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Late Night hosts Old Saint Nick



Ryder Russell, only 6-weeks old, couldn't keep his eyes off the Christmas lights, taking his visit with Santa all in stride. Ryder is the son of Shane'a Russell, and grandson of D'Anna and J.D. Russell.

By Carol Campbell

Santa Claus hitched a ride December 3 with Matador Volunteer Fire Department to his appointed duties in Matador. Hosting the jolly old elf was Matador Floral where Santa met with boys and girls; listened to Christmas wishes, and handed out candy canes. Children shopped for mom and dad in Santa's workshop, courtesy of the Eternas Study Club.

The sub-zero weather didn't deter late night shoppers, crowding downtown Matador with activity. The historic buildings of Main Street were outlined in white lights with lighted large Christmas wreaths with red ribbons gracing each storefront. Street vendors braved the cold and set up baked goods tables, raffles, handmade jewelry, and other decorative items outside

the businesses. Others set up inside the library and the Farm Bureau buildings.

The Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Shell station now dubbed **Chillerz**, hosted shoppers offering more than 42 prizes from coffee mugs to bicycles. Store manager Leadell Martin proudly displayed gift items, a full coffee bar, consisting of gourmet coffees and Cappuccino. Large walk-in freezers displayed soft drinks, ice cream, and shaved ice. Shelves of baby dolls peer down from their perches above the fray, waiting for that special child on Christmas morning; and other gift items include billfolds, specialty purses, jewelry, travel mugs and more.

Mike Farmer, vice president of retail for Chillerz, Abilene, greeted guests at the door. "We are very proud of the Matador remodel," Farmer

said. "This is a nice place. We are a small chain of about 13 stores. We remodel about two stores a year."

Guests' packed **Jaybirds Kitchen** serving Mexican food and **Main Street Cafe** opened its doors to serve soup, chili, and grilled cheese sandwiches as a fundraiser for Hackberry Creek Care Center. Volunteers, including Administrator John Vunk, served the tables, cleared dishes, and kept the steaming hot drinks flowing. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Activities Department at Hackberry.

Hotel Matador served hot drinks and cookies to visitors who browsed specialty gift tables, including hand-dyed silk scarves by Laverne Zabielski, mesquite-made bowls and dominoes, and mesquite wooden crosses with tur-

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Santa hitches a ride with the Matador Fire Department to the Matador Floral where he met with girls and boys to hear their Christmas list.

photo by Carol Campbell



Store Manager Leadell Martin of the newly remodeled Chillerz Shell Station on the northwest corner of Hwy.70, shows off the new digs. She is surrounded by convenience and gift items, a new coffee bar, and wall of walk-in coolers.

photo by Carol Campbell

Grannie's Tea Party Raises Funds for Library



Attending the 20th annual Grannie's Tea Party are: (L to R, Back Row) Hostess Joyce Campbell, Mikenna Ford, Meagan Ford, Cassidy Turner (server), Chloe Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, Addie Guerrero; (L to R, 2nd Row), Tatum Guerrero, Emma Cruse, Carley Turner, Nellie Bly Shannon, Emma Heckler, Dode Gleghorn, Crystal Collett, and Autumn Perryman; Front Row: Sydnie McCoy.

By Marisue Potts Powell

Thirteen young ladies dressed up in their finest attire and practiced their manners at individual tables graced by fine china in the twentieth version

of Granny's Tea Party on December 6, 2009.

Mrs. Joyce Campbell, hostess for the fundraiser for the Motley County Library, opens her home each year during the Christmas season. Spe-

cial guest was Librarian Buffy Crutchley who showcased just a few of the twenty videos that were purchased with last year's proceeds from the event.

The menu for the tea sippers included a choice of spiced

tea or lemonade, and finger foods consisting of "pigs in a blanket," home-baked pizza, cheese and apple slices, Fritos dipped in chocolate, and an assortment of cookies and treats. Harrod's Biscuit Selection,

Fortnum & Mason tea from Piccadilly, and Chocolate-covered Peppermint Sticks from Williams-Sonoma were the gift of Sally Case of Beverly Hills who had previously sent a decorated gingerbread house and Pettit-fours, along with her best wishes. Tommy Keith added a butterfly teapot to Mrs. Campbell's eclectic china collection.

