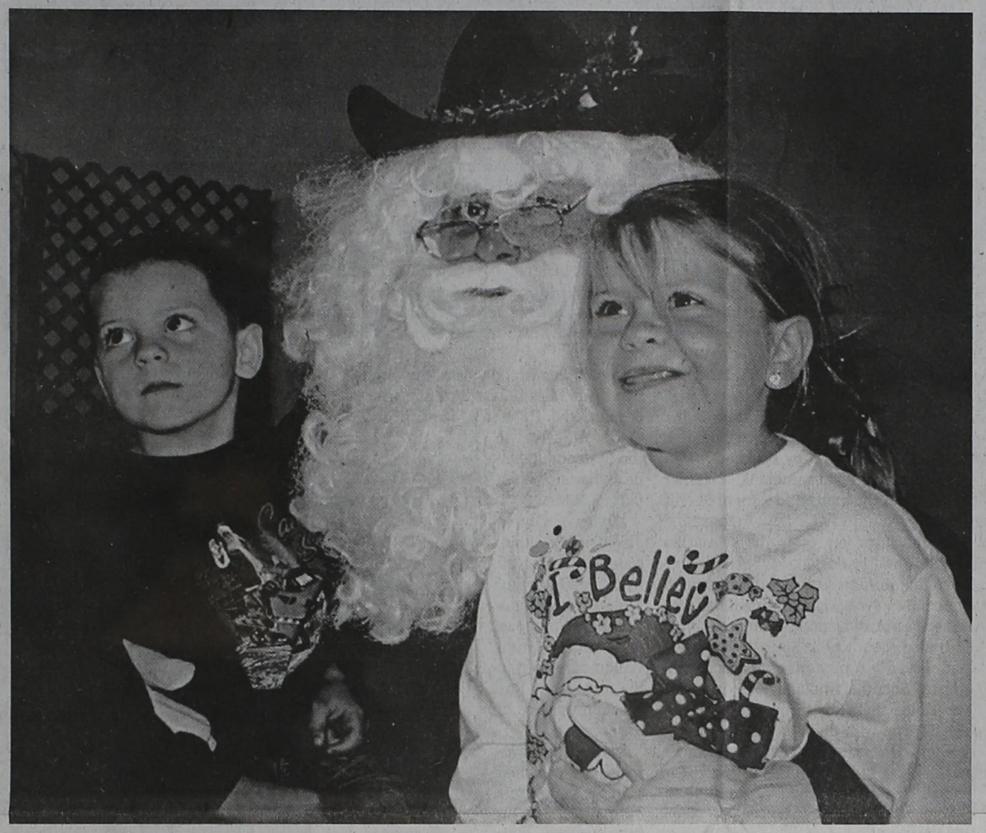
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SANTA LISTENS. Jaylee and Tyge Flowers asked Santa for 4-Wheelers for Christmas. Jaylee, 6, and Tyge, 4, are the children of Jay nad Wendy Flowers, Matador.

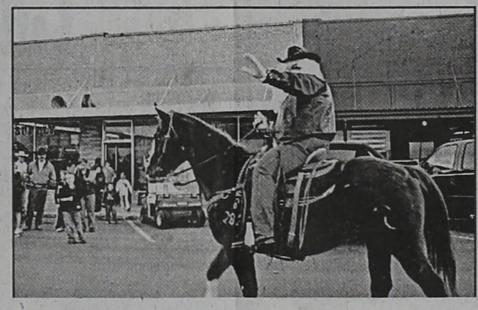
Roaring Springs Late Night Shopping A blast for all



SANTA EXPRESS (L to R) Kylee Fowler, 5, Shelby Lamm, 7, Braydn Fowler, 2, and Kenzie McClaran, 5, hitch a ride on the Santa Express, courtesy of Railroad Man Ken Abbott. Ongoing rides entertained children and adults alike, waiting for Santa to arrive in downtown Roaring Springs.



ABBI WATSON, 4, daughter of Kim Watson, Lubbock, and granddaughter of Bill Hand, Roaring Springs, sits on Santa's lap, following a big bear hug where Santa tried to talk her out of her cookie. "You know how much Santa lovvvvves cookies," he said.



Cowboy Santa by horseback makes his appearance at Late Night Shopping in Roaring Springs on Friday, November 28. Giveaways, drawings, and raffle tickets were sold while a judging contest of the best snack dessert highlighted the cooking skills of Roaring Springs "sugarplum" fariries. Hitchin' Post served up steaming hot bowls of chili and stew with cornbread and raisin cookies.



Lou and Lady-the-Poodle Wittler are dressed for the occasion, waiting to see Santa, who came riding in by horseback. Lady understands "going to work" but she wont be left behind for shopping trips, Lou said.

Matador Late Night Shopping Set for Saturday, December 6th

The 'old fashion Christmas, Late Night Shopping in Matador will be on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

downtown starting at 5:30 p.m. inside the Matador Flo-

There will be lots of good food at the three cafes, and refreshments in the businesses.

There will also be lots of in store specials and percentages off during the special times.

A special drawing for prizes in each business will be drawn for each paying customer.

There will be individuals selling their hand made wares on the streets as well.

The store specials for Senior Santa will visit children Citizens will be 4-6 p.m., then for everyone else the specials will be 6 -9 p.m.

