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Floyd County 4-H photo contest results revealed

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY - Floyd County 4-H received the results of the District 2 Photo Contest.

According to 4-H contest rules the objectives for this contest were:

- To develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing and awareness.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives.
- To utilize photographs to promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

The age groups were broken down in three levels. Juniors are members from third grade to fifth grade, intermediates are grades sixth to eighth and seniors are grades ninth to twelfth.

All photos that were submitted had to have been taken from Jan. 1 to the contest entry date.

These pictures were judged online by a judge who is unrelated to any 4-H Floyd County members. The pictures fell into one of 12 categories.

Gabby Cervantes had first place pictures in the elements category, motion and people category.



Wyatt Bigham - Macro/Detail



Gabby Cervantes - Motion



Karis McIntosh - Elements of Design

Karis McIntosh entered photos in the shadow category, elements of design, landscape, dominant color and motion.

Kristen Pyle had a first place in the domestic animal category.

Lilly Jimenez placed first in the catch all and the elements categories.

Nick Cervantes placed first in the catch all and shadow categories.

Presley Brooks placed first in night-time, elements of design, landscape, motion, people and enhanced categories.

Sierra Snowden placed first in the wildlife, dominant color and the elements categories.

Teagan Rogers placed first in domestic animal, food, night, people and plant-flora categories.

Wyatt Bigham placed first in the detail/macro and in plant-flora categories.

For more information on this 4-H project, please call Cristen Brooks at the Texas A&M AgriLife office at 806-983-4912.



Upcoming

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

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS

The Lockney Senior Citizens will have a Friday Night Fish Fry from 5-8 p.m. on May 15 and May 29. This is still curbside pickup or delivery only. From 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on May 17 they will have their "Sunday Lunch" with chicken fajitas. They will serve curbside pickup or delivery only.

CITY OF LOCKNEY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The City of Lockney will have a community-wide clean up from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. June 15 - 20. Drop-off point for junk/trash will be at the 600 block of Main St. (old Webster's gas station). For more information, call the City of Lockney at 806-652-2355.

LIGHT THE CROSS MEMORIAL DONATIONS

"Light the Cross" Memorial prints are available from lantha Smith or Karen Houchin Law Office. Prints start at \$20 each. Help keep the cross lit in Blanco Canyon by making memorial donations or purchasing a print. Donations may be made at First National Bank in Floydada or by mailing the donations to: lantha Smith, P.O. Box 143, Floydada, TX 79235.

Ricketts prepares for opening day of "The Scoop"

By Yelena Serrato
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA—With summer officially around the corner, residents will now be able to enjoy the warm weather with a delicious icy treat provided by "The Scoop."

Customers can choose from a variety of five different ice cream flavors including chocolate and vanilla. However, ice cream isn't the only thing on their menu. Customers can also enjoy edible cookie dough which comes in five different flavors and quench their thirst with a refreshing daily homemade style cherry or strawberry lemonade.

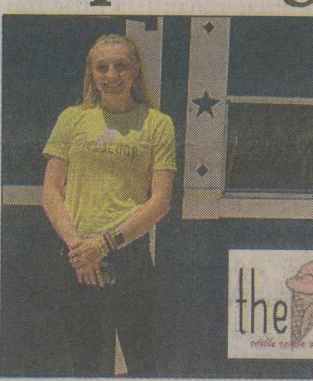
The owner of this new business is 19-year-old Kylie Ricketts, daughter of Tony

and Pam Ricketts.

When asked why she chose to invest into this new shop Ricketts answered with, "I wanted to do something for my community, especially during the coronavirus since everything is kind of shut-down."

"Everyone's spirit is kind of down so I thought this would be a good way to lift everyone's spirit and give them something to look forward to," said Ricketts. "And it will also help out with my college. This is a summer job I can manage every summer when I come home."

Ricketts is a full-time student at West Texas A&M University so "The Scoop" will only be open during the summer months of May and

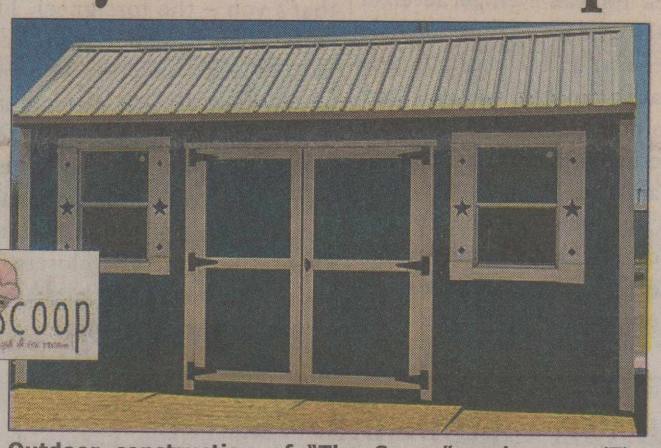


Kylie Ricketts in front of her new business "The Scoop". (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)

close around August.

Ricketts plans to buy ice cream from a wholesaler who makes homemade ice cream. "It would not be easy enough for us to make ice cream every day, we just don't have those tools" said Ricketts.

"The Scoop" will officially



Outdoor construction of "The Scoop" underway. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Yelena Serrato)

open on Saturday, May 16 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be open Monday through Saturday and is located at 1234 South Ralls Highway.

Ricketts will even have a drive through available for customers to place their order. For more updates be sure

to follow "The Scoop Floydada" on Facebook to keep up with specials and giveaways.

Thank you in advance Kylie Ricketts for satisfying all our sweet tooth cravings! The community is looking forward to a sweet and delicious summer.

A dream comes true



Jose and Melissa Martinez owners of La Cocina Martinez drive thru standing next to the menu they offer. Each item on this board is named after their children and grandchildren. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

By Teresa Bigham
 The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Melissa Martinez had a dream of opening her own restaurant. In June of 2019, that dream came true when she and her husband opened La Cocina Martinez.

She grew up in Springlake-Earth and graduated from high school there in 1991.

Her husband Jose Martinez has always called Lockney home. His parents are Cruz and Maria Martinez.

Jose Martinez graduated LHS in 1995. He is very proud to be a Longhorn. He is a manager at the Walmart distribution center. He has worked there for almost 21 years.

The couple have five children together and cherish every minute of time they get

to spend with them. Jimmy Garcia is 28 years old, lives in Lockney and works right alongside his mother in the family restaurant. Melinda Garcia is the couple's 27-year-old daughter; she also calls Lockney home.

Twenty-four-year-old Isaac Garcia lives in Springlake, and the couple's 18-year-old daughter Saria Martinez lives in Virginia Beach, Va. She is also graduating this year from high school, and the baby of the family is 15-year-old Jose Martinez. He attends LHS and like his dad, he is proud to be a Longhorn.

For as long as Melissa could remember she had wanted to open a restaurant. She loves to cook and wanted to share that with other people.

