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Hollander Hang Glider gets bird's eye view of Lockney

By Alice Gilroy

After more than five hours in the air, Koos de Keyzer and his hang glider came down 25 miles short of his Silverton destination.

Koos left Big Spring at 2:15 p.m. and after losing his "lift" he set down behind the Lockney Care Center, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10.

Part of a "Pre-World" competition, Koos traveled to Texas from Amsterdam, Holland to train for future competition.

Koos said that from Silverton the hang gliders would be given a new destination to reach. Competition would be over on Saturday, August 12.

The hang gliders were pulled into the air by a propeller glider at the Big Spring airport.

"There were about 96 of us in these types of hang gliders," said Koos. The competitors, according to Koos, come from all over the world, including: Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Venezuela,

Brazil, South Africa, Australia, Holland, Switzerland, Canada, and the United States.

Koos said the hang gliders (including his girlfriend), try to stick together but it doesn't always work out.

At approximately the same time Koos came down he said he also noticed another glider "go down" east and north of Lockney.

One report came in of two gliders landing north of Lockney near TALA Kennels.

Another report told of a glider coming down near the Baptist Encampment.

The gliders travel with a GPS tracking system.

After Koos landed, he made a call to a support man on the ground and gave the driver the GPS coordinates for Koos' landing site in Lockney.

Koos said his maximum altitude was 10,000 feet above sea level, and his flying temperature was about 47 degrees Fahrenheit.

"With the tailwind my top speed was about 50 miles per hour," said Koos. "My slowest speed was about 20 mph."

"This area is beautiful from the air," said Koos. "The round green circles are very pretty."

A Forensic doctor, Koos says that learning to fly a hang glider is very easy. "It usually takes about 2 weeks to learn to fly. However, landing and launching takes a lot longer and is much more difficult."

The most dangerous obstacles hang gliders have to face are power lines, towers, and water.

"You never want to land in water," said Koos. "Anything but water."

Koos has been hang gliding since 1993 and says that once you experience the thrill you will never want to stop.

Koos left Holland in July for his "hang gliding vacation and competition".



KOOS DE KEYZER AND HANG GLIDER

County Agent reviews area "failed crop" reports

By Darwin Robinson

County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland gave a drought farm report to the county commissioners Monday morning, August 14, in their regular board meeting.

Concerning the drought situation in Floyd County and the entire High Plains area, Ragland gave the commissioners a "failed cotton" report printed by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. in Lubbock and the Texas Farm Service Agency.

Using the report and charts, Ragland explained, "Out of the 181,309 acres of cotton planted this year in Floyd County, 11,833 acres (6.53 percent) have been declared 'failed crops' due to the lack of rain.

According to Ragland and the report, Lynn County has lost the most 'failed cotton' acres due to the drought this year in the Texas High Plains. Lynn County has lost 167,199 cotton acres, which

is 54.84 percent of their total 304,869 cotton acres planted.

The report showed some of the other surrounding counties and their 'failed cotton' acres and their overall percentages. Briscoe County has lost 9,026 acres, or 23.17 percent of their cotton crop this year. Crosby County has lost 14,530 acres, or 6.79 percent. Dickens County has lost 2,769 acres, or 11.86 percent of their cotton crop.

Hale County has lost 9,151 acres, or 3.28 percent, while Lubbock County has lost 46,849 acres, or 17.61 percent of their cotton acres. Motley County has lost 11,914 acres, or 49.76 percent, while Swisher County has lost 25,710 acres, or 27.58 percent of their cotton crop this year.

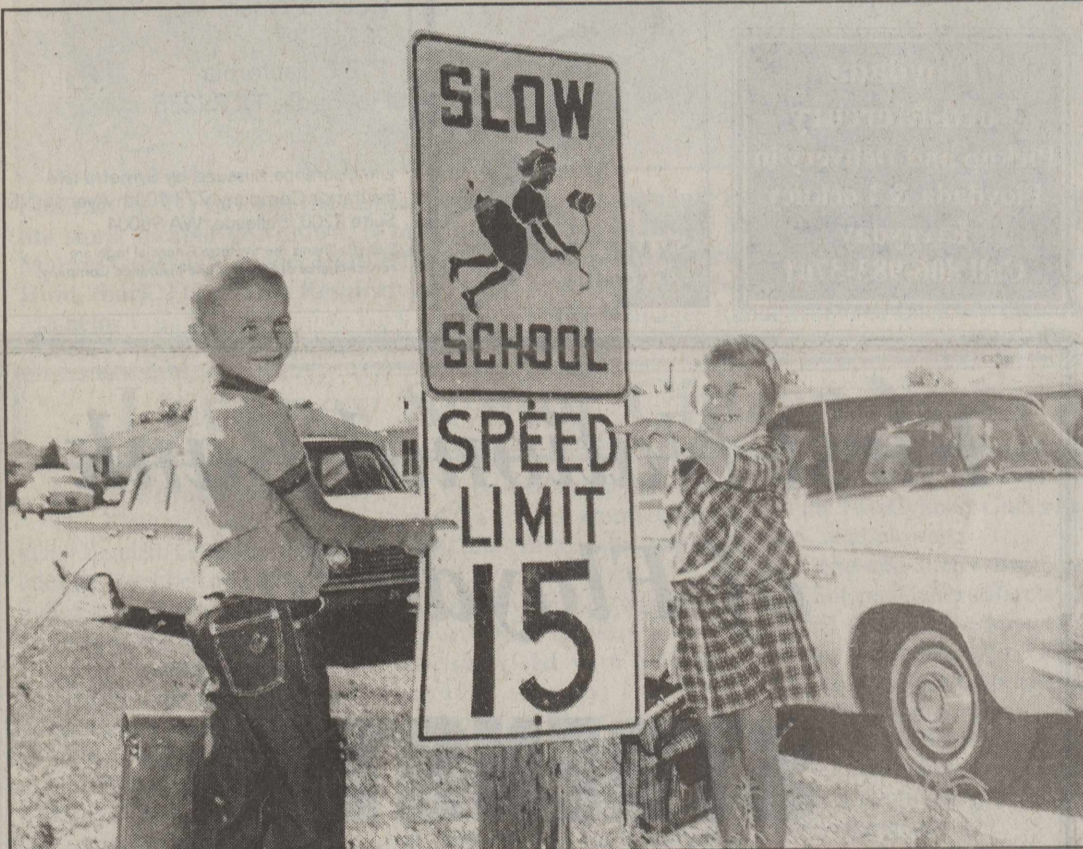
The report showed, out of a total of 41 High Plains cotton growing counties with 3,842,876 acres of cotton planted this year, 970,259 of those acres, or 25.25

percent, have been declared 'failed' due to the drought.

Comparing 'heat units' needed for cotton development, Ragland said, "We have had 1,620 heat units so far this year, compared to 1,634 in 2005 and 1,625 in 2004. This year has been about the same as the last two years, which is a surprise (due to the hot weather)."

Ragland continued, "Last year, at this same time, we had received 15.43 inches of rain, while this year we have had only 7.35 inches of rain. The lack of rain will cause our yields to be way down this year."

About other crops, Ragland stated, "Our wheat is waiting for rain. Our pumpkin crop is looking good. The later pumpkins are looking better the earlier (planted) pumpkins, according to some producers. The sorghum crop is suffering like our cotton crop. It is just burning up."



BACK TO SCHOOL--This old photo, probably from the early 1960's, reminds us to watch out for children as they return back to school. School started in Floydada and Lockney on August 16th.

