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# Motley County Matadors win Region is coming to



# Santa Claus Matador

By Carol Campbell Motley County Tribune

The annual merchant-sponsored Christmas Late Night Shopping in downtown Matador is set for Thursday-Saturday, December 6-8, 2012. Merchants have tentative plans to be open all three nights to usher in a Shop-At-Home theme, supporting local businesses and restaurants. Plans are tentative due to the anticipated success of the Motley County run for the state semi-final football championship play set for Saturday, December 8, 2012.

During late night shopping, senior discounts will be available all three nights from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. An appearance by Old Saint Nick will be the highlight of the evenings of Thursday, December 6, and Saturday, December 8.

He will receive girls and boys at the Motley County Library, arriving Thursday about 5:30 p.m. on a bright Red Fire Truck with sirens blazing. In addition to lap-time with Santa, elves will provide a "Kiddie Store" at the library packed with affordable goodies for family members, teachers, and special friends.

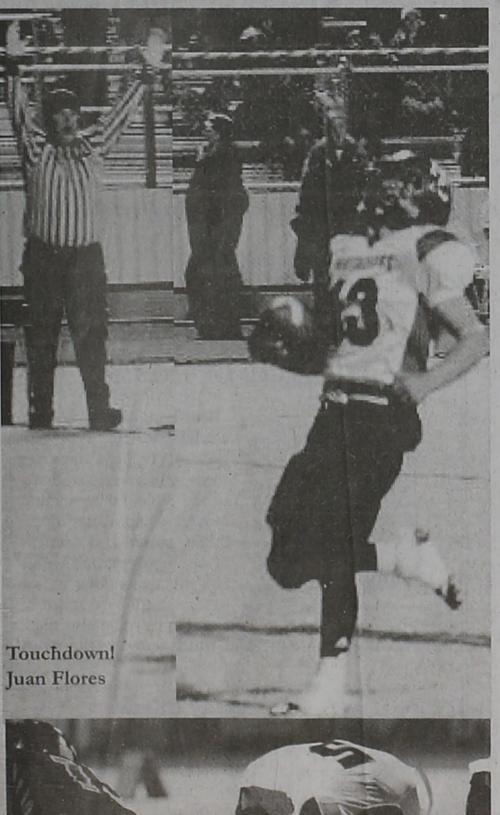
Featured this year on Thurs-

day evening will be the Red Dirt Rebels consisting of Noah Guerrero, Conner Mason, Parker Meredith, Jonah Meredith, and Jamie Jameson. This new country western student band with a big sound will be set up in front of the former Matador Flower Shop on Main Street. Other vendors will be strategically located on the Main Street sidewalks.

Businesses and restaurants will be open until 9:00 p.m., highlighting Christmas specials from trees, lights, clothing, jewelry, baked goods and hot chocolate specials to specialty items in the Gift Shop Under the Stairs at Hotel Matador.

Matador's new business, Motley County Farm and Ranch Supply, with owners Kenneth and Donnell Davis, will be open, featuring Christmas specials and Donnell's special Christmas handmade ribbon wreaths.

"We encourage you to support your local merchants at Christmas this year," Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Washington said. "The town will be decorated, Santa has a new red suit that arrived just in time for the event, and the merchants of Matador welcome you with open arms."



