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Motley County Matadors State Semi-final Champions

Headed to State Championship Playoff on December 10 in Abilene

By Charli Bigham
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors defeated the Sterling City Eagles 84-36 in the Semi-final round of the State Playoffs.

The game was ended early in the fourth quarter due to the 45-point Mercy Rule. In preparation for bad weather the game was mutually agreed upon by both schools to be played on Thursday night, December 1, 2011. When the weather has the opportunity to impact the travel of our students, faculty and fans, we will always make changes for everyone to safely travel to an

athletic event, Coach Bigham said, adding, "The safety of our students comes first and foremost."

The game was played in Gail, Texas, at Borden County ISD's new athletic complex. Explosive, explosive, explosive is exactly how the Matadors played throughout the night. The game started with cutting wind blowing and 30 degree weather, but the Matadors came out "on fire" scoring 48 points in the first quarter of play, holding Sterling City to only eight points.

"We exploded on the Eagles during the first quarter with very few mistakes being

made," Coach Bigham said. "We totally dominated them on the offensive line and our backs ran extremely tough through tackles often dragging defenders for extra yards."

"We played with an urgency not to be denied from the state game. We matched up with this team last season losing by the Mercy Rule and it didn't sit well with our football program. This rematch was fuel for the fire. The boys really fed off this and never looked back."

"Sterling City finally got to play a healthy Motley County Football team that was also very hungry," Bigham said.

The Matadors were led on offense by Augustine Chavez who had five touchdowns and 200 yards rushing; Aaron Rogers with four touchdowns and 268 yards rushing; and Jonathon Osborn added another touchdown on the night. The game ended with just under 500 yards rushing.

Special teams were deadly once again. Juan Flores and company were nine of 10 for extra points adding another 18 points throughout the game. "These are huge in six-man football," said Coach Bigham. The team's execution is getting better and better each and every week. We have gotten

better on the defensive side of the ball each week so far in the playoffs."

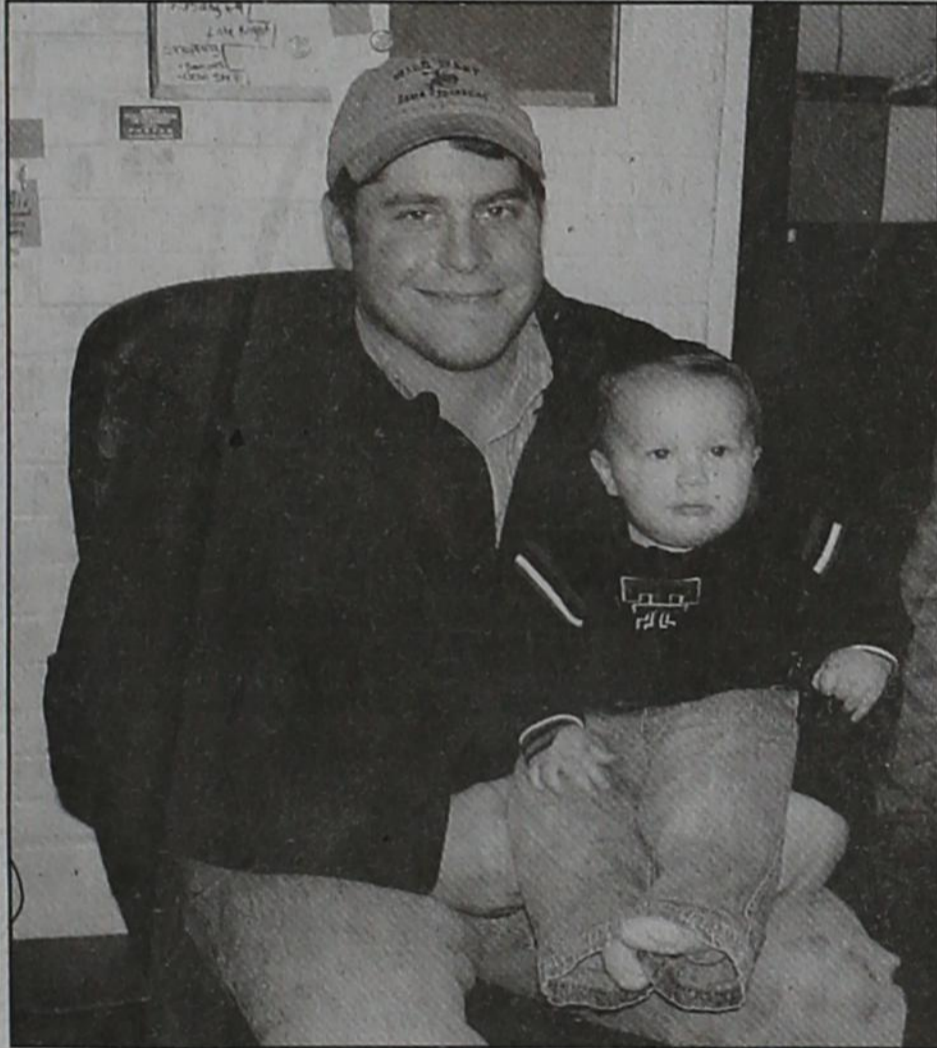
"Our defense has really set the tone during the last few weeks and scoring in each of the last two," Bigham said. "We are getting our reads better every day and really learning our jobs. This is when it becomes so much fun for coaches when you see athletes grow and develop in their positions to a point they can't get it wrong."

Leading the defense with 10 tackles was Juan Flores; Augy Chavez had eight, Jon Osborn with seven and Austin Taylor with five. "We were very physi-

cal and ran to the ball well Thursday night and must continue to play solid to win it all," Coach Bigham said.

"Our next game will be the State Championship Game which will be held at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene, Texas, Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. We will be the visiting team wearing our black uniforms. Admission will be \$10 dollars for adults and \$5 for students. The coaching staff would like to ask everyone to come out and support us one more time this year while we compete to bring home another State Championship."

Two Late nights in Matador



Matador's newest business, the Wild Game Processing Plant, handed out specialty sausage to late night shoppers, courtesy of owner Devin Ballard. Pictured here with his son, Pecos, Devin said his new business was very busy. — "better than expected."



Sharon Allen, representing Premier Designs, set up jewelry displays in the Ag Credit building. This affordable jewelry ranged from turquoise, gold and silver jewelry to antiqued silver plated crystals. Sharon demonstrated how versatile a 39-inch strand of pearls could be, fashioning the strand into more than 10 different "looks."



Emma Maynard, 1-1/2 years old, happily sits on Santa's lap — anxious to give her Christmas wish to the Jolly ol' Elf. Emma is the daughter of Kayla and Chance Maynard of Matador.

All Late Night photos by Carol Campbell



Santa set up shop in the Motley County Library to hear Christmas requests from area children. Filling Santa's lap are (L to R): Maggie, Ella, and Eli Jenkins, children of Rhonda Jenkins, Afton, Texas.



