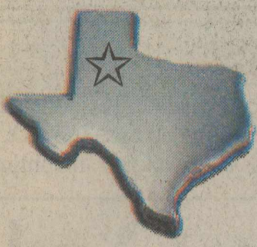


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FAA, NTSB Officials Investigating Thursday Plane Crash

By Jeff Blackmon
Associate Publisher

Saturday, Floyd County residents discovered the wreckage of a plane that had crashed in a cotton field near Dougherty Thursday, June 18 that killed a Houston businessman and a passenger.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation

Safety Board (NTSB) officials are leading the investigation on the crash.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety officials the crash site included the bodies of Rainer Aberer, 53, and Sharen Lee Severson, 56.

Thursday night, the pilot of the Cessna 182 aircraft had con-

tacted the Plainview/Hale County airport to land in order to avoid inclement weather at about 9:40 p.m., according to Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez.

The sheriff added the Plainview/Hale County airport tried to contact the plane at 9:50 p.m. but did not get a response.

It wasn't until almost two

days later that the plane was found.

Saturday morning the sheriff's department received a call about the wreckage found on prop-

erty located just outside Dougherty.

Raissez said the discovery of the downed plane was by Wesley Campbell and Zane Colston and

was on property owned by the Covington family.

"This was by far the worst crash scene I've ever investigated," Raissez said.

He added FAA and NTSB officials said the engine was still running when the plane hit the ground.

According to Klaus Hammerle, a newspaper reporter with the Vorarlberger Nachrichten, the same newspaper from where Aberer is from, had this to say regarding the Austrian businessman:

"He was founder and one-man-owner of Omicron electronics, a well established, highly praised company in Austria and Vorarlberg," he said. "Mr. Aberer employed 350 people from all over the world."

"It is this fact that made him a unique enterpriser. He was highly respected for the warm and integrative culture in his company. Omicron developed innovative checking-and diagnosis-solutions for electric supply. He had customers in 130 countries in the world and a yearly turnover of 63 Million Euros. In the ranking of Austria's best employers Omicron was second last year."

Hammerle added since 2000 Aberer has named his official residence as Houston.



Photos by Jeff Blackmon

Last Thursday, a plane crash near Dougherty claimed the lives of a Houston businessman and a passenger. Floyd County emergency personnel along with FAA and NTSB officials investigated the crash site. The FAA and NTSB are leading the investigation in to what caused the accident.

County Fair Set For Aug. 22 Lockney School Board Discusses Personnel

The Floyd County Fair Board is planning to have a mini-fair Aug. 22 at the Lockney Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair Day will feature several demonstrations geared toward women, but men are invited to participate as well. The fair will also feature candy-making, cookies, canning, quilting, cake

decorating and other activities.

The board plans to have events for children including pony rides, a fishing tank with real fish, watermelon seed spitting and rock climbing walls as well as other children's events.

Men will be included and entertained with washer and horse-shoe pitching, antique tractors and cars and a tractor-driving contest.

The fair will also feature lots

of vendor booths. Prospective vendors are encouraged to apply or find out more information by contacting Darlene Brosech at (806) 652-2029 or Charlene Brown at (806) 983-2618. Vendors may also e-mail

HYPERLINK "mailto:floydcofair@yahoo.com" floydcofair@yahoo.com for more information.

Booth fees are \$35 without electricity and \$50 with electricity. Set up times are 7 a.m.- 9 a.m. the day of the fair. Indoor and outdoor booths are available.

By Judy Macha
Reporter

The Lockney School Board met in regular session Thursday, June 18, accepted resignations, approved new probationary contracts and teacher and coach assignments, among other business.

Resignations were accepted from J.C. King, Garrett Heard, James Garrett, Chad Young, Kathy Young and Haley Shipman. New probationary contracts were approved for Jay Ragland, Melanie Ragland, Candice Scott, Kyle Browne, Reyes Garza, Laura Dunn and Jessica Jordan.

Teacher and coach assignments are as follows: Jay Ragland - high school government and economics, football, basketball and baseball coach; Melanie Ragland - high school English; Candace Scott - BCIS (business computer information systems); Kyle Browne - sixth grade science, football, basketball and track coach; Reyes Garza - high school and junior high PE (physical education), junior high remedial math, football, head basketball and track coach; Laura Dunn - sixth grade history, junior high girls basketball and track coach; Jessica Jordan -

high school English and eighth grade English; and Coach Keegan Reynolds promoted to head baseball coach.