By Jennifer Lawler Motley County Tribune

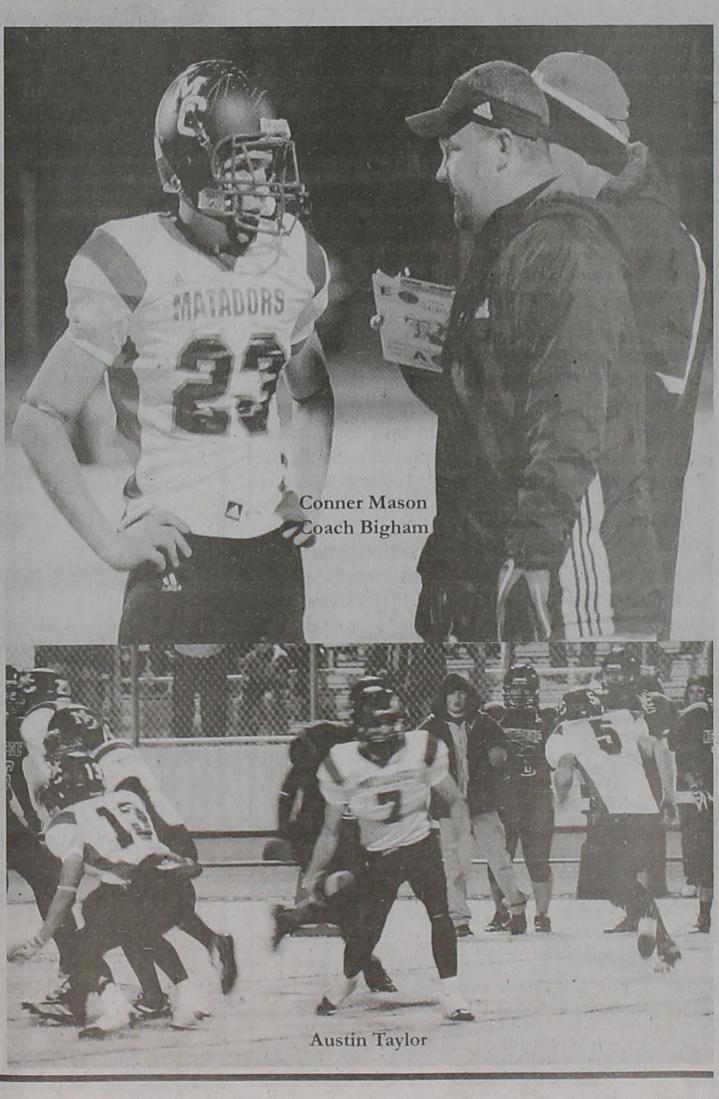
On Friday night, November 23, 2012 the Motley County Matadors faced off with the New Home Bulldogs in Anton for the Regional Championship game. The final score was 78 - 55 with some impressive statistics from the Matador players.

Austin Taylor had 20 carries for 4 TDs with 250 yards rushing; Juan Flores also scored 4 TDs on 14 carries with 131 yards rushing; Conner Mason completed 3 passes to Britt Simpson for 3 TDs out of 5 throws for a total of 89 yards passing

On the defensive side of the ball Austin Taylor led with 15 tackles, Juan Flores had 13, Jamie Jameson had 7, and Britt Simpson had 6 tackles.

The quarter-final game for the State playoffs will be Motley County vs. Follett in Amarillo at River Road High School on Friday. November 30, at 7:00 pm. There will be a sendoff for the team at 12:45 pm on Friday in front of the school. There will also be a spirit meeting in the Motley County ISD cafeteria this Sunday at 3:00 pm.

Go Matadors! Finish Strong!



## Foothill Country

## Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

I guess you might say I am a born tree hugger. I mean that more in a literal sense than the usual negative way the term is used. I grew up climbing the elm trees in my front yard, teaching my dog to climb the trees, and playing around them and walking to places where there were more of them. I did not have to learn to like trees; I just had a thing about them. The poem "Trees," by Joyce Kilmer, spoke to me as a third grader who was just mastering the art of reading and reciting. I memorized that poem as I played around the trees in the town. I went to trees for comfort when I was sad or lonely.

I did not know anything about the poet who wrote "Trees," at the time, but later came to know that he wrote lots of poems and was killed in World War I, in 1918. He was

born in New Jersey in 1886 and went to Columbia University where he graduated in 1908. He married and had five children and was a member of the New York National Guard. At the time of his deployment he was considered a leading American Catholic poet and lecturer of his gen-

I went on to live among big Douglas Fir trees in Oregon, Redwood trees in California, and all the mixed hardwoods of Kentucky. I learned to use a chain saw and almost apologized to every tree I cut down, I certainly learned to be sensitive to the contours of the mountains and valleys as I worked around the trees, and tried to plant trees and nurture them when possible. I had a memorable experience as an eighth grader when our class went to a location in the mountains near the coastal region of central Oregon and planted trees all day in a steady drizzle of rain. Eventually I learned to appreciate all species of trees and come to know their colors and leaf patterns. As I learned to work with wood, I gained a new knowledge of the many uses of the different species. Like I said, a born tree hugger.



