



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

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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 through the front window of arts and crafts, baked goods, candles, crosses, bird houses and barbedwire art. Matador Variety featured "everything Christmas" with one-of-akind 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 type of merchandise. stuffers.

Hotel Matador lobby area the Matador Fire Depart- at 806-319-0323. Becky showcased three Christmas ment, announcing his ar- Jones, Spur, TX, set up a trees, poinsettia wreaths, rival on Main Street with booth in front of New to and art by D'anna Russell, sirens blazing. He "ho-ho- You, selling vintage aprons Matador Hunting Lodge ho-ed" with a gaggle of kids for boys, girls, and adults. specials, and Wearable all the way to the Library After raising eight kids, and Art by Laverne Zabielski. Deli-licious Grill and Main Street Café were crowded with hungry shoppers. At the Hwy. 70s crossroad, Billie Deans Restaurant, Allsups, and Chillerz stayed open late with specials for shoppers.

dor's new business, Motley County Farm and Ranch street scenes, wildlife, and 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 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 to the delight of customers, showing off their newest

The Jolly Old Elf made An open-door entrance to a personal appearance via where elves set up shop for working fulltime, Becky 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.

on US Highway 70, Mata- cal photographer Louis Fair's collection of Matador 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 Glittered Pig was open late McClesky 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 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.

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

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

The Library featured lo-





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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# Connections

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



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.

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.

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 Their relationship to the 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 Before 1850, the great 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 Avalance-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

She attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she was editor of the university's newspaper, The Daily Texan.

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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.

photo by Carol Campbell

# Silent Night! Holy Night!

# 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: Loval 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 starry 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.

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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 .....

# **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 l &ll 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

# 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

# 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!

District Banquets in recent memory.

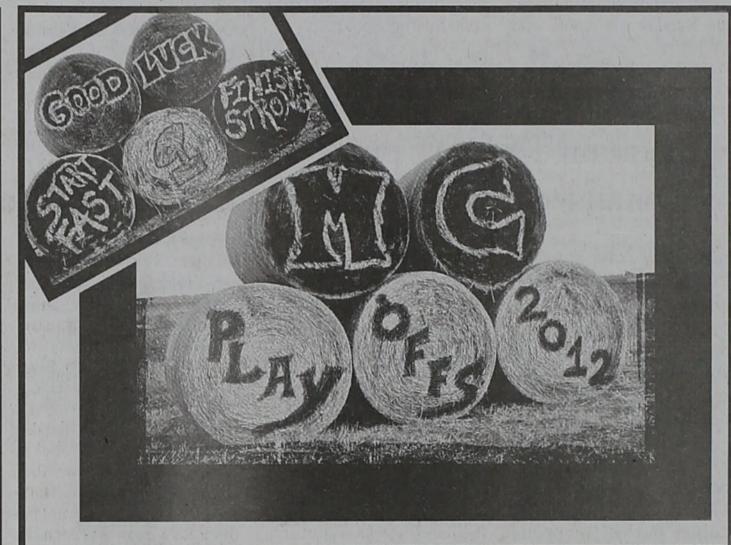
The duo of Conner Mason and Parker Meredith participated in the Talent Contest and placed third out of six teams. Conner plays the guitar and sings and Parker plays the banjo. They were very entertain-

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

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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.

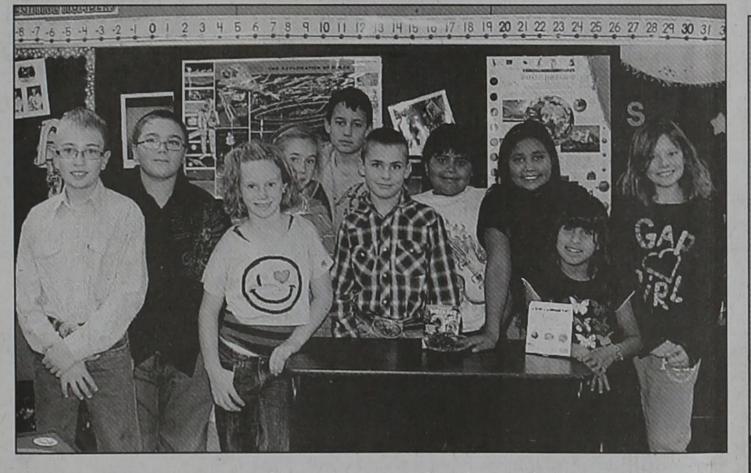
"I remember seeing a video clip of Willie Nelson Chapter Advisor Jim when he was an FFA member competing in a talent show. I think he placed third also, so these guys have some pretty good company!"



