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Celebrate 4th of July at Lowe's

Lowe's Pay-N-Save, in Floydada, will kick off their annual July 4th Celebration with the famous free breakfast from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served in the parking lot and will consist of eggs, sausage, gravy, biscuits, coffee and orange juice.

The Hwy. 70 band will entertain from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served for a nominal fee from 11:00 a.m. un-

til 2:00 p.m. Hot dogs will sell 4 for \$1.00; hamburgers will be 2 for \$1.00; and Pepsi and Dr. Pepper will be sold 4 for \$1.00.

Lowe's will be offering great sales on items to make your 4th of July a bigger and better celebration and you can register to win a variety of prizes inside the store.

Kids will be kept busy in the parking lot with a large jumping jern, stick horse races and other activities.

Allsup's robber turns himself in

June 21, Allsup's personnel and Floydada Police were faced with an unusual robbery at the Allsup's store.

According to Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch, a man walked into the Floydada Allsup's at 2:40 a.m. and went to an aisle to get gum.

"When he got to the clerk he said, 'I'm not here to hurt you--I just want your money. I'm Edward Wickware and I'll turn

myself in later."

According to Gooch, money was handed over to the man.

"And, sure enough," said Gooch, "the next morning at 7:00 a.m. Wickware, was here waiting for me. (Edward Wickware is 33 years old and lives in Floydada).

"He told me he just wasn't through partying and he needed more money for dope."

The case has been turned over to the District Attorney.



BERTRAND VACATION AND CONTEST PHOTO--Connie Bertrand submitted this photo of her trip to N.Y., N.Y. using familiar scenes and personalities as well as everyday commuters. (Starting in upper left and going right) Carolyn Cunningham, of Lockney, reading our paper in the Times Square Subway Tunnel; Ann Curry, news anchor of the NBC Today Show, morning subway commuters; (bottom left-right) Connie Bertrand reading the paper on Times Square; Carolyn Cunningham sharing the paper with the Statue; Manuel (or known on the Today Show as 'Einstein'), and Connie below Miss Liberty preparing to read. According to Connie, immediately after taking the photo on the bottom right, all tourists were evacuated from the area at the base and front of the statue. Someone had left a bag unattended and the area had to be cleared to enable the bomb dog to investigate. "Carolyn and I never got the chance to take more photos at the base because of our remaining time at the statue was taken up by the search," said Connie. "However we were grateful to feel safe and secure while at the Statue."

Fireworks in Floydada

A special area at the Floydada Rodeo Grounds has been set aside for people to pop their fireworks on the 4th of July. The area will be open from dusk until everyone is done, and will be monitored by the Floydada Fire Department.

There will be a \$3.00 charge at the gate to pay for clean-up.

Shooting off fireworks inside the City limits is illegal and the Rodeo Grounds will be the only area this activity will be sanctioned.

The 4th in Lockney

The annual 4th of July Bike Parade will start at 9:30 a.m. at Lockney's Main Street Church of Christ. Decorate your bike (or any mode of travel) with a patriotic theme and join in the parade.

Council urges water rationing

Floydada Police Chief asks for police raises

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada City Council met Tuesday, June 20, and voted to ask the citizens to begin Phase I of a 'volunteer' water rationing plan, and the council heard a request for a salary raise for the Police Department.

According to City Manager Gary Brown, Phase I of the water rationing plan calls for informing the public, "To get the word out - don't waste water!"

Brown added, "Right now water usage is real high in the City. Many are still trying to keep their grass green. If we want state

help later, it will be good if we already have a (water rationing) plan in place."

Police Chief Darrell Gooch addressed the council concerning the need for salary raises at all levels in the Police Department. According to Gooch, giving the department about a 10 percent raise across the board "would put Floydada in about the middle of the salary scale of the surrounding smaller towns."

Gooch asked the council to raise the starting base salary of a police officer from \$24,000 to \$26,400. "This 10 percent raise would cost the City \$6,300 for the remainder of this fiscal year," said Gooch.

According to Gooch, Floyd County Sheriff's Officers start at \$25,000, Lockney P.D. (2300 pop.) starts at \$25,500, Ralls P.D. (2200 pop.) starts at \$24,000, Wolfforth P.D. (2700 pop.) starts at \$27,000, Tulia P.D. (4600 pop.) starts at \$26,000, Colorado City P.D. (3900 pop.) starts at \$31,000 and Mulshoe P.D. starts at \$27,000.

Gooch explained he has had trouble filling the two vacancies in his department because of the low starting base salary.

Following a question by Council Member Monte Williams concerning the City's budget, City Manager Brown said, "We might could find this in our

budget, but our tax base is going down. We are working on our new budget now. This will have to come from the citizens. Our sales tax of \$120,000 has stayed the same as years before."

Council Member Ruben Barrientoz asked, "How much are our raises for our other employees?"

Brown responded, "Around 3 to 5 percent."

Williams suggested the council wait until they see the new 2006-2007 budget before taking any action on the matter. No action was taken by the council.

In other matters, the council adopted unanimously an ordinance imposing a 'late fee' for sanitation customers living outside the city limits and who are billed solely for sanitation (garbage pickup) service only.

The late fee will be \$15.00 for 'up to 7 days late' in paying their bill, and \$30.00 for 'over 7 days late' in paying their bill.

The council adopted another resolution concerning Atmos Energy to "show cause regarding the reasonableness of its existing natural gas distribution rates with the City."

Brown told the council, "It is time for us to act. This action will make Atmos prove their case. They have bought, for their new large building in Amarillo, chairs

for \$1500 and pictures for \$1000. We want an infrastructure rating, not show."

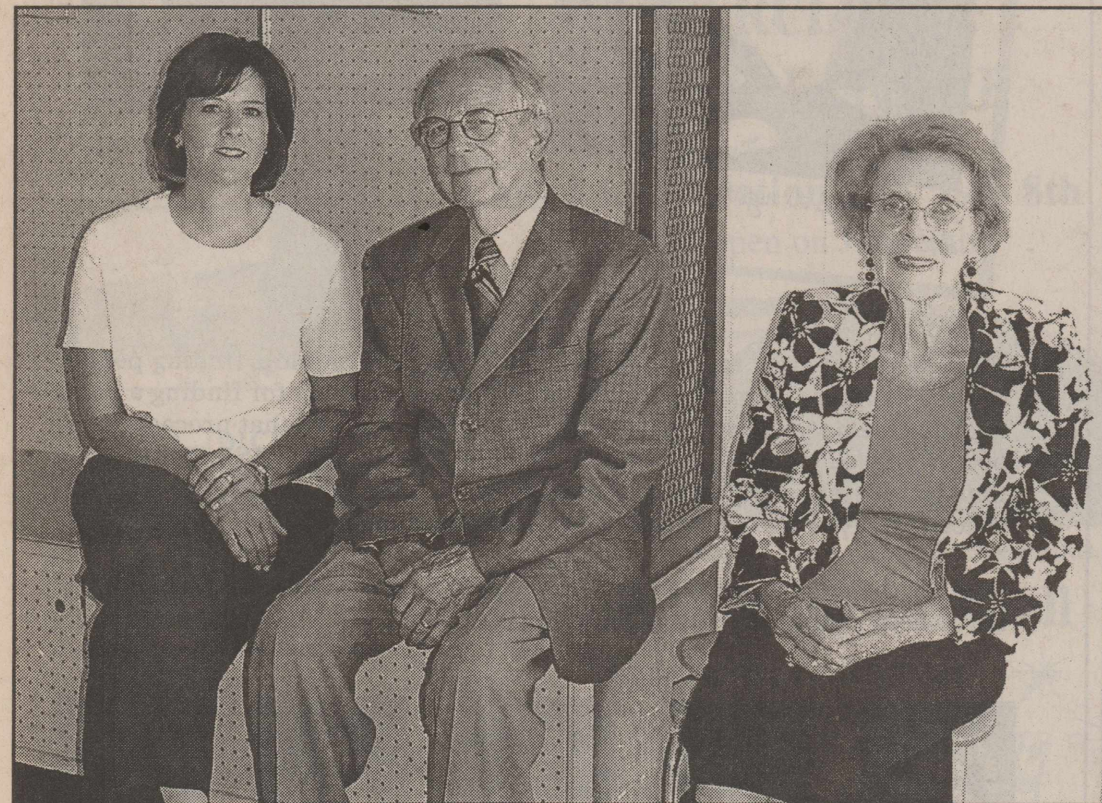
No action was taken by the council concerning a request by the highway department for the City to move existing water lines that are beneath Highway 62/207 going south toward Ralls at the "Y" intersection.

