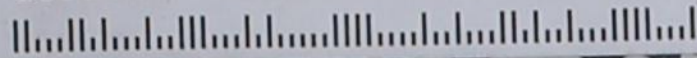
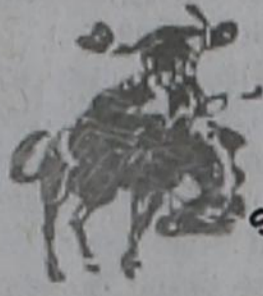


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### *TxDOT Motley County Maintenance Section honored for safety record*



Marty Smith, Childress District Engineer presents the a special safety award to the Motley County Maintenance. Pictured from left to right are Marty Smith, Childress District Engineer and Shawn Elliott Motley County Maintenance Supervisor.

**CHILDRESS** — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently honored employees for exemplary safety records at the annual safety awards banquet.

The Motley County Maintenance Section received a special award for being injury free for 2,272 days, from August 21, 2006 to November 9, 2012 for a total of 6 years, 2 months and 19 days. And, to date, they have not had a single accident or injury.

So far, for the fiscal year 2013, the TxDOT Childress District has not had any in-

juries or accidents and are meeting all five (5) of our safety goals. "This is a great accomplishment, and every employee in the district should be very proud!" said Marty Smith, Childress District Engineer.

Fiscal year 2012 was the best year ever for the agency in terms of safety citing TxDOT's lowest number of injuries on record; lowest number of lost-time injuries in department archives; and lowest number of lost-production days. These all-time achievements marked FY 2012 as

the safest year in the department's 95-year history. For the third year in a row, TxDOT's historic safety record also ranked the agency as the nation's leader among all reporting state departments of transportation.

In TxDOT's Childress District, and especially the Motley County Maintenance Section, "safety first" is more than just a written goal — it's the way business is done.

For more information, contact Barbara Seal at Barbara.Seal@txdot.gov or (940) 937-7288.



Jerry Jones named TxDOT's Motley County Assistant Maintenance Supervisor

### **Roaring Springs City Council rejects bid**

Roaring Springs City Council met at City Hall on Monday, November 12, 2012. Present were Councilwoman PK Green, Councilmen Timmy Brooks, James McCleskey and Alex Crowder. Also present were Mayor Corky Marshall, Water Manager Robert Osborn and City Secretary Tina Brooks.

Mayor Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Keltz gave the invocation and

Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Keltz, seconded by McCleskey, to approve the minutes from the October meeting as written. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The monthly bills were presented and reviewed. A motion was made to pay the bills as presented by Keltz, seconded by McCleskey. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Marshall opened the only sealed bid by Bennie Dillard for the purchase of the Graham Supply building, Lots 2, 3 and 4 and 21 through 30, Block 12, in the Original town site. The council reviewed the bid and following a discussion, Crowder made a motion to reject the bid, seconded by Brooks. After no further business, the council adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

### *Granny's Tea Party set for Dec. 23*

The Annual Library fundraiser, Granny's Tea Party, has been set for Sunday, December 23. The holiday party will be held at Hotel Matador, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Young ladies will not want to miss this gala event. Girls are urged to dress up in Granny's old hats, dresses, shoes and jewelry and enjoy an afternoon of tea and hors' devrves in the beautiful atmosphere at the historic hotel.

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the tea party which is a fundraiser for the Children's section of the library. Mrs. Joyce Campbell created the event when her granddaughters were small. She and her

daughter-in-law, Mrs. Janie Campbell, hosted the event for 20 years. Mrs. Campbell has now decided to step down.

"The Library appreciates the Campbells for their creation of this event and their contributions all these years," Motley County librarian Carla Meador said.

Mrs. Marilyn Hicks, Mrs. Linda Roy, Mrs. Caron Perkins and Mrs. Dorothy Russell of Hotel Matador will be taking over this very worthwhile event.

Tickets are \$8.00 per girl with 100% of the proceeds going to the Library. For reservations call Marilyn Hicks at the hotel, 347-2939.

### *Jerry Jones named TxDOT's Motley County Assistant Maintenance*

**CHILDRESS** — The Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District, is pleased to announce the selection of Jerry Jones as TxDOT's Motley County Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, effective December 1, 2012.

