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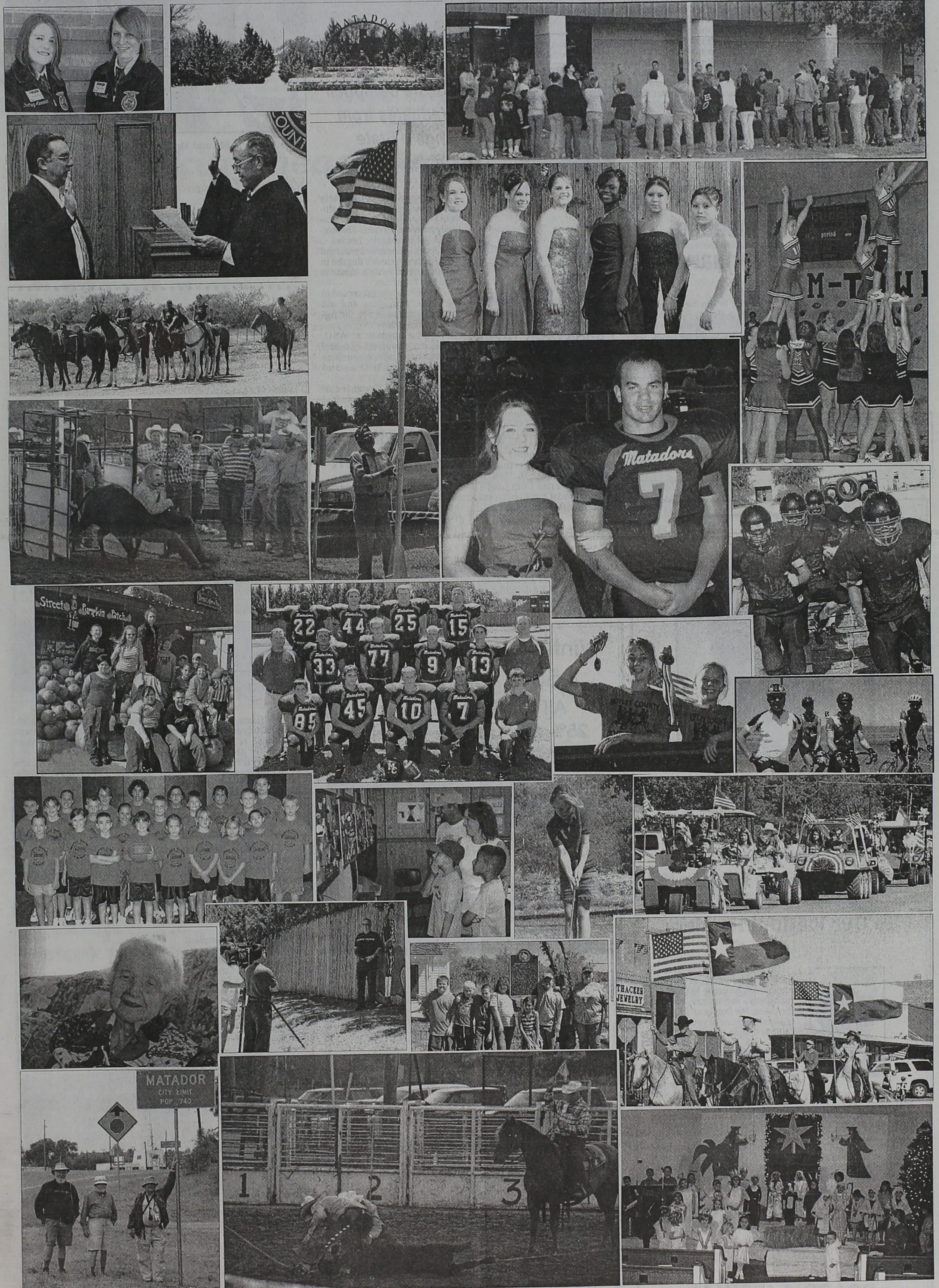
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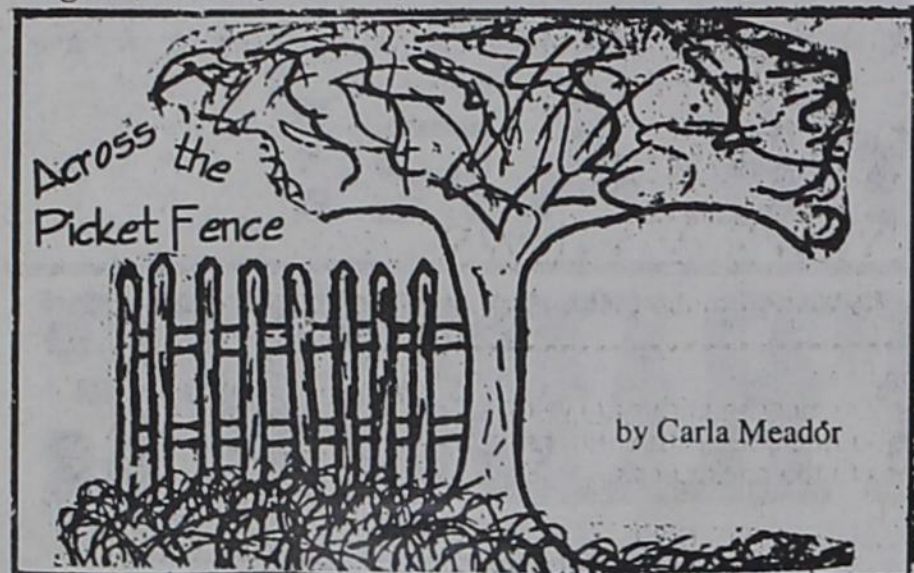
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A pictorial review of 2006





Welcome 2007! I hope everyone reading this had a wonderful Christmas. We enjoyed grandkids, family get-togethers and lots of good food. I still feel stuffed! What makes us eat like pigs during the holiday season? Actually I think I started about Halloween with the trick-or-treat candy. I usually buy candy, but rarely have many trick-or-treaters, because I'm usually at work and not at home. But the goodies never go to waste. Jim and I treat ourselves until we're sugar logged. And then the feasting continued into Thanksgiving, through the entire month of December and we still have candy and cookies.

