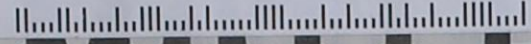


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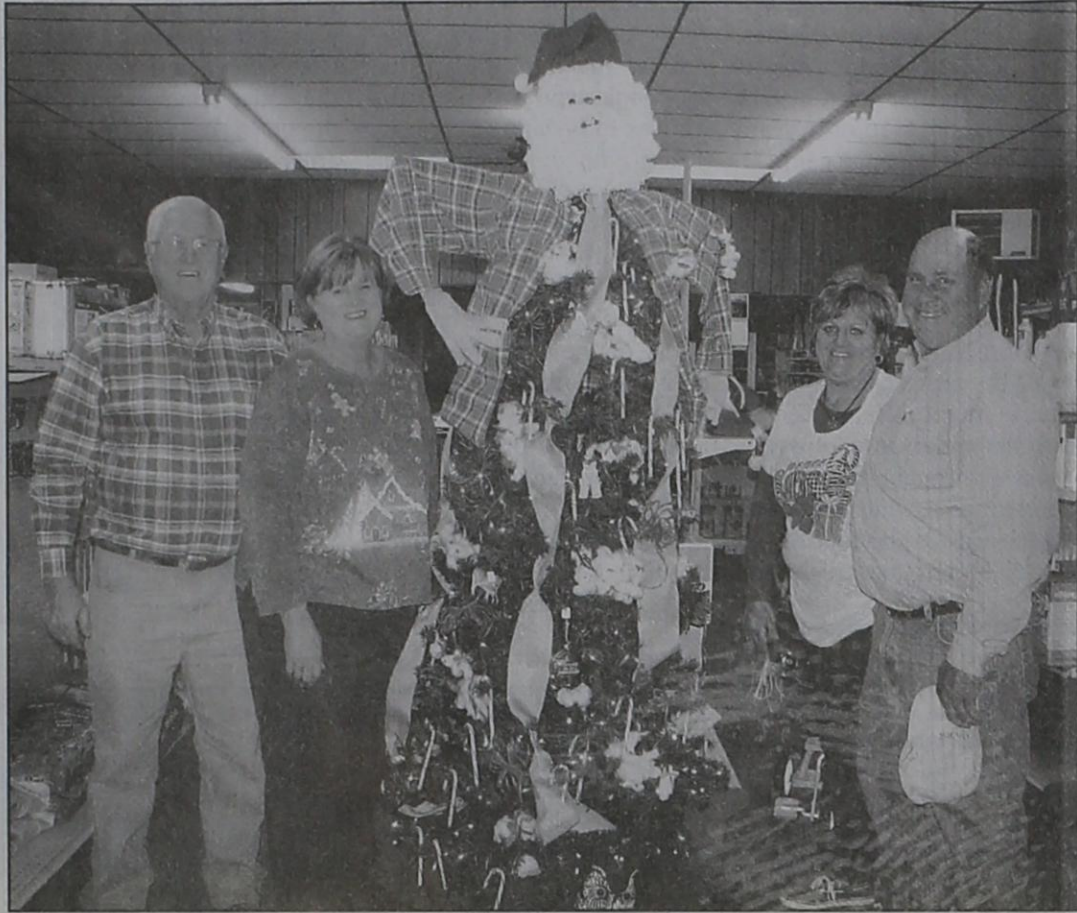


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Pictured (L to R) are owners of Matador's newest business: Kenneth and Donell Davis and Tanya and Warren Multer. Motley County Farm and Ranch Supply, opened their doors for business, with Wassail, peanut brittle, and fruit cake treats. A Christmas tree was decorated with cotton balls and a Farmer Santa who greeted guests at the door. This creative tree was the handy work of Tanya Multer and Donell Davis. photo by Carol Campbell

Commissioner's Court hears report on TXDOT projects

Larry Vogt
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2012 in the meeting room of the Motley County Courthouse. All commissioners were present: Guy Campbell, Franklin Jameson, David Stafford, and Donnie Turner. Motley County Judge Jim Meador presided at the meeting and Kate Hurt, Motley County Clerk, and Tom Edwards, County Attorney, were also present. Guests at the meeting included Shawn Elliot from

the Texas Department of Transportation, Steve Barton, City Superintendent from the City of Matador, Marisue Potts, of the Motley County Historical Committee, Steve Edwards, missionary to Costa Rica, and son of Tom Edwards, and Larry Vogt from the Motley County Tribune.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am and Guy Campbell gave the invocation. The minutes from the November meeting were read by Kate Hurt and approved as read. The minutes for the November 16 meeting to canvas the vote were also read and ap-

proved. Shawn Elliot gave a brief report on the projects around the county and mentioned that there were delays because of archeological findings at one or two sites of construction.