He began his career with TxDOT in Dickens on October 16, 2000 as a maintenance technician I. He later

transferred to Matador and promoted to maintenance technician II in 2003 and maintenance technician III in 2008.

"Jerry's maintenance expertise will be a valuable asset for the management of the TxDOT Motley County Office," said Shawn Elliott, Motley County Maintenance Supervisor.

### **Matador Late Night Shopping**

#### **Three Night Extravaganza**

**December 6, 7, 8  
5:30 to 8:00**

#### **Thursday**

Senior Citizen Hours  
4-6

Santa in Library  
Kids Store in Library  
Door prize game with  
merchants

Spend \$10 in participating  
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a prize from another  
merchant. You win with  
every purchase.

Restaurants open for  
dinner

#### **Friday**

Late night shopping  
with merchants  
Restaurants open for  
dinner

#### **Saturday Night**

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Giant stocking  
drawing. Earn a  
chance at the stocking  
with each purchase  
from participating  
merchant.

Restaurants open for  
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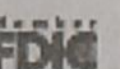


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# Foothill Country

## Connections

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



By Larry Vogt

On December 7, 1941 my oldest brother, Leroy, celebrated his birthday at home. He was 19 and all of his friends knew that they were going to be involved in the coming conflict. Our family did not have big birthday parties during those years. He says he remembers being at home but that there was no big celebration, maybe a cake home made by our Mother. They found out about the bombing at Pearl Harbor from a news program on the radio.

He was not drafted into the Navy until the middle of 1943, but said he was almost relieved to be drafted because he was in college at the time and the uncertainty of paying for college had become difficult. After all, hardly anyone had money and not many fam-

ilies had the luxury of sending a child to college. He did not know that he would later avail himself of the G I Bill and finish his college education.

He spent the rest of World War II on a destroyer mostly in the South Pacific sending signals between the ships as a semaphore flag operator. He sent many letters to his family that had holes cut out in the paper. We realized that the military censors had done this so that not even a scrap of information about troop location could be gleaned. Later on towards the end we got pictures with the letters. My brothers were almost unrecognizable with their uniforms and extremely tanned skin. He made it into China and sent home a picture of himself in a rickshaw being pulled by a human runner. I found that very interesting. He also sent me a Navy uniform just my size. I wore it with pride and someone took a picture of me wearing it. My mother was extremely relieved when all my brothers made it back home after the war was over.

Let's give a salute to the Greatest Generation!

# WRITING COMMUNITY

**Editors Note:** This letter was written by Ola (Eatmon) Thompson, born at the turn of the century in 1901. She wrote this letter on the eve of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1990. She lived to be 100 years old and when she died in 2009, she had 10 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She lived with her family at Doan's Crossing in Wilbarger County, until 1976.

Doan's came into existence as a trading post at the place where the Western Cattle Trail crossed the Red River from Texas into the Indian Territory in 1878. Doan's dwindled in population and importance after the cattle trail was abandoned and the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad built tracks south of the community in the mid-1880s. It is located on the south bank of the Red River about 20 miles north of Vernon, Texas.

**Doan, Texas - 1905-1990**  
On the eve of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, I'll try to put down some of the things that come to my memory of the past 85 years.

On February 17, 1905, I came to Doan's (Crossing) with my parents Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Eatmon and little brother, Alfred, from Olustee, Oklahoma, crossing the Red River just east of Doan's (Trading Post).

The other Eatmon children were born (sic) at Doan's - Thelma, July 3, 1905, Minnie, March 27, 1907, and Luther, June 5, 1911.

Being so young there isn't many things I can recall. But to my memory of the day we got there - one thing was the big snow that had everything looking like Christmas time. Our evening meal was prepared by Mrs. John Caffee. Their home was where Clais and Nita Woodard now live.

There was two stores at Doan's at that time. The Doan's Store was also the Post Office. Each day the little one-horse mail hack came from Vernon, Texas, to bring the mail to the Doan's Post Office in all kinds of weather, and made the return trip to Vernon! There hasn't been a store or Post office in Doan's for years, but the mail is still brought and put in rural boxes and returns to Vernon.

At Christmas time the Doan's Store was a joy to both the old and young. The store was filled with toys, fruit and Christmas candy. Back in those days we had Christmas at Christmas time. Nowadays any Variety Store you walk into looks like Christmas three hundred and sixty-five days out of the year. I remember my first Christmas tree in Doan's in 1905 was in

the Methodist Chapel, two miles west of Doan's. The chapel was there for many years and used. Later it was moved near Odell, Texas. Our Christmas tree was in the Doan's school house for many years.

