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Annual audit for MCISD reveals no deficiencies

General fund tops \$1 million mark

By Carol Campbell

The Motley County ISD met Thursday, December 18, with a full quorum consisting of Interim Superintendent Dr. Tom Alvis, Dr. Andrew Seigrist, superintendent, and board members J.D. Russell, Tina Brooks, David Stafford, Mark Seigler, Don Baxter, and Gilbert Guerrero. Absent was Lewis Drum. Also attending were Denise Ford, Business Manager, and William Cochran, Principal. Auditor Blaine Smith of Williams, Meriwether, and Smith, in Plainview, reported the completion of the annual audit.

The auditor reported "no significant deficiencies," issuing the Best Opinion we can provide for the district," Smith said, adding, "we congratulate you on a job well done." Smith provided a brief overview of revenue and expenditures of the district, focusing primarily on the activities of the general fund.

"We are happy to report a fund balance of \$1,132,000, an increase of \$166,000 over 2007," he said. The \$1.1 million represents unreserved and undesignated funds to be used as the district sees fit, he said. "The district is debt-free," Smith said, "with net assets of \$2,130,000." The net cost of providing services in the district was \$1,654,000; he said.

"We have been the auditors for this district for four years," Smith said. "Things are in really good shape in Motley County," he said, adding, "Motley County has great stewardship," citing the efforts of Business Manager

Denise Ford. The audit was approved unanimously by the board.

In further business, Ford reported that the district had collected about 55 percent in property tax collection. She discussed the district's investments, estimating total interest earned would be down considerably this year due to the lower interest rates. While interest earned was about \$34,000 last year, Ford is estimating that interest earned on investments in 2009 would be about \$10,000. The board approved the minutes "by consent" and unanimously approved the financial expenditures for November, 2008.

A School Board Policy update by Dr. Alvis included an update on special education services, an overview of a proposal for credits for athletics, and an update allowing students to "vote" on having prayer at graduation, provided the prayer is "done by a volunteer." Dr. Alvis also reported that all non-certified employees will be required to have national criminal history background checks, in addition to Texas criminal history background checks. The updates were approved unanimously by the board.

The bids on the bathroom modifications to the superintendent's house on Scotch Street were opened. The winning bid was awarded to Ricky Green for \$9,230.00. The renovation includes repairs to both a small and large bathrooms, consisting of new shower fixtures, plumbing, painting, and cabinets. This bid was accepted

unanimously by the board.

Principal William Cochran made a presentation to the board on the Tech Prep Program sponsored by South Plains Junior College, providing an opportunity for students to gain college credits. Classes at Motley County that currently qualify for college credits are business and computer classes taught by Shelly Cox, accounting classes taught by Cathy Turner, and all home economic and agriculture classes qualify, he said.

"This program saves money, gives students a head start on technical degrees, and increases vocational skills," Cochran said. "This is a good program, we just need to get more teachers certified, and students and parents need to be made aware of this dual credit opportunity."

Following this presentation, Mr. Cochran reported that enrollment has remained steady at 176, with a 97 percent attendance rate.

Dr. Alvis reported that Randa Green and Jessica Ballard had both passed the certification test, and had been issued a 99-day contract.

Further, board president David Stafford reported that new playground equipment, donated by Kermit ISD, had arrived. "The Kermit ISD is getting new equipment, and they donated their old equipment to us," he said. "This is probably about \$5-\$6,000 equipment donation." Volunteers will begin assembling the new equipment this summer, he said.

The February board meeting

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Clara Mangrum retires after 20 years with MCISD

Amid all the hustle and bustle of classroom Christmas parties and children's programs on Friday, December 19, there was one occasion that caused more than a few tears to be shed.

After 20 years of loyal service to the students and faculty of the Motley County school system, Mrs. Clara Mangrum retired from her position with MCISD cafeteria.

During the regular morning assembly, Student Council President Courtney Alexander and Vice-president Shane'a

Russell awarded Clara with retirement cards that were handmade and signed by all the elementary, junior high and high school students and faculty. Faculty member Ronnie Cox presented a plaque thanking Clara for her 20 years of loyal service. In addition, high school students Colby McClesky, Dayne Butler, Courtney Alexander, Shane'a Russell, and faculty member Kay Bingham performed a short skit fashioned after the popular television series, "Who Wants To Be a Million-

aire?" At the conclusion of the skit Clara was named the winner and given a money tree that had been "grown" by the staff members of the Motley County faculty.

For two decades, not only the regulars at the school, but numerous parents, relatives, visitors and friends have been treated to the mouth-watering tastes of Clara's cinnamon rolls and homemade breads. She always had a warm smile on her face as she welcomed the students to each meal, and when needed, offered a bit of



CLARA MANGRUM RETIRES. Mrs. Mangrum responds, emotionally to the presentation the staff and students gave for her 20 years of service.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Matador News

Lucretia Estes Campbell celebrated her 90th birthday at Hotel Matador on December 27.

