to attend the annual Old Settlers Parade to Roaring Springs Thursday morning. We had tentatively planned to have a float for the parade, but due to sickness and other circumstances, we were just unable to make that happen. But, get ready for next year. We'll have an entire year to plan for an awesome float for the 2011 Parade.

SENIOR HEALTH TIPS Yoga for Your Heart's Sake

You know you need to exercise, but finding an activity that holds your interest for the long haul can be tough. While moderate-intensity walking is most often recommended as a means to get moving and improve your heart health, a number of once-exotic forms of exercise - including yoga and tai chi - have worked their way into the Western mainstream and offer a way to mix up your exercise routine.

Of the mind-body forms of exercise, yoga is the best studied for its cardiovascular effects. Yoga, which is part of the traditional healing system of India, known as Ayurveda, involves a series of physical poses designed to increase strength and flexibility. Classes often include some instruction in specific breathing exercises and meditation as well.

Some small studies indicate that yoga may help reduce blood pressure, blood cholesterol, body weight, and blood glucose levels in people with coronary heart disease or its risk factors.

One study reported that yoga might also benefit individuals with heart failure. Compared with heart-failure patients who received standard medical therapy, those who added an eight-week yoga program to their treatment regimen showed improvements in exercise capacity and quality of life and had lower blood levels of inflammation-related substances

such as C-reactive protein (Inflammation contributes to the progression of heart disease.)

In another study, of 101 middle-aged adults from India with the metabolic syndrome, those randomized to take yoga classes for three months, along with standard care, experienced reductions in their blood pressure, blood glucose, and triglyceride levels and their waist circumference.

In addition, small studies looking at the short-term physiological effects of yoga suggest that the practice affects nervous system activity in a way that lowers heart rate and blood pressure and suppresses inflammation.

Unlike the proven benefits of moderate intensity activities like walking, the current research on yoga does not tell us whether it aids in preventing coronary heart disease in people with risk factors or in preventing heart attacks and other complications in people with coronary heart disease.

In addition, a recent study of 20 participants found that gentler forms of yoga (the forms appropriate for people with coronary heart disease) are unlikely to match moderately paced walking in boosting cardiovascular fitness. In the study, yoga was equivalent to walking on a treadmill at only 2 miles per hour - a leisurely stroll.

The bottom line is that while this early research is promising, relatively little is known about what mind-body activities can do for your heart. Therefore, you should not substitute these practices for more proven heart-healthy physical activities like brisk walking.

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Red Ball Gin

Welcome Old Settlers Reunion



Matador Ranch Welcome Old Settlers



The Motley 4-H photography club has worked hard this year and they would love for you to see their work. Friday, August 27, 2010 their photos will be on display in the Library Annex. The photos will be categorized into three age groups juniors, intermediates and Seniors. Please come out and see our work and vote on your favorite picture for peoples choice.

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Red Ball Gin Company founded in Roaring Springs in early 1930's

By Monta Marshall

There has been a Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs since the early 1930s. Cotton has a long taproot which searches deep into the soil to find moisture which made it an ideal crop for sandy fields. If cotton can get a little underground moisture to start on and some rain in July and early August, bumper crops can be made providing hail and blowing sand don't destroy the young plants first.

The push West in the late 1800s

and the early 1900s brought many settlers into the area in search of cheaper land. Most were farmers who would experiment with various crops to find which was suited to the deep sandy and clay land.

Many families had come from the southeastern part of Texas and Oklahoma where cotton was grown. The sandy land was covered in 'shinnery' or shin oak. Water was scarce; the rainfall 'iffy.' After clearing the land of broom corn, maize and cotton were all planted. The cotton was the best crop for his sandy land.

Blowing sand was really a detriment during the dust bowl days and during the droughts in the early 1950s. Some land was put into the Soil Bank and later into another program to lay out marginal land, Crop Reserve Program, and grasses and other native vegetation were replanted.

Less land to blow helped the cotton farmer tremendously. In this area cotton is planted in early June and most of the spring winds have settled somewhat by this time. Usually rains in late May make the land ready to receive the cotton seed.

In the early days, cotton was pulled by hand and hauled in a wagon pulled by mules or horses to the gin. The wagons only held about enough for one bale of cotton. At first cotton was picked, the fluffy white fiber was removed from the burr in the field by workers. The work was intensive. Many itinerant families came into the area in the fall to harvest cotton.

There were two gins in Roar-

ing Springs in the early days of cotton farming in Motley County: the West Texas Gin and the Red Ball Gin. Every little town had a gin or two. More cotton was grown and the need for more efficient gins became necessary.

When gins able to gin faster

Georgia became a partner in the manufacturing process which Ennis Moss had patented. Ennis sold him one-half of the patent.