A live band, The Fabulous Sandbillies of Paducah, will be playing during the evening on the patio of the Hotel Matador. The Hotel Matador will also host a Holiday Open House from 4-6 p.m. and give away the television they have chances for.



PETTICOAT JUNCTION owner Devonne Dillard entertains customers on the organ with a lively rendition of "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." Businesses served spiced tea, hot chocolate, dips, chips, and cookies to guests browsing the sales.



Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

The wind howls and moans as it makes its way through every small opening in the old house. Thankful for the automatic furnace that requires no strenuous wood chopping time, there is still a primeval glimmer of need for a fire that one can see and feel, if only a few feet from the hearth. The satisfaction that comes from seeing the ricks of firewood stacked close to the cabin or dugout give an already warm feeling to the soul.

Setting the thermostat doesn't have that feeling but it is nice not to have to gather that fuel for the stove, especially if one is feeling a bit old or puny and a little plagued with the cold or flu on top of it. There is an old saying that when you chop wood you are

warmed twice, once with the working of the wood, and then again when you sit close to the fireplace.

I have a photograph in a book of pictures that shows a 92 year old man by his chopfirewood laying all around him, and I imagine the matter of fact look on his face just tells us that for him there was no other choice. I suspect that chopping wood was not the only thing that contributed to his longevity, good food and other exercise as well as good relationships with people also figure into the equation of looking that good at 92 years of age. I won't feel any guilt for living in houses with thermostats but there is still an irreplaceable longing for the fire and its many colors and warmth.

Wake up Wednesday mornings to the MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE

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Sunlight poured through some torn places in the grey clouds and the bronzed cowboy stood up in his stirrups and surveyed the cedar brakes. He was tall and lean like a pine fence stay. He wore one of Mr. Stetson's brimmed berets, caked with sweat and alkali dust, a blue shirt open at the throat, California pants and run-over boots. . The chilling wind whipped an open vest that hung on shoulders like a sack with holes for armpits. On a distant ridge he sighted the unused gate and rode toward it. Once on the other side he headed straight toward the sun and it was dark when he reached the linecamp. He fed his horse from the small stack of hay and went to the house. He did not knock because he felt the emptiness before he arrived. Starting a fire in the bachelor stove, he sliced some stale bacon, opened a can of tomatoes and began stirring flour, water and meat grease in a pan. The coffee had boiled when he finished frying the thin batter. A gust of wind shook the frame house.

Matador Tribune December 7, 1950

New Chevy On Display

The new 1951 Chevrolet is coming to town Saturday, December 9th. Forrest Campbell, manager of Campbell Chevrolet Company here said yesterday that the new car will be the largest and finest in the low priced field.

"Chevrolet has led in sales and registration for 20 years and bids for continued leadership in the 1951 model," Mr. Campbell declared. "The new car brings all the new things and also all the proven things in automobiles," Mr. Campbell said, "and of the striking Fisher body styling. The new Chevrolet will have all the things the motorist wants in an automobile."

A cordial invitation is extended the public to visit the Campbell Chevrolet Company showroom and see the new automobile.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

From Motley County Sheriff to U.S. Marshall 1858-1939: The fifth sheriff of Motley County

By: Ron Bailey

Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Harper was born in 1858 in Limestone County in east central Texas. It was a few miles from Fort Parker where the Comanches and Kiowas kidnapped Cynthia Ann Parker, the mother of future Chief Quanah Parker.

Frank left home with a brother in the late ping block with his ax in hand, 1870's or early 1880's and came west. The army had subdued the American Indians and the buffalo hunters had decimated the buffalo. The brothers worked for ranches in west Texas and New Mexico as cowboys and trail riders.

In 1894, Harper came to Matador to serve as Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff George W. Cook who was Harper's brother-in-law (Cook was also from Limestone County and was married to Harper's sister).

He served as Deputy Sheriff until Sheriff George Cook was gunned down at the train station in Seymour. The first Motley County Sheriff, Joe Beckham, had been accused of embezzling County funds. Sheriff Cook had gone to Seymour with Motley County Records in order to testify against Beckham. Beckham's trial had been moved to Seymour due to a change of venue. Beckham met the train at the station and when Sheriff Cook deboarded, he was gunned down by Beckham. District Judge McGill appointed B. F. Harper to serve out the unexpired term of Sheriff

In an interview with the "Amarillo Globe-News" in August, 1938, Harper related that the longest trip he ever made to trail outlaws was when four men had stolen some horses from the Matador Ranch. Wilson of Childress, "I trailed them to Big Spring where they and others from had picked up some more horses. Dave Allison, Sheriff at Midland, joined me and we trailed them for three weeks, finally catching up with them at Del Rio on the border", Harper said. They caught three of the horse thieves but the other one escaped. They caught the escapee three or four months later when he came to court his girl friend.

Harper met the love of his life, Minnie Timms, at a party at the Matador Ranch headquarters in 1895. The party was held on February 14, 1895. The dance was one of those given occasionally by ranch manager A. J. Ligertwood to keep the cowboys happy and to promote friendly relations with neighboring ranches and settlers. According to Betty Casey's book, Dance Across Texas, dances were usually held between fall and spring roundup, after branding season, when the men were set-

tled in for the winter. The guest of honor at the dance was Mrs. Hicks, the ranch manager's sister, recently arrived from Scotland. The cowboys galloped to neighboring ranches with the invitations, which soon included everyone within a radius of fifty miles.