### Second Team- Offense

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

# "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 students returned. 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

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 enjoved 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.

# School News Sponsored By

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

# **Roaring Springs News** By Monta Marshall

Commissioner's Court hears

report on TXDOT projects

### 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

Marisue Potts reported

that the Historical Com-

mittee was up and running

with new faces and new en-

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ant arrow project had now

spread to many new coun-

took up the matter of ap-

pointing a person to the Titus Foundation. Donnie

Turner moved to appoint

David Stafford, Guy Campbell seconded and the appointment was a unani-

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

The commissioners

ties in the region.

mous choice.

### 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.

# Flomot News

# By Earlyne Jameson

dermatologist medical appointment.

Weekend visitors of mighty as they keyboard Connie and Coy Franks these days, but some states were grandchildren, Hudson, Madison and Heston Franks of Idalou. They accompanied them home Sunday and visited their parents, Cory and Amy Anna Beth and Joe Ike 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

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

Brooke Sehon of Wolfforth 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 Wolfforth en route home from Graham, visited Sunday and accompanied Brooke home.

# **Matador** News

the Manney's granddaugh-

birthday cake was out of

this world, Arlyce reported.

is a patient at Grace Hos-

On the road again - Ar- pital in Lubbock where lyce Manney went to she was conveyed by am-Pflugerville, Tx to help cel- bulance last Tuesday with ebrate the 13th birthday of double pneumonia.

Laverne Zabielski and ter, Tegan Shannon. The Larry Vogt were guests in the home of Carol and Lucretia Campbell on Sun-Mrs. Evelyn Smallwood day evening, December 9, 2012.

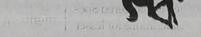


Marily Mandujano, a first grader in Tanya Multer's class, makes a gingerbread house as her parents, Laura and Octavio Mandujan occassionaly assist.

# continued from page one 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.









Great

Christmas

Ideas

Wreaths

and

baskets

with us

Come shop .

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clay attended the football games in Snyder Friday Orville Lee. where Valley vs. Throckmorton played. Several residents report-

ed on sick list in Flomot community.

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**Community News** 

Clay attended the basket-

ball tournament in Claude

Friday. Their granddaugh-

ter, Sara Clay of Panhandle

Jerry and Sandra Bar-

played in the games.

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

**Open House** and **5th Anniversary** Celebration Publishing **MOTLEY COUNTY** TRIBUNE December 15 6-8 pm at our new home 1207 Eubank St. Matador Stop by and register for a night at the Hotel Matador

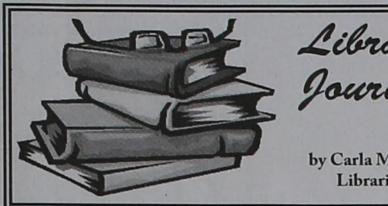


Jolie Braly and Ryder Russell met Santa at the firetruck for a big hug before he headed to the library to greet children and hear Christmas want-lists. Jolie is the daughter of Amy Braly and Ryder is the son of Shane'a Russell.

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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Library Journal by Carla Meador Librarian



Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa came to town! The jolly gentleman visited with children at the Library on Thursday and Saturday nights last week. In fact, there were over 100 visitors to the library on Thursday alone! Thank you to evervone who stopped by!