I no longer make New Year's resolutions. I used to always make the resolution to lose weight, but the thought of

making it a resolution turned it into another responsibility and always seemed to have the reverse effect. The thought of not eating certain foods, made me crave them. I think that usually comes with any diet.

Although I don't declare resolutions any longer, I do try to make an effort each year to be a better person, grow closer to God and try to be a more compassionate, loving and giving person. With each long work day and each passing week, the time to truly make an effort to really be more, sometimes fades away with responsibilities. But I do seek God's guidance in this New Year.

I wish you all a wonderful and happy new year, with an abundance of blessings from our Lord.

Hackberry Creek Care Center will hold annual meeting, house blessing January 8

The Hackberry Creek Care Center, Inc. is scheduled to have its Annual Members Meeting on January 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. Three directors are up for reelection, Chuck Ream, Marisue Powell and Paul Westbrook. The meeting will be held in the dining room of the new care center building and snacks will be

served. Prior to the meeting, there will be a House Blessing service at 6:00 p.m., where a blessing on the building itself, the workers, the residents and the visitors will be given. All who would like to take part in this Blessing are invited to be there at 6:00 p.m.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."
Proverbs 17:22



Please join us in celebrating
J.T. Swim's 90th Birthday
2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, January 13
at the Roaring Springs
United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

To Our Faithful Readers



Once again, your gracious gifts and kind words, of encouragement have come to us in many ways and we are thankful for these. My family and I are blessed because of your faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The past several weeks have been enjoyable for most of us. The excitement of homecoming of our children and grandchildren is contagious. I believe most of us share in the anticipation for our families to be together even for a short time. The holidays have afforded us the time and hopefully we took advantage of the moment.

It was a time of reflection as well as joy. The months of 2006 have passed and with them many things that have tried us and also matured us in our faith. The year of 2006 was a year of change for some and new commitments for others and at the same time, a year in which old friendships and relationships were strengthened.

Hopefully your holidays were filled with goodness and wholesome family times and may the coming year of 2007 bring you good health and happiness.

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BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP 9:00 A.M.

Library Notes

By Suzanne Abbott,
Librarian



D.A. McGuire was seen giving up another afternoon to work on the Annex. We appreciate his help with this project. Kenneth and I ordered the carpet last week. Soon, we will have a wonderful new addition to the library. We thank Jo and Alex Crowder for their donation to this Annex Project.

We thank Tom Sanders for a gift subscription to *American Legacy* magazine. We also thank Billie Beth Moore for the gift subscription to *Family Circle* magazine. Pina Sturdivant, June Moss and Marihelen Wason kept the library open on Mondays and days I couldn't be here. We appreciate their help.

New books in the library include Clive Cussler's *Treasure of Khan*, *First Impressions* by Nora Roberts and *Indiscretion* by Jude Morgan. Also, the library offers *Ride a Painted Pony* by Kathleen Eagle and *Surrogate Evil* by David and Aimee Thurlo.

The mother and daughter duo Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark join forces to write *Santa Cruise, a Holiday Mystery*. Even though Christmas is over, all you Clark fans will enjoy this new book. The library also has a new Christmas book for children, *The Tall Book of Christmas*.

Happy New Year to all of you!



Brenda Gillespie

Brenda Gillespie graduates Cum Laude from Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University is pleased to announce that Brenda Marie Gillespie, a Cum Laude Honor Graduate, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Communications, Minor Agricultural and Applied Economics at the commencement ceremonies held on December 16, 2006. In order to graduate Cum Laude, a student must have an overall grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69.

Brenda has been accepted into the Texas Tech Rawls College of Business and plans to obtain a Master's of Business Administration degree. She begins her studies in January, 2007. Brenda is the daughter of James and Kathy Gillespie of Matador.

Cassie Campbell graduates from Angelo State University

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 334 students during 2006 Fall commencement exercises December 16 in San Angelo, Texas.

Cassie J. Campbell received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science with a Minor in Food and Nutrition.

Cassie has been accepted to the Masters program and will continue her studies in the Agricultural department.

While a student at ASU, Cassie was involved in many service organizations, such as Block and Bridle Club and Ducks Unlimited.

She is the daughter of Douglas and Janie Campbell of Matador.

Kids' Praise January 10th

It's Kids' Praise time again! All children in the community, three years old through 6th grade, are invited to Kids' Praise on Wednesday, January 10, 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Matador. There will be games, songs, crafts, a Bible story and food and fun for all.

Kids' Praise is a monthly event sponsored by the Women on Mission of the Church's WMU.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell

Couple Celebrates 70th Anniversary

Harold and Grace Campbell celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary January 1, 2007. The couple were married January 1, 1937 at Whiteflat in the home of the bride's parents, Ben and Vinnie Keltz. They made their home on the Campbell Ranch near Matador where they still reside. They have two sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Look who's New!



Reagen D' Lynn Davis

Bryer Davis, along with his parents, Brody and Rachelle, of Turkey, wish to announce the birth of his sister, Reagen D'Lynn, born November 19, 2006, in Childress. Reagen weighed 5 pounds.

Grandparents are Butch and Judy Renfro of Matador and Joe Mark and Cherri Davis of Turkey. Great-grandmothers are Belle Davis of Turkey and Josie Allen of Levelland.

Thank You

We are so blessed to live in a community of so many loving and caring people! We want to express our heartfelt thanks to each one for your acts of sympathy. The phone calls, food, flowers, memorials, cards, visits, and your prayers were so thoughtful and brought us much comfort at this time. A special thank you to those of you who visited our dad and Papaw while he was in the nursing home and in assisted living. Each visit was special to him. May God bless you all.

The family of L.B. Campbell: Bundy and Dixie Campbell and family, Kenny and Olivia Barton and family, Ben and Dvonna Grundy and family, Bruce and Laura Slover and family.

