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Matadors Crush Groom Tigers 53-6



The Motley County Matadors were unstoppable in the Six-Man Division II Regional playoff game against the Groom Tigers photo by Walter Taylor.

By Charli Bigham
 Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors were unstoppable in the Six-Man Division II Regional playoff game against the Groom Tigers, crushing the Tigers 53-6.

The Matadors dominated both sides of the ball holding the Tigers to only one touchdown. Aaron Rogers once again proved to be a deadly weapon scoring five touchdowns on 16 carries which tallied 259 yards rushing.

Augustine Chavez had two touchdowns and Jonathon Osborn also had a touchdown. "Our offensive unit did a solid job blocking the entire night although we had trouble receiving the ball. This is something we will work on next week," said Coach Bigham.

Leading the defense was Juan Flores with 11 tackles, Jonathon Osborn and Augustine Chavez each had 10; Austin Taylor had nine, and Britt Simpson and Aaron Rogers each had six. The coaching staff was very proud of the de-

fense for holding the tigers to only one touchdown.

"It was great once again to see all the fans support at the sendoff and at the game. We have the best fans in the State," said Coach Bigham. The Quarterfinal round of the playoffs will be in Plainview Friday night at 7:30 p.m. against the Amherst Bulldogs. This will be a double header with the Valley Patriots playing the Meadow Broncos at 4:00 p.m. Come support the Matadors as they compete in another Quarterfinal playoff game.

Motley County Friends of the Library Sponsors Amateur Photo Contest

Entries Due November 29

By Carla Meador
 Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Friends of the Library is sponsoring their annual Amateur Photo Contest. This contest has proven to be a very popular event among amateur photographers and residents, alike. Motley County photographers are very talented, which has been demonstrated by the wonderful photographs that have been entered each year.

Only amateur photographers are permitted to enter. Anyone collecting a fee for photo shoots or photography will not be permitted to enter.

There will be three categories: Adult/17 yrs. and up; Junior/12-16 yrs.; and Youth/8-11 yrs. A prize of \$50 will be awarded to one winner in category.

Photos must be 8 x 10, taken between November 2010 and November 2011. The photos must be unframed and mounted on black cardstock or poster board, no more than 2 inches larger surrounding photo.

Photos must be submitted during library hours, Monday, 2-5 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will be accepted until 4:00

p.m. Tuesday, November 29.

A maximum of five (5) entries per person will be permitted and each photo must be accompanied by an entry form. Black and White, Color and Digital prints are all acceptable and will be judged in each category. Photos will be displayed in the Library Annex and voting will be by residents during Late Night Shopping, December 1, and will continue through December 9.

All amateur photo-bugs with a passion for photography are urged to enter. Remember, only "AMATEURS" will be permitted!

By Carol Campbell
 Motley County Tribune

How does a man of means, a well respected businessman similarly known to Civil War generals and presidents end up as a "skunk skinner" at Matador Ranch in the late 1800s?

Ridgley Greathouse is that man - originally buried in a pauper's grave without fanfare - his story all but lost for more than a 150 years. Now, thanks to the tenaciousness of one woman, a genealogical society, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Greathouse story has seen the light of day.

On November 16, 2011, more than 30 guests, including seven members of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and two female reenactors representing the widows of the fallen through the United Daughters of the Confederacy, packed the dining and living room area of Hotel Matador to hear the story of "The Enigmatic Ridgley Greathouse" by Marisue Burleson Potts.

Potts wears many hats in Motley County - she is chair of the county Historical Commission (27 years), a historian, researcher, rancher, anthropologist, conservationist, published author, museum director, mother and grandmother. But, one of her greatest contributions by far is her ability to spin a yarn, to transport us to the past, and reconnect us to each other through our shared history. (A must read is her book: "Motley County Round-up: Over one hundred years of gathering" available at the local library.)

Finally, on this cold pre-Thanksgiving day, a long forgotten soldier got his proper due - a fitting ceremony to a character that arm-chair scholars might never have met had it not been for Potts. Greathouse is one of 29 confederate soldiers buried in the historic East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Decidedly, all Civil War Confederate soldiers have a story to tell - but surely none as colorful as Ridgley Greathouse.

Greathouse is known for his participation in "The Chapman Affair of 1862." According to Potts' research, "The Chapman Affair" was a plot devised in California by Asbury Harpending to outfit a 90-ton schooner, The J. M. Chapman, under a Letter of Marque from the Confederacy to overtake Pacific streamers laden with gold and silver, thereby diverting the flow of wealth from the North to the South for supplies and arms.

"He was joined by Alfred Rubery, an Englishman and Ridgley Greathouse, a banker, who purchased the schooner, arms, ammo, supplies and a crew for the privateering endeavor.

"Their plans were exposed before sailing, creating the only real war hysteria that California experienced during the Civil War. The three Southern sym-

pathizers were imprisoned, tried, and found guilty of aiding and abetting the Rebellion. Eventually, they were pardoned under President Lincoln's General Amnesty Act."

The Chapman Affair is just part of the Greathouse story. A two-page timeline compiled by Potts with help from Danella Dickson, South Plains Genealogical Society, follows him from Kentucky to California to Panama, to New York, Canada, England, Mexico, Idaho, Colorado and finally King County, Texas, where he picked up orphan Billy Partlow, known on the Matador Ranch as The Pitchfork Kid. (See Writing Community for portions of the Ridgley Greathouse Timeline).

This great adventurer and The Kid landed at Matador Ranch in the late 1800s. Greathouse died in 1905 at 74 years. He was buried on the ranch in a pauper's grave - a penniless lobo wolf, coyote, prairie dog poisoner and skunk skinner. Later, his body was exhumed and moved to East Mound Cemetery.

However, this day was not about penniless paupers, but a redeeming celebration to honor a man who survived the Great American Civil War. This year marks 150 years since the end of the Civil War, a war that accounted for roughly as many American deaths as all American deaths in other U.S. wars combined. In total, 38 Confederate Veterans are buried in Roaring Springs, Flomot, Northfield, and Matador, however, there are still some unmarked graves, historians believe. For the cemetery ceremony, small Confederate flags were placed on all 29 known graves at East Mound Cemetery.

The program at Hotel Matador consisted of a welcome and introductions by Potts. Barbara Wolfarth, Stephen W. Wilkinson Chapter 1943, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), gave a short program on the Flags of the Confederacy.

Other noted guests recognized were Danella Dickson, UDC and South Plains Genealogical Society, Lubbock; and Andy Wilkinson, Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University, on guitar, singing a period song he had written. It was fitting to the occasion, with a haunting melody of "when the cottonwoods are yellow and the wagon's headed home; late October afternoons are honey in the comb..."