Steve Afill, architect with BGR, was present to introduce the people from Lee Lewis Construction, Incorporated, clarify information and field questions. Kirk Hughlett, Senior Estimator for Lee Lewis Construction, Incorporated, presented his company's formal bid to the school board for approval and answered their questions. The bid (including guaranteed maximum price) was presented in two parts. A) Demolition of the 2-story fire damaged structure: \$167,700; includes \$10,000 CM (contract manager) contingency and \$12,500 ACM (asbestos containing material) disposal allowance. As required by state law, all testing was excluded. B) Build back existing sciences labs and media center: \$621,452; includes \$15,000 CM contingency and \$15,000 owner contingency. Again, all testing, data, communications and security systems excluded. Alternates: alternate roof system - no charge; ductwork/ceiling grid first floor - deduct \$15,429 and alternate flooring specification - deduct \$11,130. The bid was unanimously approved.

Don Cody with TASB (school's insurance) said of Lee Lewis Construction, "Let me say something guys. I came earlier today and met with these fellows down at their office in Lubbock, and they went through all these numbers with me and we talked about them in a lot more depth than we're doing here tonight. I'm impressed, I think they've done a really good job of getting the best value and being real careful in picking their subs and I'm good with these numbers."

"TASB will have no problem. We know what the maximums are here, and they'll most likely come in less than these, so don't worry



Staff Photo

LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE donated \$250 towards the completion of Floydada's Welcome Entrance Plaza where Highways 62 and 70 meet. Pictured (l-r) are Floydada's Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director Justin Jaworski and P.R.I.D.E. representative Sue Ward.

Floydada City Council Works through Agenda

Floydada citizens need to be sure to fill out their upcoming census questionnaire so the city can have accurate information when applying for state funds in the future.

At a regular Floydada City Council meeting held Tuesday, July 16 council members heard from a census official who said just 60-percent of 2000 census questionnaires were returned in 2000.

Josh Silva, partnership specialist for the United States Census 2010, addressed the council about the importance of having all citizens complete the census questionnaire for 2010. The council was told that many grant funds were based on the census information.

When Silva had completed his presentation, the council passed

a motion establishing a partnership with the U. S. Census Bureau. The partnership is an agreement that the city of Floydada recognizes the importance of the census and will support getting the citizens of Floydada to complete and return their questionnaire.

Other news ...

•A & J Howco Services, Inc. was the only grant consultant management firm to respond to the RFP that the city had advertised earlier. A motion was made and seconded that the City of Floydada hires the firm to be the management firm for the 2009-2010 Texas Community Development Block Grant Application.

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., an engineering firm from Lubbock, was selected to be the

engineering firm for the 2009-2010 Texas Community Development Block Grant. This firm was selected after the scoring of four engineering firms which had responded to a RFP advertised earlier by the city.

•The council passed a motion to donate \$5,000 to the PRIDE Centennial Plaza to help with the cost of developing this project. Justin Jaworski, Floydada EDC director told the council that the PRIDE committee was still asking for funds so this project could be finalized by late fall.

•The unexpired term on the Floydada EDC board of directors of J. D. Ragland will be filled by the appointment of Tony Ricketts. This appointment came at the recommendation of the EDC board.

•The council discussed the clean-up/demolition of property at 118 and 120 West Kentucky and 424 West Missouri. The council authorized the demolition/removal of the structures and other nuisances at 424 W. Missouri on or after July 1. This removal is in agreement with a clean-up plan between the owners and the council from back in January. Action on the property on West Kentucky was put on hold until August of

Citywide Garage Sale Saturday

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will be having its City Wide Garage Sale Saturday, June 27.

The chamber is pleased to announce that they have had a great response for the garage sale listings. The chamber appreciates everyone that has come out and listed his or her garage sale to make the event a success. The chamber is still taking garage sale listings until June 25. Call (806) 983-3434 for more information.

The fee is \$5 to help advertise the event. The chamber will be advertising each garage sale on the map and by placing signs on everyone's yard that has listed their sale with us. The maps will be distributed at the chamber office only starting at 7:45 a.m. Saturday until 9 a.m.

