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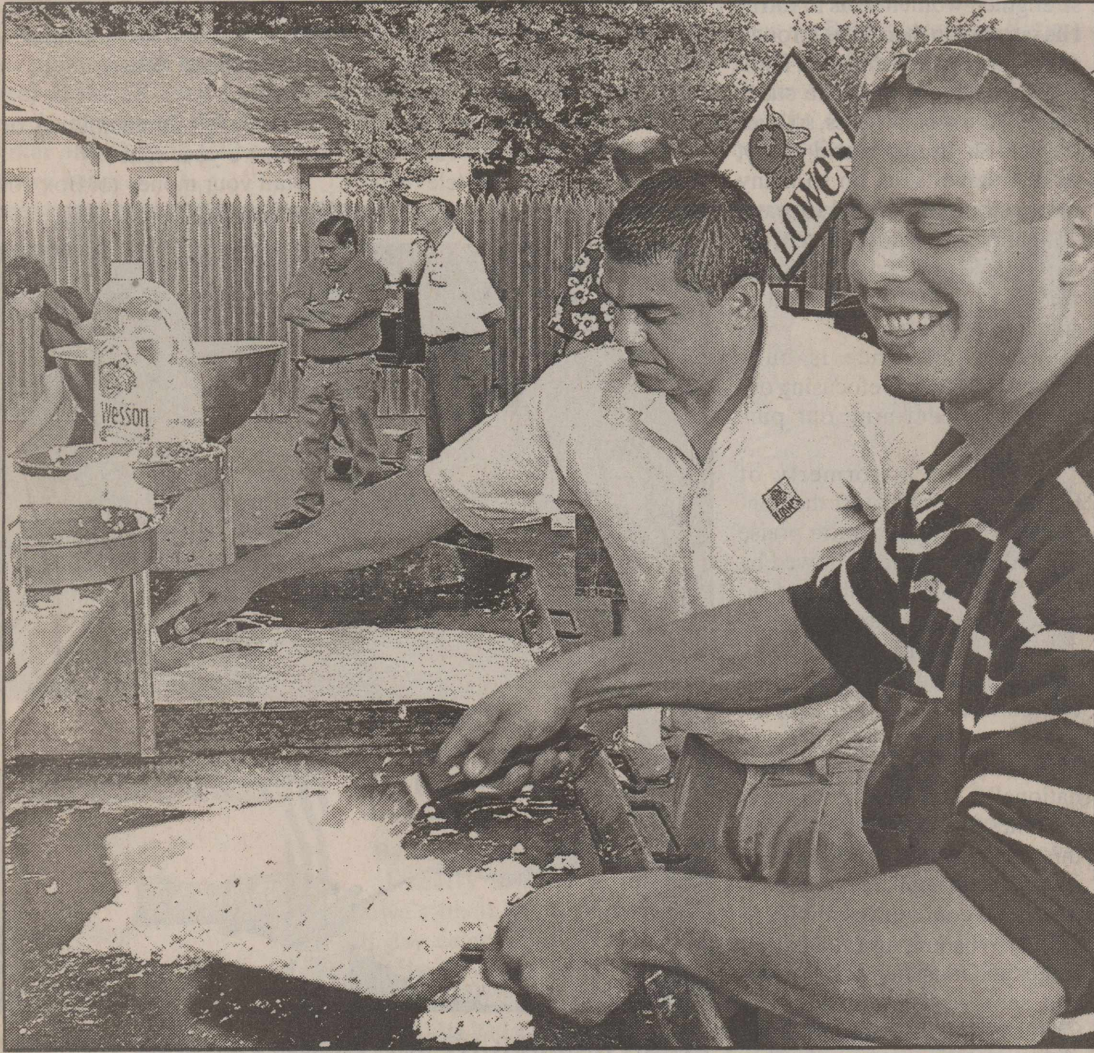
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Floyd County Celebrates 4th



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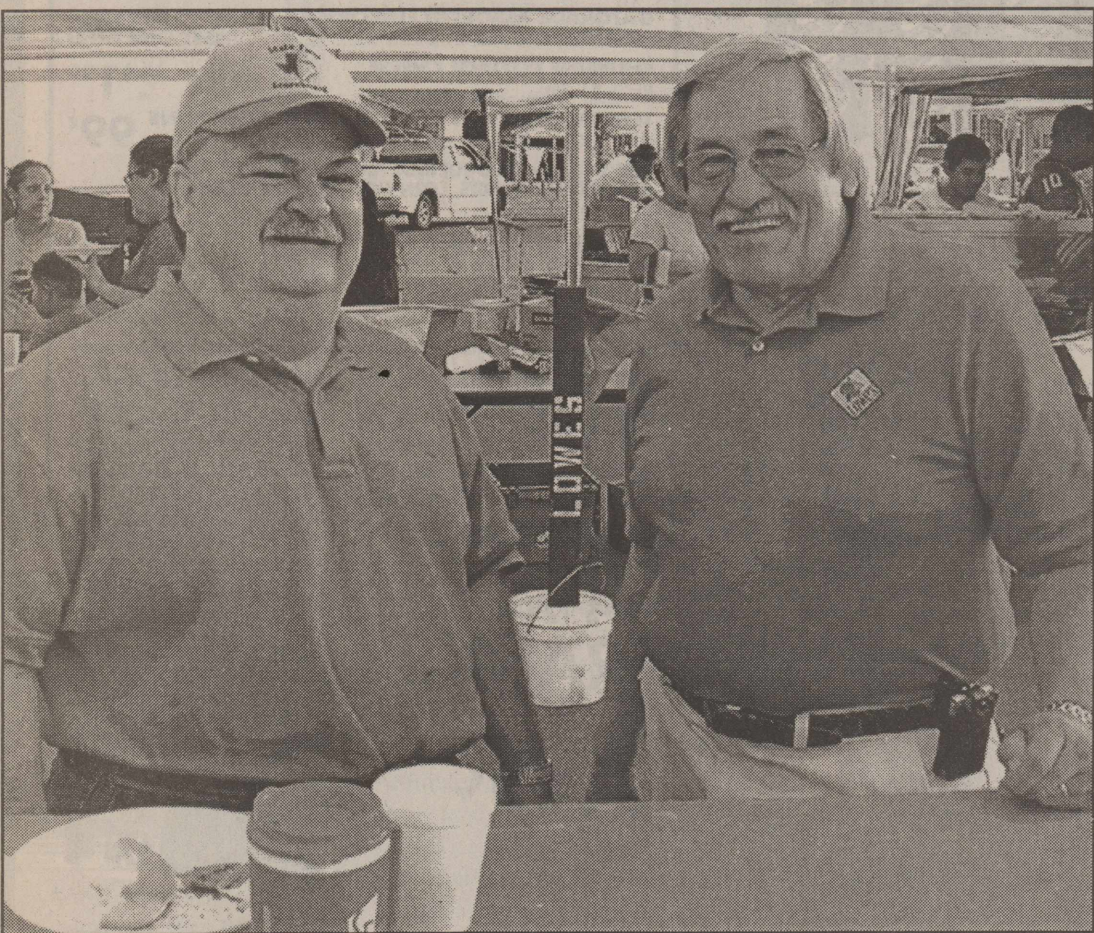
LAVERNE & TOMMY MCINTOSH WATCH LOCKNEY'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE



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PREPARING FOR THE PARADE IN LOCKNEY--(L-R) Annabel Garza and Zachary Sarabin
on scooter and Ashlyn Gonzales and Torrance Gonzales in Cadillac. Staff Photo