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## WRITING COMMUNITY

Examining the fairness of the criminal justice system in Texas

Series explores **Texas criminal** justice issues

The Texas Center for Community Journalism at Texas Christian University is embarking on a statewide initiative to investigate the fairness of the Texas criminal justice system, especially in cases that deal with indigent defense. The project is being underwritten by the Hood County News.

Kathy Cruz, staff writer for the News and a consultant in investigative reporting for the Center, is writing the series about the quality of legal services in Texas and the impact of the justice system on those who are accused of crimes, as well as the impact on their families.

The stories are being provided to community newspapers throughout the state free of charge, and papers will be encouraged to investigate the quality of legal services within their own counties.

"I cannot think of a more important project," said Jerry Tidwell, publisher of the News. "Community newspapers typically do not have the staff and the resources to take in-depth looks at statewide issues. This is a way to help them and, in the process, provide a service to the people of Texas."

Tommy Thomason, director of the Center, said he hopes that Texas community newspapers will use the series as a starting point to look at issues relating to the court system in their city and

"We see this series as a starting place for many other investigations around Texas," Thomason said. "We all have a tremendous stake in the fairness of the criminal justice system, and newspapers have a responsibility to the public to be watchdogs on that system. If newspapers don't do it, who will?"

Law passed in wake of wrongful convictions By Kathy Cruz Texas Center for Commu-

nity Journalism

As the number of postconviction DNA exonerations rose ever higher, the 82nd Legislature took action to prevent more people from being wrongfully convicted. Lawmakers passed House Bill 215.

How well law enforcement agencies across the state are taking the new law about eyewitness identifications to heart will soon be the subject of a report by the Innocence Project of Texas.

On the last Saturday in September, about 35 undergraduate pre-law honors students' and other volunteers gathered the University of Dallas to critique the written policies for eyewitness identifications for about 1,200 law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The new law mandating the written policies went into effect Sept. 1.

False eyewitness identifications are among the leading causes of wrongful convictions, based on reviews of post-conviction DNA exonerations, according to Scott Henson, the Innocence Project's policy adviser.

On Friday, Sept. 28 -- the evening before the gathering in Dallas -- the national Innocence Project in New York announced that yet another inmate had just the first 250 DNA exonera- community-journalism. been proven innocent of the crime that he had been accused of committing. Damon Thibodeaux, a resident of Louisiana's death row, became the nation's 300th DNA exoneree.

During the month of September, the Innocence Project of Texas had submitted Open Records requests to sheriff's offices and city and campus police departments to obtain cop-

ies of their newly adopted eyewitness ID policies.

Policing agencies adopt

policies for eyewitness ID

The scoring criteria used in critiquing the policies involved how closely the agencies followed the model program created by the Bill Blackwood Law **Enforcement Management** Institute of Texas, based at Sam Houston State University. The institute was created by the 70th Legislature to develop the skills of current and future law enforcement officials.

The model program incorporates evidence-based and best practices for collecting and preserving eyewitness evidence, as well as procedures for when witnesses or victims have language or writing barri-

Innocence Project Executive Director Nick Vilbas and founder Jeff Blackburn said that the organization will release a report with the individual grades of the law enforcement agencies before the end of the year. They hope that media outlets will publicize the scores received by the law enforcement agencies in their communities.

"It's a grass roots level, public education component," Vilbas said. "We're trying to push the ball forward. We've been talking about it since the bill passed and now that we're doing it, it's kind of exciting."

tions, 75 to 80 percent of net. the wrongful convictions

were traced back to faulty evewitness ID.

"The DNA exonerations have provided this window into the cause of wrongful convictions that we've never had before," he said.

The Innocence Project's policy adviser said that measures are being taken to ensure that the scores are fair.

"The student grading is not the final say. We are also going to have a final round vetting the policies to make sure that the students got it right," he said. "You really want to go through each policy multiple times before publishing a grade so you can be certain that your criticisms are correct."