Congressman says border security, war on terror top issues

Congressman Randy Neugebauer visited with constituents at the Lockney Community Center, Monday, and reviewed accomplishments of the 109th Congress and the issues facing the next Congress.

Neugebauer said the top concerns from his constituents have been: border security, war on terrorism, health insurance, energy prices, death tax, and the farm bill.

The Congressman said he had recently been named one of the top 5 most conservative members of Congress by the National Congress Magazine. "When I was asked why that was the case, I told them that I'm in tune with my district," said Neugebauer.

On the issue of border security, Neugebauer said, "We have to make sure the door is locked and the screen is latched first.

"We can't have a secure country without knowing who are what are coming in."

According to Neugebauer the "Washington Rhetoric" combines border security and immigration.

"These are two different issues," said Neugebauer. "Border security is about keeping America safe and immigration is a legal issue concerning coming into America legally."

The Congressman said he believed it should not be easy to become a citizen of America. It is a privilege and an honor to be a citizen.

"The House of Representa-

tives has it right," said Neugebauer. "The first thing we need to do is secure the country. Let's make sure America is safe."

Neugebauer said he supports House Bill 4437 that increases number of Border Patrol and Port Inspectors; and H.R. 698 (Citizenship Reform Act) that states no person born in the U.S. is automatically a citizen unless the mother or father is a citizen.

A billboard in the Community Center displayed some statistics to highlight concerns of border security. It stated:

*Today there are approximately 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S.--an increase of more than 8.5 million since 1990.

*160,000 that were arrested last year weren't from Mexico.

*Illegal immigrants imposed more than 26.3 billion in costs on taxpayers in 2002, but paid only \$16 billion in taxes, creating a fiscal deficit of almost \$10.4 billion.

Neugebauer praised Congress for lowering taxes. "It started in the 108 Congress," said Neugebauer. "We decided to trust people with their own money. We let them keep more of their hard earned money. This helped small businesses and created almost 5.5 million new jobs.

"More Americans are working--more own their own homes--and unemployment rate went down to 4.7%. Minority home ownership is at an all time high and minority new businesses are

increasing in double digits.

"When we lowered the tax rate the tax revenues increased--14% higher last year and a projected 12% higher this year."

Neugebauer said he believed the government had a spending problem and should learn to operate like families and local governments.

Neugebauer said he supports a "Sunset" on every federal program. This would call for every program to be reviewed and debated on whether the program is relevant and not on how much it should be increased.

Concerning energy problems, Neugebauer said, "We've let this go for over 30 years. We have to concentrate on nuclear power and alternative fuels.

"We have to get serious about drilling in Alaska and on the east coast and west coast. We can do it in an environmentally safe way.

"I've been to Anwar. They are extremely cautious and careful. We spill more in our driveways than they do. The arguments against drilling in Anwar are very weak. There is no Science in the arguments."

Neugebauer said the votes in Congress to drilling in Anwar are getting closer every time. "A bill has been passed in the Senate to expand the drilling in the coast."

Neugebauer said he remains committed to permanently eliminating the "death tax". "Everytime we pass reform on this the democrats in the Senate

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LISD votes to lower tax rate

Lockney ISD Trustees set the new tax rate at \$1.37 in Monday night's board meeting. This is a decrease of 13¢ from the previous tax rate.

"House Bill #1 put a new maximum tax rate in the State," said Superintendent Phil Cotham. "The State will be chipping in more from the new taxes from businesses, cigarettes, etc. There will also be money coming in from the budget surplus at the state level.

"Next year will be even better."

The tax rate was set after the board adopted the 2006-2007 budget.

The projected expenditures for the new budget are \$5,523,935 (salaries, \$4,197,372; extra duty, substitutes, \$72,560; and M & O \$1,254,003).

Projected Revenues are \$5,396,511 (State Aid, \$3,588,247; local taxes, \$1,205,000; federal funds, \$241,231; cafeteria, \$158,600; and other revenue, \$203,433).

"This shows a deficit of \$127,424, (which includes buying a new bus)" Superintendent Cotham explained. "However in the past we've been coming in on an average of \$150,371 in the black--and I believe we will be able to buy the bus and still be in the black."

The trustees also discussed whether the district would continue to tax non-producing income personal property.

The board voted unanimously to continue taxing personal property.

"We would cut out \$135,000 from our budget if we stopped

taxing personal property," said Cotham. "That would be 3 teacher's positions."

Fuel bids were accepted by trustees from Raceway Fuels for all gasoline, supplied at 8¢ above cost per gallon, and from Lockney Coop for all diesel, sold at 4¢ above costs.

Trustees also approved leaving the investment program the same for the district; approved the sale of property east of Lockney (all taxing entities had to approve the sale); approved policy update #78; and adopted the 2006-2007 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.

The financial report for the district showed an August bank balance of \$491,032.4, CD investments of \$3,158,987.72, for a total balance of \$3,650,020.12.

Economists say drought losses have hit \$4.1 billion

Estimated drought losses for Texas have reached \$4.1 billion, eclipsing the \$2.1 billion mark set in 1998, Texas Cooperative Extension economists reported Friday.

Crop losses are estimated at \$2.5 billion and livestock \$1.6 billion, according to the report. The current drought equals the multi-year dry period of the 1950s and could go down as the worst ever without substantial rainfall by the end of the year, according to Extension officials.

"The financial impact will be a major setback because of rising input costs, especially energy prices (to agricultural produc-

ers)," said Dr. Carl Anderson, professor emeritus and Extension economist. "Irrigation costs have soared and will cut cash flow from irrigated crop production substantially."

"Most of North Texas, East Texas and the Coastal Bend were in various stages of drought since May of last year, and hay supplies were depleted maintaining livestock over the summer and winter," said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist. "Much of the corn and soybean crop has been harvested for silage or hay; pastures are bare and hay barns are empty.

Much of the hay being fed is

from out-of-state or along the upper coast, which has received favorable rains. Livestock water supplies are disappearing and ranchers are unable to sustain herds with purchased hay and dry tanks."

Rural areas are being hardest hit, Anderson said, with projected economic losses at \$8 billion when the agribusiness impact is included. This includes businesses that provide equipment and services to farmers and ranchers, including machinery sales, supplies and other production needs, Anderson said.

The driest regions of the state
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Drought losses hit record

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are the Panhandle, Southern High and Rolling Plains, Northeast Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

"If it rained now, it would be too late for the main crops," Anderson said. Statewide, cotton, corn sorghum and soybeans have been rated 48 percent to 58 percent in poor to very poor condition for several months.

"That's very indicative of production levels around half a crop," Anderson said. "Much of the corn in Central Texas has been made into silage or hay and most of Northeast Texas soybean crop has been cut for hay to supply dairy operations in desperate need of forages. The irrigated peanut and rice crops are the only crops rated mostly in good to fair condition."

More than \$1 billion of the current losses come from cotton, Texas' No. 1 cash crop, Anderson said.

"Because of dry soil, much of the cottonseed planted failed to germinate," he said. "The 2006 winter wheat crop fell to 35 million bushels, the lowest level since 1971 and two-thirds below 2005 production."

Only 1.4 million acres of wheat were harvested, the smallest acreage since 1925, Miller said.

Cattle producers are facing some of the toughest times ever, Anderson said, due to lack of hay and available forage on pastures.

"Three-fourths of the land in range and pasture is too dry to produce much grazing or hay that is harvestable," he said. "Without rain soon, livestock herds will face further liquidation."