Greathouse relatives who attended the ceremony were Betty Greathouse and her nephew Ross Greathouse from Portales, N.M. A Motley County connection to Greathouse and representing the Bill Day family was Stacy Cochran. Stacy brought her genealogy with her, evidence of the family tree showing their lineage to Ridgley Greathouse.

Refreshments were served, courtesy of Hotel Matador, and the South Plains Brigade of the

Greathouse Monument Dedication Honors Confederate soldier

Re-enactors of the South Plains Brigade of the Sons of Confederate Veterans perform

Sons of the Confederacy Veterans (SCV), led the group in a resounding rendition of Dixie, belting out lyrics: "I wish I was in the land of cotton, Old times there are not forgotten..."

Following the program at the hotel, a procession of cars wound their way to East Mound Cemetery where the seven flags of the Confederacy flew grandly, whipping in the wind along with the SCV flag. The Color Guard in Confederate grey uniforms and carrying muskets marched lock-step to face a large draped monument where Potts and friends unveiled the granite stone. Etched on the west facing was a 3-masted sailing ship in water. Chiseled in the stone were the following eloquent words:

"The Chapman Affair of 1862"; Captain Ridgley Greathouse; Born: 1831, Maysville, Kentucky; Died: 1905, Matador Ranch, Texas. Here lies a once zealous cultured man of Confederate Marque who gave his fortune and heart for a southern ship that never sailed. Dying without fanfare or honor, he lived here in poverty and privation, seeking neither fame nor respect of person, self-proclaimed "Capitalist" to the end."

The east side of the monument gave tribute to the memory of a brother-in-arms, Philander A. Cribbs (1836-1927). Cribbs was a 2nd Lieutenant, Company K, 20th Alabama Infantry, from Matador, Texas, and was responsible for leading the charge in the early 1920s to alert a national memorial association of the conditions of the aged Confederate soldiers still living, and the "noble souls" of the departed Confederate Veterans buried at East Mound Cemetery without markers - "some without a stone." (Confederated Southern Memorial Association, *Confederate Veteran*, Vol. 33, 1925).

When Cribbs wrote his letter, he was one of only four Confederate Veterans still living in Motley County. In his plea for help, he brought to light the story of Ridgley Greathouse - what some historians believe was a first-hand account. Cribbs was the great grandfather of local resident, David Keith. Keith and his wife, Tommye, still ranch on 172.6 acres in south Motley County, established by his ancestor Daniel Cribbs in the late 1800s.

Also recognized and etched on the east side of the monument were donors: Motley County Historical Commission; Stephen W. Wilkinson Chapter, Lubbock; United Daughters of the Confederacy; South Plains Genealogical Society; and Greathouse Relatives.

A seven-gun salute, courtesy of the South Plains Brigade, and delivered in rounds of three, rang clear and true in the cold arctic air at East Mound Cemetery - a fitting end and tribute to Ridgley Greathouse - a man redeemed - a man lost and found in Matador, Texas.

Foothill Country

Connections

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



By Laverne Zabielski

Yes, there is much to be thankful as Earlyne Jameson writes as **Overheard** in this week's Flomot News. "The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who nevertheless set aside a day of Thanksgiving." However, let us not forget the Native American Indians, their many contributions and the suffering they endured.

And while it is important to value our history and those who came before us through stories and re-enactments, much of that history is fraught

with pain, racism, and slavery. Without realizing the absurdity of her defense, my grandmother Stella Butterfield Tilson was always quick to state that her ancestors treated their slaves good. A slave is a slave. To say that one treated their slaves good is an oxymoron. Whether one views the war between the north and the south as being about slavery, or northern aggression, slavery and racism, nonetheless, were at stake.

As Benjamin Jealous states in the article on page six, "The Confederate flag is a visual representation of a time and a place where racism was openly flaunted and people of color were terrorized for being different." Many southerners, and those with southern ancestors take pride in their history which included the confederacy. However, when doing so, we need to also acknowledge our place in history and it's relationship to slavery and racism.

WRITING COMMUNITY

Timeline on the Life of Ridgley Greathouse

Editor's Note: This timeline on the life of Ridgley Greathouse was compiled by Marisue Potts with assistance from Danella Dickson, South Plains Genealogical Society, Lubbock. This rendition will be shown in decades due to space considerations. Ridgley's most adventuresome decade was from 1860-1870.

1850-1860 Ridgley, 19, was living with his parents in Mason Co., KY. (Census); (Brothers) George, Henry and Ridgley Greathouse in business with commercial water company, stage and express, and banking; Ridgley carried gold dust and coin by pack train over rugged trails, mail and supplies to mines, and led mule passenger riders over mountains. He faced danger from robbers, Indians, slides, and river crossings. (*The Fabulous Greathouse Brothers*, George Fullerton); Ridgley was treasurer of town of Yreka, CA.

1860-1870 Ridgley went to Kentucky and on the return trip through Panama, fell

in with Asbury Harpending and Alfred Rubery. Harpending revealed a scheme to capture streamers with gold and silver to benefit the Southern cause; Ridgley supplied money to purchase ship. (*The Great Diamond Hoax* by Asbury Harpending);

Harpending traveled to Richmond and met with Jefferson Davis to outline his plan. Davis gave Harpending a letter of Marque and conferred upon him a commission in the Confederate Navy; Ridgley financed and outfitted the J.M. Chapman, 90 ton schooner; plot was uncovered; Ridgley, Harpending, and Rubery arrested, jailed and charged with engaging in, giving aid and comfort to, the Rebellion; Ridgley described as a "square-headed, handsome fellow with yellow hair, blue eyes, a pretty mustache and wide awake business look." ("The Chapman Pirates," *Daily California Express*); Indictment filed on August 31, 1863; second indictment filed on Septem-

ber 21, 1863. (United States vs Greathouse et al.); Trial, jury deliberated for four minutes, returned guilty verdict;

Upon Oath of Allegiance, Ridgley was released under Presidents' amnesty proclamation; Ridgley placed irons and sent to Ft. Lafayette to await trial by court martial. He had retained a military pass by Gen. Buell but had written his oath of allegiance to US on other side, so Secretary of War Stanton ordered his recapture; Ridgley escaped from the prison fortress, swam the channel and hid in slums of New York; Brothers George and Henry develop an express line monopoly in Idaho; Ridgley goes to Birmingham, England, as guest of Alfred Rubery;

President Johnson's General Amnesty Proclamation for war criminals allowed Ridgley to return to the states and join his brother Robert who had a cattle ranch in Gonzales County, Texas; while driving a herd of 2,000 head to Idaho, Robert died, forcing Ridgley to dispose

of the herd.