Henson, who lives in Austin and writes a blog on justice-related issues called "Grits for Breakfast," said that most law enforcement agencies have not reacted defensively to the examination of their techniques. Most, too, appear to be trying to follow the Law Enforcement Management Institute's model, he stated.

There are definitely exceptions," Henson said. "But the majority have passed policies that have most of the main elements of the model policy."

Kathy Cruz is a staff writer for the Hood County News in Granbury. She Henson said that, among can be reached at kcruz@

#### 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 18, 2012. The event raised approximately \$2,100

Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the fellowship on a beautiful Sunday.

Motley County Citizens Board and Site Committee

## Just in Time for the Holidays "Old West Tales From Motley County" Available for purchase for \$20.00

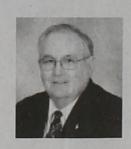
A customer from Maryland had this to say . . .

"I just watched your Motley County Texas DVD and was blown away! The re-enactments were perfect and really captured life at the jail! I felt a real connection to the town and the people who live there - especially the family that lived in the jail for about 11 years. Love the story about how they town 'faked' 20 stores in order to become an official town! What fascinating stories! The haunted jail segment was fun too! I absolutely loved it!! I want to go visit Motley County sometime!" - Mike McClure

Call Carol Campbell at 806-347-2221 to reserve your copy for Christmas

Also available for purchase at Hotel Matador

#### THE LORD OF HOSTS



Our Lord Jesus is seen as a mighty warrior in Revelation 19. Perhaps there are times, when we as students of the Bible, fail to remind ourselves and others of the might, power, and strength of our Lord. When we as students, something is lost to us. There is so much of

the Bible that we need to learn and in learning also sharing with others those precious truths found in the Word

In developing the picture of Jesus from the Scriptures our view sometimes isn't as focused as it needs to be. Perhaps we trying to make Him fit into the little box of our minds. But we have a Lord who is all-powerful. The Bible describes Him as the "Lord Sabaoth" and the "Lord of Hosts." As mentioned earlier, in Revelation 19, Jesus is seen as the Lord of the Army of God.

Our Lord is found in the Bible to be the creator of this world and everything in it. He sustains life on this planet according to the first chapter of John. Jesus is indeed the Savior of us all. Comforting to us is the certain knowledge that our Lord has great power and will continue to exercise such until He comes in glory. Let us never forget the Almighty Lord, who after all, is in control of it all.

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

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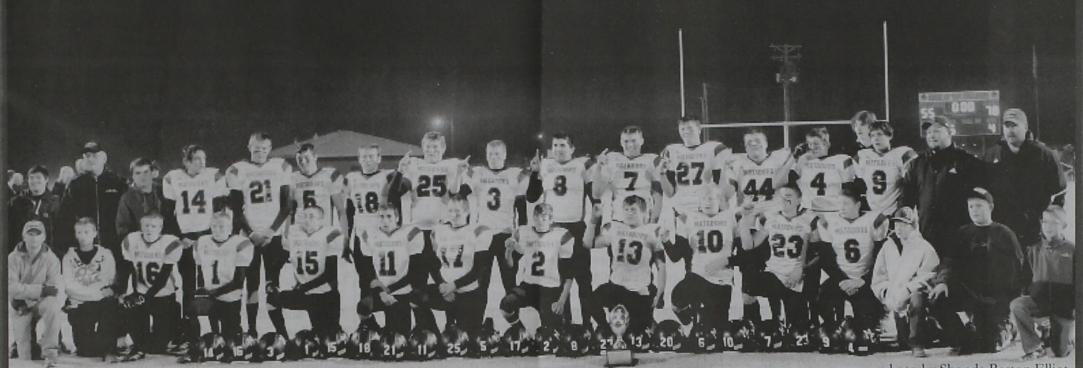


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## NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

### Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

#### On a personal note

My children and grandchildren were at our house on Thanksgiving Day. They are: Kevin and Tracie Mc-Claran, and Kenzie Renee of the Acuff community, Ford and Kay Miller, Sean and Kelsea of Lockney. Also Tracie's parents, Gary and Ernestine Mohon of Lubbock and Ralph Roming joined us. My granddaughter, Kenzie visited us until Sunday afternoon when her parents came to pick her up.

