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Tribune fills new office manager position



By Carol Campbell

The Motley County Tribune editors Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt announce a new addition to the Tribune staff. Charli (Ream) Bigham, office manager, began her new duties December 28, 2009.

"In her capacity as office manager, Charli will be responsible for managing the circulation of the newspaper, typing copy, scanning documents, handling feedback from readers, monitoring the incoming mail, and numerous

bookkeeping duties," Zabielski said. "I'd like to see her develop her reporter skills," Zabielski said. In addition, "as her interests are expressed, we are looking forward to her developing skills with InDesign® and PhotoShop®," she said. InDesign is a software pagination program that allows the newspaper to create the page layout on the computer.

Charli moved to Matador with her parents Gail and Chuck Ream, and twin sister Mandi, from LaMars, Iowa, when she was 11 years old. She

graduated from Motley County High School in 2004, attended South Plains Junior College, Levelland, graduating with an associate degree in Public Relations in 2007. She then attended Texas Tech University, Lubbock, and graduated in May 2009, with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations with a minor in English.

Charli has developed computer skills and also has a reporter's instinct. "I am very excited about this new opportunity," she said. "Also, I am nosy," she joked, "so I need to know what's going on around here."

"I worked with the student newspaper at South Plains," Charli said, adding, "I took ad layout classes and newswriting at Texas Tech." Charli also had classes in InDesign at Tech, working on newsletters and brochures.

Charli married Mike Bigham, June 2009, and they make their home in Matador. Coach Bigham led the Motley County football team to the first ever 6-man State Championship victory in 2007.

"Charli is a welcomed addition to the newspaper family," Zabielski said. "I encourage the community to come by the office, meet Charli, leave your news, and continue to send your pictures and news to the paper," Zabielski said. "I really want the community to be involved in this newspaper," she said, "and would like to thank everyone for their past support."

Hackberry Creek Care Center celebrates Christmas Census doubles at the care center

By Carol Campbell

Coordinated by Deputy Sheriff Chris Spence, Santa Claus found the residents at Hackberry Creek Care Center December 18, culminating an evening of fun and fellowship for residents, staff, and family members. The center served more than 150 people a menu of ham and all the trimmings, topped off with Coconut Carmel pie. Santa passed out gifts, many donated by area churches and family members. According to Activities Director Mellane Parsons, all employees have a "buddy" and they brought "very thoughtful gifts" for the residents. Roaring Springs Baptist Church brought gift bags of socks, lotion, and other goodies, she said.

"The Christmas Party went very well," Administrator John Vunk said. "We served the guests tableside (as opposed to buffet style). At 6:30 p.m. Santa Claus made an appearance and gave out presents to the residents. We had a sing-a-long on piano, and Dr. Andrew Seigrist sang Christmas Carols. Tom Edwards gave the blessing. Everyone said they had a great time," Vunk said.

When Hackberry Creek Care Center Administrator John Vunk came on board in August, 2009, the fourth administrator since the center opened in 2007, the census was at an all-time low with 17 residents. But with new leadership, new marketing strategies, hard work, and fortuitous timing, the census has doubled since August, Vunk said, to 34 residents, and more on the way.

For openers, the center hired marketing strategist Ashley Washington and a plan began to showcase this 50-bed, state-of-the-art facility. In addition to numerous "open house" venues featuring music, food, and information, "We visited hospitals, and made numerous off-site trips to promote the center," Vunk said. Four residents came from the closing of the Floydada Nursing Center. However, promoting a facility to doctors and hospitals is not all that is involved in creating a future for Hackberry.

"I've learned over the years that without a good management team, board and community support, a care center will not grow," Vunk said, adding, "everyone here is dedicated to the residents and the success of this facility."

What makes this center different than other places Vunk's management career has taken him? "What I find different here is the center is community owned," he said. "It has a lot of board and community support dedicated to providing excellent resident care over everything else."

Vunk has worked with boards before, but they resided in remote board rooms, concerned only about the "bottom line," he said, far removed from the resident population. Vunk is proud of the care center board and of the involvement they have shown the center, he said. "We had a Christmas party for the staff with a pot luck dinner. The board purchased hams for all the staff this year." The board president is Seab Washington, other members are: Larry Hoyle, Chuck Ream, Pam Thacker, Jim Watson, Regina

Sheffield, Ron "Beetle" Bailey, Marisue Potts-Powell, and Sammie Phillips.

Vunk moved to Matador from Florida where he managed multi-million dollar facilities in urban settings, surrounded by asphalt and concrete. Small town living has "lowered my blood pressure by 30 to 40-points," he said. "I wish I had been born here," Vunk said. "I never thought I would feel this comfortable. I couldn't have asked for a better place to live."

New growth has increased the staff at the center. "Since the closing of the nursing care center in Floydada, we have hired Josie Flores, a new LVN nurse, and we have a new Registered Nurse, Cindy Dubois, coming on board Monday (January 5)," Vunk said. Certified Medication Aide Martha Childers, Crosbyton, will start fulltime on January 5.

In addition, Certified Nursing Aide classes are currently ongoing at the center. "We have 12 people currently in classes," Vunk said. Nurses Aides provide all the activities of daily living for the residents. CNAs are required to have 12 hours of classroom. When the course work is completed, they are required to take an exam through the Texas Department of Health. The center will be hiring new CNAs to be on call as needed.

A new program will begin the end of January called Restorative Care. This program, spearheaded by Assistant Director of Nurses Amy Cruse, LVN, will help the residents with ambulation, Vunk said, getting residents that are able out of their wheel chairs and walking.



The family of resident Lorene Lancaster (Right, Front), enjoy a Christmas dinner together at Hackberry Creek Care Center on December 18. This annual event hosted about 150 guests.



Decked out in red from head to toe, Myrna Stephens (Left) and her mother, resident Bertha Moore, 96-years-young, enjoy a sit-down dinner at Hackberry Creek Care Center Christmas Party.

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Letters Home from Cross Cultural Solutions in Dharamsala, India

by Stevie Welch, daughter of Steve Zabielski, granddaughter of Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski

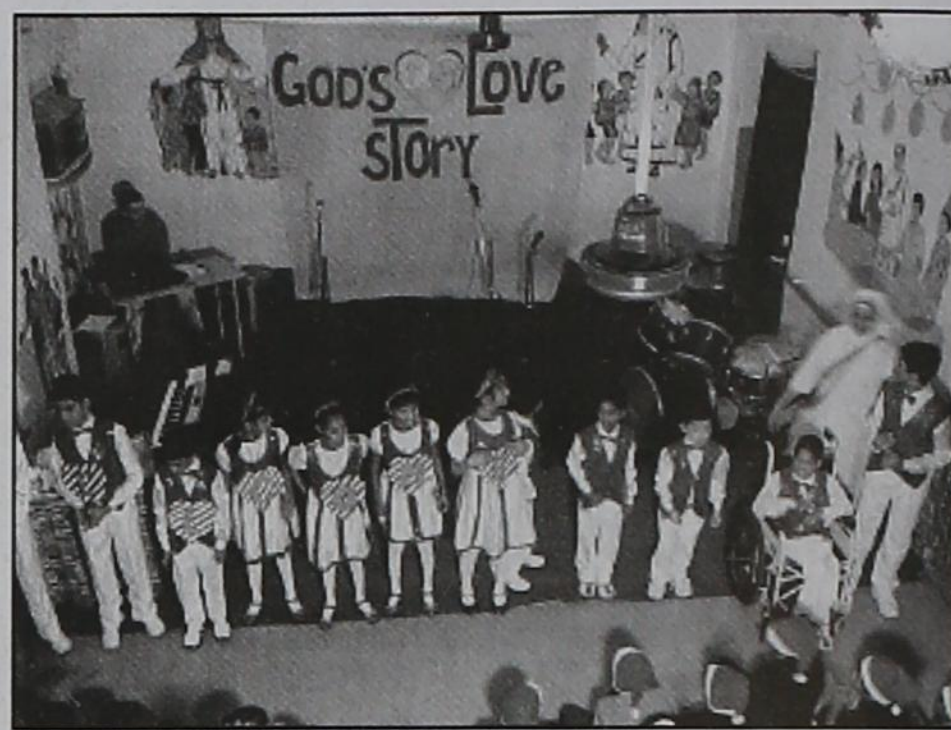
Hello Everyone,

As I write my final installment in the story of Stevie's adventures in India, I am sitting in the warmth and comfort of my parent's home in Rochester, NY. I have classical holiday music playing and it is 4 o'clock in the morning. I am still getting used to the time change of 10 1/2 hour behind, and am wide awake as if it was the middle of the day (in India it is 2:30pm when I am writing this). After 19 hours of travel between Delhi and Newark, NJ and Newark to Rochester on Tuesday-Wednesday, and then seeing my family at the airport waiting for me, I know in my heart that I am so glad to be home! I also know that India runs through my blood now, and that is why I am writing this last email with mixed emotions. On one end of the spectrum, I am infinitely gracious that I am home safe, visiting with family and friends, and here for the holidays. On the other end, I left a part of my heart in India. I miss many many things I left behind there. The friends I made, locals and volunteers alike, the children and teachers at the Harmony school in Dharamsala, the land, the mountains, the perfect weather, my regular sites and stores I always liked to visit, chai and lemon ginger honey tea, and even the utter chaos and the irregularity and uncertainty that each day brought. These are but a few of the things that I have been thinking about constantly since I left the Delhi runway. Once the plane took off, I knew 100% that I would be back to India; India is now a part of me and runs through my veins.

I left Dharamsala on December 3rd, in a flurry of goodbyes, rushed packing and left for Delhi on a ten-hour overnight bus. From Delhi, I went to Kolkata (formerly called Calcutta) and spent my last days there. I had been persuaded to go to there from a past Dharamsala volunteer that was there volunteering with the Mission of Charity (organization started by Mother Teresa). I would read his emails and blog and he was having the most fulfilling, inspiring and life-altering experiences there.

I know that I would not be satisfied with spending my last weeks in India sight-seeing and being a tourist (also known by the locals as a wallet on legs that is an easy target to take advantage of). After being so much a part of the culture in Dharamsala and having such a rewarding journey there, I couldn't appreciate seeing the superficial tourist sights and opted to continue my volunteer experience by visiting my friend in Kolkata to work with him and the Missionaries of Charity. Little did I know just how life-changing these last days would be. I have never had a more sure faith in God and more hope for goodness prevailing in the world than I attained in Kolkata. I have also never seen so much death, dying, suffering, pain, loneliness and suffering in my entire life, than I did in these last days. The dichotomy of love and suffering was overwhelming at times.

Kolkata is the former capital of the British-Indian empire, but is now just the capital of the Indian state of West Bengal. It is a large city located in North-eastern India, south of Nepal and close to the Indian Ocean. It is one of the most populated cities in India, with a population of about 13.5 million, but this number doesn't account for the thousands of people that are there from surrounding villages looking for work. Many of these migrants live a life of suffering and barely surviving on the streets. At any given time, sidewalks are covered with people sleeping and families will set up residence on the sides of the road, on sidewalks in make-shift shelters. They drape tarps as their shelters, and infants, children, elderly, men and women of the streets all sleep, eat, sell things, bathe, urinate, spit, walk barefoot, and just live on the streets of Kolkata. Kolkata is also the last place in India where men still pull rickshaw carts to make money as a manual taxi service, many of them running the streets barefoot as they pull people. While this is a moral issue, if it is outlawed, thousands of rickshaw-wallahs, as they are called, will be unemployed. What is the worse crime? I



The children at Daya Dan performing their Christmas play. Daya Dan is an orphanage run by the Missionaries of Charity for children with mental disabilities.

could never have brought myself to support their service, because every time I saw an elderly, rail-thin man pulling the cart, I pictured my grandfather doing that as employment and it made my sad.

I stayed in a convent in Kolkata, with the most amazing catholic nuns. They were some of the nicest, most beautiful and sincere people I have met and I would come home in the evening and hear them singing and praying upstairs. It was a surreal experience and a haven away from the chaos and suffering on the streets. Everyday, I volunteered, mostly at a place called Kalighat, where I worked with the dying and destitute. This means that the nuns, or sisters, and this house, provided a place for the homeless and dying that had absolutely nobody to claim them, to live their last days in peace and die in a loving place. They were regularly bathed, given clean cloths, a bed and meals. They were loved and cared for. My days consisted of waking up at 5am, walking through a Muslim neighborhood to the "Motherhouse" where Mother Teresa's tomb is and went to Mass every morning there at 6am. After Mass, we (all the volunteers) would have breakfast, socialize, and congregate to go to our respective volunteering placements together.

While I was only there volunteering a total of 7 days, it completely altered my way of thinking about my experience

and the world. I have gained an utmost appreciation for the absolute sacrifice that the Missionaries of Charity sisters (and brothers) have given to helping the poor. They gave up everything a society puts emphasize on as living a complete and fulfilling life- family, children, marriage. They gave this up to completely devote everything to God and bettering mankind, and selflessly helping the dying, destitute, orphans, Lepers, and street-children of Kolkata and all over the world. It is so moving to think about their sacrifice, and puts things in perspective for me. This is the true spirit of Christianity and what the life of Jesus represents, in terms of altruism. The other volunteers there, mostly from France and Spain, were amazingly generous and wonderful people that embraced me right from the beginning and I was surprised at how hard it was to say goodbye to them after only a weeks!

I could not have asked for a better experience these last 12 weeks, and I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all your generosity. I could not have had this experience without your contributions and support with everything! So here, I leave you, and thank you for everything. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love and peace be with you,
Stevie

Thank You

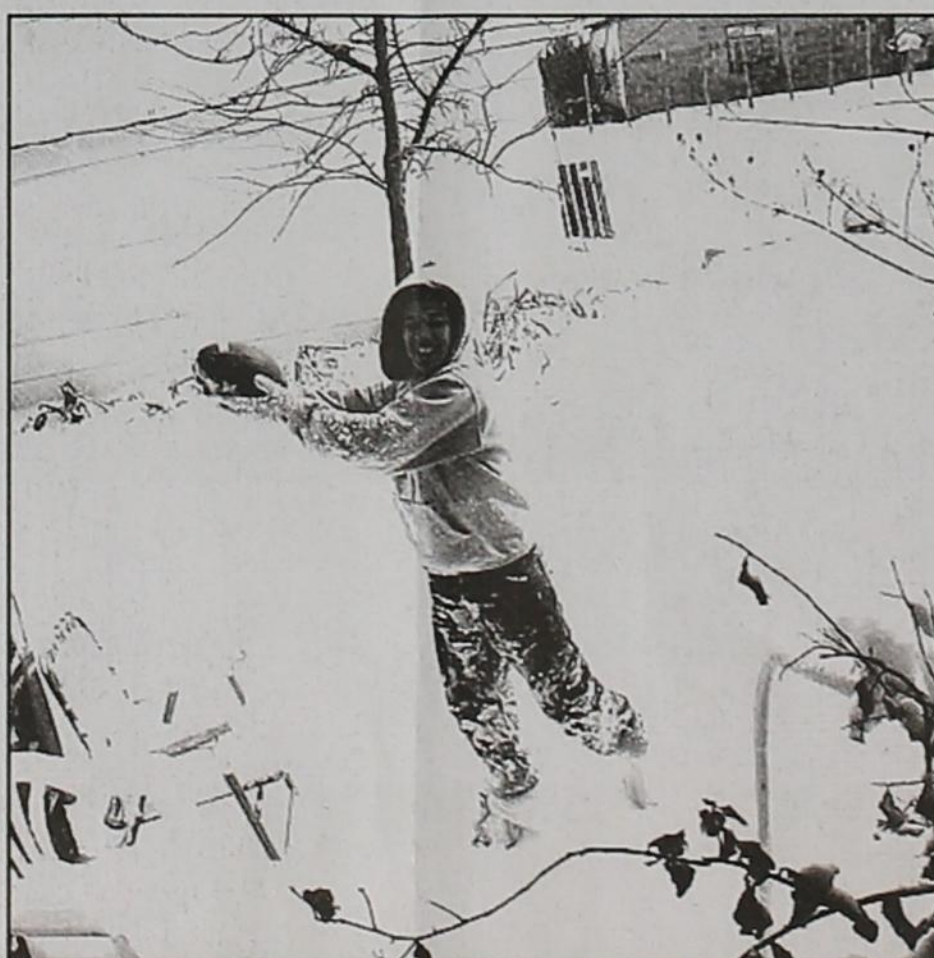
Dear Motley County Fire Department:
Once again the Motley County Fire Department responded and we want to say THANK YOU for the high level of professional and friendly services offered to us on Saturday, December 19. The Firemen all showed professional concern, a willingness to help, and a seriousness which was greatly appreciated. Please extend our thank you and best wishes to each of the individuals involved and the leadership of their unit for a job well done.

