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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 photo by Carol Campbell 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

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 said. "This is a nice place. We 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

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 Hack-

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 turcontinued on page 2



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, Sage Guerrero, Addie Guerrero; (L to R, 2nd Row), Tatum Guerrero, Emma Cruse, Carley Turner, Nellie Bly Shannon, Emma Heckler, Dode Gleghorn, Crystal photo by Buffy Crutchley 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. Special 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,

Piccadilly, and Chocolatecovered 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. Tommye 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 Guererro, Sage Guererro, Nellie Bly Shannon, Sydnie Mc-Coy, 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 ladies.

Fortnum & Mason tea from 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 Granny's Tea Party and a very lovely group of young

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!

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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.

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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

Late Night continuedfrom page one

quoise 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 "buyone 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 handmade 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 the 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

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, Flomot 0.28.



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Festive Time was held by Do Gooders Christmas Party

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-

Guests stepped into a nice mas bread and cookies were served with assorted flavors of hot chocolate and coffee.

Two minature glistening adored 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, Waydetta 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."

From the Desk of John Vunk

December 3rd was late night shopping here in Matador and Fred and Mellane Parsons opened up the Main Street Café to have a fundraiser to benefit the Activities Department at Hackberry Creek Care Center.

I would like to thank everyone who came into the café that night. It was a great success, raising \$604.00. I also would like to thank Lou and Don Whittler, Chesle Rains and Brooke Barton for all their help making it a great night.

The residents Christmas Party and dinner will be held on December 18th starting at 5:00 p.m. We will have a buffet-style meal consisting of ham, sweet potato, green bean casserole, rolls and desert. Please call Brooke Barton in the Business office at 347-2942 by December 15th if you plan on attending. We also will be having a special guest (Santa Claus).

We have two residents celebrating a birthday during the

month of December: Mrs. Ida Farley and Mrs. Dora Watson. We all wish them a very Happy Birthday!

We also have three residents joining our family: Mr. Bradford from Paducah, Mrs. Chandler from Amarillo, and Mrs. Grace Campbell, Lubbock.

Shane Jones and Mary Marshall will begin decorating the inside of HCCC for the Christmas Holidays. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for everything they do for our residents.

The "Big Breakfast" is every Thursday 8:00 a.m. here at the facility and once again I want to invite friends and family members to this breakfast and the charge is only \$ 1.25.

On December 1, 2009, Hackberry Creek Care Center gave a presentation to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on the services and programs at the center and they were very impressed with our facility.

BETTER THAN HAPPENSTANCE



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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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

Do you ever wonder where the phrase 'went missing' came from? I do. In the past if someone was missing they were lost, feared kidnapped, or away. Now they 'went missing' as if it was predetermined on the part of the missing person. I know this isn't true....so where does this misnomer come from? One person told me it came from the British. I thought they were supposed to be the authority on good word usage!

Anyway, my plastic ware lids have 'gone missing' on a regular basis for several years. I have bought the popular Tupperware, Rubbermaid brands, generics and the throw-away variety. They all decide on their own to 'go missing'. The only reliable plastic container that I can count on to stay at home and in the cabinet, are the second hand margarine containers. Somehow they never stray; I can rely on them. People even return them! Now e-mails tell me as well as the news media and articles in magazines that they may contain harmful chemicals. If so why did they put my margarine in them to begin with?

Is there a conspiracy to cause me to waste more food from lack of left over containers? My leftovers and those of my mother has been the butt of family jokes for years but that is a different story. (Listen, I grew up on leftovers and I am okay, I think. Well, maybe I am a little peculiar!) For now, I may have to name each piece of purchased plastic ware and their corresponding lid. The number system didn't work too well. Maybe a Hortense or a Hepzibah wouldn't misplace their lids as often as #1 and #5 did.

Dudley Allen of North Eastern Missouri is visiting with his mother, Pearl Patten. He came on Sunday and will leave later today. He stated that the temperature was 10 degrees colder here than in Missouri. Dudley and his wife live between the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers near Mark Twain Lake. His wife was unable to accompany him this trip. Pearl's niece Susie McGee and her husband Gordon visited with Pearl, her great niece Brandy and her husband were here also to do some hunting.