Brown explained, "As the highway department makes plans to redo the highway going South, they have discovered that the current highway is over some of our water lines. One is a 10 inch (main) line and they think the line needs to be moved."

"This is going to be interesting to see who pays for what. If they are over our line, I think it is easy to think our line was there when the highway went in. They plan to narrow the intersection by 16 feet. Our line has nowhere else to go, but they could move their highway away from our line."

"The line was put down in the 1940s. Their highway is not close to the original plot. I estimate it will cost from \$150,000 to \$175,000 to move the line. The highway department wants it moved by December and they are trying to find paper work showing when the right of way was acquired," said Brown.

In another matter, the council



BROWN'S DEPARTMENT STORE building donated to Mangold Memorial Hospital. Pictured inside Brown's Department Store are (l-r) Hospital Administrator Sharon Hunt, Claude and Wilma Brown. (See related story.)

Brown's donate to Hospital

By Judy Macha

Claude and Wilma Brown, longtime Lockney community leaders and business owners, have donated the Brown's Department store building to Mangold Memorial Hospital.

Brown's Department Store was open until 1994.

Hospital Administrator Sharon Hunt and the Brown's signed the final papers today, June 26, 2006. "The north 30 feet of the building will be occupied by Freedom

2 Go, a medical equipment company that purchased the assets of Mangold Memorial Medical Equipment. Freedom 2 Go will be able to offer more in the way of medical equipment and ser-

AREA RAINFALL TOTAL JUNE 22-25, 2006

Lockney Gin5"
Barwise Elev.....	.75"
Floydada Airport.....	1.5"
Floydada Coop Gin.....	2.0"
Lockney Downtown.....	1.5"
Darty Gin.....	1.0"
South Plains.....	1.0"
Providence Fm.Sup.....	1.6"
Sandhill Elev.....	.6"
Lone Star.....	.5"
Muncy Elev.....	.6"
Sterley Com.....	1.2"

By Darwin Robinson

Floyd County received some much needed rainfall over the past weekend, starting Thursday evening through Sunday morning.

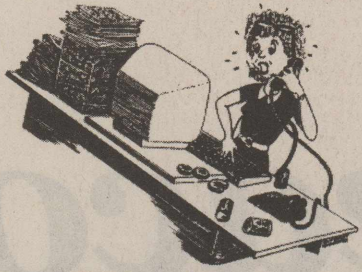
The rain seemed to be spotted throughout the area, according to most reports, and everyone said they did appreciate what they got.

Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland told the Hesperian-Beacon, "I heard the county received from one

to two inches of rain. However, the rains came too late for the producers to replant cotton. The general rule deadline for replanting was June 10th."

"Even if seed already planted comes up now, it will have a hard time maturing before the (normal) freeze. I think most producers will probably wait and plant early wheat, while some will plant milo now," concluded Ragland

By The Way



By Alice Gilroy

email:floydada@amaonline.com

I remember last Christmas David Letterman jumped on Bill O'Reilly concerning his statements about religious persecution against Christians in this county.

Letterman said, with a straight face, that there was no such thing going on. He was especially aghast that O'Reilly would tell people there was some kind of movement against "Christmas" trees.

Even Jay Leno wondered aloud, on his own show, just where Letterman had been for so many months of stories on the "renaming" of the Christmas tree.

All this was brought to mind recently by several stories I have read--and I wonder if Letterman has seen them.

Valedictorian Brittany McComb had the power on her microphone pulled when she started to use that blasphemous word of "Christ". She wanted to tell her fellow graduates what was on her heart and the school believed it to be proselytizing.

Although the censorship drew jeers from the nearly 400 graduates and their families (lasting several minutes), the ACLU says it agrees with the school's decision to silence the microphone.

Before her commencement speech McComb had to meet with Foothill High School administrators who edited her speech.

The speech was further checked out by the ACLU before McComb was given the O.K.

McComb said she was told her speech would be cut short if she deviated from the approved school speech, but she said it boiled down to her fundamental right to free speech.

McComb said her school taught her that.

"God's the biggest part of my life," said McComb. "Just like other valedictorians thank their parents, I wanted to thank my Lord and Savior."

In the 750 word speech

McComb made reference to the Lord twice, to God 9 times, and one mention of Christ.

The school edited out Christ, five other words, two bible references, and a reference to God's love being shown in sending his Son to die.

Isn't it amazing how scary the name of Christ is?

You can mention God, Buddha, Allah, etc. and everything is O.K. But bring in the personal name of Christ and there is an immediate inward or outward reaction (some small and some not so small) from everyone around you.

You think there is a reason for that? I do.

Meanwhile--at Lewis-Palmer High School in Monument, Colo., Erica Corder's commencement speech has also gotten her into trouble.

Corder used her valedictorian speech to speak about the death and resurrection of Christ and to urge listeners to learn more about his sacrifice.

After the speech school officials told her she would not receive her diploma until she wrote an e-mail to the school community's students and parents, apologizing for her transgressions in making the speech.

Corder has agreed to write the apology. However, Mat Staver, chairman of Liberty Counsel says a lawsuit is warranted.

According to Staver, Diplomas are earned--and Corder is entitled to her diploma--and she has a right to share her faith.

And then--in New Jersey a second grader, Olivia Turton, was told she couldn't sing "Awesome God" at a school talent show because it was "too violent and graphic", and said it violated the First Amendment.

Allowed at the show was a Latin dance interpretation to Shakira; a rock band performing a Bon Jovi song, and a "witches" scene from MacBeth.

The Alliance Defense Fund has taken up the fight for Olivia Turton.

A view from

The Lamplighter

By: Ken Towery
email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com

We are indebted to the Globe newspaper out of Tel Aviv (in Israel) for the news that there are many more millionaires in the world now.

The same story did not appear in America's newspapers until several days later, but there's probably a reason for that. The worldwide increase in new millionaires was around six (6) percent, but in Israel the increase was double the world's average, up to 12 1/2 percent. There are now 7,400 millionaires in Israel, according to the story, and even a few Billionaires. The story did not say how much of that money came (via Foreign Aid) from the American taxpayers through their Congress and Administration. Nor did the story indicate whether America's taxpayers will be called on to help pay the taxes on the new-found wealth, but you can rest assured, gentle reader, that such will be the case.

For instance: Israel receives about \$3 Billion each and every year from the American taxpayers, courtesy of our Congress and Administration. A lot of foreigners receive help from the Ameri-

can treasury (not nearly that much), but Israel gets its money up front, in one lump sum that Americans have to borrow and pay interest on. And by virtue of the Cranston Amendment, the amount of interest the Israelites pay on their money, when and if the interest finally kicks in, can never exceed the amount of America's gift. So the net effect of our "loans" to Israel is that they always have interest-free money on hand...in addition to the outright foreign aid grants of several billion in gifts each year that they get "up front."

It would be interesting to know just how much money goes from the American taxpayers to Israel only to be "recycled" through various business deals into real estate investments here in the United States. And how much of that money gets siphoned off into the pockets of various politicians in return for favorable votes on foreign aid for Israel. But, don't worry, gentle reader. You are not likely to see any crusade on the part of the American media along those

lines. The daily "media" may be guilty of many sins, but the one thing it is not guilty of...is biting the hand that feeds it.

Our perusal of the Israeli newspapers (via the web) followed a television appearance on CNBC wherein Pat Robertson, the televangelist, business adviser, health food expert, and general all-round know-it-all, was bragging about how rich he is and how dedicated he is to Israel (so much does he love Israel, he told his Jewish interviewer, he even has the Star of David printed on his underwear). Pat evidently does not especially care that the Jews crucified Jesus Christ. His big concern is that some day, "and it's going to be real soon," he says, all the Jews are going to gather in Israel and become converted Christians. We've never met a Jew who agrees with Pat in that prediction, or many of Pat's predictions, for that matter. Still, Pat is very rich, so he must know what he's talking about. Perhaps the Star of David imprinted on his underpants will convince the Holy

Ghost that he is serious about his love affair with the Israelites, and he may even be a candidate for conversion himself, along with the other Jews, when the lion lays down with the lamb.