The young ladies ranged in grades from 2nd to 5th at Motley County ISD and Patton Springs ISD. Those attending were Emma Hackler, Mikenna Ford, Emma Cruse, Tatum Guerrero, Sage Guerrero, Nellie Bly Shannon, Sydnie McCoy, Crystal Collette, Chloe Gleghorn, Dode Gleghorn, Addie Guerrero, Carley Turner, and Autumn Perryman. Graduates of Granny's Tea Party who moved up to become very capable waitresses and assistants were Cassidy Turner and Meagan Ford.

Mistress of ceremonies was Janie Campbell, who started helping her mother-in-law with tea parties when her own children were young, as a means of educating them in

proper conduct and manners for formal occasions. Also assisting were Mary Ann Potts and Marisue Potts Powell who helped serve.

Each participant had an opportunity to tell about themselves, their outfits, and what she was most thankful for. Some shared their talent of reciting poetry or singing Christmas songs. All wore stylish outfits; many sported jazzy hats, while some chose to parade in their mom's high heels. A few dressed more formally by adding gloves to the outfit, and one donned a fur coat to complete her ensemble. (Another fur coat to be loaned out at future tea parties has been donated to Mrs. Campbell's collection by the nieces of Myra Spears, Kate and Carol.)

Photographs taken by Mrs. Crutchley of each girl and of the group may be viewed at the Motley County Library where they will be posted. Over \$100 will be available to make future purchases for the children's section thanks to Grannie's Tea Party and a very lovely group of young ladies.

Foothill Country Connections

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

By Larry Vogt

In the competitive arena of team sports there seems to exist a built-in awareness that there are winners and losers. The winners get to celebrate and the losers get to what? For one thing they get to look at acknowledging themselves for their hard work and team effort which is a great lesson for the competitive world of business and careers that students will encounter after graduation.

It is also a time to remember that team means not only sports teams and cheerleaders, our team also includes the teachers, the staff, the parents, academics, and all extra-curricular activities.

The main reason for being in school is to learn. Current statistics show us that people who go beyond high school for some other kind of career training are bound to earn more than those with no high school diploma. We love our team!

By Laverne Zabielski

This week we received a copy of the *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review* published by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society at WTAMU in Canyon. The society began in 1921. This is particularly interesting to me because I've been thinking about Motley County and west Texas as the frontier it was, how it attracted settlers to this area and I have been wanting to read more stories, not only of the past, but also of the new

frontiers. Often the stories from the past are relevant today. In this review Carley du Menil writes about "The Bank and the Community: Panhandle Banking in Various Markets." As a result of her research she says, "A community can survive without a successful bank, but it cannot prosper." How timely. This is worth pondering as our elected officials go about debating saving picayune amounts of money at the expense of our community's ultimate prosperity.

Roaring Springs Lions Club hears presentation on feral hogs

By Corky Marshall

The Roaring Springs Lions Club met at 11:30 a.m. at the Windmill Café. Several members were unable to attend because of Christmas shopping, traveling or illness. Ten Lions and five guests were present.

Ryan Martin gave a very informative presentation about the feral hog population in Motley County and the damage they are doing. They have about ruined the peanut farmers, Martin said, and are doing a lot of damage to the hay and cotton farms.

Six Lions took Bingo games to the residents of Hackberry Creek Care Center. Several of the residents really like to play.

The Late Night Shopping event in Matador was another

of their busy day events; six members sold raffle tickets on the diamond ring that will benefit the Hope Lodge for regional cancer patients in Lubbock. The drawing for the ring will be at the Traveler's Inn Hotel on December 21, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale until the drawing time. Raffle tickets will be available from Lion members, the Windmill Café and the Travelers Inn.