Steve Barton was present to see if the City of Matador could work with the County to procure materials for some repair projects. There was no vote necessary but the commissioners decided to wait until the next allotment from TXDOT came through to work out the details on the materials procurement.

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Late Night Shopping is a family affair

By Carol Campbell
Motley County Tribune

Downtown Matador was bustling with activity on Thursday, December 6, for the first night of a 3-day "shop local spree," kicking off the holiday season with a bang – Matador style.

The weather cooperated with a cool but clear evening, while vendors set up shop on the sidewalks on west Main Street. A happy crowd browsed booths of arts and crafts, baked goods, candles, crosses, bird houses and barbed-wire art. Matador Variety featured "everything Christmas" with one-of-a-kind items in Matador's old fashioned locally-owned store. The Motley County Museum had hand-painted cards for sale of local attractions, including Bob's Oil Well, the old jail, Tee Pee City, and more. Twelve cards for only \$10.00 made great practical stocking stuffers.

An open-door entrance to Hotel Matador lobby area showcased three Christmas trees, poinsettia wreaths, and art by D'anna Russell, Matador Hunting Lodge specials, and Wearable Art by Laverne Zabielski. Deli-cious Grill and Main Street Café were crowded with hungry shoppers. At the Hwy. 70s crossroad, Billie Deans Restaurant, Allsup's, and Chillerz stayed open late with specials for shoppers.

Calico Treasures featured special art and antique treasures of all kinds. And right around the corner

on US Highway 70, Matador's new business, Motley County Farm and Ranch Supply, opened their doors for business, with Wassail, peanut brittle, and fruit cake treats. A Christmas tree was decorated with cotton balls and a Farmer Santa who greeted guests at the door. This creative tree was the handy work of Tanya Multer and Donell Davis. The Grinch Who Stole Christmas peered through the front window of the store, surrounded by Donell's beautiful ribbon wreaths. Fredericksburg candles added glow and Christmas scents to the scene.

Across the street on US Hwy. 70, Devin Ballard's wild game processing plant was open, selling his famous deer meat sausage and denison jerky. The Glittered Pig was open late to the delight of customers, showing off their newest type of merchandise.

The Jolly Old Elf made a personal appearance via the Matador Fire Department, announcing his arrival on Main Street with sirens blazing. He "ho-ho-ed" with a gaggle of kids all the way to the Library where elves set up shop for Santa to hear special requests. A Children's Store for the little ones with inexpensive gifts for mom and dad was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The annual fundraiser for the library was held in the annex with books galore for sale at a very reasonable price.

The Library featured lo-

cal photographer Louis Fair's collection of Matador street scenes, wildlife, and larger-than-life insects on flowers. A humorous photograph shows the photographer lying on the ground next to the Giant Arrow in Pioneer Park – seemingly pierced through the heart!

Businesses were booming as the "Red Dirt Rebels" played country Western music favorites perched on a flat-bed truck in front of the old American Legion building. Matador has always had talent, and this Motley County High School group blasted their way into the hearts of the crowd. Highlighting this talented group was Parker Meredith on bass guitar, Conner Mason on acoustic guitar and vocals, Jonah Meredith on rhythm guitar; and James Jameson on drums. Dillon McClesley helped out the band with the PA system.

For those of you that need new Christmas scents for their Scentsy room deodorizers can call Tammy at 806-319-0323. Becky Jones, Spur, TX, set up a booth in front of New to You, selling vintage aprons for boys, girls, and adults. After raising eight kids, and working fulltime, Becky said her new hobby had provided her hours of fun and relaxation. New to You had a brisk business, selling items for Christmas, some old and some new. Slightly used clothing is the name of the game for this popular shop.

Christmas Matador-style is an event that is sponsored in part by the local Chamber of Commerce. Making memories with this family-oriented event will be treasured by young and old alike for many years to come.