#### **Community News**

Ralph Roming had a guest over the weekend. A friend, Billy Stocklin of Round Rock, TX, came on Friday afternoon and returned home on Sunday afternoon. Billy is very interested in farming and wanted to see where Ralph had farmed at Bovina. They made a tour of that area and had a great time catching up on what was going on with them. Ralph worked with Billy Stocklin in a construction company for a while near Hutto, TX.

Robert, Amber, Shandy and Noble Hale of Midland visited the Alex Crowders for Thanksgiving. Amber is their granddaughter.

On Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Alex and Jo Crowder met their daughter, Denisa Brown for an early Thanksgiving lunch in Amarillo. Alex's sister, Jean Butler who lives in Amarillo joined them. Denisa works in a cheese factory in the quality control in Dalhart three or four days a week. She said that the cheese they make is sold to Kraft and Sorrento. We most likely eat some of the cheese from that factory.

Randy and Leandra Harris and their children, Matt, Kenna and Ella of Flower Mound spent Thanksgiving with the Don Stuckeys. They came on Monday and returned home on Friday.

Gordon and Lou Ann Terry of Post, and Mandy and Cambelle Terry of Slaton had Thanksgiving with Buzz and Tince Thacker. They are Tince's daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and great granddaughter.

Late night shopping was a success. Santa arrived on time and visited with about 40 children. There were several vendors and Thacker Jewelry was open for shoppers. Vendors were: Back Road Barbie's, owned by

Blair Thacker Wilson and Janelle Kilmer Turner; Virginia and Warner Sailsbury, Petticoat Junction, Stuckey with some of his bronze sculptures and Dorothy Lefevre and Billy Lefevre had a booth. The Lions had a booth to sell raffle tickets for the diamond necklace. Lions Buzz and Tince Thacker manned that booth. Westlyn Thacker helped Blair and Janelle with their booth. The City of Roaring Springs gave popcorn to the children. Brad Thacker of Amarillo played and sang Christmas Carols. Devonne Dillard provided some Christmas music

The City of Roaring Springs would like to thank the vendors and James McCleskey for opening up the old filling station for use during the shopping. A special thank you goes to Blair Thacker Wilson for her planning and coordinating the event and to Lion Chris Spence for his part in making Late Night Shopping in Roaring Springs a fun night.

Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith took Jonah Meredith to Rotan last Tuesday to meet his sister, Angelica. Jonah and Angelica returned to their home in San Angelo for Thanksgiving with their parents, Cody and Leah Meredith. On Sunday, Joe Glenn and Joyce met Cody and Leah in Rotan to bring Jonah back to Roaring Springs where he lives with his grandparents.

The Joe Merediths spent Thanksgiving Day with the Tony Roses in Matador. Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith were guests of Tony and Sherry also. Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Justin came by and visited for a while. Morgan is doing a little better but still has difficulty walking and suffers with severe headaches, the aftermath of West Nile Virus.

The Roaring Springs First Baptist Church and others packed 44 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith delivered them to FBC in Floydada to be picked up for the first leg of their journey to needy children all over the world.

Kevin, Lesa, Kaitlyn, Kenzie Morgan, Kagen and Kennedy Keltz were guests of his parents, Kelly and Pennie Keltz for Thanksgiving.

They Boyd Longs had a large gathering of family at their home for Thanksgiv-

### Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

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ed Thanksgiving luncheon

in the home of Doris and

Roger Vinson Saturday

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and Roger Lee of Flomot.

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#### Overheard

Praise does wonders for the sense of hearing!

#### **Community News**

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and son, Glen Calvert were guests at a family luncheon Thanksgiving day in the home of daughter and family Gwen and Tim Mandrell and Peyton of Lubbock.

Visitors of Ruth and Orville Lee last Sunday were Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon, Jason Lee of Amarillo, Teresa and Tom Heck, Kacee, Cody and Micah of Turkey, Brandon Lee of Plainview, Roger and Shonda Lee and Josh Lee of Flomot.