FULL RED WAGON IN LOCKNEY'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE



BABY 4-WHEELING--Brailey Kidd, Sunny Williams and Landon Kidd. Staff Photo



AREA BUSINESSES SUPPORT LOCKNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT-- Five volunteers from the Lockney Fire Department will be able to attend training at the world-renowned Brayton Fire Training Field, Texas A&M, in College Station. The cost of the school for the five volunteers is \$3,500 and is paid for by a grant from the Texas Forest Service. The cost of lodging, food, travel, etc. is \$3,150 and is paid for by the following businesses: DeBruce, City Bank, D&J Gin, Lockney Coop, J&K Insurance, Delta & Pine Land, Marble Bros. Gin, Wilbur-Ellis, Leal Custom Hauling & Caprock Cattle Feeders. Those attending are Bryan Thomas for Pump Operations, Casey Lambert for FFI Basic Fire skills, Joe Marks, Preston Belt & Rodney Hunt for FFI (3rd level in 5 level series). "We appreciate our local businesses for their donations. If not for these donations we would not have been able to get this valuable training," said Assistant Fire Chief Preston Belt. Pictured, representing donors are (l-r) first row- Kay Martin, Kelly Prayor, Sonia Ray, (l-r) center row- Rodney Hunt, Danny Durham, Casey Lambert, Bryan Thomas. (l-r) back row- Byron Hannabas, David Foster, Chris Cummings, Preston Belt & Tom Byars. Staff Photo



ED MARKS DRIVES HIS TRAIN IN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

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Women plan Christian conference

October 21st, Christian women in Floyd County will host the first Women's Conference at the Unity Center in Muncy.

The vision for the conference came from Connie Johnson, of South Plains, but it didn't take long for her to assemble a team to make the conference possible.

Donations are already coming in from area churches which will help compensate speakers and other expenses.

Any profits from the conference will be used to help with the Christian Women's Job Corp.

"God's purpose for this conference," said Connie, "is to strengthen women so as to fulfill His purpose in their lives through a growing relationship with Him."

"We have all heard the statement, 'As a woman goes, so goes the world. In our world today, women have taken on so many responsibilities and feel so many obligations to family, church, the work place and community that we find our time with God is sometimes limited.

"The Conference is built around the idea of refocusing our lives and redefining our purpose."

Tammy Aten, formerly of Floydada, will kick off the conference at 9:00 a.m. with praise and worship music, followed by Jody Wilson's welcome and introduction of speakers.

For the past 15 years Tammy and her husband, Sherman, and two children, Josh and Brooke, have been full time Christian Musicians in the U.S. and internationally. The Atens minister to churches of many denominations through concerts, crusades, family and marriage weekends, retreats and conferences.

Jody Wilson is an evangelistic singer and musician and founder and senior pastor of Bethany Chapel. Her husband, Ted, recently became pastor of First United Methodist Church in Borger.

The conference will include speakers: Shelly Pulliam, Tracey Book, Hilda Almaraz, and Pam Kanally. Shelly is single and devotes her

time to Arise Ministries, a non-profit ministry she co-founded to educate and encourage women to develop a relationship with Christ.

It was Shelly's own battle with self-worth that has led her to bring her fiery and humorous message of each woman's identity in Christ.

Pam Kanally speaks from her personal experience of "having a heart torn apart".

For several years Pam has led a weekly Bible class with more than 200 ladies. She is involved with missions all over the world. She writes Bible studies and illustrates them with whimsical stick figure cartoons. She co-hosted live daily Christian radio talk show with Peter Spencer called Lifeline of Hope with Peter Pam. The two are currently working on a Christian television talk show.

Hilda believes in the influence God has given women. She is a guest speaker to various groups as well as to the Gulf Latin American District of Assemblies of God. Her husband, Raymundo, is the pastor of Emmanuel Worship Center Assembly of God in Lubbock.

Tracey Brock testifies of a life full of grief and devastation, of which God brought her joy and redemption.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University and has her Masters in Christian Counseling.

Tickets to the conference are \$20.00 and will include lunch.

To purchase tickets: email: connie@jointhejourney.org to reserve your space. Mail your money to: Box 106, Floydada, TX 79235



ROBIN HAMBRIGHT (left) presents a check for \$1,500 from the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, to "Join in the Journey" Women's Conference organizer Connie Johnson. The money will be used to help meet the costs of the conference and pay expenses for speakers. Anyone wishing to donate to the conference, which will be held at the Unity Center, should contact Connie Johnson. Organizers are hoping for a crowd of thousands of women. Staff Photo



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LOCKNEY CLASS OF 1954 met June 23-24, 2006 at the Ashmore Inn, Lubbock for their 52nd year Reunion. (Seated in front row l-r) Alan Ray Pinner, Roylene (Dunavant) Smith, Mary Joyce (Griffith) Williams, Eldon Fortenberry, Evelyn (Hooten) Mattison, Ann (Belt) Foster (back row, l-r) Glen McCloud, Jerry Ford, Wendell Sims, Harleen (Workman) McAda, Mac Davis, Charles Huffman, Eddie Foster, Elva Dee (Pope) Duncan, Byron Golden, Barbara (Carthel) Mathis and Rosemary (McDonald) Salzman. A meal and lots of visiting took place on Friday evening. Saturday started with breakfast then a lunch of hamburgers and fixings and ended with the evening meal at the 50 Yard Line restaurant. Pictures were taken before the evening meal. Jim Meyers was in charge of the class meeting. Much visiting was done during the evening. Dorsey Lynn Baker and Orland Gilbert came by to visit. The class will meet at the all school reunion to be held in two years. Courtesy Photo



BRENDA ATTEBERRY was treated to a retirement party at the Floydada Post Office, Friday, June 30th, to celebrate over 20 years of service to the Post Office. Brenda will retire and travel with her husband, Paul. Brenda says she has no plans to move away from Floydada. Staff Photo



BIKERS IN LOCKNEY'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

I really missed going to Lowe's 4th of July breakfast and all day celebration. This is the first time I've missed for several years. Hope you took in the activities and had a safe 4th of July.

Our Center was closed for the holiday. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon. If you plan on eating lunch please call 983-2032 by 10:00 a.m. We are located at 301 E. Georgia.

Our sympathy to the family of Jake Colston.

Our sympathy to the family of Randy Gafford.

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

In memory of **Wanda DuBois**-William and Faye Bertrand, Carolyn Marble, Stanley and Lou Burleson, James and Sue Lovell, Louis and Virginia Pyle, Fay and Ruby Gooch, Gene and Nancy Lawson.

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crew at Floydada Senior Citizen, Sue Daniels, Gene and Nancy Lawson.

In memory of **Dub Ferguson**-Tom and Edwina Emert, Gene and Nancy Lawson.

In memory of **Jake Colston** - Louis and Virginia Pyle, Fay and Ruby Gooch, Gene and Nancy Lawson.

In memory of **Bill Ashley** - Gene and Nancy Lawson.

In memory of **Nat (Poncho) Collins** - Gene and Nancy Lawson.

Thought for the week - It's amazing what can be accomplished when you don't care who gets the credit.

Menu
July 10 - July 14

Monday-Baked ham, blackeyed peas, Brussel sprouts, hot roll, cherry cobbler

Tuesday-Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potato, green beans, wheat roll, apricots

Wednesday-Tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad/1000 Island, cornbread, fruit Jello

Thursday-Polish sausage, sauerkraut or cabbage, hominy, pickle, cornbread, pumpkin bars

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Hinton to train Parish nurses in Spring 2007

Sharon Hinton of Floydada recently represented Texas at the Seventeenth Annual Health Ministries Association Nation Conference & Exhibition at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

The Health Ministries Association (HMA) is an interfaith membership organization committed to encouraging, supporting, and developing whole person ministries in congregations and in the communities they serve.