Gary Ford and family.

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Brant Bailey, grandson of Kay and Ron Bailey, plays football in the snow on Christmas Eve.

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Hackberry Creek Care Center is Happening



Resident Lydia Leal gets a hug from St. Nick at the annual Christmas Party at Hackberry Creek Care Center.



Resident Ira Mullins and his wife, Bobby, enjoying a traditional Christmas feast, pose with Santa at the annual Christmas Party at Hackberry Creek Care Center.



Santa delivers Christmas presents to Arminta Hood at Hackberry Creek Christmas Party.



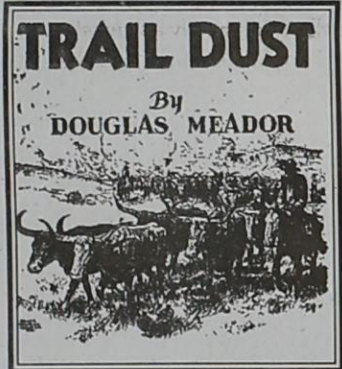
Resident Ida Farley enjoys the Christmas Party at Hackberry, accepting a gift basket from Santa Claus.



Deanie Edwards looks on as resident Marguarite Edwards and Santa discuss the naughty and nice list.



Santa Claus stopped by Hackberry Creek Christmas Party on December 18 to deliver a present to resident Virgie Clower Bannister.



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While kicking the shins of my stubborn inferiority complex, I find it difficult to maintain a satisfactory degree of dignity garbed in a muddy pink rayon slack suit. I retain an obsession that squinting eyes are following me, expecting a fragile handkerchief to flutter from hand.

Now that the fever of many rainless summers is gone from the prairie and the blistering winds are locked in their red ovens, the gay earth has prepared her trousseau and waits beside the portal of beauty. Thick carpets of flowers formed in paradise, lie across the hills and follow the golden path of the sun. Purple and crimson curtains hang motionless in the twilight of the sky's arched dome, with the blue smoke of cloud altars drifting in a languid breeze. Water stands in the narrow earthen flumes that divide the valleys, like rich oil for the lamps of hope.

Happy New Year!

"SEASON'S GREETING TO OUR READERS"



This is our last article for the calendar year of 2009. Where did it go? This year will soon belong to the pages of history. We think of all the things we wanted to accomplish in 2009 and some of them we did get done. I want to thank all of our faithful readers for the kind words offered to encourage me in writing of these

articles. The thoughtful notes and expressions of your appreciation has proven a constant source of delight to me. I thank you for your kindness.

We are in a fun time of the year. The excitement felt by our children of the community is contagious. Perhaps you along with me share in the children's anticipation of what the holidays bring. Family time, warm hugs, moist eyes and a genuine feeling of wellbeing. The good food is also something that is eagerly anticipated.

There is something else. Coming with the close of the year is also reflections on the year passed. The months of 2009 have gone by and with their passing opportunities, challenges and some disappointments. The year has brought us a host of changes in nearly every aspect of our lives.

For Judy Ann and myself, may thank you for your generosity toward us. It has warmed our hearts. Let us wish for you all, the best during this holiday season and may the coming year bring all of you happiness and a closer walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

I don't know about you but I have enjoyed getting rested up after the hustle and bustle of Christmas. I tried really hard not to get stressed this year. Pennie and Kelly Keltz hosted the Marshall family Christmas. My daughter and her husband, Kay (Katie) and Ford Miller hosted my side of the families' Christmas. We enjoyed good food, holding new babies, watching the grandchildren and great grandchildren play and visiting. Being together is so special; catching up on what everyone is doing and seeing how much the kids have grown and hearing the Christmas stories read made precious memories to treasure. I hope everyone had a blessed day.

Twenty-seven people attended the 7th annual Don't Dine Alone Christmas Dinner held at the Lula Swim Memorial Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church. Eleven or 12 take out dinners were delivered to shut-ins by the group.

Don and Billie Stuckey visited their daughter and her family, Leandra and Randy Harris, and Matthew and Kenna in Flower Mound, Texas.

Walter and Jo Trammell's Christmas gathering was postponed to Saturday because of the weather. They celebrated in Lubbock at the home of Mike and Angela Cochran of Lubbock. Angela is the daughter of Walter and Jo. Their other children and grandchildren and one little great granddaughter attended too.

Angelica and Jonah Meredith are visiting their grandparents, Joe Glenn and Joyce Meredith during their Christmas vacation.

John and Barbara Alexander entertained John's daughters and their families and Barbara's sister Judy French and her children on Christmas day.

The David Harmon Family and Dr. and Mrs. Ed Wentz and children all of Lake Ransom Canyon stayed at the Travelers Inn during the holidays. This is the second year this group have come to stay and hunt. They said they planned to make their stay at the Travelers Inn and hunting a family tradition each year.

Ross and Dana Graham hosted Dana's family for Christmas Eve. Attending were: Joel and Amanda Rieger of Mansfield; Jarod and Hilda Rieger and their baby boy, James Bradley. Jarod is in the Air Force and is stationed at Little Rock, Ar-

kansas; Hilda and the baby are still in Germany where Hilda is stationed. She, too, is in the Air Force and is a nurse who travels to Iraq and Afghanistan to accompany the wounded to the hospital in Germany. Bennie D., Devonne, and Don Dillard and Jaden Rieger were also guests. On Christmas Day the family met at Bennie D. and Devonne's home. Hilda and James Bradley returned to Germany on Sunday where she will finish her tour of duty there.

The Boyd Longs have had family visit during the holidays. Steven Meyer, Kay, Fayth, Coy and Kamryn all of Big Spring; Bo Long and Matt Easter were here at different times to visit with them.

Santa found Jared, Kandi and Kirbi Johnson; Kevin, Lesa, Kaitlyn, Kenzie, Kagen, and baby Kennedy Katz at the Kelly Keltz' home Christmas morning.

Karen Lennar visited her parents Glennard and Edith Daniell and her son and family Brad and Alyssa Daniell, Amber and Autumn during Christmas week.

Glennard Daniell will go to Lubbock on Monday to have the splints removed following surgery on his sinuses.

Corky and Minuta Marshall will attend a reunion of some of Monta's schoolmates from Roosevelt High School. They will meet at the La Quinta Inn in Lubbock at noon on Monday.

Twenty-six children enjoyed Christmas gifts sponsored by the Christmas Angel Tree at the Windmill Café. Perry, Deanne and Lexie Gulleddge and Christi Ward did most of the shopping for this event. Churches, the Roaring Springs Volunteers, the Café staff and quite a few individuals contributed money or gifts for this effort. The Gulleddges and the Café staff delivered the gifts.

