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Special Easter Services will be observed by local churches

Area churches have planned special Easter services, beginning early Easter morning, April 8, with a Sunrise Service.

The service will begin about 7:15 a.m. adjacent to the Roaring Springs Cemetery. If weather is bad the event will be moved to the Roaring Springs Community Center.

Chairs and coffee will be provided. Pastors Winfield Davenport, Matt Crawford and Johnny Morris will conduct the service.

Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

The Choir of the First Baptist Church of Matador will present an Easter Cantata, "Nail Scarred Hands," at the 11:00 worship service.

Churches often sing about

the nail-scarred hands of Jesus, but with this Easter musical will remind us that His hands were not always scarred. They were gentle hands, strong hands, healing hands, ministering hands, serving hands. In love, Jesus stretched out those unblemished hands and allowed them to be nailed to a cross on Calvary.

"Nail Scarred Hands" will be presented in song and narration.

Everyone is invited to attend this special service.

New evidence has been uncovered as to who really killed Jesus Christ. Some say the Romans and Pontius Pilate killed him, other theories say the Pharisees did, but it is proven that someone else was holding

the whip.

Pastor Kevin Keltz and Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church would like to invite you to come Easter Morning and discover for yourself who really killed Jesus and the miracles that took place after His death. Who was holding the whip? Pontius Pilate, the Roman guards, the Jewish leaders, the mob?

All these questions and more will be answered in an exciting illustrated sermon Sunday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children.

"This is going to be a fun and exciting day of celebrating our Lord and the great sacrifice He made for us," Pastor Keltz said.



Local organizations will sponsor

Easter Egg hunts Saturday

Two local organizations will sponsor Easter Egg Hunts Saturday, April 7. The Motley 4-H Club will

The Motley 4-H Club will sponsor a hunt on Saturday morning on the courthouse lawn at 11:00 a.m. for age groups 2-4; 5-6; 7-6 and 9-10. Anyone wishing to participate should meet at the Gazebo located on the corner of the Courthouse lawn. There will be a prize egg hidden in each group.

All 4-H members are asked to bring a dozen eggs or hideable treats (no hard boiled eggs) to D'anna or Ryan no later than 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning. All older 4-H'ers who cannot hunt eggs are asked to come help hide and chaperone at the hunt.

The Roaring Springs Com-

munity Volunteers will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Hunt will be held at the Community Center in Roaring Springs with two age categories, 2-5 and 6-11. A prize egg will be hidden for each group.

All children are invited to come and have fun at one or both of these special events.

Blackwood Legacy to perform at Roaring Springs FBC Concert

The Tennessee-based "Blackwood Legacy" gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer and Gospel Music Hall of Fame Inductee Rick Price, will perform at First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs, Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and a love offering will be received.

During the Great Depression, the Blackwood Brothers were at the height of their fame singing gospel classics and spiritual standards. The vocal group amassed nine Grammy awards and 27 Dove awards over their decades-long career, and was inducted into both the Gospel Music and Grammy Hall of Fame.

As the original Blackwood Brothers retired, various singers came in to take their place including, in 1977, Rick Price. Eventually the original group was formally dissolved. After much soul-searching and hundreds of requests for the music of the original Blackwood Brothers Quartet, Price created Blackwood Legacy, a tribute to the renowned ministry he was involved with for so many years.

Price has gathered some of the most talented and sought-after gospel singers on the scene today to create a unique concert that blends the best of the old favorites with newer Southern Gospel favorites and original hits. Performing with Price is Don E. Thomas, formerly of the popular Florida Boys Quartet and Luke Yates, one of Gospel Music's newest and most astounding pianists. While the group maintains the style that made the Blackwood Brothers famous, performing favorites such as "How Great Thou Art" and "Beulah Land," they have also incorporated a contemporary sound that reaches old and young alike. Over the past six years they have become hugely popular, performing more than

240 dates per year throughout the United States and performing on TBN's "Unfolding Majesty" as well as other Christian broadcasts.

The First Baptist Church is located at 310 Broadway in Roaring Springs, across the street from the Veteran's Memorial Park. A community potluck meal will be served after the concert, and all are invited to bring their appetite and their favorite dish. For more information on this event, contact the church at 806-348-7978. For details on the Blackwood Legacy group, visit their website at www.blackwoodlegacy.com.

Family Fun Night will **feature**

Texas Luau

Get ready to party! A Texas Luau will be held in the Motley County School Gym, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate Family Fun Night.

Family Fun Night was cre-ated to combine the Father-Son and Mother-Daughter Banquet and is sponsored by the Eternas Study Club. Moms, Dads and kids (Pre-K - 12th grade) are urged to take part in this funfilled evening. A Hawaiian Tropical theme with a Texas flair will make for a fun night for everyone. Those attending are encouraged to wear their Hawaiian shirts, teeshirts, shorts (school approved), flip-flops, Capris or Bermudas and join in the island fun! Prizes, games for all ages, and fun for all is being planned by club members. Brisket and all the fixins' will be served.

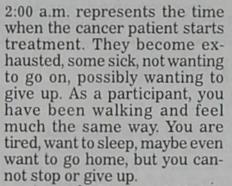
EASTER JOY BE THINE — This Easter greeting is a copy of a 1911 Easter card. A friend and Motley County Tribune subscriber, Joe Dean Bumgardner, of Kansas, was kind enough to share the card, which was part of a collection he received from his great aunt's estate. Special thanks to Mr. Bumgardner for sharing this antique greeting.

Relay for Life event hours parallel cancer patient's treatment

Relay for Life starts at dusk and ends at the next day's morning. The light and darkness of the day and night parallel the physical effects, emotion, and mental state of a cancer patient while undergoing treatment.

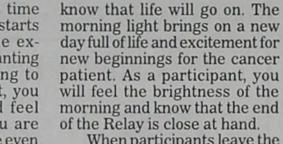
The Relay begins when the sun is setting. This symbolizes the time that the person has been diagnosed as having cancer. The day is getting darker and this represents the cancer patient's state of mind as they feel that their life is coming to an end.

As the evening goes on it gets colder and darker, just as the emotions of the cancer patient does. Around 1:00 a.m. to



Around 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. symbolizes the coming of the end of treatment for the cancer patient. Once again they are tired, but they know they will make it.

The sun rising represents the end of treatment for the cancer patient. They see the light at the end of the tunnel and



When participants leave the Relay, they will think of the cancer patient leaving their last treatment. Just as participants are exhausted and weak, so is that person after treatment.

Remember: There is no finish line until a cure is found.

The local Relay for Life event is set for June 23, 2007, at the Motley County school track.

Cancer survivors will be honored with a "Survivors Victory Lap". If you are a Cancer survivor contact Rosalee Davis at 347-2237.

For more information about how you can be a part of the



SCULPTOR TO DISPLAY WORK AT LIBRARY — Roaring Springs artist, Don Stuckey, will display his work at the Motley County Library Tuesday, April 12. Mr. Stuckey will present a sculpting demonstration.

For more information contact Leadell Martin at 347-2686 or any other Eternas Study Club member.

Homecoming to be held Saturday

Annual Whiteflat

The Annual Whiteflat Homecoming will be held Saturday, April 7 at the Senior Citizens' building in Matador.

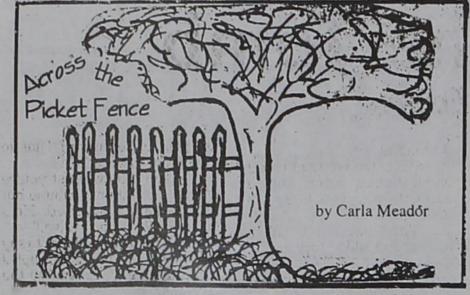
The doors will be open at 9:00 a.m, ready for a morning of visiting before the covered dish meal at noon. A short business meeting will follow with President Elaine Risser presiding.

All former Whiteflat residents, ex-students and friends are invited to attend for a good time of fellowship and reminiscing. event call Pam Newman at 348-7074, Kathy Blanco at 347-2439 or Annette Hollinsworth at 347-2388.

Relay for Life team meeting April 24

A meeting for team captains or a member of the team for Relay for Life will be held April 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at school.

For more information contact Pam Newman at 348-7074. Page 2, Motley County Tribune, Thursday, April 5, 2007



Last weekend was just beautiful. If everyday could be as perfect as Sunday's weather we would all be happy! From the weather man's prediction this weekend will be cool. Maybe he'll be wrong and Easter Sunday will be just as nice as last week. The weathermen are usually pretty on target with their predictions, but we always hope for a beautiful, sunny Easter.

Easter Sunday seems to bring a new beginning to everything. With this day everything seems right in the world. All the little girls are all dressed up in their new Easter dressed up in boys in their new shirts. Easter baskets filled with plastic grass and colored eggs. The churches are usually full and for that day everyone seems to be filled with love and thankfulness.

And we all certainly have so much to be thankful for. The pretty dresses and colored Easter eggs are fun and festive. The thrill of the egg hunt is exciting for the children. But, when we stop and think of the real reason we celebrate Easter - the resurrection of our Savior. The thought of Jesus being nailed to a cross to die for us is overwhelming. He died for each and everyone of us and He rose from the grave for each and everyone of us, to go and prepare a place for us. Praise God!

I truly hope that each one of you has a blessed Easter, filled with the fun of new clothes and Easter baskets celebrated with your loved ones. And I pray that we all take time to think on the magnificence of our Savior and the true miracle of Easter.

Plans being made for local observance of National Day of Prayer

Plans are being made for the local observance of National

Day of Prayer, May 3. Begin making plans now to attend the third annual "Parking Lot Prayer Fest", beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot at First Baptist Church, Matador.

Breakfast Burritos and Coffee will be served tailgate style. The event will conclude in time for everyone to be at work by 8:00 a.m.

Join in for this important event in the life of our country, state and community.





Old Whiteflat school building.

(photo courtesy of Frances Dixon)

families moved or relocated. In the early 1940's Ed, his wife Miriam and sons, Bill and Bobby moved into Matador where

again here he had a service sta-

tion, garage and was the Moline dealer. In latter years, he began drilling water wells.

remembrance at the annual

Whiteflat Homecoming Satur-day, April 7 at the Senior Citi-

zens building in Matador.

May you have an enjoyable

A historic remembrance of days gone by in Whiteflat

by Earlyne Jameson

"As you age, you have a volume of information and an aging mind can be compared to a cluttered file cabinet.'

Whiteflat, located in midwestern Motley County, was an early day settlement in 1890 which became a thriving village prior to the Great Depression. Though virtual a ghost town in 2007 with only one resident living there, the surrounding community with a current populance of sixteen retains the name. A brick monument with a brass plaque reading, "Whiteflat 1890" stands on the former Whiteflat School grounds. Across the highway,

is situated where the Whiteflat Post Office was once located.

There is always a tendency to think things were better in the good old days, and in some ways they were. During the 1930's Whiteflat was a thriving community with many business establishments. At one time Whiteflat boasted four grocery stores, three service stations, three garages, two cafes, a hardware store, post office, a gin, barber shop and a medical practice.

One of the individuals who contributed to the Whiteflat commerce during the 1930's was Ed Jameson. During his youth, he lived on the family farm east of Whiteflat with his Moline dealer and sold five tractors at one time to area farmers. His fifth enterprise was a trucking business hauling cattle for the Matador Ranch and local ranchers. Some of the drivers of the trucks were Alfred Watson, Weldon Bailey and "Flossie" Doran of Whiteflat.

As farming became more and more a big business affair rather than a family one, many



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If you ain't where you are, you're no place.

-- Col. Potter on M.A.S.H. *****

There are a lot of people who love big cities. That is obvious, or there would not be so many such big cities.

But there are people who prefer small towns, and Motley County has some of the best of that kind of place to live. And there are people who love it, and who grow up a lot to live here.

Big city people have to know a lot of things about living in big cities to live there - how to navigate underground rail systems, and public transport of all kinds. They have to know how to find friends in a place where neighbors guard their privacy and may have no interest in becoming better acquainted. Driving in a big city can be a real challenge -- which streets are one way, and how do you get on and off the freeway.

Big cities have entertainment of all varieties, and stores that stock everything imaginable. Choices, choices.

And big city people, who have become skilled in organizing their lives amid towering buildings and concrete roadways and walkways, who often only see flowers in flower shops, sometimes look down on country folk. Country folk, country bumpkins they have been known to call them, oh so much less sophisticated than their big city cousins.

What escapes these good folks is that, while they may have the skills required to live in a big city, they probably do not have the skills required to live in a small town.

These big city folks do not know how to drive a tractor or raise cattle. They think meat comes in packages ... They have no idea what a septic system requires, or how to harvest cotton. They seldom know how to react if a tornado were to be forecast, or how to prepare wild game in the kitchen.

And they have no experience with a place where (almost) everyone is related to everyone, with family relationships extending back perhaps generations. And they don't know how to relate to neighbors as friends, how to help out and be helped.

It is quite simply the case that you need to have as many skills to live in a small town as in a big city. They are just different ones. The cultures are different, the ways you get things done are different, but the same holds true all around the world, whether in different countries or different places in one country. But surely some places are nicer than others, and Motley County is truly one of the nicest.

funds were raised for a Whiteflat Historical Marker that

Notes

We appreciate the donations

that the library received last

week. We thank Jo and Walter

Trammell for their donation and

we thank Darla Gwinn for do-

nating some new videos. We

thank Ron and Kay Bailey for

their donation in memory of

Lenna McWilliams. We also

thank Tommie Cruse for her

donation in memory of Dorothy

Meador, Anthony Carl Moss and

We really appreciate those who worked at the library on

Mondays and days when I could

not be here. We thank Pina

Sturdivant, June Moss, Patricia

Green, Marihelen Wason and

Penny Kline for keeping the li-

brary open and running

came to help us celebrate the

opening of the Library Annex. I

never saw so much good food.

make this event special.

from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

We appreciate all who helped

library is a display of sculpture and a sculpting demonstration by Don Stuckey. This event will

take place on Tuesday, April 10,

The next happening at the

We thank all of those who

Library

By Suzanne Abbott

Librarian

Bill Moss.

smoothly.

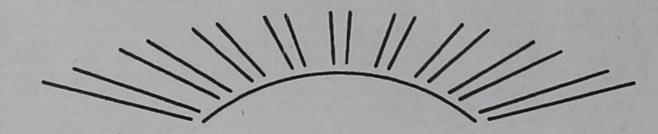
parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Jameson. Ed built a large building on

the east side of the highway in Whiteflat. In the front was a service station and he employed Bill Dunning. Behind the station was a garage and the mechanic was Mack McCarty. At the back of the building was a blacksmith shop and the employee was Charlie Flowers. These employees stayed busy!

nesses. Ed was a Minneapolis

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Sunrise Services

Sunday, April 8 at 7:15 a.m.

South end of Roaring Springs Cemetery

(Bad Weather Location: Roaring Springs Community Center)

Come at 7:00 a.m. for fellowship or to help set up.

"Called Christians"



In the Book of Acts, Luke reminds us that "the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). There was a reason for that. The disciples were not part of society that characterized weird behavior, but rather their behavior was based upon an internal motivation. That motivation was their belief and steadfast conviction that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Therefore, He was their Lord and Savior and they had given their lives to being identified with Him.

It was not the church's idea at Antioch to so identify themselves as "Christians." It was the people in Antioch that recognized their behavior as being Christ-like. They then used the name to refer to all those who "belonged to" or were "a part of" Christ. That is what the "ian" means when attached to the word "Christ."

The name is really a great compliment. The people of Antioch called it like they saw it. The disciples at Antioch were identified as a people who talked and lived like Christ Jesus.



Here is our point: People will identify us today and characterize us based on the behavior which they see modeled in our daily lives.

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A Soldier's View of the Tomb A special story in observance of Easter

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson Copyright 1985-2007 (printed with permission)

Cassius stood at rigid attention in front of the commanding officer of Jerusalem's military cohort. "Centurion," the officer barked, "explain yourself! One of your squads was assigned to guard a tomb, a dead man. What could be so hard about that? Now I'm hearing rumors that the body is missing? Tell me this is all a mistake!"

'Sir, may I be frank, one old soldier to another?" asked the Centurion. He and the Tribune¹ went back a long way, though the Tribune was of the equestrian class, and he a mere commoner.

"Please, Cassius," he said somewhat more gently, and motioned for the Centurion to take a seat.

"I must beg your indulgence, sir," Cassius began. "The story actually begins weeks ago.

"Take your time," the Tribune said, relaxing somewhat.

"Ever since this Jesus began preaching around Jerusalem, we thought he might be some kind of revolutionary bent on stirring up the populace with his talk of the Kingdom of God. But I went and listened to him, sir. He was no threat. Thousands would sit in rapt attention as he would talk about his Father, and loving your neighbor, forgiveness from pas sins, and beginning a new life. It was fascinating, sir. Made you feel like he cared about you personally, he did."

The Tribune was resting his chin on his hand. "Go on, soldier.'

"The next I saw him, we had been ordered to stand guard outside the Governor's official residence. The crowd was getting ugly. Pontius Pilate was sitting up there on the judgment seat and Jesus stood before him. Someone had roughed him up a bit, sir.

"Jews from the ruling Sanhedrin were shouting, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' The rabble took up the cry. It was touch and go for a minute there, sir. Then Pilate called for a basin, and began to wash his prissy little hands ...

"Centurion, I'll allow no disrespect," the Tribune said sharply.

Yes sir, but you know Jesus was innocent, pure and simple. He had just offended some powerful priests. But when Pilate saw how the wind was blowing he went along. I thought Rome was about law and justice, not expediency."

Ruling is sometimes dirty business, Centurion," interjected the Tribune.

'So is soldiering, sir. On your orders one of my squad was picked to scourge the man."

"Oh, they enjoyed it well enough," said the Tribune. "That tall soldier ... Publius, wasn't it? He flogged like a madman, as I recall, with the metal tips of the scourge biting into his back until the skin lay in tatters and the blood ran free.'

'Few times in my career have I been sickened by blood," commented Cassius, "but to see an innocent man treated with such cruelty ... '

"I don't recall you stopping them from dressing him a purple robe with a reed for a scepter and a crown of thorns. Oh, they were having fun, all right.

"I've crucified hundreds in my time," Cassius replied, "but this man was different. He didn't curse. He didn't whimper. He was half-dead already from the beating Publius gave him, and he fell on the way to Golgotha.' 'Fell?'

"He was just too weak to carry the cross, so we conscripted a strong Cyrenean to carry it. Then we crucified Jesus."

kingdom." "His kingdom!" the Tribune

sneered.

"But listen to his answer: Today you will be with me in paradise.' Amazing! About noon, Tribune, the sky grew dark. Everyone saw it, and felt the cold chill when he cried, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' He sounded like the loneliest man in the world, hanging in the darkness. He spoke scarcely a word until three in the afternoon when he shouted, almost triumphantly, 'It is finished!' And, if you lis-tened closely, you could hear him whisper, 'Into your hands I commit my spirit.'

"At that very moment the ground began to tremble and roll," said Cassius. "Knocked me to the ground for a moment. And then the darkness began to lift. I tell you, Tribune, that was no mere man we crucified, he was the Son of God."

"A few freak coincidences and you're willing to declare him divine? He's just as dead as anyone."

"No, Tribune, he's not."

"He's not?"

"The chief priests and Pharisees insisted that Pilate guard the tomb so Jesus' disciples wouldn't steal the body."

"I know, I ordered it." "We posted three men

around the clock, relieved every eight hours as regulations call for. I sealed the tomb before they began. It was secure."

"Their shift had begun about midnight," he said. They had been wide awake all night telling stories about their girlfriends back home most of the time, I understand. Then, just before dawn, they said the garden tomb lit up as if it were high noon, and an angel with garments like lightning came and rolled the stone away from the tomb. They just sat there trebling. Then one of them got up -Publius, I think they said -- and looked in the tomb. The body was gone, and the grave clothes were lying on the limestone shelf wrapped round and round, but no body in them."

"You expect me to believe that?" the Tribune responded

disdainfully.

"I questioned them closely. Each looked. Each saw the same thing. The body was gone.'

"They must have fallen asleep, and told a story to cover themselves."

"So, what's this rumor that the body is gone?"

"It is gone, sir."

"I'll have your hide, Centurion!" the Tribune shouted, rising to his feet.

Cassius stood, too, but went on. "About seven o'clock Sunday morning, sir, the three soldiers on duty came running into the barracks like they'd seen a ghost. 'Centurion! Centurion!' they shouted. 'He's alive! I got them calmed down, and made them tell me every detail.

"They were battle-hardened veterans, sir, not some green troops. I know those men. Besides, sir, you'd think the sound of people trying to roll a huge stone would awaken sleeping soldiers. No, they were telling the truth, all right.'

"What do you expect me to

tell people, Centurion? That he rose from the dead?"

"I don't know what you're going to tell them, Tribune but that's what happened. He's alive. I tell you, he's alive!'

'We'll tell the soldiers to say they fell asleep and his disciples stole the body," suggested the Tribune.

"What soldier is willing to say he fell asleep?" asked Cassius with a thin smile on his face.

We'll pay them to say it," said the Tribune. "The chief priests owe us. They'll come up with a goodly sum to bury this story .. I'll take care of it from here on out, Centurion. You didn't see anything. You don't know anything. Got it?'

"But I do know, and I did see, Tribune. I can't change what happened. Jesus is out there alive. More than alive.

"Forget this ever happened, Cassius.

'Forget it if you can, sir. But with all respect, Jesus is alive, and that changes everything."

(¹An official in Ancient Rome)

Motley County Matador news

Jr. High Track teams successful at District Meet



MONDAY, APRIL 9

NO SCHOOL!

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

"What did you expect," Centurion?'

"Finally," Cassius contin-ued, "Pilate motioned for silence. 'I find no crime in this man,' he called out. Then he tried to set Jesus free. He asked othem to choose between Barabbas - a known murderer and rebel -- and Jesus."

"And now that criminal Barabbas is walking free again.

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"All men die the same."

"Not like he did," replied Cassius. "We spiked him to the cross-bar and hoisted it onto the upright, but I'll never forget his prayer: 'Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.' Sir, I was responsible for killing him, and he forgave me."

'Haven't you been a soldier too long to be troubled by a guilty conscience, Cassius?"

Then the thief crucified next to him asked to be remembered when Jesus came into his

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Breakfast: Biscuit, Sau-

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets,

sage, Gravy, or Cereal, Toast,

Lunch: Vegetable Beef Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Crackers, Peaches, Milk.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, or Cereal, Toast, Sliced Pears, Milk.

Lunch: Sloppy Joe/Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Spear, Potato Chips, Apple Cobbler, Milk.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Breakfast: Waffle, Sausage, or Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk. Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Vanilla Wafers, Milk.

The Motley County Jr. High Track teams competed March 29th in the District 3-A meet held at Silverton. Teams in the district in addition to Motley County were Paducah, Valley, Patton Springs, and Silverton. As a team the boys finished 2nd overall with 149 points and the girls finished 3rd overall with 111 points. Individual winners were:

GIRLS:

2400m run - Alexis Osborn 2nd place.

400m relay - Alyx Smith, Kyla Simpson, Alexis Osborn and Sarah Ferguson, 4th place. 100m hurdles - Kyla Simpson, 1st place.

800m run - Hailey Blanco, 1st place; Leanne Jameson, 2nd place.

100m dash - Sarah Ferguson, 4th place. 400m dash - Alyx Smith, 2nd

place. 1200m run - Alexis Osborn,

2nd.

1600m relay - Kyla Simpson, Hailey Blanco, Angelica Meredith and Alyx Smith, 1st place.

Discus - Alyx Smith, 6th place.

Shot - Alyx Smith, 3rd place. Triple Jump - Leanne Jameson, 4th place; Sarah Ferguson, 5th place.

Long Jump - Hailey Blanco, 1st place; Kyla Simpson, 5th.

Ashley Brackeen also competed for the girls in the shot and the 200m dash.

BOYS:

400m relay - Colby McCleskey, Andrew Martin, Ky Christopher, and Jonathon Osborn, 1st place.

100m hurdles - Ky Christopher, 1st place; Braden Mason, 3rd.

800m run - Colby McCleskey, 2nd place; Nayo Santos, 4th.

100m dash - Augustine Chavez, 3rd place; Jonathon Osborn, 6th.

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1st place; Schyler Tomlinson, 5th; Braden Mason, 6th.

300m hurdles - Chase Buckner, 4th place.

200m dash - Augustine Chavez, 1st place.

1200m run - Reagan Elliott, 5th place.

Mile relay - Jonathon Osborn, Colby McCleskey, Ky Christopher, and Andrew Martin, 1st place and undefeated all season!

Pole Vault - Augustine Chavez, 1st place.

High Jump - Andrew Martin, 2nd place; Ky Christopher, 6th place.

Discus - Chase Buckner, 2nd place.

Long Jump - Jonathon Osborn, 5th place.

Keyan Kautz also competed for the boys in the shot, discus and the 200m dash.

These students all competed well and had a very successful Jr. High season. Coach Bigham and Mrs. Cooper would like to congratulate them on all of their hard work and effort.



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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

I have just been out driving this morning to see what is already blooming in Roaring Springs. Sheila LeFevre's lilacs have really outdone themselves. They are gorgeous! Olivia Osborn has some lovely bright red tulips, they really add the color. Somehow, Jo Crowder's irises have gotten the jump on everyone else's, they are in full bloom and make a pretty patch of color in her garden. If you haven't seen the snowball bush in bloom at Dean McInroe's house you have missed a sight. I toured Dinah's yard, too, this morning. She has some gorgeous tulips that are a triple ruffled, a red orange color, and have variegated leaves. Her sister brought the bulbs to Dinah from Holland. Dinah has blue flax, dianthus, some lovely little golden wildflowers and one or two irises already in bloom. Their orchard is always so pretty all year. I noticed that Mrs. Fairley's peonies are already nearly 12 inches tall! They always have such large pretty blooms, so get ready to watch for them in a few weeks. Also the red tipped photinia are really putting on a lot of color, the Bluebonnets and the spiraea are blooming on the First Baptist Church grounds. The lilacs are beginning to bloom at the First United Methodist Church and many of the flowers that were planted last year at the Full Gospel Church are up and doing well. Looks like summer promises to be very colorful.

On Monday night several interested in the Cowboy Camp Meeting met to discuss plans for this year's meeting. September 6, 7 and 8th have been decided on. Plans are being made for a chuck wagon supper once a month during May, June, July and August on the first Friday evening of each of these months. Those attending were Debbie Braselton, Don and Billie Stuckey, Johnny and Connie Morris, and Corky and Monta Marshall.

A shower was held for Heather Braselton on Sunday at the Fellowship Hall of the Full Gospel Church. Heather is the bride-elect of Matt West of Canyon. Out-of-town guests were Heather's mother, Debbie Cantu of Amarillo, Sut and Francine Braselton of Paducah, the groom's mother, Judy West of Canyon, DeAnne and Emily Pierce of Brownwood and Kory Braselton of Canyon. The hostess gift was a Kitchen-Aid Mixer.

Ruby Hipp is hoping to be able to come home next week. I have not had a report on the others who are still in rehab or in the convalescent home.

During Spring Break two of Dinah's children came to visit her and Ken. Visiting from Chicago were her son, Josh Elliott and friend, Victoria Taylor from Boston. Josh is working on his Ph.D. in Physics at Northwestern University in Illinois. Dinah's daughter, Ginny and little granddaughter, Jena LaDue also visited her Nani and Papa. They live in Lubbock.

Two new trees were put out by the City of Roaring Springs at TxDOT Beautification area (or the 'Y'). They are pistachio trees. They were purchased at Tom's Tree Place in Lubbock. Mr. Scarbrough said they would do well in this area. I think I would like a pistachio tree, I love the nuts. Corky said these may be fruitless trees though. It will be interesting to see how well they do here.

Flomot News By Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Easter is God's judgement that humanity is worth saving, whatever the cost. May there be peace and understanding among our fellowman.

Salt Jones of Calgary, Canada returned home Saturday, March 31, after visiting here the past week with his father and wife, M.C. and Barbara Jones and in Quitaque with his mother and husband, Ann and Buck Chadwick. En route here, he visited in Plano with sister and family, Candy and Michael Kern and children.

Jack and Nada Starkey met daughter, Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch in Amarillo, Tuesday, March 29 and attended the funeral of Jack's cousin, Shirley Pandolsi, 56, held at the Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo. Burial was in the Park Lawn Cemetery in Plainview. Also attending the services were Johnie Starkey and brother, Z.D. Starkey of Amarillo.

Visiting during the weekend with Mrs. Erma Washington were Tim and Dena Washington of Roaring Springs, Mrs. Lacy Clary, Caleb, Mickey and Kenzie of Matador, Clint Cowart of Post, Anissa Huckert, Cary Franks, Amy, Cory, Madison and Hudson Franks of Lubbock and Connie and Coy Franks and Cara Franks of Flomot.

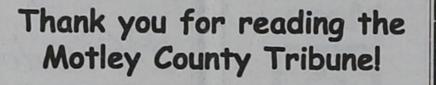
Will and Calley Sperry and children visited in Quitaque Saturday night with his parents, Jackie and Terry Sperry.

Robert Tanner and son-in-law, Bob Vallin of Tulia visited Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay, Sunday.

Haley Milam of Petersburg visited overnight Friday with her grandparents, Kathy and Clois Shorter. They, Mrs. Geneva Martin and Everett Shorter accompanied her home Saturday and continued to Ropesville to visit Mr. and Mrs. Shorter's daughter and family, Keri and Kevin Sehon and son Brian. They enjoyed the ballgame in Wolfforth in which Brian played.

Stanley Degan of Kalgary was a luncheon guest of his mother, Mrs. Leona Degan, Saturday.

Jack and Nada Starkey were in Amarillo, Wednesday for her a medical appointment. They visited daughter and husband, Bessie and Clifton Reid who had returned home from Las Vegas, Nevada where they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. En route home, they visited in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey.



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Whiteflat Friends

In these two photos friends from days gone by in Whiteflat are having fun. In the top photo (pictured left to right, beginning at back) are Frances Casey Dixon, Glenda McWilliams Groves, Geney Spray and Thelma Baker; (front) Elaine Dixon, Scotty Robbins, Pat Cooper and Linda Havins stand by the Matador cabin at Plains Baptist Assembly in 1956.

Pictured at left are (left to right) Gwendolyn Wilkinson, Norma Chloe Casey and Annette McWilliams at their 8th Grade Graduation from Whiteflat School in 1944.

(photos courtesy of Frances Dixon)

Kay Bailey announces candidacy for City Council

Fellow citizens of Matador,

I, Kay Rattan Bailey, would like to announce my candidacy for a position on the Matador without a bond issue and without raising taxes. In fact, we actually lowered the tax rate for several of those years.

I believe in keeping the tax rate as low as possible without giving up necessary services for our citizens. I am a strong conour citizens. I am a strong con-servative and will always be watching the expenditures and looking for better ways to save money for our city, but not at the expense of our citizen's needs. Basically, I feel I am level-headed and have fairly good common sense. I will always investigate every matter thoroughly and listen to all sides, including your thoughts and suggestions, before making up my mind about important is-sues. Above all, I will always pray for wisdom and guidance in every decision I make. I appreciate all the good things you have done over all these years to make Matador such a nice place to live. We have so many things to be proud of: Hackberry Care Center, Se-nior Citizen's Center, Library, Museum, Bob's Oil Well, Motley County Clinic, Motley County I.S.D., Motley County Ambu-I.S.D., Motley County Ambu-lance Service and EMT's, Mata-dor Branch Bank, Motley County Tribune, Market Mata-dor, Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, Post Office, Courthouse, the Old Jail and Pioneer Park, and all the great churches and businesses in town. I salute all of you who town. I salute all of you who have worked so hard to make all this happen! Thanks to the lead-ership and hard work of so many of you, Matador has much to offer. We are on the right track. I want to join in and work with you to make our hometown the best it can possibly be. I am strongly in favor of continuing the clean up of all vacant houses and lots and am encouraged that the oversight committee will get it done. I ask for your vote on May 12th. I would sincerely appreciate your support!

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AN INVITATION

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture would like to invite you to their annual Chamber Banquet on Tuesday, April

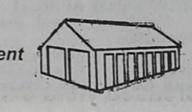
10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. The banquet will take place at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy, at the intersection of US Hwy. 70 and FM 786. The speaker for the Banquet will be Michael Running Wolf. Judy Schacht Catering will provide the catering.

Tickets for the banquet are \$12.50 and may be purchased from any Chamber Board of Directors or at the Chamber office at 125 East California, in Floydada. For more information, you may call Patti at 983-3434.



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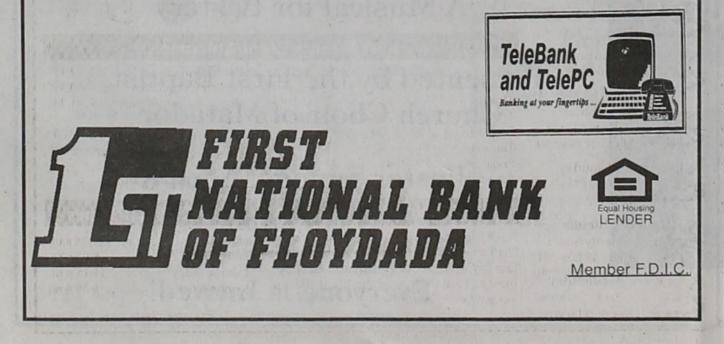
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> Easter is April 8th!





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as your representative. Most of you already know me, but for those who don't, I am the wife of Ronald (Beetle) Bailey. We have three grown children, Lance, Kevin, and Andrea, and four grandchildren, Dillon, Kolton, Jason and Branton. My parents are Laverna Price Johnston and James T. Johnston, and the late Frank Price and W.A. Rattan, Jr.

Ronnie and I feel so fortunate to live in Matador! We both grew up here and reluctantly left to attend college and seek jobs to support our family. When Ronnie retired from the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service in 1999, he joined me in my Real Estate Appraisal Business. He suffered a severe stroke in 2004. After that, he announced, "I don't know how many years I have left, but I intend to spend every one of them in Matador!" I wholeheartedly agreed, so, on March 19, 2005, we moved back to Matador. It has been so good to be back "home again!" We love Matador, and the people are absolutely the best in the world!

It is for this reason that I would like to serve on the Matador City Council. I want to pitch in and help any way I can, and I feel that my experience as a business woman and owner of my own Real Estate Company and Real Estate Appraisal Busi-ness will be valuable assets in helping to conduct the business of our city. In addition, I served on the Eastland School Board of Trustees for ten years, which allowed me to gain lots of experience and a multi-million dollar budget. I helped set the policies which the large 2A school system was governed by, dealt with personnel matters, equipment purchases, and participated in the oversight of new construction, renovations, and numer-ous other projects. We were able to do all of the construction

Thank you very much, Kay Rattan Bailey

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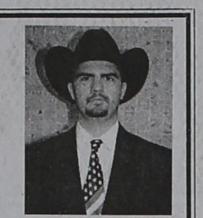
By Ryan Martin, Motley County Extension Agent

DICKENS COUNTY WIND ENERGY MEETING SET FOR APRIL 17TH

The Texas Cooperative Extension of Dickens County will be hosting a Wind Energy informational meeting on April 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Spur Community Center. The featured speakers are: Barbara Bogart, CapRock Telephone Cooperative Marketing Director, Greg Wortham, Executive Director of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium and Ken Starcher, Director of Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A&M University-Canyon. Topics to be covered are overviews of the industry, future of the industry, the "in's and out's" of the turbines, energy measurements, transmission line issues, as well as, potential economic impacts to our community and landowner tips. We will also feature how Dickens County may be positioned to capitalize on this new and growing industry. The meeting will conclude with an open question forum with all the featured speakers. If you have any questions, please call Toby Oliver at the Dickens County Extension Office at (806) 623-5552. This meeting is open to all residents that may have concerns or may be interested in the wind energy industry.

LIVESTOCK AND FORAGE **PRODUCTION MEETING**

April 11 there will be a livestock and forage production meeting at the Motley County Library Annex building. Pre-



sentations will begin at 9 a.m. Mr. Vell Ryan, seed specialist from Excel Garden Products will talk about Fletcha MaxQ, a summer-dormant fescue grass. Also, Dr. Dariusz Malinowski, Assistant Professor for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Vernon, will be present to talk about different types of summer-dormant grasses. Following the presentations we will discuss Laws and Regulations for chemicals. There will be 3 CEU's offered to participants. For more information on this conference, call the Motley County Extension office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 5 - Motley 4-H Club meeting, Courthouse, 7 p.m.

April 11 - Livestock and Forage Production meeting, Library Annex, 9 a.m.

April 12 - District Livestock Judging, Horse and Weatherford.

April 25 - Motley 4-H Shooting Sports field day at the Matador Wildlife Management Area.

ATTENTION MAJOR SHOW GOAT AND LAMB PARTICIPANTS

If you are planning on show-ing lambs and/or goats in any majors this upcoming show season you must contact the extension office on or before April 10, 2007. Please call whether you are showing 4-H or FFA so that I will know how many tags to order before the new deadline or you can call J.D. Russell, Validation Chairman at home, 347-2601.

Beneficial rains in March throughout Motley County

by Earlyne Jameson

"When Spring arrives all dressed in green, the earth is born anew. A birth that man cannot conceive, this only God can do."

Farmers were all smiles after a month of rain with every drop soaking into the dry soil and bringing with it the hope of a good planting season. Winter wheat, ranges and pastures in good condition. March, as a rule, is a dry month but Motley County registered the most rainfall on record in March 2007 by the Lubbock National

Weather Meteorologist. Total rainfall for March recorded by Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers was: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 7.67; John Bird, Matador, 6.18; Betty Simpson, Northfield, 5.36; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 5.31; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 3.99.

John Bird and family moved this weekend to Eastland County where he will be the CED of the FSA office. We thank him for the good service given as Matador NWSV. We wish him the best. At present, we do not have a replacement.

Proof of the Truth

By Tom Edwards

POSTSCRIPTS ON THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD (Part 1)

I have not written on this subject for the purpose of either pleasing or displeasing anyone, but have tried, as an impartial witness, to state plainly and es-sentially the truth, whether any person likes it or not. I am not responsible for the truth - God is. But I am responsible to God for a correct presentation of the truth, and in a healthy fear and respect of and for His judgment, have done my best to do exactly that

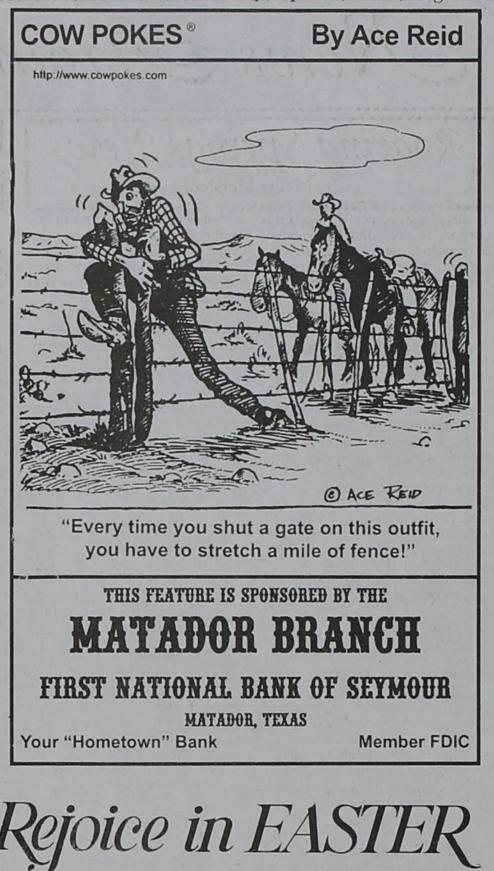
That said, any comprehensive study of the attributes of God raises collateral questions and loose ends to be addressed. So, we'll spend a little time covering some of them here - and not in any particular order.

We earlier discussed the fact that Judaism is in denial on the Trinity and the deity (God nature) of Jesus Christ, primarily because He was not the kind of Messiah they wanted or expected. They wanted the "con-

and puzzlingly recognized "two" Messiahs, the conquering hero, and the suffering servant of Isaiah 52-53. This comes as a surprise to most Jewish scholars today, because the writings and interpretations they study don't say that! The reason they don't is because the old writings were re-written to make the "Nation of Israel" the "suffering servant," in order to avoid the consequences of the Spanish Inquisition - a time of intense Jewish persecution. But they did not succeed in rewriting or destroying all the "old" writings - some survive, and they clearly and undeniably point to Jesus of Nazareth as a Messiah!

While the old scholars rightly recognized two appearances of Messiahs in prophecy, the idea apparently never oc-curred to them of One Messiah coming twice! And that is exactly what Christianity teaches. Thus the early and "unaltered" Jewish interpretations of Scripture affirmed the Messianic nature of Jesus Christ, and most modern followers of Judaism have been fed "doctored" information. They also deserve to know the truth! Next: What was (is) Jesus?

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Farmers and Ranchers

quering hero," not the "suffer-ing servant." But that is not the whole story. The early Rabbini-cal writings interpreting and ex-pounding upon the Tanakh (Old Testament) teachings clearly

Increased yield expectations for Texas wheat crop with timely rainfall

The 2006 drought led to the smallest number of wheat acres harvested in Texas since 1925. but this year's crop is showing promise thanks to timely rains, a small grains expert said.

"Rainfall in the High Plains and other parts of the state over the past couple of weeks have increased yield expectations," said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Texas **Cooperative Extension small** grains specialist. "Statewide, most of the wheat is considered to have good to excellent yield potential due to available soil moisture and relatively low disease pressure."

About 6 million winter wheat acres have been planted as part of the 2007 crop, accord-ing to the U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Texas producers have re-newed optimism after the 2006 drought devastated wheat and other crops throughout the state, resulting in \$2.5 billion in Agricultural Statistics Service.

Texas producers have renewed optimism after the 2006 drought devastated wheat and other crops throughout the state, resulting in \$2.5 billion in losses, according to Extension economists.

The value of the 2006 Texas wheat crop was \$153 million compared to \$330 million in 2005 and \$362 million in 2004, according to USDA data. Last year's drought not only led to millions in losses in revenue for farmers, but sales proceeds from har-vested wheat in 2006 led to just \$42,000 in Texas Wheat Board allocations for research initiatives. About \$211,000 was allotted in 2005 by comparison.

The only disappointments so far are the Southern Rolling Plains and the Concho Valley with late-planted wheat, Morgan said. Yield potential is expected to be low and much of the wheat "grazed-out or baled for

Morgan said. Mustards and broadleaf weeds become a problem for some producers as the growing season progresses, he said.

"Late-season broadleaf weed options exist. However, no herbicides should be applied after boot state," Morgan said.

Examples of herbicides that may be applied up to the boot stage include MCPA, 2, 4-D, Ally, Buctril and Finesse. Wheat producers are also

keeping a watchful eye on crop disease. South Texas wheat is heading with relatively low leaf rust pressure, Morgan said. In the Blacklands, leaf rust pressure is relatively low, "but powdery mildew is still present on suspectable hard wheat varieties.

"Leaf rust is being observed at concerning levels on very susceptible varieties, such as Cutter, Jagelene and 2145," he said. "However, varieties with moderate resistance, such as Coronado, only have low levels of leaf rust at this time."

"These low foliar disease levels may be the result of a very dry February and early March and fungal inoculum did not build up," Morgan said.

Producers with susceptible varieties to leaf rust and considering use of fungicide can review variety resistance ratings on the Web at http:// varietytesting.tamu.edu/wheat/ indes.htm#diseases.



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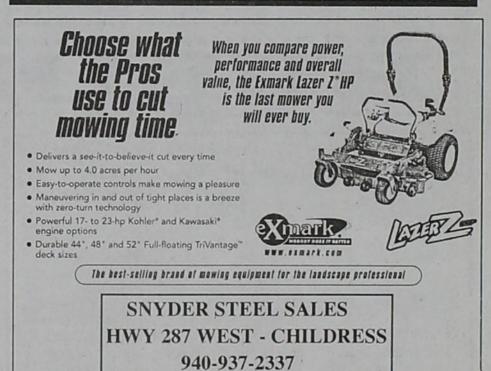
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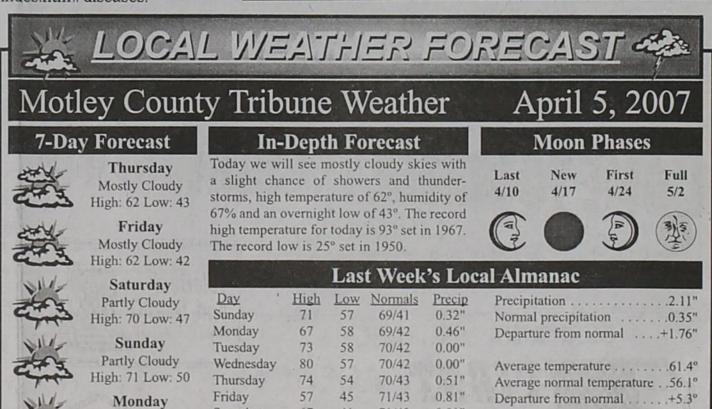
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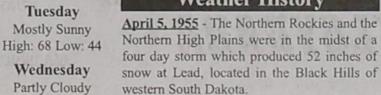
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hay, despite recent rains," he said.

Meanwhile, rain and warm weather is helping the crop to progress rapidly, Morgan said. In South Texas, the wheat crop is heading and flowering. In the Blacklands region, wheat is beyond the boot state (the seedhead enclosed within the sheath of the flag leaf) to early heading.'

"In these areas, the crop ranges from late-jointing to early heading," he said. "Most of the wheat on the High Plains is at the jointing state.'

Meanwhile, weed management is another issue that needs attention from growers, Partly Cloudy



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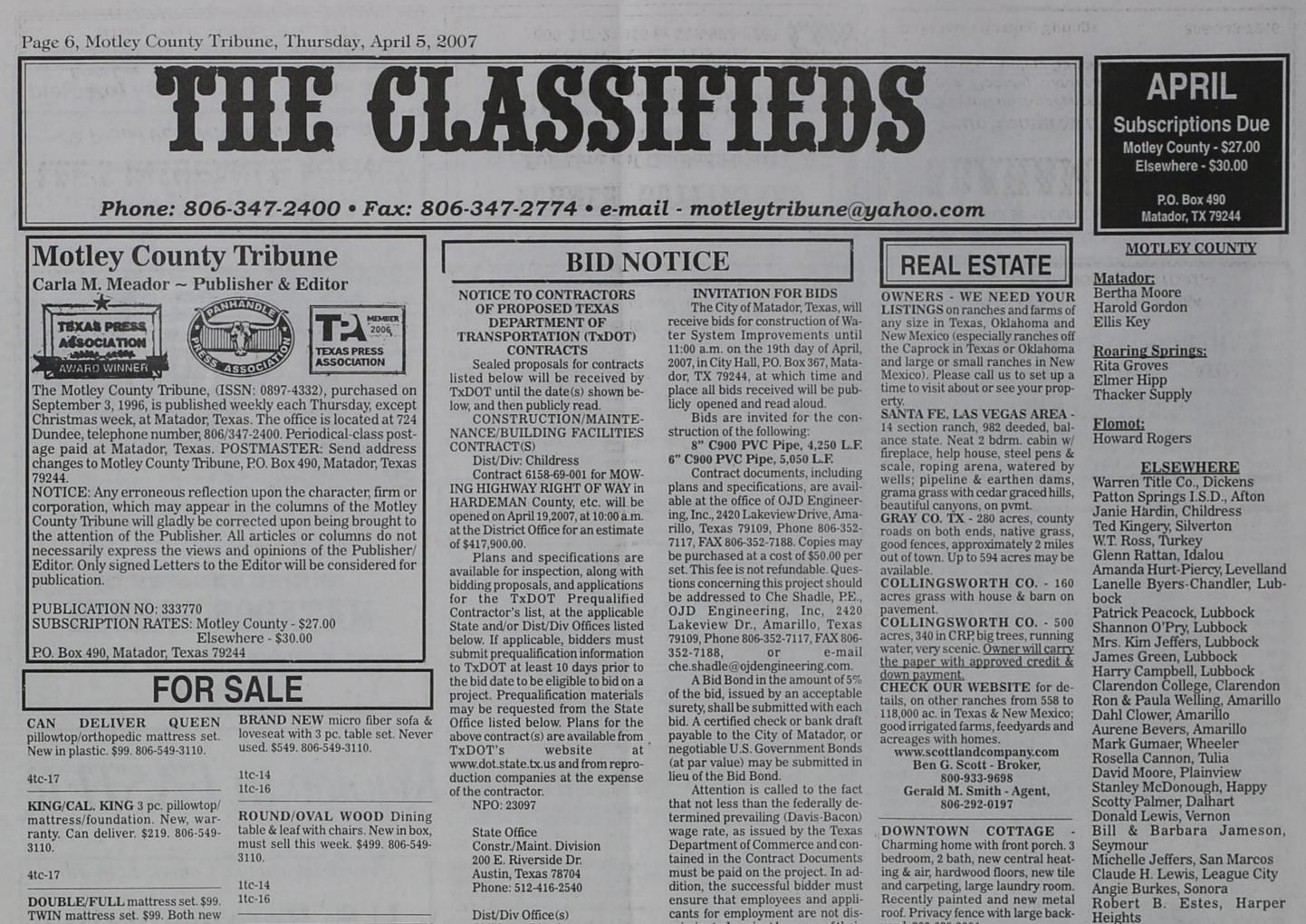
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