Jose and Melissa Martinez See DREAM, Page 2

Corrections

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Hot summer days can lead to sunburns

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY – More than one-third of adults and nearly 70% of children admit they've gotten sunburned within the past year, according to the CDC.

You lie in the sun hoping to get a nice golden tan. Instead we walk away from our beach towel or lawn chair looking like a lobster.

Despite health warnings about the sun damage many of us still subject our skin to the sun's burning rays.

Everyone already knows the simple explanation behind sunburns. When your skin is exposed to sun rays for a period of time, eventually it burns, turning red and painful. Under the skin things get more complicated. The sun gives three wavelengths of ultraviolet (UV) light.

- UVA
- UVB
- UVC

UVC light doesn't reach the surface of the Earth. The other two types of UV light not only reach your beach towel, but they penetrate your skin. Skin damage is caused by both UVA and UVB rays.

That sunburn is the most obvious sign that you've been sitting outside too long. Sun damage is not always visible. Under the surface of your skin, ultraviolet light can prematurely age your skin. Over time the damage can contribute to skin cancer, including deadly melanoma.

How soon sunburn begins to damage your skins depends on three things, your skin type, the sun's intensity and how long you were exposed to sun rays.

When you get a sunburn your skin turns red and feels tight. If the burn is severe you can develop swelling and blister. You can even get feverish with chills and have a headache and feel weak. A few days after your skin will start to peel and itch. This is your body trying to rid itself of sun damage cells.

You will be wanting and needing some sunburn relief. Sunburn treatment is designed to attack the burn

on two fronts, relieving red-ened, inflamed skin while easing the pain.

If you find yourself needing relief from a sunburn first try applying cold compresses to your skin or take a cool bath to soothe the burn. Next you might want to try some creams or gels to take the sting out of your sunburn, gently rub on a cream or gel that contains ingredients such as menthol, camphor or aloe. Another helpful tip is to refrigerate the cream first. This will be good on sunburned sun. Remember to drink plenty of water and other fluids so that you don't become dehydrated. Avoid the sun until your sunburn heals.

You can follow the above steps to treat a sunburn your-

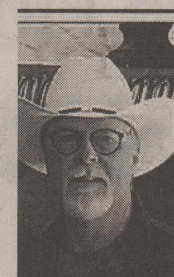
self but you'll need to call your doctor if you get a fever of 102 degrees or higher, chills that don't go away, severe pain or blisters that cover over 20% or more of your body.

Preventing a sunburn is important to having healthy skin. Watch the clock, the sun's rays are strongest between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. When you are outdoors, wear sun protective clothing and apply sunscreen that has at least a 30 SPF.

You'll want to apply sunscreen 30 minutes before you go outside and reapply it every two hours or more if you're sweating heavily or swimming.

Practicing these few sun safety tips will keep your skin healthy all summer.

Between the lines The Texas fashionista



BRUCE W. GREEN

Fashion has always been a problem for me. It all started when I used cake coloring to dye my hair green in the fifth grade.

It was school picture day, and there I was in my Fightin' Texas Aggie sweatshirt and a streak of green hair. We still have that picture somewhere.

Unfortunately, the elementary principal didn't see the fashion or the humor in it. He told me to go home, wash the food coloring out and not to come back with green hair.

For a very good reason I cannot now recall, I went home, washed my hair and dyed it black. If it was good enough for Elvis Presley, it was good enough for me.

This time the color wouldn't wash out, but since I did not go back to school with green hair, technically, I had not disobeyed the principal. But he didn't see it that way.

Then, in the seventh grade, I was removed from class and sequestered in the principal's office while my mother brought me a change of clothes. It seemed the junior high principal just wasn't ready for bell bottoms made of bright paisley fabric and the crowd of students they produced.

I was thinking about all this recently and was a little surprised at the sense of nostalgia that came over me. Both of those principals took a liking to this scrawny kid with a poor sense of fashion and a worse sense of self awareness, even though they paddled me on a regular basis.

And I looked up to them the way a boy looks up to male authority figures when he has none to go home to. When I graduated from high school, the family of the anti-paisley principal awarded me the first memorial college scholarship in his name.

In high school, I petitioned my football coach to be allowed to wear white cleats. He didn't go for it. After he quit laughing, he said something to the effect that football was a team sport, and that it wasn't about me. Go figure.

Society has progressed from those backward days of long ago. You can dye your hair the color of the rainbow these days, and you can apparently wear whatever you want in most public schools in America. You can be sure you'll never have to worry about a paddling for anything.

Now takes a solid hour to suit up in the dazzling uniforms supplied by Nike these days to my old high school. Seniors call individual press conferences to announce which college football program they will grace with their presence.

We are more enlightened and advanced these days.

My wife and I had a bicentennial wedding, and I somehow persuaded her that our colors should be red, white and blue. I wore a candy apple red leisure suit, a bright paisley shirt and white shoes as a honeymoon departure outfit. You can't say enough good about a woman who will put up with that.

I toned things down after the wedding. But when I finally quit going to school, it seemed perfectly normal to me that I would adopt the bow tie for all my professional wear. I never thought twice about it. No one to make me change clothes and no one to send me to the principal's office.

My wife was fine with the bowties, and the Madras sports jackets, but this is the woman who put up with her husband wearing a candy apple red leisure suit in public. She's a great wife, but I am not so sure she is a great judge of men's fashion.

I have grown out of some of these fashion foibles. I don't dye my hair and haven't since the fifth grade. My beard could sure use a little dye, but my wife has grown up too, and when I mentioned it, she said, "don't you dare."

I no longer wear paisley bell bottoms, but I have a few very nice paisley bowties.

Mysteriously, the candy apple red leisure suit and paisley shirt just disappeared one day. It was there and the next thing I knew, I couldn't find it.

My wife looks a bit guilty every time I bring it up, but I never ask. Stay safe, buy local and dress for success. bgreen@lknewsgroup.com

The 501: Closet stuffing



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Don't like crowds? Packed elevators? Did not do telephone booth stuffing in college? Love the 2020 quarantine?

I'm not describing myself. I've never helped stuff a phone booth, but crowds don't bother me, not even at weekend estate sales. I assume such sales are on hold. They break social distancing rules, especially when it comes to closets.

I've squeezed into closets of all sizes with the other estate sale devotees. That said, a certain etiquette prevails: Every closet shopper should have enough room to rifle through the hanging stuff and to

bend over to inspect the shoes. Some group coordination is helpful. Generally someone has to leave before someone else enters.

We Americans always carry our personal space with us, even at estate sales. It's like a bubble. We expect others to respect our space, although not so much in one of those closets. In other countries the bubbles are often smaller. France and Italy come to mind.

For a typical American abroad, a routine encounter with a native from either of those countries can be unsettling. The native is oblivious to the foreigner's bubble zone (yes, that's you – the foreigner). The Frenchman is a little too close. The Italian is too. We Americans – particularly WASPS (if you don't know that acronym you probably aren't one) -- just don't get that close to each other. Manager-umpires face-offs are the exception.