Larry and Donna Hoyle, Clay and Laurie Bridge and baby girl Tatum; Heath and Tonya Givens and Kaitlyn, Madison and Wessie were guests of Buzz and Tince Thacker on Christmas Eve. Brad, Weslyn, Charlee and Edie Thacker were guests of Buzz and Tince Thacker on Saturday.

The snow and ice caused very slick and icy streets in Roaring Springs. A post supporting the overhang at the fire station and a sign on 3rd and Broadway median were both damaged by sliding vehicles.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Overheard

Whatever it is that keeps you awake at night, whatever the worry that makes your heart race in panic, be calmed by the message of the angels. Christmas is about peace, not just peace on earth, but peace in our hearts. God bless you and our nation this Christmas.

A pre-Christmas celebration was held Sunday in the home of Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert. Those attending were family members, Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mandrell and Peyton and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and niece, Mrs. Judy Renfro of Matador attended the graveside services of Fred Stinson, 86, of Paducah held Sunday afternoon at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were in Lubbock, Sunday on business and visited son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla.

Arriving Sunday to visit the Christmas and New Year holidays with Mrs. Aleda Ross were son and daughters, Tommy Ross, Cheyenne, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa of Castroville.

Mrs. Beverly Vinson attended the Baptism Church services in Matador Sunday morning. She enjoyed the well presented Christmas Cantata.

Johnie Starkey and brother, L.T. Starkey of Ralls were in Clyde, Friday and accompanied to Flomot their sister, Mrs. Lola Jewel Starkey for the Christmas holidays. Arriving Tuesday, December 22 for the holidays was sister, Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma.

Visiting Thursday with Ruth and Orville Lee were grandson, Robert Lee and friend, Henry of Amarillo, and son Joey Lee of Clarendon.

Kathy and Clois Shorter visited Friday and Saturday at Kiowa Lake with daughter and family, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley. They celebrated Haley's 8th birthday Saturday with a luncheon and all the trimmings.

Mrs. Aleda Ross attended the college graduation Saturday at the Matador Masonic Lodge banquet held Saturday night at the Motley County Library annex. Her sister, Mrs. Carolyn Ewing of Matador was presented a Community Builder Award by Roger Vinson of Flomot for her dedicated work for good causes across the area. Mrs. Waydette Clay of Flomot entertained with vocals during the meal.

Overheard

Shoot for the moon, for even if you don't make it, you will land among the stars. May you be blessed with the best of everything in 2010!

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Barclay, Tylee, Trent and Trevor of Matador. They also visited her mother Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot and his mother, Mrs. S.D. Barclay of Lockney.

Visiting the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse are children, Leah Cruse of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reece of Gillett, Wyoming. Other guests Christmas day were her mother Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador; and his

mother, Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot, and Bobby Whitaker of Matador.

Guests of Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse Christmas night were her children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Elk City, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith, Jaxon and Cutter of Floydada; Skyler Clifton and friend of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Judy Cruse of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Branson, Baylor, Branson and Brason of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Cruse and Zane of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Talon Cruse, Colton and Audry of South Plains and Roegan Cruse of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Teah, Tally Thor and Tory of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot, Leah Cruse of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reece of Gillett, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle of Whiteflat and Fannin Gwinn and Shandi of Matador.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks were children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Hudson, Madison and Heston of Idalou, and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cowart of Big Spring. They also visited Mrs. Erma Washington of Flomot.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hughes were sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Bengie Hughes and Katie of Royce City and Billy Don Hughes, Baylee and Brennan of Lubbock. They were guests at a family luncheon Saturday, December 26 of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hughes, Tara, Reagan and Brodie in Floydada. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes, Kendal and Kason of Floydada.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jere and Jacob during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland.

Visiting Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Amarillo. They continued to Crosbyton to visit her family. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon, Jason Lee of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hecky, Kacee and Micah of Turkey, Brandon Lee of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee and Josh Lee of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Degan of Kalgary visited her mother, Mrs. B. Rogers and brother, Donnie Rogers Sunday, December 27. Their roads were impassible since December 24!

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was confined to her home for three days due to the snow blizzard and finally went to her mailbox on her tractor and the mail carrier did not bring mail for three days!

Visitors of Johnie Starkey during the holidays who came before the snow storm were Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gladson and Tonya of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hanna of Warner, Oklahoma, L.E. Starkey of Ralls, and Mrs. Mary Nola Long of Winnewood, Oklahoma.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Jack Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis, Michael and Virginia of Fritch.

Wilburn Martin visited the holidays in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Other guests were Carl Cooper, Cory Cooper, Gavin and Mason of Borger. Also visiting were Wilburn's grandchildren, Cole Martin of Tallequah, Oklahoma, and Lindsay Martin of San Antonio. En route, Lindsay was stranded in Post because of the snow storm before continuing her trip to Borger.

Matador News

Mrs. Leo (Joy) Archer had recent major surgery at the Covenant Medical Center in Plainview.

Mrs. Geraldine Key was conveyed by ambulance to the hospital in Childress Wednesday, December 16 following an accident in her home. She suffered an injured back and ribs. She returned home Sunday and had been told she will have a long recuperation. Her daughter, Toni Ratcliff of Paducah, and son Floyd Key of Childress, have been with her during her hospitalization and since returning home.

Visiting the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were son and family Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N.M.,

and son Lance Jameson of Vernon.

Visiting Lucretia and Carol Campbell on Christmas Day was Gerald and Penny Pipkin, Lubbock. Gerald entertained with Christmas carols on the piano. He also played the Chipmunk Song on his accordion accompanied by Penny with the speaking part: "Alvinnnnn!" Visiting Saturday in the Campbell home was Michael Richardson of Dallas.

Brant Bailey, Eastland, visited his grandparents Kay and Ron Bailey for the Christmas holiday. A trip to Levelland to spend the holidays with their son Kevin and Sherry Bailey, Dillion and Colton, was postponed due to weather.



Kittie Campbell, who is working on her masters at UNT in Denton, Texas met the requirements for a Locks of Love hair donation by cutting off 16 1/2 inches on December 18, 2009. She made the donation to Locks of Love via Attractions salon by Angie. Kittie is the daughter of Janie Campbell.

Farm Service Agency Reminders and Important Dates:

January 1, 2010- The FSA office will be closed for observance of New Year's Day.

January 30, 2010- Last day producers can sign up for the 2009 Livestock Forage Disaster Program. In order to be eligible, a producer must have bought crop coverage on grazing crops. Please contact the office for additional information.

Visiting December 23-24 with Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter were daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Wolfforth, Visiting them from December 21-24 were daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Henry and Emily of Lake Kiowa, Texas. They left for home at 10:00 a.m. Thursday and did not reach their home until 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. The 23-hour trip was due to encountering a snow storm which usually just takes about four hours on the return trip home. Also visiting them and L.E. Shorter during the holidays were Russell Rhodes, Katherine and Kristen of Cypress. Accompanying them from Dallas were Mrs. Marian Rhodes, Chase and Wyatt of Tampa, Florida.

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Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

As you know, Joyce Campbell hosted the annual Granny's Tea Party earlier in the month. All the money raised at this glorious event was donated to the library. I used the money to purchase about 20 new DVD's for our movie collection. I got some great titles, like "Bolt", "Tale of Desperaux", "Night at the Museum", and "Secondhand Lions" just to name a few. I highly recommend coming in a visiting the movie section. And thank you to Mrs. Campbell, and all the ladies who attended the tea party!

If you've been in the library over the past few weeks, you've probably noticed we're in the midst of upgrading our check-out computer. The old software we were using to keep track of all the books became so outdated; it finally came time

to upgrade. There have been some hiccups along the way, but I think I might finally know enough about the new system to be dangerous! There is one new feature I want to share with you. If we have your email address on file, the computer will automatically send you a reminder email a few days ahead of time to let you know your books are coming due. It will also give you friendly reminders if the books become overdue. I think this is AWESOME. So, if this is something you'd like (and who couldn't use a reminder from time to time!) just jot down your email address the next time you visit the library.