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

The Reality About Newspapers

John F. Sturm, president of the Newspaper Association of America has good news for the newspaper industry.

The reputation of the newspaper industry has been damaged because of the failings of some of the largest newspapers in the country. As with the banking industry, the bad news about the failings of a few has given the entire industry a black eye.

"In the past two years, the newspaper business has faced unprecedented financial challenges," according to Sturm. "The economic meltdown and advertising recession have hit our industry hard. But make no mistake about this: newspaper media – print and digital – remains strong and will emerge from the current environment an even stronger multi-platform force."

Sturm uses facts to illustrate the reality about newspapers today:

1. Myth: No one reads newspapers anymore.

Reality: More than 104 million adults read a print newspaper every day, more than 115 million on Sundays. That's more people than watch the Super Bowl (94 million), American Idol (23 million) or that typically watch the late local news (65 million).

2. Myth: Young people no longer read newspapers.

Reality: 61 percent of 18-24 year olds and 25-34 year olds read a newspaper in an average week and 65 percent of them read a newspaper or visited a newspaper website in the past week.

3. Myth: Newspaper readership is tanking.

Reality: Average weekday newspaper readership declined a mere 1.8 percent between 2007 and 2008, and about 7 percent since its peak in 2002. Compare that to the 10 percent decline seen in the prime time TV audience in 2007 alone. Meanwhile, newspapers' Web audience has grown nearly 75 percent since 2004, to 73 million unique visitors a month.

4. Myth: Many newspapers are going out of business.

Reality: Newspapers, as individual businesses, by and large remain profitable enterprises – with operating margins that Wall Street analysts estimate will generally average in the low to mid teens during 2009. While that may be down from historical highs, such margins would be the envy of many other industries today. As consultant John Morton said in a recent American Journalism Review article, "Overall, the beleaguered newspaper industry's financial health has been weakened but remains healthy by most measures. In this environment, that is an achievement."

5. Myth: Newspaper advertising doesn't work.

Reality: Google's own research shows that 56 percent of consumers researched or purchased products they saw in a newspaper. Google also says that newspaper advertising reinforces online ads: 52 percent are more likely to buy products if they see it in the paper.

6. Myth: There are no creative options in newspapers.

Reality: Newspaper advertising options have exploded and now include shape and polybag ads, post-it notes, "we prints," shingle spadeas, scented ads, taste-it ads, glow-in-the-dark, belly bands and temporary tattoos, as well as event and database marketing, behavioral targeting, e-mail blasts, e-newsletters and more.

7. Myth: If newspapers close, you will still be able to get news from other sources.

Reality: Newspapers make a larger investment in journalism than any other medium. Most of the information you read from "aggregators" and other media originated with newspapers. No amount of effort from local bloggers, non-profit news entities or TV news sources could match the depth and breadth of newspaper-produced content.

"This is not a portrait of a dying industry," Sturm continues. "It's illustrative of transformation. Newspapers are reinventing themselves to focus on serving distinct audiences with a variety of products, and delivering those audiences effectively to advertisers across media channels."

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Freedom for Sale

By David Bozeman

One morning while getting ready for work, channel surfing for the latest headlines, I happened upon one of those boring infomercials. Not one of the cheesy kinds, with just enough perverse entertainment value to keep you glued but, I thought, one of those about financial planning or picking stocks. The panel featured several staid business types, but the star of the half-hour soon presented itself in bold neon (figuratively speaking, for now, at least): The National Grants Introductory Conference.

The product advertised was a conference and home study course in 'How to Get Your Share of the Government Bailout.' One of the guests, a former HUD chief of staff, informed viewers that they can get money for a home and they won't have to pay it back. Or, as another guest advised, you can jump start your business with government money! Yes, government money, courtesy of yours—and your neighbor's—back pockets.

Can a nation founded on individual initiative and free enterprise sink any lower? Of course, the obvious response is that this is nothing new. Every once in a while a book or a seminar will pop up, claiming to lead citizens to government

money. There have always been experts feeding from the government trough, willing to share their advice with other freelo—ers, the general public. But therein lays the outrage—the fact that it isn't anything new.