Our Book Sale continues. We still have some great selections, so hurry before they're all gone. Hardback

just can't beat a bargain like that!

Don't forget to stop by and get your 2012 Texas Capitol Ornament. They are really pretty this year and you won't want to miss out on adding it to your collection. If you don't have a collection, it's a good time to start one!

Tickets are still available for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HD with a case. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00. The drawing will be held Friday, December 14. This event is a fundraiser for the Library and we appreciate your support.

New books on our shelves this week include Cross Roads by Wm. Paul Young, Nano by Robin Cook, and Threat Vector by Tom Clan-CY.

New to our Juvenile section we have The Golem's Eve from the Bartimaeus series by Jonathan Stoud, and Speechless by Hannah Harrington.

We have Christmas Garland by Anne Perry, a new audio book.

We also have some new DVDs including A Christmas Story 2, Buck, The Fighter, Safe, Contraband, The Dust



# AgriLife Extension to offer nine-month beef/wildlife

series in Amarillo AMARILLO - Integrating beef cattle operations and wildlife will be the focus of "BEEF 2015: Rangeland Resource Management," to be hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County.

"This series of monthly meetings will be a benefit to anyone who raises beef cattle or has an interest in running livestock with an emphasis in wildlife," said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County. "If you own property and want to understand how to improve it for livestock and/or wildlife, this is a great educational opportunity."

Each month's meeting will be from 6-9 p.m., with a meal beginning at 5:30 p.m., Boughen said. The first meeting is Jan. 10 and the final is Sept. 5. All activities will be at the AgriLife Extension office at 3301 E. 10th Ave. in Amarillo.

Every participant will receive "Grazing Land Stewardship, A Manual for Texas Landowners" and be eligible for seven Beef Quality Assurance credits and six pesticide applicator continuing education units, he said.

Preregistration is required. The fee is \$180 per participant and it is due by Jan. 4. Registration forms can be found http://potter.agrilife.org/ at forms/. The registration form and fee, made payable to Potter Agriculture Committee, should be sent to Potter Agriculture Committee, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79104. Speakers for this program are professionals involved in the beef industry or beef educational programs and rangeland ecology, Boughen said. Program dates and topics include: - Jan. 10 - Rangeland Function. Derek Scasta, AgriLife Extension agent in Navarro County, will discuss water, wildlife and livestock; practical tools for understanding soils, plants and productivity; understanding the role of fire, grazing and climate;

merging production with conservation to make money; and what is needed to produce these products.

- Feb. 21 – The Beef Herd. Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef specialist in Amarillo, will discuss recovery from the drought and rebuilding the beef herd.

- March 7 - Livestock/Wildlife Interaction. McCollum and Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Amarillo, will cover spatial and dietary concerns.

- April 25 - Landscape Management. Cearley and Mc-Collum will discuss grazing management and why it is important.

- May 23 - Brush and Broadleaf Management. McCollum and Cearley will tackle the different facets and approaches of management.

- June 20 - Practical Application of Management Tools. Dr. Jim Ansley, Texas A&M AgriLife Research range ecologist in Vernon, will talk about brush management options and how they are like old Clint Eastwood movies: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly; A Fistfull of Dollars; For a Few Dollars More; Magnum Force and Sudden Impact; High Plains Drifter and The Beguiled; Any Which Way You Can and Unforgiven.

- July 11 - Coping with Hogs and Predators. Cearley will outline population status, damage/ signs, biology, current management tools and promising new developments.



"I shore wish one of you fellers would loan me a pocket knife to cut loose from this ole steer before one of us gits hurt!"

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# Arts and Crafts Club **Celebrate Christmas**

The Christmas Season began for the members of the Arts and Crafts Club with a Christmas party in Ray Baxter's lovely home. many talents to share.

licious entrée of Mexican "pile on" with many choices of pie for dessert.