Just a reminder, we will be closed Thursday and Friday for the New Years Holiday. Stock up on your weekend reading!

FSA News

By Amy Hackler, CED

USDA IMPLEMENTS NEW CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Producers May Begin Applying for SURE Program at FSA County Offices on Jan. 4, 2010
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Vilsack also encouraged producers to visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office beginning on January 4, 2010, to participate in the program if they suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop year.

"This program is an important component of the farm safety net and will provide financial assistance to producers who have suffered crop losses due to natural disasters," said Vilsack. "Producers will receive payments beginning in January, in time to help them with planning for next year's crop."

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value

of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, please visit your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Winner of the Shotgun Drives from Arkansas to Collect His Prize

David (Buddy) and Julie Williams of Marion, Arkansas arrived at the Traveler's Inn early Monday afternoon to pick up the shotgun he won in the raffle sponsored by the Roaring Springs Community Volunteers. Buddy and his wife Julie live just northwest of Memphis, TN about 50 miles.

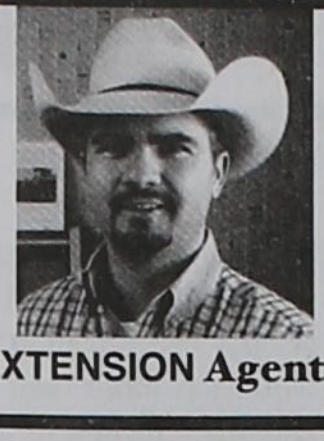
Buddy bought his ticket from Edith Daniell when they were staying at the Traveler's Inn last March. He said Glennard talked him into buying one. He and Julie are electricians who were hired to dismantle the electrical components of Poly Pipe Co. They went from here to Midland, TX to help reconstruct the electrical part when Poly Pipe moved their operation to Midland. Glennard saw them again in Midland and asked

when they would be back to Roaring Springs to visit them. Buddy told him that they would not be back until his won the shotgun!

Corky Marshall called him the day after Thanksgiving after the drawing to let him know he was the winner. Having met Corky during his stay here, he thought well, old Corky was really pulling his leg. He was so excited when he realized that truly he had won the gun. The plan was to ship it to him after clearing it with the postal service, UPS or Fed-ex. He called back the next day and said "He and his wife, Julie would just drive to Roaring Springs and pick it up; he would enjoy some of Edith's brownies again and staying at the Traveler's Inn". Though he is not a hunter, he has a gun collection and his

County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Agri LIFE EXTENSION Agent



High Plains Irrigation Conference set Jan. 22 in Amarillo

AMARILLO -- The latest in irrigation technology, groundwater district concerns and drought-tolerant crops will be highlighted at the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Jan. 22 in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan Street, in Amarillo, according to Nick Kenny, Texas AgriLife Extension Service irrigation specialist.

"We get lots of questions on how to cope with limited water, so we want to give more specific answers to it during the program," Kenny said. "We've lined up speakers with experience in dealing with practical issues of limited water."

Conference topics include: Panhandle-region ground-

water concerns, drought-tolerant corn, subsurface drip irrigation and center-pivot technology, he said.

Continuing education units that have been requested are: 4.5 credits for certified irrigation designers by Irrigation Association, five soil and water management credits for certified crop advisors, and two general credits for pesticide applicators.

Industry, groundwater districts and education institutions will have about 25 booths set up for the trade show, Kenny said.

Registration will be \$20 at the door and includes lunch. For more information on the conference, contact Kenny at 806-677-5600. For information on the trade show, contact Dana Faulkenberry at 806-317-9006.

The conference is a joint venture of AgriLife Extension and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association.

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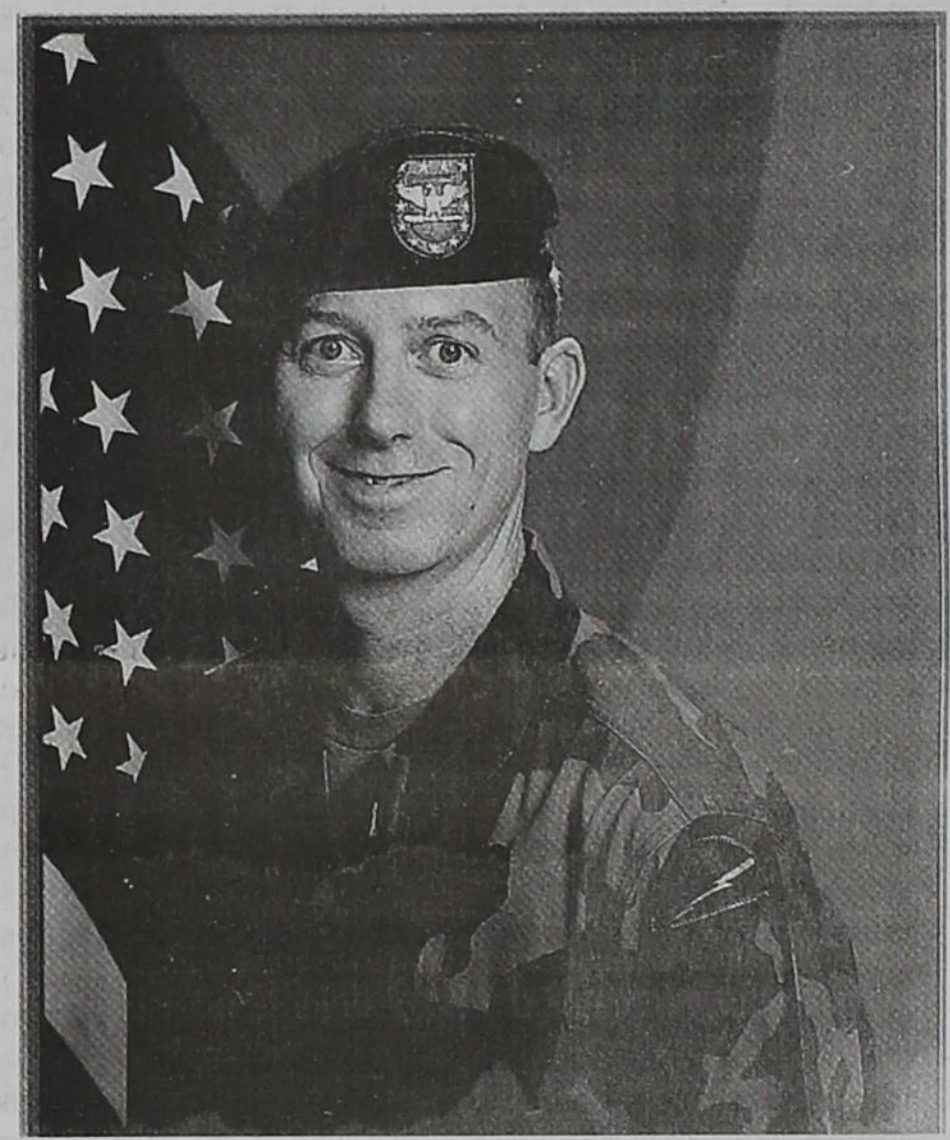
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COL Dan Meador retires



COL Dan Meador, retired from the United States Army Reserve on September 1, 2009, closing 30 years of service to his Nation in the Army. COL Meador received his commission through ROTC as a 2LT in the Field Artillery in August 1979. He reported to Fort still, OK in September where he served until April 1984 in a variety of positions in 3/18th FA. His next assignment was in Germany with the 2/3rd FA from April 1984 to November 1987. In March 1988, COL Meador served as the Assistant S-3, Battalion, and as a Battery Commander. In March 1988, COL Meador was assigned to the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Monmouth, NJ, where he served as the Brigade adjutant until July 1990.