At biggest risk are the state's cow herds, Anderson said. Rising hay and supplemental feed costs are forcing many ranchers to liquidate herds and lack of water has forced some to sell out

completely. "Cattle sales are up sharply from a year ago," Anderson said. "The reduction in herd size will curtail beef supplies for several years. Also, the lack of adequate nutrition for cows means a smaller calf crop next year."

However, land values continue to increase mainly due to purchases for recreational and hunting purposes, Anderson said. But the drought will "stress wildlife sources and reduce the amount and quality of wild animals and birds," he said.

"Wildlife management programs are critical to maintaining the recreational value of land used for outdoor recreation during drought years," Anderson said.

Agricultural lenders are reporting fewer loan repayments and greater demand for loan renewals and extensions from a year ago, according to the Second Quarter 2006 Survey of Agricultural Credit Conditions by the Federal Reserve Bank. Producers are collecting insurance based on individual coverage on dryland crops and many cow-calf operators have taken out larger loans because of higher feed costs.

"Others have sold their herds due to limited water and forage," Anderson said. "High energy prices have substantially increased production costs to further stress an already depressed production environment. Some crop and cow-calf operators can't financially withstand more losses and will be forced to seek other jobs or business alternatives."

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County raises service fees

By Darwin Robinson
The Floyd County Commissioners met Monday, August 14, and unanimously approved an increase in service fees for the local Sheriff's department and Small Claims Court and renewed a contract with the Office of Attorney General of Texas for the purpose of collecting child support in the county.

The Sheriff and constable fees were raised from \$65 for serving papers to \$75 and Small Claims Court fees were raised from \$40 to \$75.

Floyd County Judge William Hardin told the commissioners, "It has been years since we raised these fees."

In other matters, the court appointed Bob Alldredge to serve another year on the Board of Directors of MHMR and the commissioners approved a bid of \$2.10 each by Bill Daniels for used grader blades being sold by the county.

The commissioners transferred \$17,000 from the Road & Bridge Fund to be used by Pre-

cincts 1, 2 and 4 for general expenses.

County Treasurer Elva Martinez presented the court with the July, 2006 Financial Report. The report showed a Beginning Balance of \$682,554.54 with Receipts of \$143, 811.50. It showed Transfers In and Out of \$175,196.03 and Disbursed Funds of \$266,016.22, leaving an Ending Balance of \$560,349.82.

Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland reported to the commissioners about the Ag Tour coming up on September 19th for all producers in the county. According to Ragland,

the tour will include stops showing grass rotation, forage production, a weather station and drip irrigation.

A view from



The Lamplighter

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

Sometimes, when a covey of quails flush and head off in all directions, about the only thing to do is scatter shoot; That is...take them one at a time all over the pasture.

It's also about what happens when commenting on stories that break all over the lot. There is, of course, the story about the Middle East, but we started writing about that mess many years ago, and very little has changed in the meantime. Wars still break out with amazing regularity. American politicians still side with the Israelis, no matter what, Muslims still complain about it, no matter what, and Mid-East Christians still get ignored by their religious brethren around the world, no matter what. Robertson, Falwell and Hagee are too busy cheerleading for Israel to notice the plight of dis-

Lockney VFD sponsors 135 mile "Fun Run" on Saturday

The Lockney Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a 135 mile Fun Run (of cars and motorcycles) to benefit the Lockney Veteran's Memorial Park.

All donations will go to the Veteran's Fund.

The Run will consist of a 135 mile ride with 5 stops. Each stop

Jackson announces intent to run for J.P.

Tali Jackson, the City Judge in Floydada, has announced her intention to seek the office of Floydada J.P. Pct. #1 & #4.

Jackson will run as a write-in. Jackson has been the City Judge of Floydada for 6 years, and says she plans to combine the responsibilities of both offices if she is elected.

She will face off Dru Ann Lloyd who won the Democrat nomination in the March primary.

Neugebauer...

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filibuster."

Concerning the new farm bill, Neugebauer said, "We think we have a defensible case to take to Congress because of the past success of the last farm bill."

"The new farm bill will probably look like the old one with a few improvements and "tweaks".

Neugebauer said he believes Congress may have grossly underestimated the cost of the drought. "We need to re-address disaster aid. It will be tough to get a 'stand-alone' bill for agriculture at this time. It will be better to attach it some other piece of legislation."

placed Christians in Lebanon.

Then there's the story, or rather lack of story, about millions of illegal aliens flooding this country while our President looks the other way. Oh, all of a sudden our President has become concerned about the situation, and decided Congress ought to do something. They ought to pass a law, for instance, that would put the illegals "on a path toward citizenship." Very few Americans, however, are fooled by Mr. Bush's sudden show of apparent interest in a situation he has ignored for years. Most will apparently "wait him out" and then punish those political leaders who sat on their hands and did nothing while the situation worsened.

While all that was going on, the situation in Iraq got even worse. Ethnic and religious differences afflicted practically all

the country. North Korea tested some more rockets, and the United Nations got all exercised because Iran indicated it was going to continue the search for nuclear weapons, that some day might bring it on a par with the Israelis, who, at the moment, are busy clobbering Lebanon with our President's approval.

As if that was not enough we saw items in the papers the other day, and all over television for that matter, about Mel Gibson and his troubles. The last time we noticed anything about him was when he produced "The Passions of Christ" and thereby incurred the wrath of those who still think the Jews were wrongly accused of crucifying Jesus. This time he was wracked up for having too much to drink before driving, but the real story, told in every article we read about the guy, and every t.v. show we saw about him, was that he said unkind things about Jews while being arrested. We've never seen exactly what he is alleged to have said.

It was reported he said Jews were responsible for all the wars,

or many of the wars, or a lot of the wars, of recent times. Needless to say, many in the media, and many in Hollywood, jumped

on that remark as if it were the ultimate calumny against all poor, powerless, Semites. That proved, in essence, that he was anti-Semitic, and had been all along.

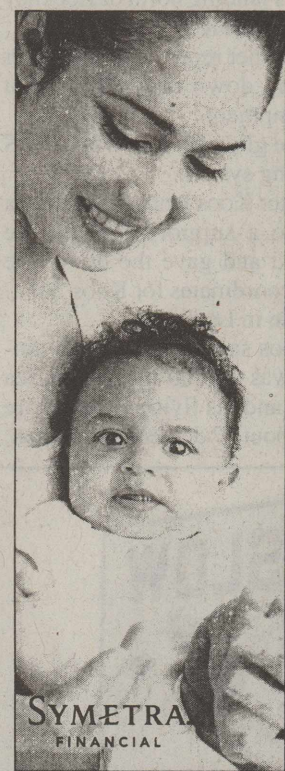
His case wasn't helped by the recent outbreak of hostilities between Jews and non-Jews in Lebanon. Nor was Gibson helped by his hasty apology, which had the effect of assuring everyone he felt he was wrong in the first place. And perhaps his critics were right, for Jews have certainly not been the cause of all wars. They have probably not even been the cause of most wars, although history records that, for one reason or another, they have been called upon to help finance a great many modern wars. There are those who even say Jews were helpful to the Allied cause during World War I in order to instigate the founding of Israel, which the Western world is still paying for.

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Courtroom Activities

In County Court August 9, 2006, Randall Tayler Arington, 44, of Amarillo, was charged with Failure to Appear.