Pictured is Shane Jones, owner of the Matador Variety Store, showcasing her Christmas decorations and gifts galore. Shane spearheads the Late Night Shopping each year, working late hours to get the Christmas wreaths and lights hung in downtown Matador. Along with other Chamber of Commerce volunteers, Shane helps organize the Kiddy Store that is set up at the MC Library. Children can shop for \$1.00 gifts for mom and dad in the store.

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WRITING COMMUNITY

ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

By Janelle Jackson Shirley

It was a typical Sunday after-
noon in our small town, except
for one thing--boys were miss-
ing from the scene. On this par-
ticular weekend, the boys had
decided to go on a "boys only"
camping trip. We teenage girls
were not happy campers when
we learned of their plans. Nev-
ertheless, we accepted our fate,
a dateless Saturday night, and
enjoyed our time doing "girl
things."

Sunday, our complacent at-
titude had changed, and we
decided not to be found wait-
ing when the boys returned to
town. It's not easy not to be
found in a small town. The
country home of one girl's
grandparents became our out-
of town hide-a-way. Much of

the afternoon was spent listen-
ing to Big Band music on the
radio and practicing our "jitter-
bug" routines. Periodically, the
music would stop. We'd take
that time to sit and talk, waiting
for the music to start again.

When we returned to town
late Sunday afternoon, we
found the boys had returned
earlier and had been driving all
over town looking for us. The
plan had worked. But it was bit-
tersweet when we learned their
concern was not just that they
had not found us, but what they
had found when they returned
to town.

It was only then that we
learned why our music was
interrupted during the after-
noon. With that revelation,

came the realization that our
small-town world had just
changed forever. Only later
would we know just how
much all our lives would be
changed. Those "intermis-
sions" we had ignored while
waiting for the music to re-
sume were actually news bulle-
tins, announcing to the world:

**The Japanese have
attacked Pearl Harbor!**
December 7, 1941

*"A date which will live
in infamy."*

This is just one story of that
Sunday afternoon that took
place in our home town. Oth-

er stories were being played
out all over America as news
spread that our country had
been attacked. Those young
boys who had left for one
weekend to go camping would
soon leave to join others in
the fight to defend their coun-
try and be gone for countless
weekends. Those on the home
front would dedicate their
time and efforts to doing what
was necessary to win a war
that would last almost four
years

That one Sunday afternoon
and the years that followed
made us all aware that "Free-
dom is not free." We are eter-
nally grateful to those who
sacrifice to keep our coun-
try free...THEN and NOW.



Coach Bigham with former Motley County ISD Superintendent, Randy Brown. During the pep rally Mr. Brown told the team, "The success you guys have had here is no accident. I have been around a lot of football programs from 6 man all the way up to 5A, and I will tell you that there is not a bunch that have worked harder than you guys have in the state of Texas."

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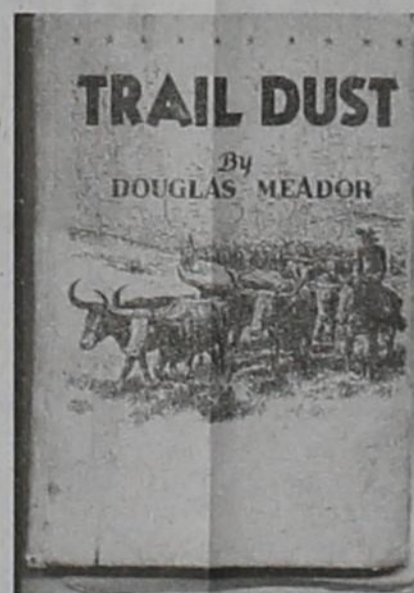
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Fifteen attend Granny's Tea Party

By Carla Meador
Motley County Tribune

Granny's Tea Party, an annual event hosted by Mrs. Joyce Campbell and Mrs. Janie Campbell, was held Sunday afternoon, December 4. The event, first held about 20 years ago, is a fund-raising effort for the Motley County Library. All proceeds are donated to the Library and used to purchase new books and DVD's for the Children's section.

Fifteen little ladies attended the festive holiday party and enjoyed tea, lemonade, finger sandwiches, fruit, cheese, peppermint marshmallows and cupcakes all served in fine china. The girls were beautifully dressed in their hats, jewelry and dresses borrowed from their mothers and grandmothers. The little ladies were seated four to a table decorated with crisp white tablecloths and place settings.

Mrs. Campbell welcomed the girls and introduced Mrs. Carla Meador, Librarian, who showed some of the books

which had been purchased in the past with the proceeds of the event. Mrs. Meador invited the girls to the Library to take the opportunity to see for themselves the wonderful books made possible by Granny's Tea Party.

Each girl stood and told a little about themselves and their outfit. Mrs. Mary Ann Potts spoke about proper table etiquette, before they were served by Cassidy Turner, Megan Ford and Mattie Brooks, assisted by Marisue Potts.

Those attending were Olivia Fowler, McKenna Ford, Addie Guerrero, Kylie Jones, Reagan Davis, Bailey Lawrence, Trinity Ward, Haven Hill, Harper Hill, Edie Thacker, Charli Thacker, Sydnie McCoy, Autumn Perryman, Jacelyn Perryman, and Carley Turner. Each girl was presented with a beautiful Santa ornament by the Campbell ladies before departing. The holiday event was enjoyed by all attending.

The Motley County Library greatly appreciates the time and effort these ladies dedicate to host this fundraising event.



Miss Reagan Davis and Miss Bailee Lawrence, all dressed up for an afternoon tea party, are seated at their table.



Mrs. Janie Campbell and Mrs. Joyce Campbell (l-r) have hosted the annual Granny's Tea Party for many years as a fundraiser for the Motley County Library.



These beautiful little ladies enjoyed an afternoon of tea and cakes at the annual Granny's Tea Party event held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Joyce Campbell. The event is a fundraiser for the Motley County Library.

All Tea Party photos by Carla Meador

Statement on the Electric Reliability Council of Texas' Capacity, Demand and Reserves Report

By Marianne Carroll,
Executive director of Texas
Competitive Power Advocates
(TCPA):

"TCPA members appreciate the in-depth study by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) on the capacity, demand and reserves assessment for the market over the next 10 years. The report demonstrates the immediate need for action to establish and implement policies

that allow for proper pricing signals to ensure appropriate response to demand and adequate investment in the market. TCPA members will continue to work together with ERCOT, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, lawmakers and other industry stakeholders to identify policies that will ensure adequate investment in new electric generation to meet future demand and maintain the long-term reliability of the market."

Thank You

It is with a grateful heart that I say "Thank You" to so many people who have made phone calls, sent cards and flowers, attended funeral service, and made numerous memorials to my mother, Lula Jones. Your concern and prayers for her during her illness and death is appreciated so much.

Your love and support has made our Journey during this time of sorrow, a time of comfort for living in such a caring community. She loved Matador and its people and in return you have shown my family and me that you loved her also.