Later a plant in Lubbock also began to manufacture the Moss-Gordon Lint Cleaner. The plant was located at about Avenue O

and get advances on their cotton and seed to operate the gin. The cost of running is enormous. Operating capital was necessary; there was a large payroll for two shifts working in the gin. Wear and tear on the machinery often meant large expenditures in replacement and repair; power to run the equipment was also costly. The money for the cotton and cotton seed they sold would be weeks behind the delivery and the need for funds.

Joyce kept a diary; she wrote that she was the bookkeeper and knew nothing about the ginning process. She studied all the information she could find. She listened carefully; and by concentrating and sorting the information she learned the ginning process.

She wrote that the ginning seasons were hard work but that she loved it; to her, she said, the paper work was interesting because it painted a picture in her mind with its paper trail.

In 1961, they completely tore the old gin down and built one of the most modern gins of its kind using the newest technology of the day. The Red Ball Gin was the newest gin with state of the art equipment in a large area. The new gin was a 'double stream' which meant it was really two gins in one.



Red Ball Gin, 1948

and to remove even burrs, pulling cotton with the cotton fiber still in the burr was practiced. This made the harvest go faster. In the early 1950's a cotton stripper that was pulled behind a tractor made it possible for larger acreages to be planted and harvested efficiently. It also spelled the doom of itinerant families coming into the communities to pick or to pull cotton.

Ennis Moss, a son of a pioneer family, owned the Red Ball Gin in Roaring Springs. Ennis was related to the Thackers and the Hoyles. Several from the Moss, Thacker and Hoyle families either worked there or helped out when they could. Mrs. Lillian Thacker used to cook meals and take to the gin for her family. Buzz Thacker can remember tagging along as a young lad. Mr. W. J. Hoyle was ginner in the early days.

Ennis Moss could see that the gin stands which remove the seed from the cotton could not clean the trash from the fiber. He felt the gin plant could be improved. He worked to build successful lint cleaner which he patented calling it the Ennis Moss Lint cleaner.

During the time Ennis Moss was working on the new lint cleaners, he sold the gin to Glen and Wilma (Thacker) Dabkins. Later Mr. Moss bought the gin back from them. A manufacturing plant was found in the southern part of Louisiana that would be able to work with Ennis Moss to produce the lint cleaners. This was a costly venture. A Mr. John Gordon from

and 4th Street. Several young men from Roaring Springs moved to Lubbock to work in the plant. Some of the Roaring Springs fellows that worked there were: J. N. Fletcher, Bud Roller, Chig Gwinn, Ed Walters, Lloyd Freudenrich (one of the Duran's), Alfred Roller, Walter Lewis, L. J. Marshall, Lloyd Bronner and Burt Switzer. J. N. Fletcher hauled the newly manufactured lint cleaners to gins in the area. Omar and 'Son' Watson were truckers from Roaring Springs who delivered the newly patented lint cleaners to buyers over Texas and the South. This gave many Roaring Springs families a boost with their finances.

During the time Mr. Moss was away overseeing the manufacturing of the lint cleaner, his sons Hoyle and James Moss managed the Red Ball Gin.

In 1952, Caldwell and Joyce Smith bought the Red Ball Gin from Ennis Moss. Joyce's dad, J.M. Thacker helped them buy the gin. Their first crop to gin was in the fall of 1953. It was financed by Quannah Cotton Oil Mill at six percent interest. It was to be paid out in three years, which it was.

Joyce and Caldwell were invited to Quannah to sign the loan papers. A Mr. Rex Sullivan was the manager of the Cotton Oil Mill at that time. Mr. Sullivan often brought the Simmons from Dallas who owned the Quannah Mill and the Lubbock Cotton Oil Mill to visit the gin.

Mr. Sullivan liked what he saw in the Smiths. They always paid Panhandle Oil Mill in a timely manner and always took their cottonseed to their mill. They upheld their end of the bargain. Because of this they were able to

cotton tighter in the trailers.

A filled trailer might be left on the gin yard for 10 days or more during the peak of the season before it was ginned. With these new methods, more and more gins began to find ways to stay up with the growing need for more efficient gins and offered more services to the farmers.

Michelle Smith the daughter of Joyce and Caldwell Smith furnished the picture that appear of the old gin. One of her favorite memories of getting to go to the gin with her parents was that Caldwell taught Michelle to drive the tractor on the gin lot. She thought that was great fun.

On May 8, 1982, the Ray Cruse family bought the Red Ball Gin Company from Caldwell and Joyce Smith. Today's owners are: Mrs. Ray (Tommie Jo) Cruse, her son Darrell Cruse and his wife Brenda; Judy Cruse; Diedra and Larry Clifton; James and Darla Gwinn. The Gwinn's also own and operate the Motley County Mill here.