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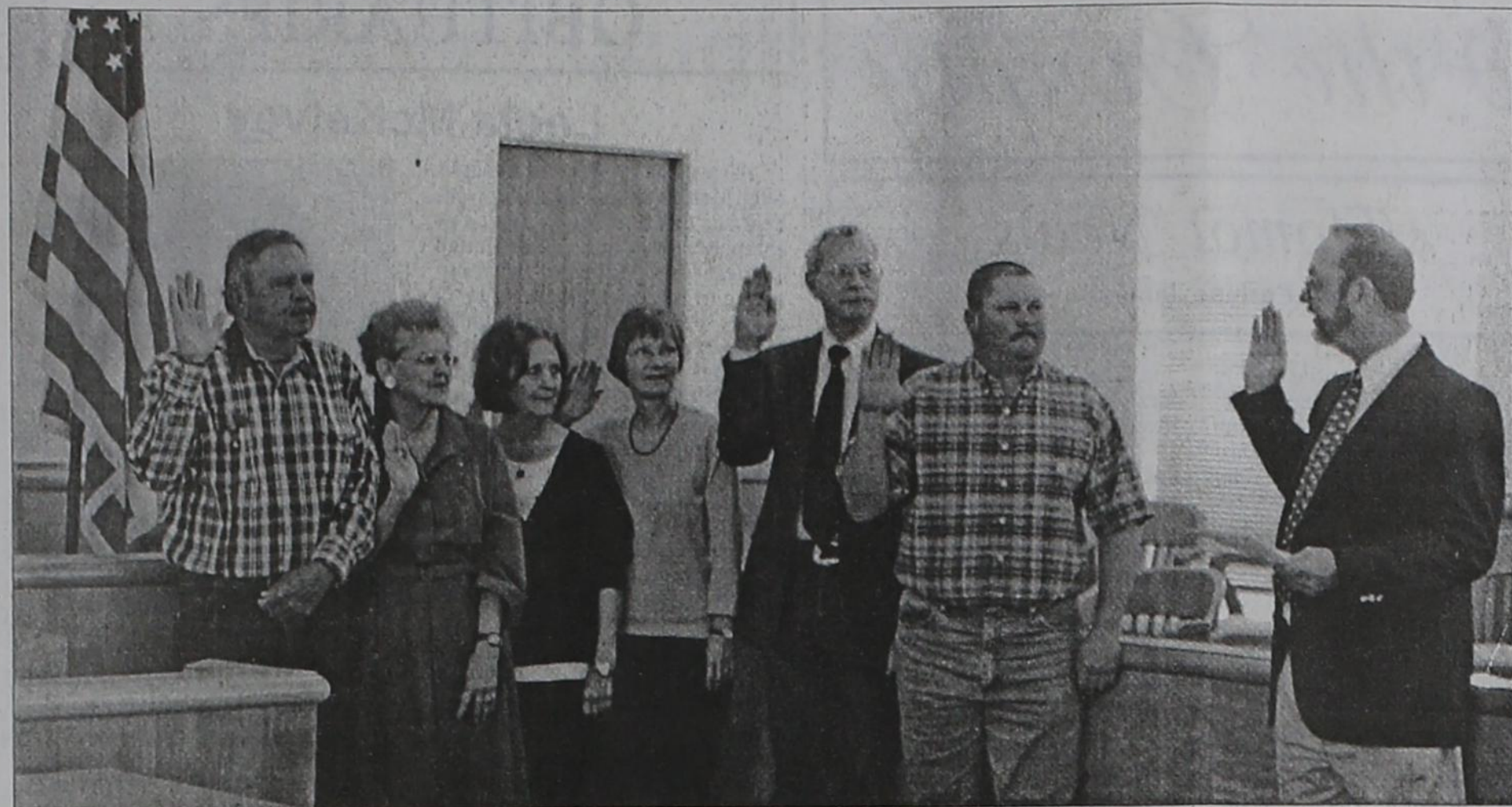


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ELECTED OFFICIALS SWORN INTO OFFICE — Motley County's elected officials were sworn into office, Tuesday, January 2. Judge Ed D. Smith, (right) was sworn in by Elaine Hart, Tax Assessor-Collector. He then administered the oath of office to Donnie Turner, County Commissioners, Precinct 2; Cora Smallwood, Justice of the Peace; Kate Hurt, District and County Clerk; Eva Barkley, Treasurer; Tom Edwards, County Attorney; and Russell Alexander, Commissioner Precinct 4.

CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort



Consider:
The most sensitive nerve in the human body is the one that leads to the pocketbook.

— Art H. Oehl

Christmas, oh, the joyous celebration, has come and gone, and already the new year has started. It seems like only yesterday that the new year was numbered 2006...

So now is the time to heal that most sensitive nerve in the human body, and recover from all the merriment and the expense. Credit card bills will be arriving shortly, and bank statements, too, showing just how anemic the accounts have become.

What to do?

New Year's resolutions are always made at this time, just the thing to address the problems left over from the holidays. Belt tightening in a variety of aspects seems the virtue called for, but how to accomplish that?

One kind of belt tightening needed is the result of all the marvelous goodies that were to be had, shared with friends and family, and part of the magic of the season. While it has been said that nothing eaten over the

Christmas holiday has any calories, the clothes in the closet seem to have another take on that.

So get out the treasured recipe books, the ones with old family favorites that may have been neglected in recent times, and find some of the old nutritious standards with rice and vegetables, those with few calories and inexpensive ingredients.

The few calories will help with the literal belt tightening, while the inexpensive ingredients contribute to the figurative belt tightening.

What else can be done to aid in the recovery of the pocketbook? Well, gas prices being what they are, trips to bigger towns and cities to buy things at cheaper prices may turn out to cost more than paying a little bit more for the item here at home.

Think about it. Buying at home makes sense, both because it helps the businesses we have, and it is easier on the pocketbook. Not only will the businesses thank you, but your friends and neighbors will, too, because they, too, are glad we have businesses in our communities.