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Attention Voters in Precinct III of Floyd County:
After having just completed the review and ultimate approval of the 2006-2007 Floyd County Operating Budget for all departments and entities within the county, I now more fully realize the necessity of having qualified leadership within the Commissioner's Court to deal conservatively with the county's challenging budget and fiscal issues.
During 22 years of my 57 year professional career in managing multi million dollar Agricultural Processing Facilities, one of my job duties and responsibilities was the preparation of Operating and Capital Expenditure Budgets on an annual basis. After approval, an additional duty was to explain in detail the variances, either positive or negative, in each of the line items of these budgets.
I feel the above described background uniquely qualifies me to be your Commissioner for the next term, consequently, I earnestly solicit your support and vote in the upcoming November general election.
Respectfully,
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TOMASA DE LEON CELEBRATED HER 90TH BIRTHDAY with family August 13, 2006. Pictured (front, l to r) Manuel De Leon, Tomasa De Leon, Perfecto De Leon, (middle, l to r) Juan De Leon, Erma Ibarra, (back, l to r) Maria Segovia and Martin De Leon. Courtesy Photo

Floyd County LIFESTYLES

De Leon celebrates 90th birthday

By Meli De Leon
A 90th birthday celebration was held for Tomasa De Leon August 13, 2006. She was born August 11, 1916.

The celebration started with Sunday Mass at San Jose Catholic Church. The family then gathered at the Dove room, 305 N. Main for a delicious meal. Alfredo Segovia, Jr. entertained the family by singing and playing Christian songs.

Amy De Leon presented a De Leon, Parra Family Tree slide show. Slide show pictures included the parents of Tomasa Parra De Leon, brothers, sister, husband, sons, daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Those present were: Father Jim McCartney of San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney; Sister Sophie of Saint Alice Catholic Church in Plainview; (sons and daughters) Perfecto De Leon and his wife of Houston; Juan and

Francis De Leon and their family of Lubbock; Maria Segovia and her family of Lockney; Manuel and Meli De Leon and their family of Lockney; Irma and Jesse Ibarra and their family of Floydada; Martin De Leon, Letty Santos and their families of Plainview.

Tomasa had a blessed day enjoying her six children and their spouses, twenty-four grandchildren counting spouses, thirty great-grandchildren, (nine great-grandchildren who were not present) and many friends.

We thank the Lord for her long life. We also thank everyone who helped and took part in making her day special. God bless family and friends. Seventy-five people were in attendance. Sixty-five out of eighty-seven family members were present.

Special thanks to Minnie Mariscal for the delicious homemade cinnamon shortbread cookies.



FREEDOM TO GO had the Grand Opening Monday, August 14, 2006 for its new Lockney satellite store, located downtown. (Front, l to r) Office Manager Missy Delgado, Freedom to Go's Market General Manager Harold Rangel and Mangold Memorial Hospital Administrator Sharon Hunt, (back, l to r) Area Respiratory Therapist Karla Trout, Justice of the Peace and City Judge Michelle Araujo, Freedom to Go's Lubbock Office Manager Renae Roberts, Lockney Chamber members Renee Hrbacek and Melissa Bigham. Staff Photo

Floydada Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Margarette Word
The Center will be having a Bake Sale at the Center on Saturday, September 2 at 9:00 am. If you would like to donate a cake, cookies, brownies, etc., we would greatly appreciate your help. The Center is hurting financially and we felt this would be a great way to make some money. Please mark your calendar to either donate money or buy goodies.

Recently, Jake Smitherman, the eleven year old grandson of Phillip & Mildred Smitherman of Maryville, Tennessee, spent some time in Floydada visiting them and his uncle, Monti Smitherman in Silvertown.

Jo Payne recently had grandchildren visiting her for a couple of weeks. The children live in Plainview & Granbury, TX.

Louis & Ferne Anderson attended the wedding of their grandson, Cory Kirk, and his bride, Cori Davis. The wedding was in Plainview at the First Baptist Church Chapel on Sunday, August 13. This was also Louis & Ferne's 56th wedding anniversary.

Bob & Evalene Goodnight attended a memorial service for their niece, Juanita Dyksterhuis in Oklahoma City. From there, the Goodnight's drove to Omaha, Nebraska, and spent ten days with their daughter Peggy and Rich Nicholson. They then drove to Agra, Oklahoma to celebrate Evalene's sister, Lorene Ford's 95th birthday party, and spent a few days there as well. In all, the Goodnight's were gone over 2 1/2 weeks.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Lucille Pope.

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

In memory of **Alma Petty-Betty Baker**, and Genelle Breed.

In memory of **Ruth Adams-Betty Baker**, and Genelle Breed.

In memory of **Edwin Pollan-Betty Baker**.

In memory of **Dub Ferguson-Betty Baker**.

In memory of **Doyle Turner-Genelle Breed**.

In memory of **Wanda DuBois-Genelle Breed**.

In memory of **Jake Colston-**

Betty Baker. In memory of **Mamie Bunch-Genelle Breed**.

Menu August 21 - August 25

- Monday**-Tacos/beans, vegetables, salad, cornbread, pear crisp
- Tuesday**-Turkey pot pie, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, cornbread, plum cobbler
- Wednesday**-Beef roast, baked potato, Harvard beets, hot roll, pumpkin crunch
- Thursday**-Beef stuffed peppers, blackeye peas, corn, grapefruit sections, wheat roll, cake
- Friday**-Hamburger steak with brown gravy, baked potato, okra, roll, apricots, oatmeal cookie

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Lockney Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Gene Brotherton
The Center would like to thank Kenneth Gregg for the cantaloupe, okra, bell pepper, watermelon and everything else he has furnished. We appreciate it.
Lunch at the Center costs \$3.50 for members and \$4.00 for nonmembers. Takeout 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 would like to eat lunch at the Center. It is located on 118 W. College Street.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, Dorothy Stapp leads a 30 minute exercise class, starting at 9:00 a.m. Come give it a try.
Every Thursday we have a pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m. (bring a dish) and have fun playing games in the back room afterward.

Coffee is served at the Center six days a week from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Bring your cup and join us.
Friday, August 11, was Wilma Brown's 85th birthday and she was surprised with a Happy Birthday song by: (listed by maiden name) Hope Cox, Gayle Rucker, Jean Wofford, Lanell Johnson, Charlene Brown, Betty Graham, Anita Durham, Sunny Lawson and Virginia Caldwell.
Wilma's sister, Sally Smoot, has been here visiting. Monday, Wilma's brother, Eddy Holcomb came by for lunch and took Sally home.
We are enjoying having Sunny and Larry Hammitt and Roy and Linda Kidd eating with us.
Saturday, August 12, Charles Huffman took his old model "M"

Farmall tractor to Claytonville for the Two Cylinder Club's Plow Day...and plowed.
Gene and Junior Brotherton and Sol and Geneva Barclay attended the 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration for J.L. and Faye Self. It was held in Silvertown Saturday, August 12.
Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial gift. We sincerely appreciate it.
In memory of **Newt Gant, Bill Watson, Ruth Adams and Corine Lewis-Claude** and Wilma Brown.
In memory of **Ted Bruce, Phil Dunavant, Clara Reecer and Bobby Spencer-Donnie** and Vera Jo Bybee.