Sharon was recently elected secretary of the Health Ministries Association Texas Chapter. Founded in 2002, the HMA Texas Chapter serves nurses and other health ministers throughout the state for health promotion and access to resources for all faiths. The Texas HMA resource list and calendar of events is available through the Department of State Health Services.

The RNR Parish Nurse Community Outreach program, based in Floydada, will be providing education and consultation services for congregations of all denominations interested in providing local health ministry to their congregations and commu-

nities. Specialty training for Faith Community (Parish) nurses will begin in spring 2007. These classes will bring nurses from Texas and other states to Floydada. Programs for lay and clergy education are also being planned.

Health Ministry emphasizes the wholeness of body, mind, and spirit in congregations and communities. It is a living witness of the healing activity of God. Congregations need to reclaim their

role as healing places. It is natural for people to look to their congregation for support, healing, and fellowship. Congregational health ministries may be directed by a health committee or a trained health minister such as a parish nurse.

For more information on parish nursing and health ministries, contact Sharon at Rural Nurse Resource at (806) 983-8096, or visit the website at www.gbgm-umc.org/parishnursing.

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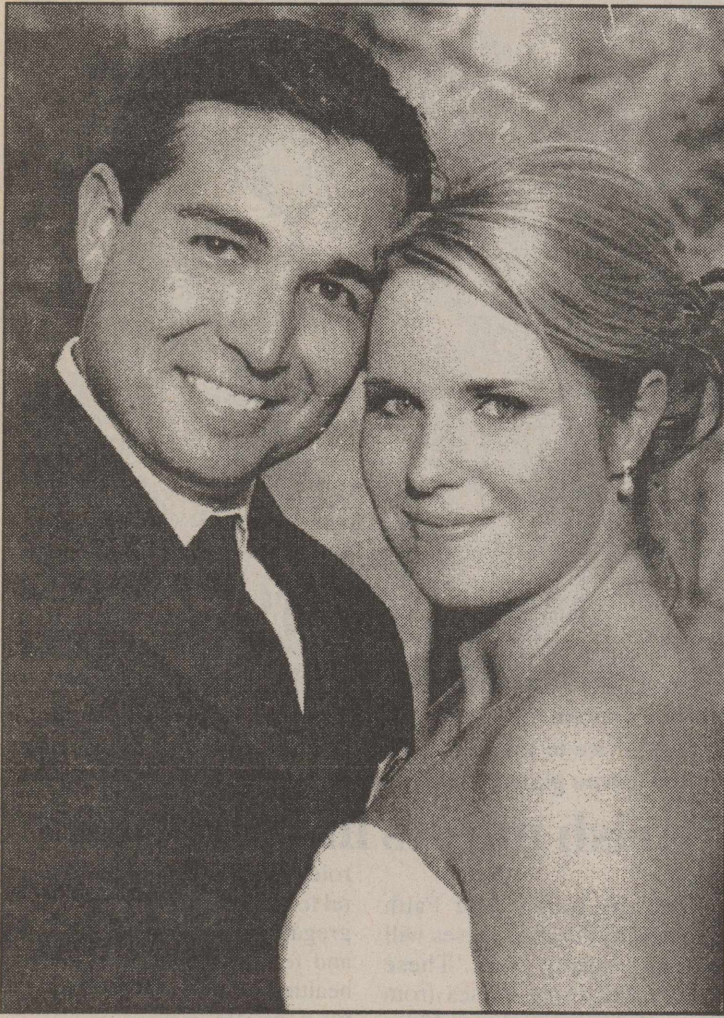
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Fishel and Molinar Exchange vows



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL MOLINAR

Tia Fishel and Michael Molinar were united in Holy Matrimony at 6:30 p.m. May 27, 2006, during an outdoor ceremony at the Gallagher Ranch in Helotes, Texas. Susan Fishel, mother of the bride officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Fishel of Eugene, Oregon, and Richard and Donna Fishel of Dallas, Texas.

The groom is the son of Erbey and Mary Molinar of Floydada.

The bride walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, attired in a white strapless, one piece corset back, and three tier lace dress. She carried a bouquet of tangerine and raspberry colored lilies, orchids and roses. The bride wore her grandmother's necklace for "something borrowed." The garter she wore had a blue bow for "something blue" and her bridal dress was "something new".

Serving as Matron of Honor was Kelly Anderson of West Palm Beach, Florida, college friend of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Stacy Fitzgerald of Los Angeles, California, college friend of the bride; Victoria Brown of Washington, D.C., college friend of the bride; and April Molinar of Lubbock, sister of the groom.

The attendants were attired in tangerine colored strapless, tea length dresses with a raspberry colored sash around their waist and carried bouquets of tangerine and raspberry colored lilies, orchids and roses.

The groom and groomsmen were attired in black suits, white shirts with black ties and wore raspberry colored roses as boutonnieres.

Serving as best man was Erbey Molinar Jr. of Lubbock, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Jose Padron of Austin,

Texas, college friend of the groom; Ralph Novicio of Dallas, Texas, college friend of the groom; and Ryan Fishel of Tempe, Arizona, brother of the bride.

The flower girl was Alexis Molinar of Floydada, niece of the groom. Ring bearer was Max Heath of Sedona, Arizona, family friend of the bride.

The bridesmaids were treated to a "Girls Wedding Party" on May 26, 2006 at La Cantera Resort in San Antonio. They enjoyed a power breakfast, sun and pampering. The event was hosted by the bride.

The groomsmen were treated to a golf outing at Cedar Creek Golf Course in San Antonio on May 26, 2006. The event was hosted by the groom.

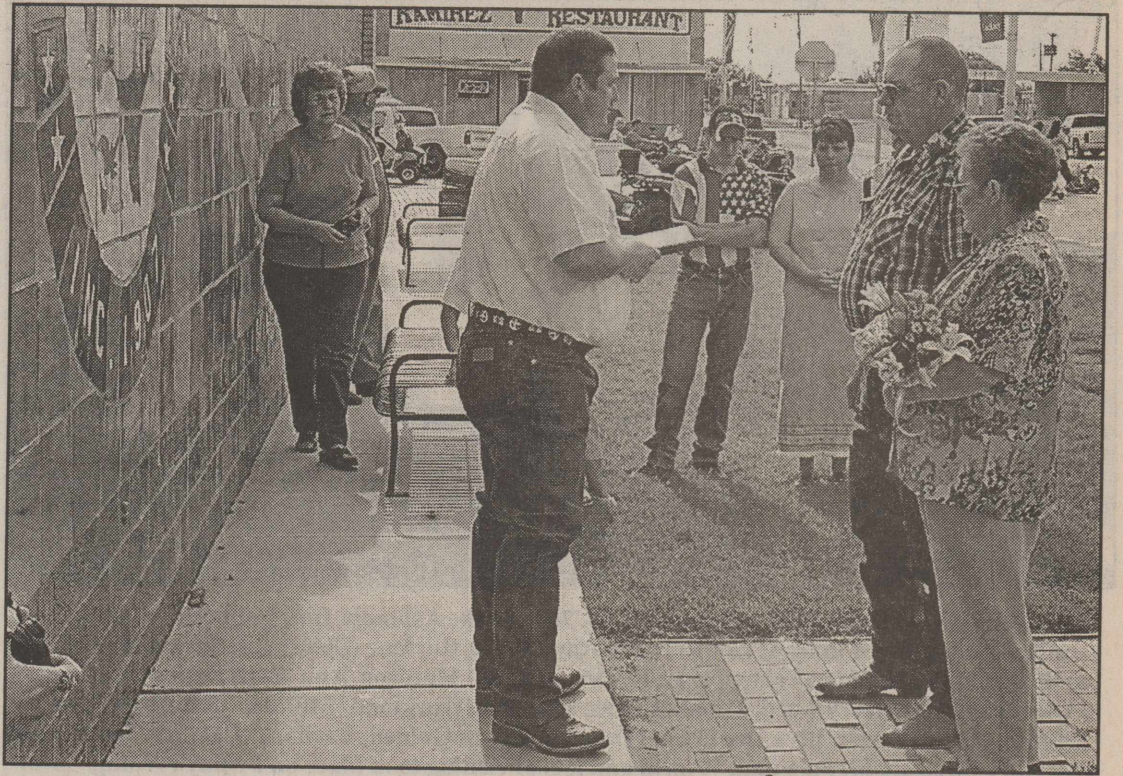
The groom's parents hosted a Rehearsal Dinner at Los Patios in San Antonio on May 26, 2006 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. The wedding party and immediate family and friends enjoyed a variety of Mexican food along with Mariachi music and a power point presentation of the bride and groom's pictures from childhood to present.