Lance and Sherryll Barclay and Kayla of Meadow and Cody Barclay of Wellington visited during Thanksgiving holidays with Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Johnie Starkey visited last week in Lebanon, Missouri, with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Starkey.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest Thanksgiving Day of Mrs. Judy Renfro and family in Matador. Friday she was a guest of Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell and family in Matador. Saturday, she was a luncheon guest of Lou and Teen Burleson in Floydada.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Connie and Coy Franks were Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Cara and Clint Cowart of Southland, Cory and Amy Franks, Madison, Hudson and Heston, Cary and Nan- Matador, Leah Cruse of cy Franks and Cal of Idalou and Mrs. Erma Washing- tina, Paisley and Cash ton of Flomot.

Holiday visitors of Mrs. Marracle of Snyder, Ke-Janice Hughes were Ben- ane, Lacy, Reese, Brighton, gie, J.J. and Katie Hughes of Royce City, Billy Don Hughes, Brennan and Bailey of Lubbock, Jimmy Peirson of Celesti, Roger, Tiffany, Tara, Reagan and Brody Hughes, Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes of Floydada.

Guests of Ruth and Or-

Come Check out our Christmas

Lights,

Ornaments,

Sacks, Gift Paper, and Poinsettias. Also don't forget that Matador Variety will be making gift Baskets



Matador • Variety

### By Marilynn Hicks

The forecast is for 88 degrees today, so I think I will cross sleds off the list for the grandkids. Not that they wouldn't try them on a sand dune. I remember the Christmas that the kids wore out a sled that Dad had built when we lived in Colorado

City. They really had fun that

Mr. Hindman from Roaring Springs came in this morning. He had his daughter and her husband, Denee' and Neil Payne, in town for Thanksgiving. They live in Wichita, Kansas, where she serves as church secretary. Neil is a retired Air Force pilot. He also hosted his granddaughter Kyra Mc-Donald who is a soccer coach at the college in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

We had Lara, Adrian, Jaxon and Isabel stay for the holiday. They brought friends Tony, Mary and Kiera Wetherby. They completed a deer blind and Tony shot a doe. Tony and Mary are from upstate New York and are expecting a new little girl in December, so they joined our family for the Thanksgiving break.

I was off from Hotel duty for several days; therefore I will have to report on guests next week.

Caron and Jesse went to Waxahachie for Thanksgiving Day. They feasted with Jeremy, Dana, Emma, and

Audrey Perkins as well as Danny, Jessica, Kate and Abigail White. All their children together made for a great time.

**Matador News** 

Linda and Tom lunched with Emily and Paul Teegartin from Silverton along with Mom and all the crew from our house. It was a nice, quiet time complete with football games all day.

Darsey and Winifred Joanne and Steve Stevens, Dallas, hosted a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings on Turkey Day. Attending the festivities from Lubbock were Gerald and Penny Pipkin. Matador guests included Carol and Lucretia Campbell.

Gary Campbell, returning from a Thanksgiving trip to Lubbock to visit his daughter Jeri Ann and husband Kevin Booe, and grandchildren Mackenzie, Madison and Taylor, spent the night with his aunt Lucretia Campbell and cousin Carol Campbell.

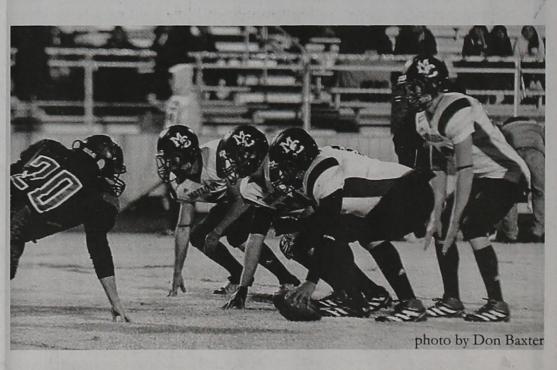
Tom and Deanie Edwards spent Thanksgiving in Dalhart with Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis. Haley treated the family with a variety of delicious and unusual appetizers for supper that she had made. Very good. Stephen, Lori and Haley prepared quite a feast for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

I hope some of you send in reports of visitors to the paper or call me before next week.