Darrell Cruse manages the gin and Tommie Jo manages the office. Also, Tina Brooks has been with the Red Ball gin 10 years working in the office.

Much has changed over the years in the cotton industry. Better gins, cleaner seed, fertilizers, herbicides and

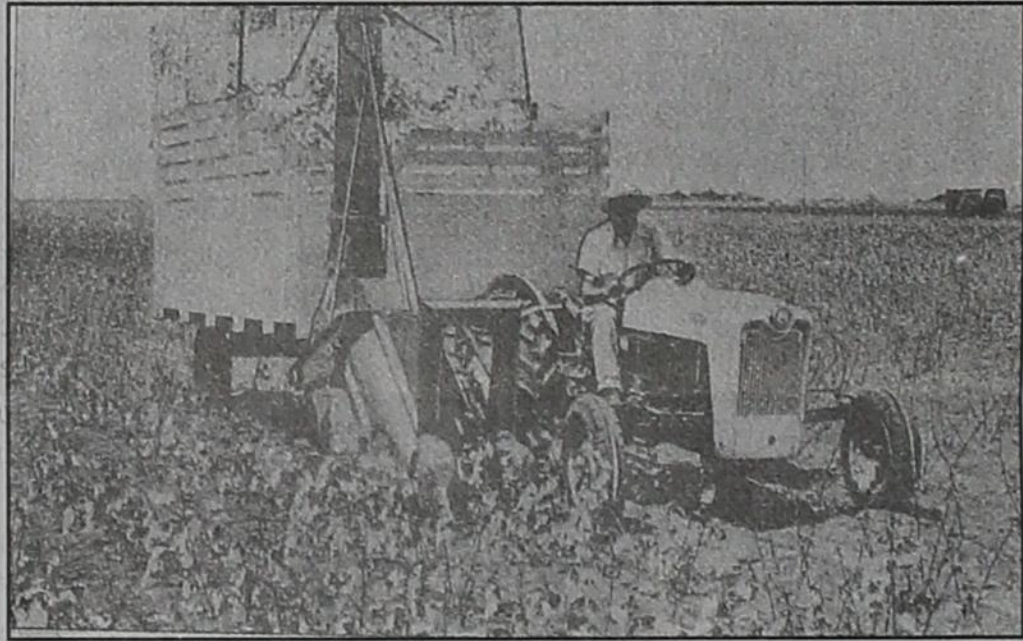
Most gins in our area have fertilizer, herbicides and insecticides to sell to the farmer which is another time-saving service for the farmer. The Red Ball Gin is no exception.

All these improvements in harvesting made it necessary to continue to upgrade the equipment that cleaned the lint, dried it and pressed it into manageable sized bales. Bales are compressed tighter than older gins were able to do. Better wrapping or bagging has been developed from the early jute fiber to currently a more moisture proof type wrap made of plastic and nylon. All of this is done at the gin before it is trucked to warehouses where the bales are held until it is bought by cotton brokers or textile mills.

The Red Ball Gin sends its bales to the Panhandle Compress in Quanah, Texas and also Panhandle's warehouse and oil mill in Post. Much of the cotton seed and the burrs go to the Motley County Mill. Some seed is hauled to Lubbock. Which warehouse the cotton bales are hauled to depend on the amount of cotton stored there and how fast it is moved out to be able to hold more. Weather conditions also factor into the choice of which warehouse the bales are shipped.

The weight of a bale of cotton can vary from 475 pounds to 549 pounds. Bales outside that parameter are charged an extra handling fee. Bales of cotton are compressed at the gin plant now instead of a large compress in the area. The cotton is compressed to a much smaller denser bale that is ready for shipment to anywhere in the world. A modern bale is about 5-foot by 2 1/2-foot wide and 2 1/2-foot thick.

Before the modern gin was capable of compressing a smaller bale the bales were much larger although the bale did not weigh more. The cotton is hauled in a semi-trailer truck van which keeps it clean and dry in transit to the warehouse. The gin is capable of turning out 200 bales per day but most often 150 to 175 bales is a good day's ginning. Some conditions which can slow the ginning process are: too much moisture in the cotton causing the cotton to 'wad up' and clog the machinery; sometimes belts or other parts wear and need to be replaced. There is never a dull



Old Cotton Picker

insecticides have made cotton growing a wise choice for this area.