May God Bless you and your family during this Holy Season,

Frances Hobbs

Jameson Announces Candidacy

Franklin Jameson, Motley County Commissioner, Precinct 3, announces his candidacy for reelection.

"I would like to continue to serve the residents of Motley County and work toward progress that would benefit the residents and the county economically."



Janell (Kilmer) Turner and Blair (Thacker) Wilson, Motley County high school friends, have teamed up to introduce "Backroad Barbees" - a line of clothing that combines country and city chic. They travel with clothing, jewelry, and accessories and conduct Truck Shows for events. Wilson, owner of LaVoe's Salon in Roaring Springs, and Turner stylishly display their clothing, during Roaring Springs Late Night Shopping.

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American history. We have since relearned the lesson of December 7th, 1941. Complacency is to put the nation at risk. We learned again from 9-11 that we must never again be complacent.

Complacency almost cost America her freedom in 1941. It again resulted in tragic loss of life on 9-11. There is another form of complacency to be considered. That is the lack of concern over our conduct according to the standards found in the Bible. The Scriptures teach us that "righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

A Christ centered life style is never complacent. There is found in the person living for Jesus the understanding of God and His work among the nations. God keeps a nation as long as there is righteousness practiced in the land. The Bible is very clear on this and there can be no mistake. As a nation, our security is found in power of the living God. And for those who served America, under God's great hand, we are sincerely grateful to them and will long remember them..

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

How about this snow? The birds seem to be enjoying it vying for their fair share around the bird feeder. They have their feathers all fluffed out for warmth. Birds are very interesting to watch. They definitely seem to have personalities. There are always some 'bullies' that claim dibs on the feeders; some who seem to be very meek and easily intimidated. As a result they are kept away from the feeder. Maybe they sneak back when the other birds are full. I hope so. Mostly we have purple finches, sparrows, wrens, blue jays and cardinals. Fortunately most of the grackles have migrated further south. I rarely see them at the feeder. I am glad, they aren't my favorite bird; they are really troublesome to the other birds; all of them must have been hatched as bullies.

In the community

Following graveside services for Elmer Witcher, his family met at the Travelers Inn on Saturday for refreshments and visiting with friends.

The Roaring Springs Lions sold tickets at both the late night shopping in Roaring Springs and Matador. They were fortunate to have an inside area to set up their booths. At the Roaring Springs late night shopping the Lions appreciated setting up their booth in the Wind-

mill Café and at Matador's late night shopping at the Motley County Library. A drawing for the diamond ring will be held at the Travelers Inn on December 15th at 3:00 p.m.

A reminder of the Angel Tree that is beautifully decorated at the Windmill Café; the tree has names of children who might need a gift at Christmas. The gender and age of the child is on the tags. If you would like to be a 'Santa's helper' and purchase a gift for a child I am sure it would be appreciated very much.

Don't forget that next Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. the Full Gospel Church will be hosting a concert by Greg Goodnight of Lubbock. Greg will be playing Christmas carols on his harp, hammered dulcimer and other instruments. Greg is a very talented musician and is also the artist who has made the beautiful mesquite wood crosses that are displayed in several area churches.

The annual Lion's Ladies Night will be a Ladies Coffee this year to be held in conjunction with the drawing of the winning ticket for the diamond ring made and donated by Thacker Jewelry. The money raised in this raffle has been donated to the Roaring Springs Fire Department and Relay For Life. This year the money was disbursed as the raffle progressed. If you bought tickets, you benefited two very worthy causes. Thank you for your support.

Roaring Springs Lions Club News

By Corky Marshall
Motley County Tribune

On December 1, 2011, the Roaring Springs Lions Club met for their monthly meeting at the Windmill Café.

Twelve members and three guests were present. Guests were: Ronnie Smith from Dougherty; and John and Carolyn Redding from south-east of Floydada.

Mr. Redding was the guest speaker. His passion is artifact hunting. He spoke about finding Indian artifacts and brought an astounding collection of things he has found to demonstrate the history of the Plains Indians which were mostly Comanche and Kiowa.

He demonstrated how the Indians used flint as well as metal in their weaponry. The metals were mostly collected from military battles sites or things the Comancheros brought in to trade with the Indians.

The Lions voted to set December 15 as the drawing date for the diamond ring that the group has been selling raffle tickets on since last spring. The drawing will be around 3:00 p.m. at the Traveler's Inn. The Lions ladies are invited for their annual Christmas gathering which will take place at the same time at the Travelers Inn. Coffee, cake and ice cream will be served.

Motley County Library will host Kid's Christmas Holiday Countdown afternoon

The Motley County Library will host an afternoon of holiday fun Tuesday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. for kids, ages 3-12.

This Christmas Holiday Countdown event will feature ornament decorating, tree decorating, a holiday story-time and refreshments.

For more information please call Carla at the Library, 347-2717.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

I know stamps are expensive. I know cards cost a lot. Yes, time is limited in the busy holiday season and cards take time. I know there are other ways to communicate, witness and bring blessing at Christmas, but for now, I'll keep sending Christmas cards!

Home from Hospital

Everett Shorter returned home Sunday from Cogdell Hospital in Lockney after being hospitalized last Wednesday. His son, Clois Shorter, was with him during hospitalization.

Community News

Thanksgiving Day guests of Ruth and Orville Lee were Kellan Roberts, Paige and Abbie of Clarendon, Teresa and Tom Heck, Kacey, Cody and Micah of Turkey.

Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, Okla. and Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla. visited from Friday until Tuesday with brother, Johnnie Starkey of Ralls. They also visited the Jack Starkey family.

Donnie Rogers accompanied his daughter, Brooke Rogers, who visited here the past week, to Lubbock Airport Monday for her return trip home to Austin.

Visiting from Friday until Sunday with Janice and Butch Hughes were sons, Rick-ey and Roger Hughes of Floydada, Bengie Hughes and friend, Jimmy Pearson of Royce City. Other visitors Sunday were Bro. Gary Sullivan of Lubbock, Mrs. Jean Cooper and Mrs. Judy Cooper of Matador.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton joined Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada, Mrs. Marisue Potts of Mott Creek Ranch, Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador in Matador, Thursday for lunch and then attended the Book Sale at the Motley County Library that afternoon.

Wilburn Martin attended to business in Plainview, Thursday.

Visiting from Thursday until Sunday with Jerry and Sandra Barclay was son and family, Cody and Amanda Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger. Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and son, Michael of Fritch visited from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Jack and Nada Starkey. Visiting them from Sunday until Wednesday was Mrs. Lori Starkey of Canyon. Jack is under Hospice Care. The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will have a 1 hour Christmas Concert featuring Greg Goodnight, of Lubbock.