School News

Dr. Andrew Seigrist served as an elementary and middle school principal at Blue Ridge ISD, McKinney, for nine years.

County News

Local Masons honored for lengthy service.

Library News

Library pleased to announce the arrival of our Electronic Patron Counter!

FSA News

Enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres began December 22.

Foothill Country Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Happy New Year to all our readers. A special thanks goes out to all those who have gathered the news and information that makes this a hyper-local community newspaper.

We want all the contributors to come to our gathering on the 17th of this month for a celebration of the unique elements that make up a newspaper such as this. If you have contributed in any way, please come. The invitation is also open to anyone who wishes to meet contributors and also meet other readers.

We will have as a special guest artist, Susanna Van Tassel, a singer from Austin, Tex-

as. She has two CD's to her credit and has been performing in the Austin area for several years. She is also a song writer, having penned most of the songs on her second CD, *My Little Star*. Susanna happens to be my daughter and she has graciously consented to perform some songs with me, making a birthday present for me that will be priceless.

We anticipate meeting and visiting with everyone that evening and hope you clear your calendar book.

As far as the new calendar year is concerned, I feel that it is best to think positive and be willing to work for the good of the community.

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Lucretia Estes Campbell celebrates birthday reunion

Lucretia Estes Campbell celebrated her 90th birthday at Hotel Matador on December 27. More than 100 guests enjoyed hor dourves, spiced tea, coffee, and birthday cake. The lavishly laden table included chicken salad sandwiches, salmon and cheese treats and crackers, and 5-tiers of finger sweets. The center piece of the table was a large mixed arrangement of red roses and lilies, courtesy of Pennie and Gerald Pipkin.

Lucretia's extended family presented her with a diamond-shaped blue aquamarine ring, set in gold and silver. The ring was hidden in five nesting dolls, the last tiny doll holding the ring. Larry Vogt played the piano and classical guitar during the reception.

Attending the reception was Lucretia's grandson Bryon Campbell of Lubbock, who, along with his wife, Kelly, is the proud parents of a new addition to the Campbell Clan, Richard Cooper Campbell, who made his appearance on December 22.

Other out-of-town special guests attending the reception were long-time family friends Stanley and Erica Myint, Dallas; nephew Gary Campbell, Austin; Larry Keltz, Plainview, and Pepper Nichols, Wichita Falls.

Following the reception, Hotel Matador became the scene of an Estes-Campbell family party. Following a

meal of lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, peach cobbler and ice cream, more than 30 members of the Campbell clan performed a musical program in honor of Lucretia. Four grandchildren and their spouses, and seven great-grandchildren sang, danced, and performed readings.

Out-of-town family guests attending the function were Ann and Jim Huffman, Denver; Jana, Edward, and Brennan Ellsworth of Katy, Texas; Rebekah, Stacy, Travis, Katie, Faith, and Wyatt Bulen of San Antonio; Sherry, Drew, Samantha and Tye Hardin of Austin; Charise, Craig, and Caitlin Christian of Denton; Cameron Christian and her fiancée Brian Welter of Denton; Michael Richardson of Dallas; Neal Pipkin, Granbury; Patti and Michelle Alexander of Midland; Linda, Tanner and Erin Williams of Austin; Lance and Leslie Ann Nix of Midland; Heather and Taylor Davis of Colorado Springs; and Joanne and Steve Stevens, Dallas.

Also attending the family party were longtime Matador friends, Stanley Dan and June Levell, and Larry Keltz. Also in attendance was Winifred Darsey, sister of the guest-of-honor.

The group spent overnight at Hotel Matador, enjoying a gourmet birthday breakfast in honor of Jana Campbell on December 28.

WRITING COMMUNITY

MY SECOND CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

Author unknown

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular! Please wipe away that tear, for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ, again this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart, even though I am so far away, we really aren't apart. So, be happy for me, loved ones. You know I hold you dear. Be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ, again this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above. I send you each a memory of my undying love. After all, "LOVE" is the gift more precious than gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do, for I can't count the blessings or the love He has for you. So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear! Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ, again this year.

Submitted by Dorothy Watson



Stacey Watson 3-17-47 to 1-1-07

The Hill Country Acoustic Music Camp — Kerrville TX. June 3 - 7, 2009

A music camp for just you and your music

The 5th annual Hill Country Acoustic Music Camp will be held June 3rd to June 7th, 2009 in Kerrville, in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Held at Schreiner University, the 2009 Camp offers five days with a stellar line of instructors teaching guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, dobro, voice, hammer dulcimer, and mountain dulcimer. The camp features small instrument classes to maintain individual attention. Add in some informal jams and music in country, roots, americana, folk, bluegrass, celtic, and maybe a bit of classical for a memorable and fulfilling musical experience.