In memory of **Lee Gammage-H.N. Gammage** and family, Gladys Bobbitt and Annabel Bramlet.
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LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 donated a flag for the Lockney Veterans Memorial Park. Ed Marks (center) is shown accepting the flag from class members (l to r) Margaret Schacht, Barbara Cawley, Jackie Lou Holt and Ann Race. Staff Photo



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH-Floydada EMS has been chosen as Business of the Month by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. This 24 hours, 7 days a week, business is receiving a new ambulance this week, according to Office Manager Cindy Bertrand (back row, left). "We appreciate the generous donations." Shown are: (back row, l-r) Bertrand, Mike Reeves; (front row, l-r) Katrina Gooch, Rhonda Guthrie, Sheryl Back, and Beverly Harrison. (not pictured, Paul McIntosh, Denny Davis, Placido Gonzales, Fernando Arvizu, Jody Barnes, Mary Cristan, Sylvia Gonzales, Shonda Guthrie, Irene Hernandez and Joyce Owens) Staff Photo

Military News



TOD DUNCAN

Duncan promoted to Corporal

Lance Corporal Daniel Tod Duncan was promoted to the rank of Corporal in the US Marine Corps. The promotion ceremony took place in Al Asad, Iraq, where Tod is currently serving.

To earn this promotion, Tod excelled in personal fitness training and rifle score. He did all his MCI's as well as community service, and read books on the Commandant's reading list.

Tod is a graduate of Lockney High School. He is the son of Dan and Nikki Smith of Lockney and Dan Ray Duncan of Borger.

Grandparents are Toby and Jeannie Cunningham and Dan and Barbara Duncan all of Panhandle. Great-grandmother is Mildred Cunningham of Amarillo.

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Wireless Technology meeting scheduled in Floydada

FISD, Blue Moon Solutions, and Reese Technology Center have joined together to bring an informational meeting to the community concerning the upcoming wireless technology being brought to Floydada. The meeting will be held, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

Steps are being taken by these groups to open up mobile wireless internet, and phone and television access throughout Floydada.

Within the past 18 months this mobile wireless technology was deployed in several Texas cities including Corpus Christi, Granbury, and San Antonio.

This idea was brought on by a partnership between Reese Technology Center, Blue Moon Solutions, Floydada ISD, and the City of Floydada.

The Open House will have a question and answer session.

For more information call: Jerry Vaughn, 983-3498.

Lerma qualifies for National Pedal Pull

By Sheila Tucker

The Texas Pedal Pullers Association held its State Championship Pedal Pull Saturday, August 12, 2006 in Henrietta, Texas. The top three contestants in each age group qualified to compete at the National Pedal Pull at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota Saturday, September 23, 2006. Qualifying from Floydada in the eleven year old category was Stephanie Lerma, 2nd place.

THIS WEEK'S

LISD FOOTBALL PARKING SPACES

The parking spaces at the football field should be paid for by August 30th. The price is \$50.

FLOYDADA 4-H

The Floydada 4-H Club will meet on Monday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the MAC. The program will be "Electric Safety" presented by Randy Duke. Community Service is school supplies.

LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTERS

The Lockney Band Boosters will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the band hall. New Frontiers of LHS band newsletter is around town on bulletin boards in several businesses or on the counter of most businesses. Please tell businesses thank you for being so helpful.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

August 21-25
Monday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Corn dog, potato rounds, tossed salad, cookie, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, carrots with ranch dressing, crackers, fruit, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancake and sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Tacos, Spanish rice, beans, salad, fruit, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, hot roll, fruit, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Sliced ham, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, strawberry shortcake, roll, milk

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August 21-25
Monday

Breakfast - Waffles or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Chili dog or PBJ sandwich, potato rounds, baby carrots, fruit, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sausage patty & Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets or Corndog, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Beef & macaroni or grilled cheese, green beans, tossed salad, fruit, Italian bread, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Biscuit & gravy or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Fish sticks or ham & cheese, squash casserole, pinto beans, fruit, cornbread, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Hamburgers or tuna sandwich, chips, lettuce and tomato, fruit, milk

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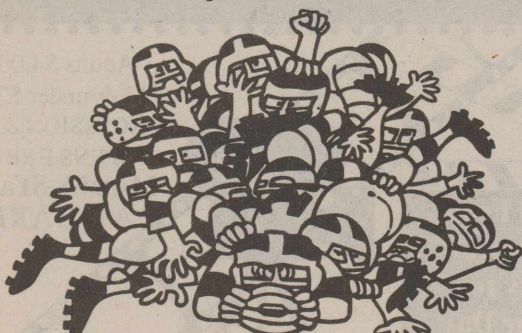
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Sign Ups for Lockney Buckeye Football Tiger League
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At the: Lockney Elementary School



Lockney Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament Has been Rescheduled at a New Location

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are moving the Lockney Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament to the **Plainview Country Club**

August 26

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Obituaries

LUCILLE POPE
Lucille Pope, 73, of Floydada passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born November 2, 1933 in Wood County, Texas to the late Edd and Eula Nichols. She moved to Floydada from Wood County, Texas in 1942. She married Cecil William (Zeke) Pope in February 1956 in Floydada. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1994. She was a cowgirl and loved her kids and grandkids. Her family was everything to her. She loved to crochet and was a member of the Nazarene Church in Floydada.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include two sons, Cecil Wayne Pope, Clarence Edd Pope and wife, D'Lynn, all of Floydada; one brother, Newton Edward (Bill) Nichols of Levelland; one sister, Carolyn Mosel Nichols of Floydada; five grandchildren, William Blake Pope, of Lubbock, Brooklynn D'Ann Pope of Crosbyton, Shasta Brook Adams of Quitaque, Roger David Adams and Malynnda Lauranna Adams of Texarkana; four great-grandchildren, Teighlor Lynlee Rhone of Anton, Kieler Chase Daniel of Lubbock, Austin Tyler Adams and Haedyn Gene Adams of Texarkana.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at the Lockney Cemetery. Pastor Michael Frank Taylor officiated. Burial was under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Justin Cow-

boy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Lockney Housing Authority Office, 112 West Locust Street, Lockney, TX. 79241

Jones Rowntree Architects, 2734 82nd St., Lubbock, Texas 79423, (806) 792-0096.

Dodge Plan Room, Lubbock, Texas

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Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of the Architect, located at 2734 82nd Street, Lubbock, TX. 79423, upon payment of \$50.00 for each set.

Any BIDDER or NON-BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the payment.

All contracts exceeding \$10,000 shall contain a provision requiring compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

The Commissioners' Court of Floyd County will conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2006, on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Courthouse Room 106, Floydada, Texas. The public is invited to attend.

A copy of the proposed budget is on file and available for inspection in the County Clerk's office, Courthouse Room 101, Floydada, Texas.