The fact that our national work ethic has so deteriorated would be an outrage to an administration dedicated to preserving America's independent spirit. Sadly, the free-for-all game rules of a mixed economy have produced an ethos of collecting wealth as opposed to producing it.

The notion of 'government' money has entered the national lexicon unchallenged. The American working class, which should be leading the charge against the confiscation of its wealth, has been hijacked by a well-organized, vocal minority easily swayed by glib politicians and lame, tedious infomercials. Business leaders are no less complicit, whether funding universities and foundations that extol socialism (as noted by Ayn Rand in her article 'The Sanction of the Victims') or filling the campaign coffers of liberal politicians.

In modern culture, thanks primarily to intellectuals and their counterparts in political life, the picking of your neighbor's wallet is no longer an act committed on the sly, it is a

national pastime. Lest anyone forget, dates and locations for the aforementioned seminars were posted frequently at the town's finest hotels instead of a back alley, which would have been more fitting.

It is true that 'public' money has always been up for grabs to some degree. It is also true that we are a great nation economically to the extent that we are free. We are also better morally. The American left prides itself on its compassion, while it endorses mercenary economic policies. But true compassion, as embodied in capitalism, consists of neighbors enriching one another through voluntary exchange and helping out charitably when needed, as Americans famously do. Compassionate people do not premeditate the looting of their neighbor's wallets.

Sadly, too many Americans today are not of the above mindset. They think no further than 'if I don't get it then somebody else will.' We can be thankful that these seminars and courses are not sold at fairs and parties, at least not yet. Finally, no word yet on whether refreshments and childcare will be offered at the local seminars, and, if so, will they be provided at private or 'government' expense.

Dr. Ron Paul: No Longer the Lone Ranger

By Justin Williams

In 1983, largely due to the policies of the Fed Chairman Paul Volcker and President Ronald Reagan, the American people were finally rid of the burden of astronomical inflation. The policy of the Carter Administration attempting to offset unemployment with having the Federal Reserve print money was at last at an end.

At the same time, a fresh-faced congressman named Ron Paul (R-TX) decided that because of this, it was a good opportunity to investigate the very institution that had helped wreak havoc on the economy with runaway inflation. That same year, he proposed H.R. 877 a bill that would allow the General Accounting Office (GAO) to audit the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Advisory Council, the Federal Open Market Committee, and the Fed banks and branches themselves.

Dr. Paul was able to garner only 18 co-sponsors on that bill, which died with little to no support. Like many of his bills, supporting liberty and transparency, it was sent to committee were it ultimately met its slow and unheralded death.

But, that was then and this is now. With the Federal Reserve, loose monetary policy, and

impending inflation making headlines in the mainstream media, more attention is finally being paid to a near identical bill, H.R. 1207 - that Congressman Paul reintroduced in February of this year.

Already, just four months later, H.R. 1207 has a staggering 237 co-sponsors. And now a full-blown audit of the shadowy, secretive, bureaucracy Wall Street Journal writer Steve Moore, in an interview with the Washington News Observer (WNO) calls, "a threat to representative government," appears imminent.

The fact is, the history of the Federal Reserve is one that can be easily summarized with a foggy picture of Soviet-style central planning causing major booms and busts since the entity's inception in 1913. For example in a recent WNO interview, Dr. Paul characterizes the Federal Reserve as being the creator of "the inflation of World War I, the depression of 1921, the inflation of the 1920s, and the Depression of the 1930 and on and on."

Paul compares these events - each caused at least in part by the Fed's loose money policies - to the current situation with the credit and housing crises, which

have put the nation into a deep recession.

The purpose of the Paul bill, now gathering support, is to help Congress and the American people prevent another financial disaster due to the Fed's constant policy of offering loose credit and encouraging bad lending practices. Plus, it will enable Congress to keep an eye on the current bailout money in order to prevent abuse and fraud.

One issue the bill's sponsors on either side of the aisle seem to be in lockstep agreement on: the government-granted monopoly over one of the most important units of currency is way too much power to leave to an unelected body that, in one swift action with the printing press, could destroy a nation.

Now the former 2008 Presidential candidate, who was characterized in the media as being insane for bringing up reform in the area of monetary policy, is finding plenty of support. Or as Dr. Paul said in his interview, all of a sudden more than a quarter century after he first proposed it, "...now it is popular to get transparency of the Fed."