Camp attendees average 55+ in age and come with skill levels from novice to advanced.

Five days of instruction cost \$325. Private rooms and meal plans on the beautiful Schreiner campus are available at an affordable rate. Come enjoy five days of your music, your instrument and your new friends. Registration and details available at www.hcamp.org, or call Bob Miller at 830-459-2120.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday evening, December 16, I viewed my first copy of the Motley County Tribune online and was blown away. The colors in the photographs, the ads, and the Christmas greetings were rich and vibrant, the copy sharp and clear. It is a beautiful Christmas edition of the Tribune. And I didn't have to wait or drive to town to the mailbox. Hope this catches on! Thank you and Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely,
Marisue Potts Powell

Santa visits Motley County VFD

By Matt Crawford

Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings, enough desserts for an army, department members, family and friends is the perfect recipe for full bellies and a chuckle or two. Monday, December 22, the Motley County Volunteer Fire Department gathered with families and friends to celebrate another year and hand out awards and gifts. The evening began with a fine meal prepared by our wives and the Parsons, who are much appreciated.

With hungers satisfied and a cup of coffee in hand, everyone settled back to see who the recipients of the annual awards would be. MCVFD gives out three awards to active members: Fireman of the Year, Spirit, and "Here's Yer Sign."

Fireman of the Year makes a majority of the calls, performs extra duties around the station, and is a dedicated member. This year Bert Darsey was the well deserved beneficiary. Glenda Williams doesn't jump in a truck and report to the scene, but she has been a faithful and diligent dispatcher for many years. She too received a Fireman (woman) of the Year award. The person who cheers members on or gives an encouraging comment receives the Spirit Award. Matt Crawford was given the award this year.

The not so prestigious award called the "Here's Yer Sign" is given to a member of the department for a non-heroic act done during the year. No names will be printed but you might find the plaque hanging in a local business located off Highway 70.

The party included an extra special presentation this year. Special recognition went to James Gillespie who has been in the fire service for 35 years. He was honored for his dedication and faithfulness with a service award.

The highlight of the night for most of the crowd was a visit from jolly 'ol Saint Nick. Loaded with toys for all the kids, Santa arrived in style aboard



BERT DARSEY was the well deserved beneficiary of the Fireman of the Year award.



JAMES GILLESPIE who has been in the fire service for 35 years was honored for his dedication and faithfulness with a service award.



SAINT NICK, loaded with toys for all the kids, arrived in style aboard Engine 1.

Engine 1. Everyone was happy to see him although some were not so enthused to sit on his lap. Toys were given to the kids and jokes played on good sports, he shouted to all as he rolled out of sight, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

In the annual Chief's Report, Rodney Williams reported the fire department has responded

to over 55 incidents, which is above average for the MCVFD. Even with the added runs and busyness it was a safe year for MCVFD. No injuries were reported and there were limited damages and repairs to equipment. Anyone interested in being part of a great department stop by on the 1st or 3rd Monday nights of every month at 7 pm.

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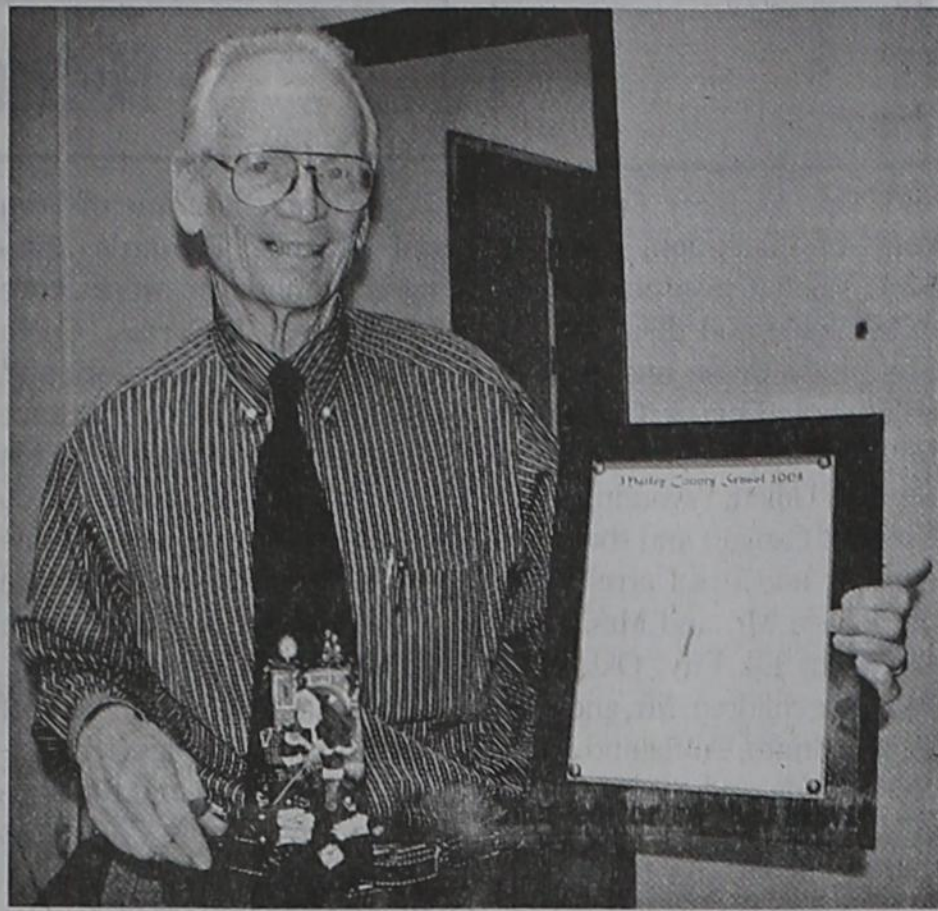
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will include a "team building" presentation by Holly Lee, a former student of MCISD. Dr. Alvis said the board would receive a 3-hour school board credit for the exercise, and asked the board to start an hour early, at 6:30 p.m.