Santa arrived in downtown Matador on a fire truck with siren's blaring, courtesy of the Matador Fire Department, to set up shop in the Motley County Library. Children of all ages lined up to speak to Santa and get a candy cane on Thursday, December 6. He made a repeat appearance in Matador on Saturday, December 8. Sheriff Chris Spence reported that Santa was checking his "naughty and nice list" and that most of the kids in Motley County made the "nice list."



Pictured with Santa is Emma Maynard, 2, daughter of Chance and Kayla Maynard, and granddaughter of Larry and Annette Hollingsworth, Roaring Springs.

photo by Carol Campbell

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By Larry Vogt

The Late Night Shopping extravaganza this last weekend certainly did remind me of the Saturday nights in my hometown during my childhood there. The number of cars parked on Main Street and the folks visiting and listening to the band, the almost crowded sidewalks, the vendors along the way, all were reminiscent of a bygone era. The lights mounted on the buildings were a definite indication that a festival was in progress.

Although the towns across the USA that are in the 1000 and under population range seem to be very quiet, there are times when everyone in the town gets together to put

on an event such as we had for the Matador Centennial or this shopping event that makes us sit up and take notice, something that says, "We are here, and we are doing it!"

The Motley County Library was decked out and there were folks coming through to look at the book sale and there was no shortage of young folks who wanted a chance to visit with Santa. The stores all seemed to have extra inventory and there were holiday treats galore.

We have a lot of history here in Motley County and plenty of spirit, too. The number of high school sports fans who come to the games no matter where they are played says a lot about the spirit here. The Chamber of Commerce has dedicated individuals and businesses that put a lot of energy into the Late Night event and they are to be commended for their enthusiasm and energy. It was heartening to see folks turn out to be part of this event and help to make it a success. I'll say it again: "We are here, and we are doing it!"

WRITING COMMUNITY

Part 1: The Pre-Settlement Prairie
An "Ocean of Grass"

When the first European explorers crossed the middle of the North American continent they were met with an awesome expanse of grassland. They didn't even have a word for it - the French, in a characteristically dismissive vein, described it as a meadow. The English were apparently more awed; they adopted the romance of the French language, if not its literal meaning, and called it a "prairie." Later, one of the early settlers wrote, in 1841, that "for miles the prairie gently sloped, hardly presenting a bush to relieve the eye. In the distance, the green skirting of woods, which fringed either border of a large stream, softened down the view. Occasionally a deer would jump suddenly from his noonday rest, and scamper off..."

Before the arrival of the Europeans, this sea of grass is estimated to have contained approximately one person

per 5000 acres. The native peoples lived off the land, as hunters of vast herds of bison and the pronghorn antelope, deer and elk that roamed the prairies. They used hides for their clothing and shelter, and supplemented their diets with native plants; some built homes using the abundant prairie grasses.

Their relationship to the land was a spiritual one; they said that the trees spoke to them, and that the animals were their brothers and sisters. The sky was their father, and the earth was their mother. It was a relationship that lasted perhaps 10,000 years before the white man came.

Before 1850, the great mid-continental grasslands stretched from southern Wisconsin to western Montana, from central Texas to Canada. In wet periods the tall grasses of the eastern edge of the prairie might advance deeper into the midgrass territory. In years of drought the hardier short grasses, which extended all the way to the foot of the Rocky Mountains, might ex-

pand their range to the east.

These grasslands had existed, in one form or another, for millions of years, as a result of the innumerable interactions of sea and wind and earth which formed the world as we know it today. Fossil evidence indicates that most plants of the modern prairie were present during the Pleistocene time, about a million years ago. At the time the United States was being settled, however, few of the settlers had any botanical training, and most descriptions from journals of the time are written by people who described the grasses in layman's language. Those who did know plants were not very much better off - these New World species were for the most part unfamiliar to them. Whatever we know today about the composition of these prairies must be inferred from the few relicts which have survived the grazing, agricultural and urban uses of the past hundred and fifty years.

Because of the geographic position of Texas, and its complex biotic history, it contains

a great diversity of both plant and animal species. The state is located at the crossroads of the eastern deciduous forest, the coastal plain, the grasslands, and the Sonoran desert and Tamaulipan biogeographic provinces. Over 5000 vascular plant species occur within Texas, and over 500 species of grasses. More species of animals occur in Texas than any other of the continental states.