Matador News

Lucretia Estes Campbell celebrated her 93rd birthday with family and friends in her home on Saturday, December 3, 2011, courtesy of her daughter Carol Campbell. Attending were Byron and Kelly Campbell and sons Cooper and Asher of Lubbock; Charise

and Craig Christian, Denton, Texas; and local residents Winifred Darsey, Kay Bailey, Marisue Potts, and Dorothy Day. Following birthday day greetings, the group enjoyed hors d'ourves followed by coffee and Italian Cream Cake.

Greg Goodnight in concert

The Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church will have a 1 hour Christmas Concert featuring Greg Goodnight, of Lubbock Sunday evening, Dec 11, 5:30 p.m.

Greg will present a concert of Christmas music, singing and playing the Electric Harp, Hammered Dulcimer and the Guitar. Greg is a very accomplished musician and

woodworker.

Greg has ministered in several churches in Motley county in the past. We are very excited to have him come to Roaring Springs again.

Everyone is welcome and invited to come and enjoy this talented young man! Refreshments will be provided following the concert.

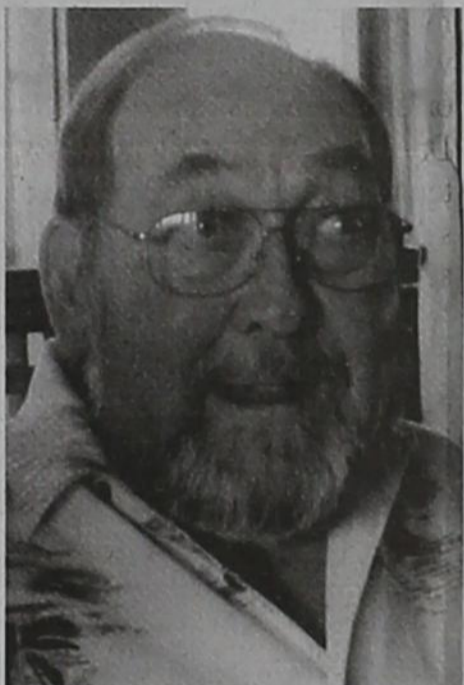
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Obituary

Roy Fay Kinard



Roy Fay Kinard, 75, of Roaring Springs, passed away on December 2, 2011. Visitation was held at Moore Rose Funeral Home Monday, December 5, 2011. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada. Arrangements were under the direction of the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Dad was born September 7, 1936, in Mansfield, Louisiana. He is preceded in death by his mother Lavader and father Pastor Kinard; two twin sisters, three brothers, his wife Donice Reeves Kinard, a son Fred Allen Kinard and four great grandchildren.

If you asked Dad he would say he was just an ordinary man. He is survived by his best friend the love of his life Beth Hodge, his children Edwin Roy Kinard, Terri Kinard Frazier, Sherre Green, six grandchildren and two great granddaughters and one on the way; four sisters, Martha, Maria, Linda, Danee, two sisters-in-law, Hattie and Jeanette, and more friends than he ever imagined. For those of us here that knew and loved him "anything except ordinary" described our Dad.

He didn't talk much about himself unless it involved reminiscing at a classic car show; about working in the same car when it was new; what it cost then; and how he dreamed of it. We suppose that is what led to his numerous Cadillac's and itching for the new Kia Diamanté, and most recently a new American made truck - he just had to figure out how to get in and out of one since his legs were failing.

Buy him an old airplane book and he would talk for hours about working on the engine while in the Airforce or not working on an engine because they hadn't made it yet. His his-

tory was understandably left out for us growing up due to his strict ride over us. Yep, we had to find out about his rebellious tendencies like running away from home and dropping out of school to truly understand him.

He was in his early 70s when we found out his mom used to feed all the hobos that came around; and that he took a steam train ride to learn hobo codes. Evidently he figured his mom must have had one of those "you can always get a meal here" scratched on the fence post. He never bragged about his dad being a pastor - a welder and a pastor - "yes" just a pastor, "no." Dad always felt you paid your way. And he might have mentioned falling asleep in church once or twice and being reprimanded for it or maybe that story came from a sister.

Our dad made almost every birth of his grandchildren, attended several graduations including a college graduation. Our dad was always late for Christmas dinner not because he was on "Roy" time. It was because he was delivering late postal packages to older folks whose kids wanted too late to send them. He wanted them to have something on Christmas. He loved farming until the bottom fell out, and then he became a fulltime rural letter carrier.

He made friends fast and over half the folks on his route had candy in case Roy Boy had a sugar fit along the way - 99 percent were older than him. He did enjoy sharing rescuing postal patrons from rattlesnakes that were in garages or by mailboxes. He was lucky at life - surviving what should have been fatal car crash in his 40s; lucky at the horse races; and very lucky at computer slot machine games and solitaire.

Late in his life he re-met Beth Hodge and almost from the beginning they were inseparable. They kept checkup calls on each other and shared past moments of shared family vacations when they were married to the other's best friend in the prime of their lives. Dad enjoyed calls to family and especially a couple of nieces at Christmas. He would say "well haven't heard from them guess they are expecting my call." He loved his brothers and questioned numerous times about why he was still here with all his medical issues and why they were gone. He loved his sisters and worried about them. Though in the macho Kinard

way, he would wait for them to call him. He loved his sisterly laws which could do no wrong. He missed seeing everyone and would often comment how he wished he was in better health to see everyone. Dad purchased a frame house and began renovating it. Soon though, his health slipped and he had bypass surgery, and survived it. Over time, his diabetes became almost uncontrollable with insulin; his ears couldn't hear like they should so he stopped answering calls.

His feet and legs ached continually and his eyesight was never what he wanted it to be. Yet he refused to move in with any of us, continued to drive, and managed to squeeze in a very special wine tasting at Caprock Winery; one last trip to Ruidoso; one last wonderful Thanksgiving dinner; and a movie at a grandsons; one last crossword puzzle with Beth; Sunday's football games; and one last hour and fifteen minute ride home to feed the cats.

He had mentioned to Beth that he didn't feel well enough to make an appointment and he might cancel. He said he would call. Our Dad would pick up a stranded puppy in the rain; adopt cats he didn't want so they'd have a home, (which by the way are available for adoption). Dad loved to sing karaoke and when he sang "My Way" you felt it. Of course, he added a few adjectives of his own while singing. He lived the life of his generation - tough, stubborn, refusing help when offered and at the same time was the first in line to offer and sometimes practically beg to help when we were sick or in need.

He always donated to the cheerleaders when he ran the Gulf station; he loved playing cards with his insurance buddies, and old friends. He absolutely believed in giving folks a second chance, including some teenagers that accidentally burned three of his barns.

Dad liked John Wayne and Dean Martin and singing good ole country songs. He loved golf until his wreck made him unable to enjoy the sport any more. He loved cartoons and laughing. He also enjoyed a good Canadian whisky. He was always there for us as a high school chaperone, band bus driver, or sideline coach. He was even a deacon in his church. His proudest title though was dad.

As his senior years approached, he did share that

there were fewer and fewer friends around and he just wanted a graveside. He said it was too hard on old folks to try to come and harder still to sit through a long service. We convinced him to add a family and friends viewing time for us. He agreed. Dad loved watering and feeding the deer that would come to his place. He would count them each year and sadly note if one or two were missing after deer season. He loved the fawns.