In the final order of business, President David Stafford presented Dr. Alvis with a basket of assorted "goodies," in honor of his service to Motley County, citing this meeting as his last before turning over the reins to Dr. Seigrist in February.

The basket contained t-shirts from Roaring Springs and Matador, a Hotel Matador coffee mug, and a Moore-Maker knife. In addition, notebooks with colored art and heart-felt sentiments from the 3rd grade class of Motley County were presented to Dr. Alvis. One picture said it all: "Goodbye - I will miss you for a long time."

"The board would like to thank Dr. Alvis for all his hard work in behalf of Motley County," Stafford said. "I have enjoyed being in Matador,"



DR. TOM ALVIS, Interim Superintendent at Motley County ISD, is honored by elementary school children with handmade art on his last school board meeting of December 18. The certificate to Dr. Alvis reads: "I will miss you for a long time."

Dr. Alvis said, "I appreciate the friendly people - it has been an excellent experience.

The school is strong with a loyal group of students," he added.

New super joins the MCISD team Family will arrive in February

By Carol Campbell

Dr. Andrew Seigrist hails from the metroplex Dallas-Fort Worth area, serving as an elementary and middle school principal at Blue Ridge ISD, McKinney, for nine years.

"My wife is currently under contract at McKinney as a librarian," he said. "She will be moving when her contract expires. The boys will be joining me the middle of February."

The Seigrist's have three children: Adam, a sophomore in high school, Nathan, 8th grade, and Caitlin, third grade.

"I have had a heartfelt welcome in Matador," Seigrist said, adding, "in fact, I've been overwhelmed with the welcome I've received." Dr. Seigrist arrived in Matador on December 9, where he has been "shadowing" Dr. Alvis to learn the ropes, he said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to

work closely with Dr. Alvis," he said. "He has been mentoring me for two weeks."

But Dr. Seigrist is not an ordinary academic. "I have a background in music education," he said. In addition to working with band and choir in his past life, he also has a vocal performance background.

"On December 7 I sang a base solo in the Messiah with the Blue Bonnet Chorus at Texas A&M University in Commerce, Texas. In addition, Dr. Seigrist, says he is "fairly good at the national anthem, or so I'm told," he said modestly, having sung the national anthem for Lady Bird Johnson and Colin Powell at the LBJ Presidential Library, Austin.

Seigrist has a doctoral degree in musical arts in Vocal Performance Art. He came from the area of "God's green earth, Hollis, Oklahoma, and



now, "I feel like I am home."

But singing is not all this talented administrator does for fun: "I won a Wild Cow Milking Contest" in Harmon County, Hollis, Oklahoma rodeo, he said.

His introduction to Matador and the Motley County ISD has been a very positive experience, he said. "The board is very involved, very pro-active, and forward-thinking," he said, adding, "they have held on to their community values. I am honored to join the Motley County team."

Local masons honored for lengthy service

By Carol Campbell

Joe "Buzz" Thacker was 21-years-old "working in hardware" in Roaring Springs when he received a petition to join the Masonic Lodge. "I joined that day," Thacker said. The year was 1948.

Thacker with 60-years of service; along with Corky Marshall and Lewis Bostick both with 50 years of service, were honored with a Christmas celebration dinner at the Senior Citizen building on Saturday, December 20, where they received pins honoring their service to Freemasonry. The pinning ceremony was conducted by Alvin Alexander, Secretary of Lodge 824.

Three masons were honored in absentee. "We have six awards tonight," Alexander said, noting the service of Harold Campbell with 65 years of service, serving in 1950 as a District Deputy Grand Master; Orlando Keith, Albuquerque,

N.M., and R.H. Alexander, Denton.