Among those excited about attending the party was Miss Minnie Timms from Matador. Minnie came west from Jones County, Texas in 1891 with her parents to settle on a claim on Quitaque Creek. Their first home was a dugout. They later built a cabin from cottonwood logs. She attended high school in Matador. At that time, the school was located on the corner of Main and Houston Streets immediately south of the present Seigler Funeral Home.

Minnie wrote in later years, "We girls rolled our hair on curling papers, pressed our best worsted dress and sateen petticoat, polished our shoes to a silken sheen, then waited impatiently for time to pass. And for once I was ready on time, dressed in my new brown cashmere with a velvet bolero."

One of her friends also attending the party was Miss Velma Burleson who later married J. R. "Rufe" Moore. The girls

made the trip to the Matador Ranch headquarters in an old stagecoach.

Motley County Judge, W. B. Gilpin, was the dancing official. Jeff Morris of Matador and Frank Childress, played in the orchestra. Roy McClain was one of the callers.

During the evening, the excited young Minnie Timms met her future husband, Benjamin F. Harper. They were married on August 21, 1895, by County Judge Gilpin. I cannot prove it, but the young couple's first home was probably in the living quarters of the Motley County Jail.

In 1900, Harper

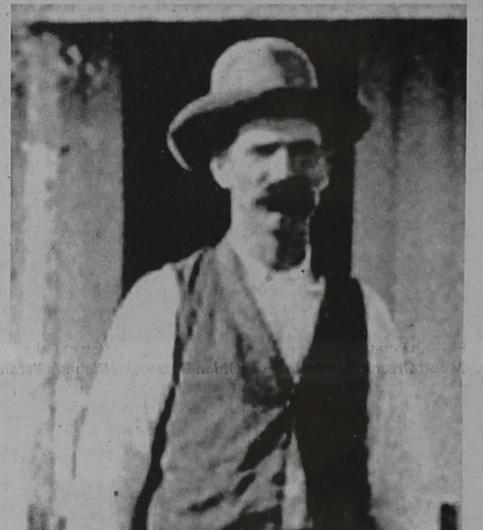
was appointed cattle inspector for the Texas Cattle Raiser's Association. The duties of the job were to inspect the brands of cattle being shipped, of herds being moved in from any distance, to attend all the roundups, to keep track of strays, watch out for rustling, and keep the association members posted as to what was going on.

Harper's wife, Minnie, traveled frequently with him on the inspecting trips. She was acquainted with most of the big ranches' owners. She took notes, and in 1936, wrote a book entitled, Old Ranches.

By 1908 most of the ranges had been fenced and cattle stealing was at a low ebb, so, Harper said, "My job played out."

By 1920, Harper was a policeman in Amarillo, Texas. In 1922, Harper was appointed U. S. Marshall for the Northern District of Texas. He stayed in that position until he retired in 1931.

Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Harper, the man who served as the fifth Motley County Sheriff, died on September 3, 1939, in Randall County, Texas. He is probably buried in one of the Amarillo cemeteries.



BENJAMIN F. HARPER was the fifth Sheriff of Motley County. This photo was made about 1895 at Matador Ranch Headquarters. (Photo courtesy of the Keith collection).



Christmas Greetings

Letters to Santa for the December 18th Christmas edition are due December 10th There will be no paper December

25th

Dear Editor,

We lost a loved one recently. A member of our family for almost 11 years. China Berry Blue was devoted, loving and beautiful. China was our beloved pet. She was very wellbehaved, loyal and dedicated. In fact she was one of the best dogs I have ever known.

China came to be a part of our family at the age of seven weeks. We loved her immediately. Her light blue eyes and fluffy blue-gray and white coloring reminded us of blue willow china. Her eyes were so hauntingly beautiful, some people were spooked by them and got the wrong impression of China, thinking she was mean. But China was everything but mean. She was very loving. Although our children were all grown and had fami-lies of their own, China became a part of their families, also. She loved to play and bark and attended church regularly. In fact about the only place she ever wandered yard awaiting our arrival.

Two weeks ago, on the night to get China. Murder was not

of November 14, after living at our house on this street, on this block for almost 11 years, China disappeared from our front porch. We searched everywhere to no avail. We feared the worse but didn't want to believe one of our neighbors could bring harm to her. We prayed God would lead us to her, to let us know where she was. And He did.

Last week, just before Thanksgiving, our local Game Warden, Matthew Cruse, came by our house with China's collar. He had seen one of the posters we had put up with her picture. He had found our missing dog. Someone had shot her in cold blood and dumped her under a bridge on the Springs road. Lying near her were two deer legs. We know the person responsible for this had to be one of our neighbors, because China never wandered far. If China was in someone's yard, why did that person not just pick up the phone and call us. We all know each other, we all when she left our yard was to know each other's pets, we're our Church, just up the street, all neighbors - a simple phone where she sat in the Church call is all that was necessary. We would have gladly come

necessary!