He was an early recycler. He would round us all up and we'd head to the park to gather acorns to feed the deer. Then just so they wouldn't hurt their teeth he'd crack the large acorns by running over them with his truck - well until he forgot to that one time and found the deer had no problems cracking the nuts themselves. He prided himself in collecting and returning aluminum cans.

He loved taking pictures of the Hill County and even stayed there one winter season in his fifth wheel. The most poignant moments that stick out are these two: one day when we were at his place helping tidy it up, he got mad. Not so much at us - more because he couldn't help so he said a couple of what seemed to him to be appropriate things to us and ended it with "y'all can do what you want. I am going to sit in my tractor." And he did. There he sat - a man on his very old tractor - two extraordinary pieces of time in the middle of a rapidly changing world.

The other moment? The description from the Sheriff of how Dad had passed. Dad was operationally meticulous to the end. He drew his insulin. Then, he slumped in his chair. To the very end he never gave up. He kept trying. He missed one last stick of that dang needle which he dreaded so much and on so many previous occasions administered so diligently. He didn't need it anymore, he didn't hurt anymore. He was finally at true peace and home and he made it there God's way which was his way too.

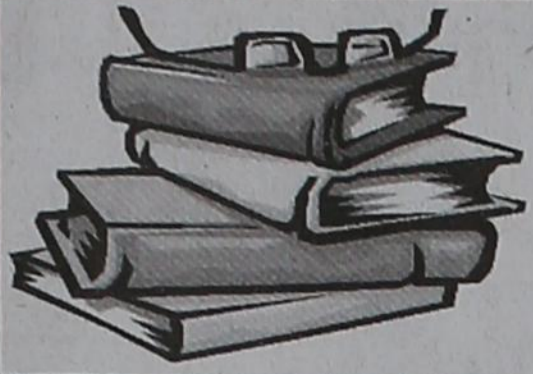
Dad believed as most of his generation and said "don't send me flowers when I am gone." Therefore, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Motley County Senior Citizens or the American Diabetes Association or your local U.S. Military Service Branch. Thank you for your kindness and friendship to Dad. May God bless you always!

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Library Journal
by Carla Meador Librarian

Busy, busy week at the Library! Book Sale, Late Night Shopping, Santa and Kiddie Store and Granny's Tea Party on Sunday. A busy, yet festive, week bringing holiday happiness to everyone participating. Due to the fact that our awesome Motley County Matadors rescheduled their play-off game to Thursday instead of Friday as originally scheduled because of the prediction of bad weather, the Late Night Shopping event took place Thursday and Friday nights so that everyone would have a chance to attend the game and enjoy everything associated with the annual event. Santa Claus visited with a large group of children on Thursday night and agreed to stay over in Matador so that he could come back to the Library on Friday night and visit with the children who had attended the game on Thursday. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Kiddie Store inside the Library, which was open both nights, also. The children enjoy being able to shop for gifts for their family members at a price they can afford.

Oh, and by the way, in case you haven't heard our Motley County Matadors defeated Sterling City, sending them to the State play-off game against Richland Springs which will be held Saturday in Abilene. Way to go Matadors!!

Granny's Tea Party, hosted by Mrs. Janie Campbell and Mrs. Joyce Campbell, was a wonderfully festive event attended by several little ladies dressed in their mother's or grandmother's clothes and hats. The Campbell ladies have been hosting this event for about 20 years. All proceeds are donated to the Library to purchase books for our Children's section. We appreciate their kindness and generosity so much!

We have received several new books in the Library including 11/22/63; The House of Silk; A

Sherlock Holmes Novel; Jack Kennedy, Elusive Hero; Misery Bay, An Alex McKnight Novel; Michael Vey, The Prisoner of Cell 25; Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President; Wonder Girl: The Magnificent Sporting Life of Babe Zaharias; The Murder of the Century: The Gilded Age Crime that Scandalized a City and Sparked the Tabloid Wars; SEAL Target Geronimo: The Inside Story of the Mission to Kill Osama Bin Laden; Dead Last; The Snow Angel; The Drop; Guinness World Records 2012; and Legend of the Christmas Stocking. I apologize that I don't have the room to list more information about each book. Be sure to stop by the Library and take a look at all our new selections of reading material.

We have also received new DVD's including *It's A Wonderful Life (60th Anniversary Edition)*; *Jack Frost*; *Disney's A Christmas Carol*; *Hereafter*; and *Jesse Stone, Innocents Lost*.

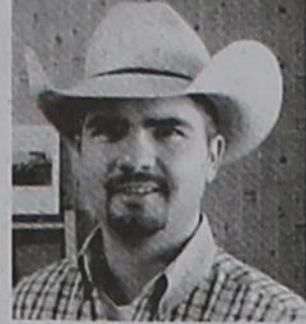
Don't forget about our Kid's Christmas Holiday Countdown afternoon at the Library, Tuesday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. All kids, ages 3-12, are invited to attend. Kids will have the opportunity to decorate an ornament, a tree, listen to a Christmas story and refreshments.

Hopefully, next week I will have time to get back to our contest. Our last winner was Wanda Kilmer correctly identifying Snow White. Mrs. Kilmer will receive a prize!

Thank you to Mrs. Jo Scott, Amy Hackler, Pam Thacker, Ronnie Vandiver, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Manney and many others for donating books for our Book Sale. We do appreciate your donations!

Library hours are Monday, 2-5 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. See you at the Library!

County Agent's News



by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent

Free phone 'app' for stranded winter motorists added to Texas disaster, emergency website

Winter Survival Kit app now available on Texas Extension Disaster Education Network site

A free application for iPhone and Android that will help motorists stranded in snow and ice is now available through the Texas EDEN website. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Kay Ledbetter)

COLLEGE STATION — A new free phone application for Texans and others stranded on the road during snow and ice storms has been added to the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network, or Texas EDEN website, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts.

The Winter Survival Kit app is now one of many disaster- and emergency-related materials available through the Texas EDEN website, <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. It is a smartphone application provided by the North Dakota State University Extension Service and is available at no cost for use with iPhone and Android, according to its developers. The app was developed as a means of helping motorists stuck in winter weather.

"With the amount of snow and ice during winter in the Panhandle and North Texas, plus the possibility of unusual cold weather occurrences elsewhere in the state, we felt it would be helpful to many Texans to make this app accessible through the website," said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist in family economics and resource management and a member of the national Extension Disaster Education Network.

Cavanagh said the app also would be of use to Texans who plan to drive to states which

typically have more ice and snow during the winter — and are unfamiliar with the roadways they will be traveling.

"The Winter Survival Kit app can be as critical as a physical winter survival kit if you find yourself stuck or stranded in severe winter weather conditions," said Bob Bertsch, North Dakota State University Agriculture Communication web technology specialist who led the team that developed the app.

