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**MC Judge ends 9-year career** as chief administrator **Public reception planned for December 28** 

By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

December 31, 2010, will symbolically close the door at the county courthouse for the 21st County Judge of Motley County, ushering in a new chapter and verse for the man at the helm - a well-deserved retirement.

As the county's Chief Administrator, Ed D. Smith has presided over 109 Commissioner's Court meetings without an absence since November 16, 2001. His activities and accomplishments are varied -- some gratifying small achievements; some large, high profile projects, like wind energy and the official county roadmap. The illusive wind project required another form of kinetic energy - meetings with wind energy company representatives, resolutions, letters of request on behalf of the county, to name a few. This project is still looming just like the windmills on the horizon, but Ed D. set the stage for the next chapter and verse. The new County Judge Jim Meador will hopefully reap the full benefits of this county initiative. He will also inherit an office in perfect order. Ed D. can tell you where he was on Wednesday, November 30, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. or 10:00 a.m. June 15, 2008; or August 21, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. He kept his desk calendars for nine years, serving as an indepth journal of activities and meetings.



when I got here," Ed D. said. "I wanted permanent fixes for things." "One lady had tripped because of a bad spot -- fell and broke her wrist," he said. Ed D. replaced the front sidewalk; had a tree removed that was blocking the view of the flag; got the elevator inspected for the first time in seven years (negotiating \$5,000 in penalties down to \$500.00); replaced the crumbling back steps to the Sheriff's Office; and then began working on the heating and cooling systems in the building. "We were spending a lot Smith has assisted in obtainof money in the county on maintenance of the building, repairing old, ancient heating and cooling units," he said. Overtime, he eventually replaced a number of the units that were a "constant monthly money drain." Perhaps the most visible courthouse project was the renovation of the district courtroom. "The year before I came, the county received funds from an insurance settlement to repair the roof on

lot of deferred maintenance could be completed, the build-

# **Commissioner's Court**

## completes 2010 agenda

Swearing-in ceremony for elected officials set for January 1 Burn ban in effect for 90 days Tax sale properties accepted

#### By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioner's Court met December 13, 2010, in regular session, covering a 14-item agenda including setting a date for the swearing-in ceremony; an announcement by the Texas Judicial Academy naming the county judge for his education efforts; and

An announcement by Tx-DOT on the county's yearly allocation; a presentation by 911 program specialists on the status of the county road map;

Carol Campbell read a press release to the court in Public Comment, naming out-going judge Ed D. Smith as a Fellow of the Texas Judicial Academy. Smith was honored at the Texas Judicial Academy in November for "going the extra mile . . . to handle his duties as county judge." The induction of Fellows of the Texas Judicial Academy for 2010 honored all retiring judges in the State of Texas that had completed more than 32 hours of judicial training.

In the first order of business, the court voted unani-

In further business, Darwin Lankford, P.E., Director of Operations, Childress District, TxDOT, announced the allocation for the FY2011 County Assistance Program in a letter to the judge on November 29, 2010. An allocation of \$6,315.00 will be satisfied with surplus materials rather than new material purchases.

Judge Smith read a letter to the court from Mayor Pat Smith requesting consideration for surplus materials for street improvement projects in the City of Matador. "We

His first order of business in 2002 was replacing the front sidewalks to the courthouse

ing got a 3.5-inch rain that almost destroyed the historic courtroom. Ed D. oversaw the project to stop the water deterioration of the courtroom; secured local contractors to initiate repairs; and oversaw renovation of the water-damaged floors and furniture. All of the District Judge photos since the county was organized were copied and displayed in attractive identical frames. The historic courtroom in its former glory is a proud testament to the resilience of this county.

Through the years, Judge ing more than \$400,000 in grants, ranging from the ongoing Flomot Water System project to the recent energy efficiency grant to stop water leaks in the courthouse. South Plains Association of Governments provided oversight on the Flomot Grant and the law enforcement vehicle grant.

He saved the county about \$10,000 in consulting fees to establish an official county roadmap, providing most of continued on page 2

an adopted burn ban; and the sale of properties with delinquent back taxes. A quorum was present with Commissioner Franklin Jameson absent.

mously to set the swearing-in ceremony for elected officials on January 1, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom. The public is invited to attend this ceremony.

are asking that the state provide us an asphalt distributor and a driver to lay sealant," he said. The court tabled the request until further informa continued on page 6

## **MCISD Superintendent Resigns**

#### By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

Effective January 1, 2010, Dr. Andrew Seigrist will begin a new chapter in his career as superintendent of Tidehaven ISD, located in Matagorda County on the Texas Gulf Coast. Tidehaven sits between Galveston and Corpus Christi, west of Bay City. The school is a 2A district school with about 800 students.

"This is an incredible opportunity for me and my family," Seigrist said. "We are excited and sad," he said, adding, "It's going to be hard to leave Motley County and the great

friends we've made here. My family and I are truly grateful for the welcome we have received in Motley County and the school district."

Also moving to Matagorda County will be about 250,000 Motley County bees. "Everybody has been asking about my "girls," Seigrist said. "They are moving with us, all quarter million of them. One of the bonuses of the move will be an extended honey flow season for Seigrist's new pet project. "Here we only average a 55 percent season; on the Gulf Coast it will be about 85 percent," he said.

His honey bee project has al-

lowed Seigrist to meet people in the community and the surrounding area that he would not normally be privileged to meet, he said. In addition to the honey bee project, Seigrist has also used his singing talent in "almost every church in the county," he said. "We have enjoyed being a part of the churches in the county. I

have been blessed to sing and be invited to preach," he said.

In addition to his friends, co-workers, school board, and students - "I am truly going to miss the sausage and pancakes at the county stock show," he said.

## Granny takes tea party to new heights

#### By Marisue Potts Powell Motley County Tribune

Granny's Tea Party lured fifteen young ladies on December 5 to don their best outfits or those of their grandmothers or mothers, pull on gloves, clamp on those high heels, and top the whole deal with a hat of curious vintage. Their destination was the Christmas wonderland created by Joyce Campbell in her Matador home where she has hosted the library fund raiser 4-H club members gave an for almost two decades. Several Christmas trees and a multitude of decorations from Christmases past were featured throughout the home. Librarian Mary Ann Potts explained that the purpose of the tea party was to help the library and showed the group a collection of DVDs that the funds purchased from last year's proceeds. Mrs. Potts already has plans to buy children's books with this year's donation of \$112.50. Mrs.

Potts, Marihelen Wason, Janie Campbell, and Marisue Potts Powell assisted the hostess as needed.

The tables draped with cutwork and linens were set with Mrs. Campbell's eclectic collection of fine china and silver. Sipping beverages of spicy apple juice and lemonade were poured in delicate tea cups by Cassidy Turner and Megan Ford, former tea party participants who returned in the capacity of servers. These two excellent summary and demonstration of "Tea Party Manners."