1870-1905 On Census of 1870, Ridgley declared as a banker, and declared personal property of \$17,000.00. He worked as a messenger for Wells Fargo at Silver City for \$125 a month; went to brother Henry's at Decatur, Wise County, Texas; Brother George died in Idaho; (1880 Census missing); in 1890, came to Texas, hired as a dog poisoner for the Matador Ranch;

1900-1905 Census, King County, Texas, stated that Ridgley was 68 years old; born December 1831, no property listed, occupation: Capitalist; stayed in a hotel-boarding house in Guthrie that let rooms; picked up orphan Billy Partlow, also known as Billy Parks, but the boy was sent to school by the manager of the Pitchfork Ranch; Later Billy quit school and worked on the ranch until he left for the Matador Ranch where he was known as The Pitchfork Kid; Ridgley Greathouse died in 1905, at the age of 74 years.

THANK YOU

The Site Committee for the Senior Citizens Center would like to thank the public for their generous turnout and support of the Pre-Thanksgiving Fundraiser, held at the Center on Sunday, November 20, 2011. The event raised approximately \$3,600.00

Site Committee members are: Elaine Hart, Pat Binder, Janie Campbell, Arlyce Manney, Nita Murphy, Ray Baxter, Glenda Williams, Judy Renfro and Eva Barkley.



Maebelle Francis, a vendor from Silvertown, Texas, hand-crafts vintage timepieces. These unique necklaces and bracelets are made from old wrist watches collected through searches at garage and estate sales. They are then enhanced with jewels, chains, and colorful dangles. photo by Carol Campbell



Great grandfather of local resident David Keith, 2nd Lt. Philander A. Cribbs, led the charge in the early 1920s to alert the Confederated Southern Memorial Association of the conditions of the aged Confederate soldiers still living, and the "noble souls" of the departed Confederate Veterans buried at East Mound Cemetery without markers.

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MATTHEWS-STEVENS



Cyndee Trantham Matthews and John Wesley Stevens of San Angelo were married September 23, 2011 at The Grove in Las Vegas, Nevada, with the Reverend Jimmy McNamara officiating. Parents of the bride are Derell and Leona Trantham of Water Valley, Texas. Parents of the groom are Bettye Stevens of Borger and Steve Stevens of Matador. Best man was Cory Whitfield, of Borger and Maid of Honor was Brenna Matthews, daughter of the bride. Cyndee is employed with A-B Distributing of San Angelo and John Wesley is employed with Airway Services of Snyder, Texas. The couple, along with Brenna, are at home in San Angelo.

Family and friends honor matriarch



Pictured above: The children of Renomia Campbell honored her with an 80th birthday party over the weekend of November 12-13. She was blessed to have had all of her children but one with her for this occasion. The party was managed by the youngest daughter, Yulanda Campbell Mitchell. Over 100 people gathered to enjoy a program and tribute from children, a slide show, a dance, and food at the Hotel Matador on Saturday evening.

RS City Council

By Lisa Perryman
Motley County Tribune

The Roaring Springs City Council met in Regular Session November 14, 2011, in the City Hall conference room. Attending the meeting was: Mayor Corky Marshall, Council Members Perry Gullede, James McCleskey and Alex Crowder; Water Manager, Robert Osborn and City Secretary, Lisa Perryman. Absent Council Members were PK Green and Timmy Brooks.

The October 10, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting minutes and the Financial Report was reviewed and approved as written; Accounts Payable was approved to be paid as presented.

Mayor Marshall reported on the Economic Part B meeting that was held in reference to reimbursing the City's General Fund for the repaving of 3rd Street. Mayor Marshall asked the City Secretary to write a check out of the Economic Part B Account to the City of Roaring Springs in the amount of \$3,284.72 for the reimbursement.

Council Member Alex Crowder asked if we could use part of the Economic Part A monies to put new air conditioners in the Community Center. Mayor Marshall said he would check into the cost for new units and report back to Council at a later date.

Water Manager Robert Osborn spoke to Council about purchasing a new Jetter for the City. He said the city Jetter would not pull down a 6-inch main and that he had been calling in Matador to finish the job. Mayor Marshall asked Robert to check into the cost of a new Jetter and report back to council at the next meeting.

Council addressed the roof at the old elementary school where Robert's shop and public storage is and reported that it had major leaks. Council Member Alex Crowder stated that he did not think the city had a warranty to cover any repairs needed. He stated that he thought the city only had the 90-day warranty coverage after the work was done originally.

A motion was made by James McCleskey, seconded by Alex Crowder and carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Engagement Announcement



Eva Barkley would like to announce the engagement of her daughter Tanya Barkley to Leon Radford, son of Edwin John Radford of Cape Town, South Africa. Tanya currently works for USAA as a financial advisor in Dallas and Leon is employed as a pilot by Truman Arnold Company in Texarkana, AR. The wedding is planned for June, 2011.

Saying Thanks



thanksgiving." And again in Psalms 107:1, O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever."

If you have nothing to be thankful for, make up your mind that there is something wrong with such attitude. Surely anyone can see that we are all blessed beyond what we deserve. It was D. L. Moody who said:

**Be careful for nothing;
But prayerful for everything;
Be thankful for anything.**

The spirit of thanksgiving was defined by Carlyle, when he stated, "that a man should put himself at zero, and then reckon every degree ascending from that point as an occasion for thanks." We have more to be thankful for than almost any other age in human history. So on this special day set aside for thanks, let us remember that Thanksgiving Day is a "jewel to set in the hearts of honest men," and be careful that we do not "take the day and leave out the gratitude."

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



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Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

How quickly the leaves dropped after the temperature dropped into the twenties. There was a beautiful yellow-gold tree across the vacant lot to the northwest of our house. I wanted a picture of it so Corky made me one; the next day the leaves were gone. It reminds me how quickly time flies and how short our lives really are. It is certainly cool and wet today.

The thunder and rain pinging on our metal roof sound so good. Winter is on the way; after the last summer's heat that was so fierce and long lasting it really seems a welcome change. Oh, I know I will long for summer and heat by the end of February but I'll enjoy the cold and wet for now. I always enjoy the rain. After living in West Texas almost all my life, very seldom do I wish the rain would stop.

In the community

Don Stuckey and friends went on a pheasant hunting trip to Phillipsburg, KS. He said there was snow on the ground there last week. Don went on Monday, November 14th and returned on the following Thursday night.

Ralph Roming, Corky and I delivered 57 shoeboxes full of goodies for children for Operation Christmas Child to Floydada First Baptist Church on Friday where they will be picked up and transported to Samaritan's Purse distribution centers to be sorted and checked before sending to needy children around the world. The First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and Mike Porter from the Dickens community prepared boxes. Several from the community contributed items for the boxes as well. I know that the children receiving the boxes will be really excited when they arrive in time for Christmas. Thirteen people gathered to pack boxes on Wednesday, November 16th at the First Baptist Church and enjoy fellowship and hot stew, cornbread and brownies.