Bertsch said the app will help users find their current location, call 911, notify friends and family and calculate how long it is possible to run a vehicle's engine to keep warm before running out of fuel.

"You can use the Winter Survival Kit app to store important phone and policy numbers for insurance or roadside assistance," he said. "You can also designate emergency contacts you want to alert when you become stranded."

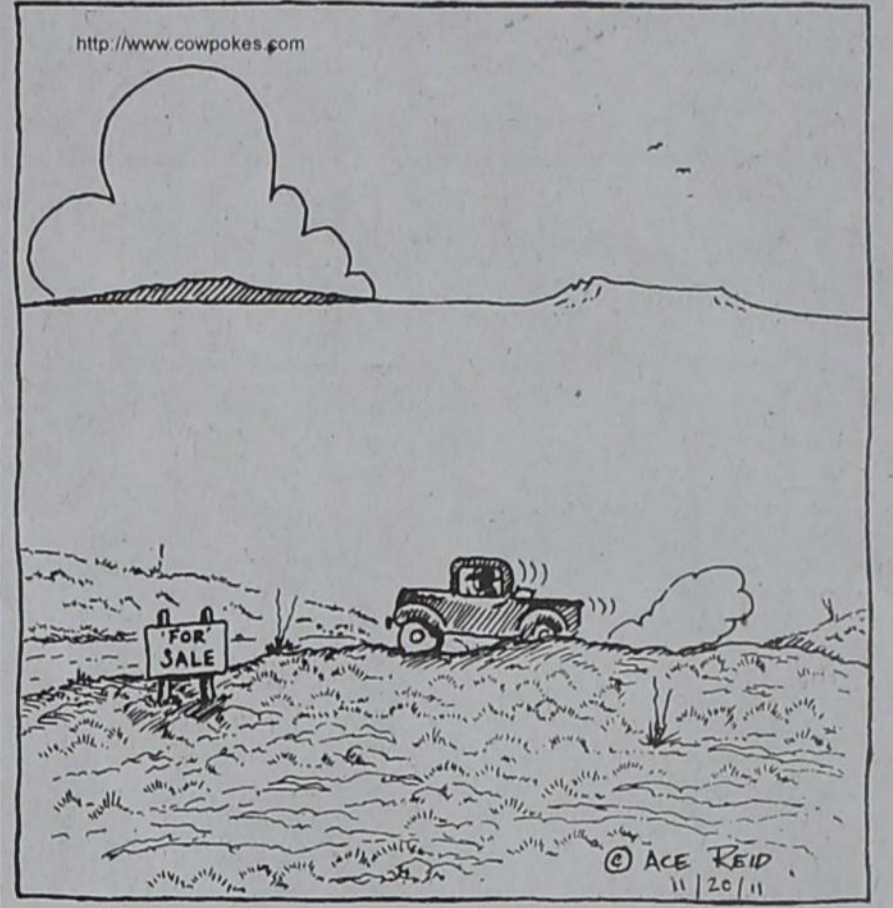
The app also alerts the user every 30 minutes as a reminder to turn off the vehicle's engine and check the exhaust pipe for snow buildup, which is critical to avoiding potentially deadly carbon monoxide poisoning. Additionally, it provides information on putting together a physical winter survival kit, preparing a vehicle for winter driving and staying safe when stranded in an ice storm or stuck in snow.

"We're always searching for information and applications for the Texas EDEN site that will be of use during disaster or emergency situations," said Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director of homeland security and emergency management in College Station. "The site is a repository of useful information we have made available and want people to be aware of and access in their time of need."

"Being stranded in a vehicle in winter weather can be a challenging, not to mention potentially fatal, situation and this

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By Ace Reid



"The trouble around here is we're either short on rain or long on sunshine!"

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app may literally become a life-saver for someone."

To access the application through the Texas Eden website, click on the Hot Topics tab at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. For other website materials relating to winter weather, click the Disaster Information tab on the home page and go to Winter Storm Resources.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Winter Survival Kit app was developed by Myriad Devices, a company based in the North Dakota State University Research and Technology Park

incubator, which was founded by students and faculty in the university's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department and College of Business. The NDSU Extension Service provided design and content input, and funded the project with a U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture Smith-Lever Special Needs grant. For more information the app, go to <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension/apps>.

FSA News By Amy Hackler

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ation in this matter. Also if you purchased NAP for your rangeland or improved grasses, that requires you to do an acreage report by December 15th, 2011. Please make an appointment to do so. DCP signup will begin January 23, 3012 and there will be no advances for this crop year.



Chris Overton told Santa his Christmas wishes when he visited with him at the Library last Friday night.

photo by Carla Meador

Wintry weather in November for Motley County

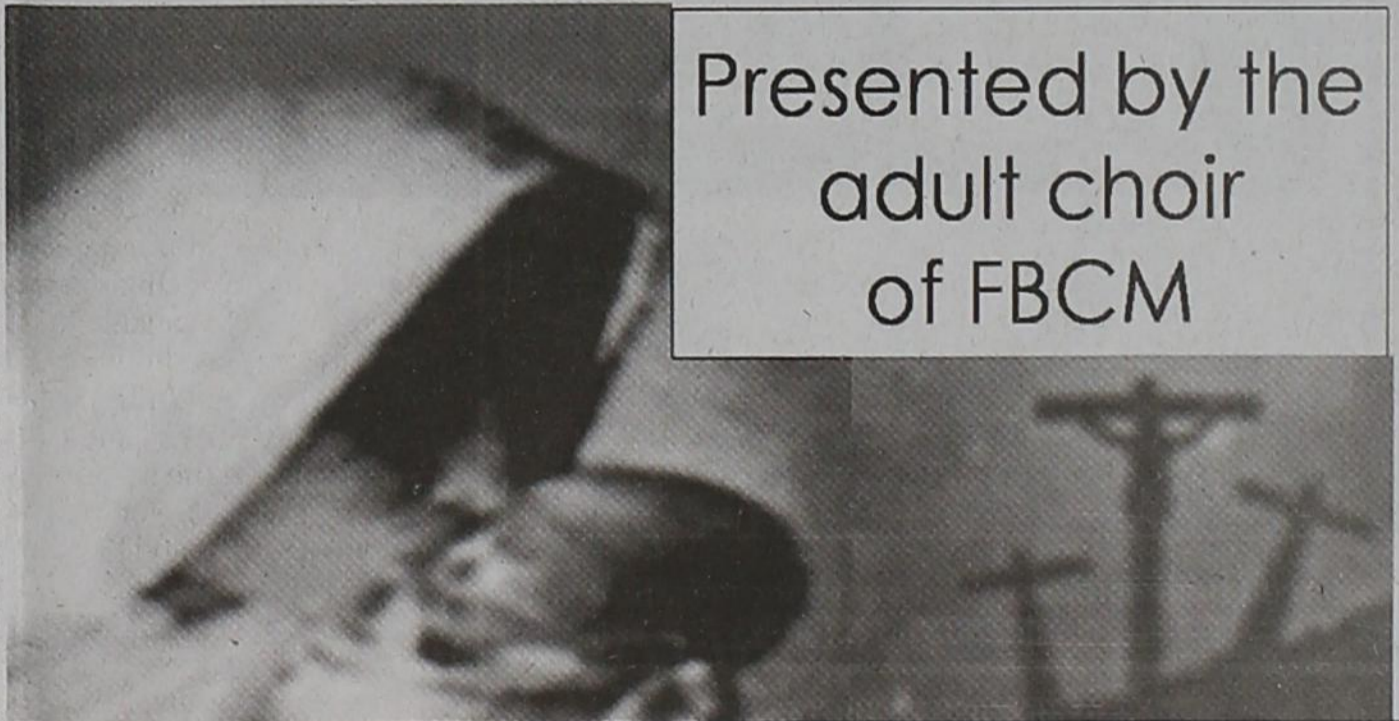
By Earlyne Jameson
Motley County Tribune