The club welcomed a new member, Donell Davis, and was glad to have Betty Simpson return. She has

Members present were

Joy Archer, Nova Dale

Turner, Jo Trammell, Bet-

ty Simpson, Ray Baxter,

Donell Davis, Winifred

Darsey and special guest

Little Miss Breanna Over-

The next meeting will be

the first Monday in Janu-

ary, 2013. See you there!

perbacks are .25 cents. You Amelia.

books are .50 cents and pa- Bowl by Ken Burns, and



# Patricia (Pat) Edwards

Strawn - Patricia (Pat) Edwards passed from this life Wednesday, November 28, 2012. Services were Saturday, December 8, 2012, at the First Baptist Church, Ranger, Texas. Visitation was held December 7, 2012, at Edwards Funeral Home, Strawn, Texas. Burial was in Mt. Marion Cemetery, Strawn, Texas. A reception followed the graveside at Edwards Funeral Home in Strawn.

Pat was born March 10, 1937, in Roaring Springs, Texas, to the late Charles F. Brooks and Edith E. (Sampson) Brooks. She grew up on a farm and attended Roaring Springs Schools. She married Jerry T. Edwards on August 31, 1952, at her parent's home in Roaring Springs, and they just recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. She and Jerry owned and operated Edwards Funeral Homes in Strawn, Ranger and Eastland.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Terry M. Edwards, and wife Deana, of Lone Camp, Texas; three daughters, Suzanne Hunter, and husband Deron, of Blanco, Texas, Michelle Henson of Boerne, Texas, and Heather Goad, and husband David, of Azle, Texas; four sisters, Geraldine Skaggs of Palo Pinto Lake, Texas, Genell Carpenter of Palo Pinto Lake, Texas, Earle Price, and husband James, of Lubbock, Texas, and Mary Ann Avara, and husband John, of Denver City, Texas; a sister-in-law, Valerie Jenkins of Colleyville; nine grandchildren, Ben Edwards, Blake Edwards, Ian Edwards, Orie Edwards, Brandy Bartz, and husband Zack, Wendy Tate, Megan Goad, Brooke Goad and Kristin Lane; and one great grandson, Taylor Tate; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Milton Brooks and C.C. "Preacher" Brooks, and three



sisters, Ruby Whitaker, Delores Smallwood, and Vivian Woods.

Pat was a member of Lone Camp Baptist Church and The 47 Club of Ranger, Texas. For many years she taught Sunday School, Training Union, and Vacation Bible School and was a faithful Christian woman. Fondly referred to by her grandkids and many others as "Mama Pat", she loved to play cards and dominos (she hated to lose) and spending time with her family. She enjoyed the many trips with her FDLIC family, spending time with her sisters and brothers-in-law, and dinners with their "Supper Club". She also loved attending the Women of Faith conferences and had done so for the past several years. She was an avid and loyal Dallas Cowboys fan, and in recent years she enjoyed watching the Texas Rangers and Nascar. She had an infectious laugh and a heart of gold. She will be missed by all of her family and all of those she "adopted" along the way. Family requests memorials be made to: Lone Camp Baptist Church Building Fund, 108 Hoover Rd., Palo Pinto, Texas 76484, Cariety Foundation, Box 126038, Fort Worth, Texas 76126, or First Baptist Church Memorial Fund. P.O. Box 144 Ranger, Texas 76470.

- Aug. 29 - Quail and Prairie Chickens. Cearley will discuss their importance - economically and ecologically, their current status, habitat and management requirements, Endangered Species Act considerations for lesser prairie chickens, and the latest research efforts.

- Sept. 5 – Deer and Antelope. Cearley again will cover the biology and survival adaptations, habitat requirements, management options and strategies and ongoing research on both species. He will also discuss the population status of pronghorn antelopes and recovery efforts.



# **Truitt Wesley Read**

Church Services for Truitt Wesley Read, 77, of Matador were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday December 8, 2012, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador with Pastor Bill Manney officiating, assisted by brother-in-law John Prestridge.