Many courses were offered to the young ladies, including grapes on a toothpick with a Santa face, minibites of cheese on a crystal plate, hand-peeled apple slices, peanut butter and jelly wedges, strips of pizza, the ever popular Janie Campbell sausage-cheese balls, and an assortment of sweets. From continued on page 6

Back Row: Chyanne Aumiller, Cassidy Turner, Meagan Ford, Addie Guerrero, Caitlan Seigrest and Joyce Campbell. Middle Row: Jasmine Aumiller, Carley Turner, Emma Cruse, Autumn Perryman, Nellie Bly Shannon and Crystal Collette. Front Row: Sydnie McCoy, Emma Hackler, Kylee Jones, Dode Gleghorn, Olivia Fowler and Jacelyn Perryman.

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By Laverne Zabielski

Ken Young's exhibit at Vista Bank provides another example of the rich art in West Texas and proves the point that art is all around us, waiting to be capture by the artist within. It's always tempting to think that what is beautiful if somewhere else. Ken Young proves that what is beautiful is all around us.

In Avery Logsdon's poem, it, first chance you get.

At a Mexican Restaurant, he captures the feeling of a special time while eating with his family.

There are many ways to share our life experiences with others. We often think that something we do everyday is ordinary, yet to another person it is unique. Today, in a rush to get something to eat while working on the paper, I heated up some vegetable broth and remembered a story a friend had shared with me about her grandfather. His favorite beverage at mealtime was pinto bean broth. How unusual I remember thinking, at first, then thought what a good idea.

Take note of the memories you create this Christmas and in addition to the many pictures that you take, write a poem about them, and share

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My mouth waters I listen, My family laughs and talks My brother chomps on a chip Soothing Mexican music is on

And other people talk around us Is that the waiter with our food? It's a simple, magical time I feel content

I smell the scrumptious steak fajitas

I sip my drink waiting. . . It is not just going out to eat It's something else to me A very special time With my family at a Mexican Restaurant

WRITING COMMUNITY

At A Mexican Restaurant

by Avery Logsdon

Editors note: Avery is the Grandson of Don Wittler and Laverne Zabielski

Santa's special mailbox has arrived at the Matador Post Office. All your letters to Santa may be brought to the Post Office until December 21st for Santa Claus to answer.

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the work in-house. He also coordinated a process to get Motley County into a Groundwater Conservation District.

Moreover, while Motley County had always used the same electric provider, Ed D. negotiated with other providers saving the county hundreds of dollars in electric bills. And then there are the committee's and meetings. Over the 9-year period, Ed D. served on 17 boards and committees in Motley County and the surrounding area, including the Senior Citizens Site Council, SPAG Board, Caprock Community Action Board, Caprock Community Action Rural Transit Board (chairman for three years);110th Judicial District Juvenile Board, Rolling Plains Organization of Rural Transportation Board; and Friends of the Motley County Jail Board, Friends of the Roaring Springs Depot Board, American Legion, Matador Lions Club (two years as Boss Lion); Community Chest, Friends of the Library member, City of Matador 4A Economic Development Board, Titus Foundation Board, Matador Cowboy Reunion, Rolling Plains Economic Development Organization, and Animal Issues Committee. While County Judges in Texas don't hold law degrees,

they are expected to attend many hours of judicial training. "Baby Judge's school in the first year consisted of 33 hours in administrative and judicial training," he said. This is followed by Elected Official School, including 16 hours a year of continuing education. He attended seminars, completed a judicial writing course, and attended the Judges and Commis-

aged the county like I would manage my own affairs," he said.

"A lot of people don't realize the problems you are expected to solve," Ed D. said. "Even if it wasn't my responsibility, I would try to do what I could to help people. I never abused the title of Judge," he said, adding, "but I did use the title to accomplish an objective." He then recalled a time when he was able to help a person - one of those "over and beyond" things that faced Ed D. occasionally. "There was an older woman about my age that was born in Motley County, lived in Las Vegas, and couldn't get her Social Security because of a discrepancy on her birth certificate. I got a call from a Social Services representative that asked for my help. I made calls to Austin (used my judges title); got forms, instructions, on what to do; I signed the forms and got her birth certificate corrected so she could get her Social Security." This is what it is all about, he said, "It is helping people, one person at a time." However, the judge's job is not always about the feelgood things, he said. "In general, the worst part of my job has been trying to prepare a budget to take care of the county's obligations, and the

employees and the elected officials of the county with so few resources," he said.

"Here in Motley County, over the years, we have given a few small incremental raises to employees and some elected officials, but we have no insurance, no retirement, no benefits," he said. "It is frustrating to me that we can't take care of the employees in this county. No matter what job you go for, you want to improve; we are the lowest paid employees in the state. Every Motley County employee is dedicated to their job from maintenance and road hands to elected officials." Somehow you can't imagine this meticulous and thoughtful official in retirement from public life. Fifth chapter, second verse: when a door closes, they say, another will open. Ed D. loves Motley County and can't imagine being anywhere else. "I'm happy where I am," Ed D. said. "A day trip to Lubbock is about all I can handle." The employees gave Ed D. a "send off" after his 109th Commissioner's Court meeting on December 13 2010. A public reception is planned for Tuesday, December 28; from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Make plans to come by for a visit with the retiring 21st Judge of Motley County; and to thank him for his years of public service.

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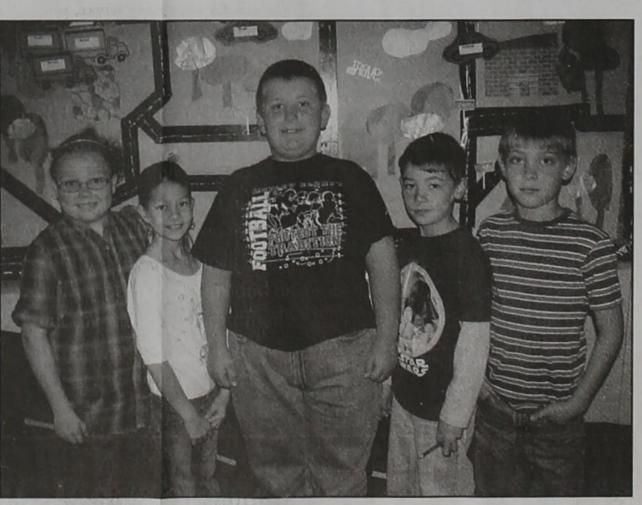
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sioner conferences to keep up-to-date on probate issues, and other duties related to the budget. He completed a course on "creative sentencing," reflecting the state's punishment trends away from "three strikes and you're out" to community programs to help rehabilitate low-level misdemeanor offenders.

Ed D. is a familiar figure in the community. It is hard to imagine Old Settlers Parade and Memorial program without him. "I served nine years as Co-master of Ceremonies at the Old Settlers Memorial program," he said. He has announced the Old Settlers Parade for about five years thus far, as well as organizing the Matador Ranch Cowboy Reunion since 1994.

Overall, Ed D. said he had enjoyed his time with Motley County, and always tried to manage the job in the best interests of the county - "I man-

# **Motley County Shining Stars**



Motley County Elementary and Jr. High students recently competed in the UIL Meet at Valley. Many students did an outstanding job and there were lots of 1st place gold medals, and each of the Music Memory teams worked very hard, but this Music Memory 4th grade group accomplished an outstanding feat. Each of the five members of the team tied for 1st place with five perfect papers. As they practiced they kept asking me, "What will happen if we all get perfect papers?" I would respond with, "That will be a wonderful problem to have!" Sure enough!