Post-COVID, will our American standard (sounds like a plumbing fixture) for personal space bubbles be the same? I'm guessing not – at least not for a while. I've always been at ease in estate sale closets. Now I find it creepy just to see people crowded together anywhere, even on television. What are they thinking?

Am I the exception? I'm very COVID-cautious. I wear a mask to shop online. It's gonna be a while before I feel comfortable packed into any space with other humans. Me, the social butterfly! My wings are clipped.

And what about hugging? Over the last few decades, hugging has crept into our society. Now hugging is taboo. Bad timing. We'd just gotten used to it.

Someone will no doubt do a study on closeness before, during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Cellphone data will be analyzed. Already, a company in Norway is tracking worldwide social distancing via smart phones and giving

grades to communities. Check out Unacast.

Here at the farm if our cows had cellphones they'd skew the results for our county and maybe raise some Norwegian eyebrows. The whole herd is currently staying very bunched for grazing, all tails swinging to swat flies every whichaway. Instead of groupthink, it's groupswat. Clever. Cows are experts at how

to behave in a herd. They practically invented the word.

If you polled cows, what would they say about herd immunity? Maybe the same thing I'd say. As long as it's not me that gets sick.

Closing thought: Both cows and people are social. Cows are just better at knowing exactly when to bunch up and when to stay apart.

THE FAMILY OF CLAUDE BROWN....

On April 22, 2020, the family of Claude Brown gathered to celebrate his life of 99 years and attend a family-only graveside service due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. How sad we were that a funeral could not be planned because there were many other relatives and friends who would have attended. But then how overwhelmed we were that same afternoon to see an immense outpouring of love and respect from so many in the Lockney community.

As we traveled in a small caravan of four vehicles to the cemetery, tears rolled down our faces to see the road lined with dozens of friends and neighbors. They had parked along the side of the highway and stood respectfully outside their vehicles, many holding American flags.

As we approached the cemetery, we were stunned to see dozens of American flags affixed to the cemetery fence, lining the road leading up to the entrance. They blew beautifully and proudly in the strong wind that day, a patriotic testament to Lockney's appreciation for Mr. Claude Brown, who loved and served this city with his whole heart. At the entrance to the cemetery, two shiny red fire trucks were parked, and firefighters stood at attention as we drove by.

As we pulled up to the graveside service tent, we could see a uniformed Honor Guard standing at attention in the adjacent field. At the end of Claude's graveside service, the Honor Guard played taps, fired a 21-gun salute, and performed a flag-folding ceremony. They presented Ann Race with a folded flag and a heartfelt message of thanks from the citizens of the United States to honor Claude's military service during World War II.

We are so grateful for these beautiful displays of sympathy and honor during our time of loss. Thank you, friends and citizens of the Lockney community, for taking the time to honor our father and grandfather. Claude would have loved it! You have no idea how your actions reached across the distance to embrace and comfort us.

We don't know the names of everyone involved, and so please forgive us for omissions. A special thanks goes to the City of Lockney Fire Department and Junior Leal's association for placing the flags at the cemetery and to the gentlemen in the Honor Guard for the military flag ceremony. Thank you to Reverend Joseph Tillery of First Baptist Church Lockney for coordinating and conducting the graveside service.

To all of you who were part of that day, thank you for your love and support.

The Family of Claude Brown
Ann Race
Karl and Sharon Race and family
Randy and Robin Race and family

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took a leap of faith in June of 2019, when they opened La Cocina Martinez Drive Thru. The couple will be celebrating two years in June, and they give all the credit to the Lord.

"Without the Lord and our community, we could have never gotten this far," said Jose Martinez. "The support this community has giv-

en us and the guidance of the Lord is overwhelming."

His wife agrees.

"I love this town and community," she said. "I love the fact that everyone knows each other and helps each other when they can. Because of them we are celebrating two years soon, and we've talked about possibly expanding our business to dine in. We've talked about offering catering as well and as of now that is a definite go. We'll have to see what Lord

has planned for us."

Melissa is a hands-on business owner. She cooks everything that is served in her restaurant herself.

"I just want to make sure the food that goes out of here is the way I would want to eat it," she said. "I want our food to represent what Jose and I stand for, and that's if we wouldn't eat it ourselves, we wouldn't serve it. Everything is cooked when you order it. If you want eggs, we don't have them precooked. We cook them when you order them."

La Cocina Martinez Drive Thru is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Delivery is offered to senior citizens for free.

"We're here to serve our community, our friends and neighbors," Jose said. "If any of them need anything they just have to call, and we'll be there."

Letter to the editor policy

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SOCIETY

A Hometown Friend... Part 2

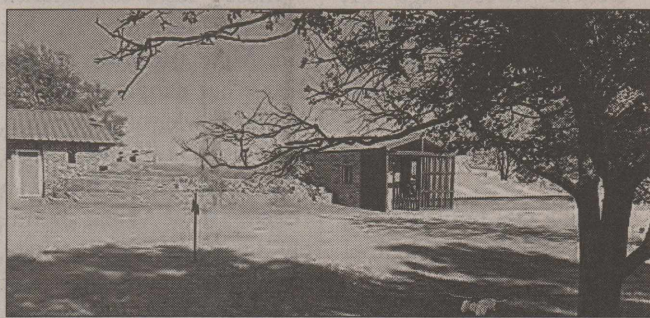
By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Ronnie Smith got into raising show rabbits in the late 70's and early 80's. With the summers being super-hot, as they are in this area, he was looking into ways to raise the best stock he could. When doing his research he came across an earth shelter. The family did their research on how to go about building one.

They decided they would build an earth shelter for their home. The building began in 1980. To make things simple they would take the following steps.

First step would be building a big hill. Then they had to concrete the roof and the walls but this wasn't a simple task.

Keep in mind the walls and windows were deep in the hill. They dropped the forms down in 8" trenches. Then they had the task of digging it all out, which would leave an earth shelter. The couple worked hard for five years to build the home



This is the earth shelter home that Ronnie and Phyllis Smith built for their family. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)

they wanted. The family was able to move in during their son's senior year of high school. Ronnie Smith got out of raising show rabbits, but his love for animals did not stop there. He raised tropical fish, parrots and hoofed animals of all kinds. In 2011, he tried his hand at raising elk, and he was phenomenally successful. Elk wasn't all he was raising. He took on raising birds. This time it was swans, peacocks and pheasants.

For those who want to know more on an earth shelter home or raising animals those two could sure share how to get it done.

Editor's note: In 2014, reporter Teresa Bigham met Ronnie and Phyllis. She wanted to add a pair of peacocks to their farm. She called Ronnie and asked if he could teach her. He invited her out to his house and a wonderful friendship was born. That day she left his house with a beautiful pair of peacocks, some understanding of the amazing birds and a friend for life.

Ronnie and Phyllis Smith have always had an open door for her family. She couldn't be more grateful. Over the years Ronnie has taught her family so much. At times she is sure her son Wyatt would have just moved in with them. The thing about Smiths is they are both very kindhearted and full of love.

