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"Circle Dot Chuchwagon"

Photo by Ken Young

## Kittie Campbell graduates from the University of North Texas



the human-animal bond. She hopes to one day open her own therapeutic zoo for children with disabilities. Kittie is now working as a resident counselor for abused and neglected children at Nelson Children's Center in Denton, TX. In January she will start the Master's program in Counseling at the University of North Texas, to become a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Several of Kittie's family celebrated with her as she received her diploma. Those able to attend were parents, Douglas and Janie Campbell, Matador; paternal grandmother, Joyce Campbell of Matador; maternal grandparents, Dan and Nancy Hagood of Lubbock; sister, Memori Grisham and son Kyler of Irving; sister Cassie Pfeiffer and husband Russ of San Angelo; and aunt, Kelly Ann Fischer and son Tanner of Lubbock. Others attending the barbecue meal following graduation were roommates Amanda Corbet and Tiffany Ripa, long time friend Leigha Burns and friend, Bailey, and several sorority sisters and other friends.

Kittie Campbell graduated from the University of North Texas December 13th 2008, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Studies. While attending UNT in Denton, TX, Kittie was involved in several campus organizations including an honors society, Order of Omega, and the sorority Pi Beta Phi.

Over the past summer Kittie received an internship in Brewster, New York working

with at-risk children at Green Chimneys Children's Services. She was selected from several hundred applicants for this once in a lifetime internship. She shared a house with 7 roommates from all over the world including Japan, Austria, Bermuda and Peru. Green Chimney's is one of the leading organizations in the nation for animal assisted therapy programs. Kittie received intensive training on the positive outcomes of

## MC elected officials issued Bond of Oath



MOTLEY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS were issued the Bond of Oath by Motley County Judge Ed D. Smith in a ceremony in the district courtroom at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 1, 2009. Pictured left to right are: Sheriff Michael Crutchley, serving his first full term; Tom Edwards, County Attorney, serving his first full term; Elaine Hart, Tax Assessor-Collector, serving her fourth full term in office; and Franklin Jameson, Commissioner of Precinct 3, starting his sixth full term in office. Issuing the oath of office is Ed D. Smith, Motley County Judge. Not pictured, but issued a Bond of Oath was Roy Gene Stephens, Commissioner, Precinct One.

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

### Palo Duro Basin Summary

There was less oil and gas activity in the Palo Duro Basin during the year of 2008.

### Weather Summary

During June and September destructive hail, flooding rains and hurricane winds caused crop losses.

### Days Gone By

The Kitchen Calf  
By Marisue Potts

### Library News

New DVD's such as "The Spiderwick Chronicles," "Nancy Drew," "Polar Express" and "How to Eat Fried Worms" just to name a few.

### County Agent News

Managing feral hogs not a one-shot endeavor.

# Foothill Country

## Connections

Community, Diversity, Art

By Larry Vogt

Wrong place, wrong time. If I could have found my ice scraper a little sooner, or remembered to change the dial from cold to warm on the defroster, my car would have been further North on Highway 70, and the deer would have been in another place. By the time I got the ice chipped off the windows of the car and headed out of Roaring Springs to the office in Matador, I realized the highway was pretty slippery on Monday morning. Driving well below the speed limit I could see the two deer on the right side of the highway looking to cross right in front of me. I slowed even more.

No, please don't step in front of my car on this icy roadway, no, don't. Well, of course, first one crossed and then, just as

my right fender was almost in front of it, the second decided to try for it. I looked that deer right in the eye at the moment of impact since she was almost destined to come into the windshield. As it was, she bounced off the car, I stopped to survey the damage, turned around to look for the deer, and there she was, walking away without even so much as a limp. I yelled at her, telling her to stay out of the roadway as if she were a three year old child of mine, and saw that my car was drivable and went on to work.

On another day with no ice on the road I might have applied the brakes and slowed or even stopped for the deer. Monday was a different story. Like I said, wrong time, wrong place, and not necessarily in that order.

### Time

The time will pass  
But oh so slow  
When we're away from  
Loved ones and home  
More time to pray  
More time to ponder  
This life on earth  
And all God's wonder  
Peeking out the door  
Orange sunrise glows  
Part of His splendor  
Above purple clouds  
Counting minutes  
Counting days  
Counting blessings  
Counting ways  
He comes to me  
And gives me comfort

He whispers love  
And I surrender  
November 1, 2008

### Come Upon Us

We keep feeling these places  
Wishing they were gone -  
Are they smaller - shorter  
Softer - harder  
Shells all gone?  
We keep feeling these places  
We would rather forget  
This thing has come upon us  
We wish the doctor were  
wrong  
We keep feeling these places  
For some the time is long  
We would like if it were  
different

More time for a song  
Had it not come upon us  
Stealing in the night  
We would never have met  
Shared our stories - spoke our  
plight  
Had it not come upon us  
Our laughter would be less  
Tomorrow would not mean  
so much  
Perhaps you think I jest  
Less friends to share  
our victories  
Less hearts to share our hurts-  
Less joy to cover sorrow  
This time could not be  
borrowed  
Had it not come upon us  
We would be hard at work  
Doing the same thing  
yesterday

as every other  
Never knowing one another's  
fears, troubles and souls,  
Left alone to find the answer  
Here we are in group it seems  
Searching, listening, healing,  
humbled  
Kept in chairs in modest  
means  
With IV's, drinks and heat  
machines  
For me the laughing keeps me  
Leaning on your shoulder  
The smiles of "trying" make  
me bolder  
My heart lets go this heavy  
load  
And I no longer dread this  
road.  
November 14, 2008

## PLEASE JOIN US AT HOTEL MATADOR

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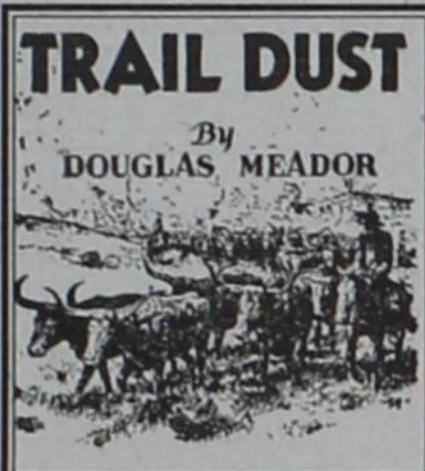
AND LARRY VOGT'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

FEATURING

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AND SUSANNA VAN TASSEL

EVERYONE'S INVITED



Matador Tribune  
January 8, 1953

Dim trails, like the lost years, fade under a jungle of brush, and powerful blades cut into the countenance of the earth. Change is everywhere, as a sudden snow falling in a garden of the past. And the old cowboy is gone, his small spurs jingling on the prairies of eternity. His memories echoed with the clatter of moving herds, bawling cattle and rumble of chuckwagons crossing rocky hills. He nursed a healthy skepticism for anything as-

sociated with progress and expected the automobile to finally prove a failure. Once when he was in the seat of the ranch pickup he warned the driver not to go farther in reverse, lest the axel taps loosen and allow the wheels to fall off.

## RETRO NEWS

Matador Tribune  
January 8, 1953

Playing at the Rogue Theater, Matador, Texas

January 8 & 9

Alan Ladd, Deborah Kerr, Charles Boyer, Corinne Calvet, in *Thunder in the East*

January 10

Robert Preston in *Sundowners*. Filmed in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo



LORI AND RUSSELL ALEXANDER celebrated New Years Eve at Kathy Green's party at Espuela Steakhouse in Dickens.

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### THANK YOU

WOW! What a Christmas. I got a call at around 3:00 a.m. Christmas morning on my EMS radio for a water leak and a car parked inside Billie Dean's café. As I neared the café, sure enough, there was water running down the highway. Then as I pulled up I saw my sister and mom standing outside and the car about halfway inside the café. I knew whoever had been in the car had to be hurt.

It was about that time that the police arrived. After determining no one was in the car I had to try to get inside to see if maybe they had crawled into the building. The front door was jammed from the impact. I couldn't find my keys to the back door so I kicked open the back door. After finding no one inside, I turned off the water.

Water was an inch to two inches deep all through the front and had begun to get into the dining room. As I walked back to the front my two girls walked in and we just stood there and looked. What a sight! After a couple of hugs and thoughts of "why" this happened we decided to start cleaning up. It was about the time the ambulance was dispatched.

Just prior to the ambulance

dispatch I got a phone call from a friend asking what happened. He showed up in just a few minutes. This was the start of our real Christmas.

For the next four hours or so we picked up bricks, trash, personal things we could gather, all kinds of paperwork and just basically debris from the crash. Then we cleaned the floor as well as we could with a water hose and broom. At about 7:30 a.m. we took a break.

I came back a little after 8:00 a.m. and started again. Between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. that afternoon more than 30 people showed up at the café and worked to help clean up the mess. Entire families, moms, dads, and kids took their Christmas day to come out to help. What a group! What community!

I just want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you on behalf of our family and myself. We had figured it would probably take at least a month to get things back in working order, but thanks to your efforts we will be open before this letter hits the paper.

Pat Smith  
Matador

## Trail Fixin's

By Dorothy Pope

Winter is back again. We had a great holiday and we hope you all did too, ate too much and visited with friends and family but now its time to get back to a routine. School started back slowly at our house today. Sydnie wanted to stay home a little longer. Here's one of our all-time favorites.

### Old Fashioned Stewed Chicken and Dumplings

4-pound stew hen or frying-sized chicken boiled with

bone in. Cover and cook for approximately 45 minutes. Let bird cool and debone.

3 cups flour  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2-cup shortening  
1-cup milk

Mix well all the above ingredients turn out onto lightly floured board. Knead lightly and cut into 1/8-inch thickness the strips of dough; add chicken, dumplings to broth from boiled chicken. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Makes eight generous servings.

### Thank You

I would like to thank the Motley County Volunteer Fire Department for their timely response at 4 am Sunday morning. Their outstanding work extinguished a fire in our attic which could have been devastating.

Wallace Bethard  
Roaring Springs

## Clara Mangrum retires

The rest of the story which was omitted in last week's paper

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

Clara was more than qualified in the area of doling out advice, since she and her late husband George Mangrum graduated nine children of their own from Motley County ISD.

"There are no words that can be written that will portray the love we all feel for Mrs. Mangrum," Kay Bingham said. "Just as there will be no way to fill the void her absence at the school will cause.

However, each and every one of us in the Motley County school system wishes Clara only the best in her much-deserved retirement years.

"Just know, Clara, that you didn't just reach out and touch a few, but gave a wonderful memory to hundreds," Bingham said. "Thank you Mrs. Clara Mangrum for the memories!"

# Days Gone By

## The Kitchen Calf By Marisue Potts c 1991

She was lying so still, hardly breathing, when we found her. All around the small black calf, her anxious mother had paced, tearing up the turf while licking and nudging the unresponsive calf to get up.

On this cold, gray day, my son Tom and I were on a routine check of our two-year-old heifers. Most of the cows, like this one, had already made it through the difficult first-time calving. Their colorful, half-breed offspring dotted the canyon breaks.

Without much conviction I jerked the scours pills and the plastic plunger from behind the pickup seat.

Working quickly, but watching the nervous mother out of the corner of my eye, I poked three bulky tablets deep into the babe's throat, massaging her silky neck until she swallowed.

Together we lifted the limp body into the warm pickup cab. Paper feed sacks protected the floor from the whitish-yellow diarrhea oozing from under her tail. As Tom drove away, we saw in the rear view mirrors the image of the cow chasing the pickup, mooing for the return of her black baldie baby.

"Now what? To the barn or to the house?" Tom asked.

"To the house!" I answered without hesitation. Previous experience with calving out heifers in the sometimes frigid weather had taught me well. "With this blue norther blowing in and more sleet expected, the barn will be too cold. As sick as she is, we'll only get one chance at saving this one."

The warm air of the kitchen hit us as we opened the patio door and unloaded

the hundred-pound calf. The rest of the family gathered around to see what Mom had brought home this time. Our German Shepherd began to gently lick the latest addition.

"You get the vaporizer, and I'll get a wet cloth to moisten her cracked nose and dry mouth. She's in bad shape, but I've seen those antibiotic scours pills work miracles," I said.

Though mucous rattled in her chest, her breathing became more regular as the warmth of the kitchen gradually penetrated her frail body. Far into the night, the only sound in the sleepy household was the hiss of the vaporizer.

The next morning, a slight sign of encouragement came from the weak little heifer, a momentary lifting of her head before it crashed to the floor. Periodically we continued to plunge the horse-sized pills down her throat. Once, when a pill lodged in her breathing passage, I thought we had finished the job that nature had started. But she rallied as we squeezed drops of water onto her tongue, swollen by the long hours her mother was in labor, and into her dry mouth. Soon she gamely tried to swallow.

At the pink light of dawn on the third day, I thrilled to hear a hearty and distinct "Maaaaa" from the kitchen. She now chose to swallow rather than drown as we fed her a rich egg/milk mixture from a rubber-nippled bottle.

Soon with help, a very shaky calf stood on the slick linoleum amidst our family's encouragement and praise. Now she greeted us regularly with "Maaaaa" and we responded in kind with milk from a carton. Newspapers

and a timely plastic bucket protected the floor, most of the time.

During a break in the Siberian express weather, we shoved down one last pill for good measure, and loaded up our friend to carry back to the pasture. I knew that after this length of time the mother might not even recognize her daughter and with the calf's newly acquired human and dog smells, she might not take her back.

My dad, the inveterate cattleman, would have been terribly disappointed in me, but by this time I was unable to pick out the mother from the herd of forty similarly marked Herefords. So we looked for the most likely candidates, cows with strutted bags, and put three in the water lot.

As the calf wobbled over to the first one, the cow responded with an aggressive, decidedly unfriendly butt. My heart sank. The puzzled calf, with the innocence of the young, ambled over to the second cow who acted with complete indifference to her plight. Had we saved the calf but doomed her to be an orphan?

The third and last possibility looked up. Instantly she recognized her baby by sight, and lowed, calling to her. The unsteady calf returned a low "Maaaa," kicked up her heels, and ran to her mother. As mother licked her prodigal daughter from head to tail, the calf settled down to some serious nursing. The two looked as if they had never been apart.

In the grips of relief and ecstasy, I felt tears collecting in the corners of my eyes. That moment alone made ranching worthwhile.

# Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas 2008 Summary

There was less oil and gas activity in the Palo Duro Basin during the year of 2008.

In the spring and summer some of the first leases signed during this current Palo Duro Basin Activity (2000-2008) reached the end of the primary term of the oil and gas lease and expired.

The Briscoe County Bankers Petroleum Inc., R.I. Montgomery Lease (196514) Well #1, an old re-entered wellbore, was plugged and abandoned.

The Gunn Oil Company Turner Lease Well #1 of Briscoe County, the Gunn Oil Company Winston Lease Well #1 of Briscoe County, and the Sharp Image Energy Inc. Vinson Farms Lease Well #1 of Motley County were dry holes that were drilled, then plugged and abandoned.

The drilling permits expired for the Briscoe County DBP Exploration Inc. re-entry Rodgers D. Lease Well #1, and the Floyd County Texcel Exploration, Inc. Sherman Lease Well #1. These wellbores were not drilled.

Work-over operations were conducted on four wells, after which three wells were shut-in awaiting further action. Floyd County PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd Cox Lease Well #1013 had the Wolfcamp Formation tested and evaluated, then was listed as temporarily aban-

doned by the operator. Floyd county PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd/Tyner Texas Operating Company McIntosh Lease Well #176 was worked on in early 2008, then worked on in September through November. No information has been released by the operator on this work. Motley County BNK Petroleum, Inc. M. Burleson Ranch "60" Lease (216247) Well #1 was tested and pumped during late 2007 and early 2008, then shut-in. Motley County BNK Petroleum, Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 Horizontal was completed in late 2007, tested in early 2008, then shut-in by the operator.

Work-over operations have been ongoing on the Floyd County Tyner Texas Operating Company McIntosh Lease Well #10-77 since the last week of September. No information has been released by the operator. In September 2008, Tyner Texas Operation Company took over operation of the McIntosh Leases from PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd.

Three Palo Duro Basin Oil Wells continued to produce oil during the year of 2008. These producing oil wells are the Briscoe County OGL Holdings, LLC G. Mayfield Lease (049977) Well #1, Silverton (Canyon) Field; the Floyd County Apollo

Energy company W.D. Miller Lease Well #1, Wildcat Field; and the Motley County Tyner Texas Operating Company R.G. Stephens Lease (68972) Well #1, Birnie (Congl.) Field.

Fourteen wellbores remained shut-in throughout the year of 2008. These wellbores include: Briscoe County: BNK Petroleum, Inc., M.J. Hamilton Lease (197044) Well #1; Floyd County: Apollo Energy Operating, Ceretha Watson Lease (223132) Well #1; BASA Resources, Inc., Maurice Campbell Lease (234802) Well #1; BASA Resources, Inc., Foster Lease (69173) Well #1; BNK Petroleum, Inc., Jones Lease (69177) Well #1; BNK Petroleum, Inc., Misener Lease (69148) Well #1; BNK Petroleum, Inc., Stansell Lease Well #1; OGL Holdings LLC, Fowler Lease (68818) Well #1; Tyner Texas Operating Co., Kenneth Broseh Lease (68969) Well #1;

Hale County: PetroGlobe Energy USA, Ramsower Lease Well #1113; Motley County: BNK Petroleum, Inc., D.M. Cogdell Lease (201274) Well #1001; BNK Petroleum, Inc., Echols "2" Lease (216243) Well #1; BNK Petroleum, Inc., Black 4 Lease Well #1; Swisher County: PetroGlobe Energy USA, Young Lease Well #1032.

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## Motley County record-breaking rains and destructive weather in 2008

By Earlene Jameson

Many years from now, folks in northwest Motley County will be telling their grandchildren about the months of June and September in 2008 when destructive hail, flooding rains and hurricane winds caused crop losses and damage to land, roads and homes. It has been recorded as one of the costliest years. December registered no moisture and residents shivered under a bitter cold snap December 14-15 and again the first day of winter, December 21-22. A

record-breaking temperature of 82 degrees was recorded on December 30!

We thank Motley County' National Weather Service Volunteers for their monthly rain reports and their total moisture record for 2008.

Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 28.99 inches; Ron Bailey, Matador, 29.15 inches; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 24.66 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 31.92 inches; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 28.47 inches.

### School Menu

**Thursday, January 8:**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, blueberry muffins, or toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** Soft taco, Spanish rice, Mexican beans, tortilla chips.

**Friday, January 9:**

**Breakfast:** Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon, or cereal, toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** Rib-B-Q, mac & cheese, green beans, biscuit, honey, milk.

**Monday, January 12:**

**Breakfast:** French toast, or cereal, toast, applesauce, milk.

**Lunch:** Steak fingers, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, honey, milk.

**Tuesday, January 13:**

**Breakfast:** Cereal, jelly biscuit, or toast, juice, milk.

**Lunch:** Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, potato chips, sliced peaches, cookie, milk.

**Wednesday, January 14:**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast b-gel, or cereal, toast, apple sauce, milk.

**Lunch:** Veg. beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, veg.

### Royal Resolutions



I will study the language of kindness and refuse to use words that bite and tones that crush.

I will practice patience at home lest my nasty temper break through unexpectedly and disgrace me.

I will excuse others faults and failures as often and as fully as I would expect others be lenient with mine.

I will pray frequently, think good things and work hard.

I will remember that my neighbors have troubles enough to carry without loading mine on them.

I will cure criticism with commendations, close up against gossip and build healthy love by service.

I will be a friend under trying tests and wear everywhere a good-will face unchilled by aloofness.

I will never gloat over gains, but strive only to enrich others and so gain a wealthy heart.

I will love boys and girls, so that old age will not find me soured and stiff, but fresh and free.

I will gladden my nature by smiling loud on every occasion and by being optimistic.

I will live by the Golden Rule and leave the "business" of getting even for those who have no desire to go to Heaven. (Adapted - author unknown).

Roaring Springs Church of Christ

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

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# NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

## Roaring Springs News

By Monta Marshall

This past week was a "catch up" week for me. We did go into Lubbock and take in a movie December 30th. We saw Marley and Me. If you love dogs you will enjoy this movie. Marley was a unique dog!

As usual I am behind. I have more holiday news. Some, I couldn't get because the people were out of town and some happened later.

Bobby Fletcher was taken by ambulance to the Lubbock Heart Hospital. I was unable to reach him but I talked with Janice Perryman. She had talked with him today and he was receiving a blood transfusion. He is in room 322 and his phone number is 806-687-7777, his address is: 4810 N. Loop 289, Lubbock, 79416

Steve Byrd is in Perrin, TX staying with his older brother, Ross Byrd.

We miss Steve. He always brightens my day when I see him. My smallest granddaughter thinks he just exists to take her to the park to swing!

Alex and Jo Crowder's son, Buddy Crowder from Lubbock spent Christmas Day with them. The weekend after Christmas their daughter and her husband, Denise and Curtis Brown and family of Dalhart, TX; granddaughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hale and great-grandson, Shandy from Midland, TX and granddaughter Janice Parker of Denton, Texas were here to celebrate a belated Christmas and Jo's birthday.

Alex and Jo Crowder took almost a car full of items needed by the Sammy Baugh Children's Home in Jayton, TX on December 20th. He said they were most appreciative of these items that the churches and community donated. He reported that the home is in need of a swing set. If anyone is interested in donating to that need contact Alex at 348-

7336. He said it would have to meet state specifications so would likely need to be built to their specifications.

Ken and Dinah Young have had Dinah's sons, daughters, and grandchildren visiting during the holidays. They are: Josh and Victoria Elliott and Mr. Sweaters (Dinah's grand-dog!) from Chicago; Aubrey and José Elliott and baby son, Phoenix from Montreal, Canada; Sinikka Elliot-Verrill from Raleigh, NC; Ginny, Ty and Jenea LaDue of Lubbock; daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, Jenny, Emma and Dorian Elliott from Olympia, WA. They have had a great time visiting, having tea-parties and horseback riding.

Bill and Mozelle Hand are at home. Bill's daughter, Kim Watson was there on Sunday. Mozelle returned home the day after Christmas and Bill returned last Tuesday.

Zella Palmer had lunch New Year's Day at the home of Jeron Everett in Dougherty with granddaughter, Miranda and great granddaughter, Tinley. Also attending were Johnny and Tammy Palmer of Lubbock. James and Pat Palmer were her guests on Christmas Day. On Sunday, December 28th Johnny and Tammy Palmer visited with Zella.

On January 3rd, Pearl Paten was treated to a birthday supper at Abuelo's Restaurant in Lubbock by her children. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer, Micah and Matt of Lovington, NM; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Veta Lou) Hunt of Midland; Larry and Wileta Burkes of Paducah; JoAnn Reagan and Bryce of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Allen of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Palmer of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. (Linda) Arnold Parker of Boyd, TX and her cousin, Florine Jones of Lubbock. Pearl said it was great to be 'sixteen'!

## Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Continued from January 1, 2009

Tommy Ross and daughters, Cheyenne, Ciara, Anjoli and Elisa Ann arrived December 22, and for visited two weeks with his mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross. Mrs. Ross visited in Lubbock, December 29, with daughter and husband, Elisa and Stan Wigley and her granddaughter, Aleda Elaine Ross, student at Sam Houston University.

December 19-21, Tim and Melissa Kendall, Jere and Jacob attended a Jones family Christmas celebration in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lowry of Fort Worth. Joining them there were Melissa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray of Fort Worth. Visiting them and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendal during the Christmas holidays were brother and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall, Chancey and Connor of Midland.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Joey Lee of Clarendon, Jason Lee of Amarillo, Brandon Lee of Plainview, Mrs. Teresa Lee and Kacee and Thomas Heck and Cody of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lee of Flo-mot and their houseguests, her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Jordon Schupbach and Waveland of Denver, Co., and Mr. Jenny Wesley and Paxton of Fort Worth. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. Lee were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee of Amarillo.

Christmas holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reet of Amarillo, Mr., and Mrs. Michael Davis of Lovington, N.M., Mrs. Anna Sequoia of Borger, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and Junior VanCleeve of Dougherty.

Christmas Day guests of

Mrs. Erna Washington were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Washington, Brazos and Blu of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clary, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barclay, Colton and Kayla of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cory Franks, Madison and Hudson and Cary Franks of Idalou, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Cowart of Gail and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay of Flomot.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter and L.E. Shorter were Mr. and Mrs. Lou- is Shorter and Megan Shorter of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Milam, Haley and Emily of Petersburg, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Sehon and Brian of Ropesville.

Wilburn Martin visited in Borger with daughter and husband, Marilee and Fred Cooper. Other guests Christmas day were his grandchildren, Lindsay Martin of Amarillo and Cole Martin of Portales, N.M. and Fred's family, Carl and Kendra cooper, Bob Cooper, Carl Cooper, Gavin and Mason, all of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn and Danielle joined family members at the Gwinn home in Matador Christmas Eve. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Aly Gwinn, Mrs. Sarah Hurt, Emily and Annie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raetz, Charles "Chig" Gwinn and Mr. and Mrs. Fannin Gwinn and Shandi of Matador.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Justin and Christ Calvert and friend of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Mrs. Tim Nandrell and Peyton of Lubbock.

## OVERHEARD

Bev Long: January is a season for resolutions and drastic changes. What if I am a bit heavier? Who would want to go on a diet and eat salads in good ol' chili and stew weather? Who is going to notice if I lose 10 pounds when I am bundled up in sweaters and coats?

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton and Mrs. Waydette Clay, Mrs. Marisue Powell, Mrs. Lou Burleson and friend of Floydada enjoyed attending the theater in Plainview New Year's Eve. The show featured "Marley and Me" about dogs that was very entertaining.

Trent, Trevor and Tylee Barclay of Matador visited the weekend with their grandparents, Sandra and Jerry Barclay.

Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo and Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch visited form Wednesday until Saturday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey.

L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited Sunday with his brothers, Johnie Jack Starkey. Johnie returned home this week from Lebanon, Missouri after visiting the Christmas holidays with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Starkey.

Houseguests during the New Year holidays of Kathy and Clois Shorter were Judy and Lynn Stark of Brady. Visiting them Sunday and Monday were granddaughters, Emily and Haley Milam of Petersburg.

The Flomot Baptist Church had their monthly covered dish luncheon Sunday.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse during New Year's holidays were Leah Cruse of Canyon, Derrick Cruse and Mrs. Keane Cruse and Reese of Gillett, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne Fuston, son and three nephews moved into the Malcolm Jameson home, north of Whiteflat this week. He is an employee of Darrell Cruse.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sperry and children attended the Christmas Eve party in the home of Mrs. Johnnie Pigg of Quitaque. Christmas day they visited in Lubbock with her grandmother, Mrs. Sue Pool. Mrs. Sperry, Gage and Cash visited from Monday until Wednesday in Canadian with Mrs. Sperry who is employed here.

Dan and Sherrlyn Foster of Lubbock visited New Year's Day with family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert.

## Matador News

Lou Burleson hosted a Christmas dinner for her Christmas at Hotel Matador. Attending from Floydada were Carolyn Hale, Jane Bean, Martha Lotspeich, Jo Goen, Laverne Moore, and Joy Smitherman. The ladies from Floydada were very impressed with Matador's downtown decorations, and they said it was so nice to be able to walk around to different stores and restaurants in the downtown area. They aren't able to do that in Floydada.

Lindy Stafford was host to her bridge club Christmas dinner at Hotel Matador. Ronald and Anita Jeane of Leesville, LA, were here pre-viewing land for a possible hunting lease. Helicopter pilot Dusty Whitaker of Sterling City, formerly of Matador, has been in town working with his crew on a local project.

Valerie and Dave Moore and children, McAllister, Pennington, and Wellington, visited with Betty and Wayland Moore over the holidays. The family lives in Plainview, where the children are students at Plainview Christian Academy. Dave works at Moore Makers in Matador, and Dr. Valerie Moore is a former professor at Wayland Baptist University.

Also attending the family Christmas gathering were Kim and Steve Jeffers of Lubbock, the Wayland and Betty's daughter and son-in-law. Steven is a federal bank examiner, and Kim is a counselor at an LISD elementary school.

Darrell and Leigh Ann Moore of Tuscola also joined the festivities, along with their children Derek, Jonathan, and Trevor. Both Darrell and Leigh Ann are attorneys; Darrell is a partner in the Wagstaff, Alvis, Stubbeman, Seamster, Long-gare firm in Abilene. Derek, 23, is a medical school student at the University of Texas at Houston; Jonathan, 20, is a freshman at Baylor; Trevor is a freshman at Wylie ISD.

Jonnie and Ed Hirt of Top-eka, Kansas, visited with her mother, L.V. Damron, before Christmas. Mrs. Damron lives in Hackberry Creek Nursing

Home. Phil and Mariette Pettey Corpus Christi were here Christmas visiting Cynthia and David Stafford. They are friends with Cynthia's brother and his wife, J.D. and Melissa Jones, also of Corpus and also in Matador for the holidays, along with their daughter, Austin, 13. A former guard for the Washington Redskins and later a coach for the New Orleans Saints and the New York Jets, Phil is currently a personal trainer at his own gym in Corpus. Mariette is director of medical research by retina specialists.

Jef and Lisa Waltman of San Antonio stayed in Matador last weekend as they hiked the Caprock Canyon State Park. Richard and Dorothy Ann Turner visited from Tuesday until Friday, December 23-26 in Medena with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Turner, Rick, Jane, Krista and Ryan.

Visiting during the New Year holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson were Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Laughlin of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson of Santa Fe, N.M. and Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennel of Vernon.

Joan Patton visited her sister Georgia Steentofte and niece Suzie Watson, Virginia, for 16 days during the holidays. Cynthia Stafford picked her up at the airport on Sunday afternoon.

Christmas holiday guests in the home of Edna Ruth Green include: her children, Dr. Tim and Dorothy Green of Austin, Pat and Noel Scoggins of Brenham, Ginny Green of Amarillo, Andy and Gay Green of Keller; her grandchildren, Jolie and Arturo Sanchez of Austin, Jordan and David Yu of Austin, Allison Scoggins of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Katye Green of Louisville, Kentucky.

The main attraction for gathering was five month old great-granddaughter, Anya Iris Sanchez, who enjoyed her first Christmas immensely. And, thanks to Skype, everyone enjoyed visiting with grandchildren, Adam and Meredith, and great-grandsons, Ben and Wesley Green, from Atsugi, Japan.

## Brenda Gillespie Receives MBA

The Rawls College of Business of Texas Tech University is pleased to announce that Brenda M. Gillespie has completed the Master of Business Administration program. She was awarded her diploma on December 12, 2008.

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# Notes from the Library

By Buffy Crutchley

The library is continually blessed with the graciousness of the citizens of Motley County, and the month of December was no exception. With the help of the young ladies that attended Granny's Tea Party, hosted by Joyce and Janie Campbell, the library was able to purchase 28 new DVD's! I found such titles as "The Spiderwick Chronicles", "Nancy Drew", "Polar Express" and "How to Eat Fried Worms" just to name a few. The new movies are just starting to arrive in the mail, so over the next few weeks stop in and browse our growing collection. The Granny's Tea Party videos all have a special reindeer label so you'll know they were purchased with the help of so many extraordinary girls. It's a new year, and I want

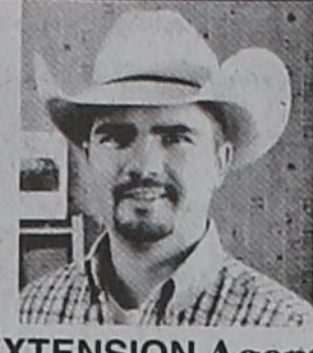
to start it off right by thanking some of the wonderful people who help the library run as smoothly as it does. Suzanne & Ken Abbott, PK Green, D.A. & Ruby McGuire, June Moss, Pina Sturdivant, Marihelen Wason, Deanie Edwards and Susan Jameson are just a few of the amazing folks that help make the Motley County Library a success. Thank you so much!

The 2008 I.R.S. Tax forms have begun to arrive, so if you're anxious to get to work on your taxes, (because I know how much fun tax time is!) stop in the library today to pick up the papers you need.

Congratulations to Chris Ward for being the lucky winner in our drawing for the 2008 Texas Capitol Ornament.

# County Agent's News

by Ryan Martin, AgriLIFE EXTENSION Agent



## Managing feral hogs not a one-shot endeavor

AMARILLO - More than 2 million feral hogs roam Texas. Managing them will take more than just a few hunters, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

"From 1993-2003, the damage from feral hogs that was reported to AgriLife Extension's Wildlife Services increased an average of 105 percent per year," said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife management specialist in Canyon. "The price tag for that damage now is conservatively estimated to be about \$52 million per year."

Feral hogs are not a native to Texas, Cearley said. In fact, neither are domestic swine. Feral hogs are simply domestic hogs gone wild.

With the potential for a female to have two litters a year and each litter having sometimes as many as 13 young, it doesn't take long for them to overrun an area, he said. Under ideal conditions, the population can double in as little as four months.

Feral hogs are now found in more than 40 states. Swine were first brought to North America in the mid-1500s by the Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto, Cearley said.

"They seem to move from one water source to another," he said. "They are starting to move into areas we haven't seen them before. They are secretive, so you are not as likely to see them until the damage gets severe."

The key to managing their numbers is to catch them when they first come into a region, Cearley said. Hunting is a fairly effective way to lower the population, but will not be the solution.

The home range for a feral hog is 2 to 3 square miles for sows and 20 to 30 square miles for the boars, he said. Feral hogs generally move in family groups called sounders, including grandmothers, mothers and pigs. The males are generally excluded from the group and live a more solitary life.

"Perceptions differ about feral hogs," Cearley said. "Some people see them as a source of economic gain by way of paying hunters, others as a loss and liability. It is that tension between these two groups of people that causes problems getting control of them."

An increasing interest in feral hog hunting leases and guided hunts might be a silver lining to the problem, but it certainly won't solve the entire problem, Cearley said. They offer landowners, however, a way to recoup some of the money lost to the damage they do.

Also, feral hogs can be sold live to the meat trade. Texas Animal Health Commission rules and regulations must be followed regarding their movement and sale, he said.

Along with those two positives,

Cearley said it could be argued that as they root up the ground, they cause weeds to grow back where grasses were, and that is a benefit to game birds.

However, they are better known for their predation on young animals, whether wildlife or even sheep, goats and sometimes calves, he said. They also carry diseases such as pseudorabies and brucellosis.

The signs that feral hogs are in the area include damage to trees or utility poles, hair left on fences where hogs pass through, wallows and rooting areas where they forage for grubs and other insects, Cearley said.

The feral hogs will damage water gaps, tear up net wire, wallow out springs and damage spillways, he said. They leave behind damage in many crops, including corn, sorghum and especially to wheat and peanuts.

Wildlife impacts include predation on the young, the consumption of all the eggs of ground nesting birds they can find, and the tendency to dominate feeders and consume much of the feed targeted for other wildlife, Cearley said.

Welded wire hog panels on t-posts are good for protecting feeders, he said. Some other methods of control or capture are:

- Snares, which can be used for individual animals that might be sold for meat.

- Baited traps with "rooter"-type entry gates, which allow multiple catches at a time.

- Aerial hunting. AgriLife Extension's Wildlife Services can remove hundreds of hogs in a day using this method.

For more in-depth information on feral hogs and tips to help landowners get a handle on their populations, Cearley suggested the following Web sites: <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu> or <http://wildlife.tamu.edu>.

## Take precautions to keep the common cold at bay

AMARILLO - That "achy, coughing, stuffy so you can't breathe" feeling that comes around generally at this time of year is annoying, but normally harmless, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

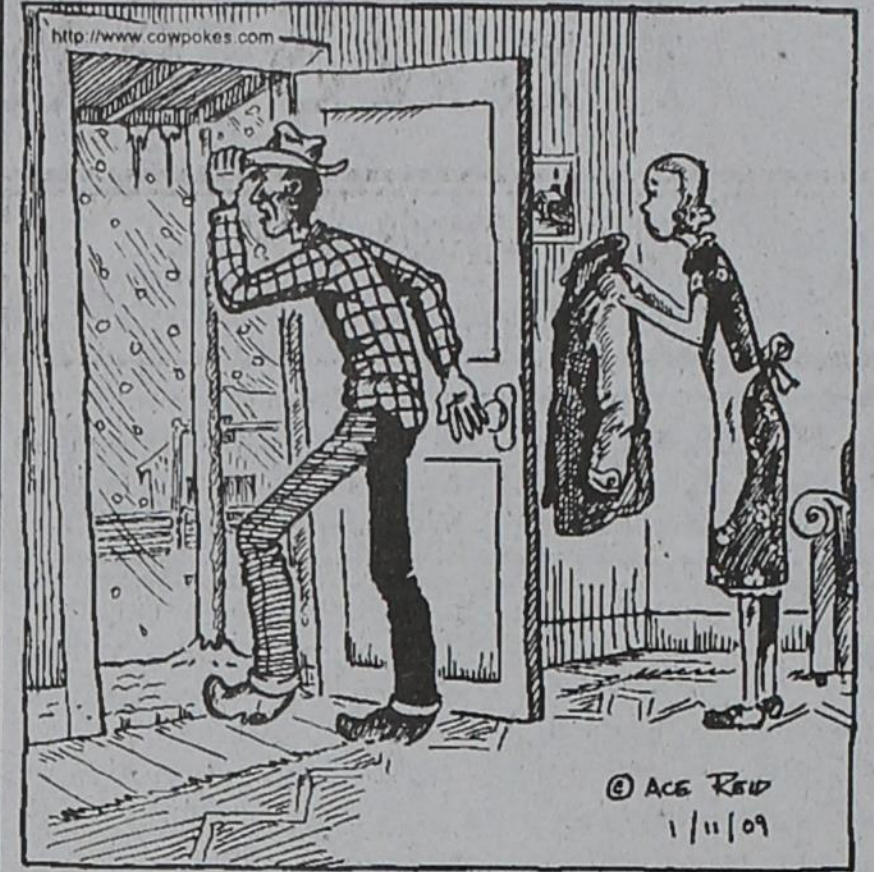
"A cold is usually harmless though it may not feel that way," said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontology specialist. "Although more than 200 viruses can cause a common cold, the rhinovirus is the most common culprit and it is highly contagious."

The common cold is a viral infection of the nose and throat, Crocker said. The virus can spread through droplets in the air when someone coughs, sneezes or talks. But it also spreads by contact with someone who has a cold or by sharing objects.

Because of the sheer number of viruses that may be responsible for the cold, symptoms may

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## Charles Maurice "Marty" Ferguson

Charles Maurice "Marty" Ferguson, 44, of Roaring Springs died December 28, 2008 in Lubbock. Services were held December 31, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Spur with Rev. Rory Mosley officiating. Interment was in Spur Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home



Don Ferguson and wife, Lupe, also of Spur; one sister, Brenda Michulka of Spur; and one grandmother, Gloria Ferguson of McCaulley.

Serving as pallbearers was Doug McArthur, Jerry Alexander, Pat Garcia, Bo Atkinson, Dave Hale, and Brian Michulka.

The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423; Spur Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 111, Spur, TX 79370; or a charity of your choice

Marty was born October 8, 1964 in Stamford to Don and Billie Cumpton Ferguson. He was a 1983 graduate of Spur High School. He married Brenda Hudson February 9, 1992. Marty was an avid hunter and a loving father. He was a dedicated employee at POLYP-IPE, Inc. in Roaring Springs for many years, and a member of First Baptist Church in Spur.

Marty is survived by his wife, Brenda of Matador; one son, Logan Ferguson of Matador; two daughters, Sarah and Krystin Ferguson both of Matador; parents, Don and Billie Ferguson of McCaulley; two brothers, Barry Ferguson and wife, Anji, of Spur; and Gail

## Matador Lions induct two new members

The Matador Lions Club met on Tuesday, January 6, at the Methodist Church. There were 14 members and two guests. The guests were inducted as members during the business meeting that followed the luncheon. The new members are Dr. Andrew Seigrist, the new Motley County ISD superintendent, and Bill Manney, the pastor of the Methodist Church in Matador and Roaring Springs.

In other business, the annual pancake supper was discussed. The supper will be held at the school on the

evening of a home basketball game on February 6. Lions Club President Vandiver expressed appreciation to all members who helped at the football games as chain gang or gate workers. A report on the holiday boxes was given with a suggestion that some toys be included in next years box program. Appreciation was given to the children of the school who gathered the cans and other food for the boxes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dear Motley County,

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### January

- 8 RS Lions; 11:30 am Travelers Inn
- 8 JH BB vs Valley in Matador @ 5:30 pm
- 8 Matador City Council, 6:30pm
- 9 Varsity boys & girls BB in Spur @ 6:00 pm
- 12 Commissioners Ct, 9:30 am
- 12 JH BB vs Spur in Matador @ 5:30 pm
- 12 RS City Council, 6pm City Hall
- 13 5th grade to Lubbock for Symphony concert
- 13 RS Comm Vol 6:30 pm Corky & Monta's place
- 13 Varsity boys & girls BB vs Patton Springs at Home 6:00 pm
- 14 Kids Praise, FBCM 5pm
- 14 Hospital Board Meeting, 7 am-2nd Wed
- 15 Matador Masonic Lodge, 6:30 pm
- 15 Foothills Fellowship 7:00 p. m. at the Community Center in Roaring Springs.
- 16 Varsity boys & girls BB vs Guthrie in Guthrie 6:00pm
- 19 MCISD School Board, 7:30pm
- 19 JH BB in Patton Springs @ 5:30 pm
- 20 Blood Drive @ School
- 20 Matador Lions Club, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 20 Varsity BB boys & girls at Pacucah @ 6:00 pm
- 22 Eastern Star, 6:30pm
- 23 Titus Foundation Meeting
- 23 Varsity BB boys & girls vs Valley at Home 6:00pm
- 26 JH BB vs Guthrie Home 5:30 pm
- 27 Varsity BB boys & girls vs Spur at Home @ 6:pm
- 30 Varsity BB boys & girls in Patton Springs @ 6pm

### February

- 3 Matador Lions, Methodist Church 12:30 pm
- 4 Kids Praise

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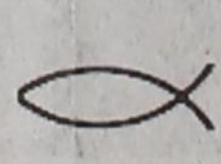
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