In the 1980s, module builders were introduced in this area. Cotton strippers now emptied the bolls into a hopper instead of a trailer. The hopper was pulled by another tractor to the end of the row and dumped into large module builders. Module builders are positioned on a turning row for easy access. Again cotton was tamped down but with a hydraulic bar system to pack down and build denser mod-

The gin the Smiths built had four suction. Two trailers could be ginned at the same time. In the earlier days, the ginning was much slower and a 'cotton house' which held cotton waiting to be ginned. This was practiced when the farmer was hand-pulling and maybe owned one or two trailers that usually held one bale. A farmer might hold all his cotton to be ginned together to have more uniform sized bales and less remnant cotton.

As tractors, trucks and pickups hauling the cotton to the gins became faster; larger trailers were built that might hold as much cotton to gin out four or more bales. Trailers were lightened and strengthened and wheel bases lengthened to haul even larger loads. Trampers rode on the trailers to pack the



The Red Ball Gin, 2010 photo by Corky Marshall

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ules. When the module builder is filled, the large module builder is pulled away leaving a firmly packed long module of cotton. The module builder is moved to another spot and the process started on building the next module. When filled, the module builder can hold as many as nine or 10 bales of cotton. Now most of the cotton harvesters are mechanical cotton pickers instead of strippers. Therefore, only the fiber and the seed are carried to the gin.

Module trucks were able to use a conveyer type assembly to pick up the modules intact in the fields and haul it to the gins saving the farmer time, fuel and work. When modules are finished they are often covered with tarpaulins to keep rain from soaking into the cotton. Cotton modules are often left in the fields before ginning for months especially when the growing season was just right for a bumper cotton crop.

moment in a gin with numerous pieces of machinery that must work together.

Much of the bookkeeping from weighing in the cotton, numbering, and order of ginning and press reports are done on a computer. The disposition of the cotton is kept on the computer as well; and the warehouse numbers, grades, sales and buyers. The farmer can even pull up his cotton accounts on the computer via email and watch the market prices!

The Red Ball Gin Company is an integral part of Roaring Springs community and economy. They provide jobs for many local people. The four stand gin processes cotton from Roaring Springs, Turkey, Flomot, Clarendon, Dougherty, Spur and Calgary. Some 13,044 bales were ginned from the 2009 cotton crop.

The Cruse family motto for the Red Ball Gin is: "Your business is worth our best effort."

A Tribute to Ben Douglas Meador

Taken from the archived materials at the Motley County Museum. In his own words (about 1940) . . .

Born May 9, 1901, in the same small cowtown where I now live and operate the *Matador Tribune*. As a boy I used to arise at 4 a.m., wrap my feet in old blankets, because there was no fire, and write until the household had arisen.

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All the high school education I received by riding a small paint pony five miles to Paducah (I grew to manhood on a farm west of Paducah). Frail in stature and too young to join the army, I shipped to Peterburg, Va. in 1918 where I was employed at Camp Lee. There I contracted influenza and pneumonia; I was told that I would die. Escaping from the camp, I boarded a train and made it back to Texas.

Believing I could sell motion picture stories; I went to Hollywood in 1922. Broke, hungry and friendless in a strange land, I washed dishes in a café on the opposite side of Hollywood Boulevard from Grauman's Chinese Theater. Finally I sold two short comedy stories to an independent producer on Poverty Row and aided in direction of one. After a few months the company folded up for lack of funds and I went hungry again until finding a job with a drug store in Hollywood. I worked over four years with this company; studied home correspondence courses and finally quit the store to work as an electrician for Fox Studios.

When the summer was up I returned to Texas to visit my parents (the fourth visit during my stay in California). The next spring I returned and sold real estate for a year, then returned to Texas. I was planning to go back to California in the summer of 1928 when I chanced to visit Matador (the city of my birth). I was offered and urged to accept a place in a drug store. I decided to work for a short time and earn some clothes money.

In October I met Miss Lila Tipton, then employed in a bank across the street. We were married the following June.

The depression left me without a job. I worked the month of January 1930 in a grocery store and then secured a place in the advertising department of the *Childress Index*, my first newspaper work. After three months I quit the job and returned to Matador and my wife, to accept a place at everything from porter to reporter on the *Motley County News* at \$15 per week. (\$10 less per week than the job I

had quit). In July Mr. G.C. Mitchell, publisher of the paper told me that business was so slow that he would need to let me go. I secured a job on a pile-driver in building the two bridges across Tongue River between Matador and Paducah. I worked from daylight to darkness, hauled dynamite and made a little extra money with my car. Hurting my hand

early in the winter, I had to quit the job and in January 1931 I became manager of a filling station here. I worked seven days each week, opening and closing the station, my wife bringing my lunch to

a failure after seven issues. Homer Steen gave me every help possible but tried to talk me out of the crazy idea. He said, "It can't be done, if it could, you would be the one because you have more enthusiasm than any person I have ever known."

