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## Doucette Releases his First Book

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – “For my grandchildren,” James (Jim) Doucette said about why he wrote a book about his life, from his birth in Providence, RI, through the years in Maine, Brooklyn and finally settling in Lockney. Doucette’s first book is *The Not So Great American Novel*.

“It took me about a year and a half to write the book,” Doucette said. “During this time, I was battling cancer, a non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. I had to take chemotherapy and radiation. Taking chemo besides making you lose your hair, also affects the memory.”

His doctor told him to do things that would stimulate the brain, such as word games, reading and writing.

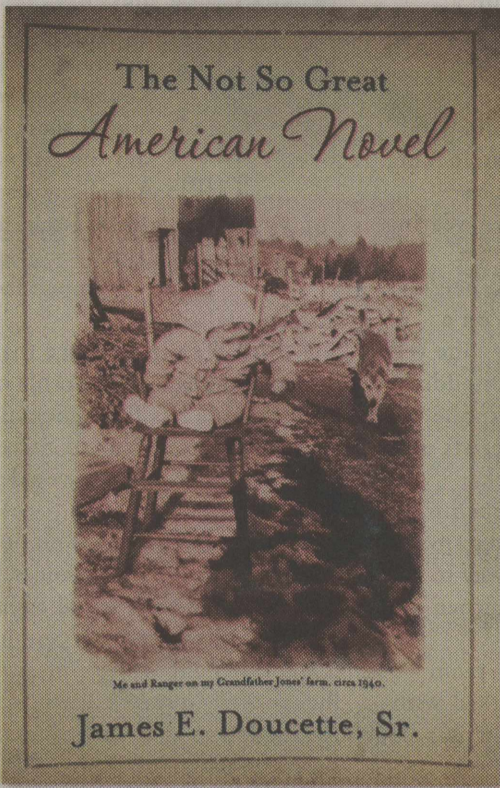
“As therapy, I wrote *The Not So Great American Novel*,” Doucette said, “but

I stopped writing it after I finished the chemo treatments. In 2013, my niece, Sarah, came to visit us and I found out she was a freelance proofreader so after some discussion, she agreed to read it and became my proofreader throughout the process.”

Doucette said the reason he wanted to write the book was let people, especially young people, that there is no such thing as can’t. His desire is that people that read the book will pick up some lesson that has taken him a lifetime to learn.”

“I have a mild case of dyslexia but that has not stopped me from succeeding in either business or writing,” Doucette said. “If one kid can get something out of the book, I’ll be happy.”

The book, after covering Doucette’s growing up years as poor, white kid in a pre-See **BOOK**, Page 8



Jim Doucette’s first book, *The Not So Great American Novel*, chronicles the life and times of Doucette. The book is now on sale at Heart’s Desire in Lockney and Plainview and on Amazon.com.



Jim Doucette has recently released his first book, *The Not So Great American Novel*. It describes Doucette’s meek beginnings through his Navy career, his business career and his “retirement” in the cattle and ranching business. The book is available at Heart’s Desire in Lockney and Plainview or by ordering from Amazon.com.

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### Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb\_editor@yahoo.com.

### LOWE’S MARKET FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Lowes Market Fourth of July Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the grocery store parking lot at 220 S. 2nd Street. Greg Maldo, a country music singer from Lubbock, will headline the event. Hot dogs will be 4 for \$1, and hamburgers will be 2 for \$1. There will be a snow cone stand, and drink coolers. KFLP will broadcast live from the festivities.

### LOCKNEY’S ANNUAL KIDS’ PARADE

Main Street Church of Christ will be hosting the annual Kids’ Parade on Saturday, July 4. Participants should assemble at the church’s parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Participants are encouraged to decorate their bicycles, tricycles or any other wheeled vehicle in Red, White and Blue to help celebrate our nation’s independence. NO CARS, TRUCKS or MOTORCYCLES will be allowed. Following the parade, refreshments of popcorn and lemonade will be served at the church.

### TEXAS PLAINS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Texas Plains Federal is celebrating 75 Years and will have a Membership Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:30 at the Unity Center. Tickets \$5 per person and are available at the Floydada Branch. Door prizes - Free Gifts - Over \$500 in cash prizes.

### FLOYDADA SENIOR CENTERS CENTER

Membership for Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. The yearly dues are \$25. Members pay \$5 for each meal, non-members will pay \$6. Lunch is served in the dining room at 12 noon. We also deliver meals free of charge or you can carry out. Call us at 983-2032.

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### News on the go



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## Girls Softball Team Takes Next Step in Qualifying for State



Floydada’s Minor League (9-10 year olds) Softball team will be playing in the Sectionals this weekend hopefully qualifying for the State playoffs in Abilene. Players shown are (Front Row, l-r) Kailee Sanchez, Tatum Glasscock, Analise Perez, Aranda Cruz, Danielle Zavala; (Second Row, l-r) Ashlyn Green, Celese Wickware, Caitlyn Campbell, Jazmine Coronado, Erin Trevino, Clarissa Delafuente, Kaley Garza; (Back row) Coaches Eddie Sanchez, Gilbert Trevino, Ray Perez, and Erica Perez (Head Coach).

By Gilbert Trevino  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada Minor League (9-10 year olds) Softball team competed in the District 38 All-Star Tournament on June 20 through the 27. In the first game, Floydada defeated Idalou 18-3 behind the strong pitching of Analise Perez.

In the second game, Floydada defeated Post 25-3 aided by the pitching of Erin Trevino.

In the third game, Floydada defeated Slaton 21-2 with the strong pitching of Clarissa Delafuente and Analise Perez. Analise Perez led the pitching effort in the champi-

onship game, defeating Slaton 11-0 in a game Slaton had to forfeit in the bottom of the second inning due to an injured player.

All four games never went longer than four innings due to the teams being run-ruled. Games are scheduled for seven innings.

By earning first place in the tournament, the team has qualified to play in the Sectionals July 3-4 in Ralls. They will be playing a team from Lubbock Friday night and Saturday in a 2 out of 3 series. A game will be added on Sunday if needed.

The State Tournament is July

24 through 26 in Abilene. If the Floydada girls prevail in Ralls, this will be the first youth team from our city to qualify for the state tournament.