The natural landscape of Texas is, in fact, rarely the unbroken stretch of grassland which characterized much of the native tallgrass prairies to the north. Because of the heterogeneity of soil and climate conditions and the presence of many river systems, the Texas grasslands, except some portions of the High Plains, have always been part of a mosaic which includes riparian areas, bottomland woods, and intermittent streams, making them unique in all the prairie regions of the country.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors:

I recently read the book review (*Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, November 25, 2012) of the book "On Saudi Arabia," written by Karen Elliott House, formerly of Matador.

Reading the book review reminded me that Matador-Motley County High School has produced a Pulitzer Prize winner. Karen Elliott House was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1984 for international reporting for her coverage of the Middle East while a reporter with the *Wall Street Journal*. The prize was awarded for a series of interviews with King Hussein of Jordan.

Karen grew up in Matador, the daughter of the late Ted and Bailey Elliott. Her siblings are Lynda Elliott Fogerson and Larry Elliott, both of which have had successful careers of their own.

Karen graduated from Matador High in 1966. While in school, she honed her journalism skills while working

for the *Matador Tribune*. She attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she was editor of the university's newspaper, *The Daily Texan*. She received a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University in 1970.

After graduation, Karen worked for the *Dallas Morning News* as a reporter. She then went to work for the *Wall Street Journal* where she rose through the ranks to be publisher.

Karen's resume looks like a Who's Who for the American Dream. For example, she has interviewed U.S. Presidents, Kings and Dictators. I wonder how many other West Texas high schools have produced a Pulitzer Prize winner? Probably not many, if any. My purpose in writing this letter is as the late Doug Meador would say, "to recognize a native daughter of Motley County for her achievements."

Ron Bailey
Matador, TX



Pictured with Santa is Cale Drum, 3, who told Santa he wanted a "pirate ship" for Christmas. Cale is the son of Lewis and Lauren Drum, Roaring Springs.

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Silent Night! Holy Night!

Presented by the adult choir of
First Baptist Church, Matador
11 am, Sunday, December 16

Also... **Journey to Bethlehem**
Children's Christmas program, 7 pm

Roaring Springs Lions News

The Roaring Springs Lions met last Thursday for the December meeting. Boss Lion Lynn Campbell opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Twelve members and two guests were present. Guests were: Loyal Cornelius from the Fort Worth area. He is here to fill in for Sheriff Chris Spence while he is away in Austin for training next week; and Suzanne Abbott was a guest of Ken Abbott.

Lion Mike Crowley, minister of the Church of Christ, was the speaker. He had researched the star of Bethlehem and gave a very factual account of the phenomenal star the magi followed to present gifts to the new King of the Jews, Jesus, as recorded in the Bible in the book of Matthew. There are several theories about the star from scientific astrological data. None of the stary events (comets) match the dates for the Star of Bethlehem that appeared at the birth of Christ.

Corky Marshall distributed the annual 2013 Red Dot calendars provided by the Lions Club. Members enjoyed a pot roast dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Lion Chris Spence.

Matadors finish 2012 in State Quarterfinals

By Jennifer Lawler
Motley County Tribune

The Motley County Matadors finished their last game of the State Playoffs with a loss to the Follett Panthers in the Quarterfinals.

"We had another amazing year," said Head Coach Mike Bigham, "making another deep run in the State Playoffs is our goal every year and we did just that. We ran into a very tough Follett team who showed up hungry and healthy and they beat us. Even though the loss of this game hurts, it doesn't change what this year's team accomplished."

The Coach added, "We finished the 2012 season with a record of 10-3 with two of these losses coming from teams representing Division I & II in the State Championship Games next week. We played a solid non-district schedule this year, which prepared us for the tough games in which we won. I am very proud of my boys for all the efforts during the countless number of hours we put into making this year a success. I have had the opportunity to coach this fine group of seniors for their entire career of seven years and it has been so amazing watching them grow and develop not only as athletes but also into young men. Over the past seven years I have had a few assistant coaches come and go for different reasons but one in particular stayed with me and helped me run one of the best programs in the State of Texas. I would like to thank Coach Jim Cooper for sticking with me and helping develop these young Mavericks into

Matadors. It is every coach's dream to stay long enough to coach and develop teams for their full circuit of seven years." The coach also stated he hopes the next 20 are as amazing as these have been.