News making headlines of 2006

2007 is here! Motley County saw a lot of good news and some bad news in 2006. The biggest and possibly the best news of the year was that Coach Mike Bigham, Coach Randy Brown and the Matadors were victorious and grabbed a district title in football.

The following is a look back at 2006 and just a few of the headlines making news in Motley County.

January 5: Bill Smith, Tempie Francis run for District Judge.

January 12: Hackberry Creek Care Center work begins.

January 19: Motley County ISD average attendance up.

Vandals damage local businesses.

January 26: Boondocker Motorcycle Club sets race date in Matador.

February 2: Farris Foundation donates to Library Building Fund.

February 9: Cade Luckett wins calf-scrabble at Fort Worth Stock Show.

February 16: Roaring Springs' historic depot named to Texas' Most Endangered Historic places.

February 23: Weekend Arctic Front Drops Temperatures in Motley County.

Motley County voters use new voting machines.

March 2: First Annual Matador Grand Prix.

66th Annual Motley County Jr. Livestock Show.

March 9: Matador Grand Prix declared a success.

45% of registered Motley County voters cast votes in primary election.

March 16: Commissioners remind residents that County fire ban still in effect.

Panhandle wildfires burn 750,000 acres.

March 23: New residents welcomed at Chamber meeting County receives 2 1/2 inches of rain.

March 30: Local candidates gear up for May elections.

Spring Snowfall.

April 6: Roaring Springs Lions Club to observe 60th Anniversary.

April 13: Burn Ban extended 90 days.

April 20: Annual Golf Benefit Tournament dedicated in memory of LaVoe Thacker.

Matador Cowboy wins first at local Cutting.

April 27: Motley County Senior Citizens Center awarded \$11,900 grant.

May 4: Local Law Enforcement seizes large amount of alcohol from Matador home.

Motley County students benefit from Distance Learning.

May 11: Large crowd wakes up for early morning National Day of Prayer observance.

May 18: All roads lead to Flomot for annual Bluegrass Festival.

Local election results announced.

May 25: 2006 Graduation ceremonies to be held.

June 1: Flomot featured on Channel 11 A-Z Sports Tour.

Motley County students exceed state TAKS results.

June 8: Motley County Athletes honored at annual banquet.

Colton Russell receives highest agriculture honor.

June 15: New stop signs to be installed on Main Street.

Special prayer service set to pray for rain.

June 22: Iris Blevins celebrates 101st birthday.

Bill Smith sworn in as 110th Judicial District Judge.

June 29: Matador featured on Channel 11 A-Z Sports Tour.

Texas drought means more care needed for July 4th fireworks.

July 6: Roaring Springs' July 4th celebration goes off with a bang.

July 13: Dry weather dents South Plains cotton.

July 20: Motley County Jr. Rodeo held in Roaring Springs.

Motley County school employees to receive raises.

July 27: Roaring Springs featured on Channel 11 A-Z Sports Tour.

City of Matador awarded grant for new downtown sidewalks.

August 3: Matadors will kick off football season with late night practice.

Texas shoppers get a break with tax holiday.

August 10: Mike Bigham is new Motley County head football coach.

Motley County ISD earns Recognized rating for fourth consecutive year.

August 17: Three girls vie for 2006 Old Settlers Rodeo Queen.

Motley County's oldest resident, (Vera Mitchell, 102) enters eternity.

August 24: Old Settlers Reunion weekend.

Matador cowboys to meet for 13th annual reunion.

August 31: Shane'a Russell crowned Old Settlers Rodeo Queen.

September 7: Matadors win season opener!

September 14: Matadors kick off season with two victories.

September 21: Thursday night bonfire will spark 2006 Homecoming celebration.

Motley County Cheerleaders participating in KCBF contest.

September 28: Marguerite Keltz Edwards recognized as earliest graduate and earliest teacher at homecoming program.

Courtney Alexander, escorted by Isaiah Archer, crowned 2006 Homecoming queen.

October 5: Steve Moncrief hired as Hackberry Creek Care Center Administrator.

David Van Os, Democratic Candidate for Texas Attorney General visits Matador.

October 12: Matadors' six-man ranking climbs to 4th.

Ryan Martin appointed County Extension Agent.

October 19: Matadors defeat Lazbuddie for big district opener win.

Motley County citizens recognized at Chamber Banquet.

October 26: Roaring Springs Community Volunteers hosts 2nd annual Motley County Fair.

Matador writer (Polly Gwinn) now a published author.

November 2: Wind Farm possibilities to be discussed at local meetings.

November 9: Late Night Shopping events planned.

Motley County shows 47% voter turnout.

November 16: Matador recognized by state officials for contribution to local project.

Matadors end season in 3-way tie for District Championship.

November 23: Happy Thanksgiving.

Santa to visit Motley County.

November 30: Santa Claus visits Roaring Springs.

Care Center to provide job opportunities.

December 7: Bigham named Coach of the Year; Newman - All Star; Brown - MVP.

Area residents show support for CREZ2.

December 14: Prison escapee treks 70 miles before capture.

Four MC Cheerleaders named Academic All-District.

Wendy Lancaster hired as Director of Nurses for Hackberry Creek Care Center.

December 21: Merry Christmas!

Brown, Archer, Newman named to Sixman All-Region.

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

It's been a quiet day after a very busy holiday season. A good day to think about the new year and decide what are my goals for 2007; there are some things to let go of and other things that I would like to move up to number one priority on my list. Heaven knows I need to make a lot of good resolutions, however; I am not prone to keeping actual resolutions especially if they involve diet and exercise. I know my weaknesses! Those kinds of resolutions seem to be taskmasters; I am tired. I just want to do the best I can everyday without the "got to" list hanging over me.

Today, we had a call from Dorothy Watson telling us that her son, Stacy Watson had died. Stacy had a long battle with melanoma cancer and it had spread rapidly the last 6 months. There will be a memorial service for him on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. That is 8 miles south of Cisco on the Rising Star Highway and then back to the East 2 or 4 miles.

Zella Palmer's brother, E.M. Goolsby, died the day after Christmas. His funeral service was Friday, December 29 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Zella returned home on Sunday.