Interment was at the Guthrie Cemetery in Guthrie, TX. Visitation was held Friday, December 7, 2012, from 6-8 p.m. at Zapata Funeral Home in Matador. Truitt passed from this life on December 4, 2012, in Lubbock, TX.

He was born on May 25, 1935 to Mack Truitt Read and Eva Shelby Cunningham Read in Paducah, Texas. He graduated from Paducah High School in 1953. He married Chelsea Young Read on September 11, 1955, in Alpine, TX. Truitt graduated from Sul Ross University in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Physical Education. He also attended Sacramento State in California, Clarendon College, and West Texas State University, earning extra college credits. He spent three years in the Army. He taught and coached for 32 years, the first three years in Roaring Springs, and the last 10 years in Matador.

It was a fun time exchanging gifts and enjoying such beautiful decorations.

The mantel over the fireplace displayed seven Santa's, dressed in Santa suits; the lovely 6-foot tree was decorated with beautiful lights, garland, and ornaments of all sizes.

The luncheon was a de-

# **Red Hats meet** for luncheon

ton.

# By Winifred Darsey

The Red Rovers of the Red Hat Association met December 5, 2012, at Main Street Café for a wonderful luncheon to begin a celebration of the Yuletide Season. The luncheon was the individual choice from the menu.

The ladies attired in red were pretty to see. The Queen Mother, Joyce Campbell, was lovely and outstanding

in purple velvet dress and matching wig. It was a fun time.

After lunch, the ladies retired to the Library Annex and enjoyed a movie, a comedy starring Jack Black entitled, "Bernie."

It was a great time for the Rovers. Members present were Joyce Campbell, Norma Marrs, Mary Jones, Marihelen Wason, Joan Patton and Winifred Darsey.

"I looked on my right hand,

and beheld, but there was no

man that would know me: ref-

uge failed me; no man cared for

This plaintive cry of the

psalmist, expresses both great

desire and despair. He wanted

someone to care about him

and his soul. And he despaired

my soul." (Psalm 142:4)

# **Does Anyone Care**



that anyone did care. Haven't we all at one time or another felt this way? What hopelessness and what helplessness, when we feel that no one cares for us!

But someone does. No matter who we might be, or wherever we may be found, there are those who care for us. First, our great God cares for us. The Bible tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ... " Secondly, our Lord Jesus Christ cares for us. He willingly went to Calvary and died for us that we might live with Him in glory. As the song states: "Does Jesus care? Oh, yes, He cares!" The song writer had a good understanding of Biblical truth. Finally, you friends and relatives care for you. The loving concern of a Christian wife, or parent, or child, makes known through many ways, that you are loved. If we only knew the full story, we would marvel at the number of people who really care for us.

several years, and the Motley-Dickens County Old Settlers board.

