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Texas Plains Trail **Region reviews** 2010 accomplishments

December 25, 2010

The Texas Plains Trail Region board met in Brownfield, Texas, Thursday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m., to approve working committees for the 2010-11 program years; to approve the 2009-2010 annual report; and review the new Policies and Procedures Manuel for the board. In addition, a report on the progress of the Quanah Parker Trail was given by board members Dolores Mosser and Holle Humphries; and an announcement was made in behalf of the Texas Historical Commission on the Texas Heritage Tourism Partnership Grants which will be available January 1, 2011.

Attending the meeting from Matador was Carol Campbell, a new member to the board. Carol was assigned the task of working on several committhat will benefit the 52-county region, includthe Museum Program Committee, a 6-member ommittee tasked with generating ideas for ways to increase visitation and education for our region's museums; organizing yearly museum projects or

Motley County Library photography contest winners announced

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Left to Right: Grant Potts (11) Youth Category/ Kaylee Woolsey (12) Youth Category/ Jaci Zingerman (16) Junior Cat-

Carol was also assigned to serve on three other committees: a website advisory/assistance committee chaired by Holle Humphries, Lubbock, to help edit interesting features for travelers; the Youth Engagement Programs, chaired by Beverly Wall, Plainview, to help put in place a yearly project that encourages youth engagement through the schools, 4-H, Library Programs, or other youth driven organizations; and a 6-member committee chaired by past board chair Dolores Mosser to help develop vision and goals for the Quanah Parker Trail.

The first meeting of the TPTR Quanah Parker Trail initiative was held in October at the 3-Rivers Foundation in Quanah, Texas. At this 3RF meeting, Marisue Potts-Powell, Chair of Motley County Historical Commission, was named to serve on the site continued on page 6

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Disastrous wildfires could sweep across the Southern Plains this winter

SOUTHERN PLAINS, Texas - The West Texas town of Cross Plains was decimated by a massive and deadly firestorm in 2005. Three months later, a similarly-destructive firestorm forced the evacuation of seven communities in the Panhandle.

More recently in 2009, another 14 counties - this time in North Texas faced the same fate.

pletely unexpected," Texas Forest nado, it can't be stopped. All you can Service Assistant Chief Regional Fire do is get people out of the way on the

Coordinator Les Rogers said, recalling the fire that burned through Cross Plains. "Everybody knew we could have serious fire that day, but nobody dreamed that it would run through a community."

Considered a true force of nature, a firestorm is a massive and destructive fire - or group of fires - that often can't be controlled by firefight-"We just felt helpless. It was com- ers. Much like a hurricane or tor-

day they occur.

During just the last five years, 10 firestorms - also known as Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreaks - have been documented. These day-long firestorms have resulted in 287 fires that burned 2.5 million acres, destroyed 1,065 structures and killed 22 people.

Texas Forest Service fire officials and National Weather Service fire weather forecasters are predict continued on page 5

Residents attend memorial at Cynthia Ann Parker recapture site Don Parker calls recapture a sad day-- a day of tragedy

Chair of the Motley County Historical Commission, Marisue Potts-Powell, and Texas Plains Trail Region Board member Carol Campbell attended a memorial at the recapture site of Cynthia Ann Parker, mother of the famed warrior chief and peacemaker, Quanah Parker. It was a day to remember.

A group of about 25 historians and interested onlookers along with two great-grandsons, a great-granddaughter, and a great-great grandson of Quanah Parker attended the ceremony, organized by Hanaba Munn Welch, manager of Quanah Historical Preservation.

The group met at the Texas Centennial historical marker commemorating the "Battle of Pease River" one mile north of FM98 via County Road 231. The marker reads:

Comanche Indians on May 19, 1836 in what is now Limestone County, Cynthia Ann Parker was recaptured here by Texas Rangers under L.S. Ross on December 18, 1860." According to retired district

of "Myth, Memory and Massacre," not only is the recapture date incorrect on the marker (he claims she was recaptured on December 19, 1860), the "massacre" was labeled a "battle" and as a result, "historians have unwittingly used fiction as the basis for 150 years of analysis." He calls the Battle of Pease River the most perpetuated myth in Texas history.

But this much we do know: Cynthia Ann Parker lived with the Comanche for 24 years; was adopted by the tribe, married a Comanche chief called Peta Nocona and had three children with him. She was recaptured with her baby girl Topsannah (Prairie Flower), who died several months later; and she was never allowed to return to her husband and never saw her children again. She was reunited with rela-"After being captured by tives she had never met, and reportedly "died of a broken heart." The great-grandson of Quanah and great-great grandson of Cynthia Ann Parker, Don Parker, called the recapture "a sad day -- a day of tragedy."

On December 19, 2010, judge Tom Crum, co-author The site of the actual recapture is also in dispute, so the ceremony took place on the banks of the Pease River on private land where family members commemorated her life in mournful song.

> Following a prayer, Don Parker, Cache, Oklahoma, assisted by other family members; great-grandson Lance Tahmahkera and great-great-grandson Lane Tahmahkera of Burleson, Texas; along with Juanita Pahdopony, great-granddaughter of Emma Parker Tahmahkera, performed a ceremony honoring the memory of his ancestor.

Juanita Pahdopony is the Dean of Academic Affairs at Comanche Nation College in Lawton, Oklahoma; and teaches language and Indian culture to young students, keeping the Comanche tradition alive with knowledge. She addressed the group, giving a brief history lesson on the naming of her family. Following her presentation, Don began his ceremony by lighting cedar in a large shell with a leather handle. Cedar continued on page 6



Pictured is Carol Campbell and Marisue Powell with Don Parker, great-grandson of Quanah Parker, on the banks of the Pease River. The Matador residents attended a ceremony commemorating the 150-year anniversary of the recapture of Cynthia Ann Parker.

Foothill Country Connections

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



Wanted: Writers. If you're a middle school or high school student and would like to write a column about what it's like to be a student please contact Motley County Tribune Editor.

By Laverne Zabielski

What are our youth thinking about these days? In an effort to publish more writing by young people I posted the above classified in last week's paper. Avery Logsdon expressed a desire to contribute. In his column, "Advice from a 5th Grader" he reveals real concerns regarding when and how to ask for help and expresses a sensitivity for other students that don't fit in. In the letters to Santa this week I was particularly impressed with Sam Ware's, request and questions.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Rudolph doing? I don't want a lot for Christmas, there is just one thing, spending time with my family. And also a sled. But what is the true meaning of Christmas? Hey are you busy? How are your elves? What I want is real red star from the sky.

Sam Ware

Each of these writers cause us pause to think, not only about the issues they face, but also their maturity.

My hope for the new year is that more young writers express themselves and that the adults in their lives have the courage to listen.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Mulberry Creek, Revisited 150 Years Later **By Marisue Potts Powell**

Today, December 19, 2010, on the banks of Mulberry Creek it is quiet, peaceful, serene. A perfect day, unseasonably warm, nothing like it was 150 years ago when this rolling prairie land witnessed thundering hooves, shots ringing out, and moans of the wounded, dying women and children. A brisk north wind chilled the survivors, and not even a buffalo robe could warm the heart of the captured.

For Cynthia Ann Parker this was not the first time she had been captured. In 1836, as an nine year-old, blue-eyed, blond child who lived at Fort Parker near present day Grosbeck, she was ripped from her family, many of whom died violently in the attack by a Comanche war party. Long a battle ground, an area from the Panhandle to the Texas coast was in control by the Comanches and Kiowas when white settlers began to push into the traditional hunting grounds, assuring continuing conflict.

memories of her family even- eve-witness accounts given tually dimmed, until she became one of many "white Comanches" who preferred the Indian way of life. During her twenty-four years with them, she became a wife to Peta Nocona and bore him three children, Quanah, Pecos (or Peanut) and Prairie Flower. When offered a chance to be ransomed, she refused, preferring to stay with her adopted family. When overtaken by a party of U.S. Cavalry, Texas Rangers, and volunteers, including Charles Goodnight, she and others were processing buffalo meat and hides sorely needed by the tribes since buffalo hunters had drastically reduced the herds.