There were 37 present at the Christmas dinner prepared by the Methodist Church for those who did not have family coming in or someone to be with on Christmas day. Alex Crowder reported that they had a good time and lots of turkey and ham to eat. A special Christmas Eve service was held Sunday evening.

Joe and Joyce Meredith and grandchildren, Angelica and Jonah, enjoyed a Christmas Eve party at the home of their daughter and husband, Tony and Sherry Rose, in Matador. Family members enjoyed a potluck supper, visiting and exchanging gifts. Those attending in addition to the Merediths, were Sean Rose and Shea Rose, Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith, Jim and Carla Meador, Jeremy, Whitney, Morgan and Judson Jones of Lubbock, Jackie and Steve Smith and houseguests, Ron and Shirlene Cooper of DeRidder, Louisiana, and Doyle Rose.

On Christmas Day Jim and Carla Meador joined the Merediths for lunch.

Yancy, Daphne and Parker Meredith spent Christmas Day with her parents, Ronald and Dorothy Farmer and grandmother, Mildred Sowell in Hale Center.

On Christmas Eve we had Corky's family for our annual get together. There were 14 adults and nine little ones. Attending were: Kenneth and Mary Marshall, Brent and Jana Marshall; Brian and Nancy Marshall; Kelly and Pennie Keltz; Kevin and Lesa Keltz; Kandi and Jared Johnson of Lubbock; Macie, Eli, Cambrie, Rivers, Tyne and Dallee Reece Marshall, Kaitlyn, Kenzie Morgan and little Kagen Keltz. Everyone had a stocking hanging on the mantle. A light supper of various finger foods, vegetable and fruit trays, dips, chips, pies and cakes were served.

On Christmas Day Corky and I went to my daughter's for my side of the family's Christmas dinner. There were ten adults and 5 children.

The Daniell's family visited Edith and Glennard for Christmas and New Years. Their daughter, Karen and grandson Brad, Alexis and Alyssa; sons Leslie and Dale and granddaughter Anna were there for Christmas Day. Leslie, Anna, Dale and Eugene were there for New Years'.

The Joseph House family had a special Christmas with a new addition to their family, a granddaughter, who arrived just in time for Christmas. She is the adopted daughter of Mark, Kathleen Wason and four year old brother, Dalton Wason. Mark returned from Kazakhstan, which is a country that used to be part of Russia, with Valena Angel Wason only a day or two before Christmas. Also attending their Christmas celebration were grandchildren: Charity and Rachel Bartlett and Jesse Moehringer. Charity graduated in December from Texas Tech. Pauline attended her graduation ceremony.

Visiting the John Alexanders were grandchildren, Cody, Sidney, Ashlyn Starks and Dylan Alexander of Pampa and Amarillo. Barbara's niece and nephew, Chelsie and Joe Scott from Amarillo visited during the Christmas vacation as well.

Matador News

Marge Edwards spent the Christmas holidays with Tom and Deanie Edwards. They took her home on Tuesday and had lunch on Wednesday with Steve Edwards, who was in Lubbock from Costa Rica.

Inez Bailey enjoyed Christmas Day in Matador with her daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Dick Hamm. The Hamm's daughters and grandsons, Cindy, Sandra, Wes, Will and Brian were here also. They accompanied Inez back to the Floydada Rehab Center on their way back to Lubbock, Brownfield and Sundown.

Ron and Kay Bailey had the family Christmas celebration in their home this year. Guests included all their children, grandchildren, and Kay's parents, brother and family. All twenty-three family members were together for the first time in several years. These included Andi and Branton Bailey from Alvarado; Lance, Sherry, and Jason Bailey from Lamesa; Kevin, Sherry, Dillon and Kolton Bailey from Brownfield; Laverna and James T. Johnston from Lubbock; David and Marilyn Rattan from Amarillo; Dax, Nita, Dane and Blaze

Rattan from Amarillo; Garrett George from Amarillo; and Shane, Brenda and Ashlan George from Forney. Local resident, Mary Jones, joined the group for a nice visit with her sister, Laverna, and her nieces and nephews.

FRIENDSHIP SOCIAL
Mrs. Dorothy Meador visited at her home from Wednesday until Sunday. She was given a Friendship Social Saturday afternoon, Dec. 30, in her home with friends attending with cheerful greetings and best wishes for her health complications to improve.

Presiding at the refreshment table was her daughter, Mrs. Frances Welling of Midlothian and granddaughter, Ginger Martin of Odessa. Other family members visiting in her home were Stanley Martin of Andrews, grandson, Quinten Brandon of Midlothian and great-grandson, Aaron Brandon of McKinney. Mrs. Meador returned home with Frances.

Spencer and Wilda Dixon visited from Dec. 21 to Dec. 27th in Lovington, N.M. with her family, Mrs. Ted Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hester, Kristen and Christopher.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

The beauty of compassion is that everyone of us already possesses it. We are born with our arms reaching out to embrace. A hug is a perfect way to start the New Year. One size fits all and it is easily returned.

HEART SURGERY

Mrs. Janice Hughes was conveyed by Plainview ambulance to the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Friday, Dec. 29, and had stent heart surgery. She returned home Sunday, Dec. 31 and is reported to be recovering just fine and also from her recent hip surgery.

Visiting Butch and Janice the Saturday before Christmas were sons and families, Roger, Tiffany, Tara and Reagan Hughes, Rickey, Tasha, Kendal and Kason Hughes of Floydada and Billy, Becky, Brennan and Baylee Hughes of Lubbock.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shorter of Fort Worth, Mrs. Salina Marks of Lockney, Mrs. Judy Rhodes, Russell Rhodes and daughters, Catherine and Kristen of Cypress, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Calvert and Cade of Bogota, Colombia, L.E. Shorter and Mrs. Geneva Martin of Flomot.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay were Charles Tanner and Robert Tanner of Tullia, Chad Tanner of Austin, Tyson Tanner of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Kevon Kleibrink, Tyler and Karlee of Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Sarah of Panhandle, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Parker and Walker of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Edwards, Caden, Jaxon and Laney of Flomot. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay visit often at the Lockney Care Center with his sister, Mrs. Margaret Lane of Turkey who is under Hospice Care. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob visited Christmas Eve in Clyde with Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Gray. Joining them there were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth.