The thermometer needle brought the season's lowest temperature of 23 degrees November 17. With several cold fronts rolling through Motley County in November, temperatures dropped off considerably. High winds negatively affected conditions with 50 mph gusts and a dust storm Saturday, November 26. Rangeland, pastures and wheat fields began to recover a little here and there because of light rains the last two weeks.

Rains favored northeast Motley County in November. Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers total moisture for November: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs 1.43 inches; Ronnie Bailey, Matador 1.30 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat 0.95. Betty Simpson, Northfield 2.39 inches and Clois Shorter, Flomot 0.93.

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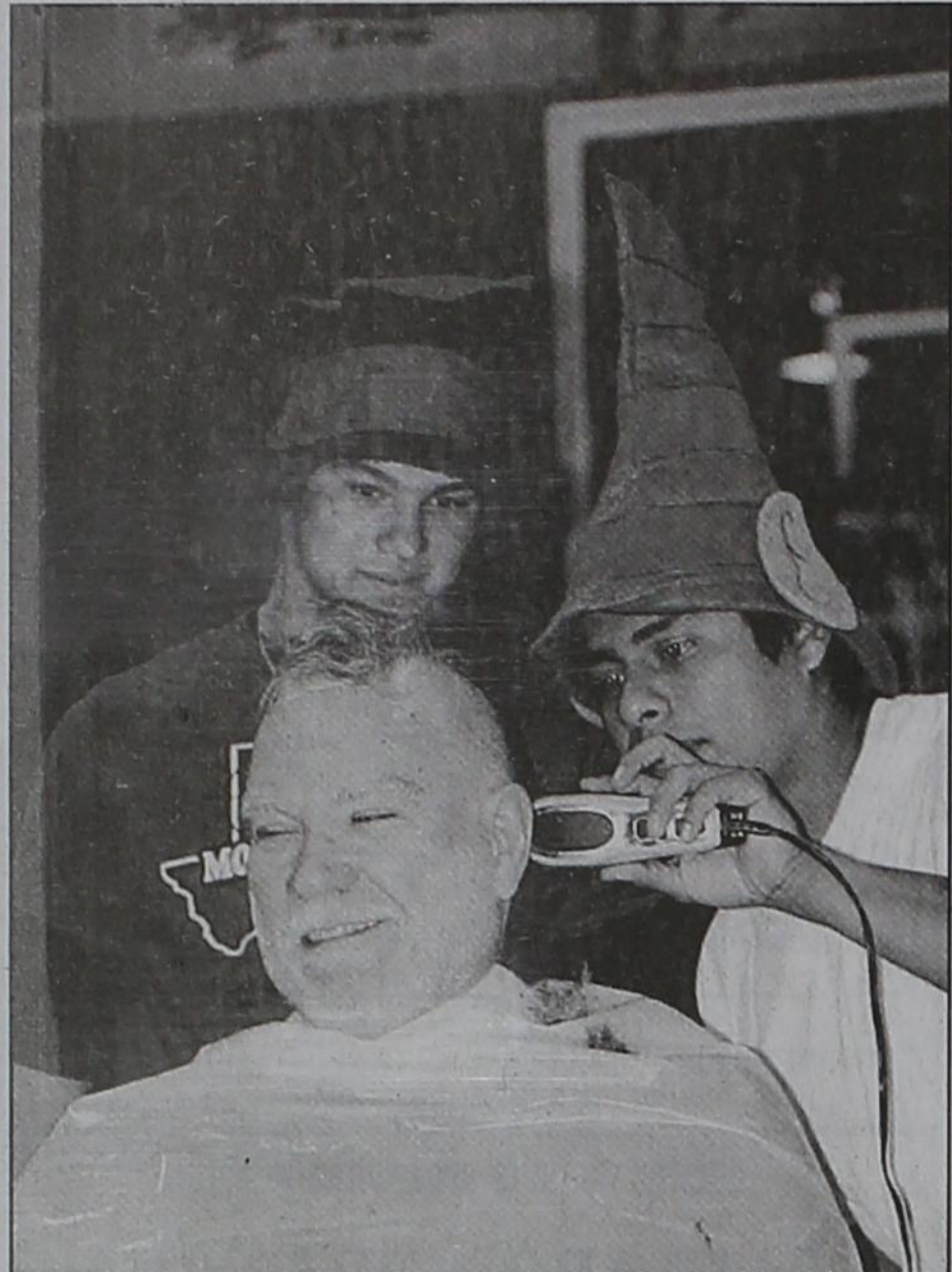
Sunday, December 18
First Baptist Church, Matador

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Children's Christmas program, 7:00 p.m.

