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Grazing at the 6's



Jay Iomison opens restaurant Don and Lou Wittler cooking

By Carol Campbell

Jay Tomison is humming a tune, but songwriter John Lennon said it best: "... I get by with a little help from my friends."

With the help of "a ton of friends," Tomison said, Jaybird's Kitchen is opening in the old location of Anna's Mexican Restaurant at 1123 Main Street, Thursday, July 10, 2008, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The space has a new look, complete with a new coat of paint, doors added where curtains used to hang, and a brand-spanking new Texas Lone Star bathroom re-do, courtesy of Buffy Crutchley. Buffy will also serve as a waitress in the new restaurant. Other waitresses will be Kyla Simpson and Gina Pollard. Don and Lou Wittler will be the cooks for Jaybird.

Local artist Lisa Guerra with the help of Rex Hamilton painted Motley County historical landmarks on the south wall of the restaurant, including the 1891 historic jail, Bob's Oil Well, and, the Roaring Springs Depot. On

ed mesquite tree with bare limbs, climbs to the ceiling, and perched on the tree limbs at intervals are black and white framed pictures of historic Motley County, including the old Clements barbershop, street scenes of early-day Matador; Rose's Cafe, historic grocery stores, the Rogue Theatre, the waterfalls at Roaring Springs.

Matador have a rustic look, I wanted something different," Jay said. So he did what all good bosses do, he gave Lisa creative license. "I just turned her loose with it," he said. The walls are a warm, golden color, with real three-dimensional mesquite limbs on the wall, twinkling with designed his own Jaybird logo small white lights.

what about the menu? "It is mostly standard fare," Jay said, including burgers, sandwiches, Mexican food, chicken-fried and pepper steak. The menu will expand when "Jay gets his feet on the ground," Lou Wittler said.

The Wittler's have been in the restaurant business for more than 15 years, semi-retiring in

the north wall, a black silhouett- 2004 following Don's open heart surgery. How did they happen to get hooked into another restaurant venture so close to retirement?

"Well," Lou said, "Jay used to work for us in Roaring Springs. He was always like one of our kids. When he came by the house and asked us for help, we got excited about the possibilities," she "All the other restaurants in said. The Wittler's helped "scrape and paint," Lou said, "we are so excited about opening day."

Quinn Hays designed and built the Jaybird sign. The restaurant morphed into its present personalized business name, going from Jay's Cafe to Jaybirds Cafe to Jaybirds Kitchen. Tomison -- a little bird with a spatula and The ambiance is in place, but a pot. The sign is stacked on the floor, waiting for the man power to hoist it over the door.

> Nathan Shannon did the carpentry work, Jay said, putting up doors, and building a wall. In addition to having the honor as the newest restaurateur in Matador, Jay also works in the computer repair business, and rarely does a weekend go by that he isn't work-

ing in Matador on various computer projects. He said he would continue his off-hours computer business.

Future plans call for an office (where storage space is now) and a computer repair business. "I will eventually sell computer parts, ink, toner, and paper," Jay said, adding, "I will have wireless internet." If you had a major project, you could bring your laptop to the cafe and hook up." Jaybirds Kitchen will be

closed on Mondays; open from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"This is something I've always wanted to do," Jay said. "I grew up here, plus Matador really needs a new business."

Jay graduated with the Class of 2000. He is the grandson of Geneva Wilson, and the son of Arnold and Nelda Wilson Tomison, Matador.

Health Fair comes to MC Senior Citizens Center

LUBBOCK The South Plains rials and information on medica-Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging is offering a special Health Fair at the Motley Co. Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, July 16th from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The program is open to the general public with strong emphasis for seniors age 60 and over.

Health screenings and checkups will be offered at no cost to seniors. Visitors under the age of 60 will be charged a small fee on a some of the screenings and checkups. The health fair will offer the flu shot, bone density checkup, blood pressure check, and screenings on cholesterol, hearing, nutrition, and diabetes. Several booths will provide mate-

tion management, home safety, Alzheimer's disease, and more.

The Motley Co. Senior Citizens Center is located at 621 Stewart Street in Matador. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The center offers congregate meals, home delivered meals, and recreation through funding from the county, private donations, and the Area Agency on Aging. Contact Tommye Keith the Director at 347-2496 for more information.

The event is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), a program of the South Plains Association of Governments in Lubbock.

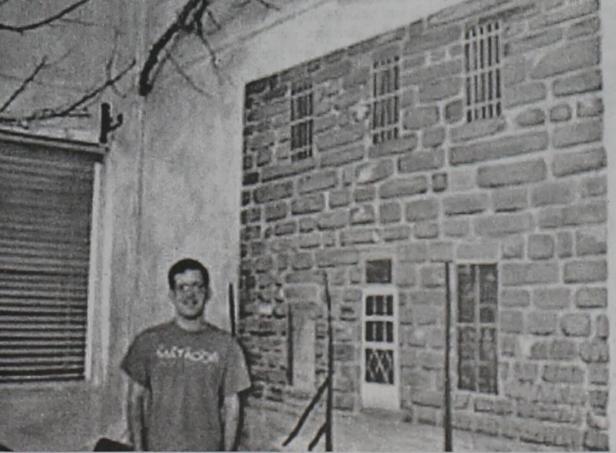
Football scoreboard donations by Reedy and Smallwood

Motley County I.S.D officials individual or organization would are pleased to announce that Frances Bostick Reedy and Cora Bostick Smallwood have accepted Caprock Telephone's challenge and donated \$3,000 for the purchase of a new football scoreboard. Caprock Telephone had pledged \$3,000 if another

match it

According to Superintendent Randy Brown approximately \$12,500 has been donated, putting the district in good position to move forward with the purchase.





LOU AND DON WITTLER will be the cooks for Jaybird's Kitchen. They have been in the restaurant business in Motley and Floyd county for more than 15 years.

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WEEK'S NEWS

Flomot News 2008 Tri Annual Flomot Homecoming elects B. Rogers homecoming queen.

Golf News

Greenbelt Golf comes to an end at closing tournament in Memphis Texas on June 27, 2008.

Roaring Springs News Days Gone By

July 4th Celebration was a big A Cash Crop: Liquid Corn, part two of a two part series from success with homemade ice cream and fireworks drawing the "Motley County Round Up."

County Agent News 34th Annual Motley County Jr. Rodeo, July 11 & 12 at the Old Settlers Arena in Roaring Springs.

largest attendance.



by Larry Vogt

A big round of applause is in order for the Roaring Springs Volunteers for putting on a 4th of July festival that would make any community proud.

Starting with a memorial service at 9:00 a. m. and ending with fireworks after dark, this event drew folks from around the county and some from longer distances. I talked with someone from Oklahoma who had never seen a riding lawn mower (tractor) pull. As it turns out, neither had a lot of folks.

There was something for everyone. There was also meaningfulness for everyone. The thoughful ness that was evident in the memorial service which sought to honor not only those who guard the freedoms inherent in the founding of this country but those who are the architects of year, don't miss it next year. our national laws and institutions.

The food that was available was good and it was interesting to note that some folks chose to picnic with their own makings in true 4th of July tradition. The highlight of the food for me was (no contest) the home made ice cream served after the delicious brisket supper in the Community Center. I can't eat as much as I could when I was a skinny 125 lb teenager all legs and arms, but I did try every flavor and enjoyed them all.

The fireworks display contained an unexpected bonus. The Ken and Barbara Marvel family, whose residence is just South of the Community Center, had a pre-show display and also a post-show display. Let me tell you, there is nothing like the big Texas sky for this kind of fireworks, if you couldn't make it this

By Laverne Zabielski

"We are rich in heritage and tradition and have a zest for the unknown because of determination, self-discipline and dreams," said 110th District Judge Bill Smith at the 4th of July Memorial Service. He also quoted John F. Kennedy referring to the Declaration as a "trumpet call to put the theory of Independence into practise" and he quoted Martin Luther King's statement that the Declaration was a promise that all men be guaranteed equality. Afterwards, I thanked Judge Smith for speaking to our common ground. "That's what it's all about," he declared.

And an openness to new ides will make it even better in years to come. Maybe we can have a Kazoo band next year. We could start rehearsing now!

It was an action packed day and nice to stay in town. I even got to take a nap. On the other hand, spreading the events out with down time in between, made it hard on out of towners who didn't have a home to go back and rest.

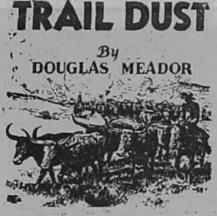
Homemade ice cream was the highlight for me. The line seemed



Determination and dreams were definitely a factor in producing such a fine celebration.

never ending and I was certain there would not be enough. How could anyone make that much ice cream? Fortunately, because so many people made ice cream there was not only enough, you could go back for seconds! A true community effort!

AND THE WINNERS ARE: Genetta Armeijite, of Roaring Springs, won 1st place in the Creative Hat Contest. Kaylie Rutherford, of Lubbock, and Kelsea Miller, of Lockeny, teamed up in the Hilarious Hat Contest and won 1st Place. In the Dog Style Show, Keeley, Tori and Demi Simpson, of Dumont, won 1st place with, Bonnie and Babies. In the Dog Trick Contest, Olivera Osborn's dog Jack won 1st place with his outstanding tricks.



Matador Tribune July 10, 1958

Through an extensive series of experiments I have accumulated a remarkable amount of evidence to prove that it is much easier to quit the habit of over-work than the habit of over-rest. A summation of the data indicates that I have devoted an intensive amount of study to the affliction brought about by resting too much. In future adventures into the world of facts I plan to study work objectively.

Truth is one obsession which will always retain its luster, as a diamond that sparkles each time it is struck by light.

What more is man than a cloud driven by the wind to leave a brief shadow on the earth and be gathered again by the gentle hands of **Omniscience?**



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Rain Douses Four Prairie Fires Set By Lightning Bolt

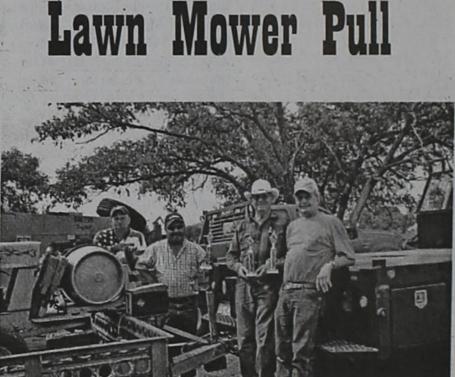
LADY LUCK rode the storm clouds that approached out of the northwest about sundown Friday and dropped a horse shoe in rancher D. I. W. Birnie's lap. A great bolt of lightning struck the ranch (about 16 miles northwest of Matador in the Cap Rock area) and four separate balls of fire started four separate prairie fires.

Before the fire truck reached the ranch and before the fire had done extensive damage, heavy rains extinguished the four outbreaks. The rainfall at the ranch during the storm measured 3.50 inches. Nothing else could have stopped the fire's progress.



THE GLITTERED PIG won 1st Place in the Riding Lawn Mower parade.

Lawn Mower Parade



LAWN MOWER PULL participants, (L-R) James McMorries, Abel Asbedo, 3rd Place, Gordon Lowrey, 1st Place, Gary McMullen, 2nd Place. Not pictured, Allen Ray Martin.



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KENZIE MC CLARAN, of Lubbock, won 2nd Place in the Creative Hat Contest. Genetta Armeijite's dog, Rosie, won 2nd Place in Tricks/Obedience, Parker Meredith's dog, Milo won 3rd Place in Tricks/Obedience. Laverne Zabielski's dog, Highlin' shown by Julian Zabielski, won 3rd Place in the Dog Style Show. Angelica Meredith's dog, Lucky Lady, won 2nd Place in the Dog Style Show. Citizens packed the Roaring Springs Community Center for homemade ice cream.

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MC Greenbelt Golf comes to an end

As Greenbelt Golf comes to an end, Motley County ends on a great note. One hundred and three golfers traveled to Memphis, TX on June 27, 2008 for the closing tournament of Greenbelt Golf.

Golfers from Motley County were Korbyn and Kyla Simpson, Christian and Mattie Brooks, Britt Simpson, Koby Cochran, Micky and Caleb Clary, Mathew Faulks, Courtney Alexander, Austin and Bryant Taylor, Seth Baxter and Jonathon Osborn. These golfers did very well.

In the K-3rd division Micky Clary placed 2nd, 4th and 5th grade division Korbyn Simpson came in 2nd, and Caleb Clary comes in 4th, and in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade group Christian Brooks brought home 1st, with Jonathon Osborn with 4th.

Greenbelt Golfers attend six total tournaments, golfers placing 1st through 4th attain points for the overall end of season trophies. Golfers have to attend four tournaments to qualify for a trophy. Points are taken from the four best tournaments; a golfer can accumulate a total of 40 points. Through the season any ties are determined either on the card or by a playoff, but Greenbelt administrators feel that if there is a tie in points a trophy will be awarded to both golfers.

Seven Motley County golfers brought trophies out of a total of 24 trophies awarded. In the K-3rd Division Micky Clary brought home the 1st place trophy with a total of 34 points. 4th and 5th grade division Bryant Taylor wraps up 1st place trophy

with 40 points. Caleb Clary and Korbyn Simpson tied for the 3rd place trophy with 13 points. In the 6th-8th grade division, Christian Brooks brings home 1st with 40 points and Jonathon Osborn takes 2nd with 31 points. 9th and up has Courtney Alexander taking the 2nd place trophy with 21 points.

Greenbelt Golf is a parent/ child event. Each child has to rely on their parents for practice and transportation to the tournaments. Parents work with their children on golf technique and golf etiquette, but during the tournaments parents are not allowed to coach or carry clubs, each golfers is on his or her own. With the help of the parents Greenbelt Golfers learn with it takes to make great golfers.

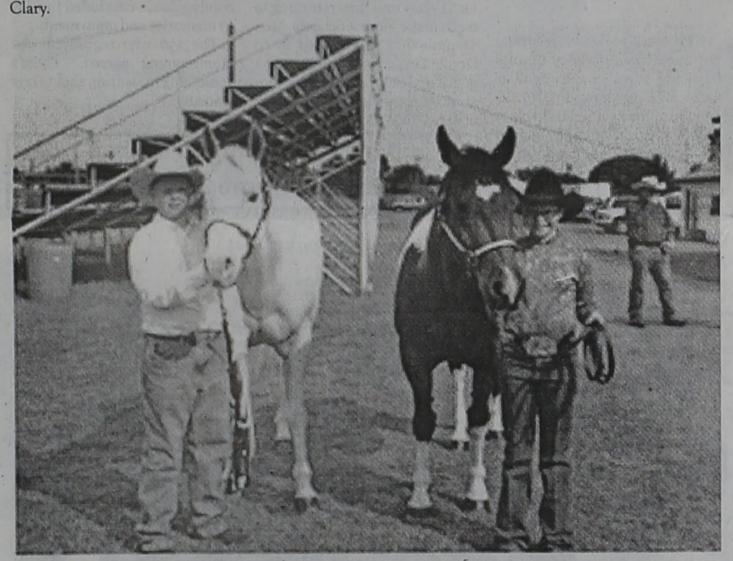


MOTLEY COUNTY GOLFERS: Back tow, (L-R) Courtney Alexander, Kyla Simpson, Britt Simpson, Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, Austin Taylor, Coby Cochran and Seth Baxter. Middle row (L-R) Korbyn Simpson, Bryant Taylor, and Mathew Faulks. Front Row (L-R) Mattie Brooks, Caleb Clary and Micky Clary. Not pictured are Bryson, Shelby and Reagan Elliott and Garrett Jameson.



K-3RD, 4TH AND 5TH TROPHY WINNERS. Bryant Taylor, Caleb Clary, Korbyn Simpson, and Micky





D-3 HORSE SHOW held at the Bradley Arena in Vernon, Texas June 18-21, 2008 the. Seth Baxter and his mare, Frankie, were awarded 1st place. They also competed in the grand and reserve class. Cassidy Turner exhibited in the registered gelding halter class five and over. She received 8th place.



6TH AND UP TROPHY WINNERS. Jonathon Osborn, Christian Brooks, and Courtney Alexander

R S Community Volunteers welcome new ideas

The Roaring Springs Community Volunteers met at the Community Center Tuesday, July 10, 2008. After the customary opening, the financial report was discussed with reports on the 4th of July donations and expenditures. There were suggestions from some who were at the celebration but could not attend the meeting concerning possible activities to have at the next celebration in 2009. The consensus was that anyone who had suggestions and

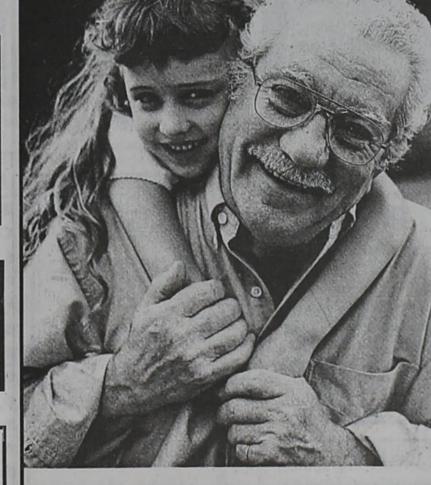
was willing to help would be welcome to try new ideas and that the Volunteers would try to help with-financial support.

While the fireworks expense was less than expected, the display itself was very well received and all those who helped with the various events throughout the day were congratulated.

Since the City of Roaring Springs now owns the Community Center there was discussion about a fee for the usage of the building for Volunteers meetings. The City Council will take up the matter at its next meeting on July 14th and the Volunteers will come to an agreement with the City concerning this matter.

The Volunteers welcome any people wishing to help with the next 4th of July or any other fund raisers to come to the meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

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NEWS AROUND MOTLEY COUNTY

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Roaring Springs News By Monta Marshall

One of my 'want tos'came true! I had a lot of company the Fourth of July without having the house in order. Though I was tired from other activities, I wasn't too tired from cleaning house to enjoy my company! It didn't matter anyway... we were hardly at the house and when we were we were making messes... crafting hats for the grand daughters and a friend for the hat contest. It was a treat to watch the kids have such a good time. Watching Kenzie eyes get big and get excited about riding in the parade was fun and spying on Kelsea trying to get the nerve to buy another puppy even though they have three! (Yes, there were puppies for sale on Broadway in downtown Roaring Springs and Kelsea was smitten.) Her call to mom for permission was made and the idea was nixed. Ribbons and medals were won and then came the FIREWORKS. What a spectacular sight!

There were quite a few people visiting their families for the Fourth. Willeta and Larry Burkes of Paducah were visiting Pearl Patten. They even pitched in and helped with the serving of the fund raising brisket supper. Ruby and D. A. McGuire's daughters and their families were visiting. They were: Tara and Don Stipp and their daughters, Alexis Moore and Jordan Moore; Scott and Sonya Upfield and their boys, Carson, Bennett and Brady. Little Brady ran in all the children's races. He is just a little tyke and he got lots of cheers. In fact I think all their grandsons were in stick horse races or participated in the foot races. Their families live in Carrolton. Visiting Corky and Monta Marshall were: Kevin, Tracie and Kenzie McClaran of Lubbock; Ford, Katie, Sean and Kelsea Miller of Lockney; Kelsea's friend, Kaylie Rutherford of Lubbock; Marla, Alexandra and John Potess of Lubbock. Kenneth and Barbara Marvel also had family visiting.

The Roaring Springs Volunteers would like to thank all those who helped with the brisket dinner and the ice cream supper. There were over 100 brisket plates served and some brisket sold by the pound. City Council members, Timmy and Tina Brooks and Robert and Olivia Osborn were a big help with the lawn mower races.

Bill Hand remains in Lubbock with his daughter, Kim Hand. For Bill to be able to come home there is a need for a strong man to help Bill daily with his personal care. If anyone knows of a strong fellow willing to do this kind of work please call Mozelle Hand at 348-7915.

Ken and Dinah Young have been in Boston to attend the wedding of Dinah's son Josh Elliott.

Johnny and Connie Morris will be attending the Sierra Grande Cowboy Camp Meeting between Raton and Clayton, NM near the small town of Des Moines, NM this week.

Carrie Tomlinson former resident of Roaring Springs is still in the hospital at UMC in Lubbock. She is slowly improving.

Thirty two members of the Full Gospel Church traveled by van to Denton, TX to attend a one day revival on Thursday. Todd Bentley was the evangelist.

The First Baptist Church is planning a one day Bible Extravaganza for children on Saturday, August 9th.

Visiting Bennie D. and Devonne Dillard for the Fourth were Devonne's sisters: Ola Faye Fish of Lubbock, her daughter Jane Baker and Marie Judd of Arlington, TX. Ola Faye and her daughter returned to Lubbock on Saturday and Marie returned to Arlington on Monday. They took in all the Fourth of July activities and had a good time. UNI Flomot Homecoming Queen

OVERHEARD

Resolve to be a master of change rather than a victim of change.

Dan and Sherrilyn Foster, Tim, Gwen and Peyton Mandrell and Dustin Reed of Lubbock visited their family, Mary Jo and Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert Saturday and attended the Homecoming.

Visiting during the weekend and attending Homecoming with Mrs. Geneva Martin, Kathy and Clois Shorter were Mrs. Joy Barham of Hart, Robert Tanner, Tyson Tanner, Kim Carroway and Jamie Villegos of Tulia and Chad Turner of San Marcos.

Chancey and Connor, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cory Kendall of Midland, are visiting the week with their grandparents, Linda and Travis Kendall.

Homecoming guests of Mrs. B. Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Donna Sue and Stanley Degan of Kalgary, Lou and Ronnie Rogers of Lubbock and Laura Dercherhause of Idalou. B. Visited in Roaring Springs Sunday with visited the weekend with her Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hand.

Visiting Johnie Starkey and attending Homecoming were Mrs. Bobbie Hanna of Warner, OK.,

June brought disaster weather for MC

By Earlyn Jameson

Mrs. Nola Long of Wynnewood, OK., Mrs. Phylis Gladson of Austin, Monty George of Lubbock and L.T. Starkey of Ralls.

Mrs. Teresa Lee, Kacee and Micah and Tom Heck of Turkey visited during the weekend with Ruth and Orville Lee and attended Homecoming. The Lee's daughter in law, Mrs. Joey (Brenda) Lee was hospitalized overnight Friday in Amarillo.

Visiting the weekend and attending Homecoming with their parents, Nada and Jack Starkey were Mrs. Jackie Lynn Davis of Fritch and Mrs. Bessie Reid of Amarillo.

Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton enjoyed lunch in Floydada, Thursday with Mrs. Marisue Powell of Mott Creek Ranch and Mrs. Lou Burleson of Floydada.

Mark and JoAnn Clay of Terrell visited during the weekend with Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay and enjoyed the Homecoming.

Lindsay Martin of Amarillo visited Saturday with her gradfather, Wilburn Martin and attended Homecoming.

Mrs. Elisa Wigley of Lubbock mother, Mrs. Aleda Ross and attended Homecoming.

are on a rampage. The total moisture recorded for June by the Motley County National Weather Service Volunteers: Betty Simpson, Northfield, 3.24 inches; Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 2.86 inches; Ron Bailey, Matador, 2.90 inches; Lawrence Allen, Whiteflat, 5.30 inches; and Clois Shorter, Flomot, 5.30 inches.



Homecoming 2008 is only two months away! All Matador/ Motley County Exes are urged to attend. The 1954 Regional Champion Roaring Springs Yellow Jackets pictured below, are among the Championship Football Teams from the 1950's to be recognized at the Motley County Matadors football game at Burleson Field on Friday, September 12th.

Flomot Homecoming 2008

"Days Gone By" renewed many memories for former students, teachers and residents for the 2008 Tri Annual Flomot Homecoming and program held at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, July 5. Welcome Back Exes, a Longhorn symbol, FHS blankets, jackets and sweaters and maroon and white balloons greeted them at the Community Center.

Wilburn Martin opened the program with Waydetta Martin Clay and Kathy Martin Shorter singing "America The Beautiful." They closed the program singing, "America."

The first Flomot Homecoming was in 1954. Continuing the Days Gone By, past presidents of the Association and Homecoming queens were named. Mrs. Connie Franks presented the Memorial Tribute and she read the list of 71 deceased during the past three years.

Those adding nostalgia relating past events were Peggy Gunn McCracken of Pecos, longtime journalist and author of "Flomot and Beyond." Wilburn Martin recalled attending Flomot Schools for 11 years and then returning to teach in the Flomot Schools. Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse related when Orville Lee, a U.S. veteran, was a guard and helped with the preparations for the atomic bombing of Japan in World War II.

Vita Lee Webb Standifer of Austin was recognized for traveling the fartherest to attend the Homecoming and oldest attending was Wilson Barton, 93, of Flomot. They were presented gift baskets.

Bill Shannon, president escorted Mrs. Glena Roy "B" Davidson Rogers of Flomot to the podium as the 2008 Flomot Homecoming Queen. He placed the crown on the newly-elected queen and presented her a bouquet of a dozen red roses. Mary Ellen "Dude" Barton was the lucky name drawn for the Do Gooders' Club quilt.

In the business session, Mr. Shannon introduced Homecoming Association officers for 2011: Glen Calvert, president; Seab Washington, vice president; and Connie Franks, secretary and treasurer. He expressed his appreciation for donations, the committees and all others who helped in any way with the Homecoming activities.

A delicious evening meal catered by Mrs. Brenda Browning followed the program. A Homecoming dance concluded the day of memories and enjoyment.

B. ROGERS was named the 2008 Flomot Homecoming queen Saturday night July 5, 2008. Mrs. Rogers has lived in the Flomot area since she was five years old.

Motley County had disaster weather throughout the month of June with flooding rains, hail, hurricane winds, electrical outage, broken utility poles and a loss of cotton and feed crops.

Baseball to golf ball sized hail and winds damaged homes, mobile trailers, farm structures, grassland and trees. Wild hogs

PALO DURO BASIN **OIL & GAS UPDATE**

MOTLEY COUNTY:

Drilling has been Completed on the Sharp Energy, Inc. Vinson Farms Lease Well #1. The Drilling Contractor on this Well was Ringo Drilling Company Rig #6. The Well was drilled to a Total Depth of 5697 feet. The Vinson Farms Lease Well #1 was Plugged and Abandoned on Wednesday 02 July 2008, with 45 sacks of cement at 5580 feet, 40 sacks of cement at 4200 feet, 80 sacks of cement at 3515 feet, 50 sacks of cement at 1900 feet, 120 sacks of cement at 342 feet, and 20 sacks of cement at surface.

This Information was provided by the Midland District Office of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

The 150 who registered for Homecoming agreed, "There's something reassuring about Days Gone By!"

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Regional Champions



1954 REGIONAL CHAMPION ROARING SPRINGS YELLOW JACKETS: Top Row (L-R) James Smith, Lester Mullins, Dannie Moore, Bill Wooden, Bob Stafford, Roy Mathis. Middle Row (L-R) Harold Edwards, David Osborn, Carlie Long, Bobby Campbell, Jerry Green, Charlie Long, Coach Ray Snyder. Bottom Row (L-R) G. W. Robbins, J. W. Edwards, Richard Stafford, Melborn Dawson, Herman McCleskev



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Bears rule! --John C. Shepard

As mentioned in the report on Bruno, the brown bear that wandered into Germany from Italy two years ago, new bears have come along to capture the hearts and minds of the Germany populace.

The first of the new series was Knut, an adorable little polar bear in Berlin that was rejected by his mother. The sign of Berlin features a standing bear, and the city went into mourning when its panda bear died, so it is no wonder that the story of Knut captured the media's attention.

Zoo keepers took it upon themselves to save the little fellow, so Knut was bottle fed and, despite all the difficulties of raising polar bears by hand, he survived and thrived. Germany watched each step of his development, and most people were thrilled with his progress.

But Knut grew and grew, and soon was no longer the cute, cuddly little white fluff he had been at the start of his life. So when a baby polar bear was born in Nürnberg, attention turned to the new star. A nation-wide contest to name the little bear was held, and the name chosen was Flocke (Snowflake).

Sentiment again ran high,

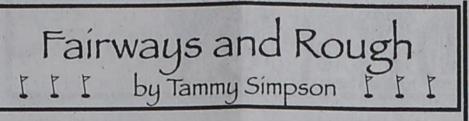
as Flocke was in danger from her mother, who seemed not to know what to do with the little white object, and the zoo keepers feared for Flocke, since it seemed that her mother might crush her. So again, the keepers set out to raise another little polar bear by hand.

It wasn't long before the Stuttgart Zoo had a further contestant in the competition for the cutest little polar bear, as they presented Wilbär (Wilbear, which sounds suspiciously like Wilbur). Wilbär is being raised by his mother, but that's OK, too, according to the German on the street.

But now the competition is heating up, with each zoo claiming its bear to be the cutest, and publishing smears of the other little bears. "Knut is vesterday's story" Nürnberg claims, while the other zoos criticize different aspects of the competing bears. Check out the 16 pictures of all three bears at

http://www.welt.de/satire/ article1912102/Knut_Alkoholiker Flocke doof Wilbaer pervers.html and keep clicking on the bar above the picture where it says "Weiter" to progress to the next picture.

Regardless of which bear wins the cuteness contest, stories of the three bears fill the TV, magazines and newspapers. Thus, it seems to be truly the case that "Bears rule!"



Scramble Ladies Playday June 26

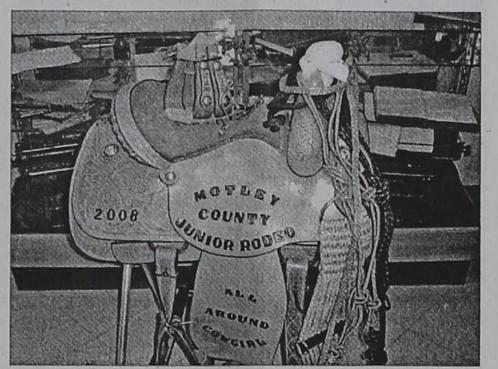
18 hole players were June Moss, Geneva Wilson, Dartha Westbrook and Jean Hoover. Jean won the ball - low putts.

9 hole players were Pat Warren, Jan Martin, Nell Berryman, Judy Renfro, Glenna Ross, Polly Campbell, Tommye Keith, Frances Hobbs, Judy Cartwright, Jessica Ballard, Olivia Osborn and Tammy Simpson. Frances won the ball - low putts

July 1 First, with a score of 27, Ken Marshall, Austin Taylor, Corky Marshall, Pat Smith and William Cochran. Others playing were, Robert Osborn, Jonathon Osborn, Kyla Simpson, David Taylor, Tammy Simpson, Jack Rex, Todd Ellis, Roy Gene Stephens, Olivia Barton and Jim Watson. Closest to the pin - Roy Gene

Scramble

Stephens 32'9"



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NRA Foundation Grant Benefits Community

Thanks to a grant from The NRA Foundation Friends of NRA program, Motley 4-H will receive \$2600.00 to underwrite the Motley 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

"We are very excited about the Motley 4-H Shooting Sports program," said FNRA Volunteer Clif Shaw, "and pleased that the NRA is making an investment in Motley County that will help their shooting sports programs."

Friends of NRA is a grassroots; community-minded program supported by gun owners, sportsmen and NRA friends that conduct banquets and other fundraising events to generate income for the NRA FOUN-DATION. Last year, the Friends of NRA raised a net of over \$13 Million through events in over 1000 communities nationwide. The NRA FOUNDATION has awarded over 15,000 grants nationally with more than \$100,000 in funds supporting charitable programs in West Texas.

The NRA FOUNDATION supports a broad range of programs and services that benefit local communities from providing shooting range access for physically disabled shooters to firearms safety, education and leadership programs for America's youth.

Some of the programs include the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program which teaches elementary school children gun safety; YHEC: and the Refuse to be a Victim program instructing women in how to live safer, more secure lives, among many others.

2008 Motley County Jr. Rodeo

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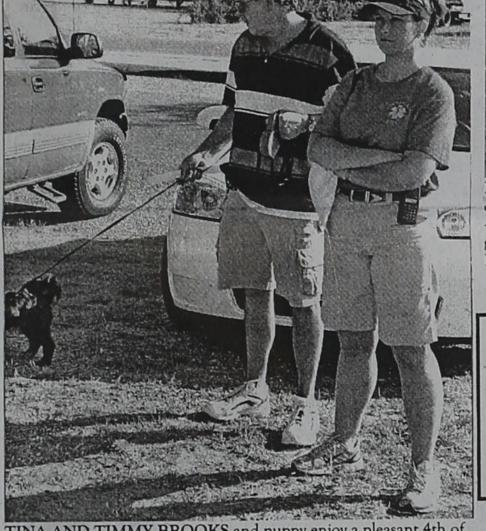
Events will include barrel race, flag race, pole bending, goat ribbon pull, calf riding, ribbon roping, tie down roping, steer daubing, breakaway roping, chute dogging, and team roping. Entry forms can be picked up at the Motley County Extension Office. Entry forms and money must be received by the Extension office by July 7; 2008. Only cash or money orders will be accepted. Money orders must be made out to Motley 4-H.

Awards include buckles for first place in each event, stirrups to Peewee all-around boy and girl, spurs to Jr. all-around boy and girl, and saddles to Sr. all-around boy and girl. Contestants must enter 3 events to be eligible for the all-around.

The Motley County Jr. Rodeo is sponsored by the Motley 4-H Adult Leaders Association, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the youth of Motley County through the 4-H program. For more information or to make a donation call the Extension office at 806-347-2733 or D'anna at 806-347-2601.

Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb and Goat Validation

Time is approaching fast to order tags for state validation for goats and lambs. If you are planning on competing in a major stock show, please contact the Extension Office and let me know how many goat or lamb tags you will need. The deadline for getting your order into the Extension office is August 18, 2008. Once tag orders have been received from the state office, we will set up a validation day to validate animals in the county.



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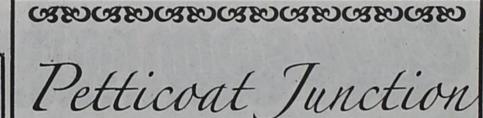
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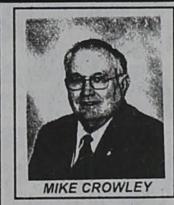
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A Cash Crop: Liquid Corn Part 2 of 2 From Motley County Roundup c. 1991 **By Marisue Potts**

(Author's note: The subject of corn has been prominently featured in the news in 2008 with the anticipation of ethanol production, but this is not the first time the crop figured in the economics of our country. The Dirty Thirties produced a ready "consumable"that was in great demand.)

. . . No surprise then that a '34 Ford V-8 with ten cases of Christmas whiskey figured in a raid on a Caprock ranch headquarters near Flomot. In late November of 1934, revenuer S.A. Tibbetts and law enforcement officer/cattle inspector Ed Russell uncovered a ring of bootleggers hoarding a cache of over 2,964 half-gallon jars, valued around \$3,000 at wholesale bootleg prices.

Confiscated besides the Ford was a '34 Oldsmobile coupe, an automatic shotgun, an automatic rifle, some dynamite, and a trailer which disappeared from custody during the night. Two women and one man were arrested, while two men were thought to have escaped. Assisting the two law officers was Elmer Tibbets, school-age son of the agent, and Flomot farmers Rufus Tanner

and Harvey Webb. Saving a few jars for evidence, the men destroyed over 247 cases of hooch.

Gangsters found the V-8 Ford particularly suited to their line of work. Its quick getaway left pursuers standing. Desperados with a machine gun and eight or ten pistols in a new Ford V-8 robbed and kidnapped local folk vet A.C. "Doc" Cross. After Cross's release, one gang member was gunned down by lawmen in Stillwell, Oklahoma, as he and a companion tried to steal an officer's car.

Automanufacturer Henry Ford received fan letters from satisfied customers, as well as gangsters. John Dillinger wrote, "Hello Old Pal, You have a wonderful car. It's a treat to drive one." Fellow gangster Clyde Barrow also wrote praising his product: "I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one."

Perhaps the ultimate product endorsement for Ford came after Bonnie and Clyde's massacre on a country road by a law officer. Their beige grey "Desert Sand" V-8 Fordør Deluxe, stolen 7,500 miles and 23 days earlier in Topeka, Kansas, and riddled with 107 bullets, started the first time and was driven into a fenced

compound.

Drinking non-standardized liquor was not without its hazards. Some distillers unwittingly concocted a dangerous brew while industrial alcohol, used as a substitute for the real thing, was often laced with undrinkable or poisonous substances. In their quest for something to drink, some citizens of Motley County were affected by bad "likker." One man went blind and another lame from the effects of "peg leg" or "jake leg" moonshine.

Druggists were permitted to dispense alcohol as a medicine, and in Texas in 1922 more liquor was sold through the drug stores than in any other state. Even after prohibition was repealed, a 1947 Grand Jury of dry Motley County found the drinking of a "Vitamin B tonic," a patent medicine available at drug stores, to be detrimental to public morals and welfare, as well as a nuisance and expense to tax payers.

Shutting off the supply of liquor, as dictated by law, required guarding the nation's coastlines and borders, an impossible task for the understaffed G men (government agents.) When the Windsor, Ontario-Detroit, Michigan roadway beneath the

St. Clair River opened in November 1930, it was christened the "funnel" for the illicit flow. Ferries openly transported liquor in bulk across the Great Lakes border from Canada. In winter bootleggers drove across the frozen lakes, their car doors open in case the ice gave way.

Prohibition of a substance that the people desired led to a refusal to abide by the law, a political apathy that silently watched a crime wave that grew larger and larger. Prohibition led to gangsterism, and when the gangs were not shipping drink, they developed sidelines in crime.

Some experts claim the Prohibition experiment transferred some \$2 billion a year from brewers, distillers, and their shareholders into the hands of murderers and crooks making possible the extraordinarily embedded role that organized crime plays in modern American life. Watching the unfolding of the Reagan and Bush #1 administrations' War on Drugs, one was reminded of an era of rum runners, whiskey gun boats, hijackers on the Great Lakes, and murder in the streets.

Texas Crop, Weather Corn from poor to good to a total loss

COLLEGE STATION - Corn for grain varied from fair to good condition to a total loss from hail in some fields, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

AgriLife Extension agriculture agents in many western counties reported all dryland corn a total loss. In other areas and under irrigation, corn was doing better.

"Recent rains have helped the 2008 crop tremendously. However, many of these rains were preceded by a very detrimental hail storm," said Benji Henderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Parmer County, southwest of Amarillo. "Much of the mature wheat crop was knocked out, while corn and cotton crops were completely taken out."

"The county received about 1 inch of rain over the weekend. Most of the cotton producers are wrapping up planting cotton," said Wes Utley, AgriLife Extension agent in Haskell County, southwest of Wichita Falls. "Peanuts in the county are looking good as is the corn and sorghum."

"Corn fields have also been adversely affected by the dry and windy weather patterns," said Gary Clayton, AgriLife Extension agent in Wise County, northwest of Fort Worth.

"Most corn producers are salvaging their crop by haying or silage," said David Winkler, AgriL-

ife Extension agent in Bosque County, northwest of Waco.

"The last few days have been very hot with temps in the mid 90s and high humidity; typical weather for North Central Texas," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension in Collin County. "Our crop conditions at this time are very good. Corn looks extremely good as does our grain sorghum and our few soybeans."

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service reports, which are compiled from AgriLife Extension county reports, Texas producers planted 2.45 million acres of corn for grain in 2008, up from 2.15 million acres in 2007.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters this week:

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were near to slightly above average all week. Soil moisture varied from surplus to very short, with most areas reporting short to adequate. Corn was mostly fair. Cotton was rated from very poor to excellent, with most areas reporting fair to poor. Peanuts, sorghum and soybeans were rated mostly fair. Wheat was poor to fair as the harvest continued. Oats were rated good. Range conditions were very poor to excellent, with most counties reporting poor to fair. Cattle were in fair condition.



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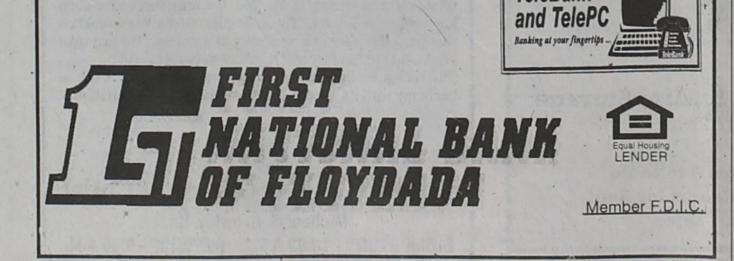
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Earth Talk

Polylactic acid (PLA), a plastic substitute made from fermented plant starch (usually corn) is quickly becoming a popular alternative to traditional petroleum-based plastics. As more and more countries and states follow the lead of China, Ireland, South Africa, Uganda and San Francisco in banning plastic grocery bags responsible for so much socalled "white pollution" around the world, PLA is poised to play a big role as a viable, biodegradable replacement.

An issue with PLA is that, because it is of different origin than regular plastic, it must be kept separate when recycled, lest it contaminate the recycling stream. Being plant-based, PLA needs to head to a composing facility, not a recycling facility, per se, when it has out served its usefulness. And that points to another problem: There are presently only 113 industrial-grade composting facilities across the U.S.

Another downside of PLA is that it is typically made from genetically modified corn, at least in the U.S. The largest producer of PLA in the world is Nature-Works, a subsidiary of Cargill, which is the world's largest provider of genetically modified corn seed. With increasing demand for corn to make ethanol fuel let alone PLA, it's no wonder that Cargill and others have been

tampering with genes to produce higher yields. But the future costs to the environment and human health of genetic modification are still largely unknown and could be very high.

While PLA has promise as an alternative to conventional plastic once the means of disposal are worked out, grocery shoppers could do well to by simply switch to reusable containers, from cloth bags, baskets and backpacks for grocery shopping (most chains now sell canvas bags for less than a dollar apiece) to safe, reusable (non-plastic) bottles for beverages. As for other types of PLA items-such as those plastic "clamshells" that hold cut fruit (and there is a whole host of industrial and medical products now made from PLA)-there is no reason to pass them by. But until the kinks are worked out on the disposal and reprocessing end, PLA may not be much better than the plain old plastic it's designed to make obsolete.

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Recent rainfall not enough to end wildfire risk

LUFKIN - Recent rainfall varied widely this week in amounts and locations across the state. wildfires where grasses, weeds While some areas received significant rainfall, other areas received little or no precipitation. State fire officials caution that wildfires remain an immediate threat in areas that received little or no precipitation and a potential threat even where rainfall of one to two inches fell. Any relief provided by recent light rains and higher humidity is likely to be very short term in nature, said Rich Gray, mitigation and prevention coordinator with Texas Forest Service. "Even a short period of dry, windy weather will sap moisture from dead grass and weeds and quickly render this vegetation dry and fire-prone," said Gray, "and obviously, vegetation in areas missed by rains will stay at high risk of wildfires." Areas with heavy accumulations of dead grass and weeds that received significant precipitation will get some immediate benefit from the precipitation, but dangerous fire conditions could return fairly quickly if dry, windy weather prevails, according to Tom Spencer, predictive services department head for **Texas Forest Service.** "Significant rainfall will lead to vegetation green-up, but it could take an extended period of time before new green vegetation will reduce the wildfire risk posed by the presence of large amounts of dead grass and weeds," said Spencer. "Until widespread green-up, the dead herbaceous fuels could still pose a significant wildfire threat."

Gray enumerated a variety of human activities that can cause and other fine-textured vegeta-

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El ácido poliláctico (PLA), un substituto plástico hecho de almidón fermentado de plantas (generalmente maíz) se está convirtiendo rápidamente en una alternativa popular a los plásticos tradicionales a base de petróleo. A medida que más y más países y estados siguen el ejemplo de China, Irlanda, Suráfrica, Uganda y de San Francisco en la prohibición de bolsos plásticos usados en las tiendas de comestibles responsables por la así llamada "contaminación blanca" en todo el mundo, el PLA se posiciona para desempeñar un papel importante como reemplazo viable biodegradable.

El otro problema con el PLA es que, porque difiere en origen del plástico regular, debe mantenerse separado cuando es reciclado, a fin de evitar contaminar la corriente de reciclaje. Siendo basado en material vegetal, el PLA necesita dirigirse a una facilidad de abonamiento, no una instalación de reciclaje, per se, cuando ha agotado su utilidad. Y eso lleva a otro problema: Hay actualmente solamente 113 instalaciones para el abono industrializado a través de los E.E.U.U.

Otra desventaja del PLA es que está hecho típicamente de maíz genético modificado, por lo menos en los E.E.U.U. El productor más grande de PLA en el mundo es NatureWorks, una subsidiaria de Cargill, que es el abastecedor más grande del mundo de semillas genéticas modificadas de maíz. Con el aumento de la demanda para hacer del maíz combustible etanol, si no PLA, no es ninguna sorpresa que Cargill y otros han estado tratando de forzar a los genes para producir cantidades más altas. Sin embargo, los costes futuros al ambiente y a la salud humana a causa de la modificación genética siguen siendo en gran parte desconocidos y podrían ser muy altos.

Aunque el PLA tiene promesa como alternativa al plástico convencional una vez que se resuelva el problema con sus métodos de disposición, los clientes de tiendas de comestibles y supermercados podrían ayudar simplemente cambiándose a bolsas de compras reutilizables, de paño, cestas y morrales (la mayoría de las cadenas ahora venden bolsas de lona por menos de un dólar cada una) a botellas reutilizables (no de plástico) para las bebidas. En lo que respecta a otros tipos de artículos de PLA--tales como esas "bandejitas plásticas" para fruta cortada (y ahora hay un montón de productos industriales v médicos hechos de PLA) -no hay ninguna razón de ignorarles. Pero hasta que sus problemas de disposición y procesamiento se clarifiquen satisfactoriamente, el PLA puede que no sea mucho mejor que el viejo plástico que pretende reemplazar. ¿TIENE ALGUNA PREGUN-TA SOBRE EL MEDIO AMBI-

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Texas continues to have personnel and equipment mobilized from other states to bolster the state's firefighting capacity. With growing competition for national firefighting resources from other states, most notably California, the likelihood of getting additional resources from other states is shrinking.

of red palm mite issued

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Agriculture has quarantined four Florida counties to prevent entry of the red palm mite into Texas. The pest, which is about 1/100th of an inch in length, bright red and barely visible to the naked eye, feeds on leaves of 32 palm species.

"Protecting the Texas agricul-. ture industry from destructive pests is critical to the continued economic vitality of our producers," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "We must use available regulatory actions to assist our growers in their fight to keep the red palm mite out of Texas."

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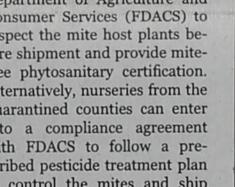
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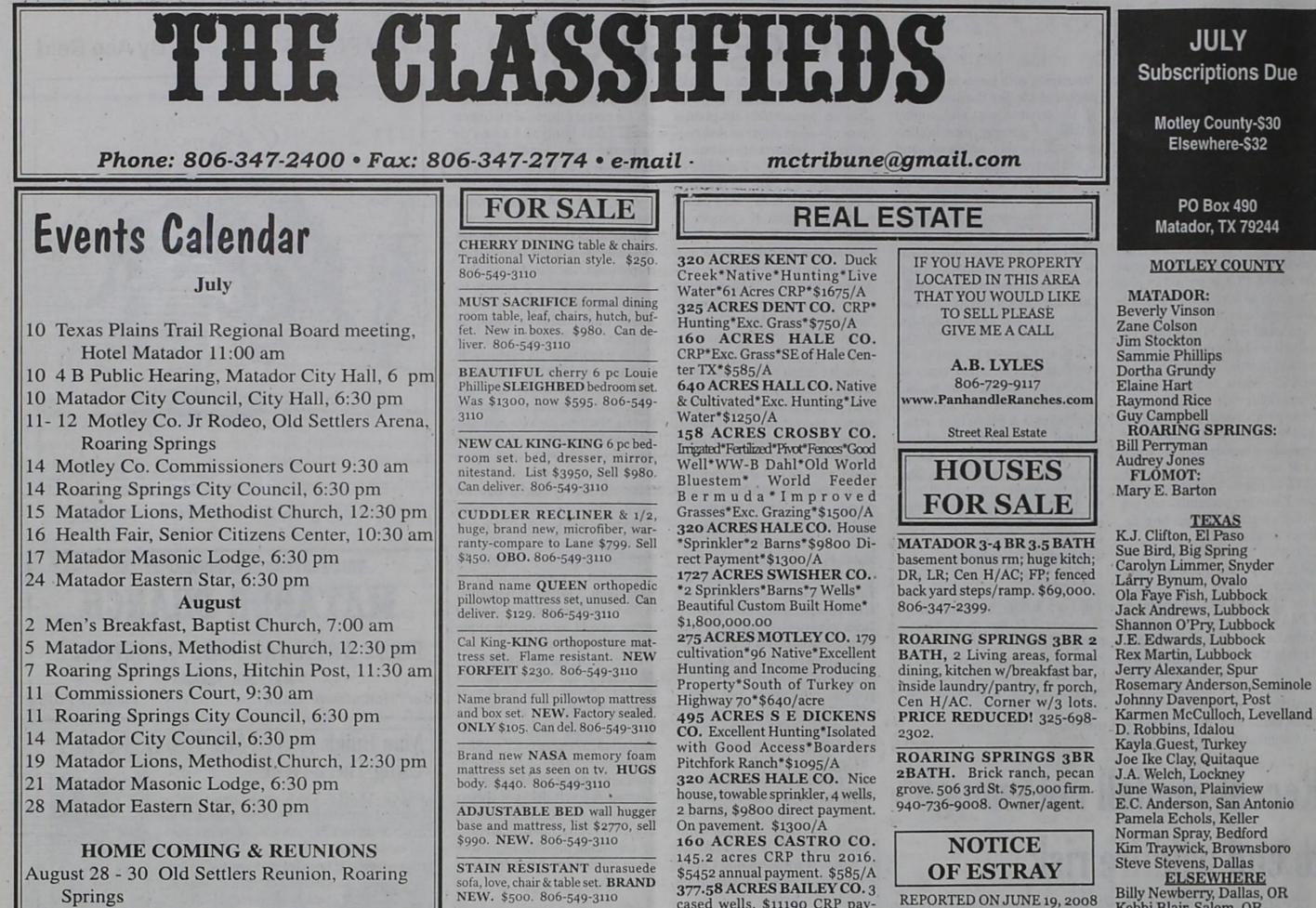
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