The bride's parents hosted a reception following the ceremony. Also, a "Wishing Tree" symbolic of family and loving relationships rooted in joy and happiness was provided by the bride and groom's parents for wedding guests and family to add their "good wishes" by inscribing a lovely poem, anecdotes for success and/or a simple loving gesture on a leaf, which was tied onto the tree prior to the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by Sebastian Professional in San Antonio.

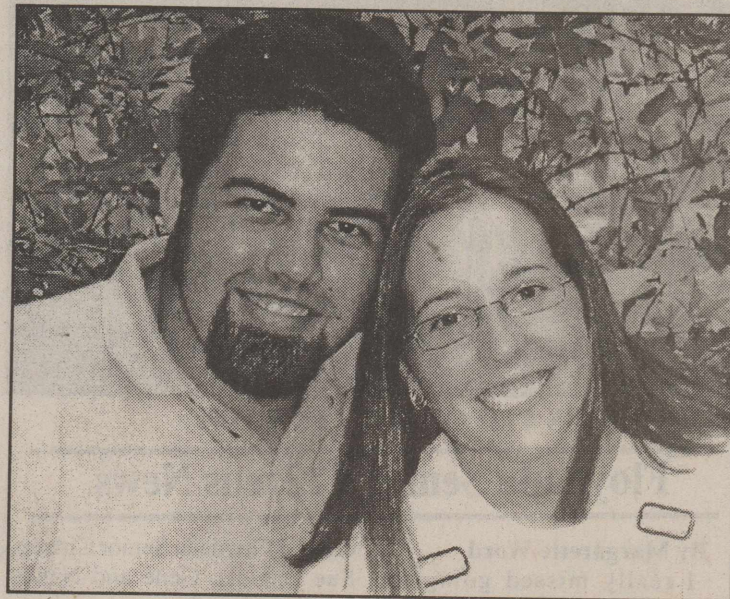
The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by USAA in San Antonio.

Following a honeymoon to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, hosted by best man Erbey Molinar Jr., the groom's brother, the couple will return home to San Antonio.



NEWTON AND BROTHERTON WED---Gene Newton and Junior Brotherton exchanged wedding vows 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2006 in front of the Wall of Pride in Lockney. Kyle Brock officiated. Staff Photo

Bagwell and Kaiser recite vows



MR. AND MRS. ERIC KAISER

Erica Bagwell and G. Erick Kaiser were united in marriage 11:00 a.m. June 17, 2006 at Brown Chapel on the Wayland Baptist University Campus in Plainview.

The bride is the daughter of David and Lisa Bagwell of Earth. She is the granddaughter of David and Jo Ann Daniel and Bonnie Lee Bagwell, all of Tyler.

The groom is the son of Glenn and Amy Kaiser of Artesia, New

Mexico. He is the grandson of Norma Ragsdale of Lubbock and Robert and Irene Ellis of Artesia, New Mexico.

Escorted on the arm of her father, the bride wore a simple white dress, made by her mother, with a chapel length train. She carried a tight bundle of white Calla lilies.

Maid of honor was Bonnie Jo Bagwell of Earth, sister of the bride.

The bridesmaid was Kandice Kaiser of Portales, New Mexico, sister of the groom.

Junior bridesmaid was Maggie Bagwell of Earth, sister of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore calf length spaghetti strap black dresses and carried three small, pink Calla lilies.

The groom was attired in a black suit and white shirt with a pink, black and grey tie.

The groomsmen were also attired in black suits and white shirts with pink, black and grey ties.

A reception followed the ceremony at the BSM (Baptist Student Ministries) on the Wayland Campus.

The parents of the groom hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Rockin' R Steak House in Plainview.

The bride is a Junior at Wayland Baptist University.

The groom is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University and is employed as Student Minister at First Baptist Church in Floydada.

The couple are making their home in Floydada.



Floyd County Lifestyles



Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Gene Brotherton

By the time you read your paper, wedding bells will have rung at Senior Citizens. Junior Brotherton and I were united in marriage 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at the Wall of Pride in Lockney. Kyle Brock officiated. We will make our home together at 508 SW 6th Street in Lockney.

Ham Gammage celebrated his 85th birthday June 28. Helping him celebrate were two sisters, Katherine and husband Marvin Sistruck of Plainview and Ruth Kirk of California; and brother, David and wife Juanita, Gammage of Plainview.

Friday, Van and Cheryl Bradley's daughter Lisa and her family had lunch with them. They have recently moved from Nashville, Tennessee to Houston. Johnnie Quisenberry's grand-

daughter, Leah is saying with her while she finishes her summer session at Wayland. Leah ate lunch with her grandmother at the Center.

Clemintine Carthel celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday with a family lunch and then a reception. Her son Wayland is here, for the first time in 5 1/2 years, from Okinawa.

Wanda Smith, Sandy Bailey, Becky Knowles, Anna Stansell, Sandra (Moody) Tygart, Judy (Smith) Fletcher, and Gwin Henderson travelled to Ruidoso, New Mexico this time for their annual "Old Ladies Slumber Party". They now each sport a T-shirt announcing "What happens in Ruidoso stays in Ruidoso!"

Molly and Charles Huffman recently enjoyed having their grandson, Chas McAllister visit with them. Saturday, they took

their M Farmall tractor to Hale Center for that town's Fourth of July parade and celebration.

Today's guests at the Center were Roy and Linda Kidd and Donald and Mavis Reecer.

Laverne McIntosh gave her husband, Dr. McIntosh, a birthday party at the Lockney Health and Rehab Center in Lockney Sunday.

J.R. and Maye Belt celebrated their 72nd Wedding Anniversary.