I secured a job as bookkeeper in an automobile agency and later operated another filling station. In the fall of 1932 Mr. M.S. Thacker of Roaring Springs drove into the filling station where I was employed and told (me) that he wanted me to take management of the *Roaring Springs News*, which he owned in addition to most everything else in the city. A small handset plant in

on the decline. They had a paper. I sold what advertising I could and secured all the story notes possible, then returned to Matador and wrote the stories.

Then I drove my old car to Paducah 30 miles away where E.A. Carlock set the copy into type for me. In Paducah I secured the services of one B.M. Nelson, a competitor of Mr. Carlock's in the job business -- a country printer from Bell County who had moved into Paducah and was doing a nice business of starving to death. I hired him for a day and night each week and we would carry the type back to Roaring Springs, set up the ads and run off the paper, then I would return him and the used slugs back to Paducah and then return to Matador. I knew nothing about the mechanical work connected with a newspaper or commercial printing.

During the winter Mr. Nelson helped me; we often ran out of fuel and would kick a plank loose in the partition that separated the news plant from a cottonseed storage where Mr. Thacker had several tons of the little hair-covered beans; there to bury in the seed and cover with old newspapers and await daylight so I could get out and rustle some mesquite grubs for the stove. Many times I have borrowed 35 cents from a friendly grocery advertiser as advance on his \$1 ad to pay the postage.

The next spring I talked Nelson into moving to Roaring Springs and setting the paper. I was to give him \$2 per day and the first month I failed, he was to become manager upon my recommendation to Mr. Thacker. He never failed to get his money although I had to borrow money several times to pay him. I never kept any books. We wrote the amount I paid Nelson on the door facing.

I decided there was no more in Roaring Springs for me. Nelson was getting what little the plant was making and although the circulation was growing, it was mostly in Matador and most of my commercial printing was coming from Matador. I wanted to move that old hand-set plant here against Mr. Mitchell. My wife begged me not to do it and pointed out the humiliation of failing again. I never thought of failing. I talked Mr. Thacker into the notion of letting me move his plant out of his town. He finally consented and loaned me a truck with which to move it. I moved the mailing permit through the post office and changed the name from the *Roaring Springs News* to *The Matador Tribune*.

About that time Judge G.E. Hamilton, one of the best and most influential men in the county, came to me and offered me a partnership with his son who is an expert printer. He said he had \$1000 to put into the paper. He said that he had been watching me for a number of years and that he felt that two of us could make a go of it. The money looked big and I accepted the arrangement. However, we did not buy the *Motley County News* as originally planned at that time. Instead we paid Mr. Thacker off the equipment and all my paper indebtedness. We were on equal grounds with Mitchell -- we owed nothing -- but we did not have a machine and no foreign business. Within three months we purchased the *Motley County News*, name, business and subscription list for \$750 instead of the \$3,500 for part of his equipment as Mr. Mitchell had first priced it. We purchased a new machine and a Babcock Press from Mr. Carlock. We owed over \$7,000. It was the drought year of 1934. By the first of the next year we owed the additional interest on the \$7M and \$650 in open accounts. One of us had to go, so I purchased Hamilton's interest for \$500 (on a credit) and assumed all obligations. Ed Carlock loaned me \$2,400 (9%). Last fall I paid him the last dime, interest and all. All the paper house has been paid. The linotype company and myself have a little affair of several hundred dollars but we are buddies -- they are even trying to sell me a new

machine. In 1940, my column "Trail Dust" was awarded a silver cup at the Dallas Fair for the best local column in Texas. I could not attend because I had no money but I read about my winning in an AP story. I served as secretary of the Matador Lions Club during 1934. I was made a director in the West Texas Press Association during the same year and I am now president of the West Texas Press. I was a director in the Panhandle Press for several years. I am not a member of any church. No fraternal organization. I am a key member of the Matador Lions Club. I never openly ran for office although I came within five votes of being elected Mayor of Matador a few years ago as a dark horse candidate.

My column, which has been published as a Sunday feature by the *Amarillo News-Globe* for the past three years, was mentioned by *Time Magazine* in February and I have received letters from all over the country asking for copies of the *Tribune*. Last week I signed a standard royalty contract with the Naylor Publishing Company of San Antonio to publish *Trail Dust* in a book this fall. I am Director-General of Motley in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce but I have never done anything. I don't see why they don't kick me out.

I have never done anything . . . my friends should have credit for the things which are passed my way on a silver charger.



Doug Meador at Hollywood, Court Drug Store, located in Santa Monica and Normandy. Taken October 25, 1923

me. After ten months, I gave up the station and started my first newspaper.