It is as if "everything old is new again" - only this time, with teeth in it.

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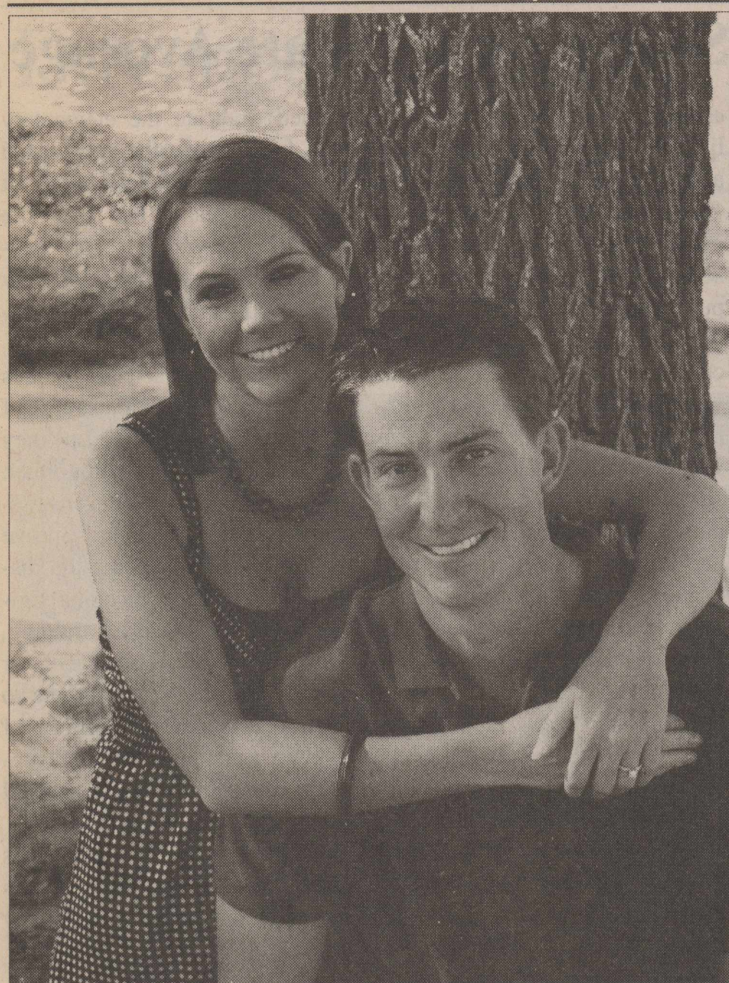
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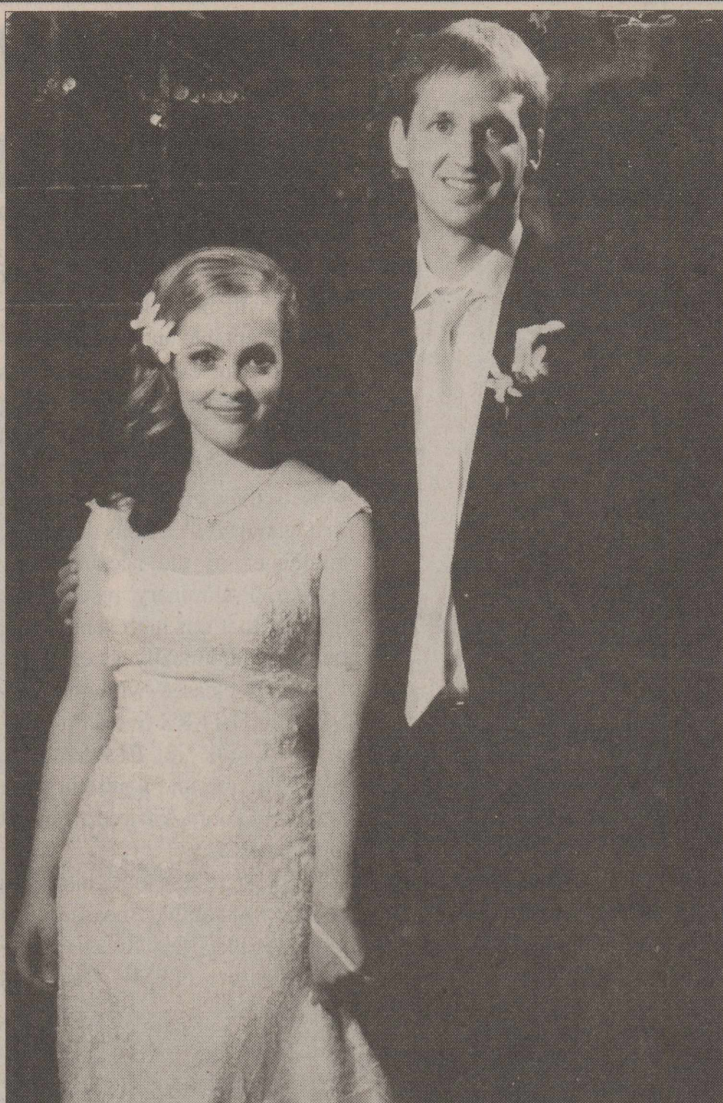
Ware and Baker to Wed