Joe "Buzz" Thacker was initiated in April, 1948, and "raised to Master Mason in June, 1948," Alexander said. He started in Roaring Springs Lodge 1171, which later merged with Lodge 824 in Matador.

"This is a great honor," Thacker said. "It is great to be a mason. I look forward to serving another 10 years."

"I have enjoyed my 50 years of belonging to this 'secret' organization," Corky Marshall said, adding, "the only secret thing we do is service work for children." "It is secret because we do more than anyone ever knows about."

Marshall has been active with the Shriner's Burn Hospital and the Scottish Rite Hospital for disabled children in Dallas. Marshall was also awarded a 50-year-pin for his service in Chapter 66 of the Eastern Star.

Lewis Bostick was "raised" to Master Mason Septem-

ber, 1958. Bostick, a "man of few words," Alexander said, "thanked the masons publicly for the honor of masonry"

The lodge president, Worshipful Master Michael Crutchley, welcomed about 50 guests, combining the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge members, where the traditional Christmas meal was served, followed by a visit from Santa Claus, and a gift exchange.

The origins of Freemasonry date back to the late sixteenth century, forming in the U.S. after the American Revolution. The first president of the United States was a "free mason," an active member of a Virginian lodge.

Despite the organization's great diversity, Freemasonry's central preoccupations remain charitable work within a local or wider community, moral uprightness (in most cases requiring a belief in a Supreme Being) as well as the development and maintenance of fraternal friendship (Wikipedia).



LOCAL MASONS HONORED A 60-year service pin and certificate was awarded to Joe "Buzz" Thacker; and 50-year service pins and certificates were awarded to Corky Marshall and Lewis Bostick. Pictured left to right: Tince Thacker, Buzz Thacker, Lewis Bostick, Corkey Marshall, and Monta Marshall.

**PLEASE JOIN US AT HOTEL MATADOR ON JANUARY 17, 6PM
TO CELEBRATE OUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT THE
MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE AND LARRY VOGT'S 70TH BIRTHDAY**

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010260001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Roaring Springs, P.O. Box 247, Roaring Springs, Texas 79256, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. 10260-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 50,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 22 acres of non-public access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. TCEQ received this application on September 30, 2008.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located adjacent to the east side of State Highway 70, approximately 500 feet south of the SLSFT Railroad tracks and approximately 3,600 feet north of the intersection of State Highway 70 and Farm-to-Market Road 684 in Motley County, Texas. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of South Fork Pease River Basin in Segment No. 0227 of the Red River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Roaring Springs City Hall, 209 Broadway Street, Roaring Springs, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address; phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Roaring Springs at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Robert Osborn at (806) 348-7231.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Many folks in Roaring Springs had family gatherings during the Christmas holidays. It is good to have time to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones. As for me, I have had lots of hugs, catch-up Christmas letters, and fun watching grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's excitement opening gifts and playing together, visits with family and extended families to warm my heart for months!

Other kind deeds done during this season show me that the people of Roaring Springs and Motley County are a generous, caring group of people. Some of the things done were:

Christmas baskets were delivered by the Roaring Springs Lions Club to eight recipients.

The First United Methodist Church held their Candlelight service on Christmas Eve. They hosted their annual Christmas dinner on Christmas day for 25 guests. Ten carry out dinners were prepared and taken to shut-ins. Bill, Lea, Pat and Sharon Peacock were out of town guests for dinner; they enjoyed visiting with friends.

The First Baptist Church provided gifts for shut-ins, 11 gift bags with toys and clothes to children in need and lap robes for the residents of Hackberry Creek Care Center.

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers have purchased house-shoes for the residents of Hackberry Creek Care Center as well as distributing monetary gifts to needy families.

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Marty Ferguson. Marty lost his battle with cancer on December 28th at 3:45 p.m. His services will be held on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Spur.

Buzz and Tince Thacker had a Christmas Eve dinner at their home with family members Jeff and Pam Thacker; Blair Wilson, Joe, Anne, Amanda, Isaiah, and Emmalea Thacker all of Lubbock; Larry and Larry Hoyle of Matador and Clay and Laurie Bridge of Afton. On Christmas Day Buzz and Tince Thacker traveled to Post for Breakfast with Tince's daughter, LuAnn and her husband Gordon Terry. Her grandchildren Mandy and Todd Terry were also there.

On Saturday, December 27th, they visited in Slaton with her son and daughter-in-law, Wesley and Mince Fondy and grandson Cody. Her granddaughter, Audra, grandson-in-law Kyle Pipkin and one year old great grand-

child, Beau.

JoAnn Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque, Larry and Wililita Burkes of Paducah, Willie Palmer of Lovington and Bill and Margaret Leonard of Roaring Springs were guests of Pearl Patten on Christmas Day.