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Students Pictured from Left to Right: Carley Turner, Rivers Marshall, Cameron Stafford, Kyler Degan, and Ethan Mason



They had worked many hours after school and during school preparing, and their hard work paid off in the end! They will each get two gold medals. One for their individual accomplishment, as well as a team medal for receiving 1st place as a team. Please join us at 8:30 on Friday, December 17th, as we recognize all of our elementary students who received awards in all the UIL events as teams and individuals and let us share some Christmas music with you.

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## **Former resident participates** in Athens Classic Marathon

Former Matador resident its name. Kaci Risser recently participated in the Athens Classic Marathon (ACM) in Athens, Greece. This year's marathon celebrated the 2500th anniversary of the event that inspired the modern marathon.

In 490 B.C., the Athenian messenger Pheidippidis is said to have run from Marathon to Athens to announce victory over the invading Persian army, after which he collapsed and died. This event gave the modern competitive marathon

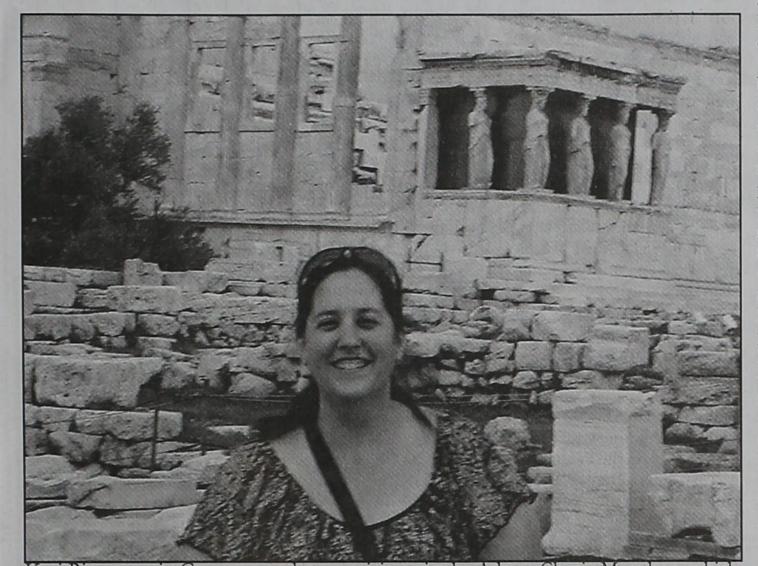
The ACM course, which includes some steep hills and is one of the most difficult marathon courses, ends in the Panathinaiko Stadium, the finishing point for both the 1896 and 2004 Olympic marathons.

The ACM was Kaci's first marathon, and she was pleased to finish within the allowed time, with 10 minutes to spare.

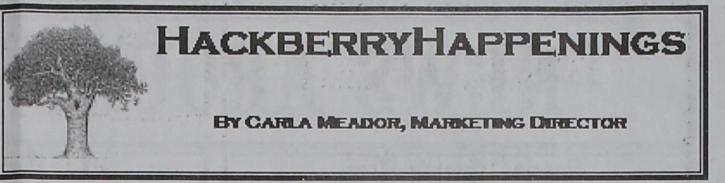
A few weeks later, Kaci had another unique opportunity, when she participated in the 5K Runway Run, which was

held on a recently refurbished runway at Columbia (SC) Metropolitan Airport, before it was reopened for air traffic.

Kaci celebrated Thanksgiving and family birthdays in Texas, visiting her parents, Fred and Elaine Risser, and grandmother, Frances Dixon, in Matador. They all visited Fred's mother, Mary and Walt Bailey, in San Angelo, and Kaci also visited with friends in Lubbock and Amarillo before returning to her home in Columbia, South Carolina.



Kaci Risser was in Greece recently to participate in the Athens Classic Marathon, which



Christmas is in the air, especially this week, at Hackberry. Everything is decorated with beautiful trees, ornaments, lights and garland. A big thanks to our decorating volunteers for taking time out of their busy evenings to make Hackberry all Christmas and festive. Our Residents are very pleased!

We will celebrate our annual Family Christmas evening Friday, December 17. We welcome family members of our Residents to join us. Hackberry will prepare turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes and rolls, and we ask that family members bring a dish. You are also welcome to bring gifts for your loved ones. Santa Claus will be here to distribute the gifts. We really appreciate ole' Santa for clearing his schedule to come to Hackberry for awhile. We do understand how busy he is this time of the year. We have one very special Resident, Mr. Donnie Ball, who absolutely loves Christmas and can't wait for Santa to arrive. In fact Donnie loves Christmas so much that he keeps his room festively decorated for the holiday all year long. Donnie is very special to everyone. All our Hackberry residents are very special!

Snowman" playing in our ways buckle your child in the car

physical therapy department

which adds to the holiday

spirit. Last week, I joined

several of our residents for a

to each Resident. They walked through the halls and called on each Resident's rooms, to make sure they didn't miss anyone. We appreciate their visit so much and the Residents just loved their goodies.

We know that this is a very busy time for everyone, with Christmas shopping, decorating, baking and preparing for holiday company, so it is with much appreciation that we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who come to the Center to give to our Residents in any way. Whether you're decorating, fixing hair, giving manicures, or just sitting and visiting, you are a blessing to Hackberry.

#### SENIOR HEALTH TIPS 12 Tips for a Health Holiday

Wash hands often to keep yourself from spreading germs and getting sick.

Bundle up to stay dry and warm.

Manage stress. Don't overcommit yourself and prevent holiday anxiety and pressure.

Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.

Be smoke-free. Avoid smoking and second-hand smoke.

Fasten seat belts while driving Christina has "Frosty the or riding in a motor vehicle. Alwhat exams you need and when to get them.

Get your vaccinations, which help prevent diseases and save lives.

Monitor the children. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of kids' reach. Make sure toys are used properly.

Practice fire safety. Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so be careful to never leave fireplaces, space heaters, stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.

Prepare food safely. Remember these simple steps: wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures, and refrigerate promptly.

Eat healthy, and get moving. Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat and sugar. Be active for at least 21/2 hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.

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follows the same route as the original fabled run from Marathon to Athens in 490 BC.

# **MOTLEY COUNTY ISD REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE** AT A FAREWELL RECEPTION HONORING DR. ANDREW SEIGRIST AND FAMILY THE 'COME AND GO' EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE MCISD LOBBY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is Proud to Announce

That Keeley Dee Simpson of Dumont, TX has recently become recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at the Texas Tech University. Sigma Alpha Lambda is a national leadership and honors organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development, and lifelong professional fulfillment. Congratulations to Keeley Dee Simpson.