In 1884, the first Saturday in May, the Doan family went to the Watts Grove with their lunch and had a picnic. Today, the first Saturday in May is still Doan's Picnic Day, and to my knowledge, it's the oldest celebration of its kind in the history of Wilbarger, County.

In May 1911, the Doan's Picnic Day crowned its first Queen. We had a small stage on the picnic ground. From the stage we marched to the baseball diamond on the east side of the picnic ground to do a May Pole Drill. It was very colorful to us. The crowning of the Queen wasn't near as elaborate as it is nowadays, but it was very important to each of us that day in 1911 as it was the first Queen of the Doan's Picnic. Marie Rowland was our Queen. Mrs. Bertha (Doan) Ross helped us with the program that day. The street band came each year. Their music was enjoyed by all on Picnic Day.

The first part of my life was spent in Doan's. Also the first part of my married life. My four children was born (sic) at Do-

ans, Texas: Alva, May 27, 1923; Dickie, June 13, 1928, Carroll, Feb. 19, 1931, Sam Houston, March 2, 1934.

The first two years (1921-1922) Hub and I lived on the east side of Doan's in a two room house re-done from the Old Doan's Store. We, at that time, farmed some of Mr. Doan's land.

In the early fall of 1921, the school house burned. It was soon replaced by a nice three-room building, and was used until 1936. The new school building was re-built by W.S. Eatmon and P.M. Emmitt. My two oldest children attended the Doan's School until it was closed in 1936. The Doan's school district, along with several other districts, consolidated and built what is now Northside School, located twelve miles north of Vernon, Texas, on Highway 283. I still feel like Northside is part of the Old Doan's school. My four children graduated from Northside school. Hub and I was employed by the Northside school several years before we retired.

On Christmas night in 1922, the Adobe (Trading Post) burned. Next morning there was nothing left standing except the adobe walls. It was soon restored in the early part of 1923 by S.W. Eatmon. My sister and her husband lived in an annex on the west side of the adobe. At the time of the fire, they were gone from home. They farmed part of Mr. Doan's land that year.

The adobe, after it was made liveable again in 1923, was used many years. It is now being restored again. I, for one, will be glad when it's finished as Doan's just wouldn't be Doan's without the adobe.

I heard Mr. Doan say the clay for the adobe was up the creek just west of Doan's on the Alex Rose farm. And the forms for the adobe bricks was wooden shot-gun shell boxes.

There is a beautiful monument on the sight (sic) of the Doan's Store. I think at that time it was called the Trading Post. Indians came across the Red River from Oklahoma to trade with Mr. Doan. Some of the Indians that came to the Trading Post was Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, and the Kiowa Chief Lone Wolf, and many others.

The last Indians I remember being at Doan's was in the fall of 1915. They camped at Doan's. They were on their way to Vernon, Texas, to perform at the fair held there. The monument also marks the Cattle Trail Crossing the Red River east of Doan's on their way to Kansas.

There wasn't many little children in Doan's when we came. The Coffees had a little girl, Texas. I liked to go to her house to play. She had such an unusual play house. It was the old street car that used to run in Vernon, Texas (I wish I had some date on it). The street car was run from the Depot on the north side of town to a hotel up town. It was pulled by a mule. When they left the hotel they hooked the mule on the north end of the street car, when they left the Depot, the mule was hooked on the south end of the street car. After the street car wasn't used Mr. Doan brought it to Doan's (Crossing) for Texas to have a play house.

I have a lot of fond memories of my life at Doan's. Lots of folks have come and gone over the past 85 years. I hope there will always be an adobe at this old historical place.

To my children, grand children, great grand children, and great-great grandchildren, I dedicate this letter of memories.

As the years go by and each of you are older, I hope you will enjoy this as much as I have enjoyed bringing it to you.

Ola (Eatmon) Thompson

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## Couple celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

December 5, 2012, marked 70 years of marriage for Billy Louis Peacock and Ruby Leona "Lea" (Henderson) Peacock, of Roaring Springs, TX.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pat Peacock hosted an anniversary celebration which was held at the Floresville Masonic Lodge No. 515 on Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 2-4 p.m., followed by a family dinner. Family and friends from across the nation gathered to celebrate and congratulate Bill and Lea on such an extraordinary occasion.