I had a pencil and some paper. I made layouts and sold \$104 worth of advertising for my first issue. The paper, *The Matador Tribune*, was published by Homer Steen at Floydada. Free circulation, no foreign, no legal, no mailing permit, no job work and in competition to a paper that had been in operation for over 30 years. Matador's population is 1300. The paper was

a town of 400 (the paper was printed on an old Taylor Press which I later sold for \$10). I had never seen Mr. Thacker before and I told him I did not have any money. He said that he had made investigations regarding me and that it was ok. I had \$1.43 and owed almost everyone in Matador. I went to Roaring Springs and started. It was possibly discouraging, although I don't remember it. The people said they did not want a paper. . . the town was too small and



Doug Meador, Texas Press Association Convention, 1953

"It's not as important what you put in a country newspaper, as what you keep out of it." Douglas Meador, *MATADOR TRIBUNE*, October 12, 1972

"I have more glory and less money than anybody I know." Douglas Meador, *MATADOR TRIBUNE*, October 12, 1972.



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Time Line: Ben Douglas Meador May 9, 1901 to September 27, 1974

Compiled by Carol Campbell

1895: Records show that a newspaper has been continuously published in Matador since the spring of 1895.

May 9, 1901: Born in Matador; parents, Jennie Belle and James E. (Jim) Meador. Died in Matador on September 27, 1974, at the age of 73.

1928-1934: Worked a 6-year stint in California trying to "break into the writing game in the movie studios and Hollywood." Worked as a "soda jerk" in Simpson's Drug, Matador; worked on a pile driver building bridges between Matador and Paducah; hauled dynamite form Acme in his Ford roadster; operated the Phillips 66 station in Matador for a year; worked for the Childress Index, his first newspaper job.

June 22, 1929: Married Lila Tipton of Caruthersville, Mo.

Dec. 10, 1931: The first "Trail Dust" column was printed in Floydada by the *Hesperian Publishing Company*. Trail Dust was printed in a free circulation newspaper which was forced to suspend after only eight issues.

Oct., 1932: Operated a filling station in Matador for \$1.00 a day.

Dec., 1933: First published newspaper as *Matador Tribune*.

Mar. 14, 1934: Purchased the *Motley County News* from G.C. Mitchell, and combined the two newspapers under the *Matador Tribune* masthead. The original publishing company partnership comprised of Howard Hamilton and Douglas Meador. Moved to the Masonic Building (located in the back of the Matador Variety Store, (Main and Hwy. 70) where the *Tribune* was printed for 19 years.

1935: Purchased Hamilton's interest in *Matador Tribune*.

About 1938: The *Matador Tribune* purchased "the circulation, advertising and good will of the *Roaring Springs Reporter*." The *Tribune* became owner of these previous names: *Texas Maverick*, *Motley County News*, *Matador Gusher*, *Roaring Springs News*, (a second *Motley County News* from G. C. Mitchell in 1934) and *Roaring Springs Reporter*.

1940: First publication of "Trail Dust," 134 pages, cloth bound, sold for \$1.60; third printing, November, 1970, 140 pages; sold for \$4.95. Book cover: "Star-dusted philosophy by an editor from a small west Texas town."

1947: Travelled to Guatemala City, Central America where he wrote and photographed for a feature article for a national magazine, assigned by "one of the large news agencies."

March, 1948: The *Matador Tribune* started with Volume 54, No. 1 (Volume numbers of past publications were picked up in this number).

1948: Elected as Mayor on a "no salary" campaign. In an Open Letter to the Citizens he wrote: "We are very small and very ordinary separately but collectively we can have a strength that will accomplish the seemingly impossible. We can, with unity, build Matador into one of the most outstanding communities in West Texas."

April, 1950: Announced his candidacy for re-election as Mayor, saying he would seek a double salary "... so if you elect me as your mayor beginning April 4th my salary will be double zero, if it is approved by the council." Notable quote: "After serving two years without salary I feel that I have made a great discovery. A politician can get along without money provided he has never used it before entering office. It is also pleasant to ignore the tax collector when you are not bothered with a salary." He won another term, hands down.

1952: Lionism's highest award of "Outstanding Member" for 1951-52. Member since 1933.

Oct. 9, 1952: Named Texas Newspaperman of the Year. "In recognition of leadership in Texas Journalism, The Texas Editor and Publishers expresses its gratitude to Douglas Meador for devoting his lifetime to a journalistic enterprise; for furthering the ideals and principles of community service, cooperation and achievement in newspaper publishing."

1953: Constructed the *Matador Tribune* building (now Tom Edwards Law Office).

1971: Received an Award of Excellence at the 92nd Annual Texas Press Association meeting in Austin.