According to Tom Crum, coauthor of the recently released Myth, Memory and Massacre, the minor clash at the Pease River became a battle, not a massacre, as Sul Ross and others retold the story for their own glorification and the myth grew with the years. Crum and Dr. Paul Carlson,

soon after the event at Mulberry Creek to more closely determine what took place.

Pointing out where he believes the recapture took place, Crum shared their research with a small group of historians, history buffs, and members of the extended Quanah Parker family gathered at a private ranch northeast of Crowell. Then they walked to the Pease River for a short ceremony of purification and renewal in which Juanita Podopony, Lance Tahmakera, and Don Parker participated. Don sang several songs in Comanche, one that his mother sang when her son Ron was fighting in Viet Nam, one that Don sings in the Native American Church, and one that is used at times like these, when The People pause, mourn, and then turn away, leave it behind and ride into the future.

unable to ride into the future with her biological family.

ing those who had brutally killed their loved ones? Did their racial prejudice against the Indians make it difficult to accept her back? No longer could she speak their language or understand their ways. Though they physically took care of her and young daughter Prairie Flower, what was their attitude toward her?

She mourned for her Indian! family and a way of life that they refused to let her return! to. When the little girl sickened and died, probably from: one of the white-man diseases, measles or smallpox, and her mother too longed to die. And she did, never knowing that her son Quanah would lead his people in peace time as well as war. Never knowing that he too never forgot her and eventually he moved her remains to be near him in death.

On Mulberry Creek, one hundred and fifty years later, Cynthia Ann Parker was it is a time of reflection and reconciliation as the smell from buring cedar incense Haunted by memories of what wafts in the breeze, sounds

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Adopted into the tribe, as- history professor at Texas similated into their nomadic Tech University, returned to way of life, Cynthia Ann's the official documents and

had happened to the family members at the compound, could the whites forgive her for taking up and (gasp) lovof a lilting Comanche melody rises and the beats from a drum echo down the valley. A day to remember.

Advice from a 5th Grader **By Avery Logsdon**

Principal Problems

I'm a natural writer, it just comes to me. I know an anonymous person who tries to block out everything. I go to a magnet school for creativity. I had to try out along with, like maybe 250 others? You know, I'm not even going to guess how many because it would sound way harder to do if I said something like 900 others.

Anyway, with some kids, MOMS HAVE POWER. That can really be true at my school in art, or at other schools in sports. A kid who is, nonetheless, still a good person, not a cheater or anything, got in to my school because of power with the principal. Of course if the kid's mom is a principal you don't really want to mess with them too much.

Although this kid is a nice kid, he doesn't really "click into place" at school. It's more of his mom's fault. I think the kid is very nice and he is talented, but in other areas, he is unfairly made into an easy target. He must feel really pressured and be very stressed, with kids above his level. The same thing happened to my mom, growing up with creative people all around her.

So there might be something like that at your school. And if there is, remember. . . always do it on your own and be nice to kids that don't fit in.



Due to popular demand and many requests, Trail Dust, written and originally published in 1940 by Douglas Meador, Country Editor, Poet, Philosopher and the Sage of Matador, and with the permission and sponsorship of Mary Tipton Crider, sister of Mrs. Douglas (Lila) Meador, the family is having this well known book reprinted.

To the many fine people of Motley County

for the next adventure in our lives, I would like to stop and say "thank you" to everyone for making our time here in Motley County so enjoyable. We were welcomed into the community and brought into your lives as family. You enriched our lives with your welcoming compassion and sincere hearts.

Motley County is full to the brim with good people who are the kind of people you want living just next door. The lives of my family have been improved by our time and experiences here. Motley County is just a great place to raise a family and we have been truly blessed in our time here. Everyone has been asking about my bees and the honey. I have already decided that when honey season comes next spring, to bottle up a whole case of honey and ship it back to Motley County!

While serving as your superintendent, we have accomplished so many fine things for the students of the district. All the credit goes to the students, parents, faculty, staff, administration and school board trustees of our fine school. We have opened the possibility of attending college for so many of our students by increasing the dual-credit courses. Allowing

As my family and I leave students to earn college credit and saving thousands of dollars for their parents has been a tremendous blessing. Each teacher and staff member has done their part in improving student success and we are so proud of our school. Student success on the state standardized tests has improved overall. When you have so many successful programs already established and in place, and have the right faculty and staff, it makes it that much easier to reach for the next goal to help the students.

> We want to thank all the churches in the county for inviting us to worship with you. I have been invited to sing and preach in so many of our churches. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to not only be your superintendent but also serve you in ministry, as a servant.

> The friendships that have grown between us will last a lifetime and if you are ever in Matagorda County, please stop by and see us. If I can ever encourage you or lift you up, please call me at 972-658-4578, my personal cell number.

Finally, during this Christmas season, I pray that God blesses each of you richly. For the kids,

Dr. Andrew Seigrist

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Annual Membership Meeting

January 10, 2011

Hackberry Creek Dining Room Registration 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Public Invited

Board members will be elected Ballots will be given to members paying 2011 Membership Dues at the Annual Meeting.



HACKBERRYHAPPENINGS

BY CARLA MEADOR, MARKETING DIRECTOR

One thing that can never be said about Hackberry Creek Care Center is that we don't know how to throw a party.

Wow! Do we know how to throw a party! And, we did just that when family and friends gathered here Friday night, December 17, for our Family Christmas party. What a fun and festive evening for evervone. Our residents were joined by family members for a delicious holiday meal with turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and some of the most scrumptious side dishes and deserts that one could imagine. Mrs. Debbie Ball was kind enough to share her talents at the piano to tap out some beautiful Christmas carols. She was accompanied by Mrs. Laurie Davis and Carley Turner, who shared their singing talents. We appreciate these young ladies for treating us to some old-fashioned Christmas fun. To top off the evening, Santa Claus dropped in to visit and distribute gifts to our Residents. So, like I said, Hackberry really knows how to party and we just love treating

our Residents to a good time.

derful gifts and your visits mean so much to them. Thank you all!

Let me take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and blessed holiday season from Hackberry staff members. We do appreciate the charity and love you show throughout the year, with all the volunteer hours given to the Center, your visits with our Residents and the kindness you have shown to them. Thank you and God bless you.

SENIOR HEALTH TIPS

Recipe Remixing: A Healthy Spin on 10 Traditional Holiday Foods

The holiday season may not be the right time to roll out all new recipes to replace tried-and-true family favorites. Your meat-eating kinfolk won't be thankful if you replace the traditional roasted turkey with a Tofurky, a tofu and wheat, gluten-based substitute. Replacing the homemade, baked macaroni and cheese that's always served for Christmas dinner with something from a box may have folks calling you a killjoy, as well. Why not learn some expertapproved skills for lightening your holiday entrees, side dishes and desserts. We're calling these healthy cooking dos - "recipe remixing" for the holidays. These tips shouldn't change the taste of your holiday dishes, but they will make them healthier on your waistline and easier on your budget. Here are a couple of traditional dishes that have been remixed to help you whip up a healthier holiday meal:

6 slices whole wheat bread, crumbled 5 cups crumbled corn bread 1 teaspoon thyme 2 teaspoons sage 1 teaspoon marjoram 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon pepper 2 cups egg substitute 2 cups turkey broth Instructions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Heat the margarine in a large skillet, and sauté the onion, garlic and parsley for 3 to 4 minutes. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl, pour into a nonstick baking pan, and bake for 45 minutes. Macaroni and Cheese **Ingredients:**

2 cups whole wheat, elbow Macaroni 1/2 cup grated, reduced-fat cheddar 1/3 cup skim milk 2 Tablespoons, sliced scallions 1 egg white, lightly beaten 2 Tablespoons nonfat Parmesan cheese (Optional) Instructions:

Thank You

The family of Beverly Vinson would like to say "Thank You" for all of the prayers, cards, food and flowers in our time of sorrow. There is no finer place to live than in Motley County nor are there any more wonderful and caring people than those in Motley County, Texas.

Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Bill Manney for the beautiful service and to Nathan Shannon, Leighanne Darsey, and Mike Crowley for their professionalism in their care of our mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

There were lots of tears shed and they were tears of sorrow but rest assured they are now tears of happiness as we have celebrated 87 years of a productive and happy life. Remember the good times and the friendships made through the years and cherish them throughout eternity.