Keeley is the daughter of Bobby and LaKenna Simpson of Dumont, and the granddaughter of Betty Park and the late Kent Park; and LaVon Simpson and the late James Simpson.



using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/ her height, weight, and age. Get exams and screenings. Ask



Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the Windmill Café

We will be closed form December 24th through January 4th

#### "A RECOGNIZED NEED."



Have you recognized the need today? There is a need of relearning a lesson taught by Jesus. There is a particular lesson found in Luke 10 on how to be a "good neighbor". Once we knew it. But perhaps relearning is good for all of us. The good neighbor principle is a wonderful principle to live

In order to model good neighboring, we should learn to better understand how to respond to needs. That may sound over simplified but neighboring is a concept that escaped those of Jesus' day and often eludes many today. The Scriptures provide us with knowledge and understanding. In other words, "the how to do it."

Thank you everyone for coming to our **Christmas Event** And a special thanks to the vendors Hope to see you next year!

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In Luke chapter 10, the one who proved to be a good neighbor, according to Jesus, was the one who had shown mercy when mercy was needed. Most would agree, that we need a lot more mercy showing in our communities across great land. We have opportunity with those near and then we might extend our range. Sowing mercy to those who are in distant places.

The standard which Jesus gave us for Christian living will outshine anything this present world could offer. The world offers very little mercy, if any. Christians can, as we fulfill a need in being a "good neighbor."

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

# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

### Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

#### On a personal note

Is it hard for you to throw things away? It is for me. Saturday, knowing that my children aren't sentimental I figured it was time to weed out!

I still have a lot of Mama's weeds. It is hard for me to throw away her letters, cartoon and philosophical clippings. It is like throwing away part of her personality. Memories bind us pretty tightly and perhaps saving tidbits is a way of being sure we don't forget.

In Mama's stuff I found several trivial things that I had wondered about, like the souvenirs my uncle sent back when he was in army boot camp in the early 1940's. I even found a funny memento from her trip to the Grand Canyon with her college roommate and her family in the late 1920s. It was made of leather and still in fair shape.

The reason I have all this stuff is because after the family had cleaned out my parents things before my son took up residence in their house, all the things that weren't claimed by others in the family were unceremoniously hauled over to our house on Christmas Day one year on a trailer and left. Being Christmas followed by the post Christmas season and being 'too pooped to pop' for days, I postponed sorting and throwing away by moving it out of the way until it was out of sight and out of mind - never did go through it. It was a messy job but I enjoyed the memories, family letters and pictures and I did clear out much of it. 'Like Mama, like daughter', I have a large accumulation of my own that must be cleaned out ... maybe a good January project!

urday evening.

Buddy Allen of Pampa visited his mother, Pearl Patten and attended church services with her on Sunday.

**Reminder:** The drawing for the diamond ring made by Thacker Jewelry and raffled by the Roaring Springs Lions Club will be on Thursday, December 16, 2010, at the Travelers Inn during the three o'clock coffee gathering. Tickets can be purchased until drawing time.

Jerry Collins is improving and has been moved to Covenant Specialties, 3815 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Lubbock. He would enjoy cards. The zip for that area of Lubbock is 79410.

Anna and baby Tyler Buckner visited his grandpa Eugene Daniell, and great grandparents, Glennard and Edith Daniell on Saturday. They arrived on Friday night and returned to Oklahoma on Saturday night.

Quite a few angels are still hanging on the Christmas tree at the Windmill Café. The angels have the name, age and gender of a child that would like to be remembered with a gift for Christmas. If you would like to purchase a gift for one of these children go by and pick an angel from the tree.

On Saturday of last week, Tony, Sherry and LaShea Rose treated Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith with an enjoyable evening at the Palace Theater in Spur to hear the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso, NM, in concert. Braeden Moncrief has been released from the Cook County Hospital in Ft. Worth. He will remain in Fort Worth with his grandparents for another week so that he can be near his doctor. Braeden got a splinter that caused an infection in his lymph system (cellulitis); such an infection can spread through one's system very quickly and can be very dangerous.

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names as Fellows each year

those judges who attain signif-

icant judicial education above

The educational program of

the Texas Judicial Academy is

overseen by the Texas Court

of Criminal Appeals and in-

cludes instruction by higher

court judges, law school facul-

ty as well as representatives of

the Texas Probate College and

the National Judicial College.

that required by state law.

## Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

#### Overhead

Mother Teresa: "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.....every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

#### **Margie Jones Turner**

Funeral Services for Margie Jones Turner, 92, of Lockney were held at 1:00p.m., Friday, December 3, 2010, at the West College and Third Street Church of Christ in Lockney. Graveside services under direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home were held at 2:00 p.m. at the Memorial Cemetery in Flomot. Earle McDonough officiated.

Mrs. Turner, a former Flomot resident, married John H. Turner July 25, 1935 in Quitaque. They farmed in Flomot area until they moved to Lockney. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Her husband preceded her in death September 23, 1998, and is buried at Flomot Cemetery. Survivors include five sons, 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

#### **Community News**

ton with daughter and family, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee. They celebrated the birthday of Lori.

James Cypert of Frisco visited last weekend with his uncle, Johnie Starkie.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo Tuesday and Wednesday for her medical appointments. They visited overnight Tuesday with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey in Canyon. Their daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo, accompanied them to her medical appointments.

Kathy and Clois Shorter accompanied his father, Everett Shorter to Wichita Falls, Saturday where they met his sister, Mrs. Elsie Beard of Dallas. Everett returned home with her to visit.

Wilburn Martin was in Lockney, Monday for a head cold medical appointment.

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay attended the basketball tournament in Claude this weekend. Their grandson Tanner Clay played on the Panhandle Varsity team. They attended the Christmas musical held at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque Sunday night. Grandchildren, Ryleigh and Parker Carson and Jaxon Edwards of Turkey performed in the musical.

## **Matador** News

**First United** 

**Methodist Church** 

On Christmas Eve, Decem-

ber 24, at 6:00 p.m., the First

United Methodist Church will

have a carols and candlelight

worship service. Everyone is

invited to attend, and an of-

fering will be taken to benefit

the Sammy Baugh Childrens

First Baptist Church,

Matador

This Sunday, December 19,

will be a day of Christmas wor-

ship and celebration at First

by Donna Hoyle, will present

The church choir, directed

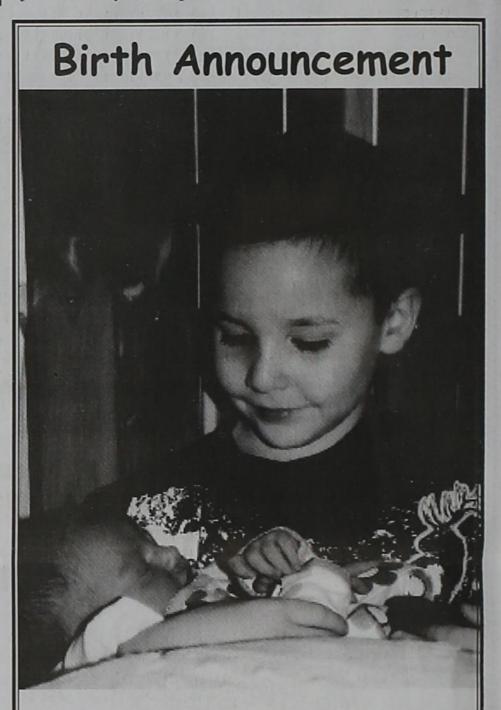
Baptist Church, Matador.