They have represented the Floydada community with honor and a competitive spirit in each game. This is a special group of girls who play the game the right way and are fun to watch. The team is coached by Erica Perez (head coach), and assisted by Ray Perez, Eddie Sanchez, and Gilbert Trevino. The team would like to thank everyone for their support. The future of girls’ softball in Floydada looks bright!

## Tillery New Pastor at Lockney FBC



Joe (right) and Sharon Tillery have recently moved to Lockney from Artesia, NM. Joe will serve as pastor for the First Baptist Church of Lockney where one of their daughters, Katie Cook and her husband, Chad and their children worship.

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – First Baptist Church is pleased to have Joseph Tillery as their new pastor. Joseph and his wife, Sharon, have most recently been working with the Pecos Valley Baptist Association in Artesia, NM.

For the past 16 years, they have served as director of missions. Joseph was also active in the community, serving as the president of the Artesia Ministerial Alliance. He also has taught and led various conferences for min-

isters, church staff members in Eddy and Chaves counties in New Mexico. From 1981-1989, he was on the staff of the Artesia First Baptist Church.

Joseph and Sharon have been married for over 40 years. They have two daughters, Angela (AJ) Laird and Katie Cook, two sons-in-law and three grandchildren. Katie and her husband, Chad, live in Lockney along with their two children.

“We have visited Lockney several times over the last ten years to be with Katie, Chad and the grandkids,” Joseph

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Greg Maldo, a country music singer from Lubbock, will headline the event. Maldo’s music is known as being influenced by George Strait, Merle Haggard, George

Jones and Waylon Jennings. The event will have an area for dancing.

There will be food and refreshments at the celebration. Hot dogs will be 4 for \$1, and hamburgers will be 2 for \$1. There will be a snow cone stand, and drink coolers. KFLP will broadcast live from the festivities. Vendors will be at booths as well.

For more information, call 806-983-3669.

## Lockney Hosts Annual Fourth of July Parade

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lot at 9:30 A.M. The parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. and proceed north on Main Street to Lockney Health and Rehab Center. Participants are encouraged to decorate their bicycles, tricycles or any other wheeled

vehicle in Red, White and

Blue to help celebrate our nation’s independence. NO CARS, TRUCKS or MOTORCYCLES will be allowed.

Following the parade, refreshments of popcorn and lemonade will be served at the church.

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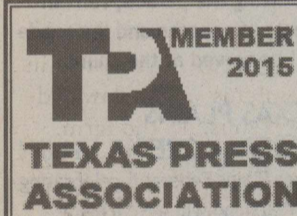
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## The 501 Lanyards make a difference

Lanyards are everywhere. They're sort of their own fashion trend. Necklaces with a purpose, they hold stuff. Good for lanyards.

If I'd had my phone on a lanyard today, I wouldn't have left it in the shopping cart. If stuff isn't hung on me or tied to me, I lose it. If I get old and forgetful, things could get worse.



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My Arkansas friend Beverly, almost my age, wears her house key on a lanyard. Here's why:

One morning a while back she strolled out onto the balcony of her tall Victorian house. Fwoomf. The wind blew the door shut behind her, locking her out. Her spare key was at her parents' house nearby. She was wearing her nightclothes.

Close below her, friend and neighbor Bobby passed back and forth on a tractor, shredding the pasture. She yelled at him. She waved her arms wildly. He kept shredding.

She spied her father walking to the mailbox. She yelled at him, also in vain. She yelled at all the motorists on the nearby highway, still waving her arms. No luck.

Finally a man saw her, stopped and approached to help. Following her instructions, he retrieved the key from her folks' house, let himself in and made his way to the balcony, letting her back into the house. He turned out to be a serial killer.

OK, not really. He turned out to be the guy from the hardware store whose mother's father worked with Beverly's father back when both were letter carriers. He said he'd always wanted to see her house.

As for Beverly's dad, when asked later if he'd heard anything on his way to the mailbox, he said he thought he heard the neighbors' goats. No surprise. Goats can sound like sopranos.

Anyway, after that episode Beverly started wearing the key lanyard.

The rest of the story:  
"Beverly, that lanyard is like the one I made at Camp Wyldewood," I said, seeing it for the first time on my current visit to Arkansas.

"That's where I made it," she said.  
Till that moment, neither of us knew the other was a Wyldewooder. We have no secret handshake. We just have those plastic lanyards, usually four strands in two colors with a spiral feature at the end just above the little hook. Except who still has his or her lanyard?

My first one was brown and green. It's somewhere. Beverly's is red and black.

At camp, lanyards indicated degrees of significance. If you were a counselor you might wear a multi-colored six- or eight-strand one with an atomic twist right above the hook. If you were a lifeguard, your lanyard held your whistle, symbol of pool authority. My Wyldewood career took me from camper to lifeguard and swimming instructor. I even worked in crafts and taught inept little campers how to weave their first lanyards.

Calling all Wyldewooders. Look for your lanyards! Someday we will be old and forgetful. If we don't wear our lanyards we won't know who we are.

## The Paperboy Liberal Christmas Season

I'm not trying to anger anyone today so some of you may need to read this twice in order to really get the point of my observation, which is, everyone expects their voice to be heard and their constitutional rights to be upheld.



CHRIS  
BLACKBURN

This past weekend must have felt like Liberal Christmas for my friends on the left. The Supreme Court weighed in on the side of same sex marriage and the Affordable Care Act. They also struck down Texas' new abortion laws.

So much for State's Rights, right?  
I think we can all agree that President Obama has delivered on his campaign promise. He has fundamentally transformed the United States of America. That was very evident this weekend.

But lost in the fog of elation is the fact that millions of silent voices have now been ignored their equal rights.

The vast majority of people from Texas, Oklahoma and other conservative states have voted in state elections against same sex marriage and Obamacare. That's a fact.

It's also a fact that despite those millions of voters voting in state laws, five to seven people overturned those laws: Obama and the Supreme Court Justices that voted to overturn the laws.

Regardless of how you feel about the topics, you have to wonder if it's good for just a few people to cast aside the opinions and beliefs of millions and millions of people.

Look, I get it. We have states where like-minded people live. Texas is largely conservative while California is largely liberal. We're free to think how we want and live how we want. That's good in my opinion.

What's not good is when a few people, who are likely out-of-touch with an enormous amount of Americans, rule as if we all want to be like California. And the simple truth is we do not.