Aug. 26, 1971: The *Southwest Scene Magazine* section of the *Dallas Morning News* featured Doug Meador: The article was titled "The Sage of Matador."

October, 1972: Letter of congratulations from Governor Preston Smith acknowledging that Cimarron Valley Historical Society honored him on October 15, 1972, for "your great achievements in the field of journalism." He was presented with a plaque mounted on a frame from the first printing press used in Motley County, which he then erected on a lot across from the *Tribune* (now Pioneer Park), in honor of his pioneer parents, James and Jennie Belle Meador.

Sept. 27, 1974: Died at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock from a stroke following surgery on a malignant tumor on his left lung.

June 13, 1981: Lila Meador, 72, died of a heart attack.

Matador Tribune Publisher, Douglas Meador, "a life well-lived"

From Feature Writer Carol Campbell to the readers of the Motley County Tribune:

I was assigned the challenging task of compiling a retrospective story on Ben Douglas Meador (1901-1974) who was the owner and operator of *The Matador Tribune* from 1933 until his death in 1974, more than 40 years in continuous operation by one owner.

Doug Meador was a widely recognized newspaper man in his time, best known for his column "Trail Dust" which was later published into a book, now out of print.

I delved into the archived files at the Motley County Museum. A wealth of information was donated to the museum by Lila Meador before her death in 1981. There were two large folders of materials, decades of stories about Doug Meador, his past accomplishments, pictures, famous quotes, articles from reporters that had interviewed him, a letter from Governor Preston Smith (1972); and numerous hand-written letters from his former employee, Pulitzer prize-winning author Karen Elliott House. It is reported that he received a letter from President Lyndon B. Johnson commending him for a job well done; and finally, sadly, his lengthy obituary, outlining his many accomplishments.

According to his obituary, he was "most proud of three circumstances in his life: of being a native Texan, of having been born in Matador, and of having served as Mayor of Matador." ("Publisher of Tribune Dies," *The Matador Tribune*, Sep-

tember, 1974).

Doug ran for Mayor in 1948 on a "no salary campaign." His first official duty when elected was to "dissolve the mayor's salary." "My creditors never forgave me," he said. This received wide publicity throughout Texas. The story was picked up by the *Associated Press* and was used by radio newscasters from Dallas and San Antonio; and received front page news in Lubbock and Ft. Worth.

Later, when he ran for re-election, he said he was going to "double his salary" to two zeros. "A politician can get along without money provided he has never used it before entering office," he said. He won another term, hands down.

It was a life well-lived, full of colorful people, and adventures - outstanding civic leadership and pride, devotion to friends and family, awards of excellence, state and regional newspaper awards; and a work ethic not likely seen since the invention of computers and instant spell check. His life spanned the old manual typewriter and the linotype machine. The Linotype typesetting machine revolutionized typesetting for newspapers in the late '30s and early '40s, producing an entire line of metal type at once - hence a *line-o-type*. But someone had to set type, and Doug learned that skill, too.

One article said that one time Doug worked 24 hours straight on a deadline for a special edition. His friends found him asleep on the counter at the news office the next day. He traveled to Guatemala City, Central America, where

he wrote and photographed for a feature article for a national magazine.

His loyal wife, Lila, worked side-by-side with Doug at the news office, typesetting, typing, selling ads, and composing copy. It was said the Lila married Doug and the *Matador Tribune* in 1929. She also wrote a column - the brains behind the scenes, some say. Well, dreamers can't be thinking about money all the time, can they?

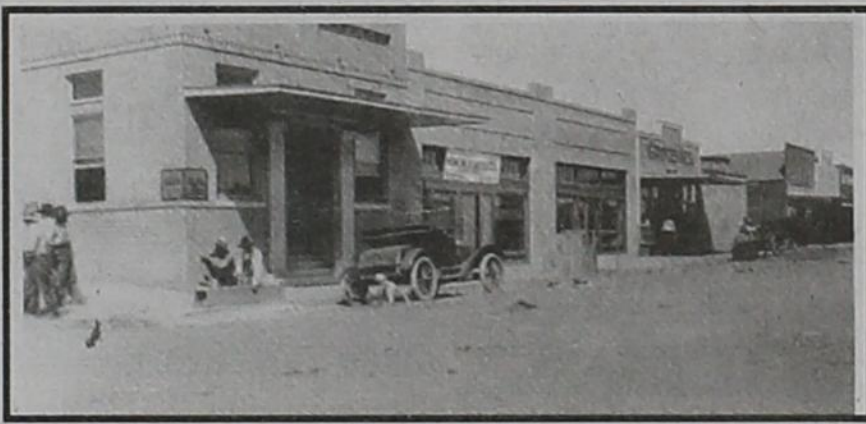
"I have more glory and less money than anybody I know," he said. (Matador Tribune, October 12, 1972). Perhaps the most poignant bit of wisdom came from the same issue, "It's not as important what you put in a country newspaper, as what you keep out of it," he said.