Pat is not only very rich, he grew up in a political atmosphere and understands politics very well. (His father was a United States Senator when I first went to Washington). Pat has been reminded, many times, of lessons learned by many politicians before him. One lesson being that money is the mare's milk of politics, but it is not everything. As a usual rule, if you don't have money, or have access to money, or have access to someone who influences votes, (usually with money), then forget about politics as a way to win friends and influence people on the national level. Pat went that route once, a few years ago when he ran for President, and lost just about everywhere his name appeared on a ballot, despite all his money. His love for Israel evidently did not translate into votes for himself.

Floydada Police Report

March

March 8, police were called to the High School in reference to a theft. Shannon Bolton, 17, was charged with misdemeanor theft.

March 10, Chris Wickware, 20, and Jermaine Wickware, 22, were arrested on a J.P. warrant.

March 11, Diecisieta Rosa, 24, was arrested for disorderly conduct/fighting.

March 16, Keith Collins, 25, and Rubina Torres, 35, were arrested on municipal court warrants. Marisela Rodger, 20, was arrested for a Hale County Warrant for theft.

March 17, Juan Garza, 37, was arrested on an outstanding municipal court warrant.

March 18, Rudy Esquivel Jr., 19, was arrested for eluding police.

March 25, Daniel Diaz, 41, of Floydada, was arrested at 1:20 a.m. for DWI.

May 29, Manuel Moreno, 19, of Floydada was arrested for attempting to take a Taser weapon away from a police officer.

April

April 1, Roy Almaguer, 46, and Marcy Coronado, 26, of Floydada, were both arrested on outstanding municipal warrants.

April 2, Leonardo Davila, 21, was arrested for DWI at 1:35 a.m.

April 3, David Rosa, 18, was

arrested on a municipal warrant.

April 5, police took a report of a burglary of a business on 2nd Street. Cash was stolen.

April 10, police were called to take a report of an assault that had occurred at 8:00 p.m. The suspect was identified and Luis Mendoza, 21, was later arrested for assault.

April 11, Raul Mendoza, 19, and Daniel Diaz, 50, were arrested on a municipal warrant.

At 10:40 a.m. Rebecca Diaz, 22, of Plainview, was arrested for Theft.

April 12, Jessica Morales, 24, was arrested on an outstanding county warrant.

April 15, Manuel Arredondo, 30, was arrested at 3:54 a.m. for possession of a controlled substance.

April 18, at 7:30 p.m., a woman living in the 900 block of

S. Leonard confronted a suspect in her hallway who had broken into her home. The suspect fled but the homeowner was able to

identify him. Arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass was Daniel Zavala Jr., 29.

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Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Platt's Oilgram News of New York City: This Monday June 26, Mr. James Norman of Platt's Oilgram News from New York City visited Floyd County to talk with company officials, community leaders and others involved with the current oil and gas activity of the Palo Duro Basin.

In February 2005 for Platt's Oilgram News, Mr. Norman wrote the first nationally published article about the Palo Duro Basin Gas Play. While in the Palo Duro Basin Mr. Norman visited with Mr. Mike Long, Briscoe County mineral owner; Mr. Graddy Tunnell, Plainview attorney; Mrs. Karen Houchin Floydada attorney; Mrs. Dora Ross, Director of Floydada Economic Development Corporation; Mr. Tom Farris and Mr. Monte Williams of the First National Bank of Floydada; and Tom Musser. Mr. Norman also visited by telephone with representatives of several of the Oil and Gas Exploration Companies operating in the Palo Duro Basin. Mr. Norman was able to visit several of the well locations. Mr. Norman is gathering information and preparing his next article on the Palo Duro Basin.

Floyd County: The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Stansell Lease Well #1 has drilled to total depth of 9336 feet.

Floyd and Motley County: Additional completion work, swabbing, flow testing and frac jobs are currently scheduled for several of the wells in Floyd and

Motley Counties. As further details are release by the operators additional information may be available to the public.

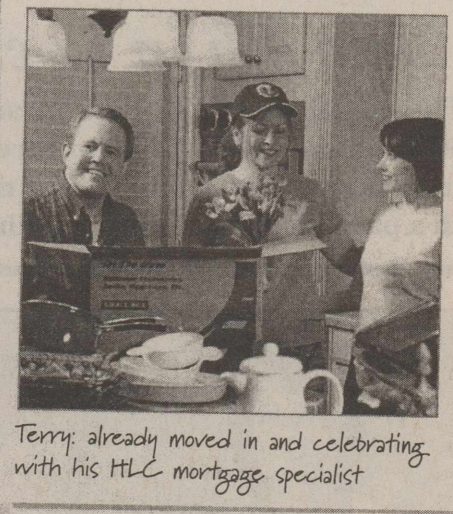
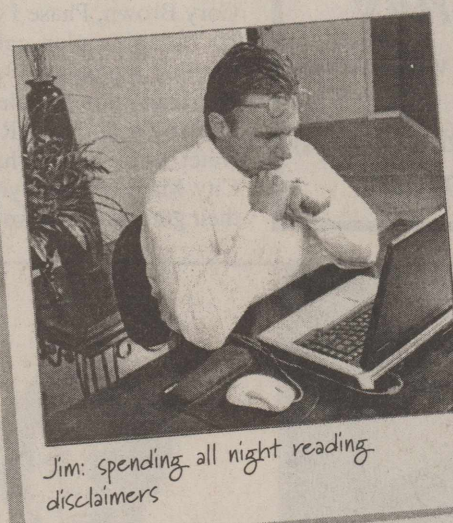
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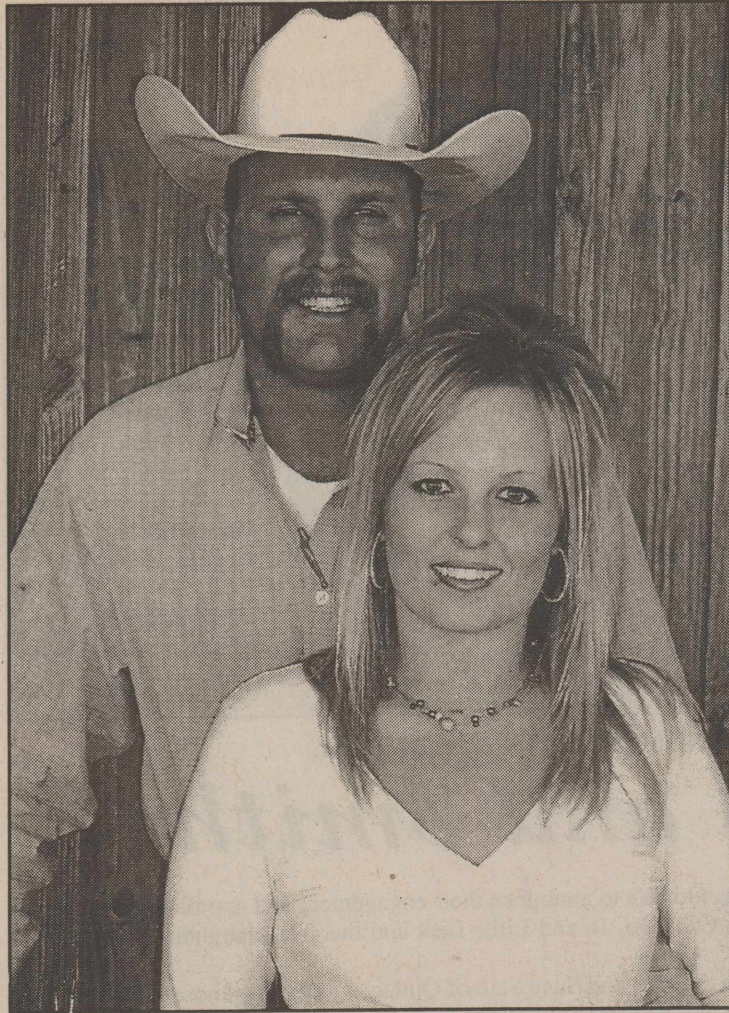
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JAYMIE SWARTZ AND NA'LYN SIMPSON

Simpson and Swartz

Scott and Trena Simpson of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Na'Lyn Simpson to Jaymie Swartz, son of Rooster and Della Swartz of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Floydada High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Betty Simpson of Floydada and Wayne and Gevene McLarty of Lubbock. She is currently employed as a Pharmacy Technician at United Pharmacy.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Tahoka High School and attended Frank Phillips College. He is the grandson of Johnnie Mathis of Lubbock. He is currently employed by Lubbock Feeders.