For Thanksgiving, Mozelle Hand visited her daughter Misty and son-in-law, Ken Davis in Grandview, TX., her grandchildren, Jay, Joy and Laura and great grandchildren, Jett and Cade Davis. Bill Hand spent Thanksgiving at his daughter and son-in-law, Duane and Kim Watson's home in Lubbock. He also got to visit with his granddaughters, Hannah Alexander and Abby Watson. Trudy Hand and her daughter, Christy, were there from Amarillo.

J. R. and Stella Swim spent Thanksgiving with his parents, J. T. and Imogene Swim. They came on Wednesday and returned to their home in Abilene on Sunday. J. T. told me that he would soon be 93 years old. He has lived in Motley County 82 years having moved here when he was in the fourth grade. Imogene is feeling better.

The Travelers Inn has been the headquarters for many hunters. Several from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission have been here again. They were: Miller Walker of Blackwell, TX; Ricky Guilland of Canyon, Lance Nixon of Sweetwater and their pilot, Peter Pelayic of Bethany, OK. Edith did not get a count of the wild pigs that were killed. Other hunters from Utah, Wyoming and Idaho were: Ray Kilpack; Greg Cannell; Keith Peterson; Randy Hawks; Harley Meyers; Stoney Searls and Jeff Swope.

On December 15th, the Lions Club will meet with the Matador Lions Club to prepare food boxes for the shut-ins.

There is an Angel Tree and the Windmill Café for children who might otherwise have a slim Christmas. There were still a few angels on the tree waiting for someone to take on Saturday

If any Roaring Springs residents would like to have the Avalanche Journal delivered at their home contact Pat Smith at Billie Dean's Restaurant in Matador. He has negotiated with the AJ to get daily newspapers again in Roaring Springs.

Don't forget the Christmas Cantata at the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 13th at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

"My mother-in-law is 85 years old and all she does is live and talk about the past," remarked one man. The other man answered, "Really? My mother-in-law is 94 years old and she is worried about the future!"

Celebrated birthdays

Jerry and Sandra Barclay enjoyed the birthday Saturday afternoon in Matador given for their grandsons, twins, Trent and Trevor Barclay. It was held in the home of their parents, Brittany and Ty Barclay and sister, Tylee. They blew out their three candles on a colorful cartoon decorated cake. Special guests were great grandmother, Mrs. Erma Washington and aunt, Mrs. Connie Franks of Flomot.

Visiting Mrs. Aleda Ross from Wednesday until Sunday were daughter, Mrs. Elisa Wiggley of Lubbock and granddaughter, Aleda Elaine Ross, student at Sam Houston State University. Joining them Thanksgiving day to visit were Stan Wiggley of Lubbock and Carl Batcholder of Conway. Mrs. Ross returned home with Elisa Sunday and had medical appointments in Lubbock, Monday.

Jerry and Sandra Barclay visited during the Thanksgiving holidays in Lockney with his mother, Mrs. S.D. Barclay.

Butch Hughes returned home Wednesday from Mangold Hospital in Lockney following treatment for pneumonia. He is reported to be improving. His wife, Janice got a good report when in Lubbock, Tuesday for cardiac medical examination. Visiting them during the week were son, Bengie Hughes and friend, Jimmy Pearson of Royce City, Kyle Fuston of Silverton, Jay Hawkins of Amarillo and Ricky Hughes and son, Kason of Floydada.

Joey Lee of Clarendon vis-

ited Sunday with his parents, Ruth and Orville Lee. He and wife, Brenda have bird feeders and after killing a swarm of wasps on them this past week, they had the pleasure of having a beautiful humming bird make an appearance at the feeders.

Tim Kendall, leader of Boy Scout Troup 274, expressed his appreciation for the good response they had when selling popcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent McKay of Quitaque visited Sunday with Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers.

Johnie Starkey returned home Friday after visiting the past two weeks in Lebanon, Missouri with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey.

Nada and Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Friday for him a medical appointment at the Veterans' Hospital. They visited Clifton and Bessie Reid and family in Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey in Canyon before returning home.

Christmas Candlelight Church Services

The First Baptist Church in Flomot held Christmas Candlelight Services Sunday night, December 6 with the pastor, the Rev. Nathan Mulder conducting the services. He told the Christmas story. The congregation joined in singing Christmas Hyms.

In the darken sanctuary, a large candle in the center of the altar reflected God's guiding light for those attending to light a candle. When returning to the pews with candles glowing, it was shown and related how God's light and the birth of Jesus Christ illuminated a world of darkness.