Dale and Vicki Derryberry of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nichole Ware to Steven Chance Baker, son of Steve and Pam Baker of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 2002 Floydada High School graduate. She graduated from Covenant School of Radiology Technology in 2004 and is currently employed by Covenant Medical

Center in Lubbock. The prospective groom is a 1999 Cooper High School graduate and is currently employed with the United States Postal Service in Brownfield.

The couple will marry in Lubbock on September 19, 2009. After a honeymoon to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



MR. AND MRS. SHAUN LACEY

Galloway and Lacey wed

Mandy Galloway and Shaun Lacey were married 6 p.m. May 30, 2009 during an outdoor wedding ceremony in the garden at Michael's on Main in Soquel, California. The uncle of the bride, Boyd Lee, officiated.

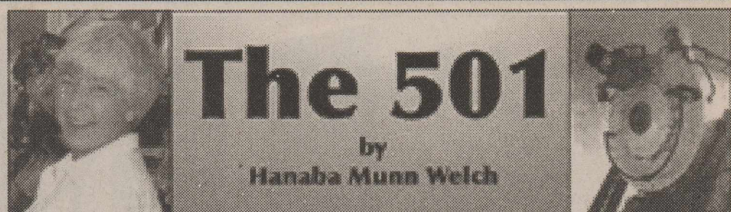
The bride is the daughter of Dale and Debbie Galloway of Plainview, Texas and the granddaughter of Tom and Anne Messer of Lockney.

The groom is the son of Michelle Boccalatte and Glenn Lacey of Middletown, Connecticut.

The bride walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, Dale Galloway. In keeping with tradition, the bride carried her great-great-grandmother's handkerchief for something old; her dress was something new; she wore her mom's necklace for something borrowed; and her garter was something blue.

"Hawaiian Wedding Song" played on an ukulele as the bride and father entered; "Over the Rainbow" and "Can't Help Falling In Love With You" also were played as wedding selections.

A reception followed the ceremony.



Hats off to anyone who hops on a bicycle knowing the ride will end in a crash. That would be granddaughter Rylee. She's 6.

A push from her mom is all it takes for Rylee to take off with elan. She pedals in big circles and figure eights. She makes U-turns on a dime. Impressive. When she stops, she crashes.

Veering into semantics, Rylee's cycle-stopping antics are more inevitable than intentional. Even so, she's getting quite good at the crash routine, adept at landing on one foot and emerging relatively unscathed with her bike sprawled beneath her, it more akimbo than she. Yep, there's an art to her style of stopping. Rylee makes braking look like it's for sissies.

Of course, by the time you read these words, she will have mastered either the hand brakes or the coaster brake, and stopping by crashing will be nothing more than a memory, if she even remembers that part of the learning experience. I don't. Do you? I just remember the triumphant feeling of that first successful ride when I put my foot on a pedal, took off and went about the same distance as Wilbur and Orville's plane at Kitty Hawk, or so it seemed. I'm sure I wobbled and crashed at the end, but so what? The rite of passage was over. Life would never be the same. I was a newly minted bicycle rider, and I ran in the house to tell my mother.

It's fitting that we learn young when skinned knees are as

natural as tooth loss. Riding