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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.

## 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.

Santa will visit children downtown starting at 5:30 p.m. inside the Matador Floral.

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 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.

## 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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

## Matador Late Night Shopping

Saturday

December 6, 2008

Santa will arrive at  
Matador Floral at  
5:30pm

Only 21 days  
til Christmas!

# Foothill Country

## Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

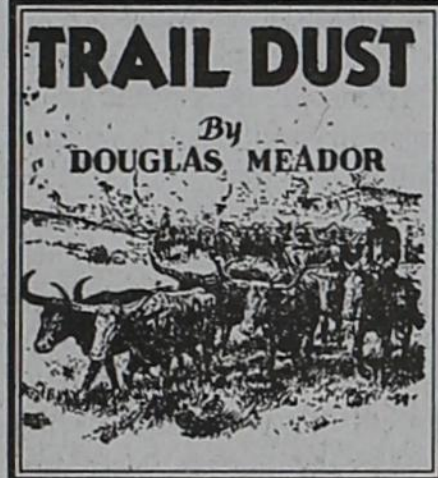
The wind howls and moans as it makes its way through every small opening in the old house. Thankful for the automatic furnace that requires no strenuous wood chopping time, there is still a primeval glimmer of need for a fire that one can see and feel, if only a few feet from the hearth. The satisfaction 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 chopping block with his ax in hand, firewood 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  
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December 7, 1950

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.

## RETRO NEWS

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 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 Cook.

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. "I trailed them to Big Spring where they 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-

led 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 Wilson of Childress, and others from 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

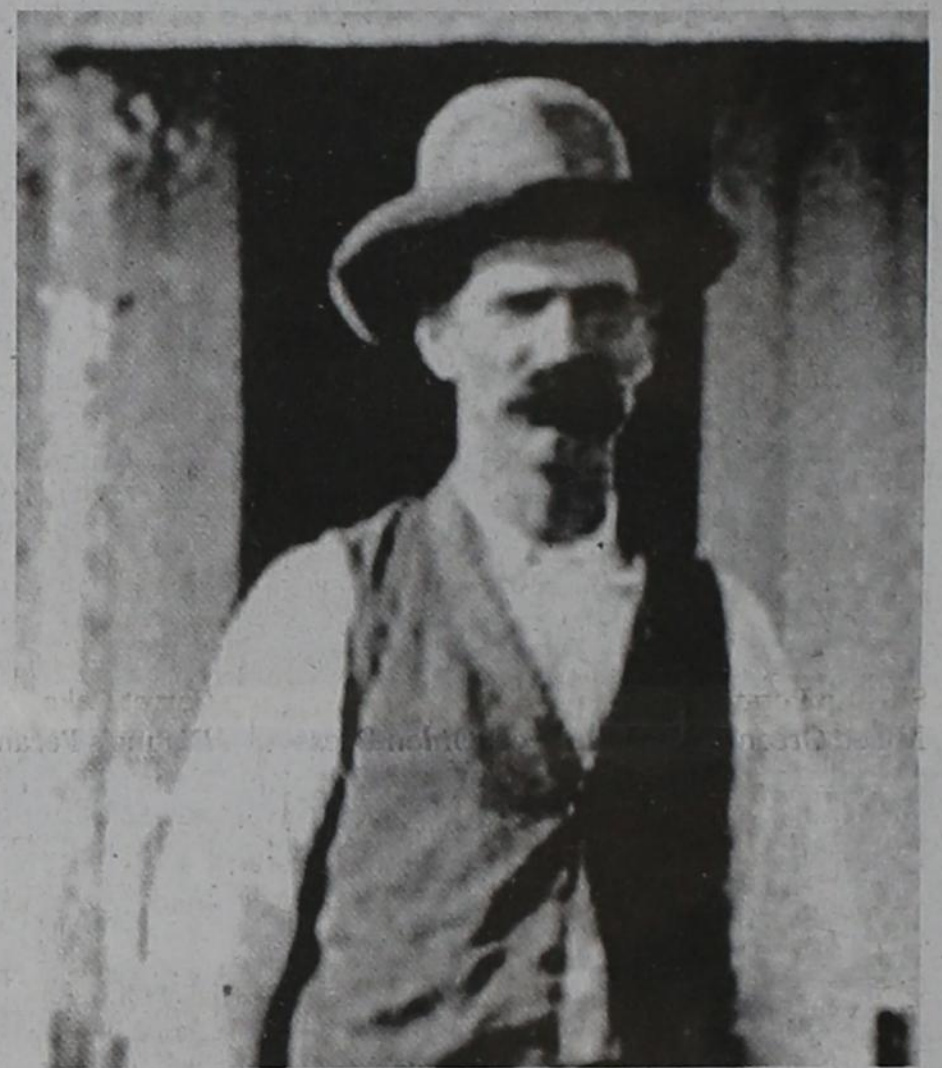
was appointed cattle inspector for the Texas Cattle Raiser's Association. The duties of the job were to inspect the brands of cattle being shipped, of herds being moved in from any distance, to attend all the roundups, to keep track of strays, watch out for rustling, and keep the association members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