Home at Jayton.

the cantata, "O Holy Night" at the 11:00 am worship service, followed by the annual Christmas fellowship meal (potluck) at noon.

The children's Christmas program, "The Night the Angels Rejoiced," will be presented at 7:00 pm that evening, under the direction of Carla Meador. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the program.

Sunday will also be the last day for Interim Pastor Dr. Paul Sadler and his wife, Jimye, to be at the church. Beginning in January, Dr. Glyndle Feagin, also a professor at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, will assume duties as Interim Pastor.



#### In the community

Margie Payne was kept in the Heart Hospital a couple of days last week to get her medicine adjusted and to improve her condition. She returned home on Sat-

#### County Judge Honored For Education Efforts

Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith has been honored y the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Smith was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy November 18, 2010, at a reception in Austin, Doubletree Hotel, during the 2010 Fall Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech UniAnna Beth and Joe Ike Clay visited last weekend in Clif-

#### Spirit of Christmas at Do Gooders' Club holiday party

The spirit of Christmas and love circulated at the annual Do Gooders' Club holiday party held in the home of Mrs. B. Rogers Thursday afternoon, December 9. Mrs. Rogers, a charter member of the club, was unable to attend the club meetings this past year due to illness, impassable roads and she suffered a broken arm this week.

Members of the club voted to surprise her and have their Christmas party in her home. Mrs. Rogers was elated when they arrived with a Merry Christmas. They brought a miniature decorated Christmas tree that was centered on the dining table encircled with colorful wrapped gifts.

Her counter bar was laden with desserts and appetizers that each individual considered her favorite, served with hot and cold beverages on Christmas designed service. The business meeting was omitted. They enjoyed a Chinese gift exchange and laughter abounded among them.

Those attending the festivity were Mesdames Mary Jo Calvert, Anna Beth Clay, Waydetta Clay, Tommie Jo Cruse, Connie Franks, Cora Gail Johnson, Kathy Shorter, Suzie Shannon, Doris Vinson, and Erma Washington. Guests were Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador and Mrs. Sheri McKay of Quitaque.

Big Brother Cash Cruse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Cruse, wishes to announce the birth of his new baby sister, Paisley Mae . She was born Nov. 20, in Elizabethtown Ky. She weighted 9lbs 6 oz and was 20 3/4 inches. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Cheryl Burrow Hitsue and Ken Hitsue. Great grandparents are Marihelen Wason and the late Billy Wason and Tommie Jo Cruse and the late Ray Cruse

#### Vista Bank Showcases Ken Young's Artistry

#### By Marisue Potts Powell Motley County Tribune

The doors were thrown open at the new Vista Bank in Idalou to welcome holiday guests to an open house featuring the works of Photographer Ken Young. The Roaring Springs resident was on hand on December 9 to greet bank customers and guests who toured the ultramodern facility that hung over eighteen of his oversize works in the lobby, of-





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fices, and working spaces.

An upper level rotunda with the capability of being muted by window shades for different angles of lighting highlighted the entrance and spotlighted several pieces of the photographic art. The interior designer's choice to not include frames around the wall-sized works added to the effect of the viewer being suspended in the moment by the photographer's focus.

Capturing the unique character of the plains and the Caprock foothills, Young's photographs touched on many icons treasured by West Texans: windmills, cattle, cotton, wheat, water, blue northers, brilliant sunsets, wildflowers, and wildlife.

Several subjects might be familiar to local citizens, having seen them in different contexts. Outstanding were Bob Kilmer on horseback herding cattle, Guy Campbell's black cattle coming in for feed, a wheat field featuring Old Sharp Top of the Quitaque Peaks in the background, and a herd of deer peering at Mary Ellen Barton's farm. Much of the art is unique to Idalou, such as an early cotton crop, sandhill cranes flying over fields, and the wonderful cloud formations so special to the plains.

According to Young, the Vista Bank welcomes any guests who wish to come and view this unusual collection. The open concept of banking allows the works to easily be seen from the central rotunda, the teller area, and the hallways. Vista Bank is located at the western edge of Idalou on the Lubbock highway. Along with all our high quality fine jewelry we have add a line of "CHISEL" stainless steel jewelry, which has the look of platinum, but very affordably priced. You have to see to appreciate!! Great selection for Guys and Ladies and Catalogue is available to order

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Although I don't have any little girls of my own, every year for the last 4 years, Mrs. Joyce Campbell allows me to help with Granny's Tea Party, held at her home for young ladies of the community. In case you don't know, Mrs. Campbell hosts Granny's Tea Party as a fundraiser for the library. All the proceeds are donated to the library to purchase children's books and DVDs for all to enjoy. Sixteen exquisitely dressed young maidens attended this year's tea party with each one sharing from where and whom they borrowed or received their attire. And with such elegantly dressed guests, the finest manners were displayed throughout the teatime. As an added bonus, Cassidy Turner and Meagan Ford, former Tea Party goers now servers, presented correct table setting arrangements for the honored guests.

Since the holiday season can be a stressful time of year, try relaxing in your favorite chair with a good book. The library has many to choose from and 4 new arrivals this week to entice you to come in and browse. Whisper My Name by Fern Michaels can whisk you away to a land

of romance with a couple of twists and turns along the way. If you need more sassiness in your story, why not try Kathyrn Stockett's The Help. This is a timeless and universal tale about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't. Tom Clancy, master of international intrigue, has a heart-stopper with Dead or Alive. In this military action adventure you're tossed into a world of chaos, caught in the crossfire of politics and power, and placed on the edge of annihilation. Fictional politics and power not your thing, how about Decision Points by former president George W. Bush. The former president gives a candid and gripping account of the critical decisions that shaped his presidency and personal life. Lastly, the community's response on voting for the best picture in the Adult, Junior and Youth categories for the Photography Contest has been wonderful. So far, 68 have cast a ballot for the best picture in each category and most patrons commented what a difficult decision it is to pick just one. Stop by the library to find out the winners and view the winning photographs!

## **AEP employee Glenda** Williams Honored by **Grant to Matador Fire** Department

The Matador VFD received a grant from American Electric Power in honor of AEP employee Glenda Williams's significant volunteer service.

The AEP Connects program recognizes the commitment of AEP employees and retirees to their communities and supports causes that are important to them, according to Michael G. Morris, chairman, president and chief executive officer. More than 900 grants were made company-wide last year representing more than 108,000folunteer hours donat-

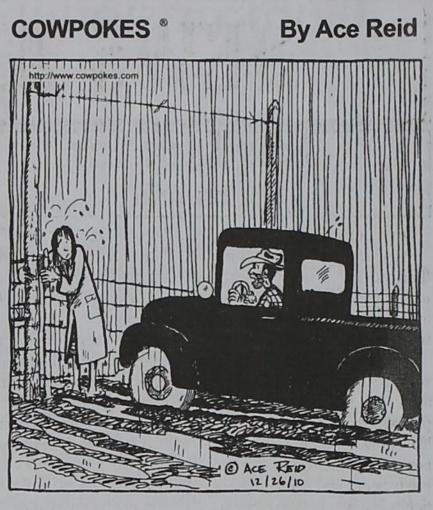
ed by AEP employees and their families.