Don and Billie Stuckey attended Billie's family gathering in Briscoe, TX at her mother, Lou Dean Douthit's home on Saturday and went to Flower Mound, TX to spend Christmas Day with their daughter Leandra Whittenberg and grandchildren, Matt and Kenna.

Visiting in the home of J. T. and Immogene Swim during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Swim of Abilene. They came on the Saturday before Christmas and took them out for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock came on Wednesday. They brought their camper and stayed at the Springs Ranch Club. Their daughter-in-law Reba prepared a delicious Christmas dinner for them on Christmas Day.

Kelly and Pennie Keltz hosted the annual Christmas Eve party for the Marshall family. Those attending were: Kenneth and Mary Marshall; Brent, Jana, Macie, Eli, and Cambrie Marshall; Brian, Nancy, Rivers, Tyne and Dalie Reese Marshall all of Matador; Kevin, Lesa, Kaitlyn, Kenzie; and Kagen Keltz of Roaring Springs; Jared and Kandi Johnson of Lubbock and Corky and Monta Marshall of Roaring Springs.

Spending Christmas with Glennard and Edith Daniell were: their daughter, Karen Lamar; sons, Eugene and Cherry Daniell; Leslie Daniell,

Dale Daniell and grandson and family, Brad and Alyssa Daniell and great granddaughters Alexis and Autumn of Plainview, TX.

Beverly, Louis and Megan Shorter enjoyed Christmas at the home of Grace Zabielski. Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt spent Christmas in Lexington, Kentucky with Donnie Wittler, Dana and Gary Logsdon, and grandsons, Avery and Chuck Logsdon.

Two Roaring Springs residents were honored at a dinner hosted by the Matador Masonic Lodge #824 and the Eastern Star Lodge #66 held at the Matador Senior Citizens Center. Buzz Thacker received his 60 year pin; Louis Bostick and Corky Marshall received their 50 year pins from the Masonic Lodge and Corky also received a 50 year pin from the Eastern Star.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves! May you have the best of everything in 2009!

The Flomot Baptist Church had an observance of Christmas Sunday night, December 21 with a program including the lighting of candles and special music by the youth. The Rev. Nathan Mulder read the Christmas story and the congregation sang Christmas hymns.

Guests Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque, Brianna and Scarlet Sperry of Lubbock and Pecos Williams of Sulphur, Oklahoma and the many church members attending enjoyed refreshments in the fellowship hall following the spiritual occasion.

Mrs. B. Rogers, son, Donnie Rogers and his daughters, Natalie Rogers of Williamsburg, Virginia and Brooke Rogers, a student at Texas University in Austin and Mrs. Leona Degan of Quitaque enjoyed a pre-Christmas celebration Saturday night, December 20, in Calgary at the home of Donna Sue and Stanley Degan. Other family members attending were Ronnie and Lou Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Dane Degan, Kyler and Kason of Lubbock, Jimmy and Shay McDaniel, Seth, Luke and Colt of Sundown.

Visiting Mrs. Erma Washington during the Christmas holidays is her niece, Mrs. Leigh Blakemore of Fort Fortuna, California. Other visitors during the weekend December 20-22 were Dean and Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie Clary of Matador, Mrs. Connie Franks and Mrs. And Mrs. Jerry Barclay of Flomot.

Johnie Starkey visited the Christmas holidays in Lebanon, Missouri, with so and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Starkey and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Starkey and sons.

Bob and Darlene Reet of Amarillo visited Saturday, December 20 with Jack and Nada Starkey.

Christmas Day guests of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse were children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Seward, Allyson, Wade and Macy of Goldthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Brand Cruse, Baylor, Branson and Branson of Turkey, Mr.

and Mrs. Chancey Cruse and Zane of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Talon Cruse and Colton of Whiteflat and their mother, Mrs. Judy Cruse and Roegan of Flomot; Derrick Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Gillett, Wyoming, Leah Cruse of Canyon and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada and Skylar Clifton of Denver, Co.; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle of Flomot and Mr. and Mrs. Fannin Gwinn and Shandi of Matador; Mark Patton, Thor, Tory, Teah and Tally of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay and houseguests, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Kyler and Karlee of Clifton were guests Christmas Day of Tina and Pat Carson, Ryleigh, Parker and Walker of Turkey. Other guests were Mrs. Pat Rice of Lubbock, Julie and Neal Edwards, Laney, Jaxon and Caden and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson of Turkey, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador Larry Clay, Tanner and Kelsey of Clarendon. Mrs. Larry Clay and daughter Sarah of Clarendon visited December 27 as Sarah had a tonsillectomy December 24.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were children, Mr. and Mrs. Cody Barclay, Ashton and Lane of Borg-er, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla or Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes were guests Christmas Eve night in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Pigg of Quitaque at a family party with more than 50 guests attending. Christmas Day they were guests in Floydada of son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Hughes, Kason and Kendal and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Rochelle of Paducah, Friday, December 26, they visited son and family Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes, Tara, Reagan and Brody in Floydada. Other guests were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Hughes, Brennan and Baylee of Lubbock and the Rickey Hughes family.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a Christmas Day guests at a family luncheon in the home of Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador.