Her son said it all when he said, "Ronnie and Phyllis Smith are the kind of people who never meet any strangers. They will offer you a meal if you show up around dinner time. They will also teach you anything you want to learn about - whether it is history, trains, comet book, and stamps or how to take care of animals. They'll offer you a cream soda and the best conversation while sitting on the tailgate of his pickup as the sun goes down."



Ronnie teaches a family friend all about the Rheas birds. These birds are native to South America and are distantly related to the ostrich. (Courtesy photo)

Recipe of the Week

By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Kalli Martin shares this week's recipe of the week. She was born and raised in Floyd County. Martin graduated from Floydada High School in 2007, and went on to get her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from West Texas A&M University in 2010.

She is employed by Assiter Insurance as an agrisk consultant. "I love my job, because I love working with the farmers in our community," she said.

In 2014, Martin married the love of her life Brain, and the couple have a daughter named Mackenzie.

When she isn't busy chasing her 2-year-old she enjoys cooking and spending all her time with her family. She is also a consultant for Usborne Books and More and president of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

TUSCAN CHICKEN

- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 2 teaspoons salt, for the chicken
- 1 teaspoon pepper, for the chicken
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- ½ onion, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 2 cups spinach
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped



Preparation

1. Season the chicken all over with salt and pepper.
2. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-low heat.
3. Place the chicken thighs skin side down in the skillet and cook for about 13 minutes to crisp up the skin. Move the chicken around from time to time to ensure it cooks evenly. The skin should be hard to the touch.
4. Flip the chicken, then cook for about another 15 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through. Remove from pan.
5. Add the garlic and onion, stirring until onions are translucent. Stir in the tomatoes and spinach until the spinach is wilted.
6. Add the heavy cream, salt and pepper, bringing to a boil.
7. Add the Parmesan cheese and parsley, stirring until the sauce has thickened slightly.
8. Place the chicken back in the pan, spooning the sauce on top of the chicken.

Hippie Dippie Donuts

The citizens of Lockney got a real treat when Hippie Dippie Donuts opened for Tuesday morning. Aaron and Karen Wilson are the owners of the Hippie Dippie Donut traveling stand, but it's Karen Wilson and Kirk Wilson who make these mini treats. Kirk Wilson is the couple's son. These mini donuts come in many flavors such as cinnamon sugar, powered sugar, vanilla, chocolate, cream cheese and many more flavors. Karen Wilson and her crew travel to neighboring towns to share these fun flavored mini donuts. (The Hesperian-Beacon/Teresa Bigham)



Floydada Senior Citizens News

By LuAnn Collins
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA — The Center will be open for take-outs and deliveries. Call us at 806-983-2032.

We are in need of five more deliveries or take-outs per day. We are doing our best to stay open to deliver to those who cannot leave their homes. Everyone is still eating, even if self-quarantined. So, if you can help us please order a meal to be delivered or come by for a take-out.

The prices of our meals are \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Anyone who is breathing is eligible to eat with us, or right now for a carry out or delivery.

We are in need of a volunteer delivery driver for one day or more. You will receive a delicious meal as payment for your time. The driver will report to the Center at 11:15 a.m. The deliveries take

about 30 minutes.

Remember, Tuesday meals are \$4 meals. Check the menu to see what is offered each Tuesday.

Call us at 983-2032 for home delivery by 11 a.m. Our delivery drivers will begin delivering at 11:30 a.m.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235. Our phone number is 983-2032. Thank you for remembering the Center with your donations or memorials.

MENU

May 18 – May 22

Monday – Spaghetti

Tuesday – Crispy chicken salad - \$4

Wednesday – BBQ on bun

Thursday – Cheese enchiladas

Friday – Fish fry

(Menu subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY — The Lockney Senior Citizens' board of directors made the decision to keep the dining room closed. We feel that this decision is the right one for everyone's safety.

We WILL continue serving lunch Monday - Friday via drive-through, curbside pickup and delivery. We serve lunch from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Also the Friday Night Fish Fry and Sunday Lunches will continue in the same manner as the daily lunch.

At this point Thursday night pot luck/game

night is CANCELLED until further notice.

We appreciate all of you and can't wait to see you.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us 652-2745. Stay safe!!

Mark these dates on your calendar!

MAY CALENDAR

May 15 – Friday Night Fish Fry – 5 – 8 p.m.

May 17 – Sunday Lunch – Chicken fajitas – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

May 25 – CLOSED – MEMORIAL HOLIDAY

May 26 – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

May 29 – Friday Night Fish Fry – 5 – 8 p.m.

THE FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEMORIES 1979

JAMES C. THOMAS

Jas. C. and Jennie Slayton Thomas family came to Floyd County, the first week in June, 1903, to the home of his sister (Ona), Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Long of the Roseland Community. I was three years old. I remember how the prairies looked, the grass so tall it waded in the wind like the waves on the Gulf do. Cousin Frank had a sled that he worked a horse, had a big box on it to go gather cowchips to burn. My sister Hallie and Brother Luther helped. I rode in the box (a lot of help I was). The grass so deep the sled slipped along

so quietly. The windmill in the back yard pumped the water into a barrel through the milk trough, then to the big dirt tank where the cattle came to drink. A wonderful sight to see.

Father hired to Mr. Lee Reeves and went to Montague County to work, lived there till January 1908, came back to Floyd County by train to Estelline, by stage hack to Aunt Ona's, arriving January 3, 1908. I started to school at Roseland that fall; Mrs. Willie Crabtree was my teacher. We lived there for two years and moved to Floydada December 25, 1912.

We children-Luther, Lee, Audie, Myself, Ona, started to school there January 1913. Luther's teachers were; F.E. Savage, Miss Morehouse, Pauline Smith, Effie Savage. My teacher was Beulah Potter. Lee's was Miss Ivy. Audie started the next year. Father was hired a caretaker of the new courthouse as he was the only man who applied for the work that had ever handled steam heat. He held this job also the city pump, caring for the pump in cold weather. The night the Owens Hotel burned, he took a cold and it went into pneumonia, and he passed away March 31, 1915. I remember the big prairie fire the spring of 1909, just north of Plainview to the Caprock. Flames leaping 30 feet or more into the air. Cattle were driven into the field on the plowed ground for safety. Papa made us a swing. I would swing high so I could see across the county. Many happy memories of childhood here in Floyd County where I have spent my

Abbott names May as "Older Texans Month"

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Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation naming May as Older Texans Month.

From the official proclamation: "There are more than 3.6 million Texans over the age of 65, and these people create the strong and prosperous foundation upon which our state is built."

Sadly, of those 3.6 million Texans over the age of 65, around 400,000 are living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, with a Medicaid cost of over \$3 billion.

Alzheimer's disease is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. It is not a normal part of aging. Symptoms such as difficulty remembering things that just happened, losing track

of dates, misplacing things, trouble completing familiar tasks and poor decision making develop slowly and become worse over time. They will come to rely more and more on caregivers – usually unpaid.