The community Thanksgiving Service was well attended Sunday evening. The Roaring Springs First United Methodist Church was the host for this year's gathering of 40-plus thankful worshippers. The message for God's people when they crossed over into

the Promised Land from Deuteronomy was read by Brother Bill Manney, pastor of FUMC; special music was sung by the FBC choir and Leigh and Jeremiah Penrod sang a special. Pianist was Judy Cooper of the Full Gospel Church. Suzanne Abbott gave a reading about the composer of *NOW WE THANK OUR GOD* by Martin Rinkert that was written in the 1600s.

Corky's new great granddaughter has arrived. She is Harper Jo Johnson, the daughter of Jared and Kandi Keltz Johnson of Lubbock. Proud grandparents are Kelly and Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs.

Late night shopping will be held in Roaring Springs on Friday, November 25th. Santa will be arriving at 5:00 p.m. by train. Train rides will be featured for the kiddoes. There are quite a few vendors setting up tables in the extra room at the Windmill Café with the adjoining building being opened up if needed. Petticoat Junction will be open. LaVoe's will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with Blair Thacker Wilson bringing a trunk showing of her new line of Backroad Barbie clothing and accessories. Susan Gahr will set up her wares with Devonne at Petticoat Junction. Devonne will be playing Christmas music. Dana Graham and Miranda Rieger will have a booth. There are other vendors also but I did not have a complete list at press time. The Windmill Café will be serving stew, chili and cornbread; Perry will have the grill ready for burgers too. Drawings for door prizes will be another fun event. Lexie Gullledge and Gabby Silva are planning a hot chocolate booth. The City of Roaring Springs will have their hot popcorn ready.

Renowned musician, Greg Goodnight of Lubbock will be bringing his electric harp and other instruments and present a Christmas Concert at the Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 11th. All are invited.

Dana Graham, Devonne Dillard and Miranda Rieger drove to Little Rock Arkansas on Friday to visit with Jared, Hilda Rieger and children, James and Elena. They enjoyed playing with the babies, visiting and eating out. They returned on Sunday.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Westermeyer: "The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who nevertheless set aside a day of Thanksgiving."

Celebrates first birthday

Derrick and Christina Cruse, Cash and Paisley of Hedginville, Kentucky, and Leah Cruse of Amarillo visited the weekend with their parents, Brenda and Darrell Cruse.

The first birthday of Paisley was celebrated Sunday with a family luncheon with decorated cake, gifts and a fun-filled time. Special guests were great grandmothers, Mrs. Marihelen Watson of Matador and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot. Other guests were uncle and family, Keane and Lacy Cruse, Reese and Brighton and Lane Barclay of Turkey.

Celebrates 40th wedding anniversary

Connie and Coy Franks were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, November 13, 2011, with a luncheon and entertainment in Lubbock hosted by their sons and families, Cory and Amy Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston and Cary and Mary Franks of Idalou. Their daughter, Cara Calvert of Big Spring was unable to attend due to sickness in the family.

Community News

Mrs. Erma Washington and nephew, Rob Ballinger of Canyon flew from Amarillo Airport Wednesday, November 9, to Fortuna, California, and visited until Wednesday, November 16, with her sister and his mother, Mrs. Jimmie Ballinger and daughter, Mrs. Judith Beard.

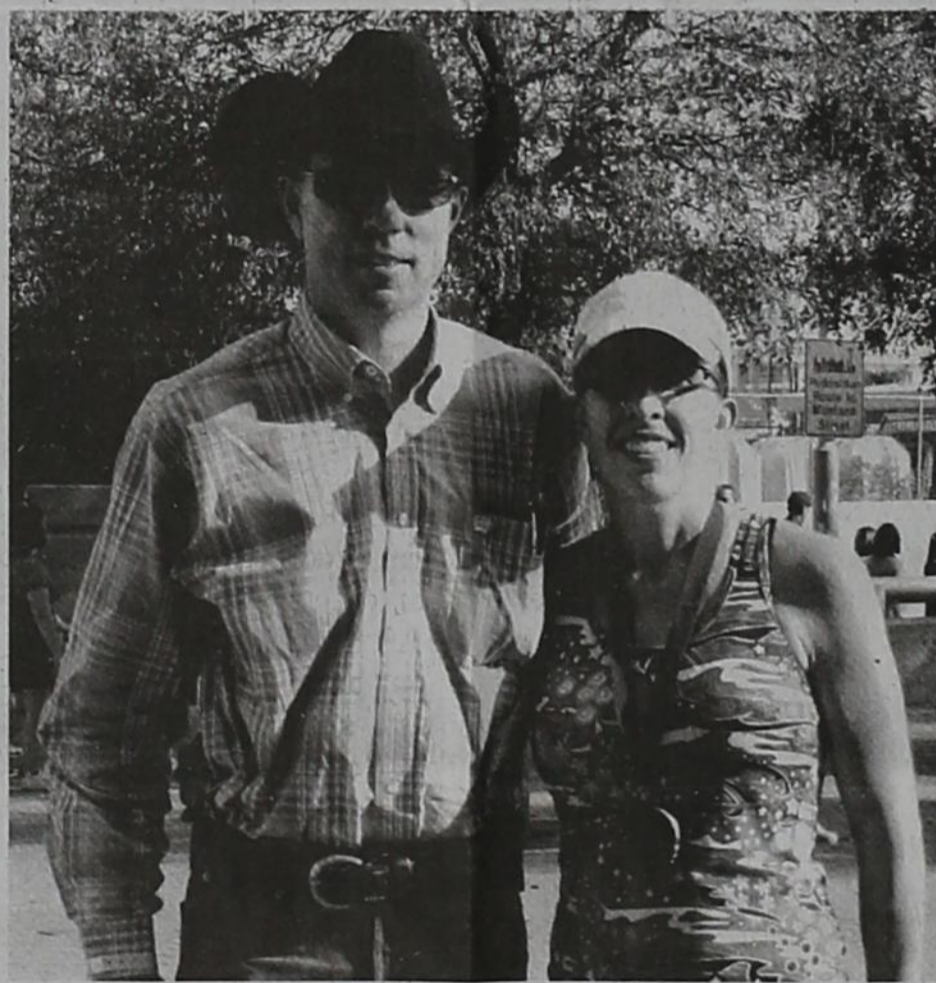
Rickey Hughes and son Kason visited during the week with his parents, Janice and Butch Hughes. Visiting them Sunday was his sister, Mrs. Jean Cooper of Matador.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughter, Natalie Rogers to the Lubbock Airport Wednesday and she enplaned to Williamsburg, Virginia. She is visiting the McGregor family until she finds an apartment.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton attended the farewell party of Matt Washington Wednesday held at the Community Center in Roaring Springs. Matt and his wife, Ashley and children, Blu and Brazos, are moving to Lubbock. She enjoyed the Thanksgiving luncheon held Sunday at the Senior Citizens in Matador.