What Obama, his cronies and the Supreme Court have done is begin a groundswell of opposition. Liberals may not want to hear this and may not even believe it, but power has an ebb and flow and politics is cyclical in this country.

Americans do not like things shoved in their faces - especially when it goes against their very belief system.

The talking heads in the mainstream media find it unbelievable that many of us actually believe in God and try and obey the teachings in the Holy Bible. That is a large miscalculation.

When you watch these morning shows, they speak to us as if we all think the same. The reality is that there are tens of millions of Americans that are angry. They are the silent majority and they will be out in force during the 2016 election.

By the time it is said and done, the Liberals and Progressives will be left wondering what in the world just happened.

In the meantime we can expect the narrow-minded and radicals to react in negative ways.

For instance, I was traveling home from Austin (Yes - Austin was in a good mood) Sunday and saw a jeep full of white teens in Mineral Wells with a monstrous Confederate flag attached waving from the back.

My first thought was, "That's not good."

My second thought was, "They are well within their rights to think how they wish. This is America."

And that's just it. We know it's America. Just as some people find the Confederate flag repugnant, some find a rainbow White House repugnant.

Americans believe in their constitutional rights and freedoms and right now the majority of Americans think their rights are in jeopardy because of the actions of a very few. Meanwhile they are watching people celebrate in their faces on television and on the streets.

Don't shoot the messenger, but that's a lot of people who think they do not have equal protection under the law and they too will fight for their equal rights.

Their voices will be heard.

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### UPCOMING From Page 1

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# SOCIETY

## Cone's Harmony Plains Singing School 52nd session set for July 19-24



The 52nd session of the Harmony Plains Singing School is set for July 19-24 in Cone. An expected 250-300 attendees of all ages are expected for the church summer camp which will cap off with a performance on Friday night, July 24.

By Kay Ellington

The Hesperian-Beacon

The Harmony Plains Singing School is gearing up for its 52nd annual session July 19-24 at Cone.

Registration will begin Sunday afternoon July 19. There will be a board of directors meeting Sunday, July 19 at 5 p.m.

Classes start Monday morning July 20. The session will end with the evening services Friday, July 24.

The week long summer camp—for all ages—devoted solely to a cappella singing, is a church camp but you do not have to be a Primitive Baptist to attend.

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## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

THE L. J. WELBORNS

Written by Jeff Welborn

L.J. (Jeff) Welborn came to Floyd County from Alabama at the age of nineteen. He had spent the previous year attempting to teach a mixed lot of students, including many grown men who could not read or write. He had already decided that teaching was not for him. His Uncle, Robert L. Carter, had been to Texas, had purchased a half section of land in the Fairview Community. In 1920, Uncle Robert, sons Ernest and Fred, and Jeff came to Floyd County; the Carters to farm, Jeff to look for a job.

Jeff was born in Cookville, Texas in 1901 to David and Magnora Welborn. Dave, born in 1870, died at the age of thirty-two. Nora, born in 1871, had to take her young family back to Alabama, where the children lived until grown. Carter had been born in Texas in 1898 and he died in Manchester, Tennessee in 1971. Jeff was also born in Texas. Dot was born after her mother arrived in Langston, Alabama and is now a retired teacher living with her husband, Ted Hipp, in Arab, Alabama.

Jeff's first job was general handy man to the crew that was building the first co-op cotton gin in this area. He and Roe Jones mixed mortar with a shovel and hoe to build the furnace. On the first night after completion, the gin burned, leaving only a tall smoke stack standing. The crew boss, W. B. Jones, gave Jeff a full day's pay to climb the stack and attach ropes to pull it down. Then the rebuilding began. W.R. Boener was president of the co-op.

When this job was finished, Jeff tried pulling cotton until he learned of a job opening as a clerk in the post office. Judge F. P. Henry was then Floydada Postmaster. Jeff worked a clerk for two years, but had a desire for more education. In 1923, he attended S. M. U., then transferred to Texas where he hoped to be able to stretch his limited finances. Each morning he worked in the cafeteria, making 3,200 pieces of

toast, and always arrived at his first class with a distinct odor of butter. He managed to survive the year on \$80.00 and lots of crackers and cheese.

Jeff received a wire form J. D. Starks, the new postmaster in Floydada telling him of a new rural route opening. So dreams of a degree went out the window and Mr. Starks had a new mail carrier. He spent the next 42 years as a rural mail carrier, retiring in 1964.

As a mail carrier, Jeff was able to hold other jobs, the first of which was sweeping the Baker-Campbell Co. (where Thomson Drug now stands), a general merchandise store. He later kept books for the First National Bank, going to work the same day as Charlie Bedford. This job continued until hard times came in 1931 and extra employees were let go.

In 1937, Jeff bought a half section of land for \$35.00 an acre and went to work farming. Peerless Pump Co. put down his first well with a turnkey contract for only \$2,215.00. Jeff farmed until 1948 when he sold the farm. He began acting as manager for the Cannaday farms the next year.

At his retirement in 1964, Jeff planned to fish and play golf and has, but he has also been interested in helping his son-in-law, Adrain Helms, on the farm.

Jeff was married in 1928 to Belle Cannaday, daughter of the W. I. and Maggie Cannaday of Floydada. The couple spent all their married life in Floydada. In 1935, their only child, Ann Carolyn was born. She is now the wife of Adrain Helms, a Floyd County farmer, and the mother of Kelly, a 19 year old daughter, Kary, a son who is 17, and Kevin, a 12 year old son. Belle died in 1955, after a lengthy illness and is buried in Floyd County Memorial Park.

In 1958, Jeff was married to Ema Little of Lamesa, Texas. The couple now resides in Floydada. Jeff is a member of the First United Methodist Church and received his 50 year Masonic pin in 1975.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

On Father's Day, Faye Bertrand joined his granddaughter, Misty and husband, Brannon Rogers, plus Brannon's parents from Petersburg, at the Crosbyton First Baptist Church to witness the baptism of Faye's great-granddaughter, Aubry Rogers. Then after church, all ate lunch as guests in the home of Misty and Brannon in Crosbyton.

Roberta Hardin dropped in on the Senior Citizen's Center Tuesday to visit the lunch crowd.

Barry Frye, who is the Ben E. Keith rep from Plainview, was at the Center Tuesday, taking whole food orders. Barry is married to Steve Pierce's daughter, Hayley, who owns a dog grooming business in Plainview.