Caregiving duties may be light as the disease progresses, but by the time late stages are reached it may be 24-hour duties. Caregiving can last for many years – even for decades.

In the more advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease, a caregiver will help a person dress, perform toilet activities, help a person eat – basically normal functions of life the person with Alzheimer's can no longer perform on their own. Caregivers may also have to manage symptoms such as anxiety, apathy and lack of inhibition as well as significant behavioral problems.

In his proclamation, Governor Abbott also says "The changing needs of a growing number of Texans who are

older can present new challenges, but our communities will rise to that challenge to ensure older Texans receive the support they need, whether that be in health care, employment, transportation, or other areas of life.

For those older Texans living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, support can't come too quickly or in enough quantity.

Your help is needed now at www.alz.org

And just a reminder – you can get information about the Association's emergency preparedness guidelines for Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers in long-term or community-based care settings here:

<https://alz.org/professionals/professional-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-tips-for-dementia-caregivers>

If you have a question about Alzheimer's disease, you can always call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900 for more.

I would like to all of the essential workers who are keeping our country running; the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, truck drivers, clerks, volunteers, our military, people taking meals and groceries to shut-ins and all who are praying for the end of the COVID-19 virus.

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." —2 Chronicles 7:14

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OBITUARIES/CHURCH

Frieda Simpson

Frieda Simpson, a loving example to her family and others, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020 at age 97.

She was born on August 18, 1922 in Samantha, Alabama to Freedman and Katie Dunn. She graduated from Gorgas High School and attended the University of Alabama for three semesters.

When she was working at First National Bank and USDA in Tuscaloosa, she met Loyce Dean Simpson, and they were married on October 10, 1942. They moved to Texas in 1947, and raised their children, Susan and Robert (Bob). L.D. Simpson passed away in 1976. Frieda later worked at the Floyd County Clerk's office and as Financial and Pastor's Secretary at First Baptist Church, Floydada.

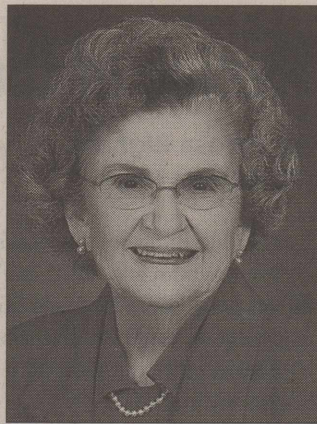
Frieda became a Christian at a young age and has always been active in church as a young child and as an adult. She was an active member of First Baptist,

Floydada for many years.

In 2007 she moved to Weatherford and became an active member at First Baptist, Weatherford.

She has used her God-given gift of playing the piano and teaching in service and ministry. From about the age of three, she could play most songs on the piano after she heard them. She used this musical gift for the Lord by playing many hymns and arrangements. Even recently she used her gift of music and playing the piano at the nursing home where she was a resident. She also used her gift of teaching by serving in Sunday School for over fifty years.

Those who cherish her memory and Christian legacy are her children, Susan Davis and husband, Larry and Bob Simpson and wife, Daphna; her grandchildren, Greg Davis and wife, Michele, Matt Davis and wife, Amy, Jonathan Simpson, and Timothy Simpson (deceased.)



FRIEDA SIMPSON

Her great-grandchildren are Lance Davis, and Olivia Davis. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

A graveside service was held in Floydada, Texas on Saturday, May 9, 2020. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to First Baptist Church, Floydada, Texas or First Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas.

Services were under the care of White's Funeral Home, Weatherford.

Genelle Breed

Genelle Breed, age 91, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Genelle was born July 13, 1928 to Will Mae and Ethel (Alexander) Hambright in Floydada, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert Odell Breed, a son, Jerry Dell Breed, a brother, Gordon Hambright and a grandson, Brody Towler.

Those left to cherish Genelle's memory are her son, Mike Breed of Sandia, Texas; her daughter, Shirley Jeanne Towler of Columbus, Tennessee; two grandchildren, Linda Breed and Ryan Breed; three great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Billy Joe Hambright and Bob Hambright of Floydada.

Memorials may be made to the Floydada Senior Citizens at P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX 79235.

Moore-Rose Funeral Home encourages friends



GENELLE BREED

and family to express their condolences and memories on Genelle's online guest-book.

Gwendolyn "Beth" Russell

Gwendolyn "Beth" Russell, 72, of Lexington, Kentucky died Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

She grew up on a cotton farm in South Plains, Texas. Beth graduated from Floydada High School and later graduated from West Texas A&M University.

Beth was a school teacher for over 30 years, predominantly in Liberal, Kansas. She took great joy in teaching and molding the lives of her students.

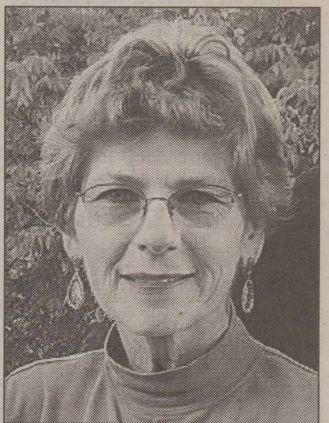
In 2006, Beth moved to Lexington, Kentucky to be near her two sons. In "retirement" she led an energetic life; mowing lawns, gardening, walking, fishing, and cooking family favorites.

Beth was a big fan of the Kentucky Wildcats and the Dallas Cowboys. She also loved spoiling her three "grand-dogs".

Beth's faith was very important to her, and she believed that her purpose in life was to give to others. This was reflected in her genuine, caring and selfless demeanor. She was a friend to all she met. Beth grasped life enthusiastically, finding delight in the simple pleasures of family, friendship, and hard work.

She is survived by two sons, Bradley Russell and his wife, Natalie of Greensboro, Georgia and Bryan Russell and his wife, Heather of Richmond, Kentucky; two brothers, John Calahan and his wife, Ann of Stephenville, Texas and Jerry Calahan and his wife, Carol of Canyon, Texas.

Beth was born May 24, 1947, in Lockney, Texas to John Shelby Calahan, Sr. and Margaret



GWENDOLYN "BETH" RUSSELL

Bean Calahan.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Markey Cancer Foundation in honor of Beth at <https://ukmarkey.org/donate/>

Slideshow celebrating Beth's life: <https://youtu.be/jEgCJ91Qzpw>

Obituary policy

The Hesperian-Beacon will post an obituary in the next possible issue for \$65. If a photo is wanted, add \$10.

Death notices are free, containing name, date of death, date of service and survivors.

Devotional

Nothing Is Too Hard

Jeremiah 32:17

'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

—2 Timothy 2:15 (NRSV)

During this past school year, a colleague and friend approached me and suggested I start a Bible study for teachers. After some thought and prayer, I decided to send an email to teachers and other staff inviting them to my classroom for Bible study before school began on Tuesdays and Fridays. I had no idea what to expect. But on Tuesdays we studied the book of James and on Fridays the book of Philippians.