Continued next week

Matador News

Guests in the home of Tom and Deanie Edwards during the holidays were Steve Edwards of LaCarpia, Costa Rica, and Stephen, Lori and Haley Davis of Dalhart. Steve Edwards also visited with his grandmother, Marge Edwards in Lubbock. Tom and Deanie spent Christmas with Marge in Lubbock and had lunch with her and Aunt Grace Campbell.

Laverna Price Johnston of Amarillo was the special honored guest of Ron and Kay Bailey for their family Christmas Gathering on Christmas Day. She was accompanied by David and Marilyn Rattan, and, Dax, Nita, Dane, and Blaze Rattan all of Amarillo, and, Brenda and Ashlan George of Forney. Also present were Lance, Sherry, and Jason Bailey of Lamesa, Kevin, Sherry, Dillon, and Kolton Bailey of Sundown, and, Andrea and Brant Bailey of Eastland. Local residents Mary Jones and C. H. and Nita Murphy also came by.

Herbert Smallwood of Iowa Park and Mrs. Evelyn Garrison of Matador visited Sunday afternoon, December 21, with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson.

Mr. Evelyn Garrison visited from Thursday until Saturday of last week in Hawley with son and family, David and Susan Garrison and son, Kerry. She visited in Red Rock from Monday until Saturday, December 22-27 with son and family, Dickie and Shirley Gar-

rison and daughter, Brooke. Christmas day, they were guests of Shirley's mother and family, Mrs. Barbara Rankin in Yokum.

Guests of Mrs. Marihelen Wason Christmas Eve night were her children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot, Derrick Cruse and Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Gillett, Wy. Leah Cruse of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Marracle of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wason, Dalton and Veleena Mr. and Mrs. Ian Shafer and new baby son, Kay-sen of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Holscher and Kenley of Sweetwater.

Juanita Cooper spent Christmas Eve to December 26 in Lubbock with her daughter and family, Ken, Kay and Kourtney Dunnam of Addison. They were guests Christmas of the Kirk Dunnam family. Also visiting was Ray and Jo Ann Dunnam of Plainview.

Visiting December 14-16 with Juanita Cooper was her daughter and husband, Lynn and Pat Minton of Granbury.

Jack Samford visited Christmas in Canyon with his daughter and husband Ray and Vicki King and family.

Jennifer Lawler and her children, Allison McCoy and Matthew and Braeden Moncreif, spent Christmas Eve in Lubbock with her father, Jim Lawler, and Christmas Day in Roaring Springs at the home of her grandmother, Grace Zabielski.

Death Notice

Charles Price, born March 18, 1927, in Matador died Dec 12, 2008 in Lubbock. He was 81 years, 8 months and 24 days. His first six years of school were in Whiteflat. He graduated from Matador in 1944. Charles is survived by wife, Sylvia, of Lubbock; son, Mike Price, of Carmel California; and brother, James Price and wife Earle, of Lubbock.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the supportive Matador community for attending my birthday reception; for all your cards, good wishes, and loving comments. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. To my loving family, I would like to publicly thank you for making this day one to remember. It was a perfect day.

Love, Lucretia "Cretia" G.G. (great-grandmother) Estes Campbell



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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

For those of you that have visited the library over the last week or so, you may have heard a strange door-bell sound when you walked through the door. Well, that strange sound is music to my ears! As many of you have noticed over the years, we count every person who walks through the library doors. We use this number for a lot of grant applications, and to generally keep track of how many visitors we get. Until now, we have relied on the "sticks" method, and counted everyone by hand on our little yellow note pad. Not Any more!!! I am pleased to announce the arrival of our Electronic Patron Counter! That strange ding you hear is now doing all the counting for us. I am so pleased. But I couldn't have this magical little gadget without the help of Ken Abbott. I never realized how complicated something like this would be to install. Luckily Ken was able to decipher the instructions and get the

task completed. Thank you Ken!!

The plans for our upcoming Photography contest have been finalized, and I am pleased to announce two wonderful prizes that will be given away. The Friends of the Motley County Library have donated two cash prizes of \$50 each to be given away to two lucky winners. Once we get all the entries in, Library Patrons will vote on their choice for winner in the adult category, and in the youth category. Who ever gets the most votes in each category will be the lucky recipient of the cash prize. I think we all could use an extra fifty bucks after the holidays, so be thinking of which photograph you want to enter. You can enter up to 5 different pictures. The contest is open to all the amateur photographers in Motley County ages 10 to 110, so stop in today to pick up your entry forms. The deadline to enter is January 16th, so don't delay!