"Although no monetary grant can compare to the value of the time our employees give to worthwhile causes, the \$150 grants made by this program in the names of AEP volunteers will help schools and nonprofit organizations meet the challenges of fulfilling important human needs," Morris said.

Thanks to Glenda for all she provides to the Matador VFD from all the members of the Matador VFD and the community.

Special Thank You To Nathan and to the First Baptist Church for the Service, to the Methodist Church for the use of the fellowship hall for the lunch. Thank you all for the food, flowers, cards, and the prayers. Thank You, The Family of Charles Edward Harris

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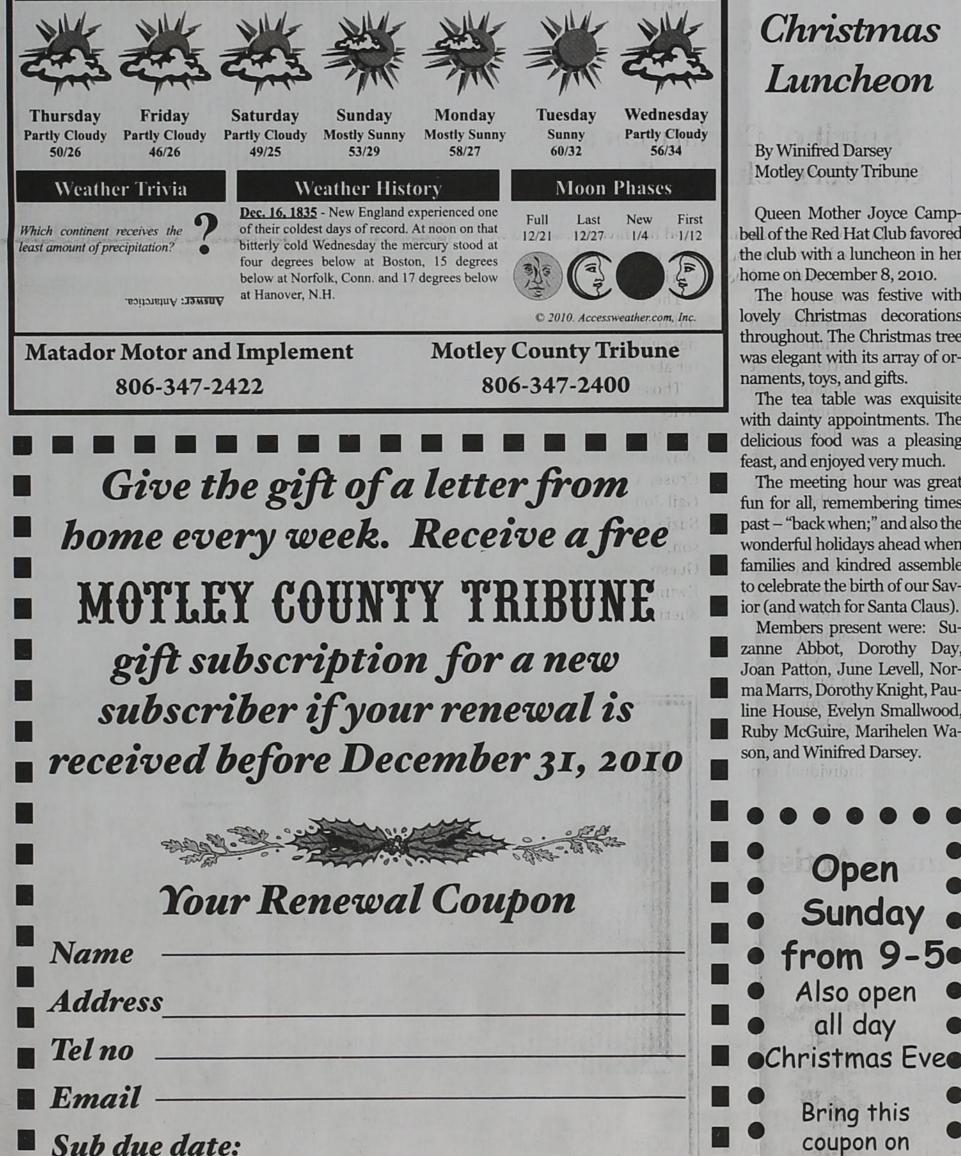
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## Christmas Luncheon

By Winifred Darsey Motley County Tribune

Queen Mother Joyce Campbell of the Red Hat Club favored the club with a luncheon in her home on December 8, 2010.

The house was festive with lovely Christmas decorations throughout. The Christmas tree was elegant with its array of ornaments, toys, and gifts.

The tea table was exquisite with dainty appointments. The delicious food was a pleasing feast, and enjoyed very much.

The meeting hour was great fun for all, remembering times past - "back when;" and also the wonderful holidays ahead when families and kindred assemble to celebrate the birth of our Savior (and watch for Santa Claus).

Members present were: Suzanne Abbot, Dorothy Day, Joan Patton, June Levell, Norma Marrs, Dorothy Knight, Pauline House, Evelyn Smallwood, Ruby McGuire, Marihelen Wason, and Winifred Darsey.

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tion Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) are currently being accepted at all NRCS offices across Texas.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of program funding recently and will begin obligating CSP contracts after January 7, and EQIP and WHIP contracts after Jan. 28, 2011.

"These programs support conservation of private agricultural lands by providing payments for maintaining and enhancing natural resources," said NRCS District Conservationist James Gillespie.

EQIP is a "working lands" conservation program that assists private landowners with conservation measures that address priority resource concerns as identified by local farmers and ranchers.

WHIP is designed to benefit wildlife on primarily wildlife land although agriculturally productive operations may qualify for funding.

ages additional practices and enhancements to further benefit the environment and reduce priority resource concerns.

All of NRCS Farm Bill Programs are voluntary and have a continuous sign-up with periodic ranking cut off periods. NRCS encourages any person interested in participating in their programs to contact the Matador Field Office.

The NRCS administers both programs and provides technical assistance to landowners. 2010 represents the 75th year of NRCS "helping people help the land." Since its inception in 1935, NRCS has advanced a unique partnership with state and local governments and private landowners delivering conservation based on specific, local conservation needs, while accommodating state and national interests.