Those eleven days of not knowing where China was were terrible and gave us a glimpse of the horror a parent must feel when a child is missing. I couldn't sleep and cried everyday and night. We appreciate Mr. Cruse for making us aware of the location of our precious China. My husband and son brought her home and buried her and my grandson made a cross for her grave.

My friends were concerned for China and I appreciate the

prayers said for me. To the person responsible for this terrible act - I pray they read this. I pray for you and I pray that God will make you aware of the heartache your actions caused. My God tells me to forgive, so I forgive you, but I truly hope you never cause this kind of hurt to anyone else. I pray that God will replace whatever evil must be in your heart to perform this action, with love and compas-

Thank you, Joyce Meredith Roaring Springs

Matador Late Night Shopping, December 6th

The Area I FFA Leadership Constest was held on the campus of WTA&M University on November 22, 2008. The event was hosted by the University College of Agriculture and Natural Resouces and sponsored by the Area I FFA Association. Dr. Gordon Davis, CEV Multimedia, Ltd., of Lubbock Texas sponsored the purchase of the banners that were presented to the top qualifying teams.

140 teams comprised of over

500 FFA members competed in the twelve different contests that feature public speaking, agricultural skills demonstrations, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, and current agricultural issues.

The Motley County FFA Chapter was represented by the Greenhand Chapter Conducting team comprised of Keyan Kautz, Braden Mason, Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn, Ashley Brackeen, Cody Martin, and Jonathan Osborn. The

team placed fifth in the contest that featured the top twelve teams that advanced through their respective district con-

Also representing Motley County in the Greenhand Creed Speaking contest was Keyan Kautz who placed eighth out of a field of twelve contestants.

Congratulations to these young men and women on their accomplishments in these very competetive events.



GREENHAND LEADERSHIP TEAM: (L-R) Keyan Kautz, Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn, Cody Martin, Ahsley Brackeen, Jonathan Osborn, Braden Mason.

Dinner for 50, Hotel Matador style

Hotel Matador Innkeepers Linda Roy, Caron Perkins, Marilyn Hicks, and Dorothy Russell along with various family members drafted into service, prepared and served a sit-down dinner for 50 guests on Thanksgiving Day.

The menu consisted of many family recipes, as well as a sampling from Martha Stewart and Helen Corbett.

Hotel Matador 2008 Thanksgiving Menu

Hot Apple Cider Shrimp Potato Soup Mixed Green Salad with Sweet Onion Dress-

Fruit Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing Pomegranate-Cranberry Sauce Honey Baked Ham

Apple and Spiced Brined Turkey Fried Turkey

Aunt Irene's Sweet Potato Casserole Cornbread Dressing and Giblet Gravy

Martha Stewart's Mashed Potatoes Green Beans with Roasted Fennel and Shal-

Baby Brussels Sprouts with Butter Pecans Helen Corbett's Wild Rice Pecan Dressing Honey Yeast Rolls with Honey Butter Chocolate Glazed Chocolate Tart with Rasp-

berry Sauce Lemon Chess Pie Carrot Cake

D'anna's Pecan Pie Cake Nana's Pecan Pie

Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream Peach Tea

Madelyn's Backyard Pecan Tree Coffee



CHEF LINDA ROY, prepares Thanksgiving Dinner for 50 at Hotle Matador:

Matador Late Night Shopping, December 6th

WE ARE IN IT TOGETHER!



There's a nice story that came out of the Seattle Special Olympics from a few years ago. Nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, had assembled at he starting line for the 100-yard dash. At the gym, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with a certain relish to run the race, to make it to the finish and win.

As the race started, one boy stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times, and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry. Suddenly, they slowed down and paused. One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said," This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line.

Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for 1

minutes. The bible talks about our Christianity as being in a "race" and rushing toward a finish line in passages like Hebrews 12:1-2 and in 1 Corinthians 9:24. Sometimes we get so caught up in establishing the rules of the race, determining who's qualified to run and who isn't, the conditioning and discipline involved, that we forget the basic idea that we're all in the race.....together.

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

Thank you

On behalf of the family of Richard and Dorothy Turner we would like to thank everyone for being so kind and caring after Dorothy's fall. Laura Slover and Dvonna Grundy for helping Richard, the ambulance crew, and Craig for driving Richard. Thanks for the calls, the visits, the flowers, the gifts, and the food. Thanks for the care given by the entire staff at the Hackberry Creek Care Center and most of all the prayers for our family. We are truly blessed.

Richard and Dorothy Turner, Rick and Jane Turner, and Krista and Tyan Turner

Apology

Due to the editor's illness, she missplaced the weather report.

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Cowboy Christmas set for historic downtown Quanah Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band play for cowboy ball

QUANAH - The music of Bobby Flores and his Yellow Rose Band will be part of the sights and sounds of Cowboy Christmas in historic downtown Quanah on Saturday, December

Flores, a Grammy Award winner, will be on stage in Three Rivers Ballroom for the Three Rivers Cowboy Ball, 8:00 p.m. to midnight, final event of the day.

Festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until the traditional Parade of Lights rolls north on Main Street at 6:30 p.m. The slate of activities includes arts and crafts, museum tours and carriage rides, with Santa Claus expected to be downtown much of the day.

Tickets to the ball are \$25. Three Rivers Ballroom will open at 6:00 p.m. to allow ticket-holders to view the parade from the ballroom. The price of admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a midnight burrito breakfast.