"The coaching staff would like to thank everyone who helped make Motley County ISD a special place. We have the best support and fan base in the entire State of Texas," said Coach Bigham.

All District- Honors

First team - Offense

New comer of the year- Bryant Taylor
Offensive MVP- Austin Taylor
Tight Ends- Britt Simpson
Center- Jeffery Reyes
Quarterback- Conner Mason
Full Back- Juan Flores
Kicker- Juan Flores

First team- Defense

Defensive MVP- Juan Flores
Defensive Line- Britt Simpson
Line Backers- Jamie Jameson
Cornerbacks- Austin Taylor, Conner Mason

Second Team- Offense

Tight ends- Seth Baxter
Wide Receiver- Korbyn Simpson
Quarterback- Braden Bigham
Running Back- Jamie Jameson

FFA Members attend District Banquet



The Motley County FFA Chapter was well represented at the Greenbelt District Banquet which was held at the Main Event in Childress on December 3, 2012. There were approximately 175 members and guests in attendance which made for one of the larger

District Banquets in recent memory.

The duo of Conner Mason and Parker Meredith participated in the Talent Contest and placed third out of six teams. Conner plays the guitar and sings and Parker plays the banjo. They were very entertain-

ing and even though Conner admitted "I was very nervous" it did not show at all.

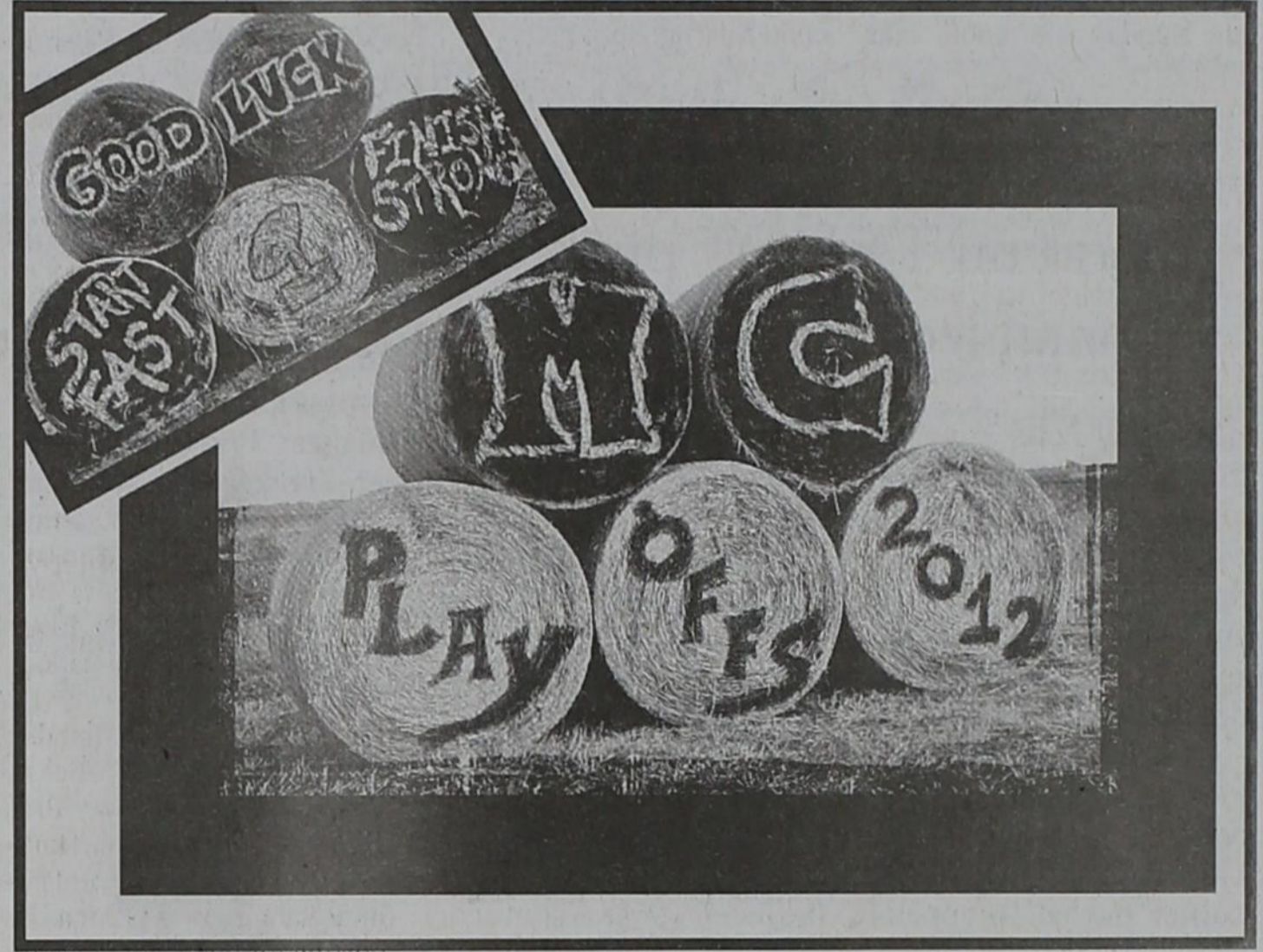
Chapter Advisor Jim Cooper added "I was very proud of the way these young men represented their chapter, they did a fantastic job and I thought