The couple plan an August 5, 2006 wedding in Lubbock.

Brown named to TML Council

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linked to allow City Manager Brown to serve on the Texas Municipal League Small Cities Advisory Council in Austin, at their request. This council meets a minimum of three times a year in Austin.

Brown commented, "I don't mind serving on this committee. I do know that we (small cities) are not represented very well. There will be some travel involved."

Upon the recommendation of Brown, the council unanimously 'suspended' the rate increase by Southwestern Public Service (SPS) /Xcel Energy.

Brown said, "Since we are linked to SPS in Lubbock, we cannot 'deny it', but only suspend it. Some cities down state do get what they ask for (concerning rates)."

Upon the recommendation of Brown, the council extended their lease contract, by another 4 years, on City property located north of the airport. It has CRP grass on it.

The demolition of a structure located at 614 W. Grover Street was approved by the council. Brown told the council, "The property has been acquired through a tax sale and it is in poor shape. The house needs to be demolished."

Brown's donate building

Continued From Page 1

vices. "The south side will be used as the hospital's physical therapy site. We believe this location will be more visible to the public," said Hunt. "On behalf of the hospital, we really appreciate Claude and Wilma and all they've done for the hospital and the community. Claude was on the hospital board for 19 years and served as president for most of that time."

"We realize the importance of the hospital to the community," said Mrs. Brown.

"Before we closed our business, Wilma and I already had in mind donating the building to the hospital. We have not tried to sell it for that reason," stated Brown.

"Three weeks after I returned home from serving in the Airforce during World War II, I purchased the dry cleaning equipment from a business in Amarillo and moved it to Lockney. You know, there wasn't any new equipment to be had at that time following the War, so I

bought what I could. Wilma and I purchased a 12 foot store front building and opened Brown's Cleaners January of 1946. The cleaners was open until 1974.

"In the 1950's we bought 18 more feet of space to the north of our building. We and our employees knocked out the north wall and built the addition ourselves. We added a men's clothing department and changed the store name to Brown's Cleaners and Clothiers.

"In 1956 we bought fixtures and put in a second store one block south on the east side of Main Street and ran it until 1960. We then purchased a building across the street from it and moved the business there and ran it for 30 years as Brown's Outlet Store.

"In 1960 we bought the south part of our original building and added a women and children's clothing department. We joined it all together for 60 feet of store front and changed the store's name to Brown's Department Store."

... at the Museum

By Bettye Jackson

At the museum one of the special duties myself and the volunteers are privileged to do is conduct tours. Some are scheduled but most are impromptu.

We had the very special honor of conducting a tour for the four, five, six and seven year old group from Floyd County Daycare on June 14. In my attempt to not be too "in depth" with the explanation of the museum displays, I asked the group what the purpose of a museum is. One little boy quickly spoke up and said a museum is where you keep "old things" and I was pleasantly amused to realize I was standing right in the middle of the "old things" and was doing a superb job of fitting in.

Later that day, also touring was the Youth Group from First Baptist Church. A family group (the Jones and McCleskeys) gathered at the museum on Saturday, June 17. Janet Milam provided the tour guide service and genealogy help.

Visitors signing the register came from Bryan, Victoria, Orange, Nacogdoches, Carrollton, Hereford, El Paso, Silvertown, Tulia, Crosbyton, Slaton, Quitaque, Idalou, McAdoo, Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas; Tucson, Arizona; Willow Spring,

North Carolina; Cullman, Alabama; New York, New York; Lakewood, Colorado; Oklahoma.

The museum has received memorials in memory of Bill Ashley, Barbara Jones, A.A. Ferguson, Phil Dunavant, Ruth Adams and honoring Chuck Holmes. We are grateful these memorials have been made to the museum.

People who come to the museum can usually be grouped as "out-of-towners", "locals", "first timers", "returnees" and then there are those who live in Floyd County and have never visited the museum. With that in mind I've included a few questions for which you might not know an answer.

What is a Mad stone?
What is a walking box?
What was the name of the first town in Floyd County?
Who was the World All Around Cowboy from Floyd County?

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Registration forms: Field House & Nielson's Restaurant



RICHARD (DICK) AND JANE ROEHR will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary August 13, 2006, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Room in Silvertown, Texas.

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Brock and Harmon Wed



MR. AND MRS. CHAD HARMON

Ashley Kay Brock and Chadwick Paul Harmon were united in marriage on Friday evening June 2, 2006 at the historic Baker Building in Lubbock. The father of the bride, Kyle Brock, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kyle and Kay Brock and the granddaughter of Byron and Charlotte Brock and Boyd and Gayle Reay, all of Lockney.

The groom is the son of Donna Harmon of Floydada and Paul and Debbie Harmon of Lubbock and the grandson of Ruth Mathis of Floydada.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride selected an elegant gown by the designers of Private Label by G Bridals. The strapless gown, in a soft muted shade of ivory, featured delicate bead-

ing at the top of the bodice. The princess cut gown was accented with covered buttons and crystals from the top of the gown to the hemline where the same beading of the bodice was echoed at the hemline of the train.

To compliment the gown, the bride chose a two-layered veil edged in crystals. Her something old was a pearl necklace belonging to her maternal great-grandmother; something new was her dress; something borrowed was her mother's garter; and her something blue was a sapphire ring given to her by her groom. Her bridal bouquet was a free flowing cascade with white mini calla and calla lilies, infused with red roses and a small blend of seeded eucalyptus.

Katie Howard of Midland

Greenwood, life long best friend of the bride served as the maid of honor, bridesmaids were Heather Brock of Lockney, sister of the bride; Dea Watson and Emily Haltom of Lubbock and Senee' Foster and bridesman Eddie Lee Fortenberry of Lockney. Bridesmaids wore dresses of floor length a-line dropped waist bodice with beading and pleated detail in black satin and carried hand tied bouquets of long stem calla lilies. Bailey Gibson of Austin served as the flower girl.

Chad Hinkle of Arlington, Virginia served as best man. Groomsman included Paul Ross of Floydada, Dave Douglas of Dallas, Will McBride of Abilene, Justin Payne of Floydada and Anthony Martinez of Austin. Steven Gibson of Austin served as ring bearer. Taylor Brock of Lockney, Adam Pruitt of Clinton, Oklahoma and Zach Emert served as ushers.

Music selections were presented by Mike Culwell of Vigo Park and Hope and Kay Crabtree of Floydada.

A reception and dinner was held afterwards at the Baker Building. After a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico the couple are making their home in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Lockney High school and is a student at Texas Tech University. She is employed by Samuels Diamonds in Lubbock.

The groom is a graduate of Floydada High School and Texas Tech University. He is employed by Creel and Harmon Realtors.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Texas Land and Cattle Company.

Other bridal courtesies and showers included a shower in the home of Renee' Harbacek in Lockney, a shower in the home of Pauline McCormick of Floydada and a miscellaneous shower given by the members of Vigo Park Methodist Church. A lingerie shower was hosted by the bridesmaids in Lubbock.



GALEN SMITH AND BARBARA LEAL

Leal and Smith

Barbara Leal and Galen Smith would like to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Cirildo, Jr. and Lillie Leal and the granddaughter of Cirildo and Lydia Leal all of Quitaque.

The prospective groom is the son of Scott and Susy Saul of Quitaque and the grandson of Bobby and Glenda Pinner of Lockney and Jim and Barbara Saul of Quitaque.

The couple will wed Saturday, July 29, 2006 at the Caprock Canyons State Park Amphitheatre. A reception will immediately follow at the Hope Center, Quitaque.