This year is Flores' second year to play for the Three Rivers Cowboy Ball, an event sponsored by Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (www.3RF.org). He will have fiddle in hand, but the versatile musician also plays classical violin and jazz and classical guitar.

Hitchin' Post in Roaring

Springs featured in

Texas Monthly

The 40 best small-town

cafes in Texas were featured

in the December 2008 Texas

Monthly magazine. High-

lighting the top of the list was

the Hitchin' Post, located in

historic downtown Roaring

"They came twice to eat

here," owner Gene Chapman

said. "We didn't think much about it at first. Then they

began to call," he said, so he finally gave them permission

to put something in the mag-

azine. "We've been getting

some traffic from the article,"

According to Texas Month-

ly the reporters apparently

dined on chicken-fry, BLT,

and cherry-pecan cake. "The

place is so homey that during

the lunch rush, locals pitch

in to clear tables," the report

Chapman said.

reads.

Springs.

of music, owner of Bulverde Academy of Music. Flores' repertoire is broad, but the music at the ball will be mostly country and western swing.

Besides performing, he sings

and is a composer and a teacher

A bandleader since age 13, Flores has played through the years as the opening act for several name performers: Marty Robbins, Johnny Rodriguez, Tanya Tucker, Conway Twitty, George Strait and Garth Brooks. He has played first violin and fiddle for Ray Price, and still performs some with the legendary performer.

At the 19th Annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium at Ruidoso Downs, N.M., last month, Flores sang and played his fiddle on the Three Rivers

Stage at the event, one of the nation's largest celebrations of the culture of the Old West.

Carolyn Wilson, 3RF Director of Arts, has worked with Flores at both the yearly symposium and also in Quanah.

"Bobby Flores is a gentleman on and off the stage," Wilson said. "He's a class act - a fine vocalist and musician. We're very proud to present him again to the Three Rivers Cowboy Ball. He is an inspiration to young aspiring musicians, and we appreciate that."

For tickets to the ball, contact Wilson: carolynw@3rf.org or (940) 839-7332. More information about other activities of the day, including booth space, is available from the Quanah Chamber of Commerce, (940) 663-2222.

Thank you

We want to thank everyone who remembered our family in so many ways when Geneva passed away. The words of encouragement during her illness and after her passing, the many cards sent, the prayers offered, the beautiful flowers, the wonderful food and the memorials sent are appreciated so much. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful friends and family that make the hard times easier to get

May God richly bless each of you. Kathy and Clois Shorter; Cindy and Chad Calvert; Christi and Dwain Milam and Keri and Kevin Sehon



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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Roaring Springs' Late Night Shopping brought many people into town to enjoy shopping; letting their children and grandchildren visit with Santa and ride on Kenneth Abbott's train. I had my least granddaughter so I really didn't see how much shopping was going on. The sign-up areas for the drawing of gifts donated by the merchants were very busy.

Here is a list of those winning prizes and the merchant donors:

Shelly Kirkendall Diamond Hoop Earrings - Thacker Jew-

Brody Rankin, \$25.00 Motley Co. Bucks - Santa's Box.

Brody Rankin \$25.00 Motley Co. Bucks - Motley Co. Chamber of Commerce.

Jerry Johnson \$25.00 Motley Co. Bucks - Motley Co. Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Armstrong, \$25.00 Motley Co. Bucks - Motley Co. Chamber of Commerce.

Penny Kline, McCall's Candle Graham Supply Harold Parks, Tools - Gra-

ham Supply Kelly Keltz, Texas Star Box Pendant - 4-R Trinkets

Kathy Turner Black Onyx Cross Bead Necklace - 4-R Trinkets

Harold Parks, "The Last Storm" Print - Ken Young Photography

Cassidy Turner, Pecan Pie -Travelers Inn.

Penny Kline, Travel Case Caprock Telephone

Lacy Rankin, \$50.00 Fuel - Alexander Fuel Mike Mach, Gloves - HP

Feed and Seed Jelene Timmons, \$40.00 Gift Certificate - Petticoat Junction

Kelly Keltz, Medallion - City of Roaring Springs Kim Moran, 12 Gauge Shot-

gun - raffled by Roaring Springs Community Volunteers Priz-

es were won for a new feature, a 'cook-off' sponsored by Graham Supply. Wyatt Perryman - candy - homemade toffee

Virginia Sailsbury - cookies - chocolate covered cherry

Monta Marshall - breads -refrigerator

The Baptist Church hosted the joint fifth Sunday luncheon and fellowship with the Methodist Church members as guests.

Visiting Corky and Monta Marshall on Sunday were Monta's niece, Marla Potess of Lubbock and Steve Boyd of the

Pitchfork Ranch. Leandra Whittenburg and children, Matthew and Kenna of Flower Mound visited with Don and Billy Stuckey for Thanksgiving. Leandra's friend, Randy Harris was also a guest as well as Billie's mom, Lou Dean Douthit of Briscoe, TX.

The Boyd Long family enjoyed Thanksgiving in Lubbock with Boyd's daughters and their families. They also traveled to Arizona to visit with Laura's parents, Coy and Esther Wilk-

Visiting with Jeff and Pam Thacker on Friday were their children: Brad and Weslyn Thacker, Charlee, and Edee of Amarillo and Blair Wilson of Lubbock.