## Letter to the Editor

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 well-behaved, 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 families 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 when she left our yard was to our Church, just up the street, where she sat in the Church yard awaiting our arrival.

Two weeks ago, on the night

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 know each other's pets, we're all neighbors - a simple phone call is all that was necessary. We would have gladly come to get China. Murder was not

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 compassion.

Thank you,  
Joyce Meredith  
Roaring Springs



Christmas Greetings & Letters to Santa for the December 18th Christmas edition are due December 10th There will be no paper December 25th

Matador Late Night Shopping,  
December 6th

## Greenhand Leadership teams compete at area contest

The Area I FFA Leadership Contest 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 Resources 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.

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 contests.

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 competitive events.



**GREENHAND LEADERSHIP TEAM:** (L-R) Keyan Kautz, Christian Brooks, Lexi Osborn, Cody Martin, Ashley 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 Dressing  
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 Shalots

Baby Brussels Sprouts with Butter Pecans  
Helen Corbett's Wild Rice Pecan Dressing  
Honey Yeast Rolls with Honey Butter  
Chocolate Glazed Chocolate Tart with Raspberry 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 Hotel 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 the 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 misspelled 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 6.

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.



Besides performing, he sings and is a composer and a teacher 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.

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.

## 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. Highlighting the top of the list was the Hitchin' Post, located in historic downtown Roaring Springs.


"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 magazine. "We've been getting some traffic from the article," Chapman said.

According to Texas Monthly 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 reads.

### 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 through.

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



**Motley County EMS**

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# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

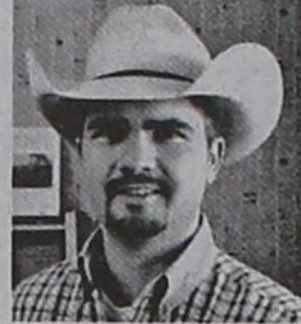
We normally give away a Texas Capitol Ornament every year during late night shopping, and even though we won't be open this year for the big event, we're still going to give away an ornament. So, stop in the library any time between now and December 18th to enter for your chance to win. And to spice 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.

Don't forget that this Friday 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 (halha!) 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 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 about safety and fire prevention measures.

"Also, even if there are no burn bans in a county, the conditions are still conducive to fires," McCollum said. "So check the weather forecasts for wind conditions before burning, welding, etc. And make certain there is a means of suppressing a fire that might start as a result of these types of activities."

In communities where four 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 make a difference," he said.

Larger landowners may need to be thinking about installing firebreaks and fuel management, Hanselka said. Fuel management - shred it, graze it, burn it down - allows a landowner to avoid a situation where fire can do 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 go."

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.

But he also warned that going through the procedure of making sure a prescribed burn is out, completely is also important.

"No cow patty left smoldering," 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/>.

## COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



"Jake, on second thought, let's jst 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 up-to-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 McClish, either by e-mail to [cjmcclish@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cjmcclish@ag.tamu.edu); fax to 806-677-5644 or mail to 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

## Burlesons Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



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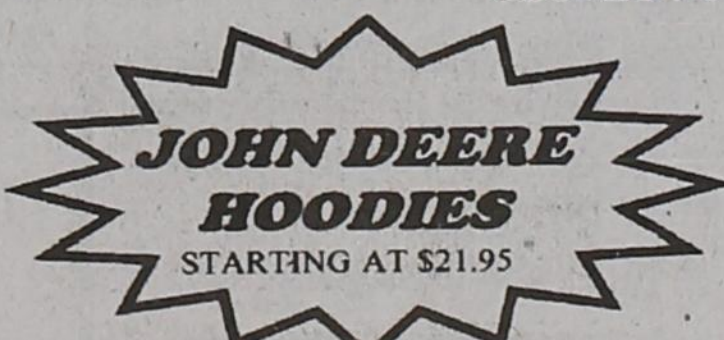
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- 3 Kids Praise
- 4 RS Lions Club
- 6 Matador Late Night Shopping
- 6 Christmas Bazaar, Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum, 9-3 pm
- 6 Men's Breakfast, First Baptist Church, 7 AM.
  
- 7 Grannie's tea party set for December 7
- 8 Commissioners Ct 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**
- 6 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm.
- 8 RS Lions
- 8 M City Council, 6:30pm
- 12 Commissioners Ct, 9am
- 12 RS City Council, 6pm
  
- 13 RS Comm Vol 6:30
- 14 Kids Praise
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm

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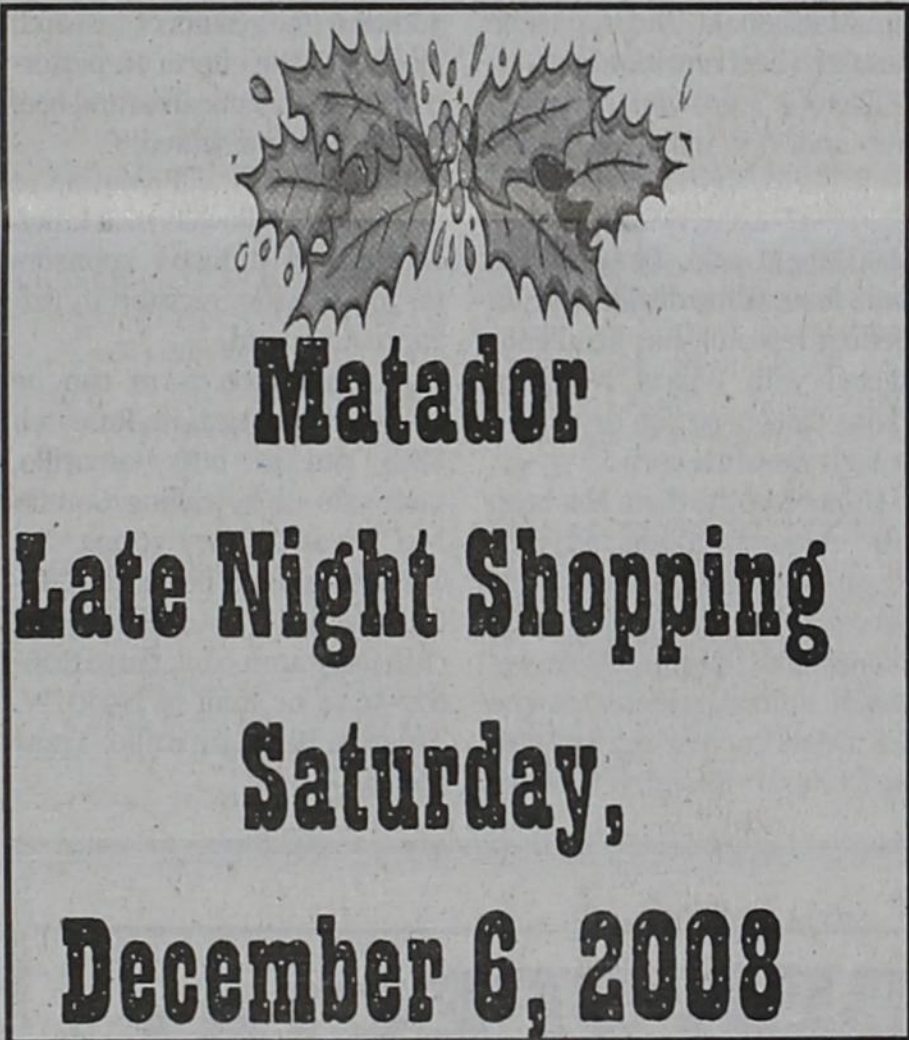
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