Holiday visitors of Mrs. Beverly Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson were Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison and Elise and Mrs. Mildred Cantrell of Lubbock.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton visited in Matador Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Butch Renfro and family and enjoyed the Chamber of Commerce video. She was a guest Christmas Day in Matador of Mrs. Eugenia Barton and family.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and their houseguests, children, Leah Cruse of Canyon, Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming and Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Turkey were guests Christmas Eve in the home of her mother, Mrs. Marihelen Wason in Matador. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Marracle of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Shafer,

David and Susan Garrison of Hawley visited Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison.

Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Frances Dixon were Fred and Elaine Risser and daughter, Kaci Risser of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wason, Dalton and Valenna of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Holscher and Kenley of Sweetwater.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnie Starkey were Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla., L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis and son, Michael of Fritch.

Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse were her mother, Mrs. Dona Browning of the Lockney Care Center, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Thor, Tory, Teah and Tally of Silvertown, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Elk City, Okla., Skylar Clifton of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada, Roegan Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse, Branson, Baylor and Branson, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Turkey, Leah Cruse of Canyon, Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Fannin and Danniell of Whiteflat and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee and Jason Lee of Amarillo, Ernie Lee, Mrs. Teresa Lee and Kacee and Tom Heck of Turkey, Brandon Lee of Plainview, Kellan Roberts of Waco, Josh Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee of Flomot and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Schupback of Bloomington, Illinois and Jenie Weslev of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were in Amarillo, Thursday for her a medical appointment. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson, Cary Franks, Anissa Huckert of Lubbock and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington visited in Roaring Springs, Dec. 22, with her mother, Mrs. Jo Scott. Other visitors were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Scott of Lubbock. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Washington at a dinner Christmas night were Todd and Therasa Washington and Stephen Jasper of Quitaque, Katie Washington of Clarendon, Stachia Washington, Cam, Clay and Conner Washington of Childress.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were Mrs. Lucretia Dockery and daughter, Brittany of Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Guest of Turkey.

OBITUARIES

Leola McKelvey

Graveside services for Leola M. Allen McKelvey, 72, of Matador were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2006, at the East Mound Cemetery in Matador. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Matador. Mrs. McKelvey died at the VistaCare Hospice Center in Lubbock Friday, Dec. 23, 2006. Leola married Bill McKelvey on October 2, 1954, in McAdoo, Texas. She had been a resident of Matador for 54 years. Mrs. McKelvey was a homemaker and a member of the Arts and Crafts Club.



She was preceded in death by a son, Stevie, Jan. 16, 1959.

She is survived by her husband, Bill of Matador; two sons, Billy D. 'Butch' McKelvey and wife Teresa of Lubbock, Bobby McKelvey and wife Debra of Lubbock; one brother, Neal Allen of Sweetwater; one sis-

ter, Nelda Kochis of Lubbock; and six grandchildren, Mandi, Jonnie, Brice, Kellen, Corina, and Connor.

Pallbearers were Andy, David, and Danny Kochis, John and Joe Wallingsford, Pat Smith and Billy Short.

L.B. Campbell

Funeral services for L.B. Campbell, 86, of Matador, were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Officiating was Rev. Winfield Davenport, pastor. Interment was in East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Campbell died early Sunday, December 24, 2006, in Amarillo.

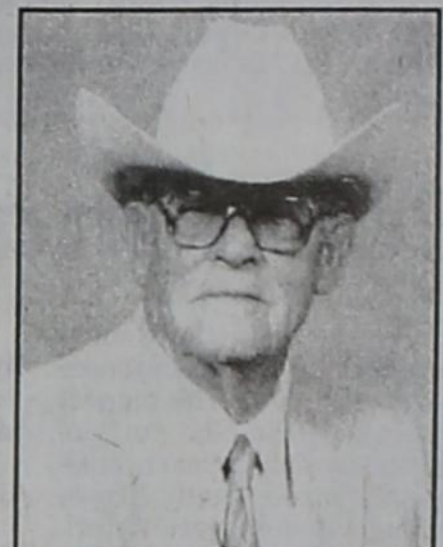
He was born July 17, 1920, in Motley County, the son and grandson of a pioneer Motley County ranching family, and had been a lifelong resident of Matador.

He was a rancher, and a member of the First United Methodist Church. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, from 1942 until 1945, and was stationed in China. His unit flew what was referred to as the "Burma Hump" out of China. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his military service.

L.B. was a former member of the VFW and American Legion and Matador Lions Club, and served on the Matador City Council for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Erin Shearer, and by his wife, Lucretia Edwards Campbell, who died Sept. 4, 2004.

He is survived by one son, Bundy Hal Campbell of Matador;



one daughter, Olivia Barton of Matador; one step-son, Ben Grundy of Matador; one step-daughter, Laura Slover of Paducah; two brothers, Harold Campbell and Vance Campbell, both of Motley County; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Corky Marshall, S.C. Burleson, Tom Farris, Tom Hamilton, Roy Hobbs, Travis Jones, and Louis Reid Cardinal.

Honorary Pallbearers were Fred Brandon, Carlton Fawver, Wade Berryman, Lewis Bostick, Fred Cardinal and Billy Hand.