WILLIAM D. HARDIN, COUNTY JUDGE
FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS

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Notice

**The Caprock Hospital District
Board of Directors
will hold a meeting at
7:00 a.m. on Tuesday,
August 22, 2006 at
Cogdell Clinic at
901 W. Crockett St. to consider
adopting a proposed tax rate
for tax year 2006.**

**The proposed tax rate
is \$.1361 per \$100 of value.**

**The proposed tax rate would
increase total taxes for the
Caprock Hospital District
by 3.15 percent.**

Tax Code Section 26.052

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Floyd County Church Directory

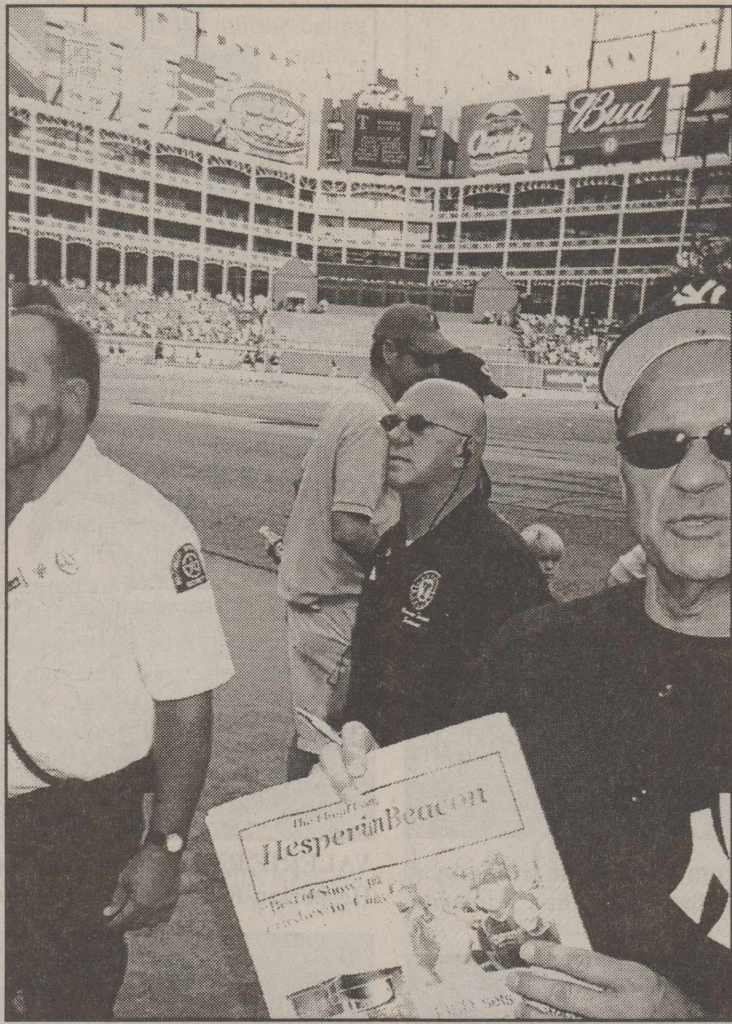
<p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Jay Simpson, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney Rev. Brian Adams Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High 5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Comunión .. 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>TEMPLO 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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship 8:30 am. Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00p.m. Youth (Wednesday).. 7:30 p.m</p>	<p>Lockney Co-op Gin 652-3377</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>American State Bank Member FDIC 217 W. California 983-3725</p>	<p>Lockney Ins. Agency 105 N. Main 652-3347</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Barwise Gin Barwise Community 983-2737</p>	<p>Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home 329 W. Calif. Floydada 983-2525 402 S. Main Lockney 652-2211</p>	<p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>City Auto Buick, Pontiac, GMC 201 E. Missouri Floydada 983-3767</p>	<p>Clark Pharmacy 320 N. Main - Lockney 652-3353</p>	<p>Oden Chevrolet-Olds 221 S. Main, Floydada 983-3787</p>
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CONTEST PHOTOS



LUCY DEAN RECORD is shown reading the Hesperian-Beacon at the C.L. Record Memorial Pavilion at the Rocky Mountain Lodge in Antonito, Colorado. Shown with Mrs. Record are members of the Wonder Band, Dr. John Huntsberger of Austin and K.O. Wilson of La Junta, CO.



JOE TORRE, MANAGER OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES is shown with the Hesperian-Beacon during the Major League Baseball game between the New York Yankees and the Texas Rangers at Arlington Ameriquest Field in Arlington, Mary, Junior, and Debbie Martinez attended the game in July.



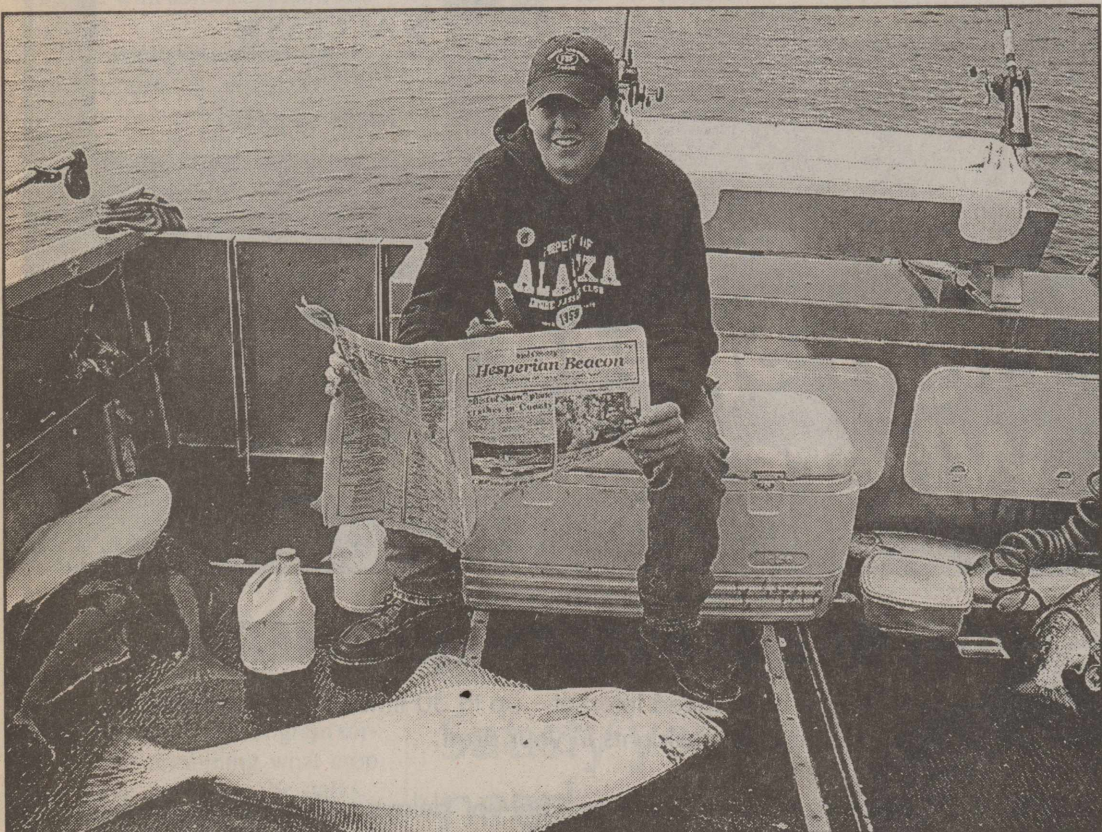
SUE WARD says her favorite place to read The Hesperian-Beacon is in her own backyard, 904 W. Georgia, in good old Floydada, TX.



KING KAMEHAMEHA reads The Hesperian-Beacon in Hawaii. This photo was submitted by Brandi Flippin, daughter of Kathy & Dennis Ross of Floydada.



THIS CONTEST PHOTO shows (L-R) Rodney Hunt and Preston Belt, both of Lockney, reading The Hesperian-Beacon at Texas A&M Fire School. Submitted by Preston Belt.



TANNER MORRIS, of Lockney, takes time to read The Hesperian-Beacon after landing a 45 pound Halibut off the coast of Sitka, Alaska. Tanner's fish was the largest catch of the day, and was one of the many highlights of the Morris family's Alaskan cruise.