Clois and Kathy Shorter and his father, L.E. Shorter, were in Lubbock Saturday and attended a Go-Car-Racing Awards Banquet held at the Hillcrest Country Club. Their grandson Brian Sehon of Wolforth, Texas, was awarded a plaque and jacket for winning first in his Go-Car Racing division. He is the son of Keri and Kevin Sehon of Wolforth.

RS resident competes in Half Marathon



By Karen Petersen

On November 13th, Roaring Springs resident Lauren Drum competed in the San Antonio Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon along with almost 20,000 other participants. Lauren completed the 13.1 mile race with a time of 1:40:55, keeping an average pace of 7:42 per mile. This time put her in 536th place overall. Of the 12,000 female runners Drum was 79th,

and she was 14th out of the 2072 women ages 35 to 39.

Cheering Lauren on were her husband, Lewis Drum, and their three boys (Cade, Case, and Cale), and Lauren's parents who live in the Hill Country near San Antonio. Lauren is an avid runner and has logged hundreds of miles training for this race. She hopes to inspire her boys to have big goals and work hard to accomplish them.

Matador News

By Marilyn Hicks

If you were in town on Wednesday, you might have been surprised to run into men dressed in Confederate uniforms or women in the long, black, mourning dresses. They are members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and were in town to honor veterans of the Civil War who are buried in East Mound Cemetery while dedicating a monument to Ridgely Greathouse. Greathouse was involved in outfitting a ship that was a part of the strategy of the South. The gathering was arranged by Marisue Potts who is the chair of the County Historical Committee and works closely with Texas Tech in gathering and disseminating the colorful history of the area. Several community members attended the program and dedication. They included Joyce Campbell, Stayce Cochran, Dorothy Russell, and Ron Bailey.

Was glad to hear that the football team is still playing well. There are so many things to learn from playing team sports, probably the least of which is learning to play the game. Little do these students know that they will relive every moment of the season for the rest of their lives. I certainly hope they continue to do well. The town is vacant when they play...it's a good thing.

Our dog is getting lots of serious talks because he is so social. He can spot a kid from two blocks and feels obligated to go let them pet him. He is a teenager in dog years and is certainly acting like it. If he comes to greet you (he especially likes

to greet church goers) just send him home with a stern reprimand. Mom's little dog is an escape artist so send her home as well. We are trying to keep them at home, and they are trying to see the wide, wide world.

Local merchants are busy getting out Christmas decorations and merchandise. Be sure and save some pennies for the late night shopping on Thursday, December 1. The Chamber will be hosting the kids store in the library annex, and Santa will be in town as well.

Scott Thomason stayed Monday night. He is in a new job and says he will be through more often. Previously he only came for horse sales. He has made some spurs for Linda to give to Ryder and Malosi Jo, and they are quite nice.

Dr. William Edmiston, DVM, from Eldorado was in town with his assistant, Leanne Higgins, to A. I. some deer for the Matador Ranch. He brought with him two senior veterinary students from Texas A&M, Kaylin Touche from Bryan and Cindy Carter from Whitehouse.

Five hunters were hotel guests of Caron and Jesse on Friday and Saturday. They are Scotty Cannon, James Shrauner, and Ed Payne from Midland, Efen Juarez and Juan Tejada from Odessa. They got a couple of deer.

Hunters who are customers of Ronnie Cox also got a couple of deer. His hunters are Mark and Nathan Foster from Levelland, and Eddie and Tucker Hutto from Weatherford. I would love to have the names of hunters who you know about.

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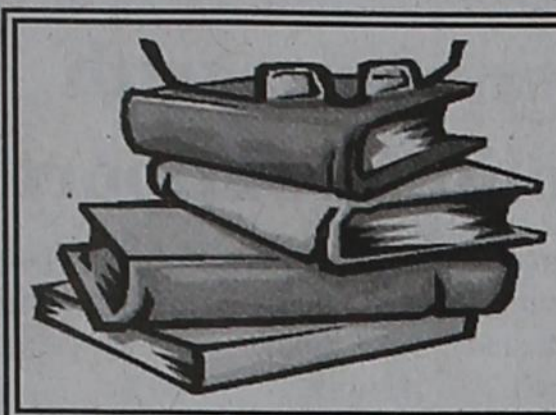
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Library Journal
by Carla Meador
Librarian

First of all, let me take this opportunity to wish each of you a very blessed Thanksgiving. I hope your holiday is filled with lots of food, fun and family! Happy Thanksgiving!

This is a busy time of the year for everyone and the Motley County Library is certainly no exception. The Friends will soon be very busy getting everything ready for the annual Book Sale to be held during Late Night Shopping, December 1, and sometime after. If you are a 'Friend of the Library' you will have the special privilege of shopping early, November 30. So, if you would like to take advantage of this early shopping event, and you're not a "Friend", hurry, hurry, hurry - stop by the Library, pay your membership dues, join this very important group of volunteers, and shop early!

I would like to extend a big thanks to Judy S Lu of San Clemente, California for her generous donation to the Library in memory of Col. Jerry M. Green. We truly appreciate your generosity, Mrs. Lu. Col. Green's name will be placed on a plaque inside a new book. If you would like to make a donation, memorial/honorarium to the Library our mailing address is: P.O. Box 557, Matador, TX 79244. Words cannot express the appreciation we feel for those making donations.

As I had stated in a previous column, the Motley County Library as well as other Libraries in Texas are losing a great deal of state funding for the coming year. This funding amounts to a huge difference in our Library's budget, so the donations you contribute to Motley County Library have a big part in keeping our Library open and operating as the very vital part of this county it is. Again, thank you for your support!

Attention Little Ladies - Granny's Tea Party is fast approaching. The annual event, hosted by Mrs. Joyce Campbell and Mrs. Janie Campbell, will be held Sunday, December 4, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Joyce Campbell. This wonderfully festive event has been hosted by the Campbell ladies for the past 20 years as a Library fundraiser. All proceeds from the event are donated to the Library for the purchase of Children's books. Tickets are now on sale and available by calling Mrs. Joyce Campbell, 347-2793. We very much appreciate these ladies for sponsoring this event each year and have purchased some wonderful books for our children's section over the years.

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a Kid's Christmas Holiday Countdown afternoon, Tuesday, December 13, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The event will be for kids, ages 3-12, and will include ornament decorating, Christmas goodies and storytime. The Library will host more children's events throughout the year, so be sure to read every week for details. Our children

are some of our most important patrons; we appreciate them and want them to enjoy their time spent at the Library.