Menu
July 10 - July 14

Monday: Soft tacos
Tuesday: Turkey and dressing
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Hamburger steak
Friday: Crispy herb chicken



CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE--The Floydada Chamber of Commerce sponsored their annual City Wide Garage Sale, June 24, and traffic was busy up and down Floydada neighborhoods looking for sales. Staff Photo



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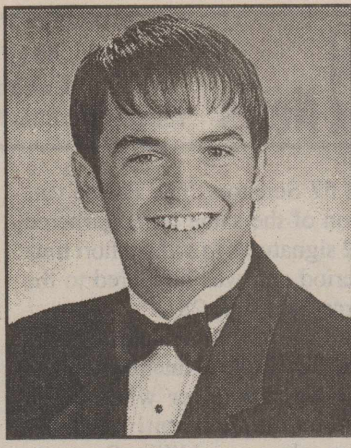
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REBEKAH THORNTON



LANDON COTHAM

Thornton and Cotham of Lockney receive UIL scholarships

Two 2006 Lockney High School graduates received UIL Scholarships.

Rebekah Thornton received a \$2,000 UIL Foundation Scholarship. She competed in Persuasive Speaking at the 2006 UIL State Meet. She is the daughter of Travis and Amy Thornton of Plainview.

Landon Cotham received a \$1,000 UIL Foundation Scholarship. He competed in Editorial Writing at the 2006 UIL State Meet. He is the son of Phil and Cindy Cotham of Lockney.

Since its inception in 1954 the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has awarded approximately 14,850 scholarships valued at approximately \$19 million. Amounts of scholarships range from \$500 for one year to \$14,000 (\$3,500 a year) for four years.

The requirements for applying for TILF Scholarship Awards are: 1) Compete in one of the UIL Academic State Meet contests. (applicants must have competed on the state level of competition), Note: only CX Debaters advancing to the second day elimination rounds may apply; 2) Submit a

complete high school transcript including ACT/SAT scores, size of class and rank in class; 3) Submit a completed application and parent's IRS 1040 form to the League office between April 1 and the Tuesday following the UIL academic state tournament during the students' senior year; 4) Graduate during the current year and begin college or university by the following fall semester; 5) Attend an accredited college or university in Texas, take a 12 hour per term minimum course load and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. One donor requires 15 hours per term, and several donors require a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Happy Birthday
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ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM FOR LOCKNEY'S 4TH

USPS proposes 25 % in-county rate hike

Provided by National Newspaper Association

"This has to be one of the saddest days in the history of community newspapers"

Postal rates in May 2007 could rise nearly 25 percent for in-county newspapers if the United States Postal Service has its way, and annual increases are in store for the foreseeable future, the National Newspaper Association reported.

The Postal Service on May 3 announced a larger rate hike for periodicals, including local newspapers, than for virtually any other mail class. The proposed increase is the highest in more than a decade.

The announcement came with the filing of proposed rate increases for all mail, including a 42-cent first-class stamp. Rates would be expected to go into effect around May 2007.

Stephen M. Kearney, Postal Service vice president of pricing and classification, said the increases were planned to cover rising postal costs, including health care for retirees and higher fuel costs. He also said USPS wanted rates that send appropriate signals to mailers to change their

mail to shapes and containers that were more efficient for USPS to handle.

"National Newspaper Association vigorously opposes this increase," Jerry L. Reppert, NNA president and publisher of the Anna (Ill.) Gazette-Democrat, said.

"This has to be one of the saddest days in the history of community newspapers and the Postal Service, which has always been one of our strongest partners. USPS seems to be saying our mail is no longer desirable because newspapers are shaped like newspapers and have to be transported in containers that the Postal Service no longer wants to use.

"I don't know what choices we have," Reppert said. "Newspapers cannot be mailed on pallets, as a rule. We must use sacks or trays for transporting bundles through the mail system. And short of throwing out our printing presses and putting newspapers on tidy little sheets of typing paper, or dispensing with mail delivery altogether, we are limited in what responses we can make to these price signals.

"Our product is pretty much unchanged -- except for being a

little smaller and a lot more colorful -- since Benjamin Franklin was postmaster general. It is the Postal Service that has changed, and as it has constructed automation and transportation systems that have been largely unfriendly to newspapers, it seems to be making strategic decision that we have become dispensable."

NNA Postal Committee Chairman Max Heath, vice president of Landmark Community Newspapers, Inc., said NNA had a long history of working with USPS to improve mail efficiency and timely delivery, and would continue to do so, but is prepared to fight the sizeable rate increase. Newspapers faced a similar shock in 1994, with a proposed nearly 34 percent hike.

"NNA fought that, and with the Postal Rate Commission's help and a cooperative spirit within the Postal Service management, we were able to turn back a terrible increase before it hit newspaper mailers," Heath said.

"Circumstances are different now, but we intend to examine the causes for this proposal, and work hard to avoid this magnitude of a rate hike. I have to believe that the planners for this rate case do not fully appreciate the

Floyd County 4-H Club News

Fosters, Williams, Nutt and Ragland place high in Parade of Breeds Show at Plainview

Eight Floyd County 4-H members recently competed at the Panhandle Parade of Breeds Show in Plainview, June 17 and 18. In the Junior Beef Heifer Show SyAnn Foster exhibited the Supreme Grand Champion Heifer in Ring A. In Ring B she was Reserve Supreme Heifer. Segayle Foster received Reserve Breed Champion Chianna in Ring A and 2nd Place in Ring B. Senee' Foster placed 2nd in both Ring A & B. Tylee Williams took home the Reserve Breed Champion Angus along with two 1st place wins in Ring A. Brazos Williams placed 2nd and 3rd in

Ring A. Dixie Williams also had 3rd Place Red Angus Heifer in Ring A.

In the Steer Division, Brazos Williams received Breed Champion Progress British Steer. Kaylie Nutt exhibited 1st Place Shorthorn in Ring A & B and 3rd Place Shorthorn in Ring A and 2nd in Ring B. Brady Ragland received 3rd Place Progress British, 2nd and 3rd Place Prospect Herefords in Ring A. In Ring B, Brady received Reserve Champion Progress British, 2nd and 3rd Place Prospect Herefords.

Congratulations to all Floyd County 4-H Beef Exhibitors.

Williams and Nutt place high at Lubbock's Golden Spread Show

Three Floyd County 4-H'ers exhibited beef projects at this year's Golden Spread Show held in Lubbock on June 24 & 25.

Heifer exhibitors Tylee Williams took home Champion Angus Heifer and 1st place Cow/Calf

pair while Brazos Williams received 1st place. Kaylie Nutt's steers were 1st place Shorthorn and 3rd place Simmental in both ring A & B.

We congratulate these young 4-H exhibitors on their hard work.

The Class Reunion

Every ten years, as summertime nears,
An announcement arrives in the mail,
A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand;
Make plans to attend without fail.

I'll never forget the first time we met;
We tried so hard to impress.
We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars,
And wore our most elegant dress.

It was quite an affair; the whole class was there.
It was held at a fancy hotel.
We wined, and we dined, and we acted refined,
And everyone thought it was swell.

The men all conversed about who had been first
To achieve great fortune and fame.
Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses
And how beautiful their children became.

The homecoming queen, who once had been lean,
Now weighed in at one-ninety-six.
The jocks who were there had all lost their hair,
And the cheerleaders could no longer do kicks.

No one had heard about the class nerd
Who'd guided a spacecraft to the moon;
Or poor little Jane, who's always been plain;
She married a shipping tycoon.

The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed"
Was serving ten years in the pen,
While the one voted "least" now was a priest;
Just shows you can be wrong now and then.

They awarded a prize to one of the guys
Who seemed to have aged the least.
Another was given to the grad who had driven
The farthest to attend the feast.

They took a class picture, a curious mixture
Of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties.
Tall, short, or skinny, the style was the mini;
You never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no one cared whether
They impressed their classmates or not.
The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal;
By this time we'd all gone to pot.