Members of the First United Methodist Church of Floresville celebrated with Bill and Lea as well as Lea's sister, Mrs. Francis (Henderson) Dunn, of Stonyford, CA; Pat and Sharon Peacock, of Palacios, TX; Amelia Peacock, of Houston, TX; Dale

and Miranda Peacock, and children, Madeline, Ethan, Caedmon, Asher, and Keegan, of Cypress, TX; Jon and Traci Peacock, and children, Paige and Paxton, of Decatur, TX; Justin and Stacy Peacock and daughter, Cecelia, of Arlington, TX; Glenn "Skippy" and Mary Ludwig, of Castro Valley, CA; Bill & Sandy Black, of Amarillo, TX; Shannon and Dena Pence, of Plano, TX; Charlie Abshier, of Jourdanton, TX; and Crystal Standley, of Anahuac, TX.

Billy Pat Peacock, Bill and Lea's son, and granddaughter, Amelia Peacock, spoke of

the impact Bill and Lea have made in their lives over the years. More stories were shared during dinner by other family members. A great time was had by all! A special 'Thank You' is extended to guests for taking the time to share in this amazing moment in time.



## 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

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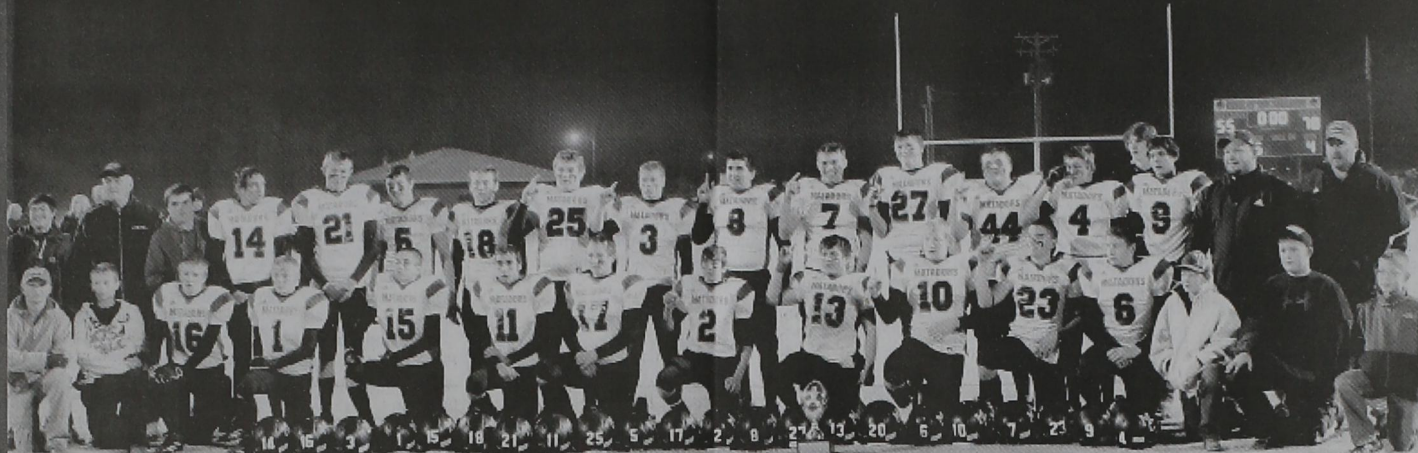


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Tanya Multer

Marvina,  
Crawford,  
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and  
Eathen Mason

Timmy, Tina,  
Christian and  
Mattie Brooks

Jeromy, Danika,  
Natalie and  
Emily Jameson

Shane, Wendi,  
Austin, Bryant  
and Jacie Taylor

Shawn, Shonda,  
Reagan, Shelby  
(aka Mighty)  
and  
Bryson Elliot

Craig, Cathey,  
Carley and  
Cassidy Turner

Deli-licious Grill

Jennifer, Bryce,  
Blayne and  
Breann Brady

Roger, Kellie,  
Kortney and  
Kolby

Brandy, Amy  
and Tanner  
Bearden

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and Matthew  
Faulks

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Leighan, Jay and  
Louann  
Esperanza  
Talamantez

Barbara and Bill  
Armstrong

Leadell,  
Lizabeth,  
Nathan,  
Grayson, Michel  
and Joshua

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Gary, Shannon,  
and Bailey  
Waitman

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Electric Coop

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Cafe

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at Roaring  
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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

### On a personal note

Do you suppose we will have winter this year? Having put away summer clothes and getting out winter ones, I find I don't really need them yet. The unseasonal weather sort of keeps us on pins and needles and we would really like to see usual weather patterns and moisture. I am ready for a good winter rain or snow; the colder slushier muddy mess the better right now. I won't gripe about tracking in mud!