they easily outclassed their competition.

"I remember seeing a video clip of Willie Nelson when he was an FFA member competing in a talent show. I think he placed third also, so these guys have some pretty good company!"

Thank You

Here's to Bill and his son Gunnar Luckett for the time and effort that you took to provide and haul hay to different routes out of Matador during the 2012 Football Playoff season. We as fans and supporters strive for different ways to cheer on and encourage the athletes of our school from year to year, and with your help, we had another successful year of surprises! Thanks from all of the fans, supporters, and from the Motley County Matadors! We appreciate your time and effort tremendously!



"Dinosaur" Plants Thriving



By Kathy Gillespie

The fourth grade class has been studying climatology and its effects on plants and animals. During this time, the class learned that some bacteria and some plants can survive extreme conditions. They learned that bacteria have survived in the Arctic. They also learned that some plants, like the "Dinosaur"

plant can survive drought and very hot temperatures.

This plant survives by dehydrating into a small ball. When water is added, it opens to become larger and green. The students have revisited terms such as absorption, dehydration, and vascular plant terminology as well. In fact, over the Thanksgiving holiday the plant dried up but was revitalized when the

students returned.

A special thank you is extended to the Upper Pease Soil and Water Conservation District. This activity was part of the science supplies provided by them to the elementary science classes. The donation by the Upper Pease SWCD enhances student understanding by hands-on experience.

Mystical Trees Abound



By Kathy Gillespie

The second grade class has five mystical trees growing in their classroom. The activity is providing the students with the opportunity to watch crystals grow. The study of crystals is part of their earth science unit. They have enjoyed finding that crystals

come in different shapes and colors.

The students have learned that crystals, minerals, and rocks are interdependent. They have studied the rock cycle as well. The mystical trees were part of the science supplies donated to the elementary science labs by the Upper Pease Soil and Water

Conservation District.

The activity is further enhanced by the fact that these particular crystal trees can dehydrate and then be revitalized with water thus providing an extension to the learning. The second grade greatly appreciates the donation made by the Upper Pease SWCD.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

On a personal note

This morning we looked out to see the first snow of the season. Last week my geraniums were the prettiest they had been all year. After the heat of summer and fall they had really thrived in the cooler temperatures. Now they are a sodden mess. The pretty flowers will be missed but winter is necessary in the scheme of things.

Are you tired of getting all of these telephone calls only to answer and no one is there? They always seem to ring at the most inconvenient times. Sunday afternoons are my nap time. Hey, aren't we to have a day of rest? Wouldn't it be nice if the telemarketers were prohibited from making Sunday afternoon calls

as well as calls at mealtimes? Really, I just wish they would go away!

Community News

The Roaring Springs Lions sold raffle tickets on the beautiful diamond necklace at the late night shopping in Matador on both Thursday and Saturday nights. The drawing for the necklace will be on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at the 3 o'clock Coffee at the Roaring Springs City Hall. Anyone that would like to come for the drawing is welcome. Tickets will be on sale until the drawing.

There are many on the sick list in Roaring Springs. Between the stomach bug virus and the upper respiratory viruses there is not much going on in Roaring Springs.

Commissioner's Court hears report on TXDOT projects continued from page one

Marisue Potts reported that the Historical Committee was up and running with new faces and new enthusiasm and that the giant arrow project had now spread to many new counties in the region.