If you purchase a ticket for the ring you will also be eligible to participate in the drawing for the Capitol Christmas ornament donated by the Motley County Library and a chance to win two gift certificates from Cap Rock Telephone Co-op, Inc. held following the drawing for the ring.

Festive Time was held by Do Gooders Christmas Party

Guests stepped into a nice warm building at the Community Center on December 1st and were met by an array of beautiful Christmas decorations.

Mrs. Erma Washington and Mrs. Doris Vinson, hostesses of the annual club's Christmas party presided at a festive table laid with a red cloth over green. The centerpiece depicted the 12 days of Christmas with red and green candles encircled by red, green and sparkling garland. Hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, Christ-

mas bread and cookies were served with assorted flavors of hot chocolate and coffee.

Two miniature glistening adorned Christmas trees were on two tables. Under one of them were colorful wrapped gifts followed by a Chinese exchange of gifts.

Those attending were Mesdames Barbara Payne, Erma Washington, Anna Beth Clay, Waydette Clay, Connie Franks, Doris Vinson and Kathy Shorter. Guests were Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador and Laney Edwards of Turkey.

Matadors end 2009 season as semi-finalist

Saturday evening the Motley County Matadors took on the Borden County Coyotes to end their 2009 season as semi-finalists. Coach Bigham said he was very proud of his boys. "They did a great job this season for such a young team. The boys exceeded all expectations from many people across the state. We have a young team and look forward to good things to happen in the future with MC Football.

The coaching staff would like to thank the community for their support and dedication through the season. We have a special place here at Motley County and will continue to strive for excellence," Coach Bigham said. "We would also like to thank all of the gracious people who donated to the Motley County Parents Club this year. Their contributions have been greatly appreciated."

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quise insets by artist Buddy Compton, Colorado City. Jewelry by local artist D'Anna Russell offered a wide variety of hand-crafted jewelry, including cowhide pens, and other unique items.

The Library Annex held the annual 1/2-off book sale, offering paper and hardback books at a fraction of the original cost. The Motley County Library sold the new Texas Capitol ornaments, new note cards; and door prizes were raffled off to lucky winners. Vendors in the library included Loretta Thompson, Rachelle Davis, Denise Lawrence, Vee Gordon, Ken Young Photography, and Buffy Crutchley.

Refreshments and bargains at Matador Variety and Matador Motor and Implement enticed the crowd to shop local. New to You encouraged the shoppers to "buy-one and get-one free" while the

popular Glittered Pig opened its doors to a wonderland of gift items, including personalized glittered cutouts of every imaginable icon.

The Farm Bureau hosted Lacy Clary, displaying hand-made Dena Washington jewelry; Ashley Washington sold her unique fabric ruffle flowers; and beautiful hand-crafted wooden crosses with mirror pieces by local artist Cara Wilson offered stunning gifts for late night shoppers.

The Chamber of Commerce President Diane Washington said Matador has a lot to offer and encourages people to shop local. Late Night Shopping was a "festive evening," Washington said. "I am proud of the vendors that showed up, and the kids really enjoyed seeing Santa Claus," she said, adding, "Jaybirds was packed from 5:00 to 9:00 and the Hackberry fundraiser was a real success."

November Weather Cooperated with Motley County Cotton Farmers

Motley County had mild weather in November providing excellent conditions for the cotton harvest. The cotton harvest is about 80 percent complete. Temperatures remained above freezing while frost was experienced the last of the month. Cotton modules are stacking up at gin yards, because of the good yields this year.

Soil moisture was short on wheat and pastureland. Light

rain and snow the first of December will help. Cattle are in good condition with supplemental feeding.

Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers report the total rainfall for November: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 0.16; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 0.55; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.20; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.24 and Clois Shorter, Flo-mot 0.28.



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Human experience has proven, that the lives of most of us, are dictated to an extent greater than we care to admit by events beyond our control. As Christian people we can remind ourselves from time to time that God is in control. It is true no doubt that "things happen" and they will continue to happen but

there order in this Universe and can also be in our lives. When our lives are lived in faith, there in an order about them.