#### Ken's RV Park & Mini Storage **Matador and Roaring Springs**



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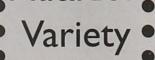
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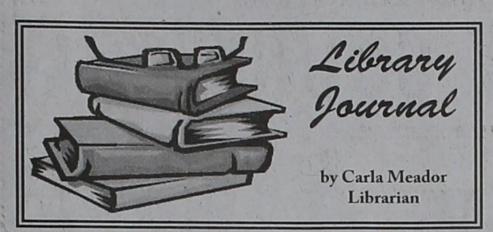
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Christmas countdown has officially begun! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I know some of you galantly faced the first day of shopping on black Friday and I must say you are much braver than I. Waiting in line in the early morning hours and pushing through crowds is just not something that appeals to me at all, but more power to you if that's your holiday kick-off tradition.

We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving get-together with family and friends at Crystal Beach near Galveston. Beautiful, calm scenery, the splashing of the waves and searching for shells in the sand, as well as a bountiful holiday meal made for a perfect day to celebrate and give thanks.

Thank you to all our loyal patrons for your understanding and patience while we were closed for a few days, and thank you to our volunteers who filled in for me on Tuesday of last week.

To boost your holiday spirit we have several Christmas books available for check out; some inspirational and some mysterious. We also have some great holiday DVDs.

DONATED BY

We will join other businesses and individuals in Matador to usher in the season with Late Night Shopping, December 6-8. The Library will host Santa Claus on Thursday and Saturday nights. We have spoken with Mr. Claus and he is really looking forward to visiting with all the children.. He stated that he always looks forward to his Matador visits, especially being at the Library. We look forward to Santa being here, also.

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce will also have the Kiddie Store set up in the Library, giving the little ones the perfect opportunity to purchase a gift for Mom or Dad for just a little bit of money. Most every item is \$1 or less.

Also during Late Night Shopping, or anytime before, you may purchase a 2012 Texas Capitol Ornament and tickets for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HD with a case. Tickets are only \$2 each or 6 for \$10. The lucky winner's name will be drawn December 18.

Now, to get busy with my Christmas decorating for the Library! Hopefully by the time you read this, "it's beginning to look like Christmas."

THACKER JEWELRY

Motley County Jr. Livestock Association

is selling chances to win a set of Diamond Earrings

Earrings consist of 6 diamonds for a total of .50 carats

set in 14 karat white gold and retail for more than \$800!

Purchase your tickets to win this beautiful set of diamond

earrings from any Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Director.

(Mark Seigler, Craig Turner, JD Russell, Jeromy Jameson,

Chad Overton, Matthew Cruse or David Stafford)

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Drawing will be held on December 8

at Late Night Shopping in Matador

All proceeds go to benefit the youth at

the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show

# County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent

**Texas Animal Health** Commission Announces **Details of New Cattle Traceability Rule** 

AUSTIN - A requirement for adult cattle in Texas to have an approved form of permanent identification in place at change of ownership will go into effect January 1, 2013 according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). The Commission amended its rules in June of this year to enhance the effective traceability of beef cattle movements in Texas, which is the cornerstone of disease control activities. Implementation of the changes was delayed by the Commission to ensure cattle producers understand the requirements and can prepare for the changes.

nently cancels the brucellosis test requirement for adult cattle at change of ownership, which was unofficially suspended in the summer of 2011. Although testing of adult cattle is no longer required with the rule change, all sexually intact cattle, parturient or post parturient, or TAHC field staff and USDA 18 months of age and older APHIS Veterinary Services changing ownership must still representatives. The TAHC be officially identified with is developing tag distribution Commission approved per- partnerships with interested manent identification. This veterinary practitioners and change primarily affects beef Texas A&M AgriLife Extencattle, as dairy cattle in Texas have had an even more stringent identification requirement in place since 2008.

Before August of 2011, official identification devices such as eartags were applied automatically at the time a brucellosis test was performed. The inadvertent loss of the identification devices applied to cattle when brucellosis testing stopped has threatened TAHC's ability to effectively trace cattle as part of any ongoing disease investigation.