Relay For Life raises over \$22,000

On Friday, June 16, the Floyd County community came together to celebrate survivors, raise money for cancer research, and bring Hope to the South Plains through the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

More than 200 people participated in the event, including 12 teams of participants that helped to raise money. Mangold Hospital, the Lockney Library, the South Plains-Sterley Community, City Bank, First National Bank, Lisa Garcia-Jimenez and Family, Allsup's, Lockney ISD, Floydada ISD, and Lighthouse Electric were all represented by teams.

In total, teams raised over \$15,000, bringing the total of the Relay to over \$22,000! Mangold Hospital's team won the award for most money raised by a team, with over \$3,500 in funds from donations and fundraisers. Lisa Garcia-Jimenez and Family won the award for most spirited team, and the South Plains-Sterley Community won the award for best campsite.

In addition to teams, 33 cancer Survivors came out to celebrate their victory over cancer. The Survivors celebrated over 300 combined years of Survivorship! Each cancer Survivor was given a commemorative purple t-shirt and a free dinner at the event.

Several local businesses helped sponsor the event, including Mangold Memorial Hospital, First National Bank, D & J Gin, Barwise Gin, Lighthouse Electric, Payne Pharmacy, Clark Pharmacy, City Bank, Kaleidoscope, Producers Cooperative, Quality Body Shop, Floydada Ford, Oden Chevrolet, Lockney Coop, Lockney Meat Co., and Floyd County Supply. In-kind donations were provided by the Hesperian-Beacon, Lowes Supermarkets, Subway, Mrs. Bairds Bread, Rick & Renee Hrbacek for the beef, Frito-Lay, and Macksco of Plainview.

Chairman Janee' Harrison states "I would like to thank all the sponsors listed above because without them the event would not be possible. Committee members are also a vital part of Relay and they were Neva Anderson, Lori Battey, Katie Cook, Beth Eckert, Sherre Green, Linda Matsler, Yara Poole, and Glenda Wilson.

"I appreciated all of their hard work before and during the Relay. The entertainment for the event was Highway 70 and B.S. and we appreciate their tribute to the event. I also want to thank the community for all of their support in raising the wonderful amount of \$22,000 that is great for a community our size. I am proud to be a part of this community and the wonderful people in it. Thanks again to all."

All the money raised through Relay For Life will go to support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission of eliminating cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service. For more information on the American Cancer Society, including free cancer information, please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit their website at www.cancer.org. In addition, the Lubbock ACS office is available to help local cancer patients and their families through services such as support groups, transportation to and from medical appointments, free or reduced housing for long-term cancer treatment away from the south plains, as well as wigs and medical supplies.

For information on how you can be involved in next year's Relay For Life event, please call Janee Harrison at 806-292-9113 or Kathy Oaks at 806-441-4472. Together, we can make a difference in the fight against cancer.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Gene Newton

It's time to renew your memberships. The \$20 annual membership fees for Lockney Senior Citizen Center are due July 1, 2006.

Lunch at the Center costs \$3.50 for members and \$4.00 for nonmembers. Take-out meals start at 11:00 a.m. and we start serving lunch at 11:30 a.m. Call 652-2745 by 9:30 a.m. if you want to eat lunch at the Center. It is located on 118 W. College street.

Margie Turner's son, Guinn

Turner and his wife visited from the Dallas area. They all had lunch at the Center last week.

Last Thursday Gladys Ragle's daughter, Charlette and her daughter-in-law and granddaughter ate lunch at the Center.

We enjoyed having Donald and Mavis Reecer visiting with us at the Center this past week.

The Class of 1954 had their reunion in Lubbock last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Ashmore Inn. The group had supper at the 50 Yard Line restaurant Saturday night.

The Class of 1954 makes a memorial donation to Lockney Senior Citizen Center in honor of a deceased class member or spouse. We appreciate them doing this very much.

Menu
July 3 - July 7
Monday: Meat loaf
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Liver and onions
Friday: Beef enchiladas

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

I'm home now after spending 20 days at Floyd Rehab and Care Center. I'm unable to drive my car for the next six weeks. My knee is healing and I'm looking forward to walking without pain. I must be patient.

William Bertrand had to have some more surgery on his ankle. He just had one night in the hospital.

Our sympathy to James Lovell on the loss of an aunt, Dorothy King.

Our sympathy to the family of Mary Corene Lewis.

Our sympathy to the family of Dub Ferguson.

Our sympathy to Irene King on the loss of a sister Alma Cantrell

Petty.

Our sympathy to the family of Wanda DuBois.

Happy birthday to those who have a July birthday: July 1-Jerry Galloway and Dorothy Reeves; July 3-Dolores Cannon, Tommy McIntosh and Belle Vinson; July 8-Opal Kratzer and Sam Spence; July 12-Virginia Pyle; July 13-Nancy Mayo, Genelle Breed, Kendis Julian and Margie Fowler; July 20-Joann Smith, Jo Lyles and Edna Duke; July 24-Marie Warren; July 30-Gene Lawson; and July 31-Ruby Weems.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Ruth Adams-

Tommy and Coleta Weathersbee, Leigh and Richard Evans, Darrell and Nancy Mayo, Delmas and Pauline McCormick, Marie Warren, Bob and Evalene Goodnight, Gene and Nancy Lawson, Louis and Ferne Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Julian, Carolyn Marble, Gary and Linda Matsler, Nick and Melissa Long, Margarette Word, William and Faye Bertrand, Jim and Kay Copeland, Kurt and Shan, Kaletta and Cliff, Andy and Pam, Kyle Smith, Goen and Goen and Eva Parker.

In memory of Dub Ferguson-Darrell and Nancy Mayo, Curtis

and Arlene Clevenger, Gary and Linda Matsler, Lavada Neff and Jerry and Winola Galloway.

In memory of Larry Boyd-Bob and Evalene Goodnight.

In memory of Dorothy King-Bob and Evalene Goodnight.

In memory of Alma Cantrell Petty-Mrs. C.O. Lyles, Imogene Fortenberry and Margarette Word.

In memory of Wanda DuBois-Mrs. C.O. Lyles.

In memory of David Earp-Delmas and Pauline McCormick.

Thought for the week - When your world is falling apart, trust Jesus to hold it together.

Menu

Monday: Salmon patty, egg noodles, broccoli, wheat roll, peach shortcake

Tuesday: Holiday

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, poultry gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, wheat roll, pineapple cake

Thursday: Ham salad with oven fried potatoes, carrot sticks, rolls, peach cobbler

Friday: BBQ chicken, butter beans, spinach, cornbread, rice or bread pudding

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RODGERS

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9-28p

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Floydada
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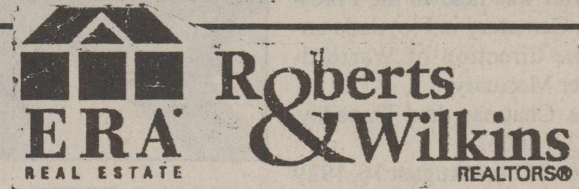
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Public Notice
PUBLIC NOTICE
 The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas for the renewal of a Private Club Permit. Said Business is located at HWY 62 West Side 1.6 miles North INT FM 54, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas. Said Business to be operated under the name of Floydada Country Club 19th Hole; an unincorporated association of persons. Stephen C. Fyffe, President; James Clay Simpson, V. President; Weldon Gordon Emert, Secretary.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Floydada I.S.D. will accept bids for the purchase of fuel, and oil and other services for its transportation department for the school year 2006-2007.
 Bids will be accepted in the Superintendent's office until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2006. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office and a recommendation made to the school board on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the regular meeting. Bids packets can be obtained at the Superintendent's office at 226 West California Street. Floydada I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING SOLICITATION
 The Floydada Independent School District solicits credentials from qualified firms to design improvements to the school's facilities.
 Interested firms shall submit ten copies of information regarding the firm's capabilities, experience, history, staffing, business-structure/ownership, licensure and any other data the firm might feel is pertinent. Include in the submission a list of previous school-projects, with references. Indicate in submission what disciplines (architecture, engineering, construction management, environment, etc.) are provided in-house and what disciplines are sub-contracted. The successful firm must have professional liability and worker's compensation benefits.
 All submission must be received at the school office at 226 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas, 79235 no later than 3:00 p.m. CDT on Thursday, July 6, 2006.
 Floydada ISD reserves the right to overlook any irregularities and to waive any and all formalities.