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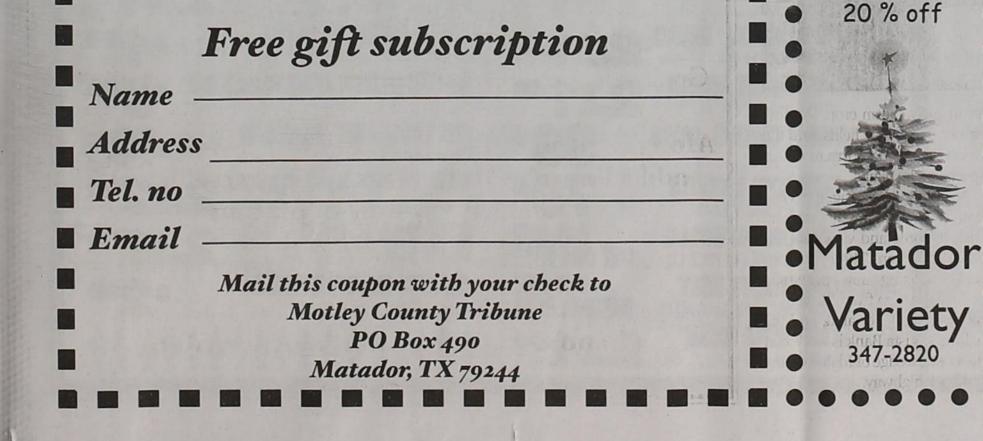
The Hotel Matador was a beautiful setting for the Arts and Crafts Christmas Party. The Hotel was decorated to the utmost with Santa Clauses, poinsettias, snowmen garlands of greenery and Christmas trees. It was lovely and a great setting for a convivial time.

President Nova Dale Turner held a short business meeting. She reported on results of the club's bazaar. It was a wonderful event, and very productive.

The members dined at noon on a very delectable luncheon. It was a three course luncheon, lovely service and very delicious for games of bingo. The bingo prizes were "White Elephant" gifts furnished by the members. (For a touch of humor: "me thinks" I had seen some of the gifts before!)

The members present were: Nova Dale Turner, Jane Neal, Dorothy Day, Bonnie Vandiver, Ray Baxter, Joy Archer, Joyce Meredith, Loretta Thompson, Grace Evelyn Smallwood, and Winifred Darsey; and two lovely guests, Carolyn Ewing and "Little Miss" Brianna Overton.

The club dismissed at three o'clock happy over such a lovely time.



from soup to dessert.

The club returned to the Hotel Lobby for exchanges of gifts, under a gorgeous tree, and then, back to the dining room

The club's January meeting will be a class of embroidery using ribbon and will be taught by Vee Gordon. See you there!

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tion could be obtained from the City and TxDOT, specifically, costs of the overall project.

Gary Mizer, P.E., TxDOT, gave a brief update to the court on the progress of County Road bridges, saying that both bridges under repair were "progressing really well." He also complimented Judge Smith on the working partnerships between the county and TxDOT for the past nine years. "We really appreciate working with you these few years," Mizer said.

Following this presentation, the group recessed the meeting to attend a courthouse Christmas party. County employees presented the outgoing judge a present consisting of a custom handmade pen with a deer antler top displaying the Matador Ranch Flying V. The base was eloquently made out of a polished brass shell. This one-of-a-kind pen was created by J. Tate, Claude, Texas, for Matador Ranch. "Everyone knows Ed D. loves pens," Deputy Clerk D'Anna Russell said. Also, in the sack was another item from the Matador Ranch Gift Shop – a case with tees and Matador Ranch-stamped Titleist® golf balls. "Now Ed D. can get better at his game," D'Anna teased. A lavish table of chips, dips, tortillas rolled with chicken and ham; deviled eggs, cookies, cake, and peppermint toffee, served the court, employees, and elected officials.

The court reconvened with a presentation by Jeannette Brosch, Program Regional 911 Specialist from SPAG on the need to change a county road number for the purposes of the 911 County Road Map. Commissioner Jameson, Precinct 3, previously voiced concerns about County Road 240 which runs east to the gravel pit off of State Highway 70 in the Flomot area; and then jumps six miles further east, without connecting, where CR240 surfaces again at Northfield. It was a concern of Commissioner Jameson that EMS responders may confuse the two roads with the same county road number in case of an accident at the gravel pit. Ms. Brosch explained that the county needed to decide which road would get a name change, and suggested that the Northfield CR240 be changed to CR242 to avoid the possible confusion. This issue was tabled until further discussion with Commissioner Jameson.

Judge Smith announced that six properties advertised and announced for sale on the courthouse steps for back taxes was successful in selling two of the properties; subse-

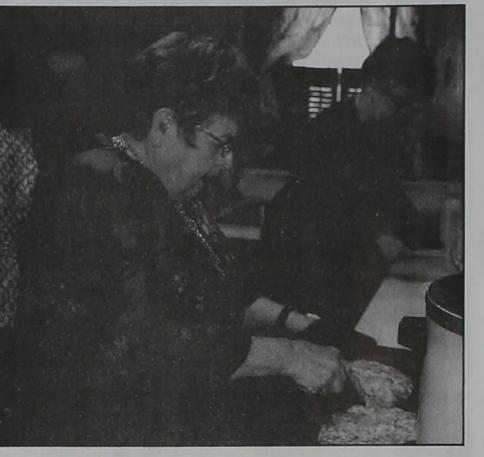
quently, the county received four sealed bids on the remaining lots. The court voted unanimously to open the bids and accepted the bids without further advertising. Block 57, Lots 23-32, and Block 9, Lots 11-20 in Roaring Springs were purchased by Perry Gulledge for \$150.00; Block 10, Lots 11-13 were purchased by J.T. Swim, Roaring Springs, for \$300.00. Ron Bailey, Matador, purchased Block 74, Lots 25-26; 29-32 for \$405.00.

The court voted unanimously to order an outdoor burn-ban, following a request by Fire Chief Lee Jones. The ban will be in effect for 90 days, subject to change in case of rain. Emergency welding guidelines are available at the courthouse, but use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Restrictions on trash, brush or open campfires is applied to all the unincorporated areas of the county. Some burning activities related to public health and safety are authorized. Additionally, the court voted unanimously to restrict certain fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county under drought conditions. Persons violating this order may be cited and fined up to \$500.00 for a Class C Misdemeanor.

# Granny takes tea party to new heights continued from page one

California, Sally Case sent a selection of tasty chocolatecovered and decorated pretzels from Mrs. Beasley's of Beverly Hills. From Mrs. Campbell's kitchen were cookies wearing edible Christmas decorations and her own yummy cupcakes topped by a flower marshmallow dusted by red sugar crystals.

Entertainment was provided by the girls as they told something about themselves and their families, their favorite pastimes and school subjects, their pets, and their elegant costumes. One of the youngest, very much a young lady, carefully put away her gloves in her plastic, seethrough, Mamie Eisenhower purse, adjusted her fifty's era hat, and threw the end of her shawl across her shoulders, and gave a poised account of



Marihelen Wason and Joyce Campbell.

her life to date. Some were tographs were taken that will shyer but each account was be on display in the library to unique and precious. At the remember Granny's special conclusion of the party, pho- Tea Party of 2010.

The annual You Don't Have to Dine Alone on Christmas Day Dinner will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center

on Christmas Day at 12:00 noon. Folks who have no family or friends to dine with and would be alone on Christmas Day are invited to come. for more information, call Alex Crowder 348-7336

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Shifting Plates Cause Changes in Landforms

The fifth grade class studied the effects of the Earth's shifting plates during the course of their studies of plate tectonics. They also studied the effects of the shifting on various landforms found on Earth. During their studies of this topic in the elementary science lab taught by Judy Cooper and Kathy Gillespie, the students formed groups and created a landform model.

The students explained their creations and how shifting the creation might cause earthquakes, changes to fault lines, or inward folding to the other groups and to the teachers. Then, the students were allowed to use the reaction of baking soda and vinegar to demonstrate what they thought would occur. Some of the landforms reacted as predicted and some did not. In all cases, significant thinking took place.



Volcanoes Erupt at School

The fourth grade class studied the various types of volcanoes found on Earth in their elementary science lab which is taught by Kathy Gillespie. The fourteen students were separated into groups of two and culminated the lesson by using modeling clay to build one of the three main types of volcanoes.

After explaining their model to the teacher and the other students, each group was allowed to "erupt" their volcano. Using the reaction created by Diet Coke and Mentos, the students created significant eruptions. Most of the volcanoes demonstrated proper vents and lava flow. Some of the volcanoes did not erupt exactly as planned, but each group had a definitive learning experience.

## The 5th Grade class studying **Equivalent Fractions**



Motley County ISD Christmas Program

The Elementary students at



Fourth Grade Erupting a Volcano, Carley Turner, Alycia Silva, Tadley Pollard, Colby McCleskey

### FCS students make pies



Family and Consumer Sciences students, Katherine Faulks, Stormy Guerrero, and Ashly Allred, made Pie for the Holidays. The pies will be part of the Lion's Club Christmas Baskets.

The 5th Grade class is studying Equivalent Fractions. One of their projects is on the wall above their heads. Their Fraction books are in progress.

Motley County ISD invite you to attend the UIL Awards/ Christmas Program. The program will be held on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

The program will include the presentation of UIL awards and ribbons to the elementary students that participated this year. After the awards, the lower elementary classes will present a short musical concert. We hope that you can attend and help celebrate the season of joy!

## FGS students construct stockings for HCCC



Family and Consumer Sciences students, Virginia Gutierrez, Shayla Clay, and Gaby Santo, display denim stockings. The stockings were constructed and were given to Hackberry Creek Care Center by the students.

#### MCISD Football Team with the State Semi-finalist Trophy and medals

Front Row L to R: Reagan Elliott and Conner Mason. Second Row: Augustine Chavez, Jamie Jameson, Jacob Woolsey and Mark Quintero. Third Row: Jeffery Reyes, Britt Simpson, Braden Mason, Jonathon Osborn and Juan Flores. Fourth Row: Colby McCleskey, Christian Brooks, Andrew Martin, Dayne Butler, Austin Taylor and Coby Cochran. Back Row: Coach James Richards, Coach Mike Bigham and Stats Chuck Ream.

The Motley County coaching staff and team would like to wish everyone a Merry **Christmas and a Happy New Year!** 

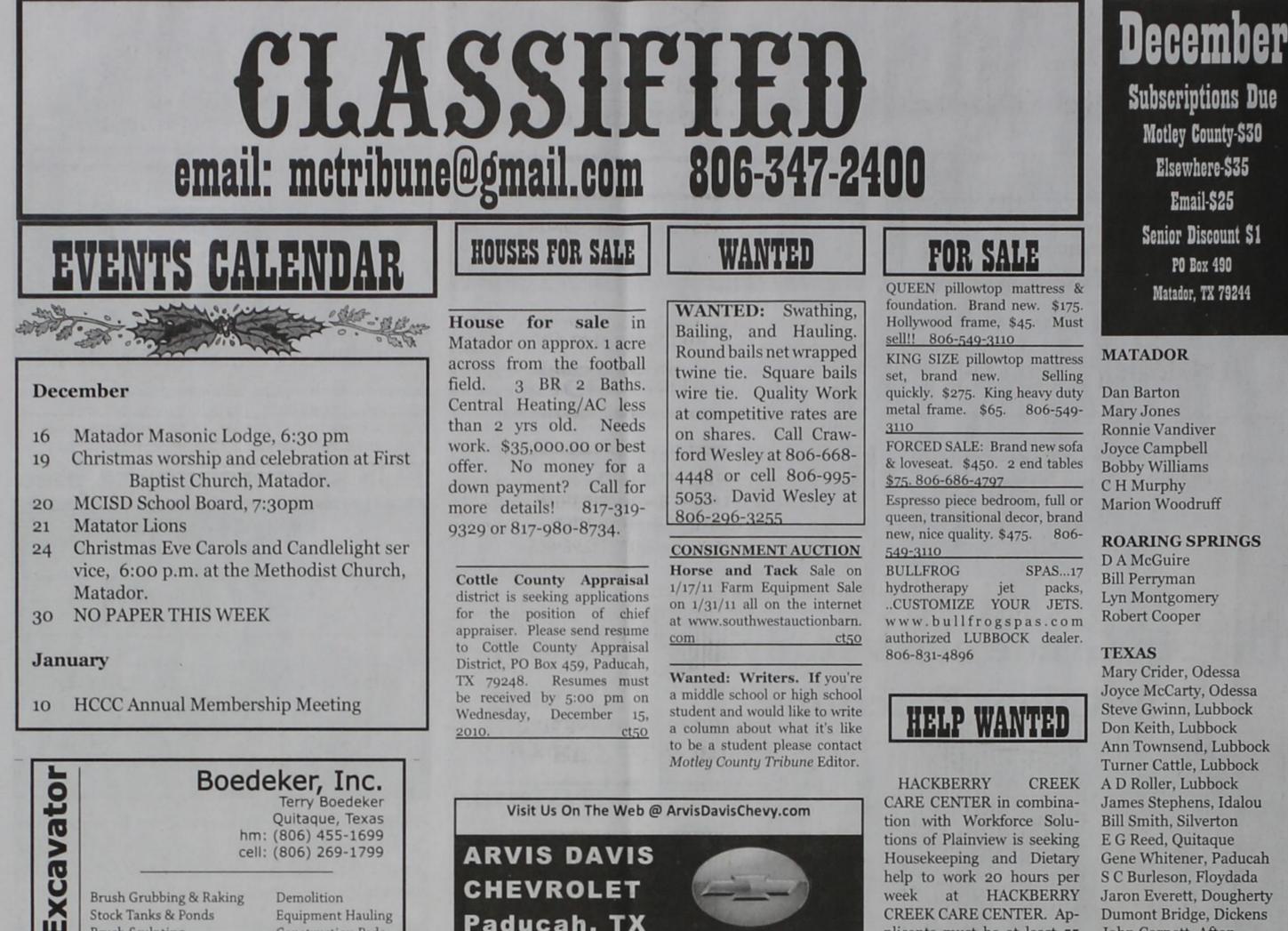
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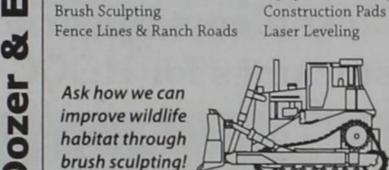
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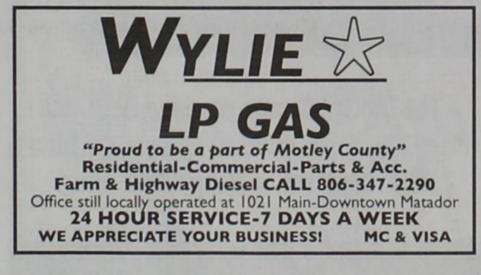
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