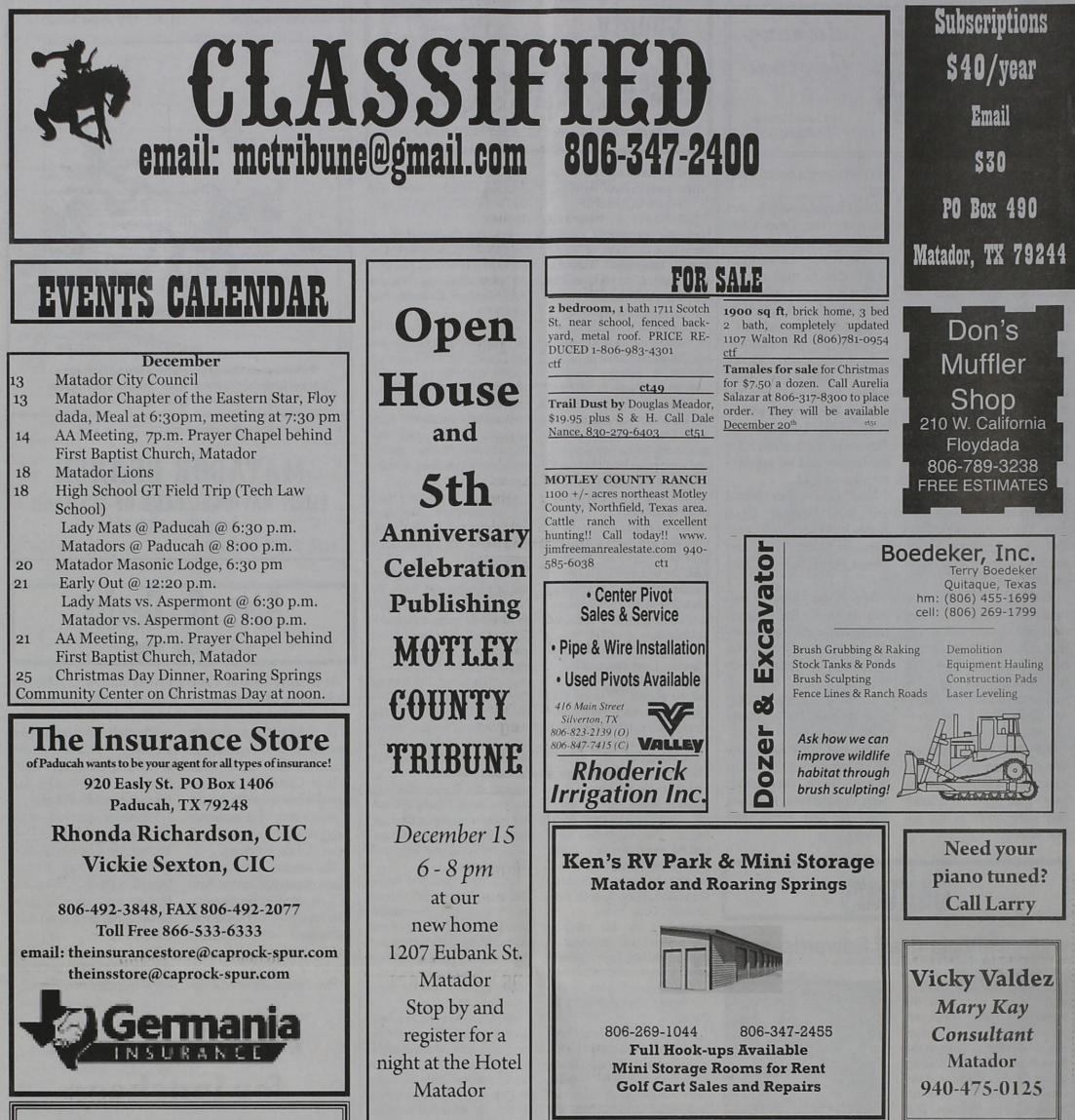
Truitt had a personal relationship with God and traveled many long county roads to have talks with God. The three crosses in Truitt's name say a lot about his life. He loved working with kids, land, cattle and horses.

He served on several boards of the First United Methodist Church, the FSA board for

Truitt is preceded in death by his parents Mack and Eva Read, and one sister, Maxine Allsion. He is survived by his wife Chelsea Read of Matador; one daughter, Debbie Terry and husband Malcom of Liberty Hill, TX; two sons, Victor Read of Matador, and Scott Read of Runaway Bay, TX; six grandchildren, Jason Terry, Chris Terry, Brandon Terry, Adam Terry, Crystal Read, and Jade Read.

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

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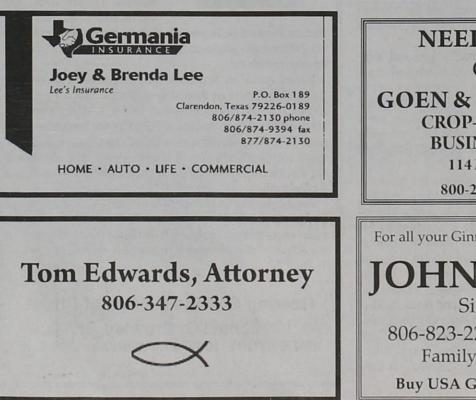
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