Upon leaving the Active Duty Army COL Meador joined the Army Reserve in February 1992 From 1992 to his retirement from the Army in 2009, he served in numerous positions with the 78th Division (Training Support) headquartered in Edison, NJ and the 75th Division (BCTD) headquartered in Houston, TX. While in the Army Reserve, COL Meador was stationed at Fort Dix, NJ and Edison, NJ.

Since his promotion to colonel in 2003, COL Meador has served as a Branch Chief in Fort Dix, NJ with both the 78th division and 75th division with his primary responsibility serving as an Exercise

Director to conduct battle command staff training exercises for Army Reserve and Army National Guard units.

COL Meador's military education includes the Field Artillery Officer's Basic Course, Field artillery Officer's Advanced Course, Combined arms Services Staff School (CAS3), the Personnel Officer /S-1 course, and Command and General Staff Officers Course. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Services Medal, Army service Ribbon, and National Defense Service Medal His other awards include the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, the 75th Division Commander's Coin, the 2nd Brigade, 75th Division Commander's Coin, and the Adjutant General's Gold Coin.

COL Meador is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meador of Matador. He is a 1975 graduate of Motley County High School and a 1979 graduate of Texas A&M University. Col Meador and his wife Sarah, a 1982 graduate of Patton Springs High School, now live in Selma, Tx where they recently relocated after living in New Jersey for over twenty years. In his civilian employment, COL Meador works as an Information Assurance Program Manager for the Telos Corporation.



Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Derrick to Christina Burrow, daughter of Ken Histshu and Cheryl Burrow-Hitshu of Rapid City, South Dakota. They plan to marry on January 16, 2010 in Gillette, Wyoming.

Happy New Year!
 Motley County Red Hat ladies enjoy Christmas

The Motley County Red Hat ladies enjoyed a delightful Christmas brunch at Hotel Matador Tuesday. Those attending were Dorothy Knight, Winifred Darsey, Beverly Vinson, Joyce Campbell, Marihelen Wason, Suzanne Abbott, Norma Marrs and her guest Nelda Bray, Evelyn Smallwood, Dorothy Day, Mary Jones, Joan Patton and Pauline House.

Marihelen Wason presented a poem about the year that Santa took a vacation. The ladies at the hotel then served a delicious meal featuring quail, biscuits and gravy, mashed potatoes, baked bacon, batter-coated fried green beans and a fresh fruit compote. The dessert was a baked apple dumpling stuffed with finely chopped nuts, fruit and fried bacon.

After a brief business meeting the ladies went home vowing not to eat again for a week or until the next mealtime, which ever comes first.

son hunts some. Roaring Springs Volunteers and others on hand to greet him and present his shotgun were: Edith and Glennard Daniell, Buzz and Tince Thacker, Ken Abbott, Chig Gwinn; Floyd Carter, Corky and Monta Marshall and Zella Palmer. Zella brought homemade spudnuts for the occasion. The Williams stayed the night at the hotel and enjoyed a supper cooked by Edith that included homemade brownies.

They visited the Veterans Memorial in the park as well as other businesses in town. Buddy's name is A. David Williams. He spotted A. D. Williams name on the memorial and wondered if anyone remembered him and if he could possibly be related in some way.

Obituaries

Robert L. Brandon

Robert L. Brandon died in New York December 10, 2009. Robert was born in Matador, July 29, 1946, the son of R.L. and Lillie Brandon and the brother to Beverly Brandon. He graduated from Matador High School before going on to West Texas State University. He recently returned to Matador during school reunions and was working on plans for a documentary about historical buildings including the old jailhouse in Matador where his grandfather had once been the jailer. He became involved in Television News broadcasts in Amarillo while at WTS and during his career, he developed into a nationally known photographer.

Robert was a two-time national Emmy Award-winning television photographer who also twice won the National Press Photographers Association's Ernie Crisp Television News Photographer of the Year title.

"The word legend is sometimes overused, but in Bob's case it was the real thing," retired TIME magazine photojournalist Dirck Halstead said. "He and Darrell Barton were the best in the business."

Brandon's close friend, television photojournalist Dave Wertheimer, said Brandon - who has been seriously ill and waiting for a kidney transplant - had traveled from Denver to New York this week to visit his daughter Ellie Brandon to celebrate her 18th birthday.

Wertheimer had been assisting Brandon as he shot video on a first-person story documenting Brandon's arduous every-other-day kidney dialysis. It's a story Brandon, 63, had been working on for two years. Along with producer Marianne Leviton, Brandon had been shooting for the documentary "Connected For Life," a broadcast-length documentary about people who like the photographer - are on waiting lists for life-saving kidney transplants.

"He was hopeful," Wertheimer told News Photographer magazine today. "He was waiting for the transplant. It was all up in the air, back and forth. He was doing dialysis every other night. When he traveled, he'd arrange for places in advance so he could do it. When he taught at the NewsVideo Workshop in Norman he would arrange for dialysis in Oklahoma City and go there overnight, then come back the next day and teach the workshop."

In recent years Brandon has been freelancing from his base in Denver, CO, and for more than 30 years he's been one of the instructors at NPPA's popular annual NewsVideo Workshop in Norman at the University of Oklahoma.

Brandon first won the Ernie Crisp Television News Photographer of the Year title while working as a chief photographer at KPRC-TV in Houston in 1975. He won the second time as a network freelancer in 1980. While freelancing, he worked for every major television network. He was one of the pioneer photojournalists at "48 Hours" for CBS News and set the style for modern documentaries.

An NPPA member, Brandon was the author of The Complete Digital Video Guide, published by Readers Digest in 2005, and he also produced a series of video programs called "Shoot Like A Pro" to teach beginning photographers how to tell stories with video.

In 2006, Brandon received NPPA's highest honor, the Joseph A. Sprague Memorial Award, during NPPA's 60th Anniversary Photojournalism Summit in Tampa Bay, FL. Brandon had also been the winner of NPPA's Cliff Edom Award for his ability to inspire and motivate young photographers.

About Brandon winning the Sprague, his long-time friend and fellow television photographer Darrell Barton said, "Bob has set a standard for dignity, professionalism, and courage for this profession that's unmatched. No young photographer who has ever asked Bob for help has been turned away ... there's no one more deserving of this prestigious award."

Brandon was a cameraman for four decades, shooting his first images in 1966 while still in college for KGNC-TV in Amarillo, TX. In 1970 he joined KPRC-TV in Houston, winning more than 30 awards there in 9 years and leading the station through the switch from film to videotape. He left KPRC-TV in 1979 to freelance and has done so ever since.

"He was the best person you could ever meet in life," NewsVideo Workshop director and long-time friend Sharon Freed said today.

"Bob lived for the workshop every year. It was keeping him really motivated, it just kept him going. One year he was so sick, we carried him down the stairs [at the workshop] in a

wheelchair. He just kept coming back." Freed said Brandon started his affiliation with the workshop more than 30 years ago, when he first won the Photographer of the Year title.

Over the years in addition to CBS News, he's shot for 60 Minutes, NBC News, Today, Dateline, ABC Evening News, Prime Time Live, and 20/20. Brandon was on the team that won two national Emmys for groundbreaking 48 Hours broadcasts, and he spearheaded the style-setting documentary "Emergency Vets" on Animal Planet TV. He was on the team that won two national Emmys for groundbreaking 48 Hours broadcasts, and he spearheaded the style-setting documentary "Emergency Vets" on Animal Planet TV.

In 2004, Brandon was critically ill and taken to a trauma hospital after friends found him on the floor of his home in August. Apparently he had been there for several days after collapsing, and was unable to reach the phone to call for help. Seriously ill, he rebounded from that incident and his health improved to the point that he went back to work editing and producing video projects and teaching yearly at the Norman workshop.

