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From the Editors:

Welcome to the 2007 edition of the *Old Settlers Gazette*. This is the 25th edition and our fourth year publishing the *Gazette*.

We wish to thank the contributing authors Stephanie Nutt, John Bradbury, and Ronald Toops. Their willingness to share their knowledge and experiences add a special dimension to this issue.

We also want to express our appreciation to the advertisers. Their advertisements pay for the publication of this 60 page tabloid and allow us to give it away. We hope you will patronize the businesses and compliment the individuals. Their participation indicates an interest in our local heritage and support of the Foundation's effort to share some of that history.

Cover: The bridge at Devil's Elbow over the Big Piney River was on original Route 66. This Pratt Through-truss bridge was built in 1923 (along with the arched concrete bridge over the Roubidoux in Waynesville) as improvements to the graded earth State Highway 14, which became Route 66 in 1926. This landmark is deteriorating and requires rehabilitation. The county commissioners and involved citizens are seeking funding sources for the \$1.6 million repair project.

Pictured below are some of the Old Stagecoach Foundation's Board Members and volunteers.

Front row (l-r): Billy Aistrope, Jan Primas, Raylan Aistrope, Lulie Aistrope, Pam Barnabee, Beth Keith.

Back row: William Aistrope, Terry Primas, Anna-Maria Reigle, Phil Bolduc, Joy Bolduc, Marge Scott, and Scott Keith.



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