Roger & Doris Vinson Linda & Bill Perryman Shannon Vinson and family Dana Vinson and family Wendy White and family Betty Schroeder and family

Hackberry Residents enjoyed another special treat last Thursday when the Motley County elementary students came to the Center to present some lively Christmas songs. The Residents thoroughly enjoyed the delightful program. We appreciate the children and their teachers for treating our residents to some holiday fun.

Also, last week, the Matador Church of Christ youth group visited Hackberry Residents and presented them with gifts. Each resident received a beautiful, warm throw, as well as various other gifts. Their visit made our Residents feel special.

We truly appreciate all the groups and individuals who have visited the Center and our Residents during this holiday season. We know our Residents appreciate the won-

Corn Bread Dressing **Ingredients:**

3 Tablespoons reduced-fat margarine

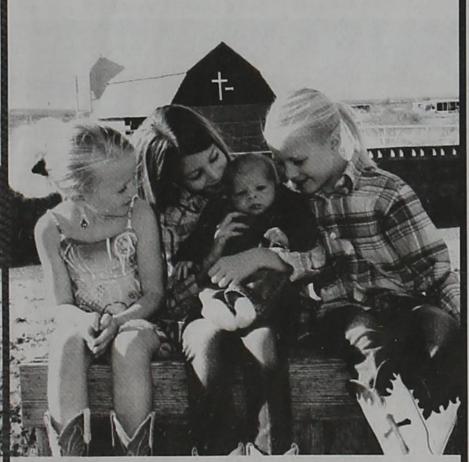
1 cup chopped onion 2 cups chopped celery 2 cloves garlic, crushed 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Cook the macaroni according to package instructions, and drain. Place the macaroni in a large bowl and add the cheddar cheese, milk, scallions and egg white. Stir well. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place the macaroni in a nonstick casserole pan and sprinkle the Parmesan cheese on top. Bake about 25 minutes or until the top is browned and firm. This recipe makes six servings.

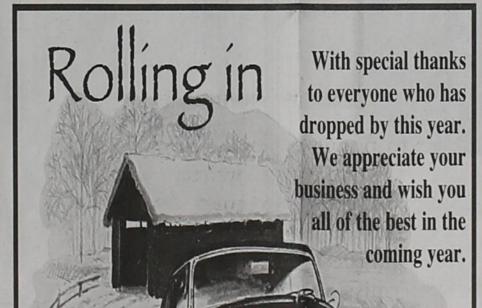
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SEASON'S GREETING TO OUR READERS



This is our last article for the calendar year of 2010. Where did it go? This year will soon belong to the pages of history. We think of all the things we wanted to accomplish in 2010 and some of them we did get done.

I want to thank all of our faithful readers for the kind

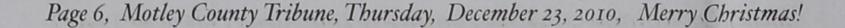
words offered to encourage me in writing of these articles. The thoughtful notes and expressions of your appreciation has proven a constant source of delight to me. I thank you for your kindness.

We are in a fun time of the year. The excitement felt by our children of the community is contagious. Perhaps you along with me share in the children's anticipation of what the holidays bring. Family time, warm hugs, moist eyes and a genuine feeling of well-being. The good food is also something that is eagerly anticipated. There is something else. Coming with the close of the year is also reflections on the year passed. The months of 2010 have gone by and with their passing opportunities, challenges and some disappointments. The year has brought us a host of changes in nearly every aspect of our lives.

Rivers, Tyne and Reese would like to announce the arrival of their brother Stetson Steel Marshall. Steel was born October 31, 2010 weighing 8 lbs 12oz and was 21" long. Parents are Brian and Nancy Marshall. Grandparents are Ken and Mary Marshall and Jack and Sharon Martin. Great Grandparents are Corky and Monta Marshall and R.C. and Callie Giesecke



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





Flomot News

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

On a Personal Note:

It is coming whether we are ready or not! As usual I didn't get near as much accomplished early as I had hoped. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone.

One good thing about the Christmas season being over will be less catalogs! I am covered each day in catalogs and junk mail. I think J. C. Penney has something in the mail every day. Remember the good old days when you got two catalogs a year or maybe four if you bought from both Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck. Sometimes they did put out a Christmas catalog and we wore it out looking and trying to decide what the kids wanted and/or needed.

I've written or called and suggested that we don't want or need catalogs all year and to only send a couple for the holiday season. Seems it would sure save money for the companies, work for the post office and the garbage man, not to mention the everyday chore of weeding out and tossing out!

In the Community:

On Saturday, Daphne and Parker Meredith went to San Angelo to get Angelica and Jonah Meredith to bring them for the Christmas holidays. The Meredith kids feel like there is no place as special as Na Na's and Papaw's and with their cousins here in Roaring Springs.

Tince Thacker, club sweetheart, drew the name of Susie Vanerea's from Connecticut. Susie is the daughter of Alex and Jo Crowder. Susie and her daughter, Stephanie visited here late last summer.

Wally Hodges is home for the Holidays, he is attending Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX. Wally is the son of Holly Meredith.

The ladies in the Underwood family held their annual Christmas party at Audrey Jones residence. There were 14 women of the family attending.

On Friday evening, Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m., a candle light and carol service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. All are invited to attend.

Remember you don't have to dine alone on Christmas day. At noon a lovely Christmas Dinner is planned at the Roaring Springs Community Center by the John Meason family; so don't sit home alone, join the fellowship and fun that are planned for you.

There are several Roaring Springs residents who remain in nursing home facilities this Christmas. Ruby Hipp is in Heritage Oaks at 5301 University in Lubbock, zip is 79413; Imogene Swim is at Golden Age Nursing home; 2613 34th Street in Lubbock the zip is 79413. Louise Perryman is at Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador. Bobby Fletcher is in the Metroplex area in a rehab unit. His son, Peyton Fletcher lives nearby. I was unable to reach Peyton for an The Roaring Springs and Matador Lions Club met on Tuesday of this week to prepare food baskets for the shutins.

By Earlyne Jameson Overheard

Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas. All else is outward display, so much tinsel and decorations. For it isn't the holly, it Monday. isn't the snow, it isn't the tree. warmth that comes to hearts of men when the Christmas spirit returns again! May you have a Merry Christmas!

Attend College Graduation Donnie Rogers and mother, Mrs. B. Rogers visited overnight Thursday in Lubbock with brother, son and wife, Ronnie and Lou Rogers. Fri- Jason Bratton of San Antoday morning, Donnie and B. flew from Lubbock Airport to Williamsburg, Virginia. They attended the college gradu-

ation of his daughter, Natalie Rogers who was awarded her B.A. degree at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 11, 2010 from William and Mary College. They enplaned home

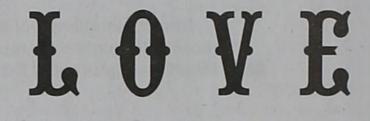
Others attending Natanot firelight's glow. It is the lie's college graduation were mother and husband, Crystal and Dave Kudko of Fort Worth and maternal grandparents Bill and Delores Franklin of Lindale, Texas.

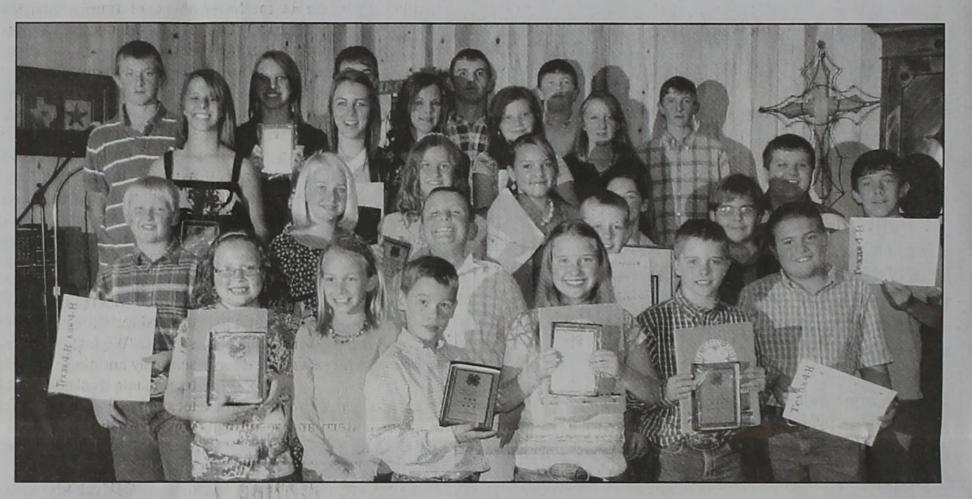
> Ruth and Orville Lee enjoyed the presentation last Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

Lindsay Martin and friend, nio visited Wednesday and Thursday with her grandfather, Wilburn Marin.

