

# MOTLEY COUNTY TRIBUNE



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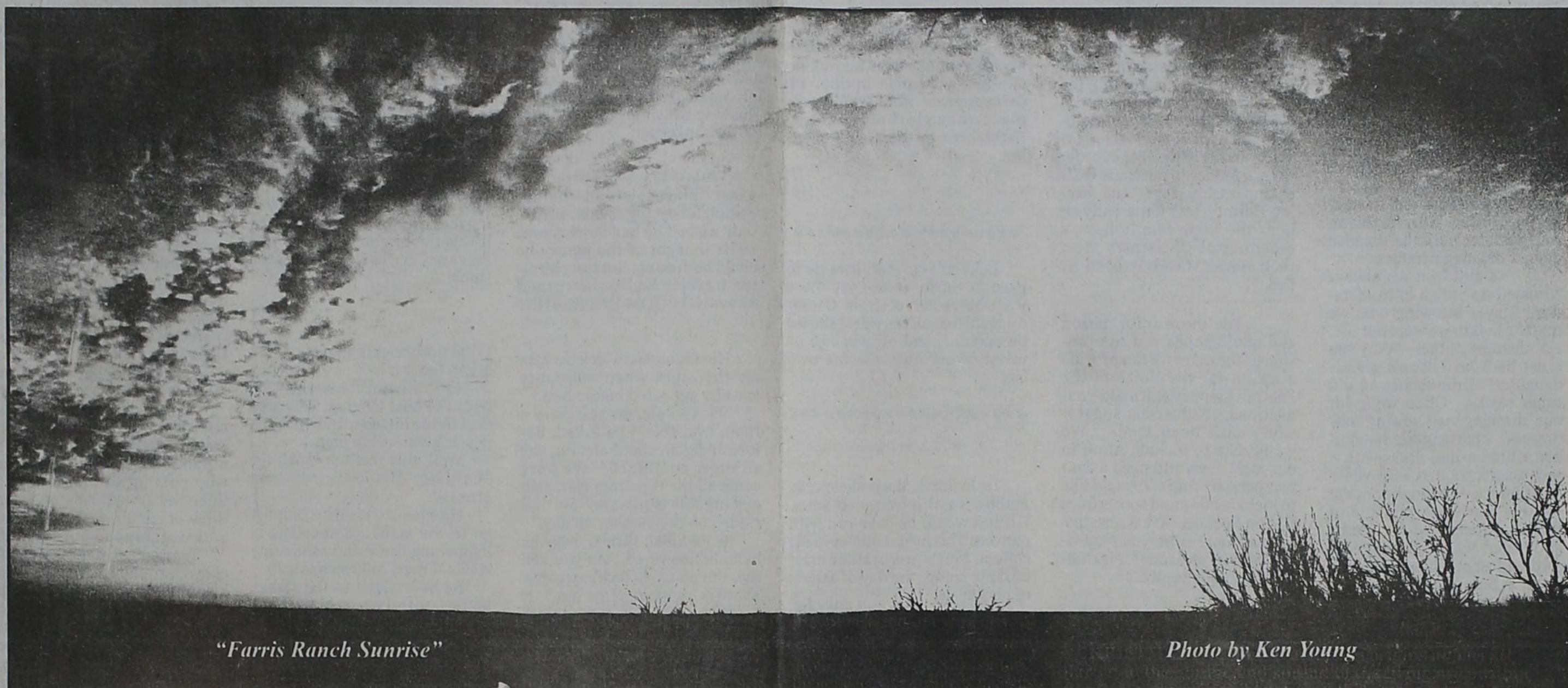
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## Happy New Year! 2008



"Farris Ranch Sunrise"

Photo by Ken Young

### Area Lions Clubs and local youth conduct food drive

The Matador and Roaring Springs Lions Clubs and Motley County youth teamed up to collect and distribute more than 900 pounds of canned goods, fruit, and candy, distributing boxes of food and ham certificates redeemable at Lowe's to 18 families in Motley County.

For many years, this major food drive has been a collaborative effort between students and local Lion's Clubs, conducted between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"I want to emphasize that the kids are the ones that make this

happen each year," Judge Ed D. Smith said. Smith, who is chairman of the Food Drive Project, Matador Lions Club, recognized the efforts of the Roaring Springs Lions. The Roaring Springs Lions distributed eight Christmas boxes in their community.

"We are really appreciative of the efforts of the Roaring Springs Lions Club members," Smith said, adding, "they brought fresh fruit and candy to top off the boxes; and helped box and deliver donated food."

The last touch to the boxes was a certificate redeemable at

Lowe's for a 5-pound ham. The Salvation Army contributes to the Lion's Club each year to help defray the costs of the hams, Smith said.

"I have never seen so much food as was collected this year," Smith said. "The kids conduct a competition, and the Lions Club then sponsors a pizza party for the winners."

The food drive benefits individuals who live alone, have no family, are elderly, or disabled, or "young people who are struggling," Smith said.

### Christmas Eve fire destroyed home

#### 13 members of the Pope family survived

By Carol Campbell

A Christmas Eve fire destroyed the home of Ronnie and Dorothy Pope, located at 1710 Eubank.

Thirteen members of the family, including six children all under the age of 12, survived the fire, including three dogs and one cat.

The real heroes of the late evening fire were the Pope's 12-year-old daughter Sabra, and her cousin, McKenzie, 8, who discovered the fire, alerted the family, and moved two younger family members to safety.

"They smelled the smoke, opened the door to the garage area and discovered the fire," Dorothy Pope said. The north wind blew the flames into the home. The girl's quick thinking saved the family, Pope said.

"The girls began screaming and waking the family members up. It apparently had burned about 20-30 minutes before they discovered the fire," she said.

Fire, water, and smoke damage destroyed the furnishings and "completely totaled" the home, Pope said.

"It took the fire department 2-3 hours to get through the metal roof to fully extinguish the fire," Pope said. "We lost everything."

Pope said there has been an "outpouring" of help from the community. "We have had a steady stream of people to offer help," she said.

The Matador Variety Store replaced toys and donated Christmas gifts to the children. "There are too many people to count, people have really rallied

around. Pope said she couldn't imagine having a tragedy like this in a large city. "You would just be another unknown family in crisis," she said. But in Matador, everyone cares, she said.

The family lost almost all of their personal belongings. The biggest need right now are bedding and towels, Pope said.

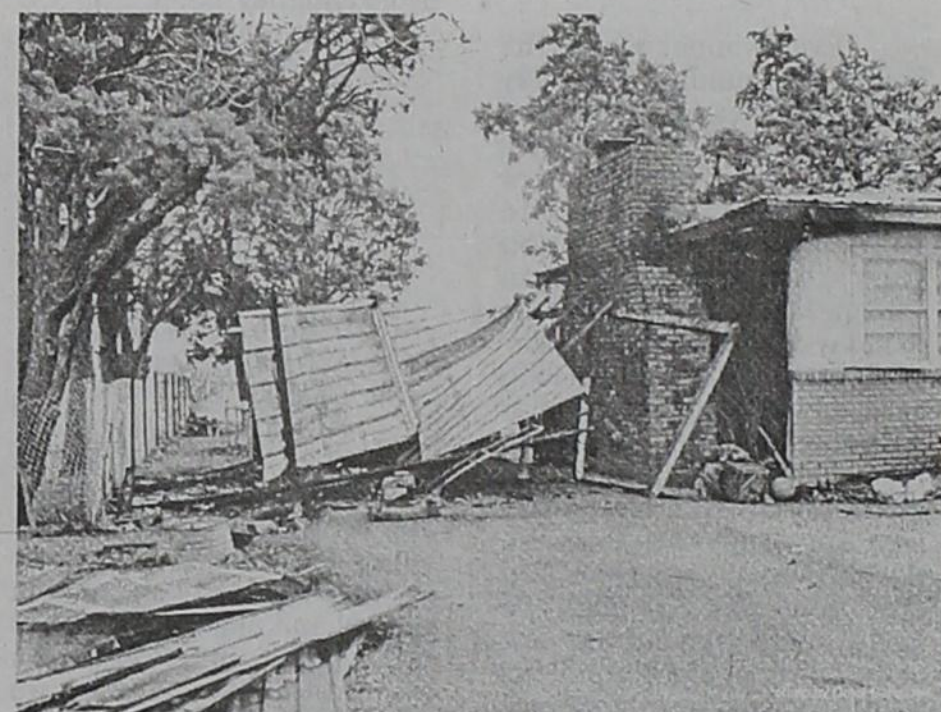
The Pope's are in the process of moving rescued and donated belongings to a new house, located at 1711 White Street.

Concerned citizens in Matador are placing flyers in businesses, and asking people for a "love fund" for the Pope family.

