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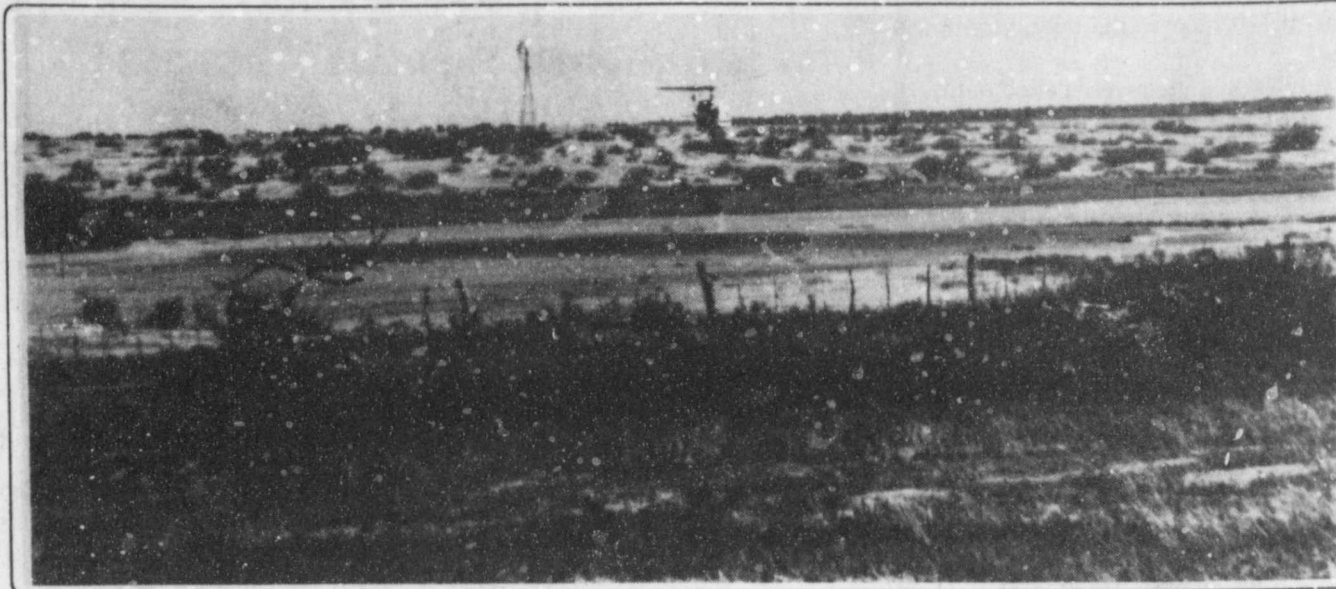
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Range fire blackens 5,000 acres off Caprock



SCOOPING THE WATER--Watching the helicopter pilots fly in and scoop water from a valuable playa lake was like watching an artist at work. The helicopters were used to carry the water from the playa lake on

Hwy. 97 near the home of D.M. Cogdell, to the hot spots of the range fire that burned approximately 5,000 acres Wednesday-Friday.

Staff Photo

An estimated 5,000 acres of rangeland was burned in Floyd, Motley and Briscoe County last week.

The loss would have been greater had it not been for the combined efforts of local, state, and National entities working together to bring the blaze under control.

The vigilance of volunteer firemen kept the fire from destroying homes during two days of non-stop firefighting, however the desperately needed rangeland for cattle and other livestock is now gone.

The blaze was reported at approximately 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, on Highway 97, four miles from Floyd and Motley County line. "It started just on top of the Caprock," said Asst. Matador Fire Chief Craig Turner.

"We don't know how it started--it began just off of the highway."

Turner and Matador Fire Chief Rodney Williams coordinated the work of approximately 150 firemen before the blaze was finally contained at 8:00 p.m. Thursday night, July 30.

"Lockney Fire Department stayed the night on Thursday when it was finally contained," said Turner. "Then on Friday at 4:00 p.m. the Dougherty and Quitaque Fire Departments finished it."

According to Turner the fire is considered contained when you have a line burned all the way around it.

Landowners losing grassland in the area were Rex Yeary, Todd Beedy, Jim Doucette, and D.M. Cogdell, of Floyd County, Mr. Fitzgerald, of Plainview, and the Pigg family of Quitaque.

"Only one abandoned house was burned," said Turner. "There were five homes threatened at different times during the fire but we took turns sitting at the houses so we could save them."

Volunteer efforts by the local fire departments in Floydada, Lockney, Dougherty, Matador, Quitaque, Flomot, Turkey, and Abernathy, were helped out by the Texas Forestry Service, the National Forestry Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and TEXDOT from the Lubbock and Childress District.

Six graders from Floyd County Pct. #2, #3, and #4 were also kept busy.

"The Forestry Service had five service engines at the scene," said Turner. "Because of the drought and fire conditions the Forestry Service were standing by in Childress and Amarillo.

These men came from Montana, Idaho, New Mexico and Texas."

Les Rogers, with the Texas Forestry Service in Canyon, and DPS coordinator Capt. Steve Reddish, of Lubbock, worked with Turner and Fire Chief Williams, to coordinate the state and local entities.

"The Forestry Service also provided us with 5 engines, 2 Bell 212 helicopters, 1 Sky Crane helicopter, and 5 SEATS (Single Engine Air Tank Support) planes," said Turner.

Each Bell helicopter held 600 gallons of water and the Sky Crane had a capacity for 2500 gallons.

The SEATS could each hold 500 gallons of fire retardant.

The water was gathered at a playa lake, on Hwy. 97, approximately 2 miles west of the fire, on property owned by D.M. Cogdell.

"TEXDOT supplied us with 3 dozers, four maintainers, and a full support crew to run the equipment," said Turner. They came out of Matador, Childress, Plainview, Floydada, Dickens and Guthrie."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife also supplied a sprayer and men with hand tools.

"We want to thank everyone who helped," said Turner. "We appreciate the citizens who brought us water and other things to drink. Their support kept us going."

"This is a good time to remember to thank your local fireman," said Turner. "These volunteer departments can't keep going without the support of the communities they serve."

Lockney Chamber sets Aug. 29 as date for Old Fashioned Saturday

LOCKNEY--Members of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce gathered Tuesday morning to make plans for Old Fashioned Saturday and the state finals of the Texas Pedal Pull contest.

Saturday, August 29 is the day set for the events which will take place on Main Street in Lockney between Locust and College Streets.

The pedal pulls will begin at 1:00 p.m. Roy and Doris Ray will be in charge of this event. Children from around the state will be competing. They have previously qualified in pedal pulls held in their home towns. The winners of the state competition in Lockney will advance to the national competition in Nebraska in September.

Activities on Main Street will kick off at 116 S. Main on Mondays or Thursdays.

In case of inclement weather the pedal pull will be moved to the entertainment building at the fairgrounds and the dance to the cafeteria at the elementary school.

Directors present at the meeting were President Phil Cotham, Secretary Barbara Kaylor, Treasurer Mark Sherman, Chad Frizzell, Kelly Pachiano, Jerry Edwards, J.D. Copeland, Ronnie Hardin, Roy Ray, Doylene Dipprey, Marilyn Anderson, and Neta Marble.

Library Friends plan Denim 'N Diamonds fund raising dinner

After weeks of planning, the Friends of the Floyd County Library unwrapped plans for a Denim 'N Diamonds dinner to be held at the Plains Baptist Encampment on Saturday evening, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Although tickets are just being released for sale, a number of tables have already been sold for the fall benefit evening-out.

The Library Friends organization was excited at the meeting Tuesday, as committees reported on the entertainment for the benefit. Kandice Davey, a Miss Wayland, will bring a song and comedy routine; Nancy Robinson Master of Abilene, a pilot and noted author, will relate some of her more memorable experiences in the air and on the ground; librarians, church, school and county will be recognized. Dinner music will be provided by Penny Geisecke.

Tickets for the event are \$25.00 and those attending will be eligible for the drawing for prizes. Dress for the Denim 'N Diamonds evening of rib-eye steak and entertainment is "nicely-casual" and comfortable befitting the atmosphere of the encampment and the theme of the event.

Dance to benefit an ailing Foster

A benefit dance to help pay medical expenses for Robert Foster, of Floydada, will be held Aug. 15, at the VFW in Plainview, from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight.

off around 10:00 a.m. The street will be full of food and game booths. Booth space is still available. Contact Marilyn Anderson at 652-2329. Spaces are \$25.00 each and there are none left with electricity.

Entertainment is scheduled from 4:00 until 8 p.m. At the present time, US Pickers are scheduled to entertain with their music. Anyone who would like to perform on the outdoor stage is asked to contact Phil Cotham at 652-4910 or 652-2758.

The Country Nights from Plainview will play at the street dance from 8:00 until midnight.

The Lockney Library is hosting a book sale. Anyone with books they would like to donate are asked to bring them to the Hesperian-Beacon

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HAULING WATER--Forestry Service helicopters leave the playa lake carrying another load of valuable water which was taken to the range fire off of the Caprock..

Staff Photo

Local citizen remembers aftermath of atomic bomb

Floydada chiropractor, Dr. Keith C. Patzer, still vividly remembers the days the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan.

He had the unenviable position, as part of the Naval Amphibious Group 4, of being one of the first Americans in Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped.

The amphibious group consisted of Army, Marines, and Navy personnel. Their function was to make beach landings on the Japanese islands and secure the island after the bomb was dropped.

Three weeks after the bomb was dropped the group entered Hiroshima.

"After the first atomic bomb was dropped we invaded Japan," said Dr. Patzer. "Our purpose was to make contact with the Japanese in remote villages and tell them the war was ended. We also served as occupation forces for several months."

The assignment was, of course, a difficult one.

Met with some resistance on the beaches of Japan, the Americans fought their way inland.

"It was not a pleasant sight," said Patzer. "Out of the 100,000 population, it was estimated that 70% were vaporized and became part of the mushroom cloud that followed the explosion.

"The remaining 30% were mutilated, severely burned, blinded, and bleeding through the skin. All the food, water and air was contaminated with radiation."

Patzer was with a group which was

Reception planned for new AFS student

FLOYDADA--The local AFS Chapter is sponsoring a reception to meet the new foreign exchange student in Floydada.

Raphael Steiner, 17, of Switzerland, will be staying with Larry and Renee Jones, of Floydada, during his senior year at Floydada High School.

The public is invited to visit with Raphael at Lighthouse Electric, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 9th.

given the assignment of going into the hills and spreading the word of the end of the war to those isolated from the news.

"Because many people did not know, we still faced a lot of sniper

fire," said Patzer. "It was hard to talk to people, who couldn't speak English--and we couldn't speak Japanese--and convince them that we weren't there to fight them."

"They would take a look at you in

your uniform, with your rifle, and not believe that you weren't going to hurt them."

Patzer believes dropping the atom bombs is what ended WWII.

"The only advantage of the bomb

on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is that it probably saved hundreds of thousands of American and Japanese lives. If we

had not dropped the bombs the war would have dragged on for some time longer."



HIROSHIMA--This is a photograph of the aftermath of the atom bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. It was taken by the ship photographer on board the USS Mt. McKinley--AGC7 (Amphibious Ground Communications). Floydada Chiropractor, Dr. Keith

Patzer, was on board that ship and part of the Naval Amphibious Group 4 which occupied Japan three weeks after the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Patzer brought in this picture in remembrance of the 53rd anniversary of the Hiroshima atom bomb, today, Aug. 6, 1998.

CORRECTION

Due to a misunderstanding, the water level at Lake Mackenzie is only down approximately two feet from a year ago and is now at 76.75 feet.

City Hall says, "If the numbers reported by City Manager Gary Brown caused anyone to start conserving water--THANKS!"

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

I want to set the record straight. For those of you who came to the conclusion from last weeks Floydada Police Report, that Police Chief Darrell Gooch and myself were at odds with each other--we aren't.

After 5 weeks of Gooch not being able to talk to me on Tuesdays--which is when I get the information for the police report--I had to put something in to let people know that I wasn't shirking my responsibility.

Neither was Gooch. He was busy either with police business--or fire business (of which he is a volunteer). The last couple of weeks he was attending training schools.

All I said under the spot for the police report was, "We have not had a police report in this newspaper in the past several weeks because the police chief has been unavailable."

Gooch said when he got back from school he had lots of people ask him, "What happened between you and the newspaper? Is Alice mad at you? What did you do?"

He hadn't even read the paper and it came as a shock to him to have so many people asking.

He laughs about it now--thank goodness.

Gooch told me he stuck up for the press in Floyd County while he was away at the school. "All these policemen and firemen kept talking about the horrible press they had in their towns and how they couldn't get along," said Gooch. "I told them, I hate to tell you this guys, but I get along fine with our newspaper!"

"Then I come back and find out you're mad at me!"

The only reason I even felt compelled to say anything was because of the amount of people who asked where the report was. One person even suspected we were trying to cover something up.

Anyway, it was just supposed to be a simple, to the point, statement of unavailability. I'm sorry it was perceived to be something else.

August 6th is the anniversary of the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima.

Over the years, as History is rewritten, young people in Japan are being taught that the U.S. was responsible for the Japan and the U.S. conflicts.

They aren't taught that Japanese leaders instigated the battles with the unprovoked attack of Pearl Harbor. It would really really bother me that Japan teaches this, except for the fact that the U.S. does quite a bit of re-writing of history too.

My father, who was a Japanese P.O.W. for 3 1/2 years, recently spoke at a conference at Trinity University in San Antonio. The Nimitz Museum, of Fredricksburg, sponsored the series of debates.

Basically the question being addressed by the speakers was, "Were we right to drop the bomb?"

The three day conference was covered by C-Span and broadcast on T.V. There was a "learned" scholar who spoke on the issue. He was too young to have fought in the war, but he was an "expert" in his field.

He told the veterans in the audience that WWII, and the dropping of the Atomic Bomb, was still a very emotional issue because so many of the veterans were still alive.

Basically he told them that once they were all dead then the subject would be able to be debated objectively. The translation is, "When you're gone--we will rewrite History."

My dad said the man was almost booted off the stage.

Those veterans are so emotional! They've really got to become more objective about the whole thing.

I've got a very simplistic outlook on the dropping of the bomb.

If we hadn't done it--my father would not be here--I would not be here--and we'd probably be talking Japanese and worshipping a Sun god right now.

To those who endured the war--on both sides--lets not rewrite History. Otherwise, we'll be writing it for the first time, all over again.

Courtroom Activities

In County Court, July 30, Roy Lynn Roper Jr., 26, of Lubbock, pled guilty to a July 22, 1998 charge of DWI-2nd.

He was fined \$750.00 and sentenced to 9 months in jail which was probated for 2 years. He was also ordered to pay court costs and his driver's license was suspended for 180 days.

Also on July 30, Norma Jean

Castillo, 34, of Floydada, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition on this case.

July 22, Ty Leslie Fawver, 17, of Floydada, pled guilty to a June 26, 1998 charge of Reckless Driving. He was fined \$200.00 and sentenced to 30 days in jail which was probated for 1 year and court costs.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

With recent stories concerning a budget surplus of \$2.7 billion and the various talk of how that revenue might be spent, I want to make sure my constituents understand my view of this so-called "Pot of Gold."

In the last legislative session, I authored an amendment to the state budget for a 5 percent across-the-board cut in state spending. With a two-year budget in excess of \$80 billion, I felt it was reasonable for our state agencies to find a way to reduce their department budgets by this small amount without impacting services to the people of Texas. What I learned was a sad commentary on the mindset of those bureaucrats who feed at the public trough. They view it as their money, not ours--the taxpayers of

Texas.

Families and businesses in Texas reduce spending when necessary as a means of wisely managing their money. People do it everyday and we should expect no less from those people who are stewards of the public funds. The sad commentary to this episode of good times is that the surplus has been spent several times over in the minds of policymakers. I can understand keeping up with the true cost of education or maintaining public infrastructure, as these investments lead to a strong economy. But, I cannot support throwing money at state agencies that are riddled with inefficiencies.

I will vote we return these funds to the taxpayers of Texas. I will be the first to concede our system of taxation is a nightmare and should be reformed but the bigger problem is the spending. My message will be that government should learn to do more with less and I hope my constituents will join me in this effort to send the same message to those in Austin.

Sincerely,
Tom Haywood
State Senator District 30

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Floydada Police Report

During a recent departmental report to the Floydada City Council, Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch told the council members that for the period of July 1, 1997-July 1, 1998, the police department received 360 reported criminal offenses that required police intervention or investigation.

The officers filed 198 criminal cases: 44 cases with Municipal Court, 66 in County Court, 29 in District Court, and 59 cases in Juvenile Court.

Throughout the time period the officers made 208 criminal arrests and investigated 54 traffic accidents.

529 traffic citations were issued and 105 written warnings were given. Verbal warnings are not recorded.

According to Gooch the police also volunteered for community related projects, such as: Spirit of Sharing, Fire Department, Tiger League Football, baseball coaching, school club organizations, and helped with the athletic department.

The department also volunteered and assisted in projects for the PAC and the Counties Juvenile Department, including sponsoring and participating in a basketball tournament in which approximately \$700 was raised for the PAC.

During the month of July 1998 the following cases were handled by the Floydada Police Department:

July 1st, Eastefama Vargas, 23, of Floydada, was arrested by Floydada Police, for fines owed to municipal court.

Also on that day police took a report of an 8 year old boy who had been bitten by a neighbors dog. The owner of the dog, Billie Campbell, was given a citation.

July 2nd, at 11:11 p.m., police were called to the 400 block of W. Kentucky in reference to a man causing a disturbance. Rafael Hernandez, 35, was subsequently arrested for abuse of inhalants.

July 3rd, Rosa Delafuente, 32, of Floydada, turned herself in to police in reference to a warrant for fines owed to municipal court.

July 5th police received a call of a fight in progress at the Labor Camp. Five men were arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. They were: Camillo Lopez, 21; Jaime Rocha, 21; Joe Martinez, 32; Everardo Ramirez Jr., 26; Eduardo Ramirez, 25.

Also on July 5th, at 3:05 p.m., Jesus Johnston, 45, of Floydada, was arrested for Driving While His License Was Suspended.

July 6th, at approximately 12:00 midnight, police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver, Tommy Rayvon, 18, of Floydada, was subsequently arrested for DWI.

July 7th, at 6:15 a.m., Feliciano Gomez, 33, of Floydada, was arrested for DPS warrants.

Also on July 7th, Raul Cruz, 25, was arrested for Floyd County warrants.

July 15th, a man reported someone entered his vehicle and removed the CD player. Neighbors identified the burglar and the investigation continues.

July 17th a man reported the theft of a tricycle from his yard in the 300 block of W. Jeffie.

July 18th, police responded to a 911 domestic complaint call. As a result of the investigation Guadalupe Maldonado, 26, was arrested for making a false report.

July 18th, police took a report from a woman living in the 300 block of W. Marivena. She reported that her purse had been stolen out of her car and she gave police the name of the person she believed had taken it. According to Police Chief Darrell Gooch, "We talked to the suspect and he took police to the stolen property. Rafael Hernandez, 35, was subsequently arrested for Possession of Stolen Property."

Also on July 18th, Mario Barrera, 39, of Floydada, was arrested for outstanding DPS warrants.

July 20, police stopped a vehicle on 2nd Street, for a traffic violation. The driver, Arthur Montenegro, 38, of Amarillo, was arrested for DWLS.

Also on July 20, at 1:30 a.m. police were conducting a traffic stop on Houston Street. According to Gooch the operator of the vehicle, Guadalupe Martinez, 41, of Austin, was found to be in possession of a firearm. A record check showed Martinez to be a convicted felon. He was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was later released to the Border

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Patrol.
July 23rd, at about 10:00 p.m., Jorge Saldana, 18, of Floydada, was arrested for DWLS and outstanding county warrants.

July 24th, police were called to a residence on E. Missouri in reference to a fight. Subsequently Reginaldo Mata, 29, of Floydada, was arrested for Public Intoxication.

July 24th, at 10:10 p.m., Nick Joiner, 18, of Lockney, was arrested for a warrant out of municipal court for possession of drug paraphernalia and for being a minor under the influence of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle.

July 26th, police received a call of a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of S. Main. A woman reported that her boyfriend, Troy Garza, 32, of Floydada, had assaulted her. The case was turned over to the county attorney.

July 30th, police were called to the scene of an accident in the 500 block of S. Main. The police found a pickup unattended and wrapped around a tree. The pickup belonged to Oden

Chevrolet. The operator who stole the pickup could not be located. The pickup was a total loss.

August 1st, at 3:45 a.m., police were called to a residence in the 300 block of W. Marivena in reference to a criminal mischief. A woman told police that her ex-husband, Yrael Morales had been throwing rocks and pieces of

concrete at her car windshield. Police found Yrael at a neighbors residence and he was subsequently arrested for Public Intoxication.

August 2nd, police arrested Luis Aguilar, 20, of Floydada, for Public Intoxication after they observed him walking down Mississippi Street in an intoxicated condition.

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Grays named to Touring Arts Program

The NEW Musical Grays' Stock Company has been selected to appear in the 1999-2001 Texas Touring Arts program of the Texas Commission of the Arts. This is the second time the company has been chosen for the touring roster, which will be made available to performing arts presenters across the state.

The troupe was formed by Bill and Dell Gray of Floydada as a tribute to the Gray family's show business legacy and to the tent and vaudeville shows which traveled throughout the country from the 1880s until the mid-1960s. The concept of presenting authentic tent show and vaudeville entertainment, in many of the same theatres frequented in earlier years by Harley Sadler, Brunk's Comedians and the original Musical Grays, was among the determining factors in organizing the NEW Musical Grays.

The Original Musical Grays were one of the first "family bands" to hit the vaudeville circuits following

World War I. The Grays' tent outfit toured from the late-1920s until 1940, with a territory stretching from Southern Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas to West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

In the past four years the NEW Musical Grays have appeared at a number of venues across the region, including the Flickenger Center for the Performing Arts in Alamogordo, New Mexico, and The University of Texas in Arlington. In 1996 the Grays presented two performances of "Salute to 80 Years of Vaudeville" in a Lockney fund-raiser for the Floyd County Friends' multi-purpose building project.

The troupe has also appeared in benefits for Brownfield's Rialto Community Theatre and the Fair Theatre in Plainview. They have appeared twice in the historic Anson Opera House and are booked at the Gem Theatre in Claude, in October - the company's fourth engagement at that

restored theatre.

Bill Gray serves on the Advisory Board of the National Society for the Preservation of Tent, Folk and Repertoire Theatre. Founded in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1973, the Society maintains and administers The Theatre Museum of Repertoire Americana, which houses a unique collection of memorabilia from early American popular entertainment. Priceless stage drops, quaint artifacts, a massive computer-catalogued library, scripts and music scores dating from the 1850s are arrayed for the curious visitor and the dedicated scholar.


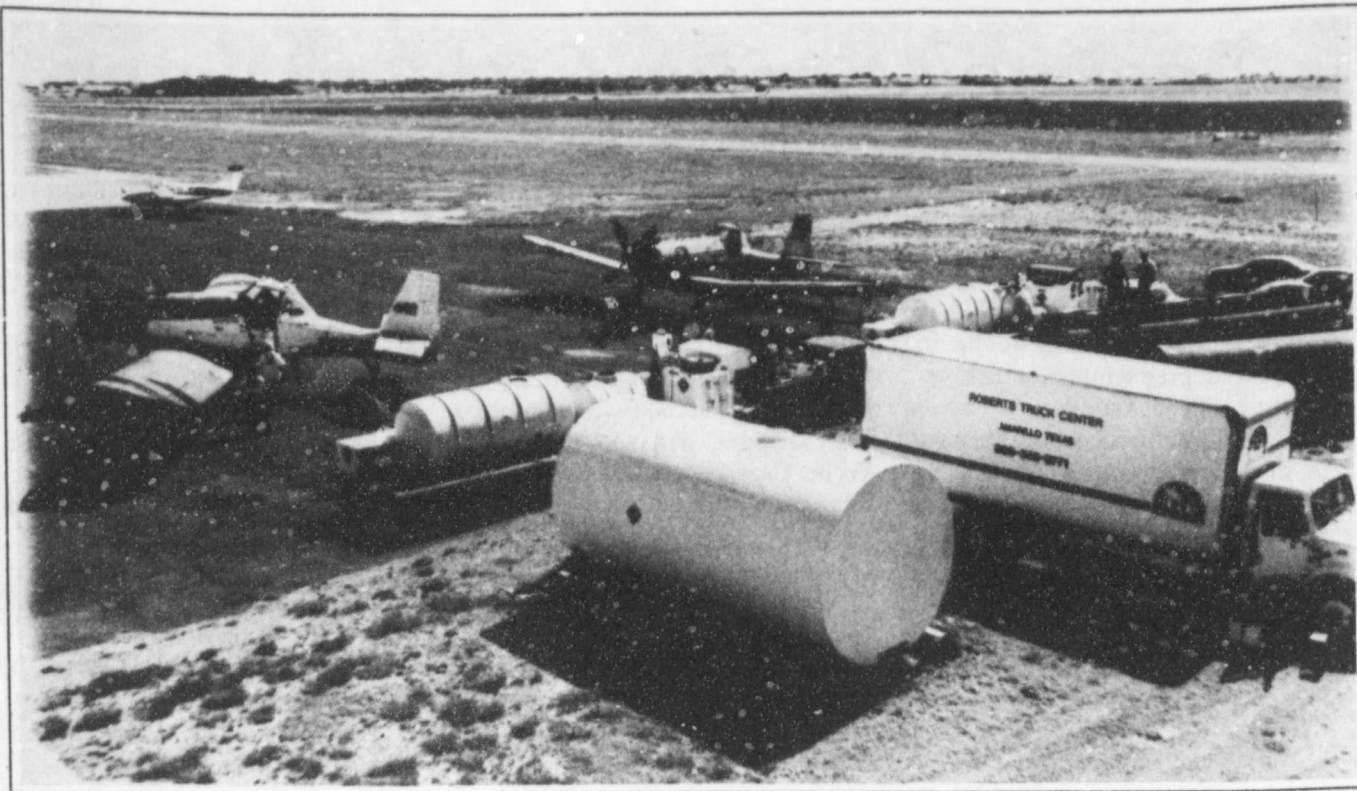
Bereavement support group meetings set

Hospice Hands of West Texas will conduct a bereavement support group course beginning Thursday, August 23, 1998. The six-week course is designed to help those dealing with the feelings and issues arising from the loss of a loved one.

The first session will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending the course may call 652-3000 or 1-888-795-1212 for more information.

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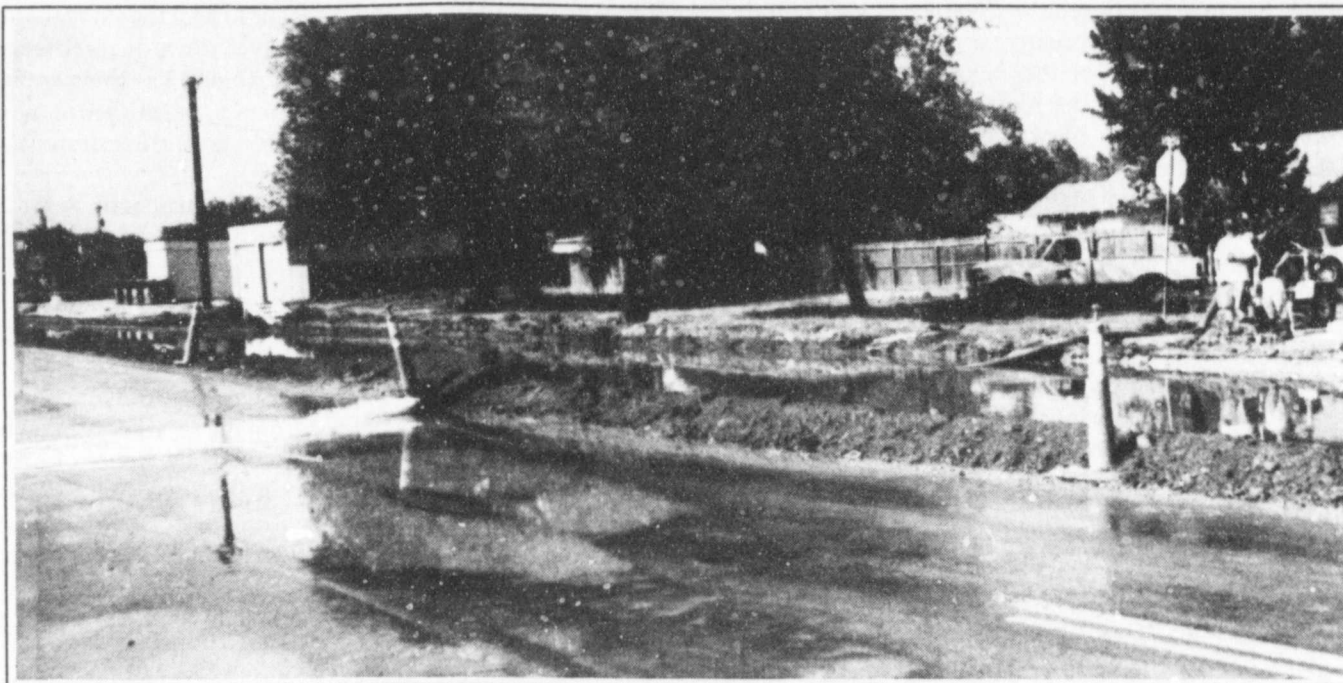
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AIRPORT IS HOT SPOT--The Floydada Airport was a vital asset to the area this past week after an emergency command post was set up at the airport to coordinate fire fighting efforts by air. SEATS planes, sup-

plied by the Forestry Service, used the airport to refuel and to reload fire retardant. The airport also served as a resting spot for weary pilots and firemen.
Photo By Dr. Craig

Pray For Rain!!



RAIN WATER FILLS CONSTRUCTION SITE--In-clement weather is usually a factor in slowing down road construction, however, because of drought conditions on the South Plains rain hasn't been a factor in slowing down work. At least it wasn't until Monday

night when Floydada received .20 inches of rain. That may not sound like much but it appeared that it all ran into the same road bed dug out at 2nd Street and Virginia. Pumps were used to empty the area and the hoses gushed the water down city streets.

Classic Cable to donate to LHS

Classic Cable has announced their plans to donate money to local high schools with each new cable installation or upgrade.

According to Jennifer Hauschild, Marketing Manager for Classic Cable, the company has committed to donating five dollars to local high schools for each new installation or upgrade during the month of August, plus HBO will donate \$1 for each HBO sale.

Classic Cable currently provides all schools with free cable television service and has established a college scholarship fund for graduating seniors. In addition, the company makes

donations to many community events and donates a large number of toys to needy children during the Holidays.

Individuals wishing to install with cable television during this month will not only have the five dollars donated to the local high school but will also receive 50% off the regular install fee. Existing customers wishing to assist with these efforts can do so by upgrading their existing cable service to include any premium service and the donation of \$5 will also be made to the local high school. Again, they too, will receive 50% off the regular upgrade fee.

According to Hauschild, customers can call 1-800-999-8876.

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FNB presents art exhibits

FLOYDADA -- The First National Bank of Floydada is pleased to present a shared art exhibit displaying the works of three varied and talented artists. The original sculpture and pottery of Jennifer J. Smith will be displayed alongside the paintings of western artist K.W. Whitley and local talent Jo Goen.

Art enthusiasts are invited to stop by the bank during regular business hours throughout the month of August and see the results of work by these gifted artists. The public is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to view the works of this multifaceted exhibit.

Smith currently resides in Denton, but has roots in the Floydada community including her grandmother, Garnet Goen, and her brother, Kyle Smith.

Smith, a student at the University of North Texas, has been working in clay for three years. She studied ceramics at Angelo State University for two years before transferring to UNT where she has worked with many talented professors and students.

Smith forms all of her clay and glazes from scratch and the majority of her work is crafted on a potter's wheel. Most of the pieces on display at FNB Floydada are utilitarian in nature, but Smith also works extensively in clay sculpture.

Working in clay is her first love, even though she has explored mediums such as metal work and painting. After her anticipated graduation in next May, Smith plans to continue her education working towards a master of fine arts in ceramics.

In addition to Smith's works, visitors to the bank will be able to see paintings of returning artist K. W. Whitley. Born in Austin, she developed a love of horses while riding, showing, and caring for hunters, dressage and combined training horses.

After attending the University of Texas Art Department where her fa-



JENNIFER SMITH is one of three talented ladies displaying art work at the First National Bank of Floydada for the month of August. The exhibit is open to the public during regular banking hours.

-- Photo by Jamie McGuire

ther Ralph White taught for 36 years, she worked as an art/creative director and illustrator. Over the next five years, Whitley was the recipient of awards from the New York Art Director's Club, Addy's, Print Magazine and Creativity Magazine.

When the opportunity arose in 1988, she and her husband moved to the small ranching community of Crowell. Here her love of art and her love of horses led her to begin painting the western environment surrounding her. After a brief slow down due to a riding accident and to the birth of a son, she is painting full time with a renewed vitality.

Most of her material is taken from the local ranches with a spread west of Crowell run by Buster Borchardt which is her favorite. Here Whitley helps with the gathering, doctoring, branding and various other activities associated with a working cow/calf operation. This experience, along with the thousands of acres of rough, rug-

ged country combine to provide a wealth of excellent material for her work, now done in a gouache/colored pencil combination.

Goen, also a returning exhibitor, works in oils, charcoal, pastels, and watercolor to produce works in a variety of media. Her travels around the world with her husband have added to the subject matter she depicts in her paintings.

Goen views art as a sensual delight, much like eating a delicious food delight. She says she is excited by the colors, people, their expressions and the "sheer joy of painting." She has honed her talents with lessons from a variety of instructors in various mediums to create a unique versatility in her finished works.

Art works of the trio of talented ladies will be available to the public from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. each weekday during the month of August in the First National Bank of Floydada.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Gladys Ragle
LOCKNEY--Well, our weatherman this Monday morning gave us a little chance of rain this week and I hope by the time you read this we will have had some. At least we are not having over 100 degree temperatures now.

James Hill remains in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock where they will be installing a pace maker to stabilize his heart. He does not know when he will be coming home.

Ruby Hartman is home from Mangold Memorial Hospital after being treated for her blood pressure. Shorty continues at home under Hospice care.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"
Young people need old people's

love, respect, and knowledge of life. Old people need the love, respect and strength of young people.

Memorials for July
In memory of Oscar Golden by Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, Gladys Ragle, Phillip and Rayanna Glasson, Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Montandon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Wylie, Carolyn Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, Rusty and Jody Baccus.

In memory of Jim Bert Bobbitt by Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Ulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper, Carolyn Jackson, Rusty and Jody Baccus.

In memory of Alice Ford by J.D. and Hazel Strickland, West Texas

National Bancshares Inc. of Lockney, The Dairy Queen Girls, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Ulmer, Paul and DeLinda Glasson, Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Montandon, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glasscock, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Teeter, Mr. and Mrs. David Cole, Maxine Hill, Mrs. James A. Bobbitt, Carolyn Jackson, Weldon and Pat Day, Marcena and David Beazley, Ben and Cherry, Richard and Beth, Johnny and Joy, Rusty and Jody Baccus, Walter Reves.

In memory of Verna Duvall by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown

In memory of Inez Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown

In memory of Margie Green by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown.

Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo to celebrate fifteenth birthday with show "You Are The Star"

As the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo moves towards its fifteenth anniversary, August 15, plans are being made for a celebration with Ronald McDonald and his show "You Are The Star".

The Birthday Party will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit Drive, Amarillo. Friends of Ronald McDonald are invited to see his show and have refreshments following his performance.

Many families from Floydada have benefited from the services offered by the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo. Without the love and compassion of the Ronald McDonald House, many would have been forced to commute while a loved one was ill and receiving medical services in Amarillo. Since opening its doors 15 years ago, the Ronald McDonald House has served more than 5,000 families from a five-state area, thirty-two other states and five foreign countries. Since 1983, twenty-one families

from Floydada have stayed at the Ronald House during their trips to Amarillo for medical treatment. Each family is provided a private room and bath. A community kitchen, eating area, living room, playroom and library are available for families to be together while they confront an illness or accident. Laundry facilities are provided and all guests are encouraged to feel at home.

During this birthday year there are many ways to help the mission of the Ronald McDonald House. "The bedspreads and window coverings are all original and need to be replaced," said Sally Harbeson, board member and chairman of the birthday committee. "We hope that groups or individuals will want to 'adopt' a room and let us replace the items that are worn." Each of the ten bedrooms needs a sponsor for this decorating project.

"The House is registered at Dillard's and Target in Amarillo so interested

donors can pick something for the House that is really needed and within their price range," said Jan Reid, Executive Director. "At Dillard's just ask for the Gift Registry and at Target, the House needs are listed under "Ronald McDonald." Due to laundry requirement and durability, we have picked items which will last a long time."

Because the Ronald McDonald House has provided services to Floydada families, the Board of Directors hope Floydada residents will consider participation in the birthday gift giving.

The Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo provides temporary housing for families who must come to Amarillo for medical treatment. Not only does the Ronald House help defray the costs of a stay in Amarillo, its close proximity to the medical facilities and its home-like atmosphere help bring families closer together during times of medical crisis.

Expanding culinary horizon can be a cultural experience

What is the common theme in these five international movies: *Big Night*, *Like Water for Chocolate*, *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Tampopo* and *Babette's Feast*?

Food, says Melissa Long, Cea-FCS of Floyd County. These movies have created rich cultural feasts that appeal to the mind, as well as the stomach. Moviegoers are not only enticed with exotic dishes such as Tita's quail in rose petal sauce (*Like Water for Chocolate*), fried green tomatoes at Whistle Stop Cafe (*Fried Green Tomatoes*), Primo's timpano (*The Big Night*), Babette's turtle soup (*Babette's Feast*) and Tampopo's perfect bowl of Raman noodles (*Tampopo*), but also mesmerized with the life stories of the creators.

"Food is more than simply nutrients. Foods and food habits are often associated with ethnic beliefs, values and customs. It is a daily affirmation of cultural identity," said Barbara Dixon, a Baton Rouge, Louisiana, registered dietician who is an expert on African American nutrition education.

As the United States becomes more demographically diverse, so do the foods and food habits of Americans. Expanding one's culinary horizon is not only the cornerstone of a healthful eating style, but also an important step to understanding and appreciating cultural differences, according to Dixon.

A study in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* showed that people who ate between 71 to 83 different foods, as opposed to a range of 37 to 58 items, during the 15-day study enjoyed diets much higher in vitamin C. Their eating patterns were also significantly lower in sugar, sodium and saturated fat.

"By increasing the variety of foods we eat, we are more likely to get sufficient quantities of the 40 essential nutrients our bodies need. This, over a lifetime, will not only increase vi-

tality, but may reduce our risk for many nutrition-related diseases," she said.

Also of importance, Dixon stressed that exploring a variety of foods can set the stage for an adventurous cultural expedition.

Here are some cultural tidbits about certain foods:

- Do you know why Chinese eat dumplings filled with minced meat and steamed vegetables on the first day of winter? Legend has it that the dumplings, which are in the shapes of ears, can help ward off frostbite on the ears.

- When preparing Christmas plum pudding, it is still a British superstition for each family member to take a turn stirring it clockwise (it is the same direction that the sun was assumed to rotate around the earth in ancient times). To stir counterclockwise is to ask for trouble.

- Do you know that in the Hopi (a native American group) culture, it was up to a woman to propose marriage to a man? She did this by preparing a blue cornmeal cake called a "piki" and placing it on her intended's doorstep. If the piki was taken into the house, her proposal was accepted.

- Do you know that eggs cooked in garlic and chicken soup are frequently consumed by Lebanese women to help warm up their bodies? Some Lebanese believe that following childbirth, women are especially susceptible to cool drafts and showers and baths are avoided for ten days to prevent cold air from "entering" veins and causing illnesses.

- The nearly 70,000-member American Dietetic Association is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. With headquarters in Chicago, ADA serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition, health and well-being. Established in 1990, NCND is ADA's public education center and provides objective food and nutrition information.

Whirlwind Sams

By Darlynn Hambricht

FLOYDADA--In the absence of Randy Hollums, Vice-President Jerry Livingston called the meeting of the Whirlwind Sams to order on Monday, August 3, at the Lighthouse Electric meeting room. Twenty rigs were represented and one former member, Julia Baker, and Alan Livingston as guests.

The invocation was voiced by Wayne Russell.

Members recognized for celebrating August birthdays were: Esther Wallace, Audrey Temple, Evaline Goodnight, Bill Feuerbacher, and Keith Patzer.

Couples celebrating their wedding anniversary this month are Don and Sue Chesshir, Randy and Teresa Hollums.

Songs were sung to honor all of these, and were led by J.W. Gilbreath. Chairperson Teresa Hollums assisted by Darlynn Hambricht provided the meal, which consisted of Mexican stack, assorted desserts, tea, coffee, and soft drinks. Sunflower decorations, collectibles and candles highlighted the table. Teresa Hollums wore designed shirts with sunflowers on them for the hostesses.

Betty Miller, secretary, read the July minutes.

A report by the treasurer, Glenda Livingston, was presented.

A slate of the 1999 officers was presented and voted on by the members.

A motion was made by Paul Westbrook to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee by acclamation. Seconding the motion was Harold Reese. Unanimous voted in favor of the motion. All voted unanimously for the following, Presi-

dent: Jerry Livingston, 1st Vice-President: Darrel Mayo, 2nd Vice-President: Harold Norrell, Secretary: Betty Miller, Treasurer: Glenda Livingston, Wagonmaster: Gordon Hambricht.

Jerry Livingston encouraged everyone to remember our members in prayer that are ill or those in sorrow.

Harold Norrell, Wagonmaster, asked for a report from future trail bosses. The August trail boss, Bill Feuerbacher will be in charge at a campout at Circle B in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Robert McPherson, September trail boss, will take the group to Elk City, Oklahoma.

Wayne Russell was program chairman. A film of a "Womanless Wedding" that was presented several years ago was shown. Characters in the play were men of the Whirlwind Sams. Lots of laughter and loving memories were shared.

Ladies coffee, August 13, 9:30 a.m. at Pizza Gold.

The meeting was adjourned.

"Happy Trails" was sung, led by Audrey Temple.

Rigs represented were: Boone and Ruth Adams, J.W. and Betty Gilbreath, Gordon and Darlynn Hambricht, Teresa Hollums, Jerry and Glenda Livingston, Darrell Mayo, Mac and Marge McElyea, Robert and Betty McPherson, George and Betty Miller, Harold and Charlene Norrell, Keith and June Patzer, Louis and Virginia Pyle, Harold and Carol Reese, Henry and Dahlia Russell, Wayne and Roberta Russell, Harold and Audrey Temple, Fred and Yvonne Thaxton, Herb and Esther Wallace, and Paul and Dartha Westbrook.

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Matter of Fact

By Rick Perry, Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The Centers for Disease Control recently discovered that the simple act of hand washing is literally going down the drain. A survey of 7,000 adults found that almost half don't wash their hands after petting an animal. Almost a third don't scrub up after sneezing in their hands.

Such findings are frustrating to those of us in agriculture who work to produce an abundant and safe food supply. Our commodities can easily get a black eye when consumers forget to stick with safe food handling pro-

cedures - the simplest being washing your hands.

So it's up to us to follow these simple steps and, just as important, pass them on to our children. For example, have the kiddos sing that old favorite, "The Alphabet Song," when washing their hands. Why? Well, health officials point out hands and fingernails should get a vigorous scrub with soap and the warmest water possible for 20 seconds - which just happens to be the exact length of "The Alphabet Song."

And that just goes to prove safe food handling can be as easy as A-B-C.

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Floyd County Lifestyles

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

FLOYDADA--The center is open Monday through Friday. A very good hot meal is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you plan on eating lunch please call 983-2032 to let them know to count you. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you. Come and have a great meal, visit with your friends and enjoy each day. We suggest a donation of \$3.00 for the meal.

Saturday, July 25th, Leon and Bill Ferguson attend a "Luttrell" family reunion at Dyers Barbecue Restaurant in Amarillo with 30 family members attending.

Sue Guthrie celebrated her 90th birthday with a party given to her by her children Saturday afternoon, August 1, 1998 in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church. There were lots of people there. Jim said he visited with a lot of friends he hadn't seen in a very long time.

Since I've had foot surgery, I have been unable to go places. I'm home bound for several weeks. So, if you have news for this article, please call me at 983-3194. I have enjoyed the phone calls, visits, beautiful "get well

cards" and the wonderful food brought in. What a blessing to live in a small town and have wonderful friends.

Friday evening, July 31st, Gladys Widener celebrated her birthday in the home of a brother, William and Faye Bertrand. Her sister-in-law Helen Bertrand and another brother, Harold and Laurita Bertrand were in attendance and everyone enjoyed a hamburger and all the trimmings birthday party.

Joe Rainer is in an apartment in Dallas after having a liver transplant. His address is 3500 Gaston, 14 Robert, Dallas, Texas, 75246, and the phone number is 214-818-7401. I'm sure he would love to hear from you.

Claude Weathersbee is home after being in the hospital recently. Our sympathy to Myria Dade on the loss of a niece.

Our sympathy to Lula Teague of Ft. Worth on the loss of her sister, Betty Jo Howard of Lubbock.

Our sympathy to the family of Mattie Wester.

Thought for the Week:

This is the day which the Lord hath

made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalms 118:24

MENU

August 10-14

Monday: Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potato, broccoli, wheat roll, oranges and bananas

Tuesday: Chicken and dumplings, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, hot roll, pumpkin pie or bars

Wednesday: Roast beef, brown gravy, roast potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad/french, wheat roll, frosted cake

Thursday: Mexican stew w/potatoes, mixed vegetable, pina colada pudding, flour tortilla

Friday: Parmesan chicken, kidney or pinto beans, brussel sprouts, cornbread, rice or bread pudding

Lockney Health and Rehab News

By Rebecca Rodriguez, A.D.

LOCKNEY--Hello to everyone once again from all the residents and staff of Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center.

We hope you and your family have been enjoying the weather and the little bit of rain we have been receiving.

July has passed us by, now we're into August. It's time to get all the school kids ready to head back.

We have two residents who will be celebrating birthdays this month. They are Spencer Bailey on August 21, and Mammie Ford on August 23. We have one employee birthday, Odilia Rodriguez on August 28. We hope all of you have a very Happy Birthday!!!

We have lost two loved ones, Vernon Gross and Clara Storey. You will be in our hearts.

We have two new admissions, Lowell Bilbrey and Alma Rape. We hope you enjoy your stay here with us. This is all for now, until next time, God bless you.

Lockney FHA receives national award

LOCKNEY--The Lockney High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America (FHA) received a 1998 Volunteers of the Year Award from Extencicare Health Facilities. The award recognizes the outstanding volunteer service the group provides to the residents of Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center.

For more than a year, the student members of FHA have been orchestrating a full range of events to involve themselves in the lives of the residents at Lockney Care Center. They have organized parties, reminisced with the residents, scheduled visits, given manicures, played cards, celebrated Banana Day by serving bananas to the residents, and brought young children and pets to the facility all in attempts to make the residents' lives more meaningful and fulfilled.

The award was presented to two student representatives of the Chapter, Miss Kenzie Stapp and Miss Tessa Stapp, and their faculty advisor, Ms. Julie Ellison. The luncheon ceremony was held on Monday, July 13, at the Hyatt Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during Extencicare's 1998 Annual Conference. Kenzie and Tessa are credited with organizing the FHA's involvement with the nursing center.

"We have been so impressed with the efforts of these young people in our facility over the past months that a nomination for this award was a given," said Ms. Sherry Coker, Administrator at Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center. "Tessa, Kenzie and their fellow FHA members have given selflessly to our residents on a weekly basis for more than a year. We,



LOCKNEY FHA CHAPTER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD--The Lockney High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America received the 1998 Volunteers of the Year Award from Extencicare Health Facilities. Kenzie Stapp (l) and Tessa Stapp (r) accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. Also attending were Sherry Coker (center, l), Administrator of Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center, and Julie Ellison (center r), FHA Advisor.

as a health care community, have benefited from their hard work and their example to us all."

In addition to the award from Extencicare, the FHA Chapter received a gold medal award from the national FHA organization for their work on a presentation entitled "Bridging the Gap" which chronicled the student's experience at the nursing facility.

"Bridging the Gap" received awards

on all levels, receiving second place in the regional competition, first place in the Texas state competition, and ultimately receiving a Gold Medal at the Future Homemakers of America national competition.

Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center is a 52-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center. The facility provides a wide range of programs and services including: Skilled, P.T., O.T., Speech, and Adult Day Care.

Breakfast club gathers at Strickland's to honor two members

LOCKNEY--The Dairy Queen Club met at Strickland's for breakfast on July 28. The meeting was held to welcome Mary Ruth Fewell home from vacation and send Edith Cooper off to Arkansas. We are going to miss Edith, but we hope she will enjoy her move.

Those present were Eiza Cooper, Wilma Brown, Mary Ruth Fewell, Eddie Douglas, Alice Mitchell, Edith Cooper, Margie Cypert, June McDonald, Almeda Phillips, Geneva Barclay and Florine Radliff.

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1990 Study Club

By Delinda Lucke

FLOYDADA--The 1990 Study Club met at Pizza Gold for lunch on August 1. The members welcomed guests Lori Battey and Tracy Brogden.

Everyone ate lunch and then members briefly discussed the Lights of Unity project. The lights need to be ordered as soon as possible, so we will decide how many we need at our next meeting.

Tonya Gooch, president, gave a short explanation in the club and its activities. The next meeting will be August 19, at 7 p.m. at Lighthouse. Members need to bring a salad and officers need to bring a dessert. Officers for this year are Tonya Gooch-

president, Lori Hendricks-vice president, Kellie Williams-treasurer, Delinda Lucke-secretary, and Libby Galvan-Sunshine girl. Tonya reminded members that dues will be collected, Secret Sisters drawn, and sign-up for committees so all members need to be present.

After lunch, we went to Old Mill Trade Days in Post for a fun-filled afternoon of shopping. Everyone had a great time.

Members present were: Libby Galvan, Tonya Gooch, Jennifer Jackson, Delinda and Delaney Lucke, Stacy Nutt, and Misty Seymour.

Bradford family meets for lunch and day of visiting

By Euna Bradford

FLOYDADA--The Bradford family met Sunday, July 19th at the Massie Center for lunch and a day of visiting those attending.

Those attending were: Tinnie Galloway of Idalou, Corryne Galloway of Arlington, Connie and Michael Lee of Lockney, Justin Bradford of Thomasville, North Carolina, K.W. and Geneva Cook of Winters, Larry Cook of Midland, Marcellita Lancaster and Miranda and Lori Lancaster of Batesville, Arkansas, Bob and Jean Logan of Weatherford, Jim and Frances Wilson of Plainview, Lawrence and Doris Burke of Elm

Springs, South Dakota, Sam Bradford of Amarillo, Pat Bradford of Clarendon. Those attending from Floydada were Robert Bradford, Mary Emert, Doug and Elaine Galloway, Jim Bob and Robin Hambright, Jerry Bradford, Floyd and Euna Bradford.

Those attending a sandwich supper with Floyd and Euna Bradford on Saturday night were Bob and Jean Logan, Marcellita, Miranda and Lori Lancaster, Justin Bradford, Lawrence and Doris Burke.

The Bradfords, Logans, and Lancasters ended the reunion with breakfast at Pizza Gold on Monday morning.

The Lockney Library Associates would like to thank those who so graciously responded to the Membership Drive. Your support is certainly appreciated.

Shirley Hardin
Betty Jo Jackson
Barbara Mathis
Edna Workman

West Texas Bancshares
Sally Shaw
Jim Pinner
Charlotte Mitchell

Again, Thank You!



Look
Who's
New!

MATA

Renan Mata and Crystal Meyers wish to announce the birth of their son, Evan Lee Mata. He was born June 9, 1998 at 12:02 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. and 2 oz., and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Rick and Brenda Meyers and Dolores Mata, all of Floydada, Erma Carver of Shallowater, and Victor Mata of Ozona. Great-grandparents are Cloyd and Mozelle Meyers, and Dolora Dela Fuente, all of Floydada.

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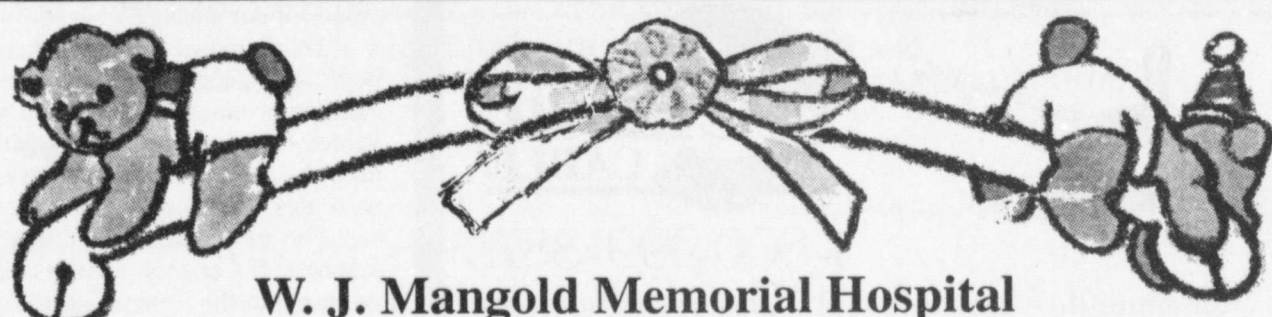
J. Mark and Loretta Nutt are proud to announce the birth of their son, Dalton Kayne. He was born July 27, 1998 at Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center. He weighed in at 8 lbs. and 1 oz., and was 22 inches long. He has one brother, Branson Skye, and one sister, Taylor Lane, both of the home. Grandparents are Edwin and Barbara Nutt of Floydada, and John David Turner and Mary Turner, both of Lockney. Great-grandparents are E.L. Nutt of Plainview, and Eunice Hill of Tulia, and John and Margie Turner of Lockney.



Hospice Hands of West Texas
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W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital
is pleased to announce their new arrivals!

KEVIN LOMAS, son of Audra Ramos and Jairo Lomas Jr. of Plainview, Texas was born July 2, 1998 at 6:43 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces. Grandparents include Martha and Angel Ramos and Irma and Jairo Lomas, all of Plainview, Texas.

MARCO ANTONIO GONZALEZ JR., son of Marco Antonio and Laura Gonzalez of Rio Grande City, Texas was born July 2, 1998 at 7:25 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds and 7 1/2 ounces.

KENLEY JORDAN HENN, son of Steven and Trixie Henn of Crosbyton, Texas was born at 3:19 a.m. on July 6, 1998. He weighed 8 pounds and 9 1/2 ounces. Grandparents include Donald and Peggy Ellison of Crosbyton, Texas and Virgil and Lois Kozojed of Grafton, North Dakota.

RILEY DALE SCOTT, son of Scotty and Jamie Scott of Matador, Texas was born July 12 at 8:49 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Grandparents are Johnny and Lynn Scott of Seminole, Texas, Ricky and Jelene Timmons of Roaring Springs, Texas, Debbie Timmins of Lorenzo, Texas, and Debra Scott of Matador, Texas.

MARTIN MENDOZA, son of Jaime and Jeannie Mendoza of Plainview, Texas was born at 8:47 a.m. July 15, 1998. He weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces. Grandparents include Alex and Mary Cebantez of Hale Center, Texas and Felix and Sofia Mendoza of El Tepetate Loreto, Zacatecas, Mexico.

MICKEY CONWAY CLARY, son of Conway and Lacy Clary of Matador, Texas was born July 18, 1998 at 2:03. He weighed 8 pounds and 5 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs, Texas, Terry Taylor of Matador, Texas, and Tony and Vicky Clary of Amarillo, Texas.

ALYSSA SHANTEL CASTRO, daughter of Andrew Castro of Lockney, Texas and Angela Rodriguez of Floydada, Texas, was born at 6:45 a.m. July 19, 1998. She weighed 5 pounds and 4 ounces. Grandparents include Aurora Rodriguez and David Rodriguez of Floydada, Texas and Estella and Joe Castro Sr. of Lockney.

BRITTANY DeLEON, daughter of David and Cynthia DeLeon of Lockney, Texas, was born July 23, 1998 at 7:27 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces. Grandparents are Manuel and Meli DeLeon of Lockney, Texas and Silvano and Hilaria Alvarado of Crosbyton, Texas.

ETHAN TREY FERNANDEZ, son of Jessica Fernandez of Lockney, Texas, was born July 26, 1998 at 7:15 a.m. He weighed 4 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Dolores and Rudy Fernandez of Lockney, Texas.

MARCOS ADRIAN CERVERA, son of Cristina and Jessie Cervera of Floydada, Texas was born at 12:33 p.m. July 30, 1998. He weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce. Grandparents are Espiridion Maria Cervera of Floydada, Texas and Eugenio Rosa Hernandez of Mexico.

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Recognizing and coping with heat stress

Hot weather is a part of life in Texas, but long stretches of record-breaking heat and drought are extraordinary.

During these prolonged heat waves, the risk of heat-related illness, injuries and deaths climb dramatically.

What is the danger?

According to health experts, one of the most dangerous factors during excessively hot weather is the addition of humidity. The combination of heat and humidity results in heat stress on humans and animals by interfering with the body's ability to cool itself through sweating. Victims of prolonged or high heat stress can develop heat cramps or heat exhaustion. If heat stress continues, the condition can progress to heat stroke and death.

What are heat illness symptoms?

The warning signs of heat illness can be mild or severe, but all are important danger signals. The most serious heat-related conditions are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Signs of heat exhaustion include:

- *profuse sweating
- *paleness
- *muscle cramps
- *tiredness
- *weakness
- *dizziness
- *headache
- *nausea or vomiting
- *a weak-but-rapid pulse

*fast and shallow breathing

*fainting

Heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.

Heat stroke occurs when the body's cooling system fails. Sweating stops, and the body temperature can quickly exceed 106 degrees F. Among heat stroke's symptoms are:

- *extremely high (usually more than 105 degrees F orally) body temperature
- *red and dry skin
- *failure to sweat
- *rapid pulse
- *throbbing headache
- *dizziness
- *nausea
- *confusion
- *seizures
- *unconsciousness

Coma, paralysis and death can follow if emergency treatment is not immediately given.

Who is most at risk?

Prolonged or intense heat stress can be fatal to anyone, but people older than 60 appear to have the highest risk for death from heat illness, especially if they are frail, or have pre-existing heart disease, respiratory problems or diabetes. To a less extent, babies and young children—especially those left unattended in cars or enclosures—people with a history of alcoholism

and others using certain drugs and medications are at high risk of heat illness.

People most at risk of heat illness from exertion may include: athletes, military personnel, manual laborers, farm workers and people who have diabetes or are obese. Anyone unused to high temperature and humidity may become ill during exertion.

How can you help someone with heat illness?

If the victim shows signs of heat exhaustion, help the victim to gradually cool off with water or non-alco-

holic, caffeine-free drinks. Other treatments may include cool showers, rest in an air-conditioned place and wearing less clothing. If the victim shows signs of heat stroke, get the victim into shade or a cooler area, call 9-1-1 for emergency medical service and use any means to start cooling, such as immersing in cool water, spraying with a garden hose or fanning vigorously. Continue cooling efforts until the victim's temperature drops to 101-102 degrees F. If emergency personnel have not arrived, call a hospital for advice. Get medical help as soon as possible.



CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

HOMESTEAD IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Thomas Jefferson told a friend shortly before his death in 1826 that: "I believe the States can best govern our home concerns..." I'm not sure he had bankruptcy laws in mind when he said that, but with Congress proposing to reform federal bankruptcy laws in a way that could endanger the Texas "homestead exemption," I'm beginning to wonder.

There's no doubt we need bankruptcy reform. Congress should close loopholes in the law that allow irresponsible individuals to slide out from under what they lawfully owe. Too many people are taking advantage of current laws. Many debtors have failed to make good on their promises to creditors to repay debt by filing for bankruptcy. This raises costs for everyone, as businesses raise their prices to account for bad debts.

As Congress considers what to do about this, though, I will be working with my Texas colleagues from both parties to ensure that the Texas homestead exemption is not ignored.

The homestead exemption protects a family's home even if everything else is lost to bankruptcy. Specifically, the law protects a Texan's primary residence located on 200 acres of rural land or one acre in the city. While several states have copied it, the idea was born in Texas. This basic protection grew out of the United States Panic of 1837 and subsequent depression in which many families lost their homes and farms through foreclosures. Business stagnated. Money was scarce. No one could obtain credit.

The idea had three purposes: to protect families, the basic unit of society; to give debtors a second chance after bankruptcy rather than force their families into becoming a public burden; and to preserve the individual freedoms that are critical to democracy.

So important to those early Texans was the homestead exemption that, upon joining the Union in 1845, the new state preserved it in its Constitution. Congress has the authority under the U.S. Constitution to establish "uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States." Federal lawmakers have used this authority more than once to streamline bankruptcy proceedings among the states. In the past, reforms were carefully crafted to avoid undoing state law.

But the bankruptcy reform bill now before Congress goes too far by trying to set one homestead exemption on all 50 states. Texas' elected representatives, who are closer to the situation than federal officials, are well aware of the problem of bankruptcy abuse. But at the same time they appreciate something legislators from other states cannot: the history and values of our state.

The proposal in the Senate puts a \$100,000 cap on the amount that can be claimed under the homestead exemption. The Texas Constitution bases its exemption on acreage and not value, to protect against inflated property values. Our state law ensures that families will still have a home even if their property has grown in value over time and would otherwise be lost. I will work to see that protection is included in the federal law.

The homestead exemption is critical to Texas' small farmers and ranchers. If Congress changes the law, I want to make sure the protections written into the Texas Constitution are preserved to the maximum extent possible.

Infants & Airbags, A Deadly Combination

Ninety-nine percent of parents with children under age one say they have heard about the risks air bags pose to children, according to a new national survey. Although most have heard and are heeding the warnings, alarmingly, 11 percent of parents who regularly transport an infant in a vehicle equipped with a passenger air bag continue to place babies in the front seat—amounting to as many as 175,000 babies at serious risk.


The research reveals that these parents tend to be younger, have little formal education, and live in the South. And parents who don't wear their seat belts are also more likely to place infants in the front.

"Infants should NEVER, ever ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag," said Janet Dewey, Executive Director of the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign. "An air bag comes out of the dashboard in the blink of an eye with great force. Riding up front in an infant seat, a baby's fragile head and neck are always too close to the deploying air bag in the event of a crash."

The risks air bags pose to children are entirely eliminated when children ride properly restrained in the back seat. Crashes are the leading cause of death to children. With or without an air bag, children are safer in the back. Studies show that, even in vehicles without air bags, the death rate to children drops by one third when kids ride properly restrained in the back seat.

The research also shows that 20 percent of parents with and without air bag equipped vehicles report not properly restraining their infants. Since crashes are the leading cause of death to children and with or without an air bag the back is the safest place for children to ride—nearly 800,000 children are at increased risk in a crash.

The Campaign, NHTSA and others are stepping up their outreach to new and expectant parents by providing free materials through national organizations that can best reach their target audiences. For more information on air bag safety, visit the Campaign's web site (www.nsc.org/airbag.htm) or call (202) 625-2570.



LOCKNEY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Once again Lockney PTO will be selling packaged school supplies as a service to the parent! We will be set up at the front of the Elementary School on the following days:

- Monday, August 10. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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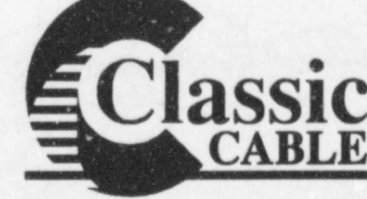
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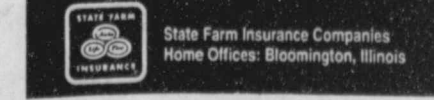
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How Social Security is preparing for Y2K

By Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager,
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A number of people have expressed fear that Social Security checks may be affected by a computer glitch preventing data processing systems from recognizing the year 2000. They are reading horror stories which predict a computer meltdown or at least countless errors from computers that fail to recognize the year change. Fortunately, I can assure you that for Social Security, such fears are groundless. We are on top of the problem and expect the turn of the century to be business as usual--payments delivered on time and in the right amount.

With over 44 million people depending on Social Security for a monthly benefit payment, we recognized early that we needed to take the lead in addressing the problem. We have been working on the problem before most other organizations even heard of it.

According to Kathy Adams, Social Security's Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Systems, over 90 percent of Social Security's 33 million lines

of proprietary software is ready for the year 2000 now. For the rest of the year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will be testing how its various software systems work together.

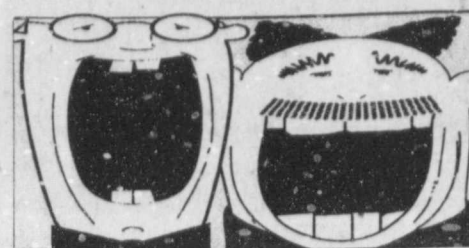
SSA is working closely with other agencies involved in the check delivery process. These include:

*The Department of the Treasury that prepares SSA's payments either in the form of direct deposit transactions or checks.

*The Federal Reserve System that delivers Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) direct deposit transactions to beneficiaries; financial institutions through the national Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.

*The U.S. Postal Service that delivers Social Security and SSI checks.

SSA expects to test the ability of the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve System and the Postal System to prepare and deliver year 2000-compliant Social Security and SSI benefit payments before the end of 1998. "It's not enough for us to be ready. Everyone in the chain must be ready, too," Ms. Adams said.



This Week's Announcements

WELCOME NEW EXCHANGE STUDENT

A reception will be held August 9th, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Light-house Electric so the public can meet the new AFS student, Raphael Steiner of Switzerland. Steiner will be living with Larry and Renee Jones in Floydada while he attends FHS his senior year.

LONGHORN FOOTBALL RESERVED SEATS

Lockney ISD has announced that no reserve football seats will be sold until after August 15th. Present ticket holders will continue to have first option on the same seats held last year. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

FLOYD COUNTY FAIR DATES SET

September 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th are the dates of the 1998 Floyd County Fair. The annual event will be held at the fairgrounds east of Lockney. For more information call Shanna Jackson at 296-2713 or Melissa Bigham at 652-3683.

ANDREWS ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION DATES

R.C. Andrews Elementary registration will be held Monday, August 10th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. School packets will be given to each student at that time.

ROBERT FOSTER BENEFIT

A benefit dance to help pay for medical expenses of Robert Foster of Floydada, will be held August 15th at 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight in Plainview at the VFW.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Bereavement Support Group will be conducted by Hospice Hands of West Texas beginning Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. For more information call 652-3000 or 1-888-795-1212.

CHAMBER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The Annual Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce will be August 21 at 7:00 a.m. in the Massie Activity Center. Everyone is welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE TESTING

Free blood pressure and glucose testing is held every other Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lockney Care Center. Everyone is welcome.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AVAILABLE

Veterans Service Officer Ralph Jackson is available on Wednesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 112 of the Floyd County Courthouse. Call 983-4933.

LOCKNEY AA

Open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in Lockney will be Fridays, at 8 p.m., at Grace Fellowship Church, across from the hospital. If you are worried about your drinking, or someone else's, we understand, we care, and we want to help. Phone 652-3546 or 652-2280.

MEET THE WHIRLWINDS

Friday, August 14th the 'Winds will scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Watermelon Feast.

Come on out and show our team that we're behind them!



WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

It's time to make plans for the exciting 1998-1999 athletic season. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your ideas and support.

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.

All Whirlwind fans and parents of any Floydada athlete are invited to attend. Come on out and help support our kids.

IMPACT LITERACY COUNCIL

IMPACT Literacy Council is now offering free classes in Conversational Spanish on Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Floydada High School in room 110. Park North side. Instructor - Jos Israel Pesina. For info or registration call Rachael Castillo at 983-5315 after 5:30 p.m. We offer GED classes in room 108. We also have Citizenship/English as a Second Language classes in room 109.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons meet each Tuesday night in Floydada at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope is welcome. Meetings are at 111 North Wall, a block north of the courthouse. Anyone interested can call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

Lockney Elementary sets parent-teacher meetings

LOCKNEY--Parent-Teachers meetings will be held at Lockney Elementary School to acquaint each parent with what will be expected of his/her child in each grade.

According to Principal Phil Cotham, "This will be a good time to ask any questions you may have about the year ahead."

All meetings will be held in the cafeteria.

Kindergarten - Thursday, August

13th at 6:30 p.m.

1st Grade - Thursday, August 13th at 7:30 p.m.

2nd Grade - Monday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m.

3rd Grade - Monday, August 17th at 7:30 p.m.

4th Grade - Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m.

5th Grade - Tuesday, August 18th at 7:30 p.m.

All parents are encouraged to be present.

Massage may benefit athletes

From Baylor College of Medicine
A massage sure feels great, but are there any real health benefits?

"Absolutely," said David Brennan, an exercise physiologist in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Massage increases circulation, decreases muscle spasm and allows muscle and tissue to recover more quickly after an intense workout."

Massage therapy has become an important component of training programs for elite athletes, and many recreational athletes, including cyclists, tennis players and swimmers, are also sold on a regular rubdown.

"Massage helps muscles work more efficiently and become more flexible, two key ingredients in injury prevention," said Brennan.

And athletes aren't the only ones who benefit from massage. Brennan says it is being used in rehabilitation settings to help people regain muscle strength following an operation.

Mosley named to ACU Dean's List

Jared Boyce Mosley of Lockney was named to the Dean's Honor List Roll for the spring 1998 semester at Abilene Christian University.

Mosley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Mosley and a 1995 graduate of Lockney High School. He is a junior secondary education major at ACU.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete 12 semester hours for grades and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Catalogs are available for unclaimed property auction

About 185,000 unclaimed items with an appraised value of approximately \$525,000 will be auctioned on August 15 in Austin. A catalog listing all of the items for sale is now available from the State Comptroller office.

The Unclaimed Property Auction Catalog is also available on the Internet *Window on State Government* site <http://www.window.state.tx.us>.

The web site allows potential auction bidders to quickly search for items they are interested in. For example, a fountain pen collector could learn from the computer which of the more than 600 auction lots contain fountain pens--or even a particular brand of fountain pen.

With a click of the mouse, computer users can see pictures of many items in the auction. Due to printing costs, more photos are available on-line than in the printed version of the auction catalog.

The Unclaimed Property Auction

will be held at 10 a.m. on August 15 at the Travis County Exposition Center, located at 7311 Decker Lane in Austin. Interested bidders may preview the items in the sale on August 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on August 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Just a few examples of the items to be sold include 162,913 collectible coins and currency, 392 gold coins, 4,521 stamps and paper items, 178 pocket watches, and 2,065 rings.

The items to be auctioned come from abandoned safe deposit boxes that have been turned over to the state by banks and financial institutions that have been unable to locate the box renters for five years.

To receive a copy of the Unclaimed Property Auction Catalog, send a check or money order for \$5 to:

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The Lockney I.S.D. schools serve meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for 90¢, and breakfast for 50¢. Children may also get meals free or at a reduced price.

If you now get food stamps or TANF for your children, your children can get free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your children can get free meals or reduced-priced meals. A foster child may get free or reduced-priced meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40¢ for lunch and 30¢ for breakfast.

TO GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICED MEALS FOR YOUR CHILDREN, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL, WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get food stamps or TANF for the children you are applying for, the application must have the children's names, a food stamp or TANF case number for each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp or TANF case number for all children you are applying for, then the application must have the children's names, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member, and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

Verification: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your children should get free or reduced-priced meals.

Fair Hearing: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You may also ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

Raymond Lusk, Superintendent
P.O. Box 428, Lockney, Tx. 79241
Phone: 806-652-2104

Reporting Changes: If your children get free or reduced-priced meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your children get meals because you get food stamps or TANF, you must tell the school when you are not getting TANF or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

Confidentiality: School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your children should get free or reduced-priced meals. Free and reduced-priced eligibility information may be subject to release to other federal, state and local education, health, or other means-tested programs. Some programs already identified are the National Assessment of Educational Progress and officials collecting data for Title I allocation and evaluation purposes.

Reapplication: You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change in status, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or TANF for your children, you may then complete an application.

Handicapped: Mead substitutions at no additional cost for children who meet the definition of "handicapped" will be served, provided a physician has submitted a statement attesting to this fact and prescribing a substitute.

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We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely, Raymond Lusk

Obituaries

JUAN DELGADO

Funeral services for Juan Delgado, 85, of Floydada were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 3, 1998, in Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada with Rick Vasquez, Deacon, officiating.

Burial followed in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Delgado died Thursday, July 30, 1998 at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, in Lockney.

He was born May 5, 1913, in Martindale, to Jesus and Severiana Garcia Delgado. He attended school in Martindale. In 1934 he married Catalina Quiroz in San Marcos. They moved to Floydada in 1948. He was preceded in death by two sons: Jesus Delgado in 1944, and Antonio Delgado in 1967.

Delgado was a farmer and a member of Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Delgado is survived by his wife; four sons: Juan Delgado Jr. of Crosswell, Michigan; Mata Delgado of Floydada; Juan Delgado III of Lubbock; and Francisco Delgado of Plainview; five daughters: Nieves Hernandez, Manuela Mendoza, Benita Martinez, Lupita Mendoza, and Bonnie Flores, all of Floydada; 35 grandchildren; 66 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and two sisters: Maria Murillo of Lubbock and Porfiria Duran of Floydada.

DANIEL MUNOZ

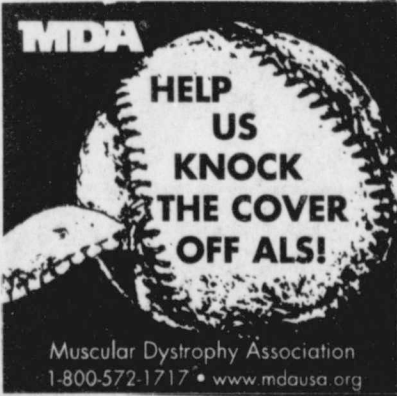
Funeral services for Daniel Luis Munoz, 22, of Lubbock, were at 2:00 p.m. Friday in Ralls Templo Nueva Vida with Leon Vasquez and Onesimo Acosta officiating.

Burial followed in Ralls Cemetery by Adams Funeral Home.

Munoz died Tuesday, July 28, 1998, near Paducah, in a vehicle accident.

He was born July 14, 1976, in Lockney. He graduated from Dwight High School in San Antonio and worked for Marzach Construction Co. in Petersburg. He attended a Pentecostal church.

Survivors include his fiance, Heather Adcock; his father, Joe Luis Munoz of San Antonio; his mother, Mary Baltazar of Lubbock; seven brothers, Jason Lee Munoz and Luis Angel Munoz, both of San Antonio, Joe Luis Munoz, Jr. and Michael Brandon Munoz, both of Amarillo, Michael Wayne Gibson of Gainesville, and Richard Anthony Gibson and Randall Wesley Gibson both of Calgary; three sisters, Lisa Marie Mercado of Amarillo; his grandmothers, Maria Dawn Munoz of Amarillo; his grandparents, Manuel Reyes of Lockney and Soila Reyes of Plainview, Martin and Eulalia Baltazar of Portales, New Mexico, and Antonio Casillas of Lubbock; and great-grandparents, Leon and Eloise Vasquez of Spur.



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Thursday, August 13

Senior Citizens Center
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JIMMIE ELDON NANCE

Funeral services for Jimmie Eldon Nance, 66 of Krum, were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2, 1998, in the Martin Baptist Church with the Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Citizens Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Nance died Friday, July 31, 1998, in Denton.

He was born June 15, 1932, in Lockney and moved from Denton to Krum in 1982.

He married Nelda Joy Tims on August 23, 1958, in Lockney.

Nance received a bachelor's degree from Hardin Simmons University and a master's degree from West Texas A&M University. He was a teacher in the public schools for more than 30 years, having taught in Krum, Muenster, Clarendon, Kress, Stamford and Floydada. He had been employed as a library assistant for the past 10 years at the Emily Fowler Public Library. Mr. Nance had served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Krum Baptist Church.

A sister, Marie Henderson, died in 1989.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Karla Burrow of Midland and Kay Nance of Eules; one son, Kelly Nance of Eules; two sisters, Mayme Hays of Livermore, California, and Bobbie Nance of Aurora, Colorado; four brothers, Wiley Nance of San Angelo, Tom Nance and Joe Nance, both of Plainview, and Mike Nance of Midland; and three grandchildren.

CLARA STOREY

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Storey, 74, of Lockney will be at 10:00 a.m., today (Thursday), August 6, 1998 at the Moore-Rose-White Chapel in Lockney, with Dean McNamara, Chaplain for the Hospice of the Plains, officiating.

Burial will be at the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Lockney.

Storey died Sunday, August 2, 1998 at the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center in Lockney.

Storey was born March 29, 1924 in Houston, to the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hawkins. She was raised and lived part of her adult life in Houston where she met and married Mr. Storey who preceded her in death in 1940. Storey was befriended by Richard Sitlington in 1986. She worked for him as a housekeeper and after her retirement he cared for her.

She is survived only by her dearest friend, Richard Sitlington.

ISAAC GRIFFITH SOLOMON

Funeral services for Isaac Griffith Solomon, 90, of Dumas were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 5, 1998, in Bethel Assembly of God in Dumas, with Rev. Robbie Holcomb, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Solomon died Sunday, August 2, 1998 at Memorial Hospital in Dumas.

He was born May 3, 1908, in Bache, Oklahoma. He lived in Moore county since 1950. He married Agnes Adelene Worth on June 18, 1939 at Estelline. She died on March 27, 1973. Solomon married Francis "Irene" Worth Williams at Sunray, in July of 1973, she died in October of 1992. He was also preceded in death by four sons: Frankie Douglas Solomon, John Edward Solomon, Larry Eugene Solomon, and David Lee Solomon; four daughters: Linda Doris Solomon, Jearlyn Ruth Solomon, Beverly June Solomon, and Sharon Ilene Solomon; and a granddaughter, Aarika Jean Kenemore who died May 27, 1996.

He was a retired Church of God minister, having pastored in Cactus, Amarillo, Olton, Tulia and Seymour. He had also worked for Diamond Shamrock in Moore County and Cut Rate Grocery of Sunray. He also worked for the Green Thumb in Olton. He had lived in Sunray prior to moving to Dumas, living the last two years in Dumas Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Solomon is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Martha and J.L. Kuykendall of Dumas; daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Jim Currie of Weatherford; step-daughter and step-son-in-law, Treva and Gary Rogers of Las Vegas, Nevada; two sisters, Lavena Gunn of Amarillo and Oleta Schleiter of San Diego, California; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Family requests memorials be made to the Activity Fund, Memorial Nursing and Rehab, 302 E. 2nd, Dumas, Texas 79029



MATTIE LEE WESTER

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Lee Wester, 87, of Floydada, will be held at 2:00 p.m., today, Thursday, August 6, in the First Christian Church in Floydada.

Rev. Ione Sedinger, pastor of First Christian Church, will officiate. Rev. Hollis Payne will assist.

Burial will be on Friday, August 7, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. in Wilbarger Memorial Park in Vernon, Texas, with Rev. Claude Porter officiating. Services will be under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wester died Saturday, August 1, 1998 at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center in Floydada.

Mrs. Wester was born January 19, 1911 in Huntington, Tennessee to Henry and Josephine Chambers Jones. She attended schools in the Huntington area before graduating High School from Harrison Chilhowee Baptist University in Knoxville, TN. She earned an Honorary Degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview in 1995, at the age of 84.

In 1929 she married Truman Boyd in Corinth, Mississippi. He preceded her in death in August of 1973. She married J.C. Wester in 1976 and moved to Floydada from Plainview. Mr. Wester was a former Justice of the Peace, football coach and teacher. The Wester Baseball Field in Floydada is named after him.

Mr. Wester preceded her in death in March 1984. She was also preceded in death by one step-son, Ed Wester of Floydada, in June of 1996.

Mrs. Wester was a retired school-teacher and homemaker. She taught school primarily in Tennessee. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Floydada.

A July 12, 1990 feature story in *The Floyd County Hesperian* told the story of Mrs. Wester pursuing her Psychology degree from Wayland Baptist University. Mrs. Wester had entered Wayland in 1974 and even though she was past the age of 70, she was still pursuing her degree at the pace of 3 semester hours a week.

She told *The Hesperian*, "I could finish up what is required this fall, but I don't want too. School makes me keep thinking and I don't sit around and feel sorry for myself."



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Mrs. Wester had only missed two days in the 15 years she had been going to Wayland.

Although Mrs. Wester had to quit school at the age of 12 to work in a textile factory, she returned to school as soon as she could and finished high school.

Over the years she pursued her education between helping her husband, working, and raising her family.

Mrs. Wester told *The Hesperian*, "When teaching jobs weren't available I worked at a variety of jobs—at a post office, a newspaper, a department store, running an elevator, at a nursery school, and as a meter maid."

Another news article, on May 4, 1995, celebrated Mrs. Wester's recent recognition from Wayland Baptist University. The University presented Mrs. Wester with a Citation of Achievement. Before her health slowed her down, Mrs. Wester had earned over 130 hours credit and lacked only one required subject to graduate with a BS in Psychology and a minor in Speech.

Her church honored her with a reception and a card which read, "Success lies in aiming at what you want to achieve, then pressing forward until you have reached your goal."

Mrs. Wester told *The Hesperian* that her philosophy could be found in the Bible, Proverbs 8:10-11:

Choose my instruction rather than silver; knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

Mrs. Wester is survived by: two sons, Larry Boyd, of Beaumont, and Edgar Boyd, of Shallowater; two daughters, Jo Payne, of Floydada, and Jane Englert, of Memphis; two stepsons, Dr. Bill Wester, of Weatherford, and Dr. James Wester, of Garland; one step-daughter, Jean Jones, of Floydada, and 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center, 925 W. Crockett, Floydada, TX., 79235, or Floydada Senior Citizens Center, 301 E. Georgia, Floydada, TX., 79235.

We, the family of the late Curtis Robinson wish to express our sincere appreciation to all for your kind expressions, condolences and for your prayers during our time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you!

Thank you,
The Robinson Family

I, BRENDA SUE BARNES, will not be responsible for debts incurred by Robert Barnes beginning July 24, 1998.

Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon!

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

The Commissioners' Court of Floyd County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998, on Monday, August 17, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom. The public is invited to attend. A copy of the proposed budget is on file and available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT, FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: WILLIAM D. HARDIN, COUNTY JUDGE

Published 8-6c, 8-13c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Administration of the estate of EMILY JOHNSTON, DECEASED, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on August 4, 1998, by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5424, styled IN RE ESTATE OF EMILY JOHNSTON, DECEASED, in which court the matter is pending.

All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1998.

EMILY REBECCA HAMILTON
INDEPENDENT CO-EXECUTOR
FOR THE ESTATE OF EMILY JOHNSTON

JAMES FRANKLIN POTTS
INDEPENDENT CO-EXECUTOR
FOR THE ESTATE OF EMILY JOHNSTON
C/O KAREN HOUGHIN
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF
EMILY JOHNSTON
P.O. BOX 421, 106 E. CALIFORNIA
PHONE (806) 983-5556, FAX (806) 983-3540

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Floyd County Central Appraisal District.
Name of person preparing this notice: Shelia Faulkenberry Title: Chief Appraiser
Date prepared: July 31, 1998.

1998 Property Tax Rates in Mackenzie

This notice contains 1998 property tax rates for Mackenzie Water Authority. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 142,821.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 341,121.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 483,942.00
Last year's tax base	\$191,954,759.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.2521 / \$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 483,515.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$195,278,311.00
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.2476 / \$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$ 142,695.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$195,278,311.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.0730 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.0789 / \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.1784 / \$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.2573 / \$100

SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Administrative Operation & Maintenance	\$ 76,000.00
General Obligation (I&S)	\$ 327,738.00

SCHEDULE B: 1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principle	Interest	Agents Fees	Total
Construction Sr. '70	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 370	\$ 14,870
Construction Sr. '72	\$ 95,000	\$ 66,800	\$ 370	\$ 162,170
Gen. Oblig. Sr. '82	\$ 5,000	\$ 76,750		\$ 81,750
Gen. Oblig. Sr. '82A	\$ 50,000	\$ 41,160	\$ 130	\$ 91,290
Totals:	\$ 160,000	\$ 189,210	\$ 870	\$350,080

Total required for 1998 debt service	\$ 350,080
Less amount (if any) paid from funds in Schedule A	\$ -0-
Less excess collections last year	\$ -0-
Equals total to be paid from taxes in 1998	\$ 350,080
Less state aid for facilities	\$ -0-
Plus amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 1998	\$ -0-
Equals total debt levy	\$ 350,080

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THE CLASSIFIEDS

AUTOMOTIVE FOR SALE

1987 GMC SUBURBAN--GREAT CONDITION--Low miles. Call 983-3646 after 4:00 p.m. tfn

1995 GMC SIERRA SL--Emerald green, 45,000 miles, automatic. \$12,995.00. Call 983-2102. 8-6p

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LIMOUSIN BULLS--18-20 months old, fertility tested and vaccinated. Call Larry at 983-2151 or 983-2052. tfn

CUSTOM SPRAYING

WILL DO CUSTOM SPRAYING with ground rig. Call 983-3744. tfn

FARM EQUIPMENT FOR LEASE

FOR LEASE: Lawson Brothers spot sprayer. Call 983-3744. tfn

FARM EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

16 ROW 3 POINT SPRAYER with 300 gallon tank and pump; 1992 JD 4960 MFWD tractor with 4,100 hours; 1997-7455-8 row cotton stripper; New JD 9 row hooded sprayer with 300 gallon tank and a 1989 Ford F-150 4x4 pickup. Call Larry at 983-2151 or 983-2052. tfn

427 IRRIGATION MOTOR--Completely rebuilt. Call Nathan Johnson at 983-3603. tfn

FARMS/RANCHES FOR SALE

160 ACRES OF DRY FARMLAND--All cultivated. 15 miles northeast of Floydada. Call Turner Real Estate at 983-2635. tfn

640 ACRES OF FARMLAND--Located in the northeastern part of Floyd County. All in cultivation with some irrigation potential. Call Larry, Broker at 983-2151. tfn

160 ACRES OF EXISTING CRP--Not currently in the program. Ready for immediate grazing. Located four miles east of Lockney, just off FM 97. Call Larry, Broker at 983-2151. tfn

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FOR RENT OR SALE

Floydada
FOR RENT OR SALE--House, trailer houses and apartment (with bills paid). Financed by owner 100% to qualified buyers. Call (806) 983-5552. 9-3p

HOUSE FOR RENT OR SALE--Call 791-2029. 8-20p

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH house for rent. Unfurnished. \$350.00 a month plus bills. Call 983-3035. 8-6c

Lockney
FOR RENT--2 bedroom house and 3 bedroom apartment. Call 652-2272 or 652-2301. 8-6p

GARAGE SALES

Floydada
YARD SALE--202 E. Hallie. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 8-6p

GARAGE SALE--Friday, August 7th, 8:30 a.m. - 7. 630 W. Tennessee. Back to school, baby things and miscellaneous. 8-6p

SABINAS' FLEA MARKET--208 E. Houston. Furniture, toys, ladies bike, oakwood baby crib and much more. Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 7. and maybe Saturday. 8-6p

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE--Friday and Saturday. 8:30 a.m. - 7. 906 W. Mississippi. 8-6p

Lockney
3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE--908 Apogee Drive. Saturday, 8:00 - 7. 8-6c

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DIRECT CARE POSITION OPENING--High school diploma or GED required. Some secretarial skills desired. Individual must be able to work in a team oriented environment. Person must be willing to work with juveniles in a residential setting. High energy and enthusiasm a plus. Applications can be picked up at 901 W. Crockett (the old hospital building) or call 983-4925. Closing date August 7th. 8-6c

HELP WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING accepted through August 12, 1998 for temporary employment at Floyd County FSA, Hwy. 70 East, Floydada, Texas 79235. Qualifications include computer skills, 10 key punch, PC literate a plus, must be able to meet public well, farm knowledge is also a plus. Applicants must be a high school graduate or have a GED. Applications may be picked up at the Floyd County FSA Office and must be returned by 5:00 p.m. August 12, 1998. For more information call 806-983-3763. FSA is an equal opportunity employer. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information, (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). 8-6c

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ATTENDANTS OR CNA'S needed to give personal care in homes of elderly/disabled Medicaid clients. Please call Chrissy at Alternative Home Health Service at 798-7022 for information and application. 8-6p

CLERICAL/SUPPORT STAFF position for Intervention Counseling Program. Apply at the Parent Adolescent Center's temporary location at 901 W. Crockett. Closing Date: 8-11-98. 8-6c

THE FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT is seeking applications thru August 14, 1998 for the position of Deputy Sheriff. Applicants must be **TCLCSE** certified, 21 years of age and able to pass a background check. Applications may be picked up at the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, 120 E. Missouri, Floydada or by calling 806-983-4901. 8-13c

FLOYDADA REHAB AND CARE CENTER is accepting applications for a fulltime housekeeping position and a parttime housekeeping/laundry position. Call Gloria Enriquez or Kiki Wilcox for information at 983-3704. 8-13c

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Lockney General Hospital District Board of Trustees will conduct a public meeting to adopt a new tax rate at their regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 1998, at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room of W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital at 320 North Main in Lockney, Texas

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Deadline for all news and advertising is Tuesday 3:00 p.m.

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Drought relief measure clears House of Representatives

By Mac Thornberry, Texas District 13
The House of Representatives on August 3, unanimously approved legislation cosponsored by U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) that will provide farmers in the 13th Congressional District with some relief from the drought by making over \$111 million dollars available to them on October 1, 1998.

The legislation is called *The Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act*. Introduced on July 17 by Thornberry and other House members from agricultural areas, the plan would let producers receive their federal transition payments up to one year early to help them cope with any cash shortage they

may be experiencing due to the drought. Farmers currently receive transition payments twice a year—in December or January and again in September—as part of the Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA).

The Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act would change that by letting farmers collect their 1999 transition payment in one lump sum as early as this October 1, which is also the beginning of the next fiscal year. For example, a 1,000-acre wheat farm with a 30 bushel AMTA payment yield would have the option of getting the entire \$19,000 payment in October 1998, rather than waiting three months to get half of the AMTA payment (in this case, \$9,500), and a

full 12 months to get the remaining half.

Thornberry noted that the advance payment is not mandatory, and that farmers would have the option of deciding based on their own personal circumstances whether they wanted to receive it or not. A total of support for the measure, and is expected to sign it into law.

"In my mind," Thornberry stated, "one of the big selling points of this plan is that it gets money into farmers' pockets quicker than any other proposal being discussed. For those being squeezed by the drought, cash is often the next best thing to rain, which is what this bill is intended to provide."



Floyd County Farm News

Hay hotline reinstated for producers

The Texas Department of Agriculture has set up a Hay Hotline to help connect farmers and ranchers who need hay with those producers who have hay for sale.

The Hay Hotline number is 1-877-429-1998 (1-UPS-HAY-1998). The hotline is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is a free call.

"The Hay Hotline is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to locate forage during this difficult time; Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "The hot, dry weather continues to

take its toll on range and pastureland across Texas, and producers in scattered areas need additional forage supplies for their livestock."

Many ranges and pastures are not providing adequate grazing, and producers are rapidly depleting carryover hay stocks. In addition, many pastures and hay fields have not had sufficient regrowth following the first hay cutting. In some parts of the state, producers were not able to get a first cutting.

"We want to make sure that our livestock producers have access to ad-

equated forage supplies this summer and into the fall and winter months," Perry said. "The Hay Hotline is a precautionary measure since there is no federal Emergency Feed Program this year."

Producers with hay can call the toll-free number and be put on a list of suppliers. Farmers and ranchers who need hay can call and request a list of hay suppliers. An up-to-date list will be mailed to them the day they call. In addition, TDA will put the list of suppliers on its website (www.agr.state.tx.us).

Floyd County Pest Management Report

By Ron Graves, Extension Agent-IPM, Crosby/Floyd Counties
CURRENT SITUATION
Good rains blessed a large portion of Crosby and Floyd counties on August 3rd and 4th.

Rainfall reports on Tuesday have ranged from 0.5 to 1.4 inches. Hopefully this trend will continue over the next few days.

Aphid populations remain low at this time. In fact populations are so low that most fields are nearly devoid of lady beetles. However, one or more bollworm applications could certainly flare populations over the next few weeks. I have received several phone calls over the past several days concerning the status of Furadan. Even though Furadan 4F has been approved for use in controlling cotton aphids, our area has not met the criteria yet to release this insecticide for use. We must have 4 documented field failures before it's release. A failure would be a field that is treated, once aphid numbers reach 50 or more per leaf, with an insecticide and rate listed in Extension's cotton insect guide for aphid control and less than 80% control is achieved.

Southwestern corn borer egg lays have decreased over the past week. Larvae can be found feeding at the base of the ears and larger larvae have been found tunneling inside the stalk. All of the pyrethroids labeled for use in corn are effective in controlling this pest.

Banks grass mites continue to increase in several fields.

COTTON
Bollworms continue to cause problems in many fields with a lot of variation from one field to the next. With recent scattered rains we have seen increased larvae survival. If you have questions concerning bollworms or chemical selection for controlling worm populations please refer to the last weeks newsletter, or call the Extension office. Trap captures of adult bollworm moths have decreased to less than 70 per trap per night. This is less than 50% of captures from the previous week. The best news is that Tobacco budworm numbers are the lowest we have seen this year, with traps catching only 1.5 per trap per day.

PEANUTS
Lepidopteran larvae continue to feed on the peanut foliage at sub-economic levels. A suggested threshold would be 10 larvae per linear foot of row. Irrigated peanuts can generally tolerate a lot of foliage removal without effecting yield.

Spider mites are increasing in number in fields which have received little or no rainfall. Hopefully rainfall will continue and spider mites will remain below treatable levels. Keep in mind that in dry conditions spider mites can increase rapidly and can cause extensive defoliation of the plants.

EARLY LEAFSPOT
Early leafspot is beginning to appear in several fields. This rainfall event with extended leaf wetness could trigger a leafspot problem. Inspect your fields closely, with the drought already reducing yields, we can not afford plant defoliation adding to the problem.

BET ARMYWORMS (BAW)
Beet armyworms (BAW) continue to make their presence known. Some dryland acreage has received extensive damage over the past 4 to 6 weeks. Trap captures range from 87 to 800 per trap per week with an average of 365 per trap. The highest numbers have consistently been in Eastern Floyd county all season. Traps near Dougherty averaged 650 per trap for the past week. BAW certainly cause concern when making other pest management decisions. Once a field reaches cutout thresholds can and should be raised. Some have sug-

SORGHUM
Flowering sorghum should be monitored closely for headworms. Thresholds are based on yield potential and dollar value of the crop. Some fields inspected this week average more than 1 worm per head which is above threshold for any harvestable field.

Greenbugs are increasing in number on the lower leaves of sorghum but I have yet to see damaging levels. If you have high populations or have treated greenbugs this season, give me a call.

PUMPKINS
With this rainfall and extended periods of leaf wetness fungicides should be in place to protect against powdery mildew. A new compound "Quadris" received a Section 18 label for pumpkins this year. The labeled rates are 12-15.4 oz./acre. This compound has looked good the last 2 years in our test plots.

New cotton ancestry discovered

By Kathleen Davis Phillips
Millions of years ago, two different types of cotton evolved independently of each other, on different continents - one with fibers on its seeds, the other without.

"These two types joined together about 1 million years ago, leading to the cultivated cottons of today that are superior to each of their ancestors," says Dr. Andrew Paterson, director of the Plant Genome Mapping Laboratory at Texas A&M University.

"Then about 1 million years ago, A and D somehow came together," he said. "We don't know how that happened since they were on different continents, but the AD plant emerged, this time with fiber-producing quality from A."

That would not be a good gene to use in the breeding program," he said.

Dr. John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station cotton breeder in Lubbock, said the mapping efforts of Paterson and his colleagues will enable cotton breeders to make significant improvements in yield, quality and other desirable traits that are in demand by producers, textile manufacturers and other segments of the cotton industry.

Molecular research at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station now has found where many of the positive attributes from each cotton reside in the DNA. And that is helping breeders develop higher yielding, better fiber cotton in Texas, according to Paterson.

"For farmers, this means that we have identified a subset of genes that regulate the quality of cotton yield and fiber," Paterson said. "Already this subset has been used to breed potential new varieties which will soon be tested in the field and will be further developed commercially in two or three more years if they do well there."

"Over time, both natural selection and scientific plant breeding led to AD types that have both higher yield and quality of fiber than A types. This suggests that genes from D are making a contribution to fiber yield and quality, despite the fact that the D ancestors do not make fiber," Paterson added.

To identify the genes, Paterson and colleagues Chun-Xiao Jian, Robert Wright and Kamal El-Zik crossed two genotypes and then measured the fiber characteristics in more than 270 of the progeny.

"Identification of the desired genes in concert with marker assisted selection will enable us to more easily identify the plants that contain the superior traits and then make them available to commercial seedsmen for production of superior varieties," Gannaway said. "Dr. Paterson's research efforts will reduce our varietal developmental time frame and improve our efficiency."

This research is vital for Texas because about one-fourth of the U.S. crop is produced in the state, bringing in about 5.2 million bales valued at \$1.6 billion in 1997, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

"Fingerprinting tools for a cotton (gene) map didn't exist when we started this project, so we developed them" Paterson said. "Then we did the DNA fingerprint for the entire chromosomal complement on all 271 of them, and lastly we scanned the chromosomes for the association of particular traits such as fiber strength, yield, number of bolls and others."

Their first experiment led to the identification of 14 genes associated with fiber yield and quality. Their recent work has added at least 30 additional genes, and Paterson believes that more are likely to be found. The trick for cotton breeders, he said, is finding which of the genes have positive offerings and which do not.

"There is huge interest in the cotton gene map," said Paterson. "We are continuing to look for more genes to incorporate the subset into Texas germ plasm. We are looking for avenues to isolate specific genes to look for still better cottons."

"Our goals were to look for more genes which we have, incorporate them which we are, and identify all of them which will be done within five to 10 years," he said. "Cotton plants have more than 50,000 genes, but perhaps as few as 50 or so are the key players in determining fiber yield and quality."

Davis replaces Bill Rogers who recently accepted a position in the private sector.

Davis named new chief pesticide inspector

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry recently announced Shawn Davis has been named new Chief Inspector for Pesticides for the Texas Department of Agriculture's West Texas region.

Davis' responsibilities will include supervising, coordinating and conducting pesticide inspections within an 83-county region, including Floyd County. TDA is the lead state agency responsible for enforcing federal and state pesticide laws in Texas.

Davis, a Stephenville native and 1993 graduate of Tarleton State University, assumed the post August 3.

For the last four years, Davis has worked in the TDA South Central Texas regional office as a Pesticide Inspector in the San Angelo area.

Cotton Inc. strives to find answers

by Shawn Wade
Agriculture is facing a critical three month stretch as it strives to find answers to the burgeoning problems of farmers and ranchers across the U.S.

With the support of a growing number of people in Congress, Agriculture's challenge this time is to enact a series of meaningful short and long term reforms. The goal is to offset the devastating effects of this year's drought and to fix what many consider to be an inadequate safety net for U.S. agriculture under the Agriculture Market Transition Act (AMTA).

Plains Cotton Growers Inc. is taking a leading position on this issue and has participated in a number of planning sessions to develop cotton's

game plan for the effort in Congress.

Among the initiatives being formulated are shoring up the Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program (Step 2), developing an additional amount of funding for AMTA payments to growers through the life of the Act, reforming crop insurance to provide better coverage to producers in time of loss and uncapping loan rates frozen by AMTA in 1996.

AVENUES EXPLORED TO SHORE UP COTTON PROGRAM
Cotton industry officials are exploring all avenues to shore up rapidly depleting funds for the cotton Step 2 Upland Cotton User Marketing Certificate Program.

USDA estimates project Step 2,

budgeted at \$701 million for crop years, 1996-2002 will be depleted by November 1, 1998 unless market conditions change drastically.

Through July 24, following 55 weeks of continuous payment rates, \$333.9 million had been requested by domestic cotton users and exporters. Since July 11, 1997 domestic users account for \$207 and exporters \$126 million of this total.

Cotton industry officials and supporters in Congress are currently looking at a number of methods to avert disastrous consequences of the Step 2 program running out of money. At present, should nothing be done to shore up Step 2, import quotas would be triggered when all Step 2 funds are depleted.

Farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought temperature conditions which were occurred from June 1, 1997, through July 8, 1998, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Floydada, Terry Nelson said today.

Floyd County is one of 252 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Nelson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of the actual losses or the operating loan

needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Nelson said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until March 23, 1999 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create back-

logs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Nelson said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Floydada at Hwy. 70 East is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Disaster assistance workshops planned

By Shawn Wade
A series of workshops designed to help farmers and ranchers prepare for the anticipated disaster assistance process have been scheduled around the state beginning August 11.

The meetings are being specifically geared to producers wanting to obtain information about low interest loans available through the USDA Farm Service Agency. In addition to learn-

ing how to cope with the application process growers will also hear from local banking representatives and agronomists about the effects of the drought on 1999 lending practices and hear ideas on managing farmland, pastures and water resources following extreme drought conditions.

Workshops will be held in this area at the following locations on the dates specified:

TDA DROUGHT SEMINARS
August 11, in Lamesa at the Dawson County Community Center at 1:30 p.m.
August 12, in Stamford at St. John Methodist Church basement at 1:30 p.m.
August 25, in Plainview at the Ollie Linder Center at 1:30 p.m.
August 26 in San Angelo at Texas A&M Center at 1:30 p.m.



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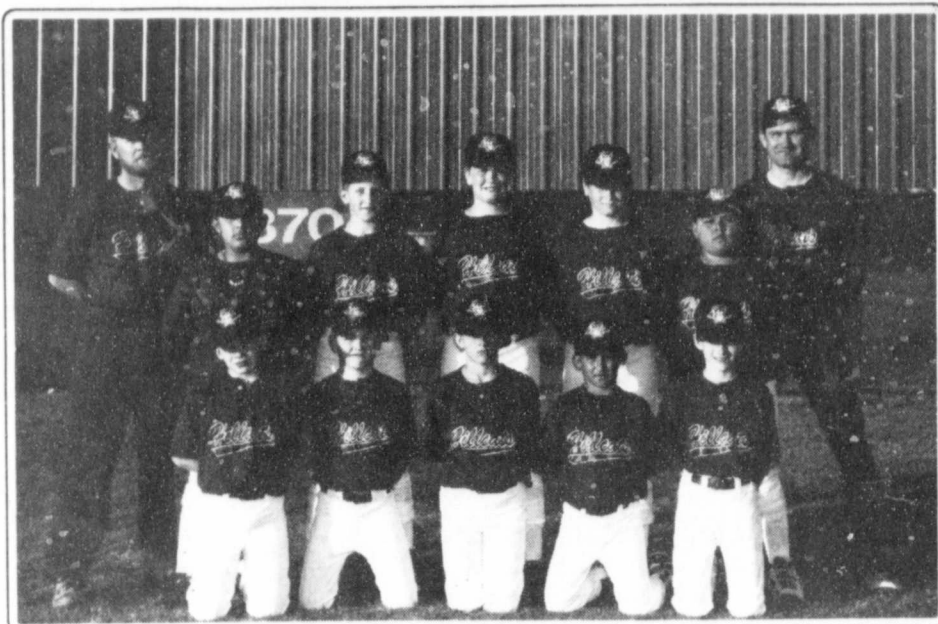
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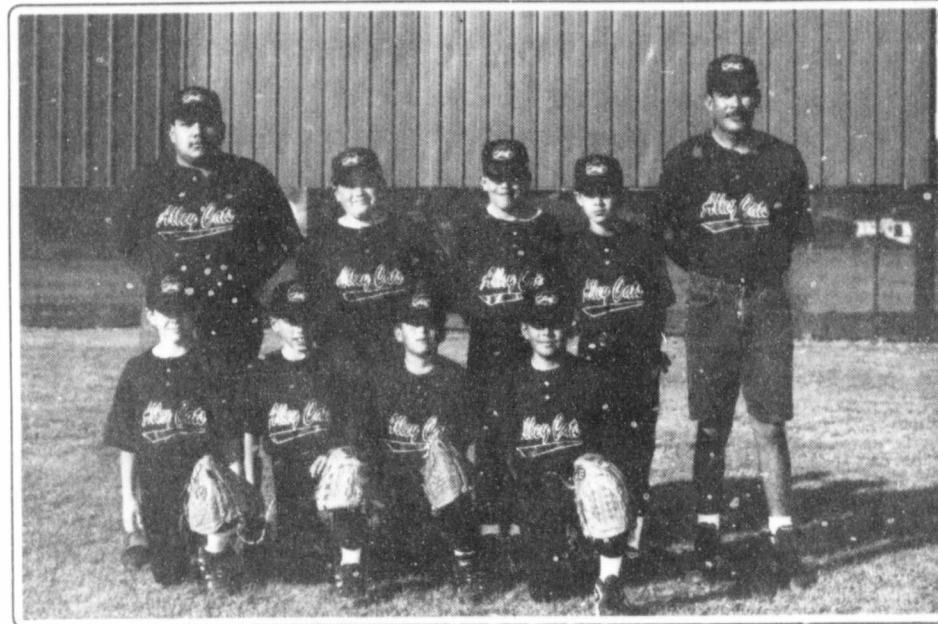
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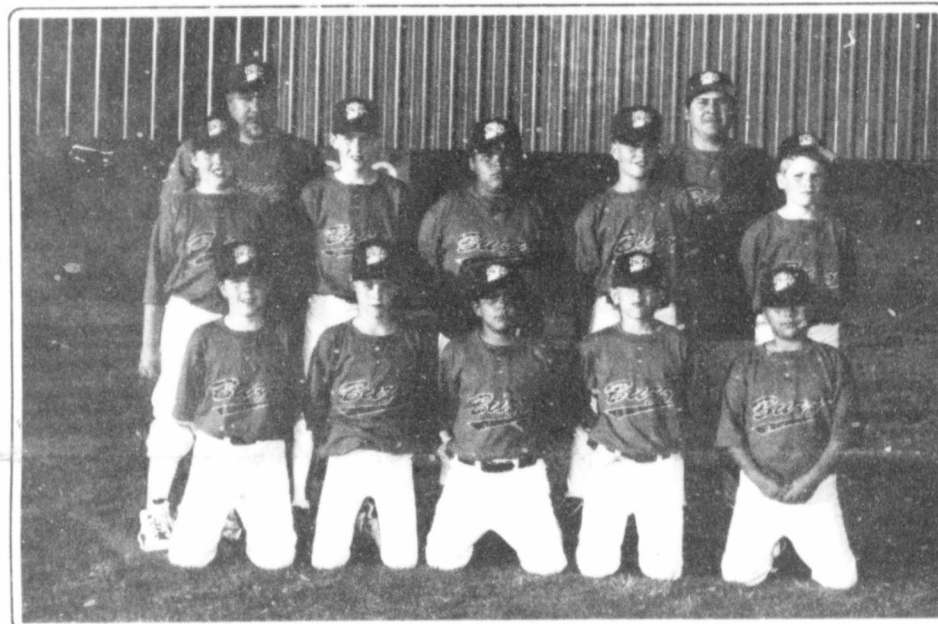
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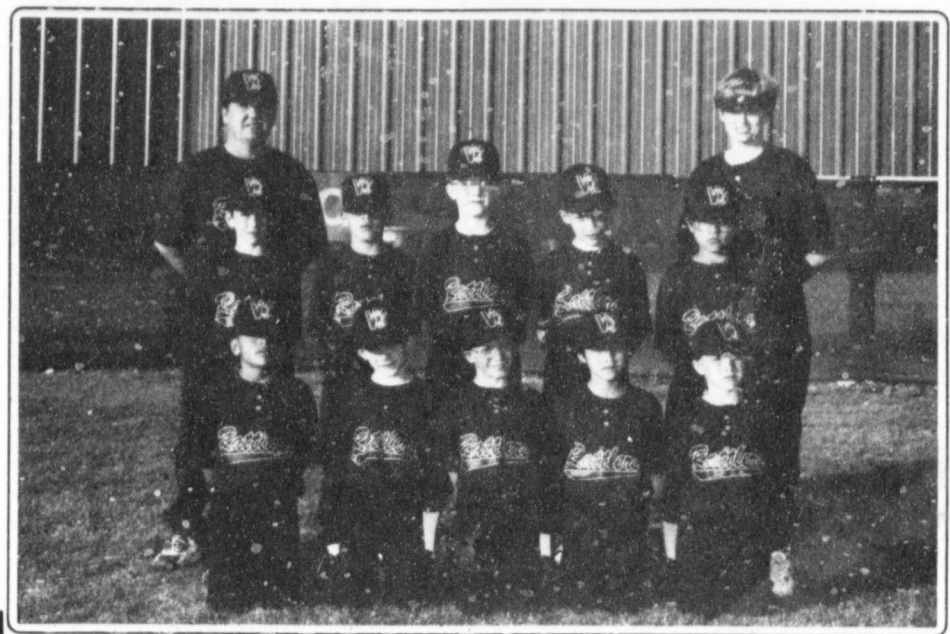
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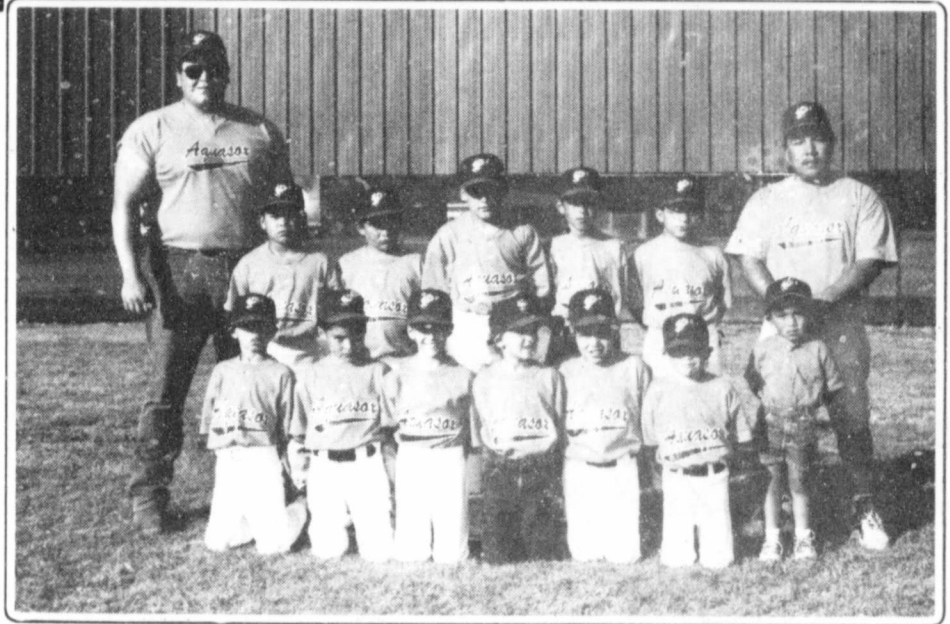
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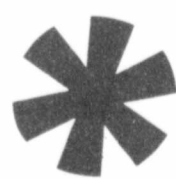


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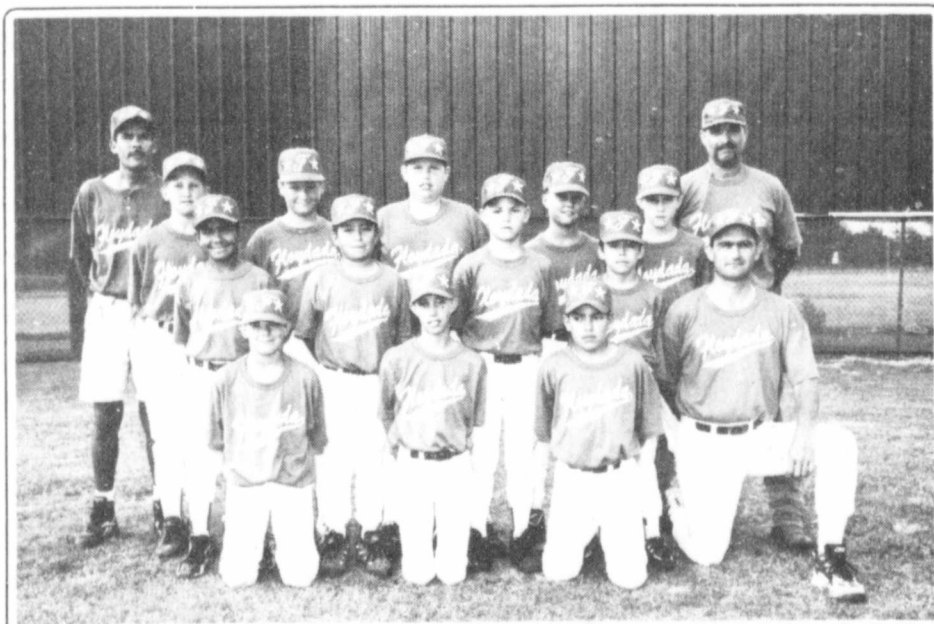
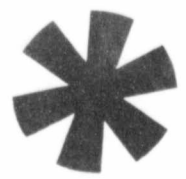
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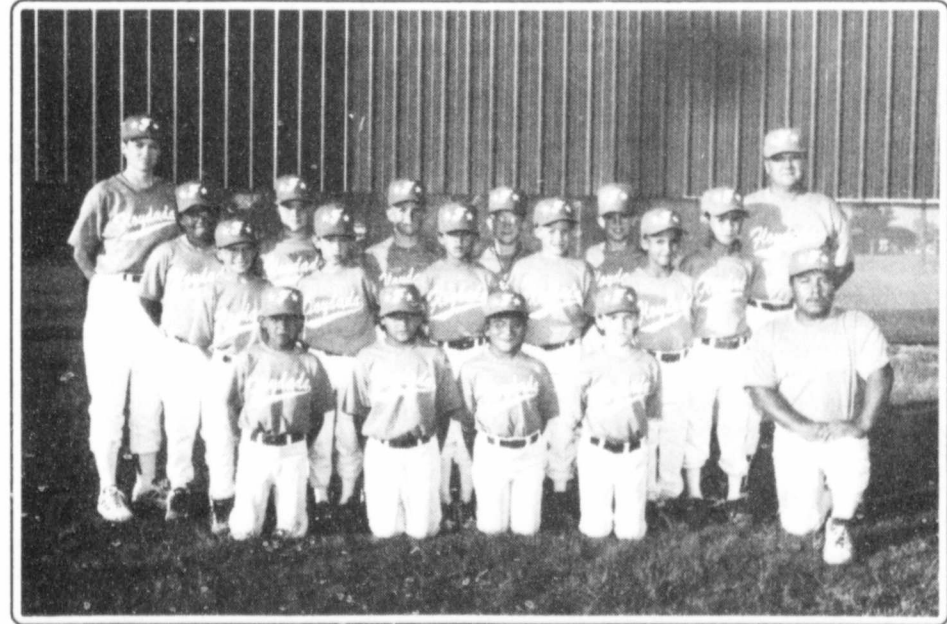
The Floydada All-Star teams competed in State Tournaments in Andrews and Lockney.



MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS

The Major League Team was among eight teams playing at Lockney. The team defeated Plainview South in the first round, lost to Pampa in the second round and lost to Plainview North in 3rd round play.

The Minor League Team was among four teams competing in the Andrews tournament. The team lost in the initial round to Pampa, won in second round play against Tulia and lost to Pampa in the third round of play.



MINOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS

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Great Truths About Life That Little Children Have Learned
By Ron Trusler

*No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
*When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
*If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
*Never ask your 3 year old brother to hold a tomato.
*You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
*Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.
*Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
*Puppies still have bad breath even

after a tic tac.
*Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
*School lunches stick to the wall.
*You can't hide a piece of broccoli in milk.
*Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. No matter how cute the underwear is.
Children can say and think some cute things. Some parents do not feel that way about teenagers though.

(Ron Trusler is Executive Director of Central Plains MHMR and Substance Abuse Center. He may be reached at 806-293-2636.)

The Paper Pulpit

By: Pastor Henry Russell



"Footprints in the Sands of Time"

Some years ago, a minister came by where several other men and I were working. He called us all together, and gave some good advice that is still good for us today. He started something like this:

"Just today, I buried a young man that was found dead in a hotel room. He had taken his life. What could I say at his funeral??? It seemed no words fit the occasion. The young man had left nothing behind that he had done that would cause folk to feel good as they remembered him."

The minister urged each of us to make something of ourselves that would count for good. He concluded by asking each of us to personally accept Christ as our Saviour. It was not more than two weeks, that the minister himself died. But he left behind some good counsel that has meant so much to me. I have thought about it many times.

The Bible tells us about a man that lived long ago. His life was filled with bitterness, selfishness, with no concern for the welfare of others. When he died, God recorded it in the Bible like this: "He died without being desired." (II Chronicles 21:20) In other words... "He's dead...but who cares."

Once life has been lived and comes to a close, as it will with each of us, nothing can change anything we have done to those we've known. Today is the day to make it count. Precious memories mean so much.

Should you go first, and I remain,
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden, dear,
Where happy days we've known,
In spring I'll wait for roses red,
When fades the lilacs blue,
In early fall when brown leaves fall,
I'll catch a glimpse of you,
Should you go first, and I remain,
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way,

Will be a hallowed spot,
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
Though blindly I may grope,
Should you go first, and I remain,
To finish with the scroll,
No lengthening shadows shall creep in,
To make this love seem dull,
We've known so much happiness,
We've had our cup of joy,
And memory is one gift of God,
That death cannot destroy!

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
607 W. Lee St., Floydada
J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 8:00 p.m.

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Floydada
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Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday:
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Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
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Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Celestial Ringers 7:00 p.m.
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Study Hall 5:15 p.m.
Evening Meal 5:45 p.m.
Prayer Time (All Ages) 6:30 p.m.
Nursery, Preschool Choir, RA's, GA's Sanctuary Choir, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
Phil Cotham, Director of Music
Debbie Wiley, Youth Minister
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir & Youth 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
RA's and GA's 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
3rd Saturdays:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:
Baptist Women 3:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Reverend Ione Sedinger
Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Wendell Horn, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Russ Byard, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women,
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL CME
Floydada
Rev. James Jenkins
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
211 N. Main, Lockney
Interdenominational Church
Rev. Farril DeFoor, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Cowboy Camp Meetin' (1st & 3rd Mondays)..... 7:00 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
John Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS
404 E. 6th St., Lockney
Lupe Banda, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Russell Harris, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday, Elder Don Martin
4th Sunday, Tom Taylor

PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Pedro Villareal, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
Ambassadors 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Luncheon -
1st Sunday of Month;
Music Worship;
Last Sunday with evening service

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Lockney
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor
Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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Ernest Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Rev. Alejandro Ruiz Jr.
983-2864 or 983-5286
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Family Night 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father John Olig
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Rosary recited 1/2 hour before each Mass
Phone: 983-5878

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Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Christian Training 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

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Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
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704 N. Main, Lockney
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Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY CHURCH
500 W. Houston Floydada
Interdenominational Church
Henry Russell, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
4th Sunday Singing 6:00 p.m.

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Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Widener remembers Roy Rogers

After hearing of the death of Roy Rogers, Jan and Lloyd Lee Widener fondly remembered their experience of meeting Rogers during their 1996 trip to California.

"We were touring Roy Rogers and Dave Evans Museum at Victorville, when Roy Rogers arrived," said Mrs. Widener.

"We asked him how he was feeling because we heard he had been sick with pneumonia. He replied, 'I'm feeling pretty good for an old cowboy eighty-four years old.'"

Mrs. Widener said they found Rogers to be "warm, friendly, and a genuinely nice person."

"The museum is really something to see," said Mrs. Widener, "especially if you are a fan of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. It truly depicts their lives. There is an oak table in the museum that was Roy and Dale's dining room table. He said they used to have family discussions around that table."

"Trigger, Buttermilk, and Bullet are also on display in the museum. The old jeep, called Nellie Belle, that Roy's sidekick, Pat Brady, used is also in the museum."



POSING WITH ROY -- Jan Widener of Lockney is shown here with Roy Rogers in 1996 when she visited his museum in California -- Courtesy Photo

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department seeking wetlands project participants

Cost-share opportunities remain available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for private landowners interested in enhancing playa lakes for wildlife. According to Jim Ray, Migratory Bird/Wetlands Biologist for the High Plains and Rolling Plains, TPWD has cost-shared wetland projects with landowners since the creation of the Playa Lakes Joint Venture (PLJV) in 1988.

Ray said the major partner of the PLJV is the private landowner. "Since 1988," Ray said, "more than 95 projects have been accomplished in Texas by the PLJV partnership. Most of these are on private land. Projects typically involve the establishment or management of native grassland surrounding playa lakes, and fencing to allow the landowner to manage the site carefully as a separate pasture. We generally strive for at least a 2:1 of 3:1 ratio of upland cover to wetland ratio. This is important to slow down the excessive accumulation of sediment in playa basins which is severely impacting the natural function of playas, and their value to wildlife. Other

types of projects could involve the management of playa lakes for waterfowl utilizing irrigation tailwater or other water sources. Generally, we will not cost-share projects involving dirtwork within playa basins."

According to Ray, cost-sharing of up to 100% is available through the PLJV for such projects. However, projects score higher in the PLJV ranking process if at least 50% of a project's funds are already secured. "Match sources," Ray said, "can include monies from the landowner and those provided through programs of the United States Department of Agriculture, including the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), as well as TPWD's Landowner Incentives Program, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Wildlife Program. We can work with the landowner and other agencies to secure these partnerships."

passes southeastern Colorado, western Kansas, eastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma, and the High Plains and Rolling Plains of northwest Texas. "The Playa Lakes Region," Ray said, "is considered a major wetland region in North America. More than 24,000 playa lakes dot the landscape and provide habitat for wildlife." Ray continued, "The region is a major migrational and/or wintering area for waterfowl, shorebirds, sandhill cranes, and neotropical migratory birds. Recent studies by the TPWD and Texas Tech University also confirm the area's importance as nesting habitat for several species of ducks and shorebirds."

For more information on cost-share opportunities regarding playa lakes and other wetlands, please contact Jim Ray at (806) 655-3782, or at P.O. Box 659, Canyon, Texas 79015, or contact your local TPWD Wildlife Biologist

Have a Safe and Fun Summer!

Recreation Center Survey

Those interested in having input about a proposed Recreation Center Project in Floydada are asked to complete this survey & mail or bring it to:

Recreation Committee % Floydada City Hall
P.O. Box 10 (114 W. Virginia)
Floydada, Texas 79235-0010

1. Do you feel our community would benefit from a recreation center?
Yes _____ No _____

2. What would you like to see available in a recreation center?
Please rank in order of preference with 1 being the most preferred.
Please write in any ideas not already listed.

- _____ Swimming Pool (Indoor or Outdoor)
- _____ Aerobics & Gymnastics Room
- _____ Racquetball/handball Court
- _____ Weight Room
- _____ Game Room
- _____ Meeting Rooms
- _____ Basketball Court

3. Would you be willing to pay a facility use or membership fee?
Yes _____ No _____

What amount do you think is reasonable? _____

4. How often would you use the facility?

_____ Daily _____ Weekly _____ Monthly

5. Would you be willing to VOLUNTEER to work at the center?

Yes _____ No _____

6. Where would you prefer to see the center located?

Please provide the following information about the people living in your household:

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Efficient water use is important in summer

As the region experiences below-average precipitation and extended 100-degree-plus temperatures, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock reminds area residents to use water on their landscapes as efficiently as possible to minimize waste.

During the winter, 90 percent of household water use occurs inside the home. In the summer, lawn watering and outdoor water uses can account for 50 to 80 percent of home water use.

"As outdoor temperatures rise, so does outdoor water use," says Water District Manager A. Wayne Wyatt. "People need to use their water as efficiently as possible to prolong the life of area surface water and ground water resources. This can postpone the need for their city to obtain new water rights or construct new water treatment facilities to meet growing de-

mands." During the summer, much of the water applied to lawns or gardens never benefits the plants. It is either applied too rapidly and runs off, or it evaporates from exposed soil surfaces.

All too often, lawns receive twice as much water as required to maintain healthy turf. Watching lawns for signs of water stress can help determine if irrigation is needed. These signs include a dull green color, footprints that remain visible after walking on the lawn, or curled blades of grass.

It is important to remember that different landscape areas require different amounts of water. For example, turf areas should be watered separately from shrubs, flowerbeds, and other plants. Landscape plants should be zoned according to their water needs.

When irrigating the lawn or garden, it is important to remember to use a

sprinkler that throws large water droplets, rather than a fine mist. This reduces water losses associated with evaporation and wind drift.

It is important to adjust run times and frequency of automatic sprinkler systems according to weather, seasonal conditions, and plant water needs. In some areas of Texas, sensors have been added to sprinkler systems to shut them off during precipitation events.

Soaker hoses, rather than sprinkler, may be used to irrigate curbside turf areas and other narrow vegetative strips. This practice is mandatory in Corpus Christi and some other Texas cities.

Drip irrigation systems may be used to irrigate bedded plants and gardens. Other irrigation conservation tips include: avoid watering on windy days, water in early morning or evening since evaporation losses can be as high as 60 percent during the day, use mulches in flowerbeds and gardens to reduce evaporation, and positioning sprinklers so that the landscape is watered rather than sidewalks and driveways.

Water that continually runs off landscapes can impact area roadways and cost taxpayers money. Water running off landscapes, sidewalks, and driveways can get under asphalt street surfaces and eat away the road base. The material eventually deteriorates and creates a pothole. The cost to repair pothole damage ranges from \$150 to \$300, including labor and equipment.

Taxpayers also incur the cost to treat water and pump it through city distribution systems. In many cases, this potable water is allowed to run off urban landscapes only to end up in a storm drain or playa basin.

Additional urban water conservation information is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The water district may also be reached by e-mail at hpwd@hpwd.com or info@hpwd.com.



IRS TO UNDERGO FUNDAMENTAL REFORM

By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, I recently participated in several hearings where witness after witness told harrowing stories of outrageous IRS abuses. Nobody familiar with those hearings needed to be convinced that the time had come for a fundamental change in the relationship between the taxpayers in this country and the agency that is charged with collecting taxes.

We needed substantial changes that enhanced the rights of taxpayers and diminished the unbridled power of the Internal Revenue Service. As a result of listening to Americans across Texas and the nation, the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed an IRS reform bill which achieves these goals. This bill will not, however, let tax cheats off the hook. With the full backing and support of Congress, the IRS will continue to vigorously enforce the law, and those who attempt to defraud the federal government and burden their neighbors by not paying what they owe can count on prosecution.

My own view, and the view that I believe dominates this bill, was that with a few notable exceptions, there was nothing wrong with the people who work at the IRS. They are ordinary people. They have families. The problem is that, as the ancient Greeks observed, power corrupts, and the Internal Revenue Service is an agency of government invested with tremendous power. Compared to the criminal justice system, for example, the IRS in its dealings with us on tax matters is literally the police, the investigator, the prosecutor, the judge and the jury. The IRS' unchecked power created an environment in which abuses had become common.

Good people sometimes do bad things. What alarmed me most about the testimony was that nothing ever changed at the IRS, no matter how egregious the abuse of power became. When people did bad things in the IRS, they were seldom, if ever, punished. And when people did good things, like trying to raise the level of awareness in the IRS that abuses were occurring, often bad things happened to them.

We had a system that reinforced bad behavior. That convinced me and ultimately the vast majority of members of both houses of Congress that the system needed

changing. What we produced, I believe, is an approach that really curbs this unrestrained power.

To fix the problem, we passed legislation that makes fundamental changes in the IRS. First, we shifted the burden of proof from the individual taxpayer to the IRS. This provision basically guarantees honest taxpayers the same rights that criminals have in the criminal justice system: The right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. This is a major step in the right direction. Another change that I believe will alter the relationship between the tax collector and the taxpayer is a "loser-pays" provision. This is an important principle I would personally like to see throughout our legal system. In this instance, if you are audited by the IRS and are forced to hire attorneys and accountants to defend yourself, and at the end of the process it is found that you are blameless, then the IRS may be held liable for the costs you incurred in defending yourself. More than just being basically fair, this will create an incentive for the IRS managers to carefully consider their actions before inflicting economic hardship on an innocent, hapless taxpayer.

Other provisions in the bill will:

- Protect innocent spouses from harassment for the tax errors of their former husbands or wives;
- Suspend interest accrual and many penalties if the IRS fails to contact a taxpayer about a dispute within 18 months of filing their return;
- Make it more difficult for the IRS to seize or file liens on property;
- Transfer IRS internal inspections to the Treasury Department;
- Make it easier for the IRS Commissioner to hire senior executives and to fire employees who violate the law or behave in unjustifiable ways; and
- Create an oversight board including the Commissioner, the Secretary of the Treasury, an IRS employee representative and six private-sector members.

I think we have made a good law that will shift the burden of proof, that will force the IRS to pay when it is wrong, and that enhances the ability to hire and fire — hire on the basis of competence, fire on the basis of incompetent, illegal or reprehensible behavior.

I am strongly in favor of this law and I hope we can follow it with an effort next year to reform the Tax Code to make it simpler and fairer. This law is a step in the right direction — giving Americans back their rights, reminding the IRS that it serves the people and not the other way around, and reining in rogue employees.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. Gramm's Web site at www.senate.gov/~gramm)



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In Praise of Global Warming

Let's assume, for the sake of argument, that global warming really exists. Is that such a bad thing?

Believe it or not, a lot of scientists don't think so. They view the global warming agreement reached last fall in Kyoto, Japan—which would require a radical reduction in the emission of so-called "greenhouse gases"—as a dangerous document that the United States should reject.

More than 16,000 of these scientists have signed a petition that says: "The proposed limits on greenhouse gases could harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind."

That's strong language. After all, how could a treaty to stem global warming be anything but good for the environment? Simple, the scientists say, "There is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

You read that right. Global warming may actually be good for the environment. One of the biggest blessings: larger plants and trees, which grow more rapidly and build up greater immunity to droughts when there are higher concentrations of carbon dioxide in the air.

"CO-2 is plant food," says Dr. Jane Orient, a physician with Doctors for Disaster Preparedness. "If you get enough of it, it's asphyxiating. But we are talking much lower levels here."

Studies show that although today's carbon dioxide concentration is higher than in the past, not much is actually reaching the atmosphere. Where's it going? In scientific terms, the "missing" CO-2 appears to correlate with increases in biomass—which is another way of saying that plants and trees are in fact becoming bigger.

Now I'm no scientist, so I can't say with certainty whether global warming is good or bad—or even exists. On that point I think the American people and their elected officials should remain agnostic until we have all the facts.

I'm on firmer ground, however, when I say the Kyoto agreement spells trouble for the U.S. economy.

My colleague William Beach, a senior economist with years of experience, has calculated the cost of imposing the Kyoto restrictions on the United States. By 2020, he says, grocery bills will be 9 percent higher, medical bills will be 11 percent higher, and household expenses will be 14 percent higher than without the treaty.

In other words, if you spend \$5,200 a year (\$100 a week) putting food on the table, the treaty would push your grocery tab up to \$5,668. Ditto your heating bills, gasoline for the car and a thousand other things.

And don't be fooled by Clinton administration rhetoric about how this is a moderate agreement, far less restrictive than the original global-warming proposals submitted by European countries. Vice President Gore, the administration's point man on the environment, negotiated a deal in Kyoto that would require the United States to cut emissions over the next dozen years to a level 7 percent below 1990 levels. To get there we would clearly have to put the squeeze on our growing economy: In short, impose a recession on ourselves.

Before you think the opposition to the Kyoto deal is limited to business types, consider this. Not only is AFL-CIO President John Sweeney against this agreement, but just before Gore left for Kyoto the AFL-CIO's Industrial Union Department passed a resolution calling upon Congress and the president to "refrain from entering into or ratifying any treaty amendment or protocol that causes the loss of U.S. jobs."

Simply put, the Kyoto agreement might just be the most dangerous Japanese export since Godzilla.

Note: Edwin J. Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

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