James Lovell says he's feeling better since taking rehab at Lockney for a blood clot behind his knee a month ago

Vivian and Harold Snell hosted granddaughter, Raylee Webb and their daughter, Donna Webb, who teaches art in the Lockney school.

Cobb Gilly received Father's Day calls from his daughter, Cathy in Kennedy, Texas and daughter, Barbara in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Cobb and Wanda Williams dined out in Floydada.

Nancy Bishop joined son, Mike Bishop and wife, Rozanne and daughter, Caitlyn Bishop for lunch after service at the Floydada First Baptist Church. Nancy's other granddaughter, Sydney cooked Father's Day dinner for her dad, Greg Bishop.

Shorty Turner's four kids all called to wish him Happy Father's Day.

Bud Henderson delivered a car to Heath, Texas, near Weatherford and got to visit his grandchildren and daughter, Heather, at Ingram, Texas.

Tommie Rowans brother, John Little, had a stroke and is now in the Lockney hospital going through rehab.

Jerrold Vinson is looking good and feeling better he reported to friends at the Center. Wife, Belle Vinson, ate lunch at the Center last week.

The Vinson's daughter, Lori, called her dad from Lubbock and his son, Mike and wife, Mary Anne called Jerrold on Father's Day. Lori Vinson brought the grandkids to visit on Father's Day.

Travis Jones' brother, Bill and wife visited the Saturday before Father's Day but became ill and had to leave. Travis' son, Joe and Joe's daughter, Jurahee and her two children, Shep and Staten, all went on to Shallowater to visit Travis' son, Jay.

Wheat harvest continues thru these hot and windy days when farmers are able to find combine crews to do the cutting.

Lunch is served in the dining room at 12:00. We also deliver meals free of charge anywhere in town. Call us at 983-2032. All ages are welcome. You do not have to be over 60 to eat in or order a meal to be delivered.

Floydada Sr. Citizens is a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization. We rely on the kindness of the community to operate. We receive no government funding.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

### MENU

July 6 - July 10

Monday - Salisbury steak

Tuesday - Hamburger pie

Wednesday - Lemon chicken

Thursday - Rigatoni with meat sauce

Friday - Beef or chicken fajitas

(Menus subject to change with notice)

## This Fourth of July, 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays. And, why not? Families and friends gather to celebrate our country with food, parades, parties, and fireworks.

But there is a very dark side to this great holiday. For many, the celebrations turn from festive to fatal when alcohol-impaired driving crashes occur because someone chose to drive after drinking. In 2013, Forbes magazine named the Independence Day holiday "the most dangerous holiday of the year."

The Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension Service Watch UR BAC program suggests that if you plan to celebrate with alcohol, you plan a safe ride home. Throughout the region, local police will be out in force this July 4th holiday period, cracking down on drunk driving through increased patrols. Officers remind you to "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

Unfortunately, the latest statistics from the Texas Department of Transportation underscore the need for the July 4th crackdown, both statewide and in Floyd County. In 2014, there were 1,041 fatalities in Texas

involving drivers who were legally drunk at the time of the crash (having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher).

Fifteen alcohol-related deaths occurred in Texas during the 4th of July holiday period in 2014. Nighttime is particularly dangerous every day of the year, and the July 4th holiday is no exception.

AgriLife Extension county agent Amy Kress says, "This Fourth of July holiday, you can show your patriotism by helping to make Floyd County roads safer for everyone. "Remember," she warned, "to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. It's as simple as that."

Law enforcement is not messing around this Independence Day: if you're caught driving drunk, you will be arrested. And keep in mind that aside from putting your life and the lives of others at risk, driving impaired can also lead to serious consequences.

Here are a few simple tips to avoid a drunk-driving disaster:

- Plan a safe way home before the fun begins.

fore the fun begins.

- If you're impaired, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.

- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact law enforcement.

- If you know someone who is about to drive impaired or ride with an impaired driver, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

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**FLOYDADA ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM**

Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

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Summer Food Service Program at Duncan Elementary School, 1011 S. 8<sup>th</sup>, Floydada, Texas, 79235 on June 2 - July 2, 2015 and then on July 6 - July 22, 2015. Lunch will be provided from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **WE WILL NOT HAVE A SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAYS!**

**MENU**

**MONDAY**  
Beef Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk

**TUESDAY**  
Pizza, Salad, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

**WEDNESDAY**  
Crispy Tacos, Pinto Beans, Rice, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

**THURSDAY**  
Corn dog, Mustard, Baked Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup, Fruit, Milk

**FRIDAY**  
NO SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAYS

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**MOVIE NIGHT AT TRINITY ASSEMBLY**

We will be having a "Christian Movie Night" on the 3rd Friday night each month throughout the summer months.

## Obituaries

### June Ross Hale

June Ross Hale passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in Floydada, Texas at the age of 75.

June was born on February 2, 1940 in Memphis, Texas to Sam and Mae Ross. She graduated from Flomot High School in 1958 and Wayland Baptist University with a degree in English and Religion. She married James Hale on May 26, 1990. After graduation, June began working for Floyd County as an adult probation officer. She continued her probation work in Lubbock for many years and returned to the Floyd County Probation office until she became ill in April 2015. She was a member and officer of the Matador Chapter of Eastern Star #66.

Her children remember her as a beautiful person inside and out who loved her children and grandchildren. She was an active and dedicated member of the Flomot First Baptist Church.

June Ross Hale is survived by her husband, James; children, Clinton Ware and wife, Dara of Cedar Hill and Lisa Ware of Floydada; James' children, Debbie Wright, Joel Hale and James Hale II and their children. She is also survived by four grandsons, Cody Ware and wife, Jesse of Logan, Kansas, Clay Ware of Cedar Hill, Zach and Leann Baldwin of Lubbock and Ross Baldwin of Floydada and 3 great-grandchildren, Ayana and Zeldia Baldwin and Cullen Ware. She is also survived by one brother, Jimmy and wife,



**JUNE ROSS HALE**

Velda of Quitaque, along with three nieces, Julie Ross, Janet Brooks and family, and Sammie Dee Varnell and family, and four nephews, Johnny Bill Ware, David Ware, Joe Ware and Ware Brown.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Mae Ross of Flomot.