### In the community

Warren Pugh visited Don and Billie Stuckey. Warren is a college friend of Don's from Weatherford, TX. He came on Friday and left on Saturday.

Mozelle Gibbs Hand spent Thanksgiving at Grandview, TX, with her daughter and family, Ken and Missy Davis; grandchildren Jay, Laura, Joy and great grandchildren, Jett and Kade. A highlight of her stay was a trip to see the New York City Rockettes that performed in Grandview. Mozelle said they had a wonderful view as they were seated in the middle and only eight rows back from the stage.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz attended the annual Scott Family Thanksgiving-Christmas dinner at New Deal, TX, on Sunday. There were 52 family members there.

Glennard and Edith Daniell's children were home for Thanksgiving this year. Edith said it was the first time in eight years they had all been together.

Their children are: Karen Lamar of Tehachapi, CA; Dale Daniell of Roaring Springs, Leslie Daniell of Ohio, Eugene and Cherry Daniell of Lubbock; grandson and family, Brad and Alyssa Daniell and great grandchildren, Alexis and Autumn of Denton, TX. They enjoyed having them all at home but missed granddaughters Sara, her husband, Izzy Frederstine and Anna Daniell Buckner, Levi and little Tyler.

On Saturday, Tince and Buzz Thacker had visitors, Kyle and Audra Pipkin and little Beau from Lubbock. Audra, is Tince's granddaughter.

Devonne Dillard, Sybol Brandon and Diane Carter attended 'A cowgirl Christmas' at the home of Susan and John Gahr. Susan makes many items that she sells. You might just find the perfect gift for someone on your list. I believe that Susan plans to have another afternoon showing.

Mike Crowley will be the speaker for the Roaring Springs Lions Club on Thursday, Dec. 6th. He will give a talk about the Star of Bethlehem. (Don't miss this program it is really interesting). The meeting will be at the Roaring Springs Community Center at 11:30 a.m. Chris Spence will prepare the meal.

On Sunday the Full Gospel Church had a visiting pastor and his wife. Dale and Kay Griswold of Muleshoe brought the message and were treated to a potluck dinner at the church.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### Overheard

The trouble with weather forecasting is that it is right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.

### Community News

Thanksgiving holiday guests of Kathy and Clois Shorter were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Rhodes, Chase and Wyatt of Plano; Eunice, Mike and Donna Grooms of Mesquite; Mrs. Judy Cooper Cox of Spring; Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Lake Kiowa; Keri and Kevin Sehon, Brian and Brooke of Wolfforth and L.E. Shorter of Flomot.

Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle, a student at LCU in Lubbock, enjoyed Thanksgiving Day at the Gwinn home in Matador. Family members attending were Aly Gwinn and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Lubbock; Mrs. Bonnie Fullingim of Bulverde; Mark Jeffers of Marcos; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Gwinn of Temple; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz, Annie Hurt, Mr. and Mrs. Fannie Gwinn, Shandi and Adalee of Matador.

Mrs. Ruth Lee visited in Turkey Sunday with Teresa and Tom Heck and children.

Visitors Sunday of Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Turkey.

Weekend visitors of Mrs. Nada Starkey were Michael Starkey of Canyon and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and Michael and Virginia Davis of Fritch.

Mrs. Marisue Potts of Mott Creek Ranch had lunch Sunday with Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton.

Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited in Lubbock Saturday with Jennifer and Aaron Clandenn.

Cody and Mandy Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Turkey visited Sunday with his parents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Luncheon guests of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert and Glen Calvert Sunday were Dodie Morris and Justin Calvert and his daughter, Betty Calvert of Spearman.

Visiting Mrs. Janice Hughes Thursday was Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes of Floydada.