The TAHC routinely performs cattle health investigations where the identification and location of exposed/ infected animals is critical to success. For example, 30 Brucellosis reactors, over

300 Bovine Trichomoniasis affected bulls and 22 bovine tuberculosis cases have been investigated by the TAHC to date in 2012. The new traceability rule will help preserve the TAHC's ability to identify and trace animal movements quickly and effectively, no matter which disease is involved.

A complete list of acceptable identification devices/ methods may be found at www.tahc.state.tx.us, but the most commonly used devices include USDA metal tags, brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags, US origin 840 series Radio Frequency Identification tags (RFID), and breed registration tattoos or firebrands. Producers are encouraged to contact their veterinarian or TAHC to determine which The amended rule perma- method of tagging will be best

for their operation. Free USDA metal tags, and a limited number of free applicator pliers (dependent on available funding) will be provided by the TAHC to producers wishing to use them. The tags and/or pliers may be obtained by contacting local sion offices. Partner contact information will be published as it becomes available. Producers may locate the closest tag distributor online at www. tahc.state.tx.us . The Motley County Extension Office has free tags and taggers available for producers to check out.

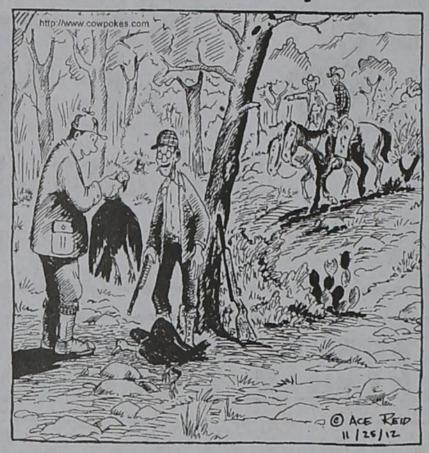
#### Frequently asked questions

Q: What age/class of beef cattle must have acceptable permanent identification?

A: Sexually intact adult beef cattle 18 months and up, and Mexican origin event cattle. Nursing calves, steers, spayed heifers, bulls and heifers under 18 months are exempt (unless heifer has calved).

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Q: Where can I find the complete listing of all Commission approved permanent identification devices?

A: Producers may access the complete list at www.tahc. state.tx.us or by contacting any TAHC office or personnel.

Q: Do I have to use the free eartags offered, or can I use other acceptable methods of identification?

A: No, the free metal tags are not required to be used. but they are one low cost op-

Q: Will ear tag pliers be provided at no cost or will I have to purchase them?

A: A limited supply of eartag pliers is available at no cost. Because of the limited supply, producers are also encouraged to consider purchasing tagging pliers from any Ag supply outlets.

Q: Is this rule a federal rule? A: No, this is a Texas rule, but it will put the beef industry in compliance with the anticipated USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule for interstate movement expected to be released later this year.

Q: When does this Texas ed at a sale. rule go into effect?

A: To ensure that the cattle

industry has ample time to understand the changes and prepare, implementation of this rule will not take effect until January 1, 2013.

Q: If my animal already has a silver test tag or orange vaccination tag in its ear, will it need to have a new tag applied if sold at a livestock market?

A: No. Animals presented with approved official Id's at a market will not have to be retagged. Q: Can I move my cattle

directly to slaughter from my farm or ranch without an ID? A: Yes, ranchers can move

an animal directly to slaughter from their premise without an ID. Breeding cattle otherwise changing ownership by private treaty (country sales) must have acceptable identification.

Q: What happens if my cattle are too weak to be safely tagged at market?

A: The TAHC has proposed an amendment allowing the waiver of the rule by a TAHC inspector in consultation with market ownership or management for weak cattle present-

Q: Do I need to keep records when I sell my animal(s)?

A: Record keeping is not required when animals are sold, but is strongly encouraged.

Q: Who is responsible for maintaining the information related to eartag distribution?

A: All official identification numbers assigned will be maintained in a TAHC-managed database. The TAHC will not track individual change of ownership transactions.

For additional ear tag information, including the nearest distributor of free USDA tags, contact the TAHC Traceability Team at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 733, or visit www.tahc.state. tx.us .

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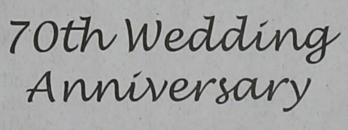
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