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Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
 Due to a medical condition any purchases made by Weldon Fannon must first be approved by Gloria Fannon until further notice.

NOTICE OF MEETING
 The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 104 E. California, Floydada.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 City of Lockney
 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP)
 Downtown Revitalization Program
 Lockney is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Downtown Revitalization Program application for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). The grant request is \$149,500 for downtown revitalization improvements to consist of sidewalk replacement, ADA ramps and curb and gutter repair in Lockney's designated downtown area, which includes Main Street from Washington Street to Bryant Street. The application will be available for public review at Lockney City Hall during regular business hours beginning July 7, 2006.

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 06-7
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13.1005 LATE FEE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
WHEREAS, the city council wishes to establish a late fee for sanitation customers who do not pay their utility bill in a timely manner;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS:
SECTION 1. That Chapter 13, Article 13.1005 Late Fee is added to Article 13.1000 Garbage Rates of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Floydada.
ARTICLE 13.1000 GARBAGE RATES
SECTION 13.1005 Late Fee Established
 The late fee for garbage collection and disposal service furnished by the City of Floydada to those customers who are billed solely for sanitation service (customers residing outside the city limits) shall be as follows:
 \$15.00 for those customers up to seven (7) days late and
 \$30.00 for those customers over seven (7) days late
SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective for the June, 2006 billing.
APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 20th day of June, 2006.
 Bobby Gilliland, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 Karen E. Lawson, City Secretary

6-22, 6-29c

Obituaries

MYRTLE CHATMAN

Funeral services for Myrtle Coleman Chatman, 76, of Amarillo were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2006 in the Quail Creek Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. David McClain, pastor, officiated.

Burial was held in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Floydada under the direction of Warford-Walker Mortuary.

Mrs. Chatman died Thursday, June 22, 2006.

She was born August 16, 1929 in Waxahachie to T. J. and Bearie Rawls Coleman. She was reared and attended schools in Floydada, where she lived until moving to Amarillo 20 years ago. She was a member of the Quail Creek Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. For many years she was employed by Levi Strauss and she retired from Luby's Cafeteria.

Survivors include a son, Michael Curry of Amarillo; five daughters, Barbara Chatman of League City, Debra Beaman of Del Rio, Pamela Chatman of San Antonio and Sonja Curry and Kim Curry, both of Houston; four brothers, T. J. Coleman, Jr. and Joe Coleman, both of Floydada, Chester Coleman of Conway, Arkansas, and Paul Coleman of Dallas; four sisters, Ruth Popnaugh of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Pearl Thompson of Missouri City and Betty King and Evelyn M. Jones, both of Floydada; four grandchildren, Keisha L. Chatman, Terrence Chatman, Tashie Chatman and D. Scott Chatman and two great-grandchildren.



ALMA C. PETTY

Alma Rhea Cantrell Petty, 78, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed from this life on Friday, June 23, 2006 in Lubbock, Texas.

Alma was born on August 26, 1927 in Pilot Point, Texas to Jim and Beady Owens. She married J.D. Cantrell on Sept. 30, 1946, in Sweetwater.

They lived in Floydada until his death on Oct. 12, 1965. Alma then married James L. Petty on September 22, 1984 in Amarillo, and they moved to Lubbock in 1993. Alma was a homemaker and loved so many things in life including playing cards and dominos and was said to be a "sore loser" if someone beat her.

Her talents included crafts, crochet, knitting but most of all caring for her family. She was devoted to her children and grandchildren. Alma was a member of Redbud Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Edd Owens.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Jim; a son, Johnny Cantrell and one stepson, Rob Petty, all of Lubbock; one stepdaughter, Barbara Kimberlin and husband, Dave of Rowlette, Texas; four brothers, George of Yuma, Arizona, Dale of Moss Point, MS, Bill of Abilene, Texas and Chick of Allen, Texas; three sisters, Johnnie Ward Barton and Evelyn

Pollan, both of Lubbock and Irene King of Floydada; one aunt, Ruby Gooch of Floydada, 7 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Celebration of Life Service will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 26, 2006 at Redbud Baptist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Syl Moore and Grant Gardner. Family will greet friends from 1-1:45 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall prior to the service.

Interment will be at 4:30 p.m. in Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home. To register or send condolences online, please visit:

www.whitefuneralhome.com

FRED ARTHUR STEWART

Funeral services for Fred Arthur Stewart, 99, of Temple were held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at Eddy Cemetery. Pastor Rebecca Hull officiated.

Mr. Stewart passed away Monday, June 26, 2006 in a local nursing home.

He was born in Falls County, Texas on June 12, 1907 to James Arthur and Minnie (Turner) Stewart. He graduated from Eddy High School. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II (1942-1945). He worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Floydada. He was also a member of the Austin Avenue United Methodist Church of Waco, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Kathleen Fagg Stewart, 4 sisters and 3 brothers.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Alma Stewart of Waco, a brother-in-law, Robert Odell Haddock of Temple and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Tuesday, June 27, 2006 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple, Texas.

Dear Friends,
We want to thank you for your tremendous outpouring of love and support during the lengthy illness and loss of Ruth.
We appreciate the many acts of kindness that you have shown. We thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food. This is such a wonderful community and we love and thank each one of you.
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WANDA L. DUBOIS

Funeral services for Wanda DuBois, 78, formerly of Floydada, were held Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Dr. Floyd C. Bradley and Reverend Anthony Sisemore officiated.

Burial was at Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. DuBois died June 24, 2006 at Parkview Regional Hospital in Mexia.

She was born October 11, 1927 in the Cedar Hill Community to the late William Elvie and Rosa Massengil Lackey. She married Billy Joe DuBois in Floydada. Mrs. DuBois was the secretary for the county agents office for many years. She enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

She is preceded in death by a grandson, Cole DuBois.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Joe DuBois; two sons, Craig DuBois and wife, Gail of Floydada, Quinn DuBois and wife, Michelle of Bremond; two brothers, Lindsey Lackey of Lockney and Greer Lackey of Floydada; two sisters, Thada Fowler of Silvertown and Bennie Golightly of Allen; five grandchildren, Christie Cruse and husband, Talon, Cindy DuBois, Cody DuBois, Kyle Willis, Taylor DuBois; three great-grandchildren, Riley Scott, Brennan DuBois and Courtney DuBois.

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45TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH MAMIE-Some of those attending the annual "Breakfast with Mamie" at the Floydada Country Club on June 14th were: (back row, l-r) Mollie Huffman, Nancy Marble, Pat Wood; (front row, l-r) Kathy Mulder, Carolyn Marble, May Lou Liner, Donnie Bowman, Mildred Smitherman, Charlyne Baker, Dovie Davis, Virginia Taylor, Ann Hartman, Janis Julian; (seated, Mamie Wood). (see related story) Courtesy Photo

Mamie's Breakfast celebrates 45 years

By Sandra Lass

Friends and relatives of Mamie Wood celebrated the 45th annual "Breakfast with Mamie" on June 14, 2006 at the Floydada Country Club. "Shoes" was the theme for this year's breakfast. Each hostess wore a brightly colored T-shirt that said, "Cinderella is proof that shoes can change your life."

The T-shirts were purchased at and decorated by the Kaleidoscope in Lockney. The decorations included a painted and decorated shoe and gift-wrapped door prizes each containing a small decorative shoe, on each of the tables. Additional decorative boxes were placed around the club house patio. Favors included a 8 1/2 by 5 inch notebook with a picture of a flip-flop on the cover and tiny flip-flop erasers.

Over 100 women attended the breakfast this year and each had been asked to bring a pair of shoes that had a special meaning or story to share with the group. Flora McNeill brought five pairs of baby shoes, which included her mother's baby shoes (112 years old), her own baby shoes, her daughter's baby shoes, her granddaughter's baby shoes and her great-granddaughter's baby shoe.

Juanita Teeple brought a pair of silver shoes she had purchased to wear to a wedding. She told the group the shoes were the only ones she could find to match the dress she planned to wear even though they were too narrow and hurt her feet.