Tince Thacker's daughter and family were guests of Buzz and Tince for Thanksgiving. They were Gordon and LuAnne Terry, and their children: Todd Terry of Post; Mandy Terry of Slaton; Justin, Amanda and great grandson, Everest Terry of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Crowley visited with their daughter and her family in Albuquerque, NM for Thanksgiving.

D. A. and Ruby McGuire's daughters and their families were here for Thanksgiving. They were: Sonya and Dan Upfield, and sons Carson, Bennett, and Brady; Tara and Dan Stipp and daughters, Alexis and Jordan all of Carrolton, TX.

Ken Young traveled to Del Rio on Friday to be with Dinah. Dinah is doing well and should be finished with her treatments and be home by December

Joyce Meredith went to San Angelo on November 24th to visit Cody, Leah, Angelica and Jonah Meredith. Joe Glen joined them for Thanksgiving. They returned home on Friday. Parker and Daphne Meredith visited with Daphne's family in Hale Center. Visiting Thanksgiving Day at Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Swim's home

were Mr. & Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Swim of Abilene, and grandson Dr. Ed Swim and wife Kimberly of Westpoint, New York. Ed is teaching math and doing re-search at a college on the military base and Kimberly is teaching in New York.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEAD

Like all growing boys, my teenage grandson was constantly hungry. I went to my refrigerator to find something he might like to eat. After poking around a bit and moving the milk and juice cartons, I spotted a bowl of leftover chili. "Hey, look! I found some chili." Struggling to be polite, he said, "If you are that surprised, I'm not really sure I want it."

Guests Thanksgiving Day of Ruth and Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee and Jason Lee of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon; Brandon Lee of Plainview; Tom Heck, Mrs. Teresa Lee, Kacee and Micah of Turkey; Cody Heck of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs.Roger Lee and Josh Lee of Flomot. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Continued to Crosbyton to visit her family, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Givens. They returned to Flomot Friday and helped Ruth and Orville with their cattle operations.

Thanksgiving day guests of Butch and Janice Hughes were Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hughes, Kason and Kendal and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes, Tara, Reagan and Brody of Floydada. Janice visited in Abilene during the weekend with her brother, Keith Rogers, a patient in the Hendrick Hospital who is listed in serious condition. Joining her there was their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs, Tommy Rogers of Lodi, Wisconsin.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Jack and Nada Starkey were Jack Davis of Plainview; Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Davis of Lovington, N.M. and Johnie Starkey of Flomot.

Donnie Rogers and mother, Mrs. B. Rogers met his daughter, Brooke Rogers, student at Texas University in Austin at Lubbock Airport Wednesday en route to Flomot visited in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers. Brooke returned to Austin Sunday morning.

Thanksgiving day guests of Brenda and Darrell Cruse were Charla and Bennie Marracle of Snyder; Ian and Kaycee Shafer, Mark and Kathleen Wason, Dawson and Valenna of Lubbock; Allen and Shahala Cruse of Turkey; Marihelen Wason, Bobby Whitaker, and Pauline House of Matador and her granddaughter, Charity of Houston.

Guests during the Thanksgiving holidays of Mrs. Beverly Vinson and Roger and Doris Vinson, Allison, Elise, and Christopher of Lubbock.

Cody Barclay of Borger visited the weekend with his parents, Jerry and Sandra Barclay.

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Travis of Dallas; Penny and Bud Taylor of Floydada. Hayden and Harrison enjoyed hiking at the Caprock Canyons State Park. Mrs. Erma Washington and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were guests Thanksgiving Day of Tim and Dena Washington in Roaring Springs. Other guests were Cara and Clint Cowart of Post; Amy, Cory, Hudson and Madi-

son Franks and Cary Franks

of Idalou and Matt and Ashley

Washington, Blu and Brazos of

Holiday Guests of Shonda and

Roger Lee Friday were Hayden

and Harrison Whitehead and

Candice and Hunt Whitehead

of South Lake; Rex and Wanda

Davey of Plainview; Erin and

Roaring Springs. Wilburn Martin was a Thanksgiving day guest of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper, Carl Cooper Cory Cooper,

Gavin and Mason all of Borger. Mrs. B. Rogers, Donnie Rogers and houseguest, Brooke Rogers of Austin and Mrs. Leona Degan of Quitaque were Thanksgiving day guests of Shay and Jimmy McDaniel, Seth, Luke, and Colt, in their new home in Sundown. Other guests were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary; Dane Degan of Lubbock; Shawna and Jeff Abernathy, Allie and Jake of Abilene. Visiting B. and Donnie Saturday were Cam Washington, student at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and Scotty Stark of Quitaque.

Mary Ellen " Dude" Barton was a guest of Marisue and Ralph Powell Thanksgiving day at Hotel Matador. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Potts and sons of Floydada.

Clois and Kathy Shorter and his father, L.E. Shorter were Thanksgiving day guests in Ropesville of Keri and Kevin Sehon and son, Brian. Among the other guests were Christi and Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg.