It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores;
We ate hamburgers, coleslaw, and beans.
Then most of us lay around in the shade,
In our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.

By the fortieth year, it was abundantly clear,
We were definitely over the hill.
Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed,
And be home in time for their pill.

And now I can't wait; they've set the date;
Our fiftieth is coming, I'm told.
It should be a ball, they've rented a hall
At the Shady Rest Home for the old.

Repairs have been made on my hearing aid;
My pacemaker's been turned up on high.
My wheelchair is oiled, and my teeth have been boiled;
And I've bought a new wig and glass eye.

I'm feeling quite hearty, and I'm ready to party
I'm gonna dance 'til dawn's early light.
It'll be lots of fun; But I just hope that there's one
Other person who can make it that night.

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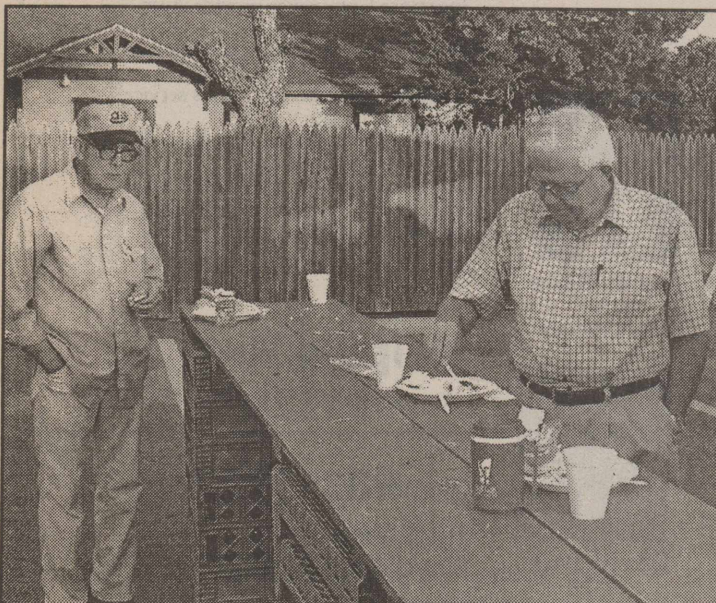
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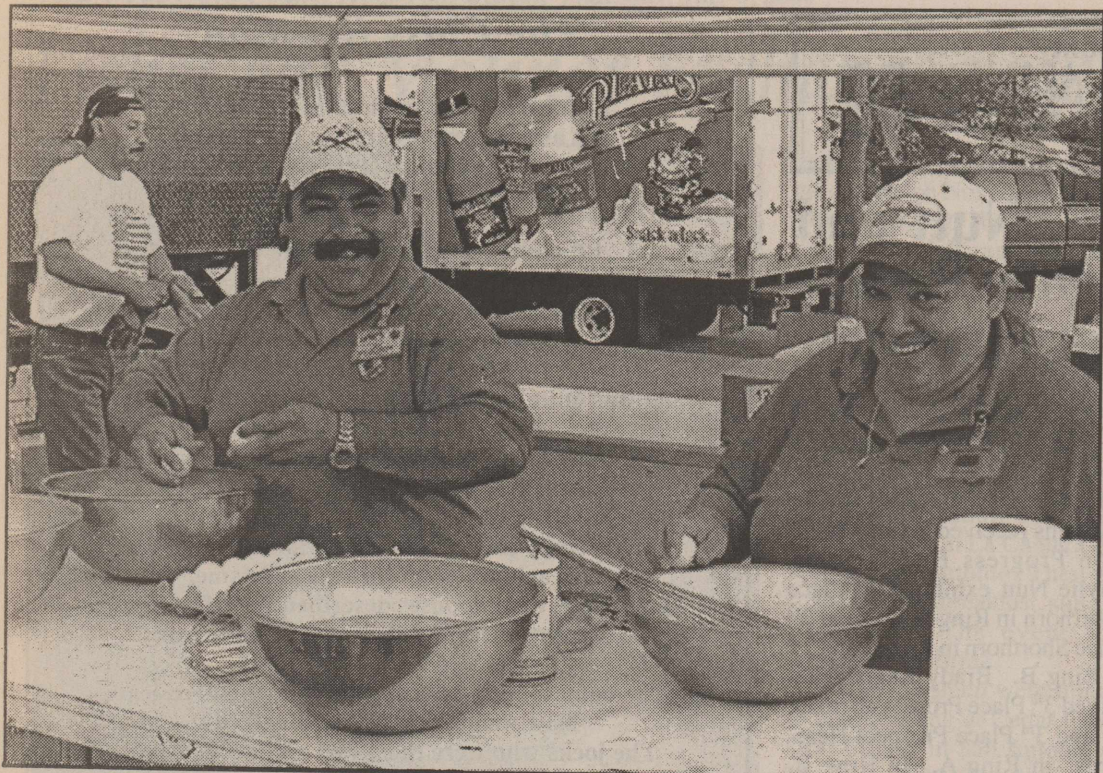
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LOWES 4TH OF JULY HAPPY COOKS

Texas Agricultural Extension Service Local IPM Update By Steve Davis, Extension Agent-IPM **Conditions**

Crosby/Floyd IPM Program irrigated cotton is recovering slowly from the adverse weather effects (tattered leaves, etc.) and starting to produce squares with an average square set range of mid-80 to lower 90 percentiles. Area cotton is in the second full week of squaring at this time.

Plant populations are lacking overall, ranging from 22,000 to 32,000 plants per acre in Program fields. The dry planting conditions and continued hot weather through the months of May and June (up to last week) have really taken a toll on overall populations.

No cotton fleahopper problems have been reported so far this year in Program cotton.

Heat unit accumulations for the last week have remained steady but lower on a daily average - there is certainly not a lack of heat units in 2006 compared to the last five years.

Regarding cotton nutrition, more importantly, Nitrogen Uptake, Mark Brown, CEA - AG Extension Agent in Lubbock, writes:

"Of all the plant nutrients, nitrogen has the widest physiological role in the plant, and is the most likely to limit production. Surplus nitrogen, however, can increase vegetative growth, thus hindering both drought tolerance and boll retention. A point to remember is that nitrogen uptake into the cotton plant tracks closely with the water use curve. By first bloom, approximately 30% of total seasonal N uptake is complete. However, N uptake increases rapidly so that by the second week of bloom, an additional 30% of total seasonal N uptake occurs. This can translate

to 3 to 4 lbs per acre per day at peak bloom. Nitrogen must be available to meet the requirements, or crop performance can suffer."

Although area cotton is currently not close to blooming, it is imperative that nutrition needs for this crucial developmental stage be planned at this time.

Cotton Meetings of interest:

On July 11th, Drs. Randy Boman and Mark Kelley will be at the Associated Cotton Growers Gin (Heeth Burleson, Mgr.) in Crosbyton (8:00 a.m.) and the Floydada COOP Gin (Todd Cypert, Mgr.) (approximately 10:00 a.m.) in Floydada for "turnrow" meetings to discuss general cotton progress and potential for the 2006 crop.

Cucurbit development is on track and rapid in terms of growth with runners (vines) common in older stands of certain varieties. All cucurbits have benefitted from area rains, relatively cooler weather and a general decrease in wind velocities since last week.

Squash bug eggs continue to hatch in fields that have been treated with insecticides, however, adult and nymphal stage numbers are down, drastically from one week ago.