Doris McLain said she loved

to buy shoes so much she has many that she has never worn. Linda Heflin wore a pair of shoes she called her friendship shoes, because when she needed clothes a friend helped her select the shoes, her first purchase of the day.

Mistress of Ceremonies Virginia Taylor introduced Dot Cummings, a former South Plains resident and Hobby Club member, now living in Clifton. Dot has been collecting miniature decorative shoes since 1943 when a friend said she needed a collection. Over the years Dot has collected 180 pairs of shoes, as well as numerous singletons. She brought a few of her shoes to share with the group including a small bootie, the first shoe in her collection.

Dot brought a glass slipper from Italy and shoes from Japan, France, England and Holland. Her largest shoe (human size) was made of ceramic and made by her niece. One of her oldest shoes, a slipper commemorating Queen Victoria of England's coronation. Before anyone could ask, Dot said, "No, I was not present at the coronation, since it took place long before I was born!"

Dot also said she had tote bags, T-shirts and sweaters decorated with shoes. Virginia thanked Dot for bringing some of her shoes and presented her with a gift: a ceramic box with a flip-flop lid and inside a tiny gold pin shaped like a shoe.

The next activity, "The Search for Cinderella" or "If the Shoe

Fits", was introduced by Virginia. The guests were instructed to line up and try on a bright pink slipper decorated with jewels. A throne-like chair was provided for each prospective Cinderella to sit on. Prince Charming, portrayed by Jay Keese (wearing a crown and carrying a pillow with the shoe on it) fitted the shoe. After about 20 guests trying on the shoe, Prince Charming finally found a guest that the shoe fit. The shoe fit Frieda Dunn. She received the shoe as a gift, and its mate, a gold wire decorative shoe and was crowned Cinderella for the Day.

After a sumptuous breakfast, Mamie thanked the hostesses for the planning, decorations, name tags, invitations, food and organization of the breakfast. Virginia asked each of the hostesses to stand as she called them by name. The hostesses were Mamie Wood, Virginia Taylor, Ann Hartman, Wanda Lane, Kathy Mulder, Janis Julian, Donnie Bowman, Mary Lou Zineck, Mildred Smitherman, Carolyn Marble, Nancy Marble, Dovie Davis, Barbara Cawley, Char Baker, Pat Wood, Molly Huffman and Sandra Lass.

At the end of the festivities, Virginia asked the guests to look inside of the back cover of their flip-flop notebooks. Those who found the date "2006" written at the top received one of the several gift-wrapped door prizes on their table. Those who found a paper circle in the front inside cover received the shoe table decoration.

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- 8-glue sticks
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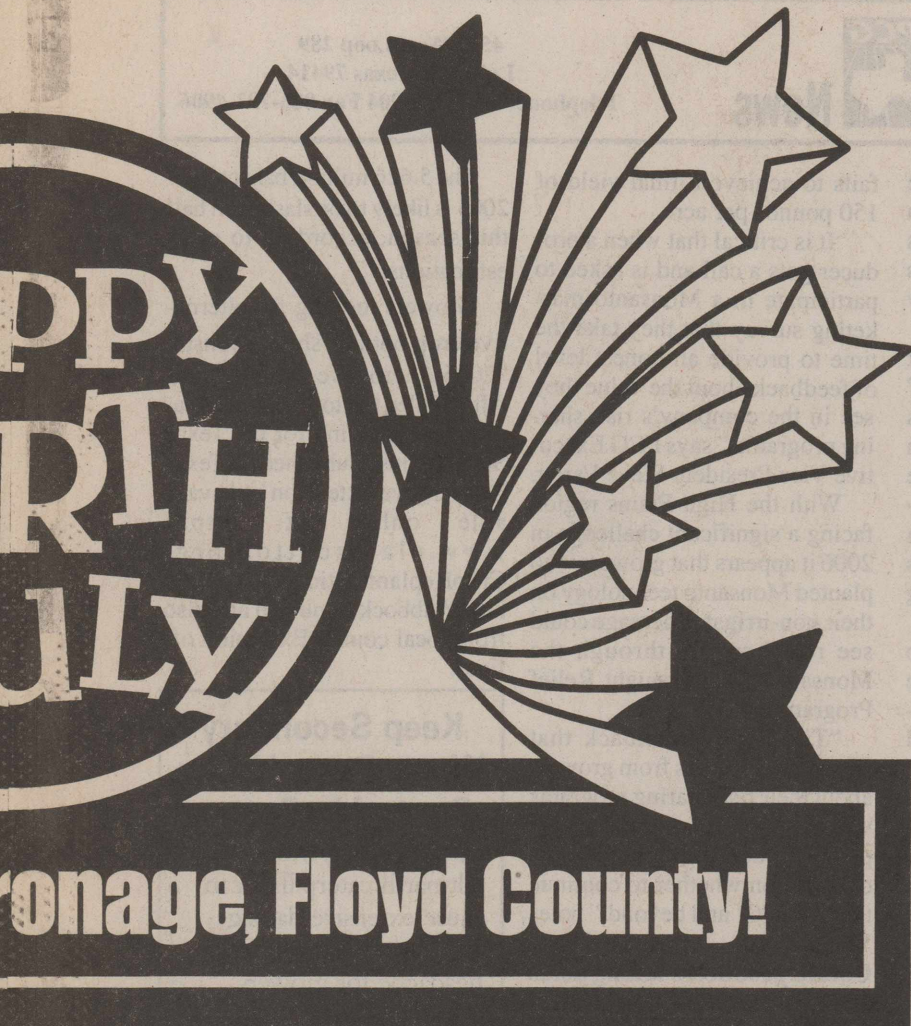
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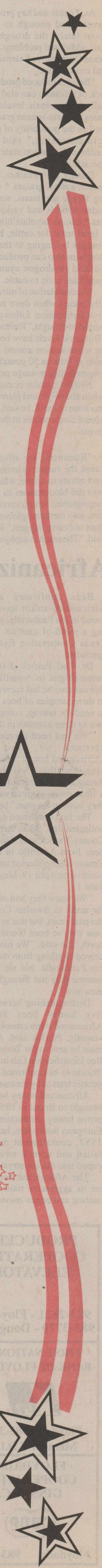
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Warm season grasses concern cattle producers

As if cattle and hay producers haven't had enough to worry about lately, the drought may spur additional problems, said a Texas Cooperative Extension soil and crop expert.

"Besides reduced production, lack of moisture can also potentially lead to toxic levels of nitrates in warm-season grasses, as well as the possibility of prussic acid poisoning," said Larry Redmon, Extension state forage specialist.

During dry weather, warm-season annual grasses * including forage sorghums, sorghum-sudan hybrids and various millets * can accumulate nitrates to a level toxic for cattle, he said. Forages belonging to the genus Sorghum also can produce prussic acid (hydrogen cyanide) in quantities toxic to cattle.

"Accumulation of nitrate usually occurs when there is excessive fertilization followed by a period of drought," Redmon said. "But toxic levels have been seen in warm-season annual grasses with as little as 50 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer usage per acre."

Nitrate uptake occurs even when above-ground plant growth has been reduced, he said, and the nitrate concentrates in the forage tissue.

"Ruminants are affected because the rumen microbes convert nitrate to nitrite, which goes into the bloodstream to convert hemoglobin, which carries oxygen, into methemoglobin, which does not carry oxygen," Redmon said. "The result is asphyxiation."

Non-ruminants, such as horses, may also be affected, he said. Besides being raised as fresh forage material for grazing, many warm-season grasses are harvested for hay.

"Cattle may also succumb to prussic acid poisoning while grazing if the forage material has been subjected to drought stress," he said. "But millets, while capable of accumulating nitrates at a toxic level, do not produce prussic acid. We recommend that producers do not turn cattle onto pastures with drought-stressed sorghums or johnsongrasses."

Only a forage analysis for nitrate can determine whether fresh forage, hay and silage are safe to feed livestock, Redmon said. The Texas A&M University Soil Testing Laboratory can test for both nitrate levels and prussic acid.

"Nitrate levels greater than 5,000 parts per million may be dangerous, while levels of more than 15,000 parts per million are generally toxic to most classes of livestock," he said.