FSA News

Amy Hackler

WASHINGTON, The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced today that it will conduct a Request for Referendum next month among eligible producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products to determine if they want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Checkoff Program. Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should participate. USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum.

The total number of producers and importers eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum is approximately 69,446; therefore, at least 10,417 eligible producers and importers must request a referendum. If necessary, the referendum will be conducted within one year after the results of the Request for Referendum are announced. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, a referendum would not be conducted.

The Request for Referendum will be held Dec. 8, 2008 through Jan. 2, 2009. Producers and importers who were engaged in pork production or in the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products between Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007,

and were at least 18 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible to participate. For producers, the Request for Referendum will be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where their administrative farm records are maintained. For producers not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to participate will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Eligible producers may obtain form LS-54-1: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Request for Referendum from those offices either in person, by mail or by facsimile. Forms may also be obtained at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketPrograms>.

In order to vote, Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, where applicable, such as a sales receipt, veterinary bill, feed bill, copies of grower contract, cancelled check or proof of payment must be returned in person, by mail, or by facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office by the close of business Jan. 2, 2009. Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation returned by mail must be post-marked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009.

Importers may obtain Form LS-54-1 through the Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA or via the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketPrograms>. Form LS-54-1

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and accompanying documentation, such as Customs Form 7501, can be returned in person, by mail or by facsimile. Forms returned by mail must be post-marked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009. It is recommended that the form and supporting documentation be mailed via an express service. The Order is authorized by the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985, part of the 1985 Farm Bill. The program became effective on Sept.

5, 1986, and assessments began Nov. 1, 1986. This program is designed to strengthen the position of pork and pork products in the marketplace. For more information, contact Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Room 2628-S; Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA; Stop 0251; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, D.C. 20250-0251; by calling (202) 720-1115; or faxing (202) 720-1125; or e-mail at Kenneth.Payne@usda.gov.

Obituary

Margureat Clay Lane

Services for Margureat Lane, age 87, of Turkey were held December 13, 2008 at the United Methodist Church with Les Hall and John Dorn officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lane died at Lockney Care Center December 11, 2008 where she had been since August 2006.

Margureat was born March 22, 1921 in Montague County Texas to Henry H. Clay and Mary Mitchell Clay.

She married Mark Lane in July 1938 and had lived most of her life on their farm southeast of Turkey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark, in 1971.

Survivors include one daughter, Claudia Hawkins and husband, Homer of Turkey, one grandson, Kevin Hawkins of Amarillo, four brothers; Joe Clay and Donald Clay of Flomot, Bobby Clay of Whitesboro, and Mark Clay of Rockwell. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

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USDA Announces 2009 DCP Sign-Up: Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program Sign Up to Begin in the Spring

Amy Hackler, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Motley County announced that enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres began December 22 both on-line and at local USDA service centers and continues until June 1, 2009.

"I encourage all producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up for this important program," said Hackler. "This service makes DCP more accessible to the public, and I encourage producers with Internet access to use the system." However, producers can visit any USDA Service Center or their administratively assigned center, to complete their 2009 DCP contract.

The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept late-filed

applications.

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in the DCP Program and can be accessed at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp>. To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.gov.usda.gov> followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, eligible pro-

ducers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 2008. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin in the spring.

Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in Spring 2009.

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on State revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year State price for each eligible commodity. For the 2009 crop, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2007 and 2008 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the State and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based

on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the State revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the State expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

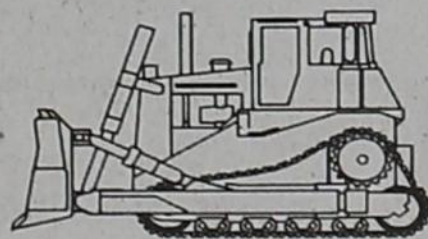
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This will be our last article for this calendar of 2008. Where has the time gone for the things that I had purposed to do in 2008. This year will soon be history and belong to the world of things past.

I want to thank all of our gracious readers for the many kind words of encouragement that

has come my way. Thank you for allowing this article to be included in your busy schedule.

It is a fun time of year for many and the excitement felt by the children of our communities is contagious. I would like to believe that we all share in their anticipation for the holidays.

For those of us that are adults, it is a time of reflection. The months of 2008 have gone and with their passing gone also are the opportunities, challenges and yes, some heartaches. The year of 2008 has been a good year in which we have enjoyed the rich friendships and relationships that began in 1990.

For Judy Ann and myself, may we wish you the best during the holiday season and may the coming year bring you both health and happiness.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

January

- 6 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 8 RS Lions
- 8 M City Council, 6:30pm
- 12 Commissioners Ct, 9am
- 12 RS City Council, 6pm
- 13 RS Comm Vol 6:30
- 14 Kids Praise
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 19 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 20 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 22 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
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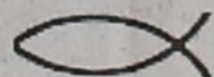
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