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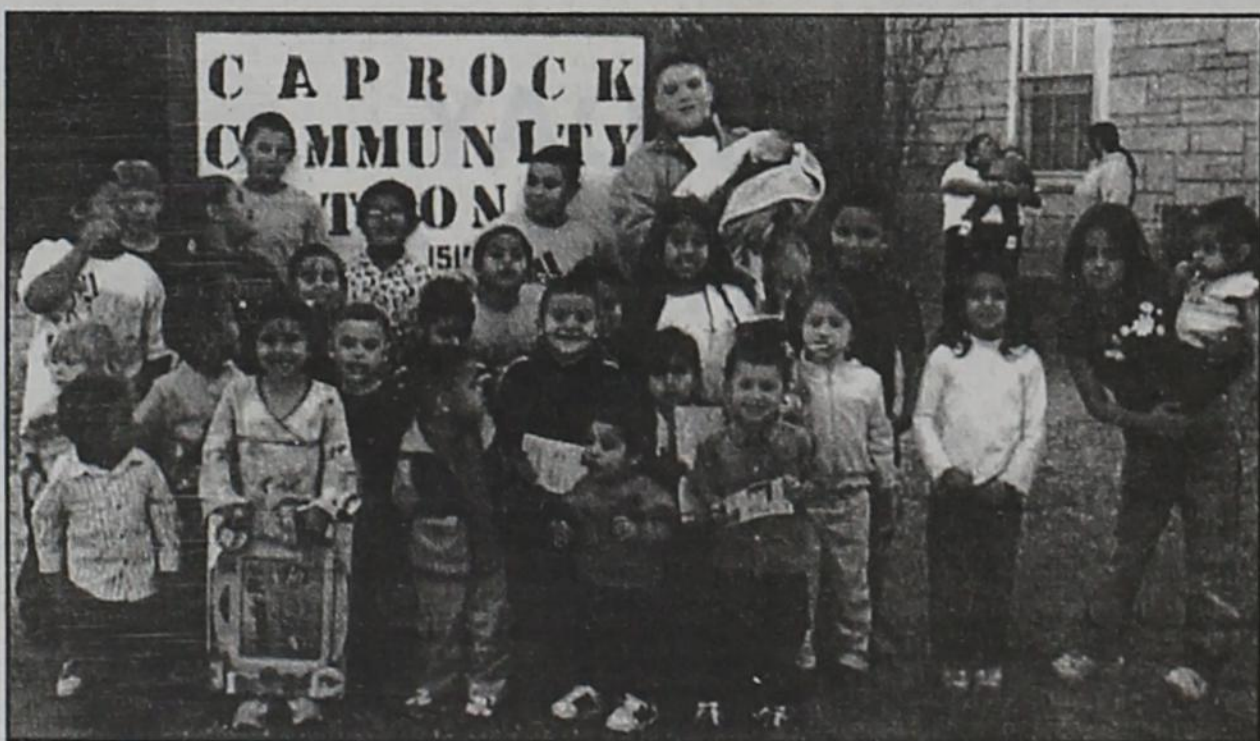


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Illegal deer slaughter draws reward

Operation Game Thief, Texas' Wildlife Crime Stoppers program, and a local landowner are teaming up to offer a reward of \$2,000 for capture and final conviction of person or persons who on or about December 9-10, 2006, shot three mule deer on a wheat field on the Motley-Floyd County line off of US Highway 70/62. In addition, a reward of \$500 is offered for substantial information about the slaughter.

Investigation of the scene of the crime started after a call was received from a passerby driving along the wheat field. He reported that three bucks, one crudely decapitated, were laying in the furrows. During that investigation a Muleshoe man who was seen shooting off the highway, in broad daylight on a busy highway, into the same herd. He was questioned, taken into custody, and charged. Apparently this incident is not related to the first.

"A thief has stolen what we pay a lot of money for. We pay for our lease and our out-of-state licenses, and that's no small amount," said Barry Turner, one of the hunters from Louisiana who leases the property for the right to hunt game. "We abide by Texas game laws, and seriously consider each kill.

As far as we are concerned this wanton act takes money out of our pockets by stealing what we must pay for."

Besides killing mule deer out of season, exceeding the bag limit of one buck, and shooting off the highway, another issue is slaughtering the animals and leaving the meat to rot, a wanton waste of good venison for jerky, sausage, etc. A responsible hunter has a plan for his harvest, even if it's a donation to a local food bank. "If you can shoot it or hook it, now cook it!" state the Texas Parks and

Wildlife's Outdoor Annual, a handbook of hunting and fishing regulations.

For the landowner, however, trespassing on posted land is the big issue.

"Hunting is an important source of ranch revenue," said landowner Marisue Potts. "We allow hunting on our land but have strict rules about what can or cannot be taken under our game management plan. Those illegal hunters possibly cost us future trophy deer, but also endangered the cattle herd.

Obviously, hunting at night provides greater risk of hitting cattle confined to grazing on our wheat field."

Game Warden Mark Collins, Floyd County, summed up the situation this way, "There is no

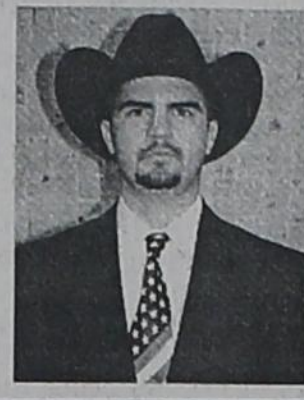
excuse or justification for this kind of conduct.

Those responsible for this crime are outlaws and should in no way be given the distinction of the title 'hunters'. I know of no law-abiding hunter, or non-hunter, for that matter, that would condone this type of act. It is my confident belief that these outlaws will be brought to justice from information provided by a responsible user of our Texas outdoor recreation opportunities."

Anyone with information relating to this wildlife crime is urged to contact Operation Game Thief for 24 hour reporting of violations at 1-800-792-4263 or TPWD Lubbock Regional Office at 806-761-4930.

County Agent's News

By Ryan Martin,
Motley County Extension Agent



MOTLEY COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK ASSOC. IMPLEMENTS NEW AWARD FOR JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Motley County Jr. Livestock Association has implemented a new Memorial Herdsman Award for the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show. This award will be sponsored by families and friends who have lost a loved one that was dedicated to youth development through the livestock industry. Donations in memory of a loved one will be accepted for this award and the money will be used to purchase a custom made "Memorial Herdsman" belt buckle along with a scholarship to be awarded to the recipient during their second semester of college. The recipient will be a graduating senior that has excelled in FFA and/or 4-H, livestock projects and academics. All senior FFA and 4-H members are encouraged to fill out and submit an application to the Livestock Board. Applications are available in the County Extension Office. Donations can be made at the County Extension office, please see me or D'anna.