In Proverbs, we are told that "as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (27:17, NIV). It took a couple of meetings for trust to build, but we discovered that as we studied together we grew

as friends. We became more willing to share our struggles with one another. We listened to one another. We prayed with one another. We encouraged one another — even checking on those who missed a meeting. God truly worked in our midst, encouraging us through scripture and through fellowship. Most of all, God helped each of us learn to rely more upon the working of the Holy Spirit in all our relationships with one another, our students, and with God.

—Michael W. Martin (North Carolina, USA)

TODAY'S PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the Bible. Help us to grow as we read it, and lead us to find others who will faithfully study with us. Amen.

from <http://devotional.upstream.org/devotional>

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| <p>Aiken Baptist Church
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship..11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-2578
Sunday School...10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Carr's Chapel
Service Every Sunday
Morning Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Church of Christ
West College & Third
Lockney
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ
Bob DuPont, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Floydada
Mark Snowden, Pastor
Nathan Adams, Minister of Students and Discipleship
Ashley Adams, Minister of Music
Ludustia Prisk, Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First Baptist Church
Lockney</p> | <p>Joseph Tillery, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Floydada
Gary Boles, Pastor
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>First United Methodist Church
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m.
Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ
Lockney
James Blair, Minister
Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Floydada
Rev. Timothy Askey
401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday Study - 6 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 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</p> | <p>310 Mississippi
Floydada
Rev David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible - 10 a.m.
Morning Praise - 11 a.m.
Evening Praise 5 - p.m.
Wed Worship - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 B Main, Lockney
Sunday Services - 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 5 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Discipleship - 5 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista
Floydada
Rev. Toby Gonzales
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed Evening - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church
Priest - Sylvester Dsouza
Sat - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
Sun - 9 a.m. Mass
Mon - 9:30 a.m. Mass
Thurs. - 5:30 Evening Mass
*****</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church
Dan Beaty, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God
701 W. Missouri
Joe M. Hernandez
983-5286 (Church)
Sunday School
English - 9:45 a.m.
Spanish - 11 a.m.
Worship
Spanish - 9:30 a.m.
English - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> | <p>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
Floydada
Rev. Renato Cruz
Parachial Vicar - Jacob Powell
983-5878
Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.
Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bautista Salem
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God
Washington And 1st St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 5 p.m.
Wed Service - 7 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Templo Nueva Vida
Rev. Herman Martinez
Co-Pastor Gilbert Flores
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Service - 7:00 P.M.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Assembly
500 W. Houston
Karl & Justin Brown, Pastors
983-5499
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
*****</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church
Providence Community On Fm 2301
293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 - a.m.
*****</p> <p>West Side Church of Christ
Floydada
983-2672 Or 470-0950
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p> |
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AGRICULTURE

Floyd County "4-H Spotlight"



By Teresa Bigham
The Hesperian-Beacon

Jared Phares is the son of Clinton and Haley Bradley. He attends school in Lockney and is a second-year Floyd County 4-H'er where he takes part in the rifle program.

"I like shooting. 4-H rifle has taught me a lot about gun safety and has improved my accuracy," he said. "4-H has allowed me to meet new people that I would not have met otherwise."

When Phares isn't busy doing schoolwork or practicing his rifle skills, he enjoys gardening. This year he has planted a vegetable garden to help provide fresh veggies to his family. He loves the outdoors and enjoys spending time with his little brothers.

USDA reminds producers to complete Crop Acreage Report



Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA - The Floyd County office for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is currently open to phone and virtual appointments only but can still work with producers on timely filing crop acreage reports. FSA staff can provide assistance over the phone, by email and through virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Floyd County:

- May 15 - Oats, Tomatoes
- July 15 - Cotton, Corn, Grain Sorghum, Alfalfa, Cantaloupes, Cucumbers (June 1 plant date), Guar, Millet, Mixed Forage, Okra, Peppers, Pumpkins, Hay-grazers, Squash, Grass, Sunflowers, Watermelon
- Aug. 15 - Cucumbers (Aug 1 plant date) Hemp, Squash (Aug 1 plant date)

"In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said Gerry Summers, FSA's County Executive Director in Floyd County. "Our FSA staff is still able to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

The Floyd County FSA office will provide maps to producers through mail with instructions for completing the maps. After planting is complete, producers should return completed maps and the acreage reporting sheet by email, fax or mail by July 15.

The Floyd County FSA office is using Microsoft Teams software to virtually meet with producers to review maps and documents for certification. Producers who want to schedule a virtual appointment can download the Microsoft Teams app on their smart phones and call the FSA office for an appointment. You can also use Microsoft Teams from your personal computer without downloading software.

After completed maps and all acreage reporting information is received, FSA will make software updates and email, mail or fax producers the completed Report of

Acreage form (FSA-578) to sign. Producers must return the signed form certifying their acreage report to the FSA office through email, mail or fax by July 15.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to plant. Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Man-

agement Agency.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions, please contact FSA's Floyd County office at 806-983-3763.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with our producers by phone, and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.



What's up with these "MOTHS"

FLOYDADA - Some more news there has been several phone calls about a moth problem. As you all may know we had infestations of Army Cutworms in wheat and alfalfa fields this spring. The larvae are now entering the pupal stage and will be emerging soon as adults. They prefer to fly at night and seek shelter in the house. If houses are sealed up well then moths can end up in the house. Do not leave your truck windows down. Some people say that a bowl of water and a little

dish soap can be left under a porch light. The moths come to the light and contact the water where the dish soap has eliminated the surface tension so the moths sink and drown. This is true, but it won't really reduce the number of moths.

The two biggest complaints about the moths is they keep people from sleeping because the moths flying around, and because the oils from their bodies stain draperies and furniture.

"Miller moth" is a generic term that refers to several moth species that fly in large numbers and create a nuisance. Here on the High Plains the Millers are usually the army cutworm. The adults that fly in a few weeks will spend some time feeding on plant nectar. As summer wanes the surviving moths will begin migrat-

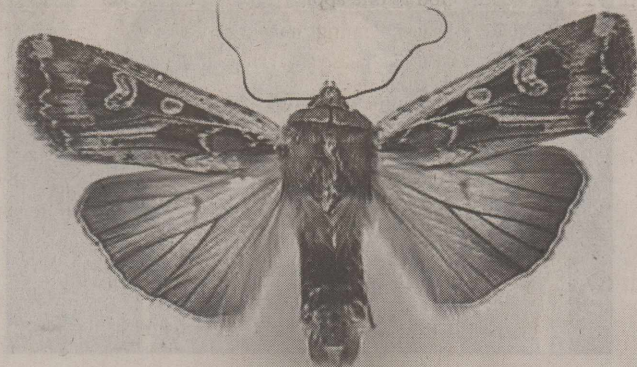
ing back to Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. Females will lay as many as 1,000 eggs in the fall on wheat, alfalfa, various weeds and even turfgrass. The eggs will hatch and overwinter. Larval development in the spring is slow because it is cold, and insect metabolism is very slow when it is cold. Eventually though

they will become fully grown, pupate, and next year's moths will emerge.