Following the services, refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall.

Matador News

The Ladies Bible Study of the United Methodist Church will meet, December 16, in the parsonage. The group is studying the book Troublesome Bible Passages by Douglas Wingeier and David Watson.

The First United Methodist Church will host a second annual Christmas Eve service this year.

Charlie and Opal Johnson traveled to see their grandson play basketball last week.

Members of the Methodist Church gathered Sunday night to decorate the santuary for Christmas. After the decorating was completed, they enjoyed Frito pie and dessert. Randy Hicks, along with his

brother Gary and friend Ken Osmond, both of Abilene, went pheasant hunting near Hereford last weekend with the Hicks's uncle, James Clarke. Everyone got their limit of birds.

Cody Longmire of Allen and Tom Longmire of Cypress were hunting in the county last weekend

David Devaney of Cleburne was in town hunting with Max Masterson and his son, Jack, of Fort Worth last weekend. They hunt a lease located between here and Paducah.

John Madden and son Jack of Dallas hunted with Mark Wason of Lubbock last weekend. Jack bagged a mule deer.

Ryder Quay Russell was dedicated with infant baptism at the First United Methodist Church in Matador Sunday. The family gathered for lunch at Hotel Matador following church.

Bobby Mattice of Weatherford stayed at Hotel Matador last weekend. He was in the area to attend a

wedding in Floydada.

Cody and Tom Longmire of Allen were in Motley County hunting last weekend, as was Mike Flint of Lubbock and Dane Mount of Ver-

Mike Farmer of Abilene, who is with Western Marketing, was in Matador to assist with the grand opening of *Chillerz* last Thursday.

The staff of the Matador Land and Cattle Company enjoyed a Christmas dinner and gift exchange Saturday evening at Hotel Matador.

The Arts and Crafts Club had

The Arts and Crafts Club had a Christmas luncheon at Hotel Matador Monday. Le Carte Bridge Club had a Christmas luncheon at the Hotel Tuesday. The Red Hatters will have a Christmas brunch at the Hotel Tuesday, December

Mrs. Geraldine Key has returned home from the Nursing Home in Childress and is reported to be recovering just fine.

House guests in the home of C.H. and Raynita Murphy during the Thanksgiving holidays were their son and family; Ken, Kim, Miles and Millie Murphy of Atlanta, Georgia. They enjoyed viewing the hunting lodge at Matador Ranch, watching the wild turkeys at Roaring Springs, and seeing the waterfall at Roaring Springs Ranch Club. They also enjoyed a delicious meal at the Windmill Restaurant.

Cora Hall, formerly of Matador, celebrated her 96th birthday with friends and family on beautiful Whidbey Island where she resides. Cora still enjoys corresponding, listening to her favorite tv pastors, hand embroidery, reading(which includes the Matador Tribune and excerpts from her cousin's Trail Dust) and filling her shopping list. It was very sad for her with the passing of her daughter recently but she appreciates having her family nearby.

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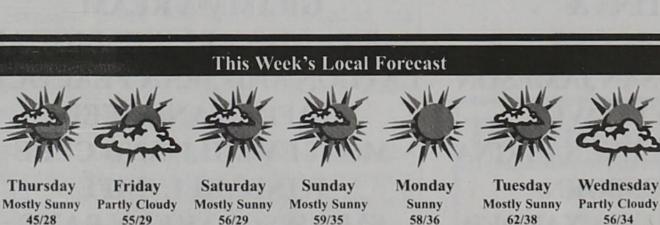
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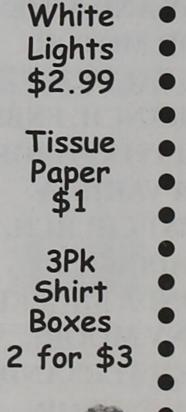
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Notes from the Library

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!

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

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.

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, Jiggs was born on October 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, The Hamms 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.

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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 400 feet ahead. piece of agricultural equipof 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 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 equip-

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

It only takes 5 secment. Most farm equipment onds for a motorist driving 55 is designed to travel at speeds 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/

http://richland.osu.edu/ agriculture/farm-equipment-

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> 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.

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- 10 Matador City Couoncil
- 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 Un-Gift," 7 pm opened

- 21 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00p.m. **FUMC**

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