The commissioners took up the matter of appointing a person to the Titus Foundation. Donnie Turner moved to appoint David Stafford, Guy Campbell seconded and the appointment was a unanimous choice.

The commissioners also approved the bonds for the elected and appointed officials and also approved

the date for the swearing in ceremony for January 1, 2013 at 10:00 am.

Kate Hurt notified the commissioners that the Texas Department of Justice approved the use of paper ballots for elections.

After a break the commissioners reconvened to approve and pay the outstanding bills after which the meeting was adjourned.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overhead

The pen may not be as mighty as they keyboard these days, but some states preserve penmanship despite tech gains.

Community News

Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay attended the basketball tournament in Claude Friday. Their granddaughter, Sara Clay of Panhandle played in the games.

Jerry and Sandra Barclay attended the football games in Snyder Friday where Valley vs. Throckmorton played.

Several residents reported on sick list in Flomot community.

Visiting Glen Calvert Saturday and Sunday and celebrating his birthday were Chris Calvert and Dustin Reed of Lubbock.

Ricky, Kason and Kendal Hughes of Floydada visited his mother, Mrs. Janice Hughes Friday. Visiting her Sunday was son and children, Roger, Roegan and Brody Hughes of Floydada.

Wilburn Martin was in Amarillo, Monday for a

dermatologist medical appointment.

Weekend visitors of Connie and Coy Franks were grandchildren, Hudson, Madison and Heston Franks of Idalou. They accompanied them home Sunday and visited their parents, Cory and Amy Franks.

Bessie and Clifton Reid of Amarillo visited Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Nada Starkey.

Kacee McGraw of Turkey visited Sunday with her grandparents, Ruth and Orville Lee.

Bud and Penny Taylor of Floydada visited Sunday with her sister and husband, Shondi and Roger Lee.

Brooke Sehon of Wolforth visited from Thursday until Sunday with grandparents Kathy and Clois Shorter. Her brother, Brian Sehon, raced his go-cart this weekend in Graham, TX. His mother, Mrs. Keri Sehon and grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Sehon of Wolforth en route home from Graham, visited Sunday and accompanied Brooke home.

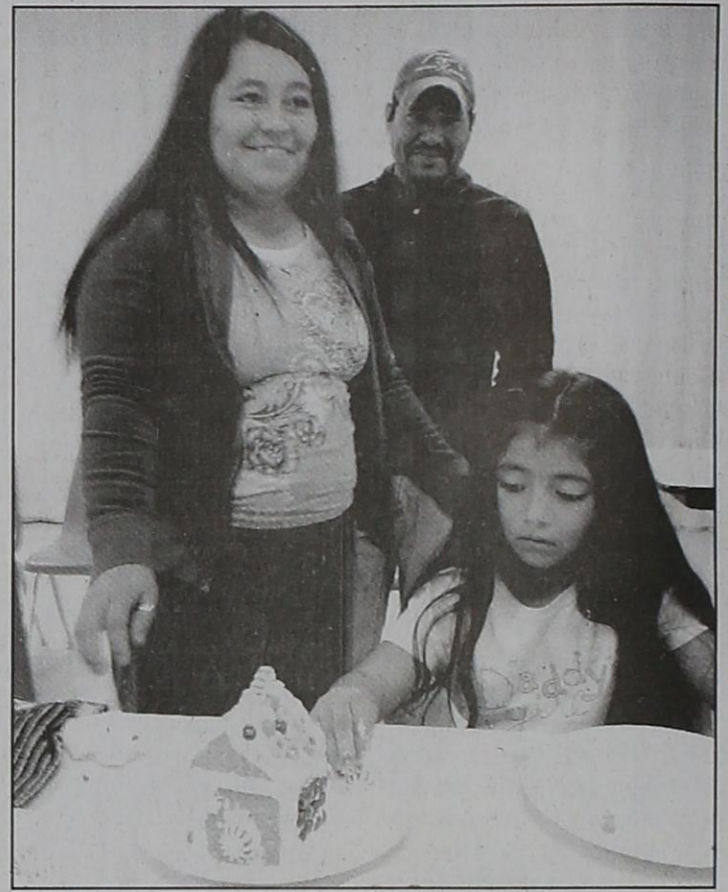
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On the road again - Arlyce Manney went to Pflugerville, Tx to help celebrate the 13th birthday of the Manney's granddaughter, Tegan Shannon. The birthday cake was out of this world, Arlyce reported.