Here is a link to our IPM weekly Podcast

<https://www.texasinsects.org/southern-high-plains-pest-news.html>

For more info contact Dagan Teague IPM Agent, at Dagan.teague@agnet.tamu.edu or call 361-494-7075.



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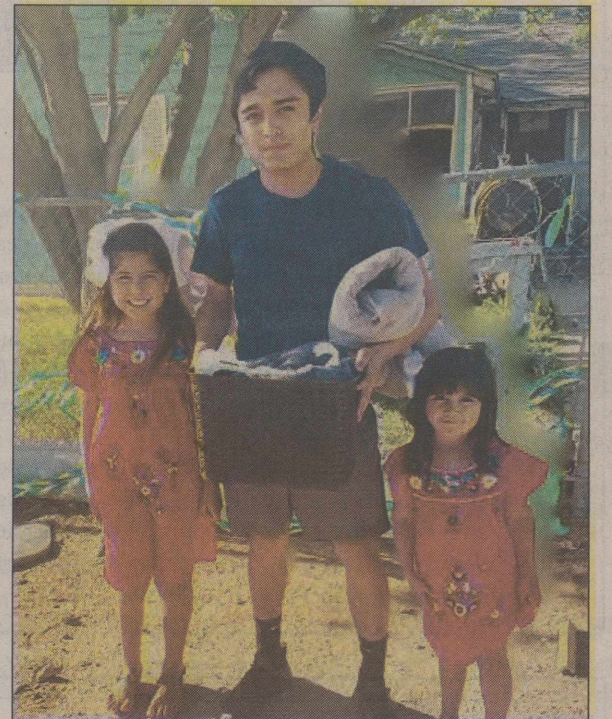
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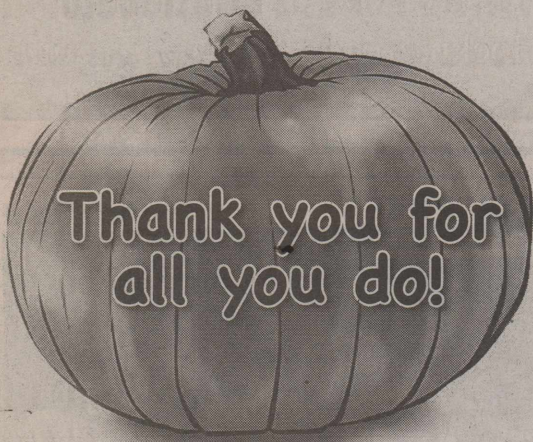
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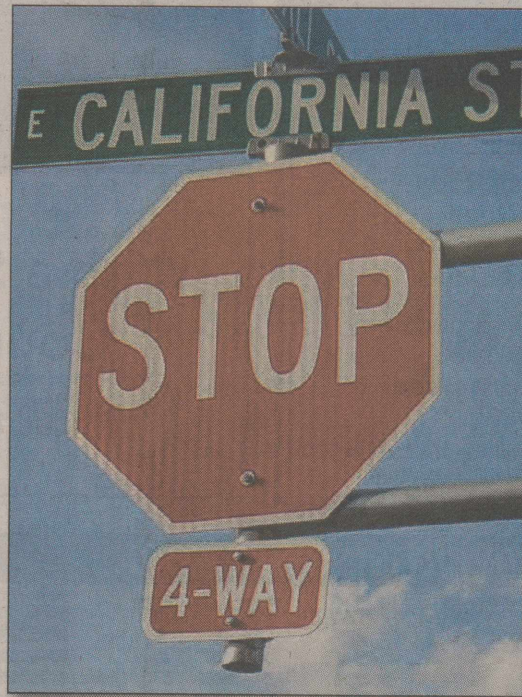
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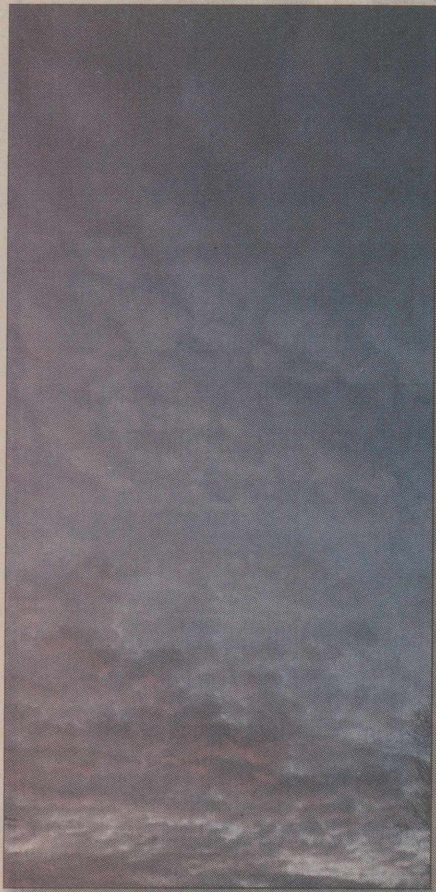