Mrs. Erma Washington, Mrs. Connie Franks, Sandra and Jerry Barclay enjoyed the Valley versus Petersburg football game in Lockney Friday night. Valley won!

## Matador News

By Marilynn Hicks

We are ready for Christmas. We have trees in the front window and lights in the courtyard. Donell Davis made us some beautiful bows for the sconces by the front door. She does some beautiful work, and I look forward to seeing her wares in the new Motley Ranch and Feed Supply. They are getting new things every few days according to both Ken and her.

I need to acknowledge those who were here last week during the Thanksgiving break. Holly and Richard Armer from Kaufman, Texas, and Don and Nancy Parsons from Liberal, Kansas, are long time friends who met here to visit; they also went to Turkey and Quitaque on Saturday and enjoyed late night shopping in Roaring Springs.

Philip and Lynn Litzel from Plano spent the mild weather of the holiday to visit Caprock Canyons.

Donna Grooms along with Eunice and Mike were in town to visit with family. They are from Dallas. Coming in to see family as well were Maxine and Thomas Gwinn from Temple.

Ted and Rita Dean from Lipan Texas, met here for a visit. He is an emergency room doctor working in several rural hospitals in the area, including Crosbyton.

Bill Shanklin from Paradise, Texas, stayed overnight while investigating a listing for his real estate business.

Mary Jones and grandchildren, Ashley and John Jones traveled to Lake Brownwood for Thanksgiving. They met her daughter and family there at John and Jana Thacker's lake home. Joining them were Chris, Amy, Dane and Scout Smith, Matt, Melanie, Berkley, Beckham and Brenner Paul, all from Abilene. Mary, Ashley,

and John returned home Saturday afternoon.

Father of Cynthia Stafford, Dr. John Jones, Pampa, hunted birds with two of his professional friends this week. Although not any birds lost their life, they enjoyed the outing with friends and canine companions. We got to taste some antelope sausage from an animal garnered by Cameron Stafford and processed by Devin. It was amazing.

An early birthday party for Lucretia Estes Campbell was held December 1, in her home. On December 4, Cretia will turn 94. Attending from out of town was her granddaughter Charise Christian, and husband Craig of Denton, TX; and Robin Darsey, Afton, TX. Also helping to celebrate was her sister, Winifred Darsey, Dorothy Day, Kay Bailey, and Carol Campbell. A special order family recipe 3-layer chocolate cake was served to guests.

Kay and Ron Bailey attended the regional playoff game between Eastland and Bangs in Abilene on Friday, November 30, where their grandson Brant Bailey plays fullback and line backer. Also meeting them at the game were sons, Lance and Kevin Bailey; and daughter Andrea Bailey, and son, Sage.

We have late night shopping coming up and hope you can make it for at least one evening of the three. I am looking forward to the high school band performing and having a chance to visit with friends and finding some treasures locally. It is uplifting that those from outside see Matador as a vibrant, happening place - and well it is.

Mrs. Evelyn Smallwood returned home Sunday following surgery Friday at Grace Hospital in Lubbock. Her husband, Herbert, was with her during surgery and hospitalization.

## November Record Temperatures

MC listed in drought

By Earlyne Jameson

Temperatures have gone from the coldest day of season at 22 degrees reported early Tuesday morning, November 27, 2012, to record breaking heat the last day in November!

Motley County's continued drought has resulted in minimal improvement of the 2012 cotton crop according to area ginners and producers. It is far from an average crop. It all comes down to lack to rain and until we get some mois-

ture, cotton, wheat and ranchland aren't going to get better. Dryland crops are collecting insurance. The livestock are in fair condition grazing on what little wheat is left.

Motley County National Weather Service volunteers verify lack of moisture in November 2012: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.18; Ronnie Bailey, Matador, .00; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, .00; Betty Simpson, Northfield, .00 and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 0.01.