It comes easy to us to claim Jesus as our Savior, but it seems difficult to remember that He is our "Lord." Yes, Jesus is often referred to in the New Testament as "the Lord Jesus Christ." Jesus as our Savior offers us Eternal life. Jesus as our Lord is in control of our lives. To some that presents a scary picture because of feeling that "I am in control." Human experience again has proven to us that we need both guidance and help as we struggle with the storms of this life.

There are times that we need to hear, "Peace, be still." This doesn't mean that we live lives of slavery and fear. But rather we are to live lives of power and stability sustained by God through His Spirit in our inner being. "So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." (Eph. 3:17). Why not crown Jesus as the Lord of your life and let Him be in control? Doesn't that sound better than happenstance controlling our lives?

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

Thank you so much to all the wonderful people who visited the library for late night shopping. We had the best year ever! Despite the cold, we had almost 100 people stroll through the doors to visit the various vendors, and browse the book sale. What a special night.

Mark your calendars, this Sunday at 2:00 pm we will have a special photography exhibit of Ken Young's beautiful Greek work. Ken will be on hand to give a talk on the

various photos. We will also have refreshments, which are always delicious! Please make plans to attend this program. I know we all have seen the beautiful 'Ranch' photos Ken has taken over the years, but here's a chance to see his artistic genius from a different angle.

There are only a few of the 2009 Texas Capitol Ornaments available, so stop in today to get yours before they're gone!

Obituaries

Jerry A. Pitts

Funeral Services for Jerry A. Pitts, 53, of Plainview were held December 5, 2009 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Miller officiating. Interment followed in East Mound Cemetery under the direction of Shannon Family Funeral Home of Matador.

Jerry was born on July 6, 1956 to Freddie Pitts and Jerline Ruth Reed Pitts. Mr. Pitts had been a resident of Lubbock and Dumas before moving to Plainview nine years ago. He was a lifelong mechanic and has worked for the Wal-Mart Distribution Truck

Shop in Plainview for the past 10 years. Jerry was a member of the Happy Union Baptist Church in Plainview. He was preceded in death by three siblings; Diana Pitts, Glenda Ruth Pitts, and Freddie Lee Pitts.

He is survived by his wife, Glouris Pitts, of Plainview; one daughter, Destiny Pitts of Plainview; three brothers, Larry Pitts, of Midland, Melvin Pitts of Fort Worth and George Preston Pitts of Fort Worth; two sisters; Doretha Brown, of Fort Worth and Pamela Smith, of Fort Worth.

Richard E. "Jiggs" Green

Graveside services for Richard E. "Jiggs" Green, 83, of Matador were held November 28, 2009 at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mr. Green passed away Nov. 26, 2009 in Lubbock, Texas.

Jiggs was born on October 28, 1926 in Matador, Texas to Jamie C. Green and Ona Slover Green. Mr. Green was a painter and a U.S. Army Veteran. He was preceded in

death by his wife Julia Ann Eaton Green.

He is survived by one son, Randy Green and wife Marla of Plano, Texas; one daughter, Cindy Hooten and husband Gene of Bowie, Texas; three brothers, Jack Green, of Matador, Don Green of Floydada, and Pat Green of New Home, Texas; two sisters, Bessie Jean Williams, of Matador and Juanita Pritchett of Flint, Texas; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Marlene Hamm

Marlene Hamm, 73, of Brownfield passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at her home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Marlene was born on August 11, 1936 in Whiteflat, Texas to Welton and Inez Bailey. She graduated from Matador High School in 1953 where she still holds the school record for most points scored in a basketball game. She played Semi-Pro basketball with Dahl's Dolls in Amarillo, and attended West Texas State. She married Billy Dick Hamm, Sr. on January 4, 1954 in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on September 18, 2008. She was also preceded in death by her

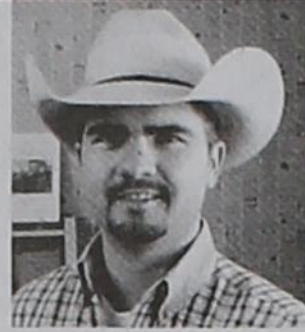
son, Billy Dick "Duke" Hamm, Jr. The Hamm's farmed throughout Terry County before moving to Waco, where they owned and operated a real estate company for several years. They moved back to Brownfield in the late 1990's, and had also lived at Lake Colorado City and in Matador. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Brownfield.