Memorial services were held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Flomot First Baptist Church. A reception followed at the community center in Flomot. Mr. Nathan Mulder officiated the ceremony. All were welcome to attend and celebrate June's life.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Area Community Hospice of Plainview or the First Baptist Church at Flomot.

The family would like to thank Nancy, Anita, Maria, and Susie from Area Community Hospice of Plainview and Nora Zavala of Floydada for their love and care at this time of need.

### Brandy Lynn Marley

Brandy Lynn Marley, age 46, of Lubbock, passed away, Saturday, June 20, 2015.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada. Pastor Tim Franks officiated.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Brandy was born on December 31, 1968 in Lubbock to Edward Martin and Judy Turner. Brandy loved to be in the outdoors. She enjoyed

talking with her old friends and drinking her favorite soda, Coca-Cola. Brandy loved spending time with her family.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Judy Stanley.

Brandy is survived by her husband, Bobby Marley; a daughter, Amber Marley; two step-brothers, Daniel Martin and Michael Martin, both of Carmine, Texas and grandmother, Peggy Turner of Floydada.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton

The Hesperian-Beacon

The only freedom which deserves the name, is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it. — **John Stuart Mill**

We fight not to enslave, but to set a country free, and to make room upon the earth for honest men to live in. — **Thomas Paine**

I sometimes think that the saving grace of America lies in the fact that the overwhelming majority of Americans are possessed of two great qualities— a sense of humor and a sense of proportion. — **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

The character inherent in the American people has done all that has been accomplished; and it would have done somewhat more, if the government had not sometimes got in its way. — **Henry David Thoreau**

For the American people are a very generous people and will forgive almost any weakness, with the possible exception of stupidity. — **Will Rogers**

The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country. — **Abraham Lincoln**

What very mysterious things days were. Sometimes they fly by, and other times they seem to last forever, yet they are all exactly twenty-four hours. There's quite a lot we don't know about them. — **Melanie Benjamin**

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night. — **Edgar Allan Poe**

These times of ours are series and full of calamity, but all times are essentially alike. As soon as there is life there is danger. — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it. — **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Reminders this week! Your membership dues are due. They are \$20.00 per person for the year.

We are still in need of someone to do the yearbook for 2015. Please if you would like to help contact the Center. All of the supplies will be provided.

The Center WILL be open on Friday, July 3rd. Hope everyone has a fun and safe 4th of July.

Remember exercise with Dorothy is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45- 9:15 a.m. Coffee time is Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday Pot luck is at 5 p.m. Bring a dish and enjoy games afterwards.

Come to our Fish Fry on Friday nights serving from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Come on down for some great food, fun and fellowship, and "Let us do the dishes."

### MENU

July 6 - July 10

Monday - Cheeseburgers

Tuesday - Salmon

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak

Thursday - Chicken & dumplings

Friday - Fajitas

(Menus subject to change with notice)

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## Perfect Peace

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. — *Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

From time to time, each of us can fret and worry, anticipating the worst. However, some of us live in a constant state of anxiety, which can cause us to neglect our health, lose sleep, or become depressed — losing hope for better days.

This isn't what God wants for us. Jesus asked his listeners in Matthew 6:27, "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" Jesus knew that worrying robs us of health, peace, joy, and the good that God desires for us.

When I feel the waves of anxiety rise up in me, I immediately focus on the Lord's peace and calm. I pour out my heart to God. The Bible gives me comfort and assurance that God is with me and knows my struggles. I am encouraged to keep trusting and hoping in God. How often must I do this? Every day! It is a continual process.

Isaiah 26:3 says, "[God,] you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." I am resolved to keep steadfast because I want that peace. Don't we all?

**Linda M. Scarola (New York, USA)**

**Thought for the Day**  
Keeping my focus on the Lord gives me clearer vision.

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| <p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b><br/>Dennis Butler, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship..11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b><br/>810 S. 3rd, Floydada<br/>Darwin Robinson, Pastor<br/>983-2578<br/>Sunday School...10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Armando Morales, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Bible Study - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b><br/>Service Every Sunday<br/>Morning Worship - 9 a.m.<br/>Sunday School 10:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>West College &amp; Third<br/>Lockney<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b><br/>Matthew Benfield, Minister<br/>Floydada<br/>Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Tim Franks, Pastor<br/>Logan Lamb, Min. Students<br/>Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Joseph Tillery, Pastor<br/>Albert Oliveira, Youth Min.<br/>Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p> | <p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor<br/>Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.<br/>Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Service - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.<br/>Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ</b><br/>Joe Bennett, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Tuesday - 8 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b><br/>Lockney<br/>James Blair, Minister<br/>Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Timothy Askey<br/>401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges<br/>(806) 637-0430<br/>Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship -11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b><br/>310 Mississippi</p> | <p>Floydada<br/>Rev David Ramos, Pastor<br/>Ester Ramos, Praise Leader<br/>Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Praise - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Praise 5 - p.m.<br/>Wed Worship - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b><br/>Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor<br/>704 B Main, Lockney<br/>Sunday Services - 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Jesus Caballero, Pastor<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Discipleship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b><br/>Floyada<br/>Rev. Toby Gonzales<br/>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed Evening - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Patrick Maher<br/>Wed. Communion - 8 p.m.<br/>Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b><br/>Joe Weldon, Pastor<br/>SuNday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b><br/>701 W. Missouri<br/>Joe M. Hernandez<br/>983-5286 (Church)<br/>Sunday School<br/>English - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Spanish - 11 a.m.<br/>Worship<br/>Spanish - 9:30 a.m.<br/>English - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Service 5 p.m.<br/>Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> | <p>*****</p> <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b><br/>Floydada<br/>Rev. Ike Temporaza<br/>983-5878<br/>Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.<br/>Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.<br/>Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b><br/>Lockney<br/>Rev. Joe Hernandez<br/>Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God</b><br/>Washington And 1st St.<br/>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Wed Service - 7 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b><br/>Rev. Herman Martinez<br/>308 W. Tennessee, Floydada<br/>Sunday School - 10 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship - 5 p.m.<br/>Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.<br/>Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b><br/>500 W. Houston<br/>Tom Ross, Pastor<br/>983-5499<br/>Sunday School - 9:45 p.m.<br/>Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>Providence Community On Fm 2301<br/>293-3009<br/>Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister<br/>983-2672 Or 470-0950<br/>Worship Service 11 - a.m.<br/>*****</p> <p><b>Westview Church of Christ</b><br/>Floydada<br/>983-2672 Or 470-0950<br/>Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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# AGRICULTURE

## Floyd County 4-H'ers Take Aim in District Shotgun



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Floyd County 4-H'ers competing in the District 2 Trap and Skeet match on June 27 and 28 include Mason Esty, Tyann Phillips and Konner Smith. Congratulations to these 4-H'ers!