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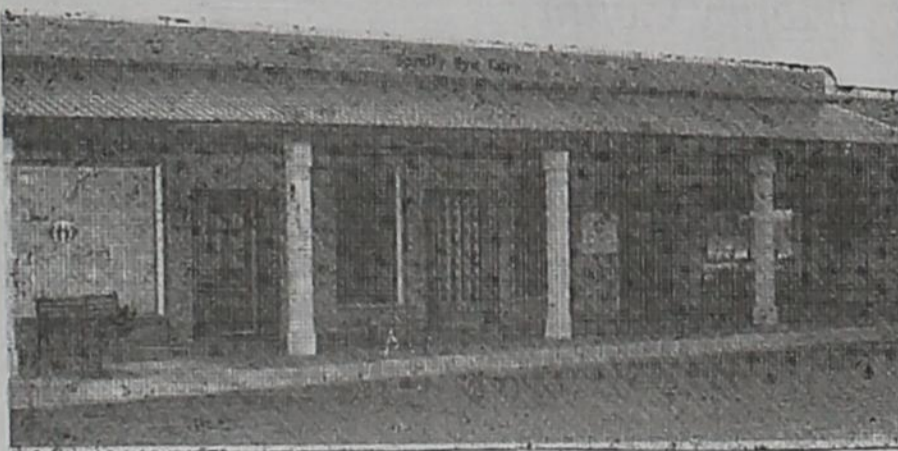
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### Thursday

Senior Citizen Hours 4-6  
Santa in Library  
Kids Store in Library  
Door prize game  
Spend \$10 in participating merchant and draw for a prize from another merchant. You win with every purchase.  
Restaurants open for dinner

### Friday

Late night shopping with merchants  
Restaurants open for dinner

### Saturday Night

Santa in Library  
Giant stocking drawing. Earn a chance at the stocking with each purchase from participating merchant.  
Restaurants open for dinner

## "NO, WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN..."



As you and I are remembering this December 7<sup>th</sup> and our freedoms, we are reminded of the many courageous men and women who gave their lives in order to

insure for us a free nation. How ungrateful we would be, if we failed to acknowledge the sacrifices they made on that first "Pearl Harbor Day." December 7<sup>th</sup> was and still remains, the day that would be known as a "day that would live in infamy."

And yet, there is One who made an even greater sacrifice than our nation's men and women in uniform. It is through His sacrifice we might enjoy an even greater freedom than that which is our nation's proud heritage.

Jesus. He died to free us from sin and to give us the liberty of serving God as we were created to do. Jesus liberated us from the fear of death and condemnation. It was through His work at Calvary's cross that we are given the hope of eternal life. How ungrateful we would be if we failed to acknowledge this great sacrifice. Jesus at the Cross, gave us the greatest of liberty, the right to become children of God.

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## This Week's Local Forecast

<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny 76/36	<b>Friday</b> Sunny 63/37	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 74/37	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Sunny 71/40	<b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy 70/45	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 72/44	<b>Wednesday</b> Sunny 73/41

### Weather Trivia

Where is the driest place on Earth in terms of average annual rainfall?

### Weather History

**Dec. 6, 1886** - A great snowstorm hit the southern Appalachian Mountains. The three-day storm produced 25 inches at Rome, Ga., 33 inches at Asheville, N.C. and 42 inches in the mountains. Montgomery, Ala. received a record 11 inches of snow.

### Moon Phases

Last 12/6	New 12/13	First 12/20	Full 12/28
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Greetings Late Night Shoppers! The annual festive event begins Thursday and I know everyone is excited to shop at home and take advantage of some great bargains. We, at the library, are excited to welcome visitors to see Santa Claus, register for our door prizes, purchase a 2012 Texas Capitol Ornament, or tickets for a chance to win a Kindle Fire HD with ease.

Santa will visit with children on Thursday and Saturday evenings. The Library will not be open during late night shopping on Friday night.

We are also excited to begin our Annual Friends of the Library BOOK SALE Thursday evening. We have lots and lots of fantastic books! Many are like new and would make excellent gifts. Friends members may shop early, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the sale opens to the public.

December is certainly a very busy month, but don't forget to put December 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar for our annual Granny's Tea Party. The party will be held at Hotel Matador, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Young ladies will not want to miss this gala event. Girls are urged to dress up in Granny's old hats, dresses, shoes and jewelry and enjoy an afternoon of tea and hors d'oeuvres

in the beautiful atmosphere at the historic hotel. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the tea party which is a fundraiser for the Children's section of the library. Mrs. Joyce Campbell created the event when her granddaughters were little. She and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Janie Campbell, have hosted the event for twenty years. Mrs. Campbell has decided to step down. We appreciate the Russell girls at the Hotel taking over this very worthwhile event. Tickets are \$8.00 per girl with 100% of the proceeds going to the Library. For reservations call Marilyn Hicks at the hotel, 347-2939.