READING AT THE WATER PARK--(L-R) Grant Golden, Sunny Williams, Grayson Golden, and Dixie Williams, take their newspaper to the NRH20 Water Park in North Richland Hills, Texas, July 23. Sunny and Dixie are the daughters of Matt and Jean Anne Williams. Grayson and Grant are the sons of Chad and Jennifer Fortenberry Golden. Submitted by Matt Williams.

More transmission lines will bring wind machine growth to Panhandle area

State Rep. David Swinford said he has a powerful proposal that could prove profitable for one area and shed some light on others.

Wind machines are gaining attention as a renewable energy source because they don't use water or oil, Swinford said. He was guest speaker at the North Plains Research Field 2006 Ag Day near Etter, hosted by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension.

A major problem hindering use of Texas' wind power is lack of transmission lines, he said.

The Texas Panhandle, served by the Southwest Power Pool, has the highest wind factors for the state, but the lowest popula-

tion, he said.

The rest of Texas, served by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, has the people, but not enough electricity for projected needs.

Transmission lines between Southwest Power Pool and ERCOT, as it is commonly called, cannot exist, because they are set up on two different grids, Swinford said.

But that doesn't mean power generated by Panhandle winds can't be used in the Dallas metroplex or Austin and San Antonio homes, he said.

In Carson and Moore counties in the center of the Panhandle, the wind factor is 44, Swinford said.

The wind factor is determined by the percentage of time the wind

is expected to be able to make electricity.

The state average wind factor is 35.

"All of our wind is in the 42 to 44 percent range," he said. "The area near Perryton could generate 11,000 megawatts per hour if they had transmission lines. The White Deer farm is the No. 1 wind energy place in the state.

"We have more wind capacity in the Panhandle than they have in the rest of the state put together," Swinford said. So why aren't there more wind machines churning out the power?

For supply reasons, a power company doesn't want more than 12 percent of the power being generated by wind, Swinford

said. While it seems the wind blows constantly, it doesn't, so coal or natural gas is needed for stability of supply.

Xcel Energy, the power company serving the Texas Panhandle, is the No. 1 power company using wind in the nation, Swinford said. When all the planned wind farms are built in the Xcel service area, it will have reached its maximum 12 percent for the transmission lines here.

"So we have to get some way to hook our wind to a line out of the Panhandle, because we're done," he said. "We don't have the people to justify more production up here."

His proposal is to build transmission lines from the ERCOT region near Vernon to the Pan-

handle and then back south to near Big Spring.

This would allow many different parts of the Panhandle to build wind farms and tie into the transmission lines. That power could be sent to different parts of downstate Texas, Swinford said.

Building the transmission network would cost of about \$1 billion, which would have to be paid for by ERCOT customers, he said. A company such as American Electric Power could build the transmission line and then amortize it over the next 40 years.

"But because wind has no fuel costs or power costs, it cheapens the overall electricity to the customer," Swinford said.

He explained that ERCOT customers may see a \$2 or \$3 per month reduction in their bills,

even though they have to pay for the transmission line, because the electricity is cheaper. ERCOT's natural gas fuel cost used to generate electricity was \$4.5 billion in 1999 and has risen to \$12 billion in 2005.

"Transmission costs last for a lifetime and don't recur, while gas costs are burned up every year," Swinford said.

A study of statewide electricity needs through 2015 indicate 38,000 megawatts of additional electricity will be needed, he said.

"Some of that can come from wind energy."

And benefits can be found on both ends, Swinford said. For landowners, a profitable wind farm can net \$50,000 to \$60,000 per section per year.

CONTEST PHOTOS



COULD LIFE GET ANY BETTER than catching up on the news from home while sitting by a cool mountain stream? Jim Huggins is shown reading the Hesperian-Beacon by the Cimmaron River in Ute Park, New Mexico.



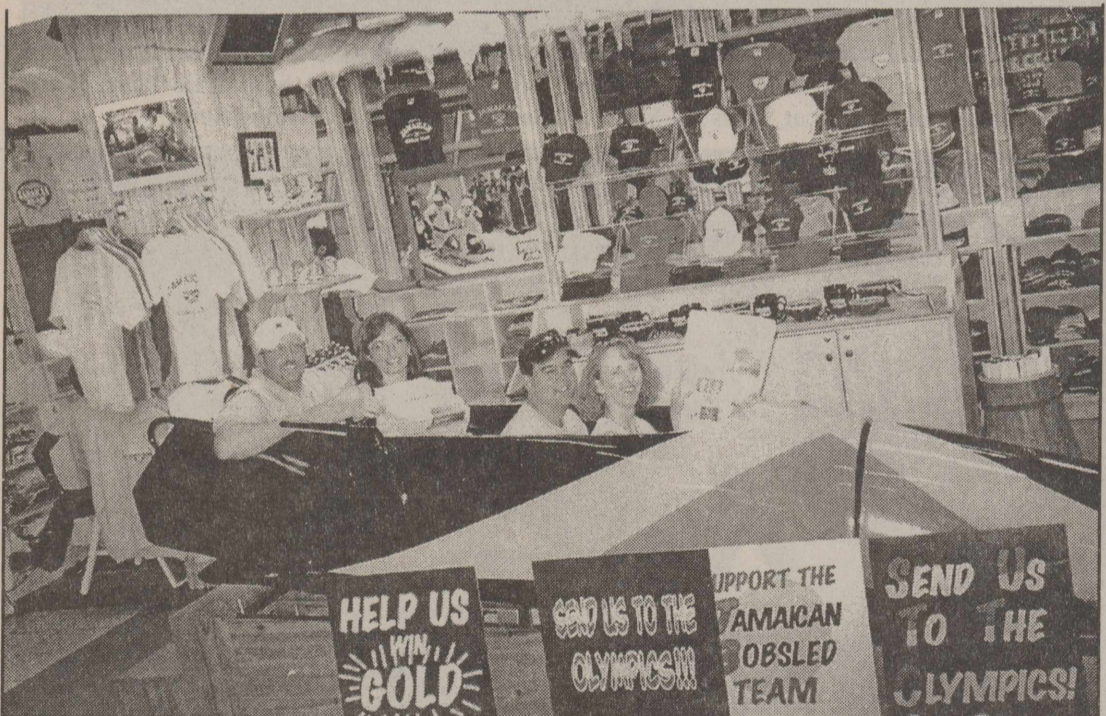
VALERIE REYES, 9 year old daughter of Reuben and Diane Ramon, is shown here reading the Hesperian-Beacon in front of the Texas Capital.



AUBREY KATE RODGERS, the nine month old daughter of Brannon and Misty Rodgers of Crosbyton, and the granddaughter of Randy and Connie Bertrand relaxes with some summertime reading. Aubrey just happens to be reading the issue that contains her grandmother's first entry in the photo contest. This is Connie's second entry. I wonder what made Grandma like this picture so much?



'I GET IT FIRST' - During the Vernon Reunion in Abilene, Texas on June 10th, the Bert and Essie Mae Vernon siblings 'squabbled' over who would get the Hesperian-Beacon first. (l-r) Alvin Vernon, Lubbock; Royce Vernon, Salado; Jerry Vernon, Flint; Norma Chalupa, Ft. Worth and Nina White, Plainview (submitted by Ethelyn Garnett)



"YA MAN, WE GOT A BOBSLED TEAM"--Jeff & Ludustia Prisk and Leighton & Jan Stovall are shown reading the Hesperian-Beacon in a Jamaican bobsled in a store in the airport, while vacationing in Jamaica.