Don't forget our Amateur Photo Contest. Entry forms are available at the Library. The deadline to enter has been extended until Tuesday, Nov. 29 by 4:00 p.m. Call me for more details.

The 2011 Texas Capitol Ornament is now available for purchase at \$18.00 each. This year's ornament is a beautiful gold replica of the brass chandeliers which are part of the Capitol Historical Artifact collection. The chandeliers' large ornate designs feature the Lone Star and light bulbs that spell the word "T-E-X-A-S." We also still have some 2010 ornaments available.

A new book to our Library this week is *Kill Alex Cross*, by James Patterson. The President's son and daughter are abducted, and Detective Alex Cross is one of the first on the scene. But someone very high-up is using the FBI, Secret Service, and CIA to keep him off the case and in the dark. *KILL ALEX CROSS* is faster, more exciting, and more tightly wound than any Alex Cross thriller James Patterson has ever written!

Also new to our shelves is *V is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton. A spiderweb of dangerous relationships lies at the heart of *V is for Vengeance*, a daring new Kinsey Millhone novel. The magus at the center of the web. *V: Victim. Violence. Vengeance.*

No one correctly identified the book from last week's quote for our contest. The book is a classic Children's book of which everyone knows the story, but, I think the quote I chose was just not revealing enough. *Peter Pan* was the correct title. This week's quote comes from another classic children's tale.

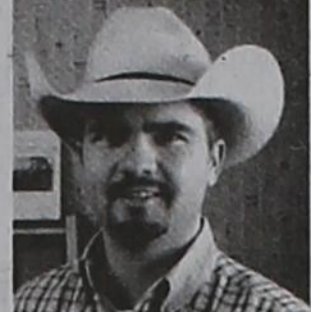
"The huntsman raised his head and said, 'You must run away and hide in the forest. I shall kill a deer and put its heart into the casket. The Queen will never know the difference. We will both be safe.'"

Give me a call if you think you know the title of this book, 347-2717, or stop by the Library and let me know. I appreciate everyone who has participated in this contest. It has been fun for me. And, remember, the person correctly identifying the book will win a prize!

Again, I truly hope each of you has a blessed and happy Thanksgiving holiday. As you're thinking of the things you are thankful for, remember the Library. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful Library in our County.

The Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25. Our regular hours of operation are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. See you at the Library!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

District 3 4-H and FFA Species Clinic to be held in Vernon

An educational program focused on livestock projects, character development and quality assurance.

The Rolling Plains District 3 Species training is intended to provide an educational opportunity for new and experienced families alike that are participating in a livestock project.

The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship and transportation.

"Quality Assurance" programs are discussed to ensure the safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development and exhibition of livestock.

Parents and leaders are encouraged to remember that livestock projects (regardless of species) are to be used as tools in the process of youth development. These youth are learning skills that will impact their entire life and ultimately everyone around them.

The District 3 Species Clinic will take place on December 3, 2011 from 9:00am till 3:30pm at the Wilbarger County Exhibit Building in Vernon. Registration is \$10 per person which covers lunch and educational supplies. Registration forms can be picked up at the Motley County Extension Office and are due to the Wilbarger County Extension Office by December 1.

Topics that will be discussed at the Species Clinic include morning sessions that will cover "Are YOU YouTube Ready" - Being mindful of what goes viral, Proper use of Drugs, "Headlining News" - Working with the media for positive promotion. Afternoon lunch, individuals will break into their respected specie groups to cover proper facilities, health, feeding, fitting, selection and showmanship.

For more information on the District 3 Species Clinic, contact the Motley County Extension Office.

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COMMISSIONER STAPLES EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR RANCHERS TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO REBUILD FENCES DESTROYED BY WILDFIRES

STAR Fund applications now being accepted through Nov. 30 to help rebuild lost fences critical to securing livestock

AUSTIN - While Texas ranchers struggle to rebuild approximately 6,200 miles of fences lost to historic wildfires, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today announced a deadline extension of Nov. 30 for Round 2 of relief assistance through the Texas Department of Agriculture's STAR Fund. Farm Credit re-

cently donated \$35,000 to the fund.

"This year Texans have struggled with unprecedented wildfire damage and the losses continue to be counted," Commissioner Staples said. "While our farmers and ranchers have been hit especially hard, it's important to remember their losses impact all Americans who depend daily on food, fuel and fiber. It's been an extremely difficult wildfire season, but thanks to Farm Credit and the spirit of generous Texans, we are able to provide assistance to those who provide for us."

Created solely with monetary donations from private individuals and companies, the STAR Fund helps ranchers rebuild fences through an effort called "Operation New Fences." Those approved for STAR Fund assistance may be awarded a voucher for fencing supplies worth up to \$500 (exact voucher values will be determined based on the number of eligible producers applying).

"Farm Credit lenders throughout the state have a proud history of supporting the agriculture industry," said Stan Ray, on behalf of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas. "The recent wildfires have been devastating to many farmers and ranchers this year, and the Texas Department of Agriculture is doing a great job collecting donations and getting that money where it's needed. We are proud to support this effort and encourage others to donate to the STAR fund, as well."

"Texas farmers and ranchers are a vital part of the state's economy and crucial to the cooperative system in Texas," said Marc Adams, on behalf of the CoBank Regional Agribusiness Banking Group. "The devastating effects of the drought and wildfires are hurdles these tough people will overcome. We are proud to support the Texas Department of Agriculture and the good work they are doing through the STAR Fund, we hope the Farm Credit contribution will spur others to donate to the STAR Fund."

To be eligible, applicants must submit a completed FSA 848 application for federal assistance through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to help certify that agriculture fences were damaged or destroyed due to wildfires. The following is the list of counties in which USDA's Farm Service Agency has held an ECP sign-up: Archer, Bastrop, Baylor, Brewster, Caldwell, Clay, Coke, Cottle, Crockett, Crosby, Dallam, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Freestone, Garza, Hartley, Haskell, Hutchinson, Jack, Jeff Davis, Kent, King, Libscomb, Limestone, Midland, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Nacogdoches, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Scurry, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Trinity, Val Verde, Wichita and Young.



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Applications for Round 2 of STAR Fund grants are being accepted through Nov. 30. STAR Fund applications may be downloaded at www.TexasAgriculture.gov/starfund. Applications will also be available at local AgriLife Extension offices in counties that are eligible for federal ECP funding. All applications must be mailed to TDA and post-marked by Nov. 30, 2011.

More About Texas Wildfires According to the Texas Forest Service, nearly 4 million acres have burned in Texas this fire season. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports total to-date Texas agricultural losses due to fire of more than \$217 million.