Thanksgiving day guests of Doyle and Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert were Gwen and Tim Mandrell and daughter, Peyton and Sherrlyn and Dan Foster of Lubbock.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Neal Edwards, Jaxon and Lane of Turkey and Larry Clay, Kelsey and Tanner of Panhandle.

James and Darla Gwinn and Danielle joined family members Thanksgiving Day at the Gwinn Home in Matador. Those attending were Aly Gwinn, Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Emily and Annie of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jeffers of San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz, Mr. and Mrs. Fannin Gwinn and Shondi and Charles (Chig) Gwinn of Matador.

Matador News

Max Masterson and son Jack of Fort Worth were in town hunting last weekend, along with his brother Bobby Masterson, also of Fort Worth. They were joined by friend Blake Hanna and his son Regan of Cleburne. Their hunting lease is between Matador and Paducah. Max works for EOG Resources, Bobby for XTO Energy, and Blake for American Film and Printing.

Helen Pace of Albuquerque, NM, and her son Gordon Pace of California were in town visiting Joan Patton. Helen is a cousin of Joan's late husband, Keith Patton. Gordon has just retired after serving 27 years in the Coast Guard.

Stanley and Cinda Brooks of Spicewoodwere in Matador for the Thanksgiving holiday. They visited Stanley's mother, Modean Brooks, who resides in the Hackberry Creek Nursing Home.

Callie Giesecke was transported to the hospital recently. She returned home that evening, however, and is doing well.

Dyron and Monti Clower of North Richland Hills visited his father, Dahl Clower, and other family members over Thanksgiving weekend. Dyron works for an identity theft company in the Metroher optometrist father in Fort ing graduating seniors. Worth.

Johnson, both of Peaster, visited during Thanksgiving with her grandmother, Dan Barton, a resident in Hackberry Creek.

Randy Hicks went on a hunting trip to Breckenridge with friends from El Paso over the holiday weekend.

Lara and Adrian Escobar and their children Jaxon and Isabelle visited with her parents, Marilynn and Randy Hicks, on Thanksgiving Day.

Also in town for the holiday visiting their brother, Roger Evans, were Kathy Scott and

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Joanna and Elli Runkles of Levelland were in town.

Also visiting Matador were Donni, Ronda, and Carlie Maines of Lubbock.

Emily and Paul Teegardin of Silverton, daughter and son-in-law of Linda and Tom Roy, were here for Thanksgiv-

Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mr. & Mrs. Billie Paul Simpson were daughter and family, Tonya and Warren Multer, Amy, Cory, and Katy of Garden City; her brothers and wives, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davis of Rogue River, Oregon and Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Davis, Jr. of Wellington.

Kourtney Karr, daughter of James and Cherri Karr, Whitney, Texas, and granddaughter of Dan Barton, a resident at Hackberry Creek Care Center, recently returned from a mission trip to Zambia, Africa, working extensively with children and families. She is a senior student at Texas A&M University, studying Human Resource Development with a business minor. The Karr's recently traveled to College Station for "Ring Day," where an event was staged for students to receive their senior rings. Kourtney was presented her senior ring from her father, plex, and Monti works for James, in a ceremony honor-

Todd Allison, Plainview, Chad Spitzer and Konni visited in the home of Carol and Lucretia Campbell over the Thanksgiving holiday, enjoying a traditional turkey meal and all the trimmings.

Kevin, Sherry, Koulton, and Dillon Bailey; and cousin Brant and his mother Andrea Bailey, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with their parents Ron and Kay Bailey. On the Friday following Thanksgiving, Kay, Andrea and Brant traveled to Amarillo to visit Laverna Price Johnston, who is a patient at Baptist Hospital.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

We normally give away a Texas Capitol Ornament every year during late night shopping, and even though we won't be open this year for the big event, we're still going to give away an ornament. So, stop in the library any time between now and December 18th to enter for your chance to win. And to spice things up a bit, You can enter once a day! So, if you stop by the library every day between now and then that sure up's your chances. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring this giveaway, so there is no cost to enter. The drawing will be held December 19th at 9:00am, hurry in and throw your name into the hat.

day at 10:00 we're meeting at the library for another lesson on Japanese Book Binding. If you missed it last time, you don't want to miss it again! See you then!

Also, the book sale is officially open to the public Thursday the 4th at 1:00pm. The first few that make a purchase are welcome to pick up a Limited Edition 2009 Motley County Library calendar bookmark. These are destined to be a collectors item (ha!ha!) and there aren't very many to go around. So be sure to come in and browse the selection!

New books this week: Nelson DeMille "The Gate House," P.D. James "The Private Patient" and John Don't forget that this Fri- LeCarre "Most Wanted Man."

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

Wildfire concerns heat up as drought lingers

AMARILLO - California won't be the only state with wildfire issues if drought conditions persist or worsen across Texas, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

Preparation and prevention are much better than mitigation and recovery, said Dr. Wayne Hanselka, AgriLife Extension range specialist in Corpus Christi.

"Parts of Texas are experiencing continuing drought, and those areas with grass that grew as a result of earlier rains are now experiencing wildfire dangers," Hanselka said.

In preparation for the wildfire season, he said, county courts are beginning to consider imposing burn bans again. The Texas Forest Service has an updated list of counties enacting burn bans at: http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png.