The official recommendation from experts at Texas A&M is not to feed forages containing more than 10,000 parts per million nitrate, he said. A more conservative maximum of 5,000 is preferable.

"Producers using warm-season annual forages or johnsongrass should have their hay crops tested prior to harvesting," he added. "We strongly recommend against harvesting the forage and then having it tested.

You need to have it tested first. If you don't, this could waste a lot of time, effort and expense toward a hay crop that might not be safe to feed."

Extension agents throughout the state have been receiving calls about nitrates and prussic acid.

"I've had a number of producers call me recently with concerns," said Jerry Warren, Extension agent for agriculture for Bexar County. "In most cases, they are telling me their warm-season grasses are not big or thick enough for hay, so they are trying to salvage it by using it for grazing material. But they're worried about whether it's safe, so I'm recommending they have it tested before they use it to graze."

"We know cattle producers have already been through a lot during this drought and would prefer not to bring them any additional bad news," Redmon said. "But the fact is that not paying adequate attention to weather conditions and forages can cause the death of animals through nitrate accumulation and prussic acid poisoning. It's something we feel we have an obligation to alert people to."

More information on the Texas A&M Soil Testing Laboratory and the cost of testing can be found at:

<http://soiltesting.tamu.edu/>
For additional information on how nitrates and prussic acid affect forage and livestock in Bexar County, contact Jerry Warren at 210-467-6575. For other areas, contact the local Extension agent.

Africanized bees found in Panhandle

Bees confirmed as the Africanized strain have been found in the Panhandle, prompting a word of caution from a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist in Amarillo, said this summer he has received two to three samples of bees a week to send for testing, compared to two to three a month in the past.

"We just need people to understand we have them (Africanized honey bees) in the area, and there will be bees throughout the Panhandle that act a little more aggressively than they have in the past," he said.

The first confirmed case was collected Jan. 30 in Armstrong County, Patrick said. Since then, bees from Amarillo in Randall County were collected and tested positive on April 19, May 16 and June 1.

"We knew they had moved as far north as Swisher County in the past years, but this is the first year they've been found this far north," he said. "We haven't received anything from the northern Panhandle, but we have to assume they run throughout the area now."

Distinguishing between native honey bees and the Africanized strain cannot be done visually, Patrick said. All bees must be sent to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station to be confirmed through genetic tests or by measurements.

Africanized honey bees were brought to Brazil in 1956 to improve honey production of the European honey bee, he said. In 1957, containment measures failed and several swarms escaped into the countryside.

The Africanized bee passed on its aggressive traits through mating and began moving north

at a rate of 200 to 300 miles per year, first entering Texas in 1990, Patrick said.

"These bees will not look different and the single bees out foraging among the flowers will not act any different than they always do," he said. "Usually, even the swarms you see in the open will not act any different."

The Africanized bees are more aggressive in protecting their brood, Patrick said. European honey bees may chase intruders up to 100 feet from the colony, but the Africanized bees will go as far as 400 feet.

The sting is the same whether the bee is European or Africanized, but many more bees will aggressively attack if it is the Africanized bee, he said.

"What we've learned over the years is certain things really irritate the Africanized bees," Patrick said. "They don't like small engines, such as lawnmowers, weed-eaters and chainsaws."

Also, the European honey bees tend to nest aboveground in houses, trees or vacant structures, he said. In addition to those nesting sites, Africanized bees also nest in holes in the ground, irrigation pipes, control boxes and underneath houses.

Patrick offered some advice for individuals coming in contact with any bees:

*Get into a vehicle or house or if it is a brushy area, put as much brush between the source of the bees and yourself.

*Scrape stingers from the body, don't try to pull them out. Each stinger has a venom sack and pulling only mashes more venom into the wound. "People who know of an established colony should call someone in the pest control industry to take care of it," Patrick said. "It's not for the novice person to deal with. There are a few pest control folks who will do it. They charge, but to me, it would be worth it."



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Technology has changed the face of the High Plains cotton industry over the past few years and Monsanto Corporation's "Cotton States" program is a key contributor to the trend.

In order to learn more about the Monsanto "Cotton States" program, Plains Cotton Growers leaders from across the High Plains region sat down on June 23 with Monsanto representatives responsible for the program to discuss producer concerns about the rapid changes taking place in the industry.

During the meeting the two groups discussed the role the "Cotton States" program is playing in the industry and Monsanto's plans for future "Cotton States" releases.

One of the key issues discussed with the Monsanto representatives was the licensing process for "Cotton States" varieties and how it impacts growers when multiple companies license and sell the same "Cotton States" varieties under a number of different brand names.

The Monsanto officials noted that future "Cotton States" releases would be initiated on an exclusive basis with companies and prevent situations where growers who tried to maintain genetic diversity in their 2006 seed selections inadvertently purchased the same genetics under different brand names.

With "Cotton States" becoming a catalyst for variety changes in the industry, and Monsanto's leading role in the development of biotech traits and beneficial risk management/risk sharing programs that are revolutionizing cotton production, the meeting sought to further strengthen the working relationship that exists between PCG and Monsanto.

PCG representatives also discussed a number of issues centered around exploring how the "Cotton States" program plans to impact the development of new varieties through relationships with public cotton breeding programs and what role a grower supported program such as the Plains Cotton Improvement Program might play in that process. **Monsanto seeks feedback on Seed Drought Relief Program**

On the risk sharing front Monsanto representatives noted that they are in the process of gathering producer feedback on the 2006 Monsanto Seed Drought Relief Program. The program provides growers who plant Stoneville or NexGen brand seed with Monsanto Technology, and fulfill the requirements of the Monsanto Roundup Rewards Program, a refund of the cost of the seed purchased if their crop

fails to achieve a final yield of 150 pounds per acre.

"It is critical that when a producer gets a call and is asked to participate in a Monsanto marketing survey that they take the time to provide an honest level of feedback about the value they see in the company's risk sharing programs," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

With the High Plains region facing a significant challenge in 2006 it appears that growers who planted Monsanto technology on their non-irrigated acreage could see real benefits through the Monsanto Seed Drought Relief Program in 2006.

"The honest feedback that Monsanto receives from growers about their risk sharing programs will ultimately play an important part in influencing the company's decision on whether to continue them in 2007 and beyond," notes Verett.

Cotton producers failing acres should keep Boll Weevil Eradication Offices informed

Producers who fail cotton acres due to non-emergence of cotton because of dry conditions should keep their local Boll Weevil Eradication District Offices informed about their decision.

Growers should also remain aware of their continued responsibility to keep failed fields free of hostable cotton plants for the remainder of the growing season.

If a credit against assessment is available, a grower will need to certify failed fields with the local Farm Service Agency office by July 15 in order to receive a credit for those acres on boll weevil assessments.

To qualify for the credit, the fields must be free of all cotton plants on July 15 and must be maintained in that condition for the rest of the growing season.

Fields planted to an alternate crop after the cotton has failed are also eligible for the credit under the same conditions.

The credit will not be available if hostable cotton is found in the fields on or after the July 15 deadline.

Drought conditions putting grim face on 2006 crop prospects and grower options

In spite of recent rains in some areas, drought conditions across much of PCG's 41-county area are putting a grim face on the prospects of the 2006 cotton crop for dryland producers.

Day after day with temperatures in the 100's, searing hot winds of 30 mph or more, and low humidity has parched the already dry soils and is putting as much as a million acres of dryland production at risk.

The 5.626 million bale crop of 2005 is likely to be slashed in half this season, according to early estimations.

Growers looking for alternative crop options should consult "2006 Alternative Crop Options After Failed Cotton and Late Season Crop Planting for the Texas South Plains" published by Texas Cooperative Extension and available online at: <http://www.plainscotton.org/CropReplantOptions2006.pdf> or <http://lubbock.tamu.edu> and also from local county Extension offices.

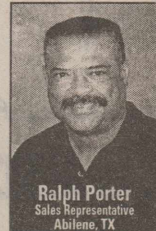
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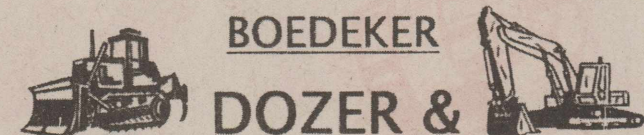
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