In the November 2009 issue of News Photographer magazine, Brandon wrote a feature story about Denver television station KUSA-TV winning the Station of the Year (Large Markets) title for the 11th time.

Robert is survived by three children - daughter Kristi Ortiz is a physician's assistant in Houston; son, Ron Brandon, lives in Oxford, NY, daughter Ellie Brandon lives in New York; sister Beverly Brandon Sweeney, brother-in-law John Sweeney, nieces Chandler Sweeney, and Kara Noah, and nephew Sean Sweeney all of the Ft. Worth, Texas area.

A memorial service has been planned for Sunday, January 10, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. MST in Denver, CO. The memorial will be held at Film/Video Equipment Services, 800 South Jason Street, Denver. The family has asked for donations in Brandon's memory be made to the American Transplant Foundation (www.americantransplant-foundation.org), or the Donor Alliance (www.donoralliance.org).

Clyde A. Smallwood

Clyde A. Smallwood, 85, died Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at Southwest Medical Center, Liberal, Kansas. He was born March 28, 1924, at Matador, Texas, the son of Everett and Osie (Lee) Smallwood.

Clyde had served in the United States Army in World War II and was awarded two Purple Hearts.

He was a Gas Plant Operator with Northern Natural Gas for 33 years.

He was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church and the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans).

Surviving him is his wife Ruby Helm. They married February 17, 1946, at Memphis, Texas.

Other survivors include

two daughters, Judy Harlow and husband, Gary of Liberal, Kansas, and Shelle Troutner of Liberal; one brother, Herbert Smallwood and wife Evelyn of Matador; one sister, Dolly Robinson and husband, Alvia of Arroyo, Texas; four grandchildren, Teri and husband Edward Mangold, Keri Harlow, Michael and Chris Troutner; great grandchildren, Jordan and Gina Mangold and Sierra Harlow.

He was preceded in death by his son Terry Wayne Smallwood; and a brother, Jess Smallwood.

Funeral Service was held December 18 at Fellowship Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Prater presiding. Burial followed at Liberal Cemetery with Military Honors given by



American Legion Post #80.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fellowship Baptist Church in care of Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home 1212 W. 2nd Liberal, KS 67901.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brennemanfuneralhome.com

Phyllis Marshall

Funeral Services for Phyllis Marshall, 84, of Matador will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Matador with Cody Clower and Matt Crawford officiating. Interment will follow in the East Mound Cemetery at Matador under the direction of Shannon Family Funeral Home.

Phyllis was born on January 18, 1925 in North Platte, Nebraska to Harry Edward Lee and Rosa Lucinda Gree-

ley Lee. Phyllis was married to Thomas Alton 'Susie' Marshall on May 14, 1945 in McCook, Nebraska. He preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 2001. Mrs. Marshall worked in her earlier years for the Railroad in Nebraska. She also worked for the Round House and Canteen during the war. She has been a homemaker for many years. Phyllis has been a resident of Matador since 1945 and a member of the First Baptist Church where

she kept the Nursery for many years.

She is survived by one son; Darrel Marshall and wife Maggie of Wheeler, Texas; three daughters; Teresa Martin and husband Don of Pampa, Texas, Cindy Johannes of Matador, Texas, Eva Marshall of Lubbock, Texas; one brother, Ben Lee; three sisters, Dorothy Miller, Eva Everett, Ruth Carlson, Daisy Musser; 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE						
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009						
Data	10	SSA	SSA		Total	
Control	General	IDÉA, Part B	Special	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Formula	Education	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:						
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 924,719	\$ -	\$ 240,188	\$ 24,611	\$ 1,189,518
5800	State Program Revenues	1,091,224	-	7,250	164,639	1,263,113
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	280,730	-	306,607	587,337
5020	Total Revenues	2,015,943	280,730	247,438	495,857	3,039,968
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011	Instruction	873,226	279,224	88,733	340,550	1,581,733
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	7,973	-	-	-	7,973
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	435	-	-	-	435
0021	Instructional Leadership	-	922	140,695	5,925	147,542
0023	School Leadership	73,864	-	-	970	74,834
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	113	584	9,413	-	10,110
0033	Health Services	184	-	-	-	184
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	114,357	-	-	-	114,357
0035	Food Services	-	-	-	106,312	106,312
0036	Extracurricular Activities	87,498	-	-	-	87,498
0041	General Administration	219,987	-	-	7,199	227,186
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	147,454	-	8,597	2,213	158,264
0053	Data Processing Services	67,682	-	-	-	67,682
Intergovernmental:						
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	114,911	-	-	32,640	147,551
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	26,711	-	-	-	26,711
6030	Total Expenditures	1,734,395	280,730	247,438	495,809	2,758,372
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	281,548	-	-	48	281,596
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,132,247	-	-	8,238	1,140,485
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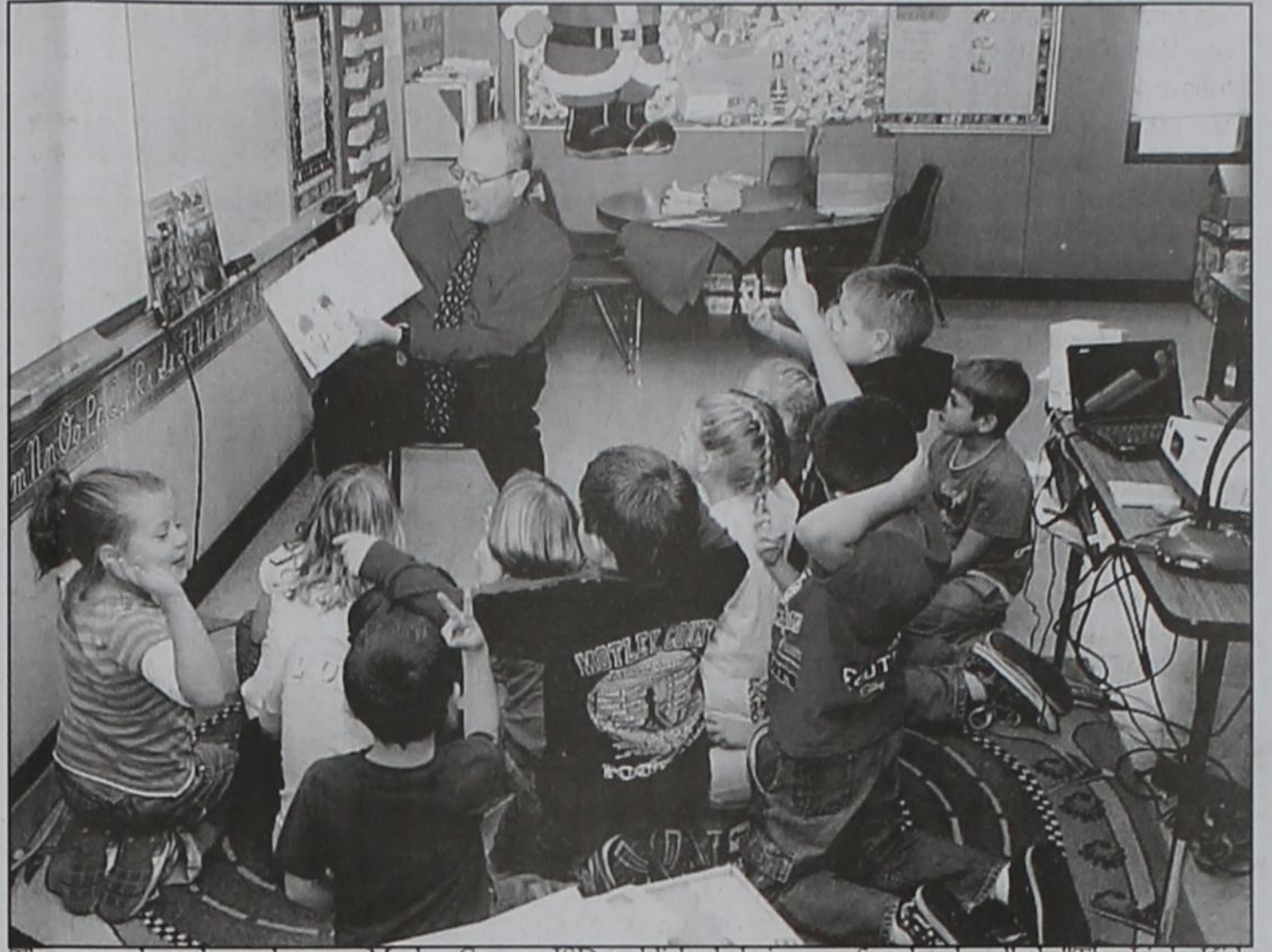
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Students participate in Community Service Project