To make a donation to the STAR Fund, or for more information, visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov and click on STAR Fund. Ranchers needing more information may also call (512) 475-1615.

2012 Master Marketer Program in Plainview

When: January 17-19, February 1-2, February 15-16, February 29-March 1.
Where: Plainview, Museum on Wayland Baptist Campus

This program is designed for agricultural producers and agribusiness leaders experienced in marketing commodities and having some knowledge of futures and options markets. The course contains 70 hours of intensive marketing training, focusing on cotton, feedgrains, livestock and wheat. The workshop meets for a total of 9 days during January, February and March. The course offers a range of topics aimed at enhancing marketing skills and will be approached from a real-world standpoint

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You can register online at agriliferegister.tamu.edu. Key words Master Marketer. You can also see your county agent for a brochure with information on the course and registration. Or you can call Jackie Smith at the AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock at 806-746-6101. The registration fee for the course is \$300.

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Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by wildfires beginning August 30, 2011 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) located in Paducah, TX Donna Drennan, Farm Loan Manager said today.

Motley county is 1 of 56 counties in Texas recently named by President Obama eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from combined effects wildfires beginning August 30, 2011 and continuing.

Donna K. Drennan said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Drennan said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until 7-3-2012 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Drennan said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship

NAACP commends Texas DMV Board's rejection of racially offensive license plate design

(Austin, TX) – The NAACP today praised the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board's unanimous decision to reject a specialty license plate featuring the Confederate flag. The board voted 8-0 to reject the license plate design, with one member absent. The Texas NAACP State Conference has been outspoken against the license plate.

"The Confederate flag is a visual representation of a time and a place where racism was openly flaunted and people of color were terrorized for being different," stated NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Jealous. "It is a stubbornly persistent symbol of hatred that does not belong in a government-sponsored public setting. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board made the right call today. Hopefully others in South Carolina and elsewhere will follow their example."

"I am pleased to see that the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board has made the decision to reject this symbol of racism, repression, violence and slavery," stated

Texas NAACP State Conference President Gary Bledsoe, who testified at the November 10 Department of Motor Vehicles most closely associated with this symbol are white supremacy organizations that have historically sought to intimidate people of color. The flag has never flown officially over the state of Texas, and this decision confirms the notion that it has no place in Texas today."

The license plate would have featured the logo of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which includes an image of the Confederate battle flag. Texas state law allows the Board to deny a specialty plate design if it is offensive to any member of the public.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Paducah is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

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Matador Ranch owner teams with brother to round up political support

By Cindi Taylor
The Texas Spur

If you've followed the news in the last week you may have heard the name, Koch (pronounced coke, like the soft drink), linked with presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney and Herman Cain. Or should I say Romney and Cain have linked their names to the Koch family name.

With the 2012 presidential election now just under one year away, candidates who associate themselves with the conservative side of politics also want to connect with the Koch brothers, Charles and David. We who reside here off the Caprock Escarpment have identified the Koch name with ranching, though, rather than politics.

The Matador Ranch, outside the town of Matador, is our neighbor to the north some 40 miles, and has been owned by the Koch family since Charles's and David's father formed the Matador Cattle Company in 1952, then acquired three parcels of the Matador Ranch which was joined with other Koch ranches in Montana and Kansas. After Fred Koch's death in 1967, his oldest son, Charles, took over the family business and renamed it Koch Industries, Inc. Today the ranch is owned and operated by Matador Cattle Company, a division of Koch Agriculture, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Koch Industries.

Koch Industries is the largest privately owned company in the United States, as of October 4th, 2011. The family business was started by Fred Koch, who developed a new method for refining heavy oil into gasoline. Fred's four sons became involved in litigation against each other in the 1980s and 1990s. According to the Koch Family Foundations and Philanthropy website, "the foundations and the individual giving of Koch family members" have financially supported or-

ganizations "fostering entrepreneurship, education, human services, at-risk youth, arts and culture, and medical research."

David Koch and Charles Koch—the two brothers still with Koch Industries—are affiliated with the Koch family foundations. Annual revenues for Koch Industries have been "estimated to be a hundred billion dollars."

David Koch is the 4th richest person in the country, with a fortune of \$25 billion, and brother, Charles, has another \$25 billion to his name. Over the past few years, the two have earned a reputation as financiers of the American right-wing movement, and the brothers' influence on politics has come under increased scrutiny.

They have spent hundreds of millions launching a broad attack against Social Security, organized labor, financial regulations, environmental protection and public education. More than that, the brothers plan to spend at least \$200 million trying to elect right-wing, anti-government Republicans in 2012, according to Politico, a political journalism organization.

David and Charles have funded conservative and libertarian policy and advocacy groups in the United States. Since the 1980s the Koch foundations have given more than \$100 million to such organizations as the Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute, as well as more recently Americans for Prosperity. Americans for Prosperity and Freedom Works are Koch-linked organizations that have been linked to the Tea Party movement.

Friday, November 4, David Koch and presidential candidate Mitt Romney spoke at the Tea Party conference financed by the same Koch brother's fortune. The Defending the Dream Summit, a conference funded by Koch and sponsored by his Americans for Prosperity group,

is a yearly event where Republican politicians come to praise the Koch brothers and their political network.

Though David Koch denies it, he was described as the "financial engine of the Tea Party" in an October 4 internal Romney campaign memo obtained by The Washington Examiner. Koch endorsed Romney for president in 2008 and his group is credited with electing dozens of Republicans to Congress in 2010.

Congressional candidate Herman Cain also attended Friday's event at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. where he described his own relationship to David and Charles Koch.

"I'm very proud to know the Koch brothers," Cain said. "This may be a breaking news announcement for the media: I am the Koch brothers' brother from another mother."

According to a November 7 article in The Guardian, a British liberal newspaper, the Koch brothers are completing plans to launch a nationwide database connecting millions of Americans with the same or similar goals as David and Charles Koch.

The file of significant names of right-wing supporters and groups was set up by the Kochs 18 months ago with \$2.5 million of their own money. The collected data includes valuable information including personal email addresses and phone numbers, and more general information useful to political campaign strategists such as occupation and income bracket.

The database, according to The Guardian, has been given the name Themis, named after the Greek goddess who imposes divine order on human affairs. Themis will become "an electoral roll of right-wing America", giving the Koch brothers another way to strengthen their political influence in a way that is "sympathetic to, but independent of, the Republican party."



Nova Dale Turner, President of the Arts and Crafts Club, sits at her table of one-of-a-kind crafts, including picture frames by Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton, decorated water cans, wooden flaps for garden hanging, and decorated, painted wooden boxes.