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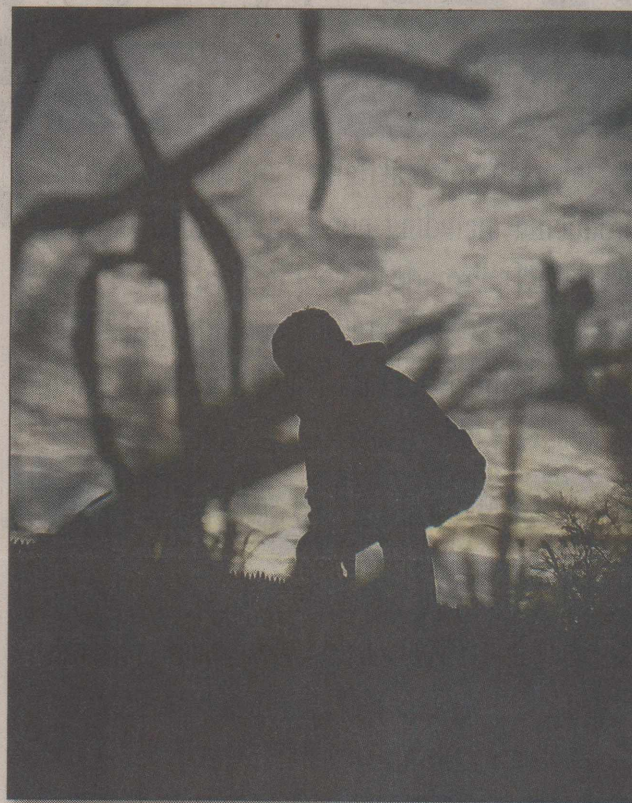
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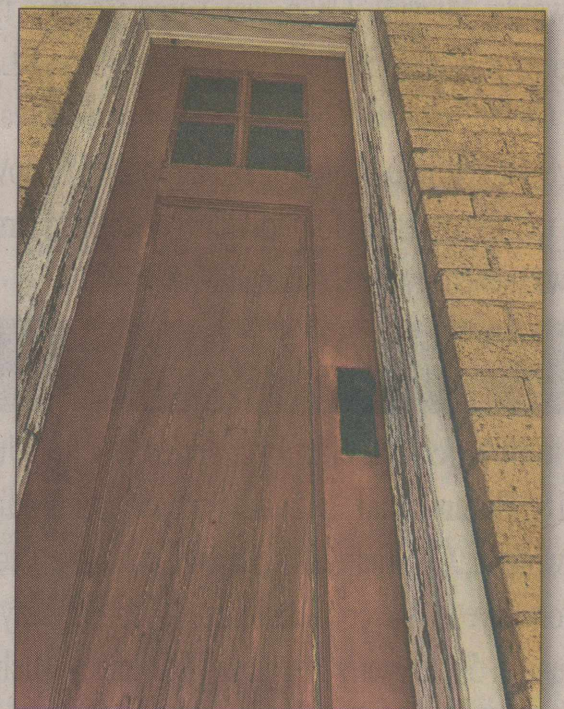
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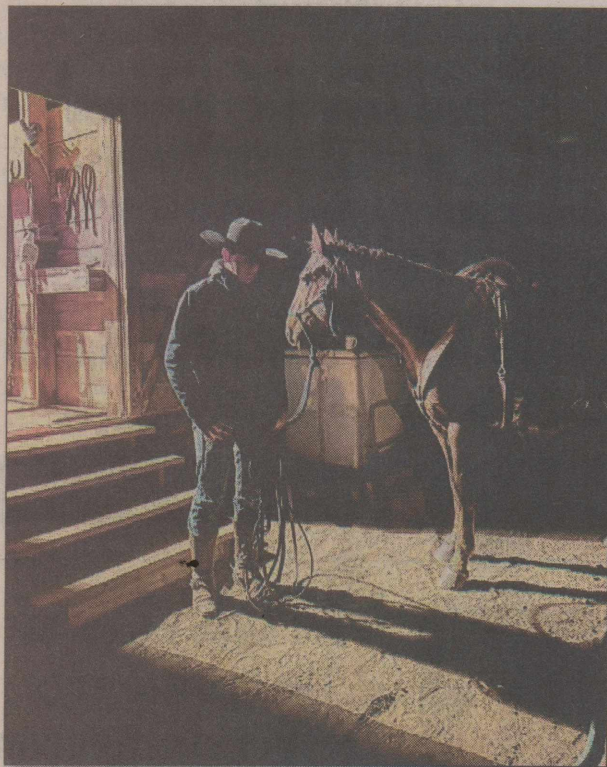
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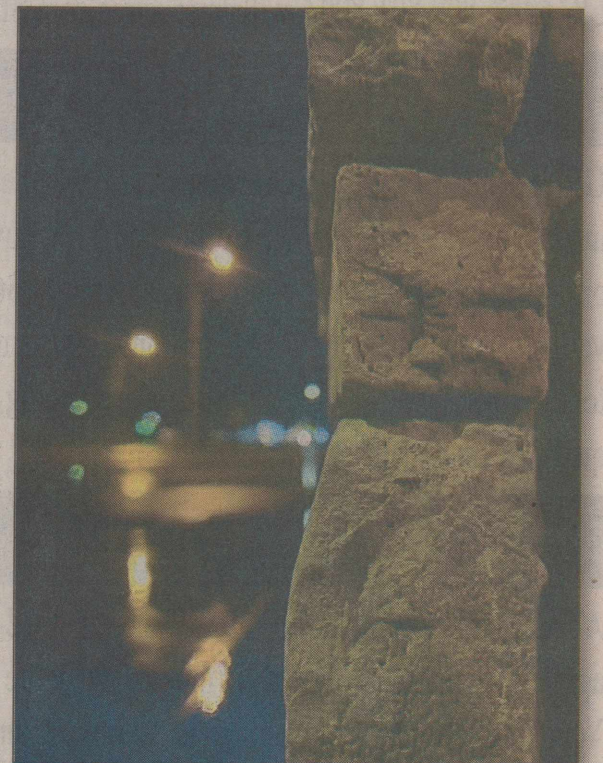
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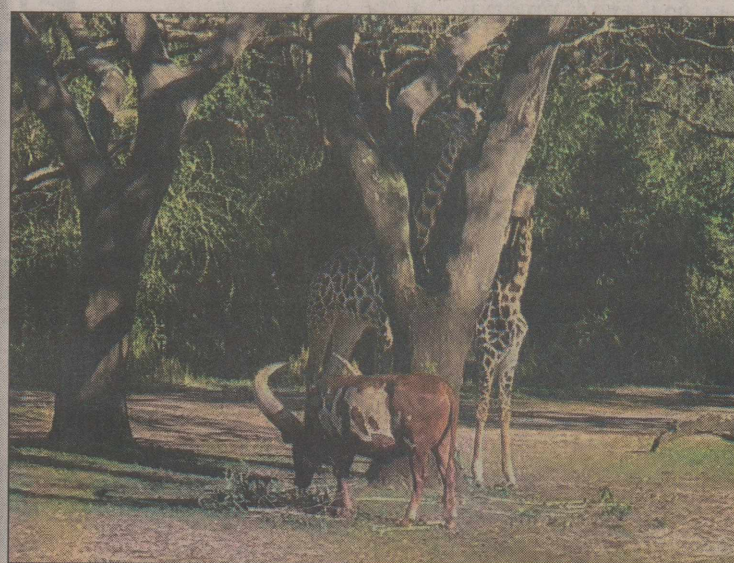
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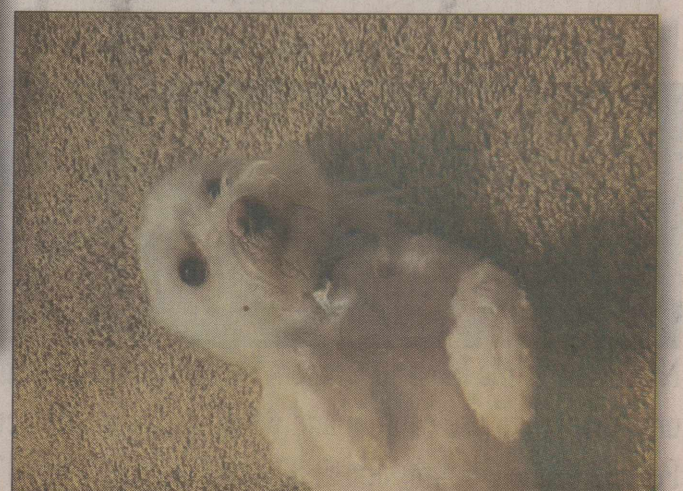
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