**By Patty Davenport**  
Floyd County Shooting Sports Coach

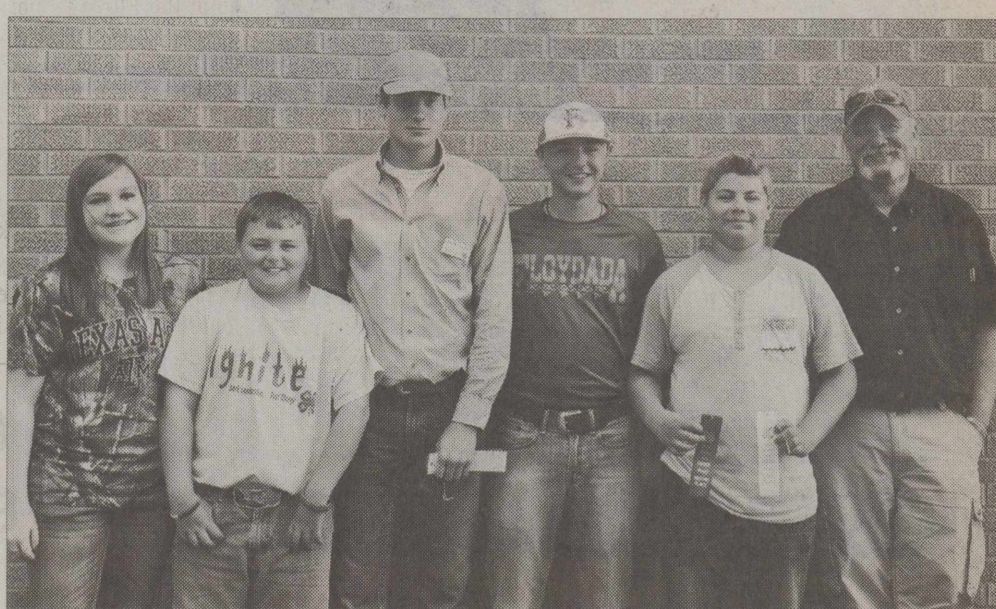
Floyd County 4-H'ers competed in the District 2 Trap and Skeet match on June 27 and 28. The Trap Competition was held at the Palmer Gun Club in Garza County. The Skeet Competition was held at the Gaines County Shooting Range.

Konner Smith placed 2nd in the senior 2 skeet class and 3rd in senior 2 trap. Mason Esty finished 7th overall in the intermediate division and Tyann Phillips finished 8th in the junior division. Congratulations on a job well done.

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## Floyd County 4-H'ers Compete in District Pistol



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Floyd County 4-H'ers competing in the District 2 4-H Pistol contest on June 16, 2015 at South Plains College Law Enforcement building were (l-r) Rachel Graham, Ryder Glass, Brayden Campbell, Alex Glass and Jaiden Blakey. Also pictured is Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports coach, Winfield Davenport.

**By Patty Davenport**  
Parent/Leader

Floyd County 4-H'ers competed in the District 2 Pistol match on June 16. The match was held at the South Plains College Law Enforcement Building.

Junior 4-H'ers shot air pistol and small bore while the intermediates shot air pistol, small bore and centerfire. Ryder Glass placed 3rd in the intermediate

centerfire class and was 5th overall. In the Senior Division, Brayden Campbell placed 1st in air pistol, 3rd in centerfire and was 2nd high overall. Jayden Blakey was 2nd in centerfire, 3rd in air pistol and 3rd high overall. Rachel Graham placed 2nd in small bore and 5th overall. Alex Glass was 4th in centerfire, 5th in air pistol and 7th overall. Congratulations to all our competitors on a job well done.

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## Lockney 4-H Officers



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The Lockney 4-H Club elected officers for the 2015 - 2016 year at their End of the Year Party held on June 25th at the Lockney City Pool. Officers include (Front row, l-r) Kaden Weekes - Secretary and County Council Delegate, Tyann Phillips - President, Gage Graves - Vice President in charge of Recreation; (Back row, l-r) Lacy Phillips - Assistant Club Manager, Tracy Esty - Club Manager, and Mason Esty - Vice President in charge of Programs and County Council Delegate. Not pictured - Hunter Lefevre - Vice President in charge of Membership.



## HPWD and USGS to conduct geophysical logging of water wells completed into the Dockum aquifer

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is partnering with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct geophysical logging of up to 15 water wells completed in the Dockum Aquifer within the district's service area.

The year-long project is part of an increased emphasis by the HPWD Board of Directors to gain a better understanding of the quality and quantity of groundwater stored in the

Dockum Aquifer within the district.

HPWD is providing \$48,000 of the estimated \$58,000 to conduct logging in the 15 wells. The remainder is provided by the USGS.

Geophysical logs will be made in a maximum of five uncased and 10 cased Dockum wells in these counties.

Data collected in uncased wells includes caliper, natural gamma, resistivity, water temperature, water resistivity, and full wave sonic. Data collected in steel cased wells includes

caliper, casing collar locator, natural gamma, water temperature, and water resistivity.

USGS personnel from the San Angelo and Fort Worth offices will conduct the logging.

"Landowners or operators planning to drill a well into the Dockum Aquifer are encouraged to contact the HPWD office for possible participation in this project. We want to have a better understanding of the Dockum Aquifer within the district," said General Manager Jason Coleman.

THANKS FOR READING!  
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## RRC Production statistics and allowables for July 2015

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AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of June 19, was 363, representing about 44 percent of all active land rigs in the United States according to Baker Hughes Incorporated. The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) reports

that in the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 959 million barrels of oil and 8.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for April 2015 is 82,985,952 barrels of crude oil and 503,067,488 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by

multiplying the preliminary April 2015 production totals of 69,595,733 barrels of crude oil and 430,856,019 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1924 for crude oil and 1.1676 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for May 2015

was 371,377,953 Mcf compared to 208,191,807 Mcf in May 2014. The June 2015 gas storage estimate is 387,328,740 Mcf.

The Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial July 2015 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 7,873,196 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial July 2015 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for July 2015 is reported.

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# 2015 WHEAT HARVEST IS UNDER WAY



Photos Courtesy of Judy Lloyd

Shane Lloyd (S & J Farms) harvested wheat Sunday in a field located in Fairview, in northeast Floyd County. This dryland wheat is averaging a little better than normal for dryland. Shown driving the combine is Shane and driving the tractor is Joe Ortiz.

## Floydada Rotary Club

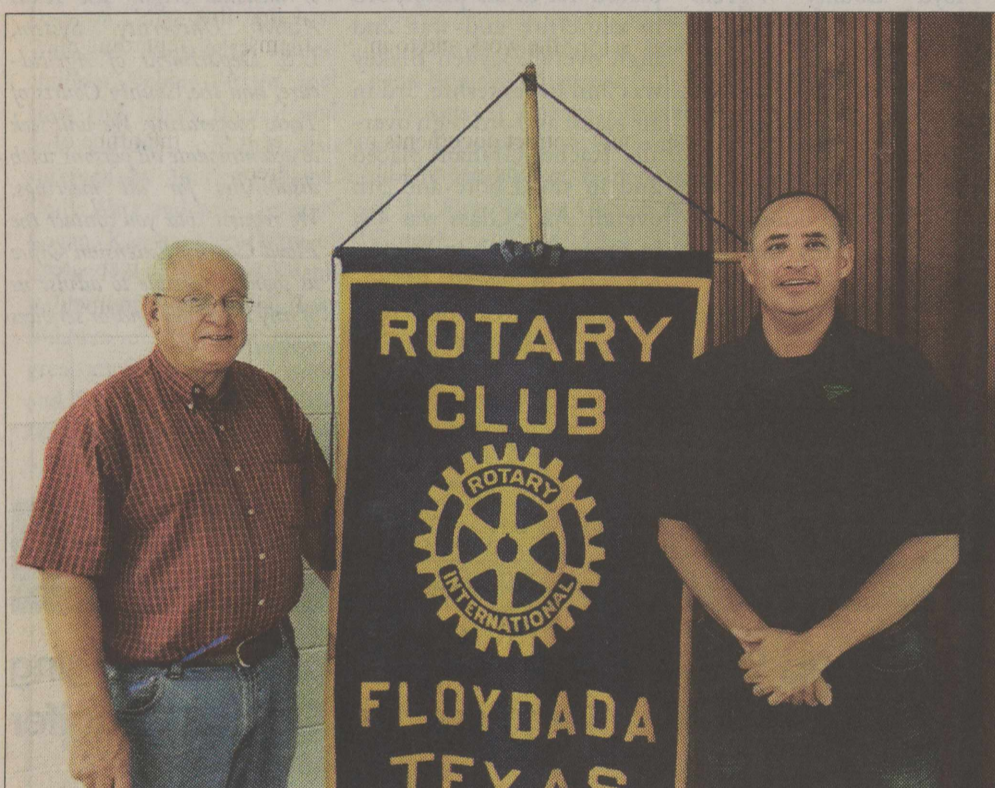


Photo Courtesy of Karen Houchin

The Floydada Rotary Club would like to thank outgoing President Dr. Gilbert Trevino (right) and outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Fred Thayer (left) for their service to the club.

## Lions & Rotary make donation



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Rotary Club and the Floydada Lions Club joined in efforts to hold a raffle to raise funds to purchase new benches and accessories for the new playground. Presenting a check for \$2,442.50 to the Mayor Bob Gilliland and City Manager Jeff Johnson are Karen Houchin, incoming Rotary Club President and Tommy Ogden, outgoing Lions Club Treasurer. Rotarians and Lions thank the community for their ongoing support of local projects to better our community - one step at a time. Shown are (left to right) Jeff Johnson, Karen Houchin, Bobby Gilliland and Tommy Ogden.

## 800,000 acres dedicated to conservation reserve program

Secretary hails program's 30th anniversary, announces general signup period

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MILWAUKEE, — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced last week that an additional 800,000 acres of highly environmentally sensitive land may be enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) under certain wetland and wildlife initiatives that provide multiple benefits on the same land.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept new offers to participate in CRP under a general signup to be held Dec. 1, 2015, through Feb. 26, 2016. Eligible existing program participants with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2015, will be granted an option for one-year extensions. Farmers and ranchers interested in removing sensitive land from agricultural production and planting grasses or trees to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat are encouraged to enroll. Secretary Vilsack made the announcement during a speech delivered at the Ducks Unlimited National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"For 30 years, the Conservation Reserve Program has supported farmers and ranchers as they continue to be good stewards of land and water. This initiative has helped farmers and ranchers prevent more than 8 billion tons of soil from eroding,

reduce nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively, and even sequester 43 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, equal to taking 8 million cars off the road," said Vilsack. "This has been one of most successful conservation programs in the history of the country, and today's announcement keeps that momentum moving forward."

The voluntary Conservation Reserve Program allows USDA to contract

with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive land is conserved. Participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

In addition to Ducks Unlimited's partnership with the Conservation Reserve

Program, other longtime partners include Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, National Association of State Foresters, National Wild Turkey Federation, Audubon Society, National Bobwhite Technical Committee, Quality Deer Management Association, National Rural Water Association, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, Longleaf Alliance, state soil and water conservation districts, and state forestry, agriculture and natural resource agencies.

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**BOOK**

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dominately black neighborhood, turns to the next three parts of Doucette's life, the US Navy, the business world and finally life as a cattleman/rancher.

"One thing I've learned is be careful how you treat people," Doucette said. "My mom always said things you do come back to you 2-by-2. There are several examples of this throughout the book in business dealings I had with people."

In the book, Doucette tells about the time he was preparing to buy his first bank. The brother of the owner had a bad loan so when it came time to sell the bank, Doucette and the buyer worked out a way for Doucette to buy the loan and receive payments through the new bank. Several years later, Doucette and Ty Williams were selling off 150 cows at top dollar. The buyer, the brother whose loan was bad that after much pursuit had paid it off, had now had to pay top dollar for Doucette's cows.

Doucette said that in his life, at key points someone has always given him the advice that led him down a new, successful path.