Matador News

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Our Lady Of Gua-Jameson and daughter, Shandalupe is having na Lou of Santa Fe, N.M. vis-Mass on Friday, ited from Saturday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Christmas Eve at Mrs. H.R. " Skeet" Jameson. 5:30 pm Visiting Sunday was their other son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. No Mass on Lance Jameson of Vernon. Christmas Day





I made a big error last week and made Eugene Daniell a grandpa! It is Leslie Daniell who is grandpa to little Tyler update on Bobby. 8 82 Buckner.

On Thursday evening Ralph Roming was taken by ambulance to Lubbock Heart Hospital. He is doing much better and hopes to be able to come home soon.

Jerry Collins is making progress at Covenant Specialties Hospital.

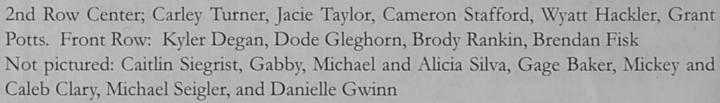
The drawing for the diamond ring raffled by Lions Club was held on Thursday afternoon at the Travelers Inn. Fort Worth, TX 76112

Peyton Fletcher just now called me from Germany with an update on Bobby Fletcher and his address.

He is doing well. His address is: Bobby Fletcher, c/o Lakewood Village Care Center, 5100 Randall Mill Rd.,

Motley 4-H recently held it's 2010 awards banquet at the Singin' R Ranch in Roaring Springs. Hamburgers and all the trimmings were served with David Stafford of Stafford Catering cooking and donating the meat, ice cream sundaes were served for dessert. This banquet was one of the largest we have had in many years and we awarded 37 kids in various project work including food and nutrition, swine, lamb, rabbit, goat, beef, shooting sports, photography, clothing and textile, gardening, horse and public speaking. Our Gold Star Awards this year went Kyla Simpson, Christian Brooks, and Alexis Osborn, Silver Star Award Mattie Brooks, and Bronze Star Award was Carley Turner. What a great 4-H year in Motley County. Good job! Pictured Back: Korbyn Simpson, Alexis Osborn, Jaci Zingerman, Kyla Simpson, Austin, Taylor, Mattie Brooks, Christian Brooks, Cassidy Turner, Seth Baxter, Shelby Elliott, and Reagan Elliott Center: Bryson Elliott, Natalie Jameson, Kaylee Woolsey, Sage Guerrero, Chole Gleghorn, Jacob Woolsey, and Bryant

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It's finally time to announce the winners of the Motley County Library Photography Contest. By popular vote, the Adult winner is D'anna Russell receiveing a \$50 bill for her "Sunset on the Pond" Photo. The Junior category had a tie so each winner receives \$25 each, Jaci Zingerman with "Windmill" and Addie Guerrero with her "Red Ant" photograph. And because of a mistaken category selection, the library decided to award the top 2 most popular entries in the Youth categories, Kaylee Woolsey's "Mr. Chipmunk" and Grant Potts' " West Texas Morning". Each winner was gracious enough to share the prize money receiving \$25 each.

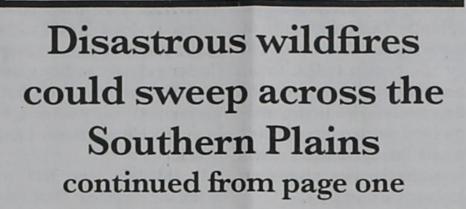
Start off the New Year right by taking advantage of great bargains at the Book Sale in the Library Annex. The Friends of the Library is extending the sale until the end of the year. As of this printing, prices have been slashed to include paperbacks at a \$1 a bag, Hardcover Fiction \$1, Hardcover Non-Fiction 50¢ and Children's books and DVDs 10¢ each.

Don't forget to stop by the library to peruse our New Arrival and Recommend Reading sections. We receive new books almost every week. You can also keep updated on our facebook page by searching Motley County Library.

Please note that the library will be closed on Thu. and Fri., Dec. 23 and 24, and Mon, Dec. 27 for the Christmas holiday and Fri., Dec. 31 for New Year. Should you have a book to be returned or renewed, please call the library at 347-2717 or e-mail at motleycountylibrary@ yahoo.com before we close for the holidays to insure we receive the message.

May you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year surrounded by family and friends.





by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

ing that such a storm could happen again, possibly this winter. As a result, Texas Forest Service is launching a new website - www.texasfirestorm.org - and 12-minute informational video to help the public understand firestorms and why they happen, and learn what they can do to protect themselves.

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Agent's News

"When it occurs, it's devastating to an area. It takes lives," said Greg Murdoch, senior meteorologist and certified fire weather forecaster for the National Weather Service in Midland. "Being proactive is going to be critical to saving life and property."

Conditions must be just right for these devastating wildfires. Occurring mostly in winter and spring, it takes the perfect mix of low relative humidity, strong winds, an abundance of ation," Texas Forest Service dead grass and other weather factors to produce the Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreak pattern. When that pattern develops, it means conditions are ripe for a firestorm. Once a firestorm ignites, the weather is in control.

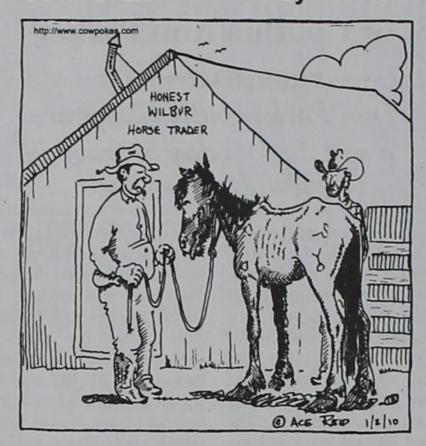
firestorms occur in the Southern Plains, an area that spans from eastern New Mexico west to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and from Oklahoma south to the Texas Hill County. However, the Interstate 20 corridor leading from just west of Abilene to the Dallas-Fort Worth area – and 100 miles north or south of it – seems to be a particular hotspot.

Meteorologists can predict these weather patterns and issue warnings several days ahead of time, which should give residents in high-risk areas time to evacuate should they need to do so. That's why it's key to be prepared in advance, fire and weather experts said.

"The impact could be devastating to the people who find themselves in such a situ-Predictive Services Department Head Tom Spencer said, noting that he hoped the website and video helped people understand the severity of firestorms. "We hope they take it seriously and they're prepared to evacuate if asked to do so. If local officials tell you to leave, you have to go."

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"You wanted a spirited hoss, wul the reason this one looks bad is because he's overly spirited and he's wore out!"



Matador City Council meets City employee year end bonus approved

The City Council for the City er items in the agenda. The of Matador met in regular list of expenditures were apsession December 9, 2010, at proved to be paid and the City 6:30 pm. All council members were present as well as Mayor Pat Smith and City Secretary Debra Scott. The council approved the minutes from the November meeting and moved on to oth-

employee year end bonus was approved. This bonus was included and approved at the April meeting.

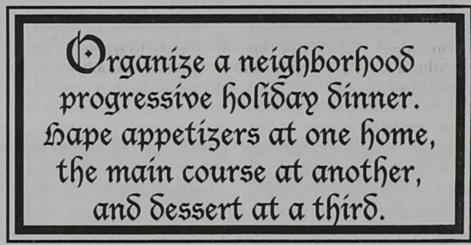
2010 Friends of 4-H, Jameson Mowing-Jeremy and Danika Jameson and Capitol Farm Credit (formerly First Ag Credit) represented by Nancy Marshall. Motley 4-H could not do without the Friends, who are our supporters and contributors.