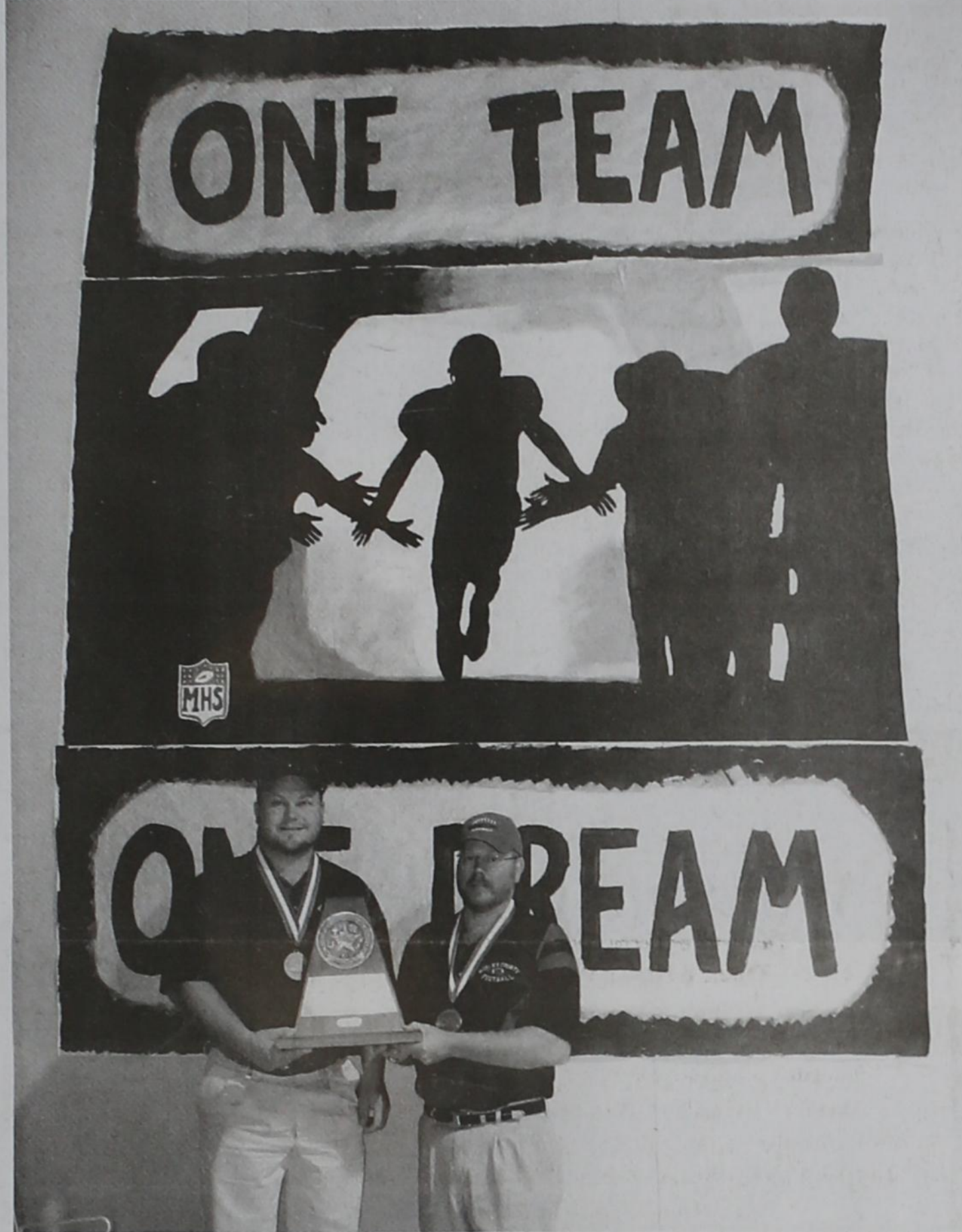


Family and Consumer Sciences students and FCCLA members baked cherry and apple pies along with pound cake for a Community Service Project. The pies and cakes were distributed with the Lion's Club Food Baskets. Top: Ky Christopher, and Stormy Guerrero. Bottom: Danielle Gwinn, Jessica Relles, Mellisa Flores, Haley Blanco, Karyn White, and not pictured are Sarah Ferguson and Anna Daniell.

Second graders become publishers



The second grade students at Motley County ISD published their very first book called, "The Little Kids from Matador." This unique story takes place in Matador and continues on to the continent of Asia where the second graders go on a field trip and learn all about the Gobi desert and camels from two Bedouin children. Through a collaborative effort, the children each contributed to the story and each of the students illustrated a page in the book. "We loved making this book and it is a wonderful way for all the children to put down in words everything they have learned about the continent of Asia!" (Pictured here is Dr. Seigrist reading the story, "The Little Kids from Matador," written and illustrated by Mrs. Kautz's Second Grade Class)



Matador Football coaches receive medals and trophy. They are pictured standing in front of a sign made by Motley County Parents Club.

Matadors receive Semi-finalists medals



Matadors receive their medals for being Semi-finalists. Back row left to right: Coach Chuck Ream, Braden Mason, Austin Taylor, Jonathon Osborn, Chase Buckner, Justin Newman, Andrew Martin, Dayne Butler, Britt Simpson, Mark Quintero, Colby McCleskey, Weston Griswald, Christian Brooks, Head Coach Mike Bigham. Front row left to right: Jamie Jameson, Braden Bigham, Juan Flores, Augustine Chavez, Noah Guerrero, Regan Elliot, and Tallon Pollard.

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January

- 1 Deadline for owning bucket calves for stock show
- 5 Mat Lions
- 7 RS Lions
- 8-9 - Odessa Stock Show
- 10 - Motley 4-H Club meeting at 4pm
- 11 Comm CT
- 11 RS City Council 2nd Mon
- 12 RSCV
- 13 Kids Praise
- 13 Hospital Bd 7am
- 14 M City Council
- 18 - Rolling Plains Chemical Conference in Spur
- 18 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 19 Mat Lions
- 21 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 28 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 28-31 - Fort Worth Stock show (goats and lambs)

February

- 3 Kids Praise
- 2-5 - Fort Worth Stock Show (steers)
- 9 - Rolling Plains Cottonseed Meeting (time and place TBA)
- 13 - Motley County Jr. Livestock Show
- 15-17 - San Antonio Lamb Show
- 20-21 - San Angelo Lamb and Goat Show

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Thursday Mostly Cloudy 39/22	Friday Sunny 46/24	Saturday Mostly Sunny 49/25	Sunday Mostly Sunny 49/28	Monday Partly Cloudy 46/24	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 50/25	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 48/26


Weather Trivia

Why does salt help keep snow from turning to ice?
 ?
 Answer: Salt water needs to be much colder to freeze.

Weather History

Dec. 31, 1962 - Perhaps the worst blizzard in the history of Maine finally came to an end. The storm produced 40 inches of snow in 24 hours at Orono and a total of 46 inches at Ripogonus Dam. Gale force winds produced snow drifts 20 feet high around Bangor.

Moon Phases

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