Program fields that required insecticide application last week have very few eggs, nymphs and/or adults as seen this week. Controlling squash bug populations while the plant canopy is still relatively small will not only enhance insecticide activity, but will enhance the host plant's transition from primarily vegetative growth to fruit set as well by reducing plant stress from squash bug feeding.

Extension Service to hold two cotton turnrow meetings

The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service will be holding two Cotton Turnrow meetings, July 11 and July 13. Both meetings have been specifically designed to provide producers with current cotton production updates and are being held in two locations for the producer's convenience

10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006 - FLOYDADA COOP GIN

10:00 A.M. Current County Cotton Crop Situation J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG Floyd County 10:15 A.M. South Plains Region Crop Report Flex Variety Update Management Considerations - Now Til Harvest Dr. Randy Boman, TCE Cotton Specialist & Mark Kelley, TCE Program Specialist 11:00 A.M. Floyd/Crosby Insect Review Steve Davis, IPM Agent Crosby/Floyd Counties 11:15 A.M. Questions/Answers

8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006 - LOCKNEY COOP GIN

8:00 A.M. Current County Cotton Crop Situation J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG Floyd County 8:15 A.M. South Plains Region Report Flex Variety Update Management Considerations - Now Til Harvest Insect Review J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG Floyd County & Steve Davis, IPM Agent Crosby/Floyd Counties 9:15 A.M. Questions/Answers

1 CEU will be provided at both meetings. No preregistration is required. Just simply attend. For more information contact the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office at (806) 983-4912.

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WTO Director General Pascal Lamy is using every bit of leverage he can find to try to get the stalled Doha Development Agenda round off dead center.

Lamy wants the principle countries involved in the negotiations process to find a way to agree, by the end of the weekend, on the ranges and formulas for reducing tariffs and subsidy cuts.

Making that deadline however, appears to be an uphill battle. Going in there are already several groups of countries that are digging in their heels and saying they have offered all they can or saying that the proposed tariff cuts are unacceptable. Thankfully, it seems that the US, which has offered the most ambitious proposal thus far, is among those countries intent on standing firm.

Going into the opening round of meetings June 28 the US negotiating team, led by new US trade Representative Susan Schwab, appears prepared to hold the line and not give in to the calls from the EU and developing countries that the US should accept even deeper cuts to its domestic support programs in exchange for significantly less in market access concessions.

"We can't be stamped into an agreement just for a deadline," Schwab said. "We're going to try to get this done as soon as we can, rather than say if we don't get it done by the weekend it won't happen."

A big reason for the pressure that is being applied is the mid-2007 expiration of President George Bush's "Fast-Track" trade negotiating authority. If a final Doha package is not completed and submitted to Congress before "Fast-Track" authority expires it would be open to modification by Congress.

U.S. Congressional leaders and farm groups have been vocal in their opposition to any suggestion that would lead to deeper cuts in U.S. support programs or that provides less in real market access gains than what the U.S. has already proposed.

Congressional leaders in both the Senate and the House of Representatives crystallized this position in letters to President Bush reiterating their strong opposition to any proposal that would impose deeper cuts and reap fewer rewards from the current round of negotiations.

The Senate letter was delivered June 23 with the signatures

of 57 Senators. The House version of the same letter garnered 62 signatures in a very short time period and was delivered to the President June 28.

Texas Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison signed the Senate letter while High Plains Representative Randy Neugebauer and Mike Conaway signed the House version that was sent to the President.

House Ag Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte also delivered the same strong message to WTO Director General Lamy during his trip to Washington earlier this month. Goodlatte said, in effect, that the current US offer was as much as Congress was willing to consider in light of the fact that the US was the only country to suggest a substantive proposal for achieving real liberalization in agricultural trade policies between developed and developing countries.

How the weekend's meetings will turn out is anybody's guess, but the general feeling seems to be that little common ground will get plowed and another key date for progress to be achieved will be missed.

The growing consensus within Congress and among agricultural groups is that "no deal is better than a bad deal."

Based on Ambassador Schwab's comments, that message seems to have gotten through. Now it is up to her to stand fast and resist the pressure that is sure to be exerted on the US to give more and accept less in return.

Average price received through May 2006

The Weighted Average Price received by farmers for 2005-crop Upland cotton logged its first month-to-month drop this marketing season. Calculated through May 2006, the 2005 Weighted Average Price Received by farmers for Upland cotton fell a modest 5 points to 47.77 cents from the previous month's calculation of 47.82 cents.

While the change was small, the trend it reversed is the bigger news. For the past few months it has been virtually impossible to see how the course of the 2005 Upland cotton Counter-cyclical payment rate calculation could be altered. The May figures further reinforce that reality and all but guarantees the 2005 Counter-cyclical payment rate will be the maximum 13.73 cents allowed under the provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill.

The 2005 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12 month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12 month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketing of the 2005 marketing year.

The 2005 cotton marketing year began on August 1, 2005 and ends July 31, 2006.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the calculated weighted average price based on estimated cumulative marketings and prices reported by the National Ag Statistics Service through May 2006.

Monthly Average Price Received for 2005-crop Upland Cotton Through May 2006

(Weighted by Marketings)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,233	1,233	42.10	42.10
September	518	1,751	44.30	42.75
October	911	2,662	48.50	44.72
November	1,831	4,493	48.50	46.26
December	3,264	7,757	47.90	46.95
January	2,420	10,177	48.60	47.34
February	1,182	11,359	49.00	47.51
March	1,169	12,528	50.40	47.78
April	516	13,044	48.60	47.82
May	658	13,702	46.80	47.77
June	na	na	46.90*	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