Mrs. Evelyn Smallwood is a patient at Grace Hos-

pital in Lubbock where she was conveyed by ambulance last Tuesday with double pneumonia.

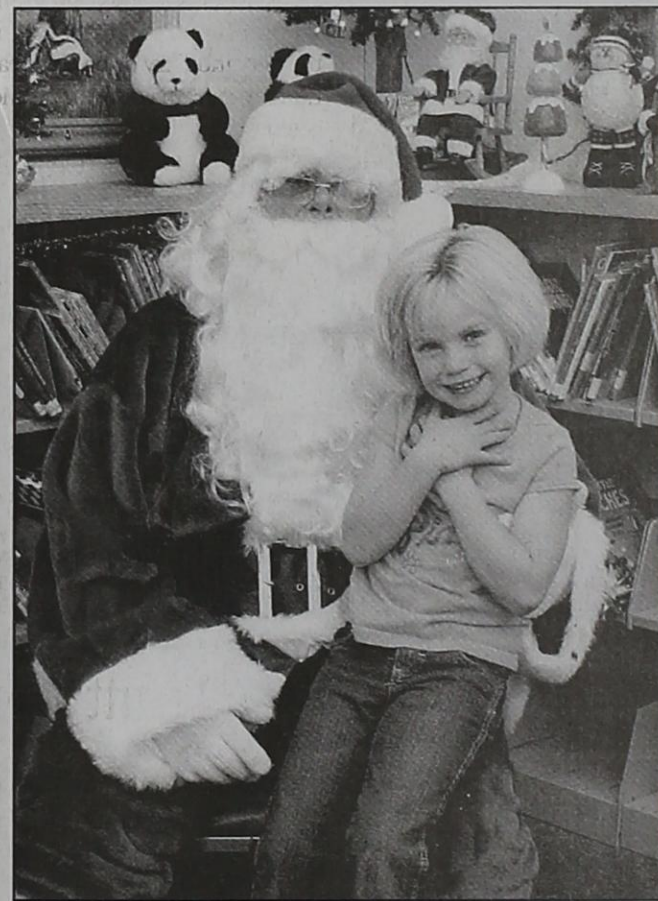
Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt were guests in the home of Carol and Lucretia Campbell on Sunday evening, December 9, 2012.



Marily Mandujano, a first grader in Tanya Multer's class, makes a gingerbread house as her parents, Laura and Octavio Mandujan occasionally assist.



Jolie Braly and Ryder Russell met Santa at the firetruck for a big hug before he headed to the library to greet children and hear Christmas want-lists. Jolie is the daughter of Amy Braly and Ryder is the son of Shane'a Russell.



Scout Braly, daughter of Amy Braly, is pictured with Santa Claus at the Library during Late Night Shopping. photo by Carol Campbell



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Christmas Day Dinner will be held at the Roaring Springs Community Center on Christmas Day at noon.

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Weather Trivia When is the Pacific typhoon season?	Weather History Dec. 13, 1962 - A severe Florida freeze occurred. Morning lows reached 35 degrees at Miami, 18 degrees at Tampa and 12 degrees at Jacksonville. It was the coldest December weather of the 20th century and caused millions of dollars in damage to crops and foliage.	Moon Phases New 12/13 First 12/20 Full 12/28 Last 1/4
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December

- 13 Matador City Council
- 13 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floydada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
- 14 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
- 18 Matador Lions
- 18 High School GT Field Trip (Tech Law School)
Lady Mats @ Paducah @ 6:30 p.m.
Matadors @ Paducah @ 8:00 p.m.
- 20 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 21 Early Out @ 12:20 p.m.
Lady Mats vs. Aspermont @ 6:30 p.m.
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- 21 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
- 25 Christmas Day Dinner, Roaring Springs Community Center on Christmas Day at noon.

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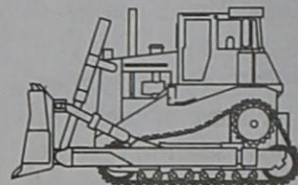
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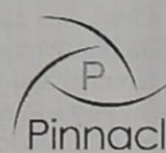
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