Obama Labor Department Proposes Major Changes In Youth Ag Rules

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Washington- The Obama Labor Department is proposing to prohibit most common agricultural practices involving hired help under the age of 16. The proposal includes 50 pages of wide ranging rules and prohibitions. Of specific interest to farmers and ranchers, the new rules " would prohibit working on a farm in a yard, pen, or stall occupied by an intact (not castrated) male equine, porcine, bovine, or bison older than six months, a sow with suckling pigs, or cow with newborn calf (with umbilical cord present); engaging or assisting in animal husbandry practices that inflict pain upon the animal and or are likely to result in unpredictable animal behavior such as, but not limited to, branding, breeding, dehorning, vaccinating, castrating, and treating sick or injured animals; handling animals with known dangerous behaviors; poultry catching or cooping in preparation for slaughter or market; and herding animals in confined spaces such as feed lots or corrals, or on horseback, or using motorized vehicles such as, but not limited to, trucks or all terrain vehicles.

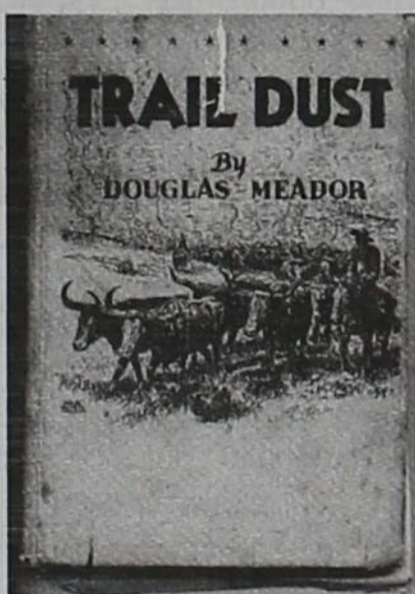
"It is important to note," the proposal says, "that the Department is not proposing to prohibit hired farm workers from all horseback riding- only that horseback riding associated with the herding of animals." (Thank goodness! They only plan to prohibit horseback work that involves actual work. Riding aimlessly around in circles would still be allowed.- Ed.)

The administration is also seeking a way to limit exposure of young people to normal outdoor temperature extremes, but evidently hasn't figured out a way to define the conditions it wants to prohibit. The bureaucrats are asking for suggestions from the public along those lines.

In addition, the proposal would restrict working on ladders, scaffolds or other structures more than six feet off the ground, and limit youth access to power equipment such tractors of any size, including garden tractors.

The entire 50- page proposal is available online at www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=WHD-2011-0001-0001.

This article was paid for by Jay Don Finch



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.

The reprint of the book, *Trail Dust*, by Douglas Meador, has been completed and would make a wonderful Christmas present. A limited number of books are available for \$19.95 plus shipping and handling.

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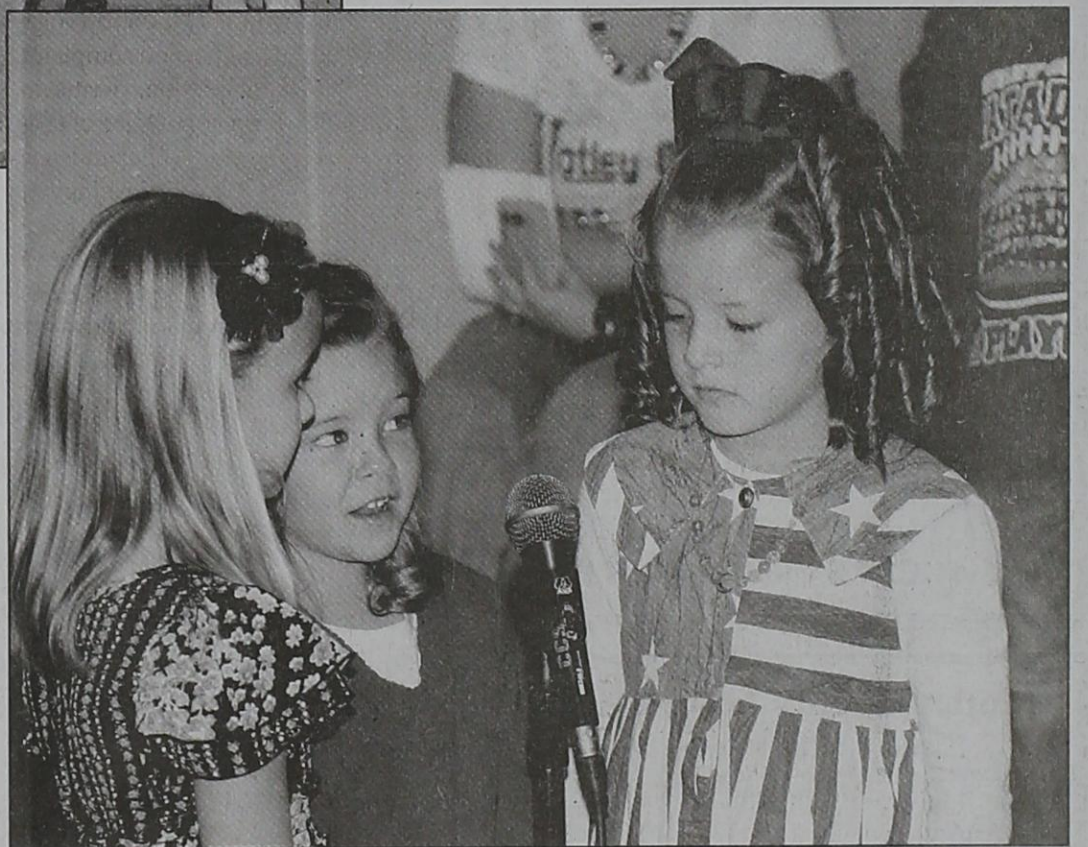
Pictured above: Carol Taylor with her children: Bradley, Ashley

Pictured at right: Singers, Kristan Ferguson, Olivia Fowler, Haven Hill

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Corporal Kimbrell of Lubbock with niece Jolie Gressett and nephew Daniel Gresset. He just returned from active duty in Iraq last month



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- 22 EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:20 P.M.MCISD
- 25 Quarterfinal round of the playoffs, Plainview, 7:30 p.m. against the Amherst Bulldogs.
- 25 Roaring Sprints Late Night Shopping
- 30 Retirement Reception for Sherry Seago, Program Technician, Farm Service Agency, Farm Service Agency office, Matador, 1-3 pm.

December

- 1 Roaring Springs Lions
- 1 Matador Late Night Shopping
- 5 Motley County Arts and Crafts Club, Motley County Senior Citizen Center in Matador from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- 6 Matador Lions
- 7 Kids Praise
- 8 Matador City Council
- 8 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 11 Renowned musician, Greg Goodnight of Lubbock, Christmas music Concert. RSFG Church, 5:30
- 12 Commissioners' Court
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