MOTLEY COUNTY LANDOWNERS

There has been several discussions about wind energy and how to bring this industry into Motley County. Recently, I have had the opportunity to visit with individuals involved with the wind energy industry and they have shared some of their experiences and information. Everyone that I have spoken to has encouraged us to pool the land in Motley County together so we can approach these companies with a large offer of land. As of right now, I have a map of Motley County in my office and invite anyone that owns land in Motley County to come by and mark off your land, stating that you are interested in leasing your land. Once there is a substantial amount of land we will contact several of these wind energy companies and have them come to Matador to discuss the possibility of leasing the land for the development of a wind farm. Once again, if you are interested in leasing your land for the development of the wind energy industry in Motley County, please come by my office and outline your land on the map and fill out a paper with your information.

SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC SET FOR JANUARY 21

A showmanship clinic has been set for January 21, 2007, at the Motley County bus barn at 2:30 p.m. for all species. All 4-Hers and FFA members are invited to attend. Please bring your animal to the bus barn and be prepared to discuss and learn about showmanship.

Also, 4-H project owners, you should be weighing your animals every week to two weeks so you know what they are gaining and if you need to slow down on feeding them. If you need any help or have any questions please contact me.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5-6 - Sandhills Stock Show, Odessa (Goat Show).
Jan. 15 - Rolling Plains Chemical Conference, Spur, 8:30 a.m. (CEU's will be offered)
Jan. 18 - 4-H Shooting Sports Meeting/Sign-up, Courthouse, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 21 - Showmanship Clinic, MCISD Bus Barn, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 25-28 - Fort Worth Stock Show, Goats.
Feb. 5-7 - San Antonio Stock Show, Swine.
Feb. 16-18 - San Angelo Stock Show, Goats.
Feb. 24 - Motley County Jr.

Livestock Show.

If anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to come by my office or call me at 806-347-2733.

WESTERN ROLLING PLAINS CHEMICAL CONFERENCE OFFERS 5 CEU'S

The Texas Cooperative Extension offices of Dickens, Kent, King, Motley, Cottle and Stone-wall counties is proud to announce the Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference set for January 15, 2007, in Spur at the Spur Community Center. The event will kickoff at 8:30 a.m., with registration and hospitality. The program will commence at 9:00 a.m., with presentations related to cotton, wheat, weed and brush control, parasites in livestock, and one hour of laws and regulations. (5 CEU's - 3 General, 1-IPM, 1 Laws & Regs).

Presenters will include Lionel Phelps, Bayer Crop Science; Dr. Todd Baughman, TCE agronomist; J.F. Cadenhead, TCE Weed & Brush specialist; and Carl Patrick, TCE entomologist.

Lunch will be provided on-site and there will be a \$10.00 registration fee which includes meal, registration, and training materials. The program will adjourn at 3:00 p.m. with the distribution of CEU certificates. We would request that you RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2007.

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Motley County 2006 Weather Report December exits leaving needed rain

by Earlyne Jameson

Motley County farmers and ranchers are bidding farewell to a year that had the county reeling from losses of dryland cotton and feed crops. January through July only had the average of six inches of rain. The majority of baled hay and feed did not make it forcing cattle ranchers to pay more for what remained or pay higher prices for hay and feed trucked in from other locations.

August through October averaged ten inches of rain which was a blessing for wheat, ranchland and cattle market. November had little moisture, but December made exit with good

rains.

We thank the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers for reporting monthly rainfall totals and the total moisture for 2006.

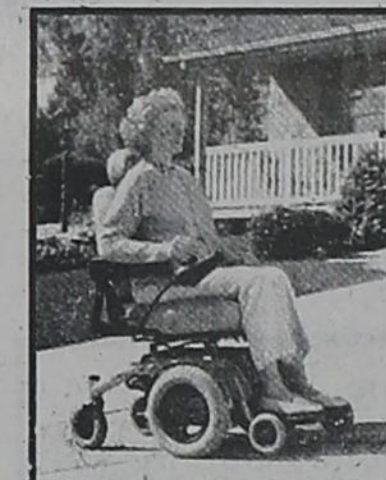
Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs: December, 2.29; 2006 total, 20.22 inches.

Betty Simpson, Northfield: December 2.71; 2006 total, 22.00 inches.

John Bird, Matador: December, 2.96; 2006 total, 10.19 inches.

Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat: December, 2.45; 2006 total, 19.42 inches.

Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot: December, 2.83; 2006 total, 19.95 inches.



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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Motley County Tribune Weather Jan. 4, 2007

7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 58 Low: 35
	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 66 Low: 29
	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 46 Low: 26
	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 52 Low: 30
	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 48 Low: 24
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 50 Low: 25
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 28

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 58°, humidity of 54% and an overnight low of 35°. The record high temperature for today is 84° set in 1997. Friday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 66°.

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
1/11	1/18	1/25	2/2

Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Sunday	52	28	52/28	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.15"
Monday	47	30	52/27	0.00"	Departure from normal +1.25"
Tuesday	54	26	52/27	0.00"	
Wednesday	71	30	52/27	0.00"	Average temperature 44.5°
Thursday	63	43	51/27	0.00"	Average normal temperature 39.4°
Friday	56	43	51/27	1.37"	Departure from normal +5.1°
Saturday	44	36	51/27	0.03"	Data as reported from Childress, Texas

Weather History

Jan. 4, 1989 - Up to a foot of snow blanketed the mountains of West Virginia and strong winds in the northeastern United States produced wind chill readings as cold as 60 degrees below zero in Maine. Mount Washington, N.H. reported wind gusts to 136 mph.

Sun & Moon Times

Sunrise today 7:49 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:48 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:00 p.m.
Moonset today 8:58 a.m.

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

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Estate of Walter T. Ross, Jr.
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(806) 765-8329
(806) 765-8320 Fax

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Elisa Ross Wigley
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