Marlene is survived by her son, David Hamm, and wife Caroline, of Aubrey, Texas; two daughters, Sandra Hamm of Brownfield and Cindy Everett, and husband, Mike, of Sundown; six grandchildren, Cody, Brian, Wes, Will, Lauren, and Rachel, and a brother, Ronald Bailey, and wife Kay, of Matador.

Memorials may be made to the Motley County Senior Citizen's Center or Terry County Cemetery Association.

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



Farm Equipment Road Safety produced by the Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention and Education

With the boundaries of rural and urban America blending more and more everyday, it is important for all motorists to be aware and cautious of farm equipment on the roads. According to the National Safety Council, approximately 1/3 of fatal tractor accidents occur on public roads. In order to decrease the chance of a collision, motorists should follow these 6 rules of the road.

Slow down when you see a piece of agricultural equipment. Most farm equipment is designed to travel at speeds of only 15-25 mph.

Watch for Slow-Moving-Vehicle (SMV) signs. SMVs are required for vehicles traveling less than 25 mph.

Watch for hand signals. Just because a tractor veers right does not mean the operator is pulling over to allow someone to pass. The size of farm equipment often requires wide turns.

Pass farm equipment cautiously. Even when passing safely and legally, the turbulence created by a vehicle may cause the machinery to become unstable. Do not expect operators to drive their equipment onto the shoulder of the road. Driving with one set of tires on loose-surfaced

shoulders increases the risk of overturn.

Watch for flashing amber lights. This type of light often marks the far right and left of farm equipment. Also watch for reflective tape marking extremities and sides of equipment.

Remember that agricultural operators have a right to drive their equipment on the road.

Consider these Fast Facts next time you encounter agricultural equipment on the road!

- A car moving at 50 mph has less than 10 seconds to avoid a collision with a tractor moving 20 mph that is 400 feet ahead.

- It only takes 5 seconds for a motorist driving 55 mph to close a gap the length of a football field when approaching a tractor moving at 15 mph.

- Nearly half of all incidents between motorists and farm implements involve one of two scenarios- the left hand turn collision or the rear-end collision.

Road Safety Resources
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/AE176>

<http://richland.osu.edu/agriculture/farm-equipment-safety-reminder>

<http://www.hobbyfarms.com/farm-industry-news/farm-equipment-road-safety.aspx>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/docs/Roadway/RuralRoadSafety.pdf>

Donnie Turner is filing for re-election Precinct #2. I would appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming March primary.

Paid for by Donnie Turner

EVA BARKLEY

FOR MOTLEY COUNTY TREASURER

I would like to announce my intent to seek re-election for the office of Motley County Treasurer. I have enjoyed serving the people of Motley County in this position for the last 8 years and would like to thank everybody for their confidence and support. Your vote in support of my re-election in the Republican Party Primary Election in March 2010 will be very much appreciated.

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December

- 10 Matador City Council
- 13 Library, 2:00 pm. A special photography exhibit of Ken Young's beautiful Greek work
- 13 Christmas Cantata for the worship service, 10:30 RS First Baptist Church.
- 14 Roaring Springs City Council
- 14 Commissioners' Court
- 15 Matador Lions
- 17 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20 FBC, Matador, Christmas cantata, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," 11 am
- 20 FBC, Matador, children's program, "The Unopened Gift," 7 pm
- 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00p.m. FUMC

January

- 5 Mat Lions
- 7 RS Lions
- 11 Comm CT
- 11 RS City Council 2nd Mon
- 12 RSCV
- 13 Kids Praise
- 13 Hospital Bd 7am
- 14 M City Council
- 18 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 19 Mat Lions
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 28 Eastern Star, 6:30pm

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