We have some new books to add to our shelves this week including *The Last Man* by Vince Flynn, *Poseidon's Arrow* by Clive Cussler, *Merry Christmas Alex Cross* by James Patterson, *Jack Reacher's Rules, Notorious Nineteen*: A Stephanie Plum Novel by Janet Evanovich, *Dead in the Water* by Dana Stabenow, and *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci.

New to our large print section we have *Creole Belle* by James Lee Burke and *Sweet Talk* by Julie Garwood.

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

**Be aware of wildfire threat during hunting season**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - With hunting season under way and some areas of the state still recovering from last year's drought, Texas Forest Service officials are urging caution for those heading outdoors.

Hunters should refrain from building campfires and burning debris during windy or dry conditions. More than 90 Texas counties currently are under a **burn ban**. Keep in mind the following wildfire safety tips:

- If there is no burn ban in place and conditions are right, you may safely build a campfire. But keep the fire small, never leave it unattended and remove flammable leaves and other materials from the area surrounding the fire.
- Make sure the fire is extinguished and cold to the touch before you leave it.
- Clear combustible materials and vegetation away from your camp house to reduce the likelihood of a wildfire to spread.
- Keep water nearby when welding on stands.
- Drive only on designated trails. Don't park or idle vehicles in tall, dry grass, which can be ignited by contact with a hot muffler.
- Use caution with cigarettes and matches.
- Use spark arresters on all power equipment.

**Bucket Calves for Motley County Jr. Livestock Show**

If you have a youngster or know of one that wants a bucket calf for the 2013 Motley County Jr. Livestock Show, please contact the Motley County Extension Office at 806-347-2733.

Bucket Calves will be picked up and delivered the middle of December.

Bucket Calves are for youth too young to be in 4-H but want to begin learning about animal care and responsibility. Calves are shown at the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show and youth are awarded for their accomplishments.

**Cattle Trails Cow-Calf Conference**

A cattle industry recovering from the drought will be the focus of the Cattle Trails Cow-Calf Conference, a joint effort between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, to be held Jan. 15 in Lawton, Okla.

This annual conference provides cow-calf producers the most up-to-date information on topics that influence cattle profits, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon, Texas.

The slogan of the conference is "driving your cattle to profits," although Bevers said the last couple of years have made it tough to generate any profit.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Comanche County Coliseum, 920 South Sheridan, in Lawton. Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, a noon meal and refreshments.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Garrett King, agricultural liaison for U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas from Oklahoma. Lucas is the current House Agriculture Committee chairman.

"Boy, I bet this ole country could shore look tough in a drought!"

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King will provide a farm bill and congressional update from Lucas' office.

Improvement in the moisture situation has created some optimism with ranchers, Bevers said. But before any restocking of cattle takes place, the condition of their pastures should be assessed.

Two speakers will address pasture conditions and recovery, he said. Jack LeClair, Dupont Crop Protection range and pasture specialist, Saint Jo, Texas, will cover drought recovery and invasive weeds. Dr. Bob Gillen, Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers department head at Hays, Kan., will cover the impact of drought on the Southern Plains grassland.

Traits and tools for retention

and replacement of beef females will be discussed by Dr. Megan Rolf, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension beef cattle management specialist, Stillwater, Okla.

Dr. Dan Hale, AgriLife Extension meat specialist, College Station, Texas, will give participants a virtual packing plant tour to close out the meeting.

Industry sponsors also will have their products on display during the event. For more information on the event, go to <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator, or the Southwest Oklahoma Area Extension office at 580-255-0546.

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- December**
- 6 Roaring Springs Lions
  - 7 Lady Mats JV vs. Crosbyton Freshman, 5:00 p.m.  
Lady Mats vs. Crosbyton JV @ 6:30 p.m.
  - 7 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
  - 10 Commissioners' Court
  - 10 Roaring Springs City Council
  - 10 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
  - 12 Hospital Bd meets in the back of the ambulance barn, 7am
  - 13 Matador City Council
  - 13 Matador Chapter of the Eastern Star, Floy dada, Meal at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
  - 14 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador
  - 18 Matador Lions
  - 20 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
  - 21 AA Meeting, 7p.m. Prayer Chapel behind First Baptist Church, Matador

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