"Texans have to be aware of fire dangers and the need to be vigilant," Hanselka said. "Protecting property through installation of fire guards, removing of excess fuel from around homes, barns, facilities and butane tanks are all precautionary moves."

Even if moisture comes in the next week or two, he said, "an inch of rain won't last no time. We would need good soaking moisture to minimize the danger, and even then between the rains the fuel will remain dry."

A forecast for November through February issued by the National Interagency Fire Center indicates that the drought conditions in Central Texas are expected to expand across portions of Texas into Oklahoma throughout the winter.

AgriLife Extension's Wildfire Incident Response Team is emphasizing preparedness, Hanselka said.

Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo, reminded landowners that now would be a good time to visit with hunters, gas/oil production employees

and others who have permission to visit their properties

or five acres surround houses, homeowners need to secure their homesteads and facilities against a wildfire, Hanselka said. Make sure all water hoses and firefighting tools work; make sure sprayers have water in them.

"Having the facilities and tools there, properly placed, can

Larger landowners may need firebreaks and fuel managedo significant damage.

"As a tool in fuel management, removing that fuel is important," he said. "Whether it's a welding spark, thrown cigarette or hot box on a railroad, if the fuel is not there, it's not going to

Hanselka said there are tools that land owners can use to lower the risk. Winter is a peak season to do prescribed burning, and under the right conditions it can be effective in mitigating the dangers.

through the procedure of making sure a prescribed burn is out, completely is also important.

ing," he said.

Laws and other prescribed burn information can be found at http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/ prevention.htm

More information about protecting against and preventing wildfires can be found at: http:// texashelp.tamu.edu/.



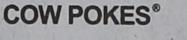
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make a difference," he said.

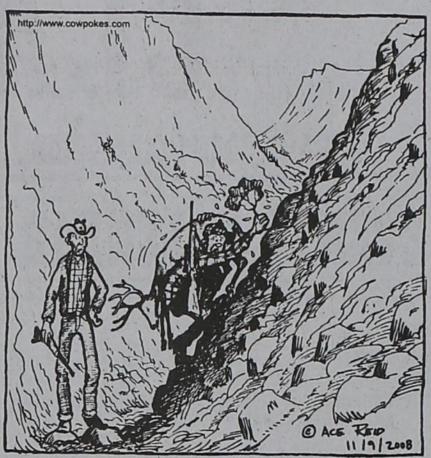
to be thinking about installing ment, Hanselka said. Fuel management - shredit, grazeit, burn it down - allows a landowner to avoid a situation where fire can

But he also warned that going

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By Ace Reid



"Jake, on second thought, let's jist eat 'em here!"

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Researchers to discuss feeding distiller's grains to beef cattle in the Southern Plains

AMARILLO - Nutritionists and producers alike will meet for a distiller's grain feeding update on Dec. 9 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

The program will provide upto-date results of research conducted by university and federal scientists related to the feeding of distiller's grains to beef cattle in the Southern Plains, said Dr. Jim MacDonald, Texas AgriLife Research beef nutritionist.

There is a growing supply of wet and dry distiller's grains available for feeding to beef cattle in the Southern Great Plains, MacDonald said. However, to date, most of the distiller's grain feeding research has been conducted with typical Northern Plains diets based on dry-rolled or high-moisture corn.

Until recently, there has been little research conducted with steam-flaked corn-based diets typical of the Southern Great Plains, said Dr. Andy Cole, research animal scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service laboratory at Bushland.

The program will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. Topics to be discussed at the research review will include the effects of dietary concentrations of wet distiller's grain, supplemental fat, supplemental protein and urea, different sources of distiller's grains and dietary forage concentration, Cole said.

Results of animal performance, carcass characteristics, beef-eating quality, digestion and metabolism, environmental quality, sulfur metabolism and intestinal microbial changes also will be presented, he said. In addition, the results of research looking at the effects on performance of stocker calves and beef cows will be presented.

The program will wrap up at 12:05 p.m., followed by a lunch courtesy of industry sponsors for those who register in advance, Cole said.

A registration form can be found on the AgriLife Research Web site at http://amarillo. tamu.edu or by calling Coretta McClish at 806-677-5600.

Forms should be sent to Mc-Clish, either by e-mail to cjmcclish@ag.tamu.edu; fax to 806-677-5644 or mail to 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Jones and Kolt, Kwail and Klay Brock. Burleson and Lou Jean Belew were married on November 28, 1958 in Woodward, OK.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley C. Burleson of Floydada celebrated

their 50th wedding anniversary on November 23, 2008 with

a family photo shoot on the ranch at Flomot, Texas. They

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- 4 RS Lions Club
- 6 Matador Late Night Shopping
- 6 Christmas Bazaar, Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum, 9-3 pm
- 6 Men's Breakfast, First Baptist Church, 7 AM.
- 7 Grannie's tea party set for December 7
- 8 Commissioners Ct 9:30
- 8 RS City Council
- 9 RS Comm Vol 6:30
- 11 M City Council, 6:30
- 11 Foothills Fellowship 7 PM.
- 15 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 16 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 18 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20 First Annual Virginia Wylie Christmas Tea, 4-5:00 p.m., 914 Walton Rd.
- 24 Methodist Church, Matador, Candlelight Service, 7:30pm

January

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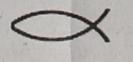
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