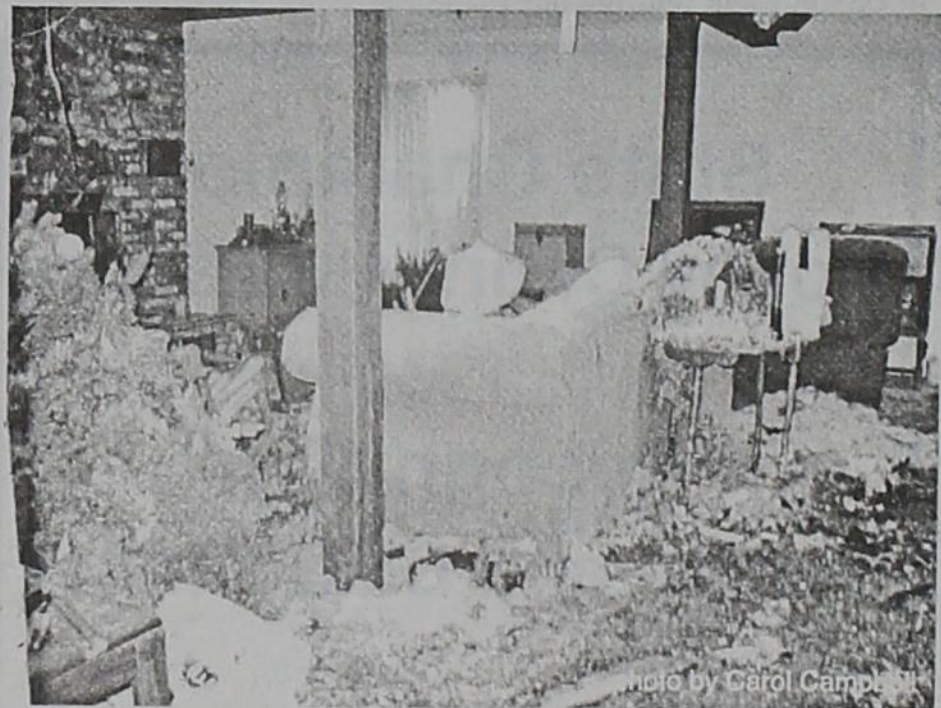
Cash donations may be made at the First National Bank, Matador Branch.

Clothing donations can be accepted for the two girls, Sabra, 12, and Sydnie, 5; and for a boy, Braden, 9 years old.

The front bedroom received the heaviest damage. The majority of clothing for Dorothy and her youngest child, Sydnie, were in this room.



THE FIRE APPARENTLY started in the garage area, and spread quickly throughout the house, fanned by a strong north wind on Christmas Eve.



A CHRISTMAS EVE fire of unknown origins apparently started in the garage and spread to the living area within minutes, giving six children on pallets in front of the fireplace only seconds to escape.



THE POPE FAMILY narrowly escaped the fire that destroyed the living area, and south bedroom. Three family dogs and a cat also survived the fire.

### Parade and Barbeque set to honor state champions

A parade and celebration Barbeque Dinner will be held on Thursday, January 10, to recognize the State Champion Motley County Matadors.

The parade will start at the fieldhouse at 5:30 p.m. The route will go downtown around the courthouse and back down Bundy Street to the school. The Barbeque dinner will follow.

Alexander Fuel, Drum Plumbing, and Richard Piper Farms will be sponsoring the dinner, which will be catered by David Stafford.

The Athletic Department is also accepting donations from other individuals or businesses to sponsor the cost of the meal. The football players and cheerleaders will be serving the meal to earn money for the cost of the state championship rings and pendants.

The cost for the meal itself will be donation only. The Matador and Maverick football teams will be recognized for their outstanding seasons. A highlight video will also be shown. Everyone is invited to attend.

The High School basketball games vs. Meadow have been re-scheduled from Tuesday, January 8 to Monday, January 7. The games will be here at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. The games are re-scheduled to avoid conflict with Meadow's final semester exam schedule.

The Junior High will play at Patton Springs that same evening at 5:30 p.m.

The High School teams will start district play on Friday, January 4 here against Valley at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.



MOTLEY COUNTY students sell state championship tee-shirts to eager supporters to earn money to purchase State Championship rings commemorating their recent win. (Left to Right, seated): Bradley Brown, Casey Carnes, Stacy Perryman, and Isiah Archer. (Left to Right, standing): Andrew Martin, Eric Simpson, and Jacob Blanco.



# FOOTHILL COUNTRY CONNECTIONS

By Laverne Zabielski

Frequently, in the fifties, when I was a child my parents, Ray and Grace Laverne Tilson Zabielski, made the long drive to Whiteflat from Kansas, or Illinois, or New York, depending on which Air Force Base my dad was stationed. It was always hot and dusty and desolate. Although we never actually saw any, we always walked in fear of rattlesnakes. White cotton contrasted the red dirt and the tangerine sunsets were brilliant. And stickers were the dreaded danger of going barefoot.

As children we always "dressed up" to go in to Matador. Never knowing who we might run into we wore our nicest, cleanest clothes. "Why you must be Tom Tilson's granddaughter!" I remember an old timer saying. Often we spent our summer visit sewing new dresses. I particularly remember a lime a-line dress with a scoop neck framed with white lace flowers. We shopped at the Variety Store for fabric and Billie's Grocery where credit abounded way before credit cards. Most purchases were put on an in house account.

From those early visits I remember the Matador Tribune. It made an impact on me even then as a child. It was the only reading material, other than the Bible, that I remember seeing. And it was the only newspaper I remember seeing anyone read. The Tribune is still very much the same. Even the columns are the same. Days Gone By, Remember When, and local news featuring Roaring Springs, Flomot, Whiteflat, Northfield and Matador. Frequently there is Trail Dust by Douglas Meador, even if it is a rerun.

By Larry Vogt

Ever wonder where the hoopla surrounding news day celebrations came from? According to the web site [wilstar.com](http://wilstar.com) the celebration of the new year dates back to Babylonian times about 4000 years ago. The new year began with the first new moon after the first day of spring. Those folks' celebration lasted 11 days with each day having a particular type of celebration. Maybe it's best we only celebrate new years eve and a little on New Years Day. Apparently those folks also started the new years resolution custom as well. It ought to amuse you to find out that one of the most popular resolutions 4000 years ago was the resolve to return borrowed farm equipment.

I also was interested to go to [USA.gov](http://USA.gov) and find the most

As a writer and a community artist I recognize the power of the voice of the local community. With each issue in 2008 we intend to speak to the present, dream the future and listen to the past. This week, after basking in the glory of winning the State Championship Division II 6-Man Football Title the Matadors are hard at work selling t-shirts and serving BBQ in order to earn money to purchase their championship rings. And Motley County residents rally to help the Pope family have a meaningful Christmas after their house was destroyed by fire.

The more information and photographs you can provide us the more we can provide a forum for the Voice of the Foothill Country and make connections. Numerous suggestions have been made. We would like to include Afton in our local news and need a contact person. And we would like to include news and sports from Patton Springs. We'd also like to hear more from you regarding the pros and cons for including the public record.

We are honored to have Ken Young provide us with photographs for the front page and look forward to including the work of other artists in an Arts and Entertainment Column. Writing Community features the work of two writers this week. And I will begin a noon time brown bag writing practice session at the library on January 11. If you want to write, you have to practice, just like you have to practice ball, or piano or anything else you want to learn.

popular new years resolutions listed and they are:

- Lose weight
- Pay off debt
- Save money
- Get a better job
- Get fit
- Eat right
- Get a better education
- Drink less alcohol
- Stop smoking now
- Reduce stress overall
- Reduce stress at work
- Take a trip
- Volunteer to help others
- Can't argue with any of those, even if you might think they don't apply to us. The point being, it probably is good to evaluate our own behaviors in general and make adjustments as necessary to improve our own life and the lives of those we touch all the time.

Hope your heater works, it's getting mighty chilly at night around the county.

**Editor's Note:** The following story written by Joann Dickson, formerly of Matador, was presented at the recent El Progresso Study Club Christmas Party. Dickson, who recently published a book on Christmas stories past, has been writing for this group since the 1980s.

## THE INNKEEPER By Joann Dickson

**Preface:** There are so many stories written about the manger in Bethlehem—the baby Jesus, the shepherds, the sheep, the kings, the angels. But not much as been written about the innkeeper.

He is best remembered for saying NO ROOM IN THE INN. My idea of him is that he was basically a good man but had no perception of what would take place that glorious night in Bethlehem in the stable of his inn.

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Luke 2: 1-3: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augusta that all the world should be taxed. . . and all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

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To Jedidiah, the innkeeper in Bethlehem, this was good news. His inn would be over-run with patrons. This meant money in his coffers. Much preparation must be done before the day of arrival of his guests.

Jedidiah gathered his family and his servants to assign tasks for the on-rush that was to come. After all, this was probably the most important event that would ever happen in Bethlehem—little did he know!

All rooms must be thoroughly cleaned. Curtains must be washed, floors scrubbed, linens made fresh, bedside pitchers filled. Everyone was given a task.

Even Nathaniel, his young son, was assigned the duty of cleaning the stable. Now, Nathaniel, being a young teenage boy, objected. After all, a carnival-like atmosphere was taking place in town. He wanted to see the magicians and acrobats. He

wanted to taste the date cakes and other sweets being sold by the food vendors. But his pleas were to no avail. The stable must be cleaned before Nathaniel could go to town. So, Nathaniel reluctantly made his way to the stable.

Meanwhile, Jedidiah continued his inspection of the inn, urging his servants to make haste and complete the tasks he had assigned them.

Bethlehem was about to become a town that would go down in Christian history as the birth place of the Son of God. Had Jedidiah known this, would he have done things differently?

The guests began to arrive and it did not take long for all the rooms to be rented. Of course, Jedidiah was overjoyed. There had never been a time when the inn was completely occupied. This was truly a profitable time for the innkeeper.

Weary travelers from far away places stood before Jedidiah begging for rooms. He only wished he had more rooms as he thought of the money he could be making. But traveler after traveler had to be turned away—NO ROOM IN THE INN!

He was about to lock his gate for the night when one more traveler appeared before him.

"Please, sir, do you have a room available?" he asked. Before Jedidiah could answer, the stranger continued, "We have come all the way from Nazareth and my wife is so weary. She has ridden on this donkey all day."

As Jedidiah turned away he harshly answered, "As you can see, I'm about to lock my gates. There is no room in the inn."

It was then Jedidiah noticed that the frail lady on the donkey was going to have a baby. Jedidiah suddenly felt compassion.

"When is your wife expected to have this baby?" Joseph answered, "Her time is very near."

Jedidiah, being a husband and father, suddenly felt a strange compassion for this man and his wife.

"Stranger," he said, "my son cleaned the stable today. He spread new hay. Not too many of my guests have made use of the stable. If you wish, you may bed down there. I'll have Nathaniel

bring you some bedding and fresh water."

Joseph hesitated but Mary spoke and thanked Jedidiah for his kindness.

But Jedidiah, being a shrewd business man, did ask Joseph for a few coins.

Jedidiah returned to the inn. He was very satisfied with himself. He had done a good deed and also been rewarded with a few extra coins. It had been along, hard day but a profitable one. He also was self-righteously satisfied with himself in that he had been kind to a stranger and his pregnant wife.

So Jedidiah joined his wife in their living quarters expecting to experience a night of rest. He made himself comfortable and soon fell asleep.

Jedidiah and his wife had perhaps been asleep for several hours when he was awakened by a bright light. Startled by the brightness, he at first thought it might be a fire. But after throwing the curtains back, he realized it was the brightest star he had ever seen. It was shining over the stable.

"What the blazes is going on?" he asked himself.

As if this wasn't enough, he began to hear singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

Well, this was too much for Jedidiah. His curiosity was aroused.

He spoke to his wife, "I must go to the stable. Something is happening there and as it is my stable, I need to investigate."

As he trudged to the stable, he began to berate himself. "I should not have given in to my feelings and been a 'softie' and rented the stable to those people...yet, it did mean more money in my pocket!"

The singing became louder as he came to the stable. His eyes saw a sight he had never seen. Angels were floating above the stable. It was their voices he had heard singing praises. Also, there were shepherds standing around—seemingly in a state of shock.

As if this wasn't startling enough, there were three camels outside the stable. They were draped in velvet cloth and gold, jeweled chains adorned their lumbering bodies.

Jedidiah stood in the doorway of the stable and to this amazement, beheld three kings, kneeling and adoring a baby lying in the manger. They were presenting the child with gifts. On closer scrutiny, Jedidiah saw the gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh.

"What is going on here? This is my stable. What are angels and kings and shepherds doing here? Someone please explain!"

It was then that Joseph stepped forward to address Jedidiah.

"It was long ago prophesied that the Saviour of the world would be born of a virgin. This night the fulfillment of this prophecy happened in your stable. The Lord Jesus Christ was born of Mary. The angels have proclaimed it and kings have come to worship the Child."

Once again, Jedidiah seemed puzzled. How could this be? If only he had known he would have provided this stranger and his wife the best room in the inn. Why, he would have gladly offered his and his wife's own room! After all, he reasoned, he wasn't entirely a heartless man.

Jedidiah stood completely amazed at the scene in the stable. If someone had told him several days ago that this would have been happening, he would have roared with laughter and called them liars.

Jedidiah began to talk to himself.

"I'm so overcome by all I've seen. I feel compelled to show my inner thoughts. But, after all, I'm a hard-hearted business man who puts profit ahead of anything. What would my associates think of me if I, too, knelt down and worshipped this Child?"

Tears began to flow from his eyes. He trembled, he perspired, his mind raced. Then when the goodness of his inner self took hold, he could no longer restrain himself. Jedidiah pushed himself beside the crib and fell down worshipping the child. All those present in the stable rejoiced.

I like to think and believe that the innkeeper was the first lost soul to appear before Jesus and that he was Jesus' first convert.

I believe also that Jedidiah returned to his household and with Nathaniel's help led the rest of the family and his servants to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe all this could have happened and that the stigma of NO ROOM IN THE INN was erased from the innkeeper's name forever on that day.

## Motley County's first sheriff, turned outlaw

By Carol Campbell

Joseph P. Beckham and his brother James joined their brother Buck Beckham at the Matador Ranch in 1882, to work as cowhands for Henry H. Campbell. He was 17 years old at the time — handsome, young, good natured, and ambitious.

By 1891, the big ranching days in Motley County were over. H. H. Campbell resigned as manager of the Matador Ranch, and became the first county judge.

When Joe was only 26 years old, he was appointed as Motley County's first sheriff and county tax assessor in the newly incorporated frontier town named after the famed Matador Ranch. According to Campbell's book on the early history of Motley County, it was during Beckham's second term as sheriff that the trouble began.

Some records say that Joseph was "victim of a political storm" brewing between Matador cowhands and the settlers.

Others say Beckham was an opportunist, a thief, a gun-happy hard-head, that refused to be fired by the Commissioner's Court.

Despite the cause, the fact remains that a mere four years after his appointment as the first sheriff of Motley County, Beckham lay dead on the floor of a dugout in Indian Territory, killed by Texas Rangers when he was only 30 years old.

As in all Greek tragedies, this early-day protagonist followed a torturous downward spiral from revered lawman to wicked outlaw; a man that some say had "no regard for human life." Whether by happenstance or choice, Joe Beckham met an untimely death at a very young age.

Shortly after Beckham's appointment as sheriff, Jeff Boone, an acquaintance from his cowboy days, came into the courthouse and started an argument over a horse Joe was

riding. A gun battle ensued; Boone was shot in the arm. His infected wound caused his death from blood poisoning. Beckham was charged with murder. He was acquitted of the charge in district court, but a "dark cloud" continued to follow Beckham.

In 1893, while on a horseback trip to Oklahoma Territory to stake a claim during the land boom, he was charged with fraud because he had "appointed deputies without regard to the budget for his office."

The Commissioner's Court appointed J.L. Moore as sheriff, who promptly put Joe under arrest on his return. The district court in Floydada again ruled in Joe's favor, and determined that Moore was illegally appointed. But instead of restoring Joe to his position, the district judge appointed Billy Moses as the sheriff.

This touched off another political firestorm, resulting in Joe putting his own deputies back in office, refusing to be fired, and attempting to arrest Moore and his deputies. The Governor sent the Texas Rangers to Motley County, and placed the county under martial law for 10 days to sort out a rumored range war between the settlers and ranchers. In the meantime, Moses served as sheriff until the appointment of G. W. Cook in 1894.

Joe was advised by his friends to escape to Indian Territory until the smoke cleared. But G.W. Cook, along with a determined sheriff from Childress County, decided to go after Joe in the "Nations."

He managed to turn himself in to a Texas Ranger, but in

November 1894, while out on bond, G.W. Cook tried to kill him. Joe knew that Cook was gunning for him. In the latter part of May 1895, when Joe showed for district court in Seymour, Texas, Cook came to town to testify against him. Joe met him at the train platform,



Joseph P. Beckham was shot to death by Texas Rangers in 1895 and buried in Indian Territory. His body was exhumed, posed, and photographed, proving his untimely death to his family.

beat Cook to the draw, and killed him on the spot.

He then escaped again to Indian Territory, where he joined up with "some natural-born killers" and turned outlaw. He was involved in several beatings, robberies, shootings, and numerous raids around Electra, Texas. The Texas Rangers were hot on his trail.

They found Joe in a dug-out with his outlaw friends, on December 28, 1895. Following a heated gun battle that lasted all night, Joe was killed, his body moved and buried in Harrold, Texas.

But rumors began to fly that it was not Joe's body in the casket, so the body was exhumed, and Joe's brother John

was called in to identify the body. A gruesome picture was taken of the body, and sent to the family.

Well, this is the story of Motley County's first sheriff, turned outlaw. We have had 21 sheriffs since the county was incorporated in 1891, but none quite so colorful as the infamous Joseph P. Beckham.

**Editor's Note:** Photo and account of the death of Joe Beckham came from a book titled, *Byrd Cochran of Dead Man's Corner* by Valarie Owen, Feather Press, Snyder, Texas, October 1972. Research for this article also came from *The Early History of Motley County* by Harry H. Campbell, Nortex Press, Austin, Texas, 1958.

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# News Around the County

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

Christmas was wonderful, my daughter was out of the hospital and able to come to my son's for Christmas. Kelly and Pennie Keltz hosted the Marshall family get together. Everyone had a great time and I greatly appreciated them being the hosts. All of Corky's family was able to attend. Seeing the nine great-grandchildren all playing and having so much fun together is really special.

The Motley County Bucks given by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce were won by Alex Crowder, \$25.00; Bobby Fletcher, \$25.00; Joe Rieger, \$25.00; and Kenneth Marvel, \$25.00.

The Roaring Springs Lion's Club in conjunction with the Matador Lion's Club prepared baskets to be delivered to shut-ins: Bill Boley, Audrey Jones, Lupe Morales, Robert Cooper, Tommy Cooper, Mrs. Wilkins, Ony Bell and Herbert and Reva Sweeney.

The Ken Youngs had an early Christmas with Dinah's daughter and her family. They traveled to Austin on Friday to the home of Patrick and Sinnikka Verrill and grandchildren, Zack and Jude Ellie. Sinnikka has accepted a professorship at North Carolina State University. Also joining them were Dinah's son Josh Elliott and friend Victoria.

On Sunday the First United Methodist church held a Christmas candle light service. It was well attended. Larry Vogt accompanied Callie Giesecke on the guitar for special Christmas music.

The First United Methodist Church hosted its annual Christmas Dinner for those who would not be joining their families. Twenty-eight folks enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner. Nine take out plates were taken to shut-ins. Those attending the dinner were: Alex and Jo Crowder, Ken and Suzanne Abbott, the Polk family from Matador and their relatives, Joy Beeson, Sheila Lefevre; Buddy Crowder, Lee Cook, Genetta Amejide, Ken and Jane (King) Neal of Tulia.

A correction to last week's news is that Tince Fondy of Slaton, also visited Buzz Thacker and attended church with him on Sunday, December 23.

Alex and Jo Crowder had a belated Christmas with their family in Lubbock at the home of Buddy Crowder. Also attending were their daughter, Denisa of Dalhart and granddaughter, Janice. Janice is doing graduate work at Texas Women's University in Denton. She stopped by on her way back to Denton on Friday and had lunch with Alex and Jo.

D.A. and Ruby McGuire's daughter Sonia and son-in-law, Scott Upfield along with their three sons spent Christmas in the McGuire's home.

P.K. Green and her brother, Mike Mach hosted Ed D. and Pat Smith, Ken and Suzanne Abbott for Christmas Eve supper.

Winners of the Texas Highway 70 Christmas lighting contest in Roaring Springs were: Don and Billie Stuckey, first place; Delmar and Venus Fairly, second place; Joe and Dianna Martines, third place; and Corky and Monta Marshall, honorable mention.

Visiting in the home of J.T. and Imogene Swim for Christmas were their children; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swim of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swim of Abilene and grandchildren, Greg and Dr. Emily Swim-Redding; Dr. Ed Swim and wife, Kimberly of West Point, New York.

Zella Palmer was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Lubbock on Thursday. Johnny Palmer reported that she would likely get out of the hospital today and then spend the weekend with him and Tammy in Lubbock.

Julian Zabielski of Cleveland, Texas and Beverly Shorter and her husband Louis and their daughter Megan, all from Fort Worth visited Grace Zabielski for the holidays. Thomas Tilson of Matador celebrated Christmas eve at the Zabielski home. Beverly's daughter, Jennifer Moncrief and her husband Bobby, and their children, Braeden, Mathew and Allison McCoy, all of Matador, also visited for Christmas dinner.

Don and Lou Wittler of Matador visited with Grace Zabielski and her family on Saturday, December 22 and enjoyed an array of desserts.

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

### OVERHEARD

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors and let every new year find you a better man. Happy New Year!

### CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CHURCH SERVICES

Candlelight services were held Sunday night, December 23, at the Baptist Church in Flomot. The Rev. Nathan Mulder, pastor, conducted the services, "Twelve Powers of Christmas." Each glowing candle reflected the power of Christ illuminating a world of darkness.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Kathy Shorter and Savannah Young, "The Christmas Lullaby." Karlee Kleinbrink of Clifton and Sarah Clay of Panhandle sang "Away in a Manger." The congregation joined in singing Christmas hymns.

Accompanying them on the piano was Mrs. Anna Beth Clay. Mrs. Kathy Mulder played the organ that was given to the church by Mrs. Theda Jenkins Anderson, former Matador resident.

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Mrs. Judy Rhodes of Cypress and daughter-in-law and children, Mrs. Marian Rhodes, Chase and Wyatt of Tampa, Florida, visited from Christmas day until Friday, December 28, with her father, Everett Shorter and brother and wife, Clois and Kathy Shorter. Marian's husband, Dr. Rick Rhodes, stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Afghanistan is an orthopedic surgeon.

Visiting during the Christmas holidays with Kathy and Clois Shorter were daughters and families, Christi and Dwain Milam, Emily and Haley of Petersburg and Keri and Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Janice and Butch Hughes were guests Sunday, December 23, in the home of son and family, Ricky, Tasha, Kason and Kendall Hughes of Floydada. Christmas day they were guests in Floydada of son and family, Roger, Tiffany, Reagan and Tara Hughes.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ike Clay Saturday, December 22, were children and families, Lori and Kevon Kleibrink, Karlee and Kyler of Clifton, Larry and Angelia Clay, Kelsey, Tanner and Saray of Panhandle, Tina and Pat Carson, Walker, Ryleigh and Parker of

Turkey, Julie and Bill Edwards, Caden, Jaxon and Laney of Flomot.

Christmas day guests of Mrs. Erma Washington were Matt Washington, Brazos and Blu, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington of Roaring Springs, Anissa Huckert, Colton Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson of Lubbock, Cary Franks of Idalou, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clary, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie of Matador, Clint Cowart of Post, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay and Cara Franks of Flomot.

Wilburn Martin visited in Borger Sunday and Monday in the home of daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. They had a family Christmas celebration Sunday night and other guests were Wilburn's grandchildren, Cole Martin of Portales,

N.M. and Lindsay Martin of Amarillo; Cory and Becca Cooper, Gavin and Mason and Bob Cooper of Borger, Carl Cooper of Amarillo and Kendra Cooper of Pampa.

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

Cally and Will Sperry, Savannah, Blayne, Gage and Cash attended the annual Christmas Eve celebration held in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Pigg of the Gray Mule community. They visited Christmas day in Lubbock with her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Pool.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey and Johnnie Starkey were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and Ben of Canyon, Mrs. Nola Long and Christen of Winewood, Okla., Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, Okla., Lola Jewel Starkey of Clyde, L.T. Starkey of Ralls, Phylis and Roy Gladson and Tonya of Austin.

Visiting during the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vinson and Mrs. Beverly Vinson were Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Vinson, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Bubba and Mr. and Mrs. Dana Vinson, Allison and Elise of Lubbock.

James, Darla and Danielle joined family members at the Gwinn home in Matador on Christmas Eve. Others were Aly Gwinn and Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Emily and Annie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Fannin Gwinn and Friend, Rebecca of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz and Charles "Chig" Gwinn of Matador.

Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse and her family enjoyed a Christmas night celebration in her home in Flomot. Attending were Regina and Chad Seward, Allison, Quaid and Macy of Goldwithe, Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Cruse of Clarendon, Roegan Cruse of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Talon Cruse and Colton of Whiteflat and their parents, Donnie and Judy Cruse of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clinton of Elk City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Smith, Cutter and Jaxon of Floydada and Skylar Clifton of Denver, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton, Thor, Tory, Teah and Tally of Happy; Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle of Whiteflat and Fannin Gwinn of Flomot; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse of Flomot and their holiday guests, children, Leah Cruse of Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Turkey and Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming.

Christmas holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson were daughters and families, Lucretia and Breck Dockery and Brittany of Vernon and Kayla and Neal Guest of Turkey.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was a guest at a Christmas day luncheon in Matador of Judy and Butch Renfro and their family. Before returning home, she visited Dixie and Bundy Hal Campbell and their holiday guests.

Mrs. Jackie Sperry of Quitaque and Mrs. Chally Sperry attended the funeral services of Ernie Lee Thursday afternoon held in Clarendon.

## County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, Extension Agent



### Motley 4-H Members

4-H members that have livestock projects, please note that on Saturday, December 22, the Motley County Livestock Directors validated animals for the county stock show. Every animal that will be shown in the Motley County Jr. Livestock Show, except for bucket calves, should have an ear tag. Please check your animal and keep an eye on the ear tag in case it becomes infected. If an infection occurs, call me as soon as you notice it.

### Motley County Jr. Livestock Show Bucket Calf and Rabbit Projects

If you have a bucket calf project that you are going to show at the Motley County Jr. Livestock show, we need to know about it. Livestock Directors need a list of the bucket calf projects that will be shown at the county stock show. If you have a bucket calf or if you want a bucket calf, please call the Extension office at 806-347-2733 and let us know.

Rabbits will be available the first part of January. If you are wanting to show a rabbit at the Motley County Stock show, please contact me at the Extension office so I will know how many to order.

### Motley 4-H Shooting Sports

A shooting sports safety clinic will be held on January 12 from 1-4 p.m. in the courthouse. If you want to participate in the 4-H shooting sports program you must complete a safety training course before you can compete. The training will consist of a classroom meeting on rules and laws then a hands-on training at the shooting range.

### Texas Crop Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION—The cotton crop in the West Central district is one of the best ever, said a Texas Cooperative Extension cotton expert. Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist at San Angelo, said the cotton harvest over the past two months has been excellent.

"The lint quality from the first million bales ginned this season is white, long and strong which is what the cotton buyers want," Warrick said.

"The biggest complaints are having to harvest too slow, no module covers available, and the gin won't get to my cotton until February. That all relates to a lot of cotton for the region," he said. Warrick said the same bumper-crop claim can't be made for the region's small grains crops at this time.

"Due to the lack of rainfall in October and November, the small grains crops (wheat, oats,

barley, rye) have not had the opportunity to get start," he said. "Some fields have been planted over 60 days. On November 25, some areas had rain and snow that resulted in three-quarters to two inches of moisture, and by December 7, you could see the small grains emerging."

Warrick said more rain is needed for the plants to develop and thrive. The following condition reports are from Extension officials:

**NORTH:** Soil moisture ranges from adequate to short. The weather was unseasonably warm with morning dew and some light showers. Winter pastures are showing some signs of life after a Thanksgiving weekend rain. Small grains need a good rain. Many producers are starting to feed their cattle. Livestock are in good condition. Hay stocks are good and winter pastures are good in most area. Cotton and sorghum have been harvested, and the pecan harvest is nearing completion. Winter wheat is 90 percent planted and about 90 percent emerged. Oats are about 95 percent planted.

**PANHANDLE:** The region experienced dry weather again last week. Cotton and milo are still being harvested. Wheat ranges from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair to poor. The crop would benefit from a good rain or snow. Range conditions are rated mostly fair. Fire danger is high. Cattle are in good condition, and supplemental feeding continues.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Cotton strippers were running around the clock trying to get the cotton crop out before the rain and sleet hit Sunday. Producers were planting wheat in hopes of receiving moisture. Pasture forage is decreasing and supplemental feeding is increasing. Cattle prices are somewhat lower, and fall cattle work is winding down.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** The weather was unseasonably warm, with temperatures in the mid-60s F to lower 70s F for the highs and 30s F for the lows. Cotton harvest is almost complete, however most gins will be operating well into the new year. Sorghum harvest is complete with excellent yields being reported. Winter wheat is in poor to fair condition. With the crop complete, moisture is no longer a priority for cotton growers, but wheat producers badly need significant rain to boost the crop. Pastures and ranges are in mostly fair condition with rainfall needed.

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## Matador News

Carol and Lucretia Campbell traveled to the Dallas Metroplex for Christmas, visiting in the home of Craig and Charise Christian, Denton, and daughters Cameron and Caitlin. On December 23, this group, along with Charise's father, Charles Cullen, and Cameron's guest, Brian Welter, attended *A Christmas Celebration*, presented by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

Singing in the 230-member chorus was Michael Richardson, husband of the late Charlotte (Campbell) Richardson. The program included traditional and classical music, featuring a full orchestra, Dickens Carolers, and children's choir.

Amy Hill, daughter of Michael Richardson, and grandchildren, Chelsea and Christopher, joined the group on Christmas Eve for a family party and gift exchange; and on Christmas Day, a family party was celebrated in the home of Barbara Christian, Denton. The traditional Christmas meal included turkey, ham and all the trimmings, followed by a family gift exchange and table games. Attending the festivities were Carla (Christian) and Dallas Oldham, Charise, Craig, Cameron and Caitlin Christian, Charles Cullen, and Brian Welter, all of Denton; Cody Christian of McKinney, and Carol and Lucretia Campbell, Matador.

Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Marihelen Wason were children and families, Charla and Bennie Marracle of Snyder, Darrell and Brenda Cruse of Flomot, Mark and Kathleen, Dalton and Delenna, Kaci and Iam Schafer of Lubbock, Alan and Shahala Holcher and Kinly of Sweetwater, Keane and Lacy Cruse and Reese of Turkey, Leah Cruse of Canyon and Derrick Cruse of Casper, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunnam of Plainview, and Jack Sanford drove to Canyon on Sunday December 23, and spent Christmas with his daughter and family Ray and Vickie King and their family.

Geneva Wilson and Nelda and Jay Tomison spent Christmas Day with Dink and Carolyn Wilson in Quannah.

Deanie and Tom Edwards had as guests, Stephen, Lori, and Haley Davis of Dalhart during the holidays.

Bobby and Jeanie Williams spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Lubbock with their daughter Paige, son-in-law Bryan, and grandchildren Zoe and Madilyn.

Kay and Ronnie Bailey entertained 16 guests in their home at a December 23 family party. The following family members attended the traditional Christmas feast and gift exchange: Kevin and Sherry Bailey, and sons Dillon and Koulton of Sundown; Andrea and son Brant of Alvarado; Laverna Johnston of Lubbock; David and Marilyn Rattan and son Dax and wife Nita, children Dane and Blaze of Amarillo; and Shane and Brenda George and Ashlan of Forney.

Visiting in the home of Dorothy and Stan Hanesworth were sons, David and John and families.

Visiting Mary Jones Monday were grandchildren Lisa Guerrero of Portland, and Lee Jones of Lubbock.

Visiting Joyce Campbell Sunday were Memori and Kyler Grisham, Dallas, Cassie Campbell and Russ Pheffer, San Angelo, Kattie Campbell, Denton, Billy, Lori, JoBeth and Britt, of Idalou.

Norma Marrs spent Christmas Day in Floydada with her daughter and family, Judy and John Dunlap, and Bonnie of Amarillo, Melissa of Kerrville and Robert of Lubbock.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson during the Christmas and New Year holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland, Lance Jameson, Vickie and Don Fennell of Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson and Shanna Lou of Santa Fe.

I take a simple view of living. It is, keep your eyes open and get on with it.

--Sir Laurence Olivier



A CHRISTMAS PARTY hosted by Grace Campbell and Marge Edwards at Ventura Place, Lubbock, on December 7, included a singalong by ex-Motley County residents (Left to Right) Marge Edwards, Billy Donaldson, Terry Donaldson, Grace Campbell, Joann Dickson, and Gerald Pipkin on keyboard.

Juanita Cooper spent Christmas with her daughter and family, Kay Dunnam of Amarillo, and their daughter Kourtney Dunnam, a student at Texas Tech. They all drove to Lubbock and spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Ken's brother and family Kirk and Brenda Dunnam, Thomas and Sydney.

Charlie Renfro returned home Monday, December 24, from Lubbock where he was a patient at the Covenant Medical Center the past 10 days.

Mrs. June Moss and son and family, Glen and Myra Moss of Seymour met her son and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Moss of Janesville, Wisconsin, in Hagerman, N.M. and enjoyed visiting from Friday until Sunday, December 20-22. June was pleased to meet her new great granddaughter, Abby.

Kenny and Olivia Barton and Roy and Joanie Stephens traveled to Oklahoma City Friday to attend the memorial service for their lifelong friend, Pat Engle.

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## OBITUARIES

### JOE ERNEST "ERNIE" LEE

Joe Ernest "Ernie" Lee, 31, of Amarillo, grandson of Orville and Ruth Lee of Flomot; and nephew of Roger Lee and wife Shonda of Flomot, died Sunday, December 23, 2007.

Services were Thursday, December 27, in the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with the Rev. Roger Smith, pastor, and the Rev. Darrell Burton, pastor of Martin Baptist Church in Clarendon, officiating. Burial was in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Ernie was born March 3, 1976, in Groom to Joey and Brenda Lee. He lived in Clarendon most of his life and graduated from Clarendon High School in 1994. He worked for Chamberlain Motor Co. until 1999 and had been working for Lee's Insurance Agency since that time. He was a member of the Turkey Lions Club and had been a member of Martin Baptist Church since November 11, 1984.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Fred Row, on February 27, 1997; his grandmother, Marjorie Row on No-



vember 25, 2007; and two sets of great-grandparents.

Survivors include his parents, Joey and Brenda Lee of Clarendon; two brothers, Robert Lee and wife Kylyn and Jason Lee, all of Amarillo; his grandparents, Orville and Ruth Lee of Flomot; two uncles, Ricky Row of Clarendon and Roger Lee and wife Shonda of Flomot; an aunt, Teresa Lee of Turkey; and many cousins, classmates and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to a favorite local Lions Club; or the Lions Eye Bank of District 2T-1, Northwest Texas Hospital, 1501 S. Coulter St., Amarillo, TX 79106.

### PATRICIA C. ENGLE

Patricia C. Engle, 59, passed away suddenly on December 26.

She was born on February 9, 1948, in Matador, where she grew up with her parents, E.A. and Dorothy Day, and her sister Jeanette. She attended Matador High School and was active in numerous school activities and was President of the graduating class of 1966. While attending college at Texas Tech during 1968, she met and married the love of her life, Phil Engle. She was the beloved mother of their two sons whom they raised in Oklahoma City.

A deeply devout woman, she was an active member of her church and the community and was loved by all who were fortunate enough to meet her.

She was an amazing mother, and a wonderful grandmother. She added beauty to everything and love to everyone around her. Her absence will be a profound loss to her husband and her family.

Her father and her sister preceded her in death. She leaves behind her husband of 39 years; her two sons, Philip and wife Susan, of Virginia, and their children, Thomas and Alex;



Jonathan and wife Mary of Texas, and her mother, Dorothy Day of Matador.

Funeral services were at Spring Creek Baptist Church, 11701 N. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, on Saturday, December 29.

The family requests that donations be made in her memory to Spring Creek Baptist Church for the City Rescue Mission children's birthday program that she co-developed and implemented.



### Notes from the Library

by  
Buffy Crutchley

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas holiday. I know I sure did!

I want to say Thank You to a few people were kind enough to donate magazine subscriptions to the library for the following year. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Cooper, Tom Sanders, Billie & Beth Moore, and Stan & Dorothy Hanesworth. Without these folks, our magazine section would be pretty pitiful. And if I left anyone out, please let me know. Your kindness is definitely appreciated!

I also want to say an extra special thank you to Martha Farris of Floydada. She made a sizable donation to the Library that will make some much needed upgrades to the library annex, including the purchase much needed sound absorbers for the annex. This was definitely the answer to several prayers, and I'm looking forward to getting them ordered very quickly! Thank you so much!

I've purchased several family fun DVD movies with the help of Granny's Tea party. It's definitely worth checking to see what's new in our video section. I have the Lord of the Rings trilogy, a few of the Harry Potter movies, along with a Crocodile Hunter movie, and High School Musical 1 & 2. I've purchased over twenty movies total, so come in and check some out today!

The library has some fun things coming up in January. We will offer a Brown Bag writing workshop on Fridays at Noon beginning January 11. Then on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January we will have a book presentation by Laverne Zabielski and Larry Vogt.

Just a reminder, the library has new winter hours. We are open Mondays 2-5, and Tuesday thru Friday from 12-5. Again, I hope all of you enjoyed a safe and fun filled Holiday Season, and I wish all of you a Happy New Year!

## El Progreso Study Club Celebrates Christmas Past

On December 11 in the home of Dorothy Day, members of the now defunct El Progreso Study Club enjoyed a special day of reunion and celebration.

The highlight of the celebration was a new Christmas story written by JoAnn Dickson, a former Matador resident now living in Lubbock.

Mrs. Dickson has regaled the group with Christmas morality tales since 1984, recently publishing a book. As the tradition continues, Dickson wrote her annual story on The Innkeeper.

"There are so many stories written about the manger in Bethlehem: the baby Jesus, the shepherds, the sheep, the kings, and the angels," Dickson said. "But not much has been written about the innkeeper."

"He is best remembered for saying: 'No room in the inn,' she said.

"My idea of him is that basically he was a good man, but had no perception of what would take place that glorious night in Bethlehem in the stable of his inn."

As Dickson weaved a tale around the innkeeper, her story was, as usual, "a touching one, not lengthy, but so very meaningful," Beverly Vinson said.

"We all look forward each year to see what JoAnn has writ-

ten, and we have yet to be disappointed," Vinson added.

The Day house was resplendent in the holiday theme with lights, candles and gold decorations throughout the living and dining area.

Serving a pineapple-pecan fruit cake with coffee, hot cider, candy and nuts, the dining table was decorated with gold, lights and candles.

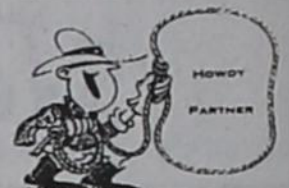
As in the tradition of parties past, the group exchanged Christmas ornaments to the tale of the Wright family, a fun-filled way to distribute and exchange gifts.

In addition to the gift exchange, the group discussed at length the Motley County Jail Renovation project. The El Progreso Study Club adopted this issue as a major project during the 1980s, hosting an "old fashioned" Christmas in the jail during Christmas 1985.

"With the prospect of renovation now, we are most interested in seeing what, where and when work will begin," Vinson said.

Enjoying this time together were: Hostess Dorothy Day, Joetta Bumgardner, Billie Koon, Freda Burns, Sharon Allen, Beverly Vinson, Lucretia Campbell, Winifred Darsey, and JoAnn Dickson.

## Chamber News & Views



By Marie-Louise Liebe-Harkort

Consider:

How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?

One, if the light bulb really wants to change.

—Very Old Joke

Welcome to 2008!

And forgive the question, but how are you doing on your New Year's Resolutions? You know, those changes in behavior or activities that you promised yourself you would institute as soon as the holidays were over.

Every year, it seems to be the same problem. Plans are made to change something, or many things, and the program is initiated with gusto. Maybe it is an exercise routine, maybe it is a change in diet, maybe it is to show more patience or understanding in dealings with others. And maybe it is to do more in the community.

But then, pretty soon, daily habits take over, the rush to keep up with all the tasks that must be accomplished is overwhelming, and the good intentions fly out the window.

Maybe the root of the problem is that, like the light bulb, we really have to want to change. And maybe, when you get right down to it, we don't want to change. If that is the

case, chances are, the change will not happen on its own.

But what if the real desire is there? One fairly successful tip is to make a deal with yourself. Promise yourself a reward if you do what you have chosen as your goal. And then, when you do it, follow through with the reward.

Another tip is not to attempt too much all at once. Say you want to start an exercise routine. Don't plan to do 10 repetitions of each exercise, because then you can tell yourself that you just don't have time for that today. Make your goal simple—just one of each exercise. That way, you can whiz through the routine if time is really short. The payoff, however, is that, usually, when you get started, you will do more, two or four repetitions of each. It is the getting started that is the hardest part.

Still having trouble?

What about not allowing yourself something that you really want until you have done whatever it is you want yourself to do? If the day cannot start without a cup of coffee, make a rule that there is no coffee drinking until the exercises are done. You may be surprised how easily you zip through the program just to get to the coffee drinking. (No cheating allowed.)

Whatever it is, if you really want to change, you will manage it. After all, you are in charge.

One of the functions of humor is to help all of us to take ourselves less seriously.

## Kids Praise time again

It's Kids' Praise time again! This fun-filled event will be held at the First Baptist Church in Matador, Wednesday, January 9th.

All kids, ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join in the fun.

## ESPUELA STEAKHOUSE

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Friendships are one of the few things that improve with age

The family and friends of L.V. Damron invite you to celebrate her 90th Birthday and a lifetime of good friendship at a card and cake party on

January 12, 2008  
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Hackberry Creek Care Center  
805 Harrison Street  
Matador, Texas

## RETRO NEWS

Excerpt from  
Matador Tribune,  
June 18, 1959

### "Hello Out There" Cast Visits Matador Jail

A prisoner in the Matador jail Saturday afternoon was an actor in search of atmosphere. He was Jim Goodhue of Amarillo who will play "The Boy" in William Saroyan's "Hello Out There" in Amarillo Little Theatre Adult workshop one-act production Sunday evening at 8:30. Jailer Roy Shepard locked the barred door on Goodhue as the members of the cast looked on.

Saroyan never visited Matador but he wrote a play about the Matador jail because of his association with Stanley Rose in Hollywood. Rose formerly lived here.

## Fire in Northfield

Be Careful!  
Firechief warns.

A grass fire caused by outdoor trash burning in a barrel caught a house on fire and burned 40 acres of grass on January 1. The cabin, frequently used by hunters, was vacant. The land is owned by Travis Jamison. Fire fighters from Turkey and Paducah responded to a call for help, however, they were turned back by Firechief, Rodney Williams as he had the fire under control. Williams stressed the need for citizens to be more careful during this particularly dry season.

### SHOP AT HOME!

### Easy Money Vocabulary Quiz

The first person to bring the definitions to the **Motley County Tribune** will receive a \$5 Gift Certificate for the Matador Variety Store

Compatible means:  
1. sarcastic  
2. harmonious  
3. choppy  
4. assuming

rustic means:  
1. choos  
2. identical  
3. habit-forming  
4. rural

tabby means:  
1. uninformed  
2. brindled  
3. fearless  
4. mythological

truculence means:  
1. wasteful person  
2. supplement  
3. aggressiveness  
4. hospital

(No winners, yet, for the first two quizzes.)

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# Trail Dust



by Douglas Meador

When the moon is like a piece of glistening wagon-tire hanging in the western heavens and the shades of departed cowboys gather about a phantom chuck-wagon on the mesquite flats, there is laughter hushed by the wind. Patent disclosure by one of muffled spurs who waited until all the strays were rounded from the brush covered trails, tell of the new lariat rope which is done up in cellophane and tied with red ribbons. It is, perhaps, difficult to look back and understand a world which desires to perfume and decorate a profession once grounded to sweat, pain and privation.

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP What Makes Young People Volunteer?

Many believe that volunteer work can be beneficial for young people's personal development and that their communities can benefit as well.

When teenagers volunteer, it's thought they typically become more sensitive to the needs of others, build self-esteem and self-confidence, develop organizational and leadership skills and gain a great deal of personal satisfaction. As a result, many parents want to know: What motivates young people to become volunteers?

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, the nation's largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service, recently took a look at its top honorees over the past 10 years and found some answers to that question.

According to its analysis, the most common motivators appear to be:

- Exposure to a need—first-hand experience in seeing others who are poor, sick, homeless or who need assistance for some other reason;
- Parental example and encouragement—learning from a mother or father that volunteering is important, and receiving strong encouragement and support to get involved;

- Organizational activities—fulfilling a community service requirement for a school, church or scout troop, or joining a club that emphasizes volunteerism;
- A personal crisis—such as an illness, or the death or injury of a friend or family member;
- A simple request—being asked by someone to lend a helping hand.

When that same analysis looked for the factors that successful youth volunteers seemed to have in common, it found that, in general, students succeeded by:

- Choosing activities in fields they were interested in;
- Recruiting friends, family members and others to help;
- Seeking advice and guidance, when necessary, from experts;
- Promoting their projects through public speaking, news media outreach, the Internet and other communications channels;
- Refusing to be discouraged when told they were too young or inexperienced.

For a free copy of "Catch the Spirit: A Student's Guide to Community Service," write to Federal Citizens Information Center, Catch the Spirit, Pueblo, CO 81009, call (888) 8-PUEBLO or visit [www.pueblo.gsa.gov](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov).

## County Agents News from page 3

### Irrigation Conference

AMARILLO—Producers trying to maximize water resources and meet the demand to produce more corn can find the latest information on irrigation technology and timing at the annual irrigation conference in Amarillo, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

The High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show is scheduled for January 16 at the Amarillo Civic Center, said Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist and agricultural engineer. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$15 and includes a catered lunch.

"We want to present current information that will help growers make wise decisions in preparing for the approaching crop season," New said.

Program topics will include pump efficiency, power and pumping cost; matching crop acreage to available irrigation; crop water management; crop production and economics; and biofuel crops, he said.

A highlight will be a growers' panel, New said. Growers continually make changes in their irrigation system and fuel needs, crops grown, marketing strategies, chemicals applied, tillage practices, equipment purchased and other management practices to offset increasing production costs. This year's conference includes five experienced growers who will share how they have changed to confront the challenge.

Continuing education units have been applied for and will be offered for pesticide applicators, certified crop advisers and Irrigation Association certified irrigation designers.

For more information, contact New at 806-677-5600.

### Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Agriculture Experiment Station Change Name

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station and the Texas Cooperative Extension underwent a

name change and a renewed vision for serving the state of Texas and beyond. Building upon the foundation that "Agriculture is Life!" the names of Texas AgriLife Research and the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, respectively, will enable us to better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that our agencies deliver to citizens across the state. Below is the new logo that Texas AgriLife Extension Service will using.

### Events Calendar

- 1/4-5 Odessa Stock Show-goats
- 1/11 Foothills Family Development Council Meeting, 12 noon in USDA Board Room
- 1/12 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Clinic
- 1/21 Rolling Plains Chemical Conference in Spur (CEUs will be offered)
- 1/24-27 Fort Worth Stock Show-goats and lambs
- 2/23 Motley County Jr Live-stock Show

## Happy Green Year!

### Direct Energy offers tips to help consumers make and keep a green resolution for 2008

HOUSTON (December 27, 2007) – Another year has come and gone and once again it's time to wipe the slate clean. According to a recent survey, about 49 percent of all Americans will make a green New Year's resolution for 2008 – and Direct Energy, one of the largest North American providers of energy and energy-related services wants to help homeowners keep their green resolution all year round.

"Making a green resolution is easy since it can yield tremendous benefits, such as reducing energy consumption, saving money and helping the environment," said Dave Walton, director of home ideas for Direct Energy. "However, like any New Year's resolution, keeping that commitment to energy efficiency can be a little harder, so we wanted to offer these quick and easy tips to help homeowners."

To help homeowners get going, the company is challenging consumers to start the "seven days of saving challenge" – quick and easy tips consumers can adopt each day to make their home more energy-efficient and reduce their carbon footprint:

Change your light bulbs: Year-around, lighting can account for as much as 25 percent of a home's electrical use. Simply replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights that use up to 75 percent less energy. Imagine if every American home replaced their five most frequently used light fixtures or bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified models. The estimated savings would amount to nearly \$8 billion dollars a

year – greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from nearly 10 million cars!

Upgrade to ENERGYSTAR appliances: ENERGYSTAR labeled products can cut your energy bills by up to 30 percent when you're ready to replace your heating and cooling systems – as well as appliances, lighting, windows, office equipment, and home electronics. Consider investing in new appliances if your budget allows since you should see immediate energy savings.

Use the dishwasher more: One load of dishes cleaned in a dishwasher requires 37 percent less water than washing dishes by hand. However, if you fill the wash and rinse basins instead of letting the water run, you'll use half as much water as a dishwasher.

Unplug the charger on your cell phone: When portable devices such as a Blackberry™, cell phone, or iPod™ are finished charging, disconnect the device and unplug the charger. Even if the device isn't connected, energy continues to seep out through the charger itself.

Purchase a Rug in the season's newest color – Green. A rug is not only a decorator's must have, but it also helps insulate your floors and cut down on the noise too.

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For those who really want to challenge themselves in 2008, Direct Energy encourages consumers to join Energy Star's "Change a Light" campaign and pledge to save on their personal energy usage. Take the pledge to change even one incandescent light bulb in your house to a CFL bulb. You are guaranteed to achieve savings in energy consumption, and reduce your energy costs. To learn more information and to register your effort, log on to [www.directenergy.com](http://www.directenergy.com) or [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov). It only takes 30 seconds to add your name to the citizens' commitment web pledge form.

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Classes will be held at noon every Friday. This writing experience will be an on-going event but it is not necessary to be in attendance every Friday. If you have to miss a session, you can pick up where you left off when you return. There is no charge for this writing workshop. Bring your lunch, a notebook, and try your hand at writing. The library will furnish coffee and hot tea or you can bring the drink of your choice.

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

**Senate rejects key amendments; approves 2007 farm bill**

By Shawn Wade

Supporters of the Senate Agriculture Committee's 2007 Farm Bill proposal rallied together this week, winning final passage of the bill. This sets the stage for a post-New Year conference with the House of Representatives and hopefully the completion of the legislation in early 2008.

By a vote of 79 to 14 the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly approved the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419, on Friday, December 14, 2007. While final Senate passage will no doubt be remembered as an important moment in the bill's evolution, history is more likely to judge the debate leading up to the final vote, and in particular the events of Thursday, December 13, 2007, as the key to eventual extension of the highly successful, and fiscally responsible, safety net provision of the 2002 Farm Bill.

The Senate package, as proposed by the Senate Agriculture Committee, contained significant reforms in many areas, including pay limits and program eligibility requirements. The measure also provides significant new investments in conservation, specialty crops and food and nutrition programs that will allow most, if not all, affected constituencies to claim some level of victory.

The road to Senate passage was not an easy one by any measure, says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"There was a lot of hard work and a lot of thought put into the provisions of this bill," said Verett. "It was a pleasure to see virtually every segment of production agriculture come together to support this bill, and to actively engage in the process of educating members of Congress unfamiliar with the issues involved."

Verett notes that the legislation's supporters were ultimately successful in beating back all of the amendments from perennial farm bill opponents who were not satisfied with the reform agreed to by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Of primary concern to farm bill supporters were four amendments that were debated and defeated on the Senate floor during the course of the debate.

The first of these amendments was the proposal by Senators Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) to replace current commodity support programs with an area-based crop insurance program. The measure was debated on December 11, and handily defeated with a 37-58 vote.

The vote seemed to set the stage for the next round of significant action that began on December 12 and concluded with floor votes on December 13.

During the course of the day, votes on the three remaining amendments that sought to make significant additional changes to the Senate Agriculture Committee's bill followed the script written earlier in the week.

The first of these amendments to come to a vote was the Dorgan/Grassley Payment Limitation amendment. Put forward by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) and needing 60 votes to pass, the amendment was withdrawn after it failed on a 56-43 vote.

Closer to home, Texas Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison supported the Senate Committee bill on final passage and by voting against all of the amendments discussed above.

"Agriculture is the second largest contributor to the Texas economy," notes Verett, "and it is clear that both Senators Cornyn and Hutchison understand the importance of this critical legislation to the Texas agriculture. It shouldn't go without saying, though, that High Plains cotton producers and the agribusinesses they rely on, are appreciative of the votes our Senators cast on their behalf this week."

The next step in the process is consideration by the House Senate Conference Committee, a process which is expected to start in early 2008. With relatively similar provision in both the House and Senate versions of the legislation, it is expected that the budget provision required under Congresses "Pay-Go" provisions will be the most contentious issues to work through.

While far from over, Senate passage of the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007, H.R. 2419, this week brings the farm bill one giant step closer. It also ensures that America's farmers and ranchers can enjoy the holiday season with one less worry on their minds.

**State housing agency to aid rural Texas with influx of homebuyer, rental housing funds**

(AUSTIN) — Help for those hoping to buy a home or who are in need of paying the rent will soon be on the way for thousands of rural low income Texans through \$9 million in federal housing funds announced yesterday by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The funds will be made available soon to eligible cities, counties, non-profit organizations, and public housing authorities through a competitive application process.

As the state's administering agency for U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, TDHCA is making the awards through the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, a federal program designed to preserve and increase the state's stock of affordable housing via block grants.

"These HOME funds will make a significant impact on the quality of life in rural Texas communities, and we strongly encourage any eligible entity to explore and consider applying for these funds," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "The need for decent, affordable housing in rural areas of our state is enormous, yet these are communities typically with very few resources. TDHCA can help these communities bridge the gap in resources and meet their housing needs."

The Department will make \$6 million available for down payment assistance to qualifying households purchasing their first home. Eligible homebuyers may receive assistance equal to 6 percent of the home purchase price or \$10,000, whichever is greater. Homebuyer assistance will be in the form of a 10-year, forgivable

loan, and the home must serve as the buyer's principal residence.

The remaining \$3 million will be used to provide eligible households a subsidy for rental payments for up to 24 months. This assistance may also be used for security and utility deposits, and the subsidy is portable. However, persons receiving rental assistance through this program must participate in an approved self-sufficiency program.

HOME Program funds are provided to the state by HUD and target individuals and families earning no more than 80 percent of the area median family income.

Because most heavily populated cities and counties in the state receive an allocation of HOME Program funds directly from HUD, Gerber explained that the state requires TDHCA to award at least 95 percent of its HOME funds to those smaller communities that do not receive an automatic allocation from the federal government. These cities, counties, non-profit organizations, and public housing authorities have until May 30, 2008, to submit an application for this funding cycle.

TDHCA annually awards approximately \$52.2 million in HOME Program funds to assist communities in meeting a wide range of housing needs. The awards help repair substandard homes owned and lived in by eligible households, preserve the affordable nature of existing rental housing, provide homebuyer and rental assistance, provide housing assistance for persons with disabilities, and enhance homeownership opportunities for impoverished residents along the Texas-Mexico border.

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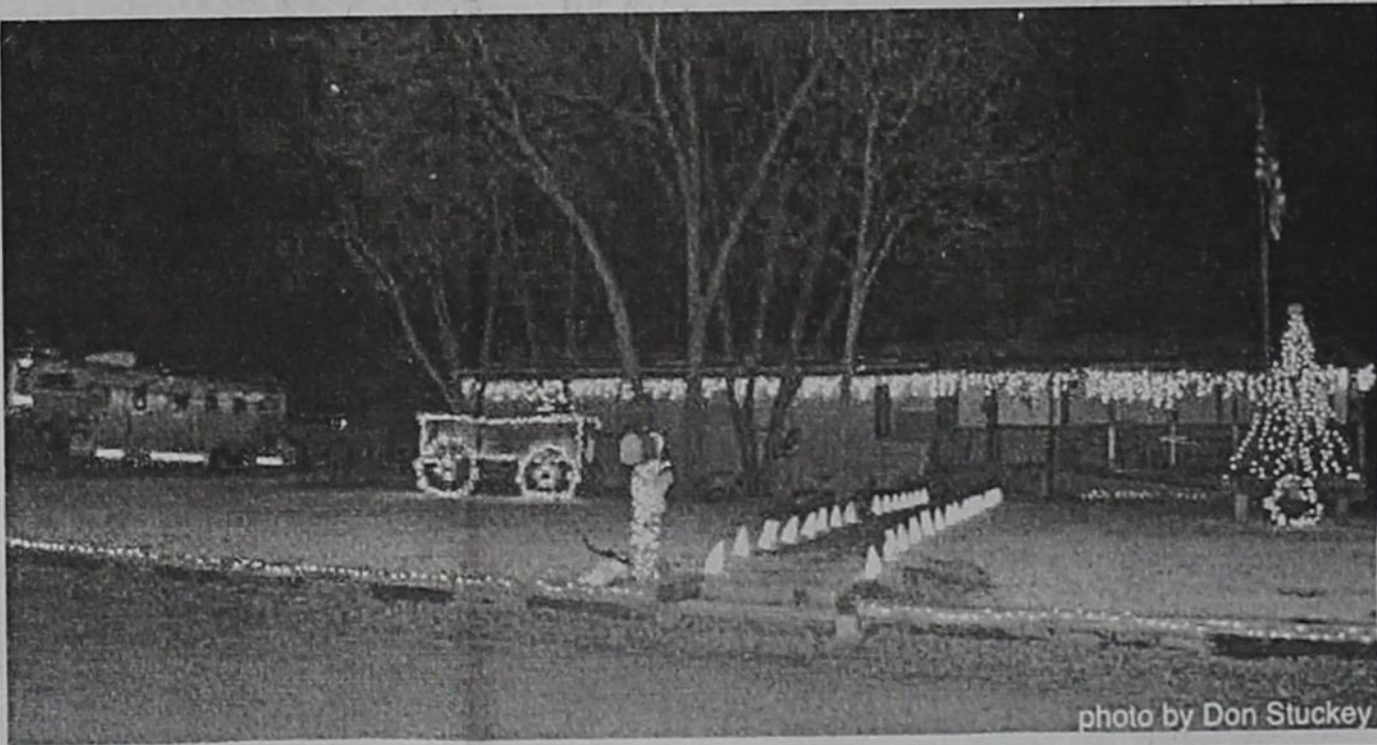


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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	SSA IDEA, Part B Formula	SSA Special Education	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 978,843	\$ -	\$ 253,754	\$ 16,579	\$ 1,249,176
5800 State Program Revenues	922,105	-	7,183	83,451	1,012,739
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	318,534	-	325,810	644,344
5020 Total Revenues	1,900,948	318,534	260,937	425,840	2,906,259
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	767,312	310,110	76,807	332,409	1,486,638
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	8,966	-	-	-	8,966
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	3,648	-	-	2,250	5,898
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	2,764	130,887	2,250	135,901
0023 School Leadership	97,037	-	-	-	97,037
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	20,773	5,660	11,646	-	38,079
0033 Health Services	90	-	-	-	90
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	184,286	-	1,800	-	186,086
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	99,561	99,561
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	76,214	-	-	-	76,214
0041 General Administration	193,003	-	-	-	193,003
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	204,306	-	39,797	-	244,103
0053 Data Processing Services	63,281	-	-	-	63,281
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	39,506	-	-	-	39,506
6030 Total Expenditures	1,658,422	318,534	260,937	436,470	2,674,363
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	242,526	-	-	(10,630)	231,896
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	345	-	-	-	345
7915 Transfers In	(10,855)	-	-	10,855	(10,855)
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	-	-	-	-	-
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(10,510)	-	-	10,855	345
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	232,016	-	-	225	232,241
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	728,868	-	-	4,131	732,999
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 960,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,356	\$ 965,240



# Attorney General Abbott urges Congress to strengthen federal laws

Expresses support for congressional consumer product safety measure, warns parents of toy risks

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott this week urged Congress to protect children by passing H.R. 4040, a proposed federal statute that would lower acceptable lead levels in toys and improve oversight across the industry. Several U.S. toy manufacturers issued voluntary recalls of their toys recently due to potential lead-related dangers. The recalls were announced in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), which tests consumer products to ensure they meet U.S. safety regulations.

"Texas children not only are the future of our state—they're our greatest resource," Attorney General Abbott said. "If passed, H.R. 4040 would toughen standards and increase accountability across the toy industry. We encourage Congress to act quickly and protect our communities from unsafe consumer products."

H.R. 4040, the principal bill under consideration by the U.S. House of Representatives, proposes new federal caps on lead levels in consumer products. It lowers the acceptable lead levels found in children's products and requires products to undergo mandatory third-party testing and safety certification. Because even small doses of lead can affect a child's neurological system, Attorney General Abbott urged lawmakers to adopt the House proposal.

The proposed legislation also would grant states authority to

enforce heightened federal product safety statutes. Attorney General Abbott encouraged federal lawmakers to adopt the new law in order to promote new state-federal government partnerships to enforce consumer safety laws.

In 2007, U.S. manufacturers have recalled millions of toys due to high levels of lead paint and choking hazards. In light of such recalls, Texans are understandably concerned about the safety of children's items, including toys, clothing, cribs and car seats. Safety concerns also surround other imported consumer goods, including electronics, lighting fixtures (including Christmas lights), household chemicals and food products.

With the holiday season upon us, the Office of the Attorney General reminds Texans to take advantage of the many resources available to them to ensure safe holiday purchases. Below is a list of government agencies that regulate and provide information on a wide array of consumer products. Most of these agencies also accept consumer complaints about items that could endanger public health and safety.

Consumers are also encouraged to be careful before purchasing used items at garage sales or flea markets, in classified ads or through online auctions. Most retailers are quick to remove recalled items from store shelves, but third parties might inadvertently resell dangerous items.

# OIL & GAS REPORT

BY THOMAS MUSSER



By Thomas Lee Musser

From 2000 to 2007, Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity includes the following activity:

In the six counties of Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Motley, and Swisher, there are 41 wellbores of interest:

One old shut-in wellbore has been plugged and abandoned;

Three wellbores have been re-entered;

One re-entry is producing oil and two re-entries are shut-in;

Twenty-two new wellbores have been drilled;

Two new wells are producing oil and or condensate;

Two new wells are currently being tested;

One new well is currently ongoing horizontal re-completion;

Two new wells are awaiting pipeline connection;

Fifteen new wellbores are shut-in;

Two new wellbores have been plugged and abandoned;

One scheduled re-entry is awaiting operations to begin;

Three new wellbores are awaiting drilling operations to begin;

Ten drilling permits have expired without the wellbore being drilled; and

One drilling application was dismissed by the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division.

Current Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity in Motley County as of January 2008:

Producing oil wells: Tyner Texas Oper, R.G. Stephens, Well #1.

Currently being tested: Bankers Petroleum, Burlison 60, Well #1.

Horizontal re-completion: Bankers Petroleum, Cogdell 64, Well #1.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc., Echols "2" Lease (216243), Well #1, Wildcat (Birnie Field Area): shut-in since March 31, 2006. Currently listed by RRC as temporarily abandoned.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. M. Burlison Ranch "60" Lease (216247), Well #1, Wildcat: Currently being test pumped. Currently listed by RRC as temporarily abandoned.

Tyner Texas Operating Company, R.G. Stephens Lease & 68972), Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Oil Field: Producing condensate and venting gas since March 2006; total condensate production from March 2006 through October 2007, 3,516 barrels.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" lease, Well #1 Birnie (Congl.) Field: completion work is currently ongoing.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Black 4 Lease, Well #1, Wildcat: shut-in since October 2007. Operator's partner Palo Duro Energy stated well was non-productive.

Legacy Exploration, LLC D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Lease, Well #10-07 Wildcat: drilling permit expired on July 29, 2005. Not drilled.

Awaiting Pipeline Connection: none.

### Motley County Activity:

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc., Ollie Birnie Lease (0722843), Well #2; Birnie (Congl.) Gas Field Discovery Well: Plugged and Abandoned week of November 26, 2007.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Lease (201274), Well #10-01, Wildcat (Birnie Field Area): shut-in since July 11, 2007. Currently listed by RRC as OZ: Well not eligible for allowable.

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 3. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?  
 4. The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.  
 5. I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.  
 6. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.  
 7. I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the living.  
 8. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.  
 9. (I will purpose to remember that) . . . Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
 10. Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.  
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Dist/Div: CHILDRESS  
Contract 0925-00-056 for STRIPING in CHILDRESS County, etc. will be opened on January 08, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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Phone: 512-416-2540

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Childress, TX 29201-9705  
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## Events Calendar

### January

- 3 RS Lions, Hitchin' Post, 11:30
- 4 District Play MC vs Valley, 6:30 & 8pm
- 7 School Resumes
- 7 Matadors vs Meadow, 6:30 & 8pm
- 8 Roaring Springs Volunteers, 6:30, Community Center
- 8 Hackberry Creek Care Center Annual Meeting, 6pm
- 9 Kids Praise, First Baptist Church, 5pm
- 10 MC Matadors Recognition Parade & Dinner, 5:30pm
- 10 Matador City Council 6:30pm
- 11 Writing Workshop, Library, Noon
- 11 Foothills Family Development Council Meeting, Noon USDA Board Room
- 12 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Clinic
- 14 RS City Council, City Hall, 6:30pm
- 14 Matador Commissioner's Court 9:30am
- 17 Matador Lions, Methodist Church, 12:30
- 18 Writing Workshop, Library Noon
- 25 Writing Workshop, Library Noon
- 27 Library Performance & Review  
By Laverne Zabielski & Larry Vogt

### February

- 7 Friends of the Library, 4pm
- 23 Motley county Jr. Livestock Show  
Friday Deadline for Events Calendar

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