To that end, I beg to differ: I found an important treasure; a treasure that has never been published to my knowledge. It was tucked away in the middle of the museum folder -- three pages of single-spaced, typed script in his own words. Edited with little ink squiggles, and typewriter xxxx's. Here was Doug Meador talking about his life, his humble beginnings, his misfortunes in the early days, and finally, his success. The folded paper was yellowed and brittle, and very fragile. I felt humbled to be holding his innermost thoughts of 70 years ago in my hands. But he left it for us, I reminded myself, and in his own words, he speaks to us today.

"A great, good man is gone; the stranger he never knew here will be his friend in paradise." - Doug Meador.

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Little Known Facts: From "The Sage of Matador"

By Bob St. John, columnist for the Dallas Morning News, quoted in the Matador Tribune, October 12, 1972. In a Special Edition of the Tribune in honor of Doug Meador. Doug Meador's father James

E. (Jim) Meador, a former Matador Ranch cowboy, helped dig the foundation for the Motley County jail built in 1891.

His first "official duty" when elected Mayor in 1948 was to "dis-

solve the mayor's salary. My creditors never forgave me," he said.

Meador didn't finish high school, but during his stay in California he took a correspondence course in writing. "I know what people

say," he explained. "They say I got my diploma at the post office. But I learned what grammar I know and got basic ideas and just a lot of inspiration from that course. Maybe you help yourself by doing.

Anyway, I love words and the way they're formed."

Doug Meador sent the newspaper free of charge to every soldier from Motley County during World War II.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.17000 | \$ 0.00000 * | \$ 1.17000 | \$ 4,989.00 | \$ 6,591.00 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.11131 | \$ 0.00000 * | \$ 1.11131 | \$ 5,570.00 | \$ 5,729.00 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.15130 | \$ 0.00000 * | \$ 1.15130 | \$ 5,765.00 | \$ 6,453.00 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 21,992.48 | \$ 23,756.73 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 6,992.48 | \$ 8,756.73 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.17 | \$ 1.1513 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 81.81 | \$ 100.82 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 19.01 |

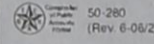
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.1513. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1513.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 1,211,928.00 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ |



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MOTLEY COUNTY ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00PM, AUGUST 30, 2010 in MOTLEY COUNTY ISD BOARD ROOM MATADOR TEXAS.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | |
|--|---|
| Maintenance Tax | \$ 1.15130 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters | \$ 0.00000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----|------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 0.97000 % increase | or | (decrease) |
| Debt service | 0.00000 % increase | or | (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | % increase | or | (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 284,167,206.00 | \$ 293,951,613.00 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 742,780.00 | \$ 468,161.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 71,528,543.00 | \$ 83,063,385.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 742,780.00 | \$ 468,161.00 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

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EVENTS CALENDAR

August

- 24 Spirit Rally 7 pm at the Football Field
- 26-28 Old Settler, Roaring Springs
- 27 Rootin' Tootin' Beans & Cornbread Lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. In the Library Annex
- 28 Hico Classic, Motley County Vs. Ira 4 pm, Hico, TX

September

- 2 RS Lions
- 7 Matador Lions
- 8 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7 am
- 9 M City Council
- 9 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star in Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm meeting at 7:30
- 13 HCCC Board Meeting
- 13 Commissioners' Court
- 13 RS City Council
- 16 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 17-18 Matador/Motley County Ex-Student's Association celebrates biennial Homecoming.
- 18 First Baptist Church, Matador, Beth Moore Living Proof Live simulcast event
- 20 MCISD School Board, 7:30 pm
- 21 Matador Lions

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NOTICE

THE MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 6:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 AT THE EMS BOARDROOM, MATADOR, TX. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2010. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS .10000 PER \$100 OF VALUE. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD INCREASE TOTAL TAXES IN MOTLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BY .03906 PERCENT.

NOTICE

THE CITY OF MATADOR WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 6:15 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 AT CITY HALL, MATADOR, TX. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2010. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS .46198 PER \$100 OF VALUE. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WOULD INCREASE TOTAL TAXES IN THE CITY OF MATADOR BY .07999 PERCENT

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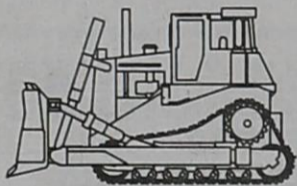
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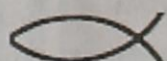
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