WHILE SITTING IN THE Floyd County Historical Museum, J.W. Cannon realizes "Wherever one may roam, there's no place like home", as he catches up on the recent history in the Hesperian-Beacon.

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Texas crop and weather report

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COLLEGE STATION--In a word, "dismal" would describe much of the state as high temperatures continued to suck soil and water supplies dry, according to Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

A band labeled "severe" or "extreme" curves in a north-south pattern from the Panhandle to the southern tip of Texas on the most recent drought map from TexasWaterInfo.net, prepared by the Texas Water Development Board. Only 13 counties along the upper Texas coast are showing slightly wet on that map, with a mere 1-inch excess over normal amounts. Most of the state is suffering a 2- to 4-inch deficit, the water board said.

Far West Texas was labeled "moderate drought," as of Tuesday, based on figures from the Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Even an uncommonly large amount of rainfall in the El Paso area as much as 15 inches earlier this month did not bring the region to normal.

"Fields were fully saturated with some water standing in cotton furrows and pecan orchards," said Brenda Rue, district Extension administrator in Fort Stockton. "The river stream came up from the base filling up the levees."

Though the rainfall was beneficial for crops, Extension officials said, more is needed over an extended period of time to bring the region out of the dry spell.

Drought is the leading hazard in economic losses each year in the nation, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Office of the Chief Economist. Extension offers Texas producers a variety of online decision tools at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/drought.htm/>

Area reports from Extension follow:

SOUTH PLAINS: Hot conditions remained though humidity was higher than normal. Scattered showers left up to 1 inch of rain, but soil moisture still is short to very short. Irrigated cotton is in fair condition. Dryland cotton acreage is blooming but with very low yield potential. Corn is in good condition. Peanuts are in fair to good condition with continued irrigation. Sorghum is in poor to fair condition. Pastures and ranges are in poor to very poor condition. Cattle are in fair to good with some supplemental feeding.

ROLLING PLAINS: Conditions continue to worsen. Day-time temperatures have climbed up to 108 F. Producers have begun to sell livestock in large numbers because of very poor pasture conditions, lack of drinking water and the high cost of hay. Landowners who depend on wildlife income are concerned about quail populations and declining forage availability for deer.

NORTH: Extreme drought conditions and high temperatures persist. Livestock water is critically low on many ranches, and pastures have no grass for grazing. Most cattle producers are deeply culling. Failed corn, milo and soybean fields are being baled for hay. Most of the cotton crop has declined to poor or very poor. Sweet potato crops look dismal. Most producers of grain sorghum are combining what crop they have and baling the stalks.

EAST: Drought took a toll on

the forage and hay crop. Producers are either taking cattle to sale barns or providing supplemental feed and or hay. Creeks are drying up or dwindling to a trickle. A late-July rainfall in some parts, however, provided some growth in forages. Hay harvests are yielding from low to near-normal amounts.

FAR WEST: Soil moisture ranges from very short to adequate. Range and pastures are in very poor to good condition and improving with recent rainfall. Cotton ranges from very poor to good. Sorghum is in fair condition. Widely scattered showers left up to 1.2 inches of moisture in some areas, but El Paso received heavy rainfall causing the Rio Grande to flood. Precipitation ranged from 8 to 15 inches in the farming areas around El Paso.

WEST CENTRAL: Hot and dry weather continues. All crops are suffering. Most hay production has come to a standstill with well below normal yields. Some field preparations for fall planting have begun. Some corn was harvested as green chop/silage. Irrigated cotton continues to do well. Rangeland and pastures continue to deteriorate. Livestock producers are culling herds and selling off stock. Stock tanks are very low. Very little pecan production is expected this year.

CENTRAL: Range conditions are declining rapidly. Producers are supplementally feeding or selling livestock. Stock tanks are running low or already dry. Trees are showing signs of stress, and some are dying. Corn and grain sorghum harvest is nearing completion. Yields vary widely.

SOUTHEAST: Showers provided for some good hay growth. Soybeans were harvested in some areas, but fields elsewhere

may not make a crop. Hay production is busy with the baling of the second or third cutting, thanks to early July rains. Old cows and calves are being brought to the market sooner than normal due to the dry conditions. The watermelon harvest is complete except a few small fields. The pecan crop will be very light.

SOUTHWEST: High winds created heavy sandstorms from San Antonio west, but spotty rain showers helped settle the dust. Much of the region still is almost completely dry. Daily temperatures in the high 90s F, accompanied by high wind, are aggravating the drought. Pastures and ranges are brown or bare. Some trees are starting to die. Yields from irrigated corn and sorghum harvests were disappointing. Production from dryland fields was down 70 percent to 80 percent. Cotton and peanuts are making good progress under heavy irrigation.

COASTAL BEND: Near-normal temperatures with some scattered showers

eased crop conditions, but most areas are still in drought. Grain, cotton and some soybeans have been harvested. Producers are cutting hay as it comes available, and hay prices are still very high with a big demand.

SOUTH: A few areas reported short to adequate soil moisture due to some rainfall, but about 90 percent remains very poor. Cotton made good progress in some areas. Some early planted cotton was harvested, and ginning is under way. Water ponds and livestock water tanks continue to dry, and some livestock producers are finding alternate methods of providing drinking water. Hay baling continues. Livestock are receiving supplemental feed.



A BLAST FROM THE PAST-- We found this picture in our archives at the Hesperian-Beacon. Written on the back of the picture was "Poole Corn Silage - 1956." We have come a long way in 50 years.

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Grant awarded to research biofuels

A federal grant of \$800,000 to advance biofuels research to a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station-led collaborative team is among \$5.7 million in awards announced Aug. 10 in Washington, D.C.

The principal investigator is Experiment Station plant breeder Dr. William "Bill" Rooney.

Over the next two years, the grant will go toward genomic and genetic research of sorghum for use as a biofuel, Rooney said.

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman and U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced the two departments have jointly awarded nine grants totaling \$5.7 million for bio-based fuels research to accelerate development of alternative fuel resources.

"This grant will enhance our ability to develop a better understanding of the sorghum genome to produce better biomass and a better biofuel," Rooney said.

Co-principal investigators are Dr. John Mullet, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Institute

for Plant Genomics and Biotechnology; Steve Kresovich, Cornell University; and Doreen Ware, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

"To be a reliable energy source, producers must be able to grow biomass in large quantities," Johanns said. "This joint research initiative will address our nation's need for alternative energy resources and improve the efficiency with which biomass and plant feedstocks are used to produce fuels such as ethanol or renewable chemical feedstocks."

The research projects build on the energy department's strategic investments in genomics, step up scientific discovery and promote development of alternative energy sources vital to America's energy and economic security, added Bodman.

USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service and DOE's Office of Biological and Environmental Research awarded the grants. The two groups jointly initiated this fundamental research program to aid use of woody plant tissue,

specifically lignocellulosic materials, for bioenergy or biofuels. The research projects focus on sorghum, poplar, alfalfa, wheat and other grasses.

This is the first year the groups have solicited competitive grants in this joint program.

The energy department is funding six projects of nearly \$3.9 million, while the agriculture department granted more than \$1.8 million to fund three projects.

Initial funding will support research projects up to three years.

Recently, Johanns and Bodman announced the two agencies will co-host a national renewable energy conference in October to help create partnerships and strategies needed to speed commercialization of renewable energy industries and distribution systems, the crux of President Bush's Advanced Energy Initiative.

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