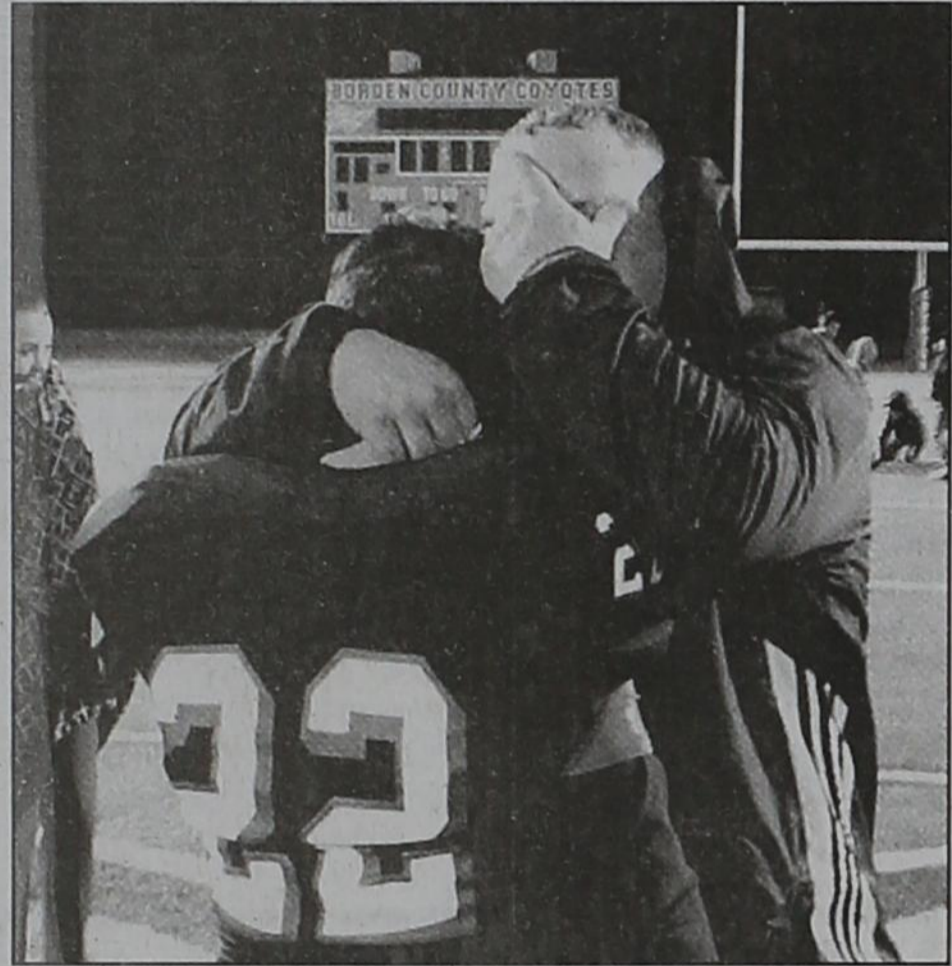
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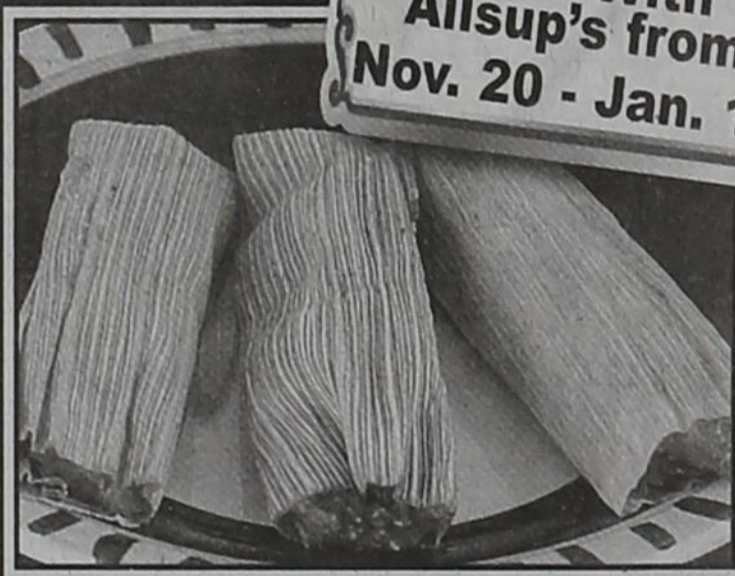
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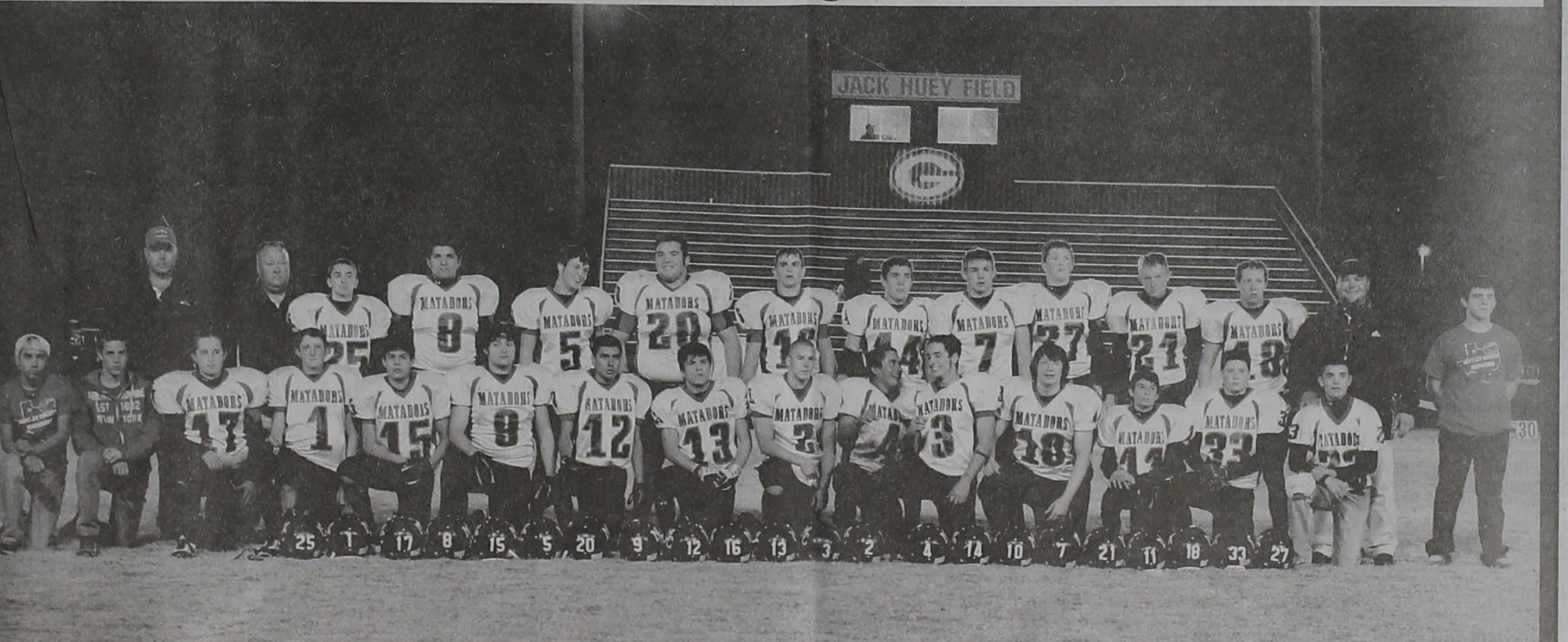


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- 6 Matador Lions
- 7 Kids Praise
- 8 Matador City Council
- 8 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 11 Renowned musician, Greg Goodnight of Lubbock, Christmas music Concert. RSFG Church, 5:30
- 12 Commissioners' Court
- 12 Roaring Springs City Council
- 13 Kid's Christmas Holiday Countdown, Library, 4:00 p.m.
- 14 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7 am
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 20 Matador Lions
- 24 First United Methodist, Matador, Carols and Candlelight Service, Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm.
- 24 Christmas Mass, 5:00p.m. at Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church in Matador.

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