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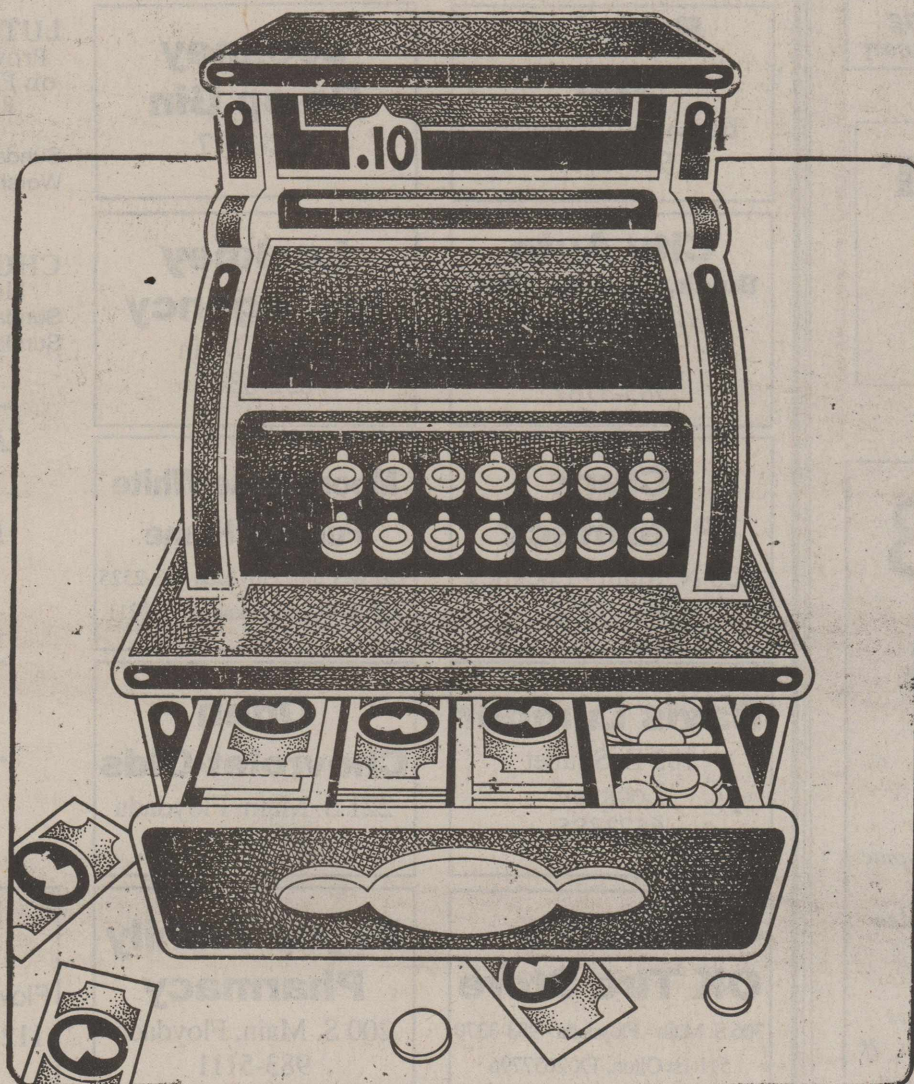
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Mr. Collins was born on March 2, 1955 in Floydada to Tommy and the late Carrie (Collier) Collins. He was a lifelong resident of Floydada. He married Beverly Black on December 4, 1990 in Floydada. He was a self-employed trucker. He was a hard worker and enjoyed tending to cows and loved motorcycles.
He is preceded in death by his mother Carrie Collins, two brothers Tommy Collins Jr. & Melvin Collins, and a sister Alice Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly of Floydada; four sons, Scott Chatman and Marcos Collins, both of Floydada, Michael Black of Lubbock and LaMont Hawkins of Plainview; two daughters, Lesha Allison of Killen, Tamara Black of Plainview; six brothers, Leon Collins, Joe Collins, Mac Collins, Billy Collins, all of Ft. Worth, Kenneth Collins of Abilene and Tim Collins of Floydada; three sisters, Carrie Grant, Jessie Mae Browner and Bettye Collins, all of Ft. Worth; and numerous grandchildren, nieces & nephews.
Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Monday July 3, 2006 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada with Reverend Ralph Jackson, officiating.

Burial was at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Colston was born on February 7, 1929 in Floydada to the late Benjamin Arthur and Ethel (McBride) Colston. He grew up in Floydada and graduated in 1947 from Floydada High School. He received the Lone Star Farmer Award in FFA in High School. As an adult leader in the 4-H program he received the Silver Spur Award.

He married Wilma Hamilton on August 20, 1950 in Floydada. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service after retiring from farming. In 1985 the Colston's moved to Eden, Texas where they resided until returning to Floydada in 2003.

Colston worked with 4-H and Floyd County Fair. He was a livestock supervisor for Floyd County Fair for several years. He enjoyed hunting turkey, deer, and capturing videos for wildlife and wildflowers. He worked as a turkey guide for Comanche Springs Ranch in Eden. He was an accomplished craftsman in wood and metal. Mr. Colston was an inactive deacon of the First Baptist Church in Eden and a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

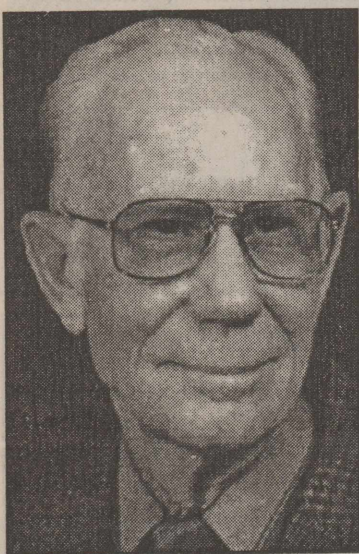
He is preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Colston, a sister Opal Colston, and a brother-in-law, G.L. Fawver.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Colston, of Floydada, a son, Dan Colston and wife Lisa, their daughter, Victoria all of Tyler; a daughter, Teresa Whittle and husband Mark of Floydada, their children, Nathan Whittle and wife Kristi, Matt Whittle and his son Kaleb, and Tyson Whittle; two sisters, Thelma Fawver of Floydada and Bernice Nance of Grapevine; a sister-in-law, Vonciel Colston of Floydada; numerous nieces, nephews, and many wonderful friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2006 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada with Reverend Anthony Sisemore, officiating.

Burial was held at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Family suggest memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Floydada, 401 S. Main St., Floydada, TX 79235 or a favorite charity.



J.B. "JAKE" COLSTON
J.B. "Jake" Colston, 77, of Floydada died on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

MY DAD

By Edward Marks

My dad is quite a guy,
And I'm proud to be his son.
For he has something
gold can't buy,
A love as bright as
the sun.

A better man I never
knew,
And guess I never will.
Because men like him
are few,
And I think he's
pretty swell.

Small in size but
big in heart,
This grand old man
of mine.
I just think he's
pretty smart,
and men like him
are hard to find.

He fought life's battles
with dignity and grace,
And sometimes life
was no fun.
But always with a
smiling face,
Yes, I'm proud to be
his son.

LIGHT THE CROSS DONATIONS

Donations to Light the Cross Fund have been made as follows:

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In memory of Ruth Adams, Phil Dunavant, Wanda DuBois, J. B. Colston by Steve and Judy Lloyd.

Donations to the Light the Cross Fund may be deposited to the Ministerial Alliance Fund at American State Bank.

THIS WEEK'S

GO FOR THE GOLD
Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to join the summer reading club and play GO FOR THE GOLD! July 5 - July 31 at the Floyd County Memorial Library, 111 South Wall Street. Story-telling for ages 4-7 Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 10:30.

LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTER
The Lockney Band Booster's will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 6th in the Band Hall.

Thanks for reading
the Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Jay Simpson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ken Free- Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Anthony D. Sisemore,
Pastor
Bill Swinney,
Minister of Ed./Music
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth)....7:15 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m

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652-3353

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306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370
511 1st Olton, TX 2657796

Lighthouse Electric Coop
102 E. California
983-3524

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Neely Landrum,
Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter,
Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise ...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon,
Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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983-5111

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210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Rev. Ray Gonzales
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School 9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Jose Relente
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Mon./Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Pastor
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Burnell Lund,
Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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The family of Alma Cantrell Petty

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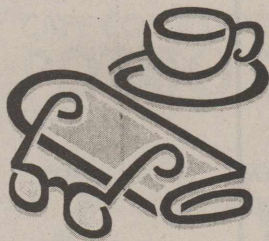
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A VISIT WITH
OL' MAN LISTER

By Steve McLean
Email: olmanlister@gmail.com



LOOK PAST THE BAIT

Ol' man Lister and I went fishing on Lake Stillwater last Friday and I knew it wouldn't be long before he shared one of his homespun philosophy. Homefolks call it "Listerine" philosophy. It might not taste too good at first, but it's bound to be good for you.

Sure enough, after about the third bass was on the stringer, ol' man Lister started up, "You know, kid, (he always calls me kid) them fish ain't too smart, gittin' caught like that. If they'd look past the bait and up the line they'd see who was out to git 'em and they'd scatter."

I began to wonder why we were discussing the intelligence of the average bass when he elaborated. (Ol' man Lister always elaborates.) "Oh, well, I guess most of us humans ain't much smarter. When we're tempted we don't usually look past the bait, either. If we did, we'd see who's holding the pole and head the other way ourselves."

You know...I reckon he's right.