As its name implies, the weather pattern and resulting



William Ray "Coach" Sefcik, Sr., age 71, died Saturday, December 11, 2010 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned before 7:00 pm.



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MOTLEY

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of MOTLEY County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination by the Texas Forest Service or this court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meets the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

IN ADDITION, THE COURT SAYS Any individual gainfully employed in a trade or profession that involves the use of combustible materials or use of possible fire sources in the outdoor environment directly related to the successful operation of the business's goals and/or objectives may continue to conduct business as usual utilizing the materials and/or potential fire sources in the outdoor environment as they deem necessary; provided that the individual shall take all necessary safety precautions to prevent the ignition of any fire or fires that are not essential to the conducting of day to day business activities. Any business owner, operator or individual involved in any business operation citing this section of this order that has not taken the necessary safety precautions and as a result damage occurs from a fire caused by their business operations shall be liable for any and all damages that may occur and they shall be issued a citation and fined as allowed by law.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MOTLEY

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on the 13th of December, 2010. The Commissioners' Court of Motley County has determined that conditions on certain uncultivated acreage in the county are extremely hazardous for the danger of fire because of high grass or dry vegetation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Motley County adopts this order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated area of Motley County:

- No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. D. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in the unincorporated area of Motley County.
- Ε. This Order does not prohibit:
 - common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives; 3.
 - large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by 4 combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. [TEX.OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154].
- E. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010, BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

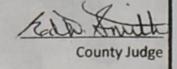
In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2010 by a vote of four (4) ayes and zero (0) nays, one (1) absent.

Ed D. Smith Motley County Judge

Attest: County Clerk

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Residents attend memorial at Cynthia Ann Parker

recapture site Don Parker calls recapture a sad day -- a day of tragedy continued from page one

smoke is a "cleansing" smoke, he said. He sang three songs in the Comanche language, using a different instrument with each one, ending with a drum song that was so hauntingly beautiful it made your heart ache. He then shared "deer jerky" with the group, a Comanche tradition. The group was reluctant to leave the banks of the Pease River following this ceremony, lingering to visit.

Finally, the tour continued and off-the-beaten-path" Copper Breaks State Park, where Park Ranger David Turner gave a guided tour through the Visitor Center, pointing out the Quanah Parker exhibits; followed by a drive to a spring-fed lake, another favorite campground of the Comanche. This remote lake is in a secluded wilderness area and offers fishing year

round. He ended his tour with a visit to a Texas Longhorn herd maintained by the park. The herd was anxious for visitors because usually sweet cake follows. The Longhorn herd gathered at a fence for a hand-fed treat, while camera's snapped when the Park Ranger held a piece of cake in his mouth, and 'Ol Tex gave him a "kiss." The group was offered a chance to imitate this activity, but there were no takers.

The day ended here for at the "relatively unknown Marisue and Carol, but others visited the Quanah Museum and enjoyed an evening meal hosted by Norma Trolinder and Hanaba Welch with a menu of brisket, beans and cobbler.

> Driving back to Matador after this eventful day, the Matador sojourners drove into the most beautiful western sunset imaginable, agreeing that this was truly a day to remember.

Local Student Received National Degree

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Shane'a Russell received the American FFA Degree at the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on Saturday, October 23, 2010. It is the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization and recognizes her demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

Less than one in 154 FFA members advance through their local chapter and state FFA degree programs to earn this national degree. Shane'a is the daughter of D'Anna and J.D. Russell, Matador, and is currently a sophomore at Amarillo College.

The American FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences.

In order to qualify for the degree, Shane'a had to meet certain requirements, includ-



culture.

committee for the Quanah Parker Trail. The next meeting for the ing a Greenhand FFA Degree, group will be in Crosbyton at the Chapter FFA Degree and State Crosbyton Museum, on January FFA Degree; a FFA member 26, 2011. for at least three years; com-It was also announced at this pleted at least three years

meeting that nationally-known photographer Rick Vanderpool had completed the photo archive project in the 52 counties in the region. Vanderpool spent two days in each county taking photos of "unique places, faces, and spaces" of the Plains Trial Region. These photos will be used in marketing endeavors such as brochures, banners, website, magazine ads, and posters.

The TPTR Board announced that 100-plus images of each county would be made available to those counties that supported the yearly marketing and brochure distribution package. Motley County met this obligation through the City of Matador, Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax fund in the amount of \$200.00. Counties that did not support the marketing initiative will be given the opportunity to buy the photos for \$300.00.

Other special projects in 2010 included the Stamp Cancellation and County of the Week, beginning January 6, 2010, in Armstrong County, where board members and the Executive Director Deborah Sue McDonald met in a different county seat each Wednesday of the week for a year. "Albeit time and energy consuming, this has been a public relations hit like no other," McDonald said. "It was a superb avenue for opening up conversations with County Historical Commissions, Chamber and Museum Directors, Mayors, and other civic leaders." McDonald also completed 10 radio shows, released more than 80 articles;

continued from page one and visited 27 classrooms reaching more than 2,000 4th and 7th grade Texas history students.

Texas Plains Trail

The THC Partnership grants (\$5,000) were awarded to six counties in the region for 2010, including Cottle County Leadership Forum, "Pioneer Days Celebration;" Cochran County Texas' Last Frontier Museum, "Buffalo Soldier Project;" Post City Celebrations, Inc., "A Journey through the Heritage of Post;" Hockley County Historical Commission, "Ranch Heritage Tour;" City of Crosbyton, "Native American Experience;" and Wheeler Centennial Historical Association and Museum, "Promoting the Wheeler County Museum."

"It was an honor to be a participant in this year's round of the Texas Historical Commission's Heritage Trails Program Partnership Grant process," McDonald said. "This grant program offers us the opportunity to spread the word about our services and offer a financial benefit to our communities. It is exciting to see the impact these monies have."

Funding for new projects will be considered for 2011 that provide interpretation and promotion of cultural and historic resources. "I will be attending the grant workshop in Paducah in January, and hopefully submit a grant to THC for a video documentary project," Campbell said. "The project will highlight the historical resources in the county, including Matador Ranch, Roaring Springs Comanche campground, the historic Teepee City, Bob's Oil Well, and the historic Motley County Jail."

USDA Introduces an Online Tool to Assist Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the Department has established an online tool that can link retiring farmers who have expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts with beginning farmers or ranchers who are interested in bringing the land into production. The new online resource, TIP Net, is a website provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Through the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), producers with land for sale or lease are introduced to qualified beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who want to buy or rent land for their operations.

"The interest in TIP during the first six months of implementation has far exceeded our expectations," said Vilsack. "This tool should make TIP even more effective in facilitating the transition of land to our next generation of

farmers."

TIP provides up to two additional Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments to a retired or retiring owner or operator with an expiring CRP contract. To qualify, the landowner must sell or lease the CRP land to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher so the new operator can convert some or all of the land to production using sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

As of Nov. 30, TIP participation included 372 contracts on more than 52,000 acres, with nearly \$5 million obligated for TIP annual rental payments.

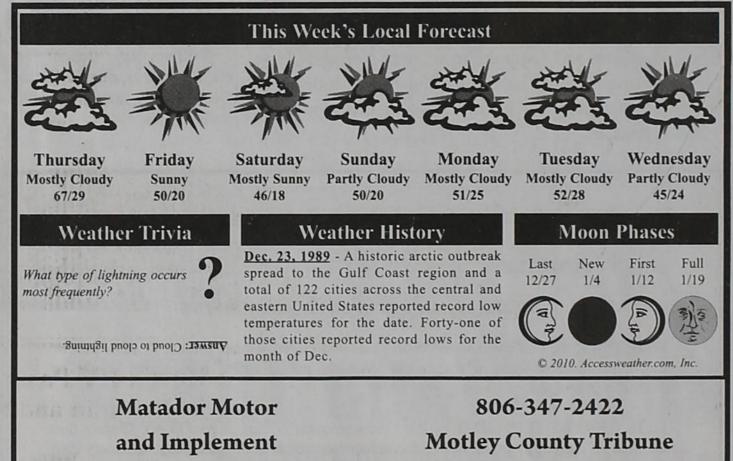
For beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers who cannot qualify for conventional credit, FSA offers financing as well. FSA makes direct loans and guaranteed loans made by conventional farm lenders to finance the purchase and operation

of a farm. Each fiscal year, the agency targets a significant portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loan funds to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. In the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2010, FSA made or guaranteed 18,700 loans totaling \$1.975 billion to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. In addition to the funding reserves, FSA operates a special "down payment" loan program to assist socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers in purchasing a farm. Like TIP, this program can help retiring farmers transfer their land to future generations.

Additional information on FSA farm loan programs is available online at www.fsa. usda.gov or from any FSA office. TIP Net can be found online at http://www.fsa.usda. gov/tipnet.



The next meeting was set for February, 2011, in Ralls, Texas.





Maximum Green in Minimal Space Texas Tech's Sustainable Cabin gains recognition in architectural publications.

"What's the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

That was a question posed by author and poet Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), who is also the inspiration for a prefabricated, sustainable designbuild project by the College of Architecture, the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the College of Engineering at Texas Tech University.

As the planet's reserves of water and energy sources become increasingly limited, architects must develop forms of architecture that incorporate – even celebrate – sustainable design practices. The result is a living laboratory designed for the harsh microclimate of Foard County, about 45 miles west of Wichita Falls. Thoreau was best known for his book "Walden," a reflection upon simple living in natural surroundings. He built a house, 10 feet by 15 feet, furnished only with a bed, a table, a desk with a lamp, and three chairs – "one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society." That cabin, along with Le Corbusier's Cabanon in Roque-

brune-Cap-Martin in Southern France, are studies of the minimal spatial needs for living. And they are examples of structures that successfully relate to their sites and to the environment, while being mindful of significant budget constraints. Together, they inspired the Sustainable Cabin, a prefab dwelling created by Texas Tech to test and quantify sustainable architectural concepts.

The Sustainable Cabin was constructed from the recycled metal chassis of a double-wide mobile home, with the exterior cladding made from corrugated iron and cedar. The inside includes bamboo flooring, yellow pine claddings and thermal insulation made from recycled cotton (mostly recycled blue jeans). The Morso stove is made from reused scrap iron, and electricity comes from photovoltaic solar panels. The performance of these systems will be tested and evaluated. The data will then help future architects make crucial and lucrative design decisions, and help them to envision how to retrofit existing homes with sustainable technology.

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January

- **HCCC** Annual Membership Meeting 10
- Kick-off party for the Motley-Dickens Re 22 lay for Life at the Hotel Matador, 6:00 p.m.



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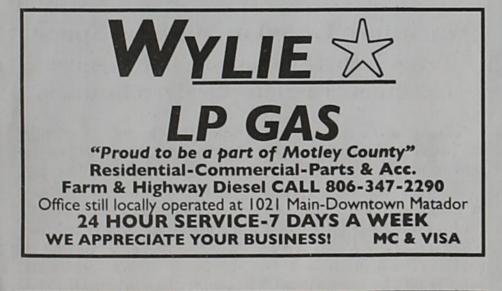
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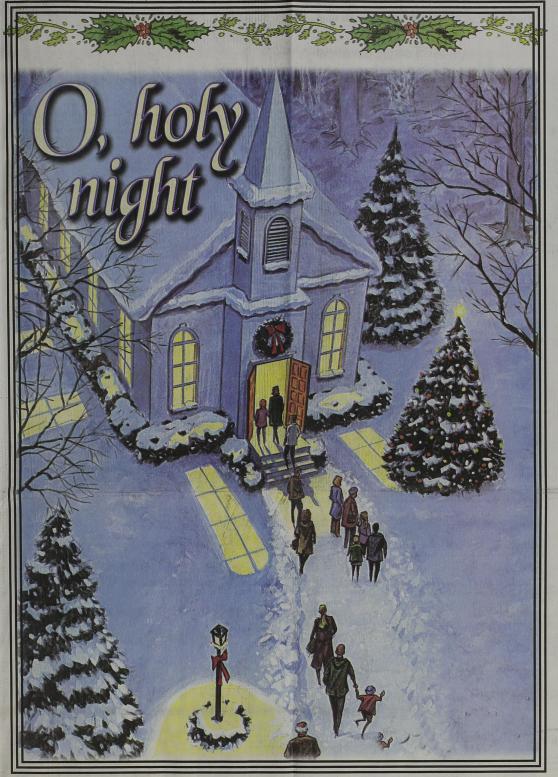
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Matador Church of Christ Page 18, Motley County Tribung, Thursday, December 23, 2010, Merry Christmas!

Tom Edwards' Cornbread Dressing and Giblet Gravy

These recipes started when I challenged three ladies in Houston who were bragging that their respective recipes were each the "best." I vowed to "outdo them all."

The battle was on, which led to an annual cook-off for charity, involving more than 500 entries. I won First Place two out of three times, placing 2nd to one of the ladies one time, and they threw in the towel.

These recipes started with my grandmother, Vinie Keltz, variously "tweaked" by her daughters, Marge Edwards and Grace Campbell, and her daughter-inlaw, June Levell.

I took the recipes and "tweaked" them to produce this award winning combination, which has been copied all over the United States. The instructions are written so that even non-cooking "dummies" can duplicate it.

Ingredients (For Both):

2 Pkgs. Morrison's Cornbread Mix ("Texas Style-Honey")

1 Can of Mushroom Soup

1/3 Cup Flour

2 Large White Onions

2-1/2 Sticks Butter or

Margarine

5 Celery Stalks 8 Slices Toast (no more) 3 Cans Swanson Chicken Broth

16 Eggs (2 for cornbread) Extra Package of turkey gizzards (If unavailable, chicken ok)

Salt and Pepper Milk

1-2 Extra bodies (for stirring, washing, etc. - not necessary but desirable)

Cornbread Dressing

Night before (if possible), make cornbread, following package instructions (doubling ingredients - 9 x 13 pan), and toast. Toast should be almost (but not) burned. Let both cool, then refrigerate (uncovered) overnight.

Night before (if possible) dice celery and onions (medium, not fine), and separately refrigerate overnight (covered or in a Zip-Loc bag).

If making gravy, put giblets (gizzards and liver) in medium saucepan almost full of water, heavily salted, and simmer approximately 1-1/2 hours (Liver optional).

Hard-boil 14 eggs. (8 if not making gravy).

In large skillet, at medium heat, sauté diced celery and onions in 2 sticks of butter or oleo, but don't cook completely (leave a little crunchy). (Cook celery only, for 10 minutes before adding onions).

In large pot, finely break up cornbread and toast. Add: Mushroom soup; 2-1/2 cans chicken broth; sautéed celery and onions; 8 medium diced hardboiled eggs; and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup broth from giblet pan. Stir well and add salt and pepper to taste (it takes a lot of salt - 3 tsp.). Cook over medium heat (stirring often to avoid burning) 'til

it begins to bubble. Consistency should be almost (but not) soupy. If more firmness is desired, use less broth). Rule of thumb: More salt; more onion; less celery. No fancy ingredients, i.e., shrimp, sausage, olives, meat, corn, jalapenos, etc., unless you want to substantially alter the ultimate taste (a mistake). If you must use sage - very little!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour dressing into baking dish and bake uncovered approximately 30-45 minutes til brown on top. (Note: excess baking will dry it out (what's wrong with most concoctions).

Giblet Gravy

Medium dice 6 hardboiled eggs

Medium dice cooked gizzards and liver (giblets). (Save broth).

In medium saucepan, at medium heat, melt $\frac{1}{2}$ stick butter or oleo. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ can



Lila Meadors Fulton Salad

4 egg yolks 5 Tbs. Vinegar 1 Tbs. sugar 1 teas. Salt 1 teas. Powdered mustard

chicken broth and 1 can milk (Note; for more volume, use same ratio of milk to broth). After heating, add diced giblets and hardboiled eggs, and 1/8 cup giblet broth.

For thickening, in a closeable container (an old jelly jar works fine), place 1/3 cup flour and approximately the same amount of cold water (water first), shake vigorously to totally mix and avoid lumps. Then add to gravy, continuously stirring until proper thickness is achieved. (It takes a while.) If too thick or floury, add milk.)

Add salt and pepper to taste (fair amount of both). Reduce to simmer for another 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

To reconstitute (there's never enough) for leftovers, reheat and add milk.

Tip: Get 3 extra cans of chicken broth and pour over leftover sliced turkey breast in pan and soak in refrigerator so it doesn't dry out!

Surprise Squash By Chris Spence

This is an original recipe. I was trying to make a meal that was healthy and something that a vegetarian person would love to eat. I like to experiment with different food items to come up with new meals and recipes. I love to cook different stuff and see what happens.

4 Yellow Squash 4 Zucchini Squash 1 Egg Plant 2 pkg. Mexican Cornbread (Jiffy Brand) 2 Eggs 1/2 Cup of Milk 1 Cup Onions, chopped Cup Bell Pepper, chopped Cup Celery, chopped 1 pound Velveeta Cheese (Cut in cubes) 1 Can Mushroom Soup 4 Cloves of Garlic, minced 1 Jar of Paul Newman Pineapple Salsa

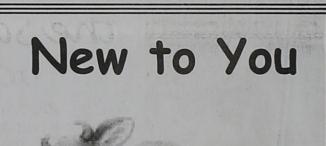
Grease iron skillet, combine eggs, milk, cornbread mixed in bowl. Mix well. Place ingredients in iron skillet, cook at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool and crumble, then set aside.

Saute onions, garlic, bell pepper, and celery. Meanwhile, steam squash, and egg plant until almost tender. Drain squash and egg plant and mix with other vegetables; stir in cheese and cornbread. Place into a lightly greased casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly. Approximately 10 minutes

Before serving, spread Paul Newman Pineapple Salsa on top. (Note: May change the dish to desired "HEAT" by Mixing Mexican).

thick and add 1 lb. of marshmallows and stir until melted. Cool. Add 1 can crushed pineapple, 1 Cup chopped pecans and 1 pt. whipping cream, beaten. Add chopped cherries. Mix thoroughly and let stand over night. Submitted by Dale Nance Niece of Ben and Lila

At Christmas, play and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year!





Cook mixture until

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Thank you for your support and confidence! I look forward to serving the fine people of Motley County again.

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Motley County Judge Elect Jim Meador





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Twas the night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot. A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



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Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a lego crane, BB gun with a scope, Cade Martin

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is army tanks, big tractor, and army planes. Bryer Davis

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie with pink hair for Christmas. Olivia Fowler

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a pillow pet. Emory Rains

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a motorcycle, a doll, a puppet, and a pillow pet Krystin Ferguson

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a black motorcycle Brock Taylor



Dear Santa. What I would like for Christmas is a toy horse, toy guns, a saddle, a polly rope a real horse, and a new hat. Justin McCleskey

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a play house for my babies, tinkerbell doll Marily Mandujano

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a racecar, a transformer, ad a pillow pet. Jason Richards

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a teddy bear, a play frog and a doll. Jacelyn Perryman

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a Minnie mouse doll, gumball machine and a CD player. Jolie Gressett

Dear Santa, What I would like for Christmas is a doll, a bear, and a book Nevaeh Martin

Dear Santa: I would like a Guitar, nurf gun, cloths, power ranger, Reindeer, and a pillow pet for Christmas. Thank You, Bubba Quilimaco



Kindergarten

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Dear Santa, I would want an American doll bed and clothes for her. Love **Reese Marshall** Dear Santa, I want a bike. I want a Barbie house. I want a Barbie. I want a little dog. Love Journi Salazar Dear Santa, I want a 4-wheeler and I want a brand new Barbie house. Love Tylee Barclay Dear Santa, I want football stuff, what about a phone?

Love Brogan Rankin Dear Santa, I want a doll house

and Barbies and some Barbie clothes. And a bunk bed for my Barbies. Love

Trinity Ward

Dear Santa, I want a black X-box, Harry Potter and Batman Legos. I want a new remote so I can have three remotes so my dad and my sister and I can play with each other and no one has to be alone. Love Joe Daniel Guerrero

Dear Santa, I want a new phone, and a car and a truck with a horse trailer. Love **Kyler Bershirs**

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie and Go-GO and that's it. Love Naveah Salazar Dear Santa,

I want a saddle and a baby horse for play and another toy pistol. Love Brock Fowler

First Grade Dear Santa,

would you please bring me some blue top boots or a DSI? Thank you, Braeden Moncrief

Drear Santa,

I want a lego kingdom that has warriors that comes with bad warriors and good warriors and monster truck that has a control TX hand braclet and a Texas Longhorns helmet and it comes with a Texas Long Horns Jersey and two cleats and 5 video gams and they are Spartan gams and a Nintendo D.S and it is Mario and little highschool foot ball players. Thank You Jacob Richards

Dear Santa, can I please have a Xbox and a ps2 and a wii and a gamebox and a ps3 and a Nintendo DS Thank You Jace Martin

Dear Santa, May I please have a Xbox 360. Foot ball helmet. Texas Tech Jersey. Football pads. Cleats. Thank You Wyatt Perryman

Dear Santa, I want a cellphone and 5 more things It is a Paint ball gun and a PSP and a dirt bike and football stuff and a puppy. Kasan joe Degan

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Dear Santa Claus DSi Xbox 360 Football helmet Texas Tech games Football wii Mario cleats jersey pads Thank You Braxton Salazar

Dear Santa Claus Can you please get me a dirt bike and a bike and a kite and a wii and a Robot. Thank You

Ashton Quilimaco Dear Santa

I want a touch I pod and a x box 360 and a new web kinz and a new bike and a wii and a new Nintendo dsi. Thank you Tyne Marshall

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike. Dear Santa I want a bag of cowboys. Dear Santa I want a spider man. Dear Santa I want a Texas Tech bracelet. Dear Santa I want a 4-wheeler for Christmas. Thank You,

Andrew Stafford



Dear Santa, I wut the new monster jam video game It customize your ride. And a BB gun. And bike I wut for Christmas a Xbox 360. I whnt a 4 - wheeler. Thank you Trace Osborn

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike and new new games and a remote control and a x- box 360 and jersey and football pads for Christmas. Thanks Andrew Moore

Dear Santa,

I want a football filde. And I want a Maden Highschool and Junior High and college and Pro football wii Games. Thank You, Jackson Rains

Dear Santa, I want are Lego and helrcotr and cleats and Nintndo Thank You Kyler Barton

Second Grade

Dear Santa, I would like a lego fire boat for Christmas this year. How much horns does your Reineer have? Let me know what they score. By the way how have you been doing this year? Is Rudolph real? How have you Reindeer been doing? And how many elves do you have? Who is Rudolphs dad?

Sincerely, Colton



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Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo DSI for Christmas and an Xbox and som games for it. Is Rudolph forreal? Santa do you come in the chimney? I want a laptop for Christmas and an American Doll. I want a playstation for Christmas and a big eraser and new tv. And a lot of books and a chalk board. Santa, how is mrs Santa today? I want some led pencils and some games for my Nintendo DSI and I want the best day for Christmas.

> Sincerely, Krys'ta Guerrero

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike and a DSiXL some PSP games a Petsnake and a new backpack Santa what kind of car will I have? Can I have a Laptop Don't tell my mom I want a dirt bike because she will not get me one Good by. Sincerely Kade

Dear Santa,

I would like football gear and Sonic Colors for Christmas this year. Why don't you like being seen and how do you fit through a chimmeny. Is Rudolph the rednosed reindeer real? I can't wait to see you on Christmas day and how is your reindeer Conner, Comet, Donner, Blitsen, and Cupid.

> Sicerely, Prescott



Dear Santa,

I would like a DSiXI for Christmas. I would like makeup for Christmas. I would like a pink Bike for Christmas. I would like a real camra for Christmas. How is your rain deer? How are you? How is rudof? I would like a easy Bake for Christmas. I would like a moon dough for Christmas. I would like a pink papper Jamz for Christmas. I would like a HelloKitty Skooter for Christmas. I would like a red Wii for Christmas. I wouls like Joy for Christmas. Is Rudolf real? I would like a real fone for Christmas Sincerely Alize' Salazar

Dear Santa,

I would like a Duke of Hazzard remote control car, and a remote control cattle truck can you get me all the football stuff and a guitar and some drums for Christmas? I would like some stirrups like my dad and spurs. Sincerely. Keygen Woolsey

Dear Santa,

I would like a Nitendo dsi and some games that would go with it. I would like a wii and a wii cheer. My other one is scratched. I would like a pink electric scooter. I know your reindeer in order Dasher, Danser, Comit, Cupid, Donner, Blidsin, Ruddolph. I have been a very good girl this year I hope you think that too. I cannot wait for you to be here and I would olso like a blue computer. I love you. Sincerely, Kylee Jones

Dear Santa. I want a D.S.I so bad! Is Rudolf the red nose reindeer real? Do they fly? Do the Elves come with you Santa? I love Christmas Santa, because you get presents may if you are good. I would like that babydeer at the Matador

Ranch Sincerely, Kenzie

Dear Santa, I would like a DSI and a brown wig and a laptop. How are you I've been very good. Is the reindeer real? I can't wait for Christmas! Sincerely, Sydnie

Dear Santa, I would like a nintedo DSI and a DSxxl and super Mario vs DonkyKong. Do the presents come with you? Are you flying by are house? I nee an eraserpen and a pokemone Book and a game. I need pokepark. Sincerely, Gabriel Rivera

Dear Santa, I would like a wii and a playstation two. Is all your reindeer real? I would like a monster truck, a lego castle, and a remote control eighteen- wheeler. Merry Christams Santa! Sincerely,

D. Beckley



Dear Santa, I would like a doll for Christmas this year. I would also like a Nintendo DSI Do you really fly? Do you really land on the roof? How do the elves make the presents?

> Sincerely, Tansy

Dear Santa,

I would like a playstation 3 for Christmas. I can't wait till you come. Is Rudolph the red nosed Reindeer real? Do the Elves come with you? Hows Rudolph's dad? Is it Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Cupid, Conner, Donner, Blitson, Comet, or Dixon's? Is Rudolph's nose Really red? Sincerely,

Case

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike for Christmas this yeaar. I been very good this year. I would like books for Christmas this year. I like your sleigh. I wonder if the elves are okay this year? I want swimmin pool for Christmas. Sincerely,

Isabella

Third Grade

Dear Santa,

I want boots, vest, cowboy shirt, chaps, cowboy hat and nerf gun. love

matthew moncrief

PS. I'll leave cookies and milk For you and carrots For your raindeer. I live in roring springs but I'll be at Fort worth or grandberry with my dad.

Dear Santa,

This year I would like an i-pod touch for Christmas. I would also like guitar too. A pink and purple saddle would be good alson. I would like a blue jacket too. I've wanted some new pom-poms that are red, black and white. I would like some new high heels too. I would also like a big comfortable chair. I want a dark green 22 also. I've been wanting more books so I can read when we are going somewhere. I'd like some more horses to play with too. I've wanted some new dresses also. I would also like a small smart board. The last thing I want is an i-pod.

Emma Hackler

Dear Santa,

I hope your making what I want for Christmas. That is a tv for my room. How is Rudolph doing and Dancer, Comet, Dawner, Blisin? How are youre elves? Busy making toys for the nice people not the noddy people anyway. A PSI, Drumstick, pencils, xbox 360, xbox, my bouthers want a trackar, B.B. gun I 22 gun, Brendan whats a shot gun. How is Mrs. Claus? Dereck Fisk

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Are you busy? What I want for Christmas is a Dsi and a DS games, and a cmra. How are the reindeer? I want a ipod. Are the reideer ready to fly on Christmas Eve? Are you ready to stear the sleigh? Do you and the Elves have everything ready? I am ready to give

my gifts away. I hope you are to. **Emily Jameson**

Dear Santa,

I want a DSI. How are the raindeer and all the elvs? How are you doing Santa? I want an Ipad to. I want a puppy, a pillowpet, some books, a beebeegun, A ipod. My birth stone. And some Christmas music. How is Mrs. Claus? Dose anyone know where you live? I want a new horse, I want a bottlecafe. Dose Rudolph really pull your slaye and dose rudolphs nose really glow?

Tatum Guerrero

Dear Santa,

How are the Elvs and reindeer doing? Are you feeling okay? I hope you have a wonderful Christmas. Do you like building toys? I hope everybody likes what you give them. I will love what you give me. I want an American girl doll for Christmas but I don't care if I don't get it for Christmas. Is it fun to ride in a sleigh at night delivering presents to kids? Thank you for all the presents you give me each Christmas. My sister really wants a mirror for Christmas from you. My brother wants a new bike for Christmas.

Autumn Perryman

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All I want for Christmas is.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Rudolph doing? I don't want a lot for Christmas, there is just one thing, spending time with my family. And also a sled. But what is the true meaning of Christmas? Hey are you busy? How are your elves? What I want is real red star from the sky.

Sam Ware

Dear Santa

I really want a xbox 360 so bad with halo reach. I allways dreamed of one. Me my brother 2 controls playing. So how are you doing and the elf's my grandpa likes knifes, my uncle Jaun and me like games. We live in Flomot t.x. my cuosin want's games for his Ds, my other cuosin want's the same thing and I want a cross bow, 22, pistol, shot gun, sniper. Love

Chris Flores Dear Santa

How are the Elfs doing? I hope there making preicents for kids. I am so

glad you are coming to town on Christmas. Santa are you coming to see me! Am I going to get preicents this year Santa? I really really want a teacher play set and a I poud tuch to please Santa. Santa how is your wife and you doing? And can I have a sticker box please.

Emma Cruse

Dear Santa For Christmas I realy want a D.S. How it going? I think good. With my D.S I want Drawn to Life the D.S game. Are the elf's working? I think they would start early. For the whole world. I want a airsoft gun too. Is Rudolph real? I think he is. I want a train that goes around in a circle. Do you no we have a P.S.2. It has been funfun and fun putting up Christmas stuff. Oh and with my airsoftgun I wanta bottle full of beibeis. p.s. am I notty.

Nathan James Richards

Dear Santa I would like A Wee, trapaline, rabbit, a marker bord, and a dry erase markers. And I would like a favor, let one of the Elfs write me a note. How are the raindeer like Dixion and Pranser, Rudolph? Is Rudolph going to guide your slay on Christmas? I want a rolling chair, avery pretty dimond ring for my mother to make her happy. In plus a pocket knife or some gloves for my father to make him happy to! And a laptop for me and my mother. Maybe for extra a webkinz, and shadow wolf, a wooden set of things like bowls.

P.s. your awesome Nellie Bly Shannon

Dear Santa

How are you doing Santa and whut do you want for Christmas santa what dus Miss. Clos want for Christmas too. I feel good. Whut I whunt for Christmas is one Big think my famlly Just Disting and my mom and my Big Sisy too. And a bell from: your slaghe

Trinity Seward

Dear Santa

How have you been doing? I bet the Elfs are very buzy. How have the raindeer been doing? Santa I want a Drum set that is red. I want some socks that are high. I want an play phone. I want some Barbie clothes. I want an play pure. What is your wifes name?

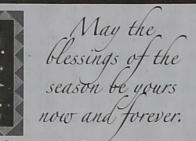


Dear Santa

This year for Christmas I want a Americangirl. anewmp3player. Short blond curly wig. Some American girl shoes. More books more stuff to play school. Slippers. How are you doing? How is mrs. Clause? How are the raindeer?



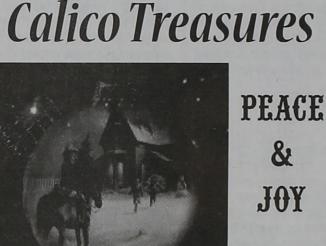


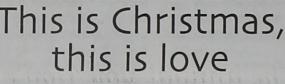


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