"Giving back what was given to me at those key points is what I want to do now," Doucette said.

The advice Doucette hopes to leave with readers of the book include: be flexible, you may have two or three careers in your life; don't look for outside gratification, look within in yourself and have a sense of your own being; and always assume success, you may fail but you were trying to succeed.

"A person has to have a relationship first and foremost with his God, then

his family and needs to take care of himself," Doucette said. "Sometimes we have to have something, especially when young, that will change the trajectory of our life, be flexible."

Currently, the book is available at Heart's Desire in Lockney and Plainview and from Amazon.com.

One review on Amazon said it best, "The author states the book is a long letter to his grandchildren, a legacy, and a memoir. He accomplishes his intent, but gives the reader so much more."

The story of his life and career is a picture of our country and its postwar growth. The story gives the reader a unique glimpse of the attitudes, opinions, and culture of family and business when everyone felt better about the country. If it were only about the cable industry, it would be an interesting read. But, it's also filled with sage business advice from a success. A man who made money and many friends through his career, and managed to keep most of both. You can't read this book without wishing you had an Uncle Hermie to tell you when it's time to "Shut your mouth, take your money, and go home." Maxims from the author and his uncles are the kind you stick on the wall and memorize. I liked "The Not So Great American Novel". It is the plain spoken story of man's life. A man who knows what he's living for and tells it like it is. He sprinkles enough wisdom along the journey to make it a valuable read. For the young person with a desire to succeed, or someone who enjoys reading about postwar America, it's worth your time."

# SPC Plainview Center to offer certificate in Automotive Technology

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# Trees Suffer During Prolonged Drought

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Drier than normal conditions are stifling much of the nation this summer, especially California, and the U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts there is little chance for improvement. What can homeowners do to keep their trees healthy during hotter, drier summer months?

"While it's impossible to keep every tree in good health in times of severe drought, taking a proactive approach for a prized or sentimental tree can prevent damage," recommends Tchukki Andersen, CTSP, BCMA\* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "A tree that is supported with good cultural practices, proactive monitoring for pests and disease, and responses to warning signs will have an increased chance of survival."

Silent Suffering: Drought damage starts beneath the soil line, in the form of root damage, long before any outward signs of trouble. After a tree's unsuccessful attempt to conserve water by closing leaf stomates, its feeder roots die back, sometimes so drastically that the tree is unable to absorb enough water to support itself. Such drought stress may lead to tree death, but usually the signs of stress

are much less dramatic. "Leaves are undersized and may wilt, yellow, curl or crinkle, and may be marginally scorched or even turn brown and drop early," explains Andersen. "Emergent shoots are short. In an effort to right the imbalance caused by root-loss, crown dieback or a general thinning of the canopy occurs."

Opportunistic pests and diseases: This is when "opportunistic" pests make their move. Boring insects are thought to be drawn to the chemical and acoustic signals of stressed trees. The sound of the tree's breaking water columns cues the borer to invade the tree and lay eggs. Andersen recommends applying a 3-inch layer of composted wood chip mulch on the ground over the root zone at least out to the drip line (the ground under the outer edge of the branch spread). This will hold moisture longer for stressed roots to access, and will provide a long-term nutritional source for the soil. Prized or important trees may be protected from wood-boring insects with spray or injection chemicals, but they should be treated before becoming drought-stressed.

Stressed trees are also vulnerable to fungal pathogens. Andersen notes that

when a chemical change in the tree signals a weakened state, certain pathogens penetrate the bark and cambial zone (tissues responsible for secondary growth of stems and roots) with fan-like, leathery clumps, cutting off the tree's water supply.

While all trees are at risk during long periods of drought, some are more susceptible to its effects. New transplants are highly vulnerable to drought stress, so supplemental watering for the first few years of establishment is necessary, to the extent that it is allowed. Trees already under stress, such as those on dry slopes, surrounded by pavement or improperly planted, are at high risk of decline.

Watering trees deeply with soaker hoses or irrigation systems - as opposed to brief, surface watering - helps sustain trees. But with so many trees affected and a water ban in effect for much of California, Andersen recommends watering only those trees that you can help. How much water a home landscape needs depends upon its soil, sun and shade exposure, types of plants, irrigation system and local climate. How much water a tree requires is also dependent on its species. Applying the right amount of water, based on the local weather and the

tree's actual need, is the key to using water efficiently. Water trees and lawn separately, providing what each needs specifically.

What else can be done under local water restrictions?

- Mulch: 3-inch layer out to the drip line. (see more above)

- Reduce or eliminate the use of high-nitrogen fertilizers. High-nitrogen fertilizers contain salts that can damage stressed tree tissues. Also, nitrogen fertilizers push new tree growth, which can exhaust tree energy when stressed.

- Prune out only dead wood to reduce attacks by insect and disease pests. Do not remove live tree tissues until tree health improves.

- Prevent any further stress from construction activities, lawn herbicide applications, or foot-traffic over the root zone.

Outlook: The aftereffects of drought may last three to five years, with the strongest trees surviving. Trees have developed their own mechanisms for coping with these cycles, but some trees are on the brink of survival and could go either way. "If it means the difference between keeping a tree around for your lifetime or losing it in the next five years," Andersen says, "it's worth doing something about."



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Q: Is it true that tornadoes always move in the same direction?

A: That's not true, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tornadoes can move in any direction," he explains. "Most of them move from the southwest to the northeast, but not all do. It used to be thought that all tornadoes moved to the northeast, but now we know that they can move in any direction. Tornadoes develop out of thunderstorms, and they generally move in whatever

direction the thunderstorm is moving.

Q: Do they make sudden changes in direction?

A: They can, but sharp turns are not common, he says. "Most tornadoes keep going along the same general path and any change of direction is slight," McRoberts adds. "When a tornado does make a change in direction, it is usually due to changes in the structure of the thunderstorm from which it was spawned. Perhaps the greatest example of a tornado staying on path was the famous Tri-State

tornado of March, 1925.

It stayed on roughly the same path for an amazing 219 miles, moving from southeast Missouri, crossing Illinois and heading on to southwest Indiana - the usual path of moving from the south to the northeast that most tornadoes make. It moved at 73 miles per hour, killed 695 people, destroyed 15,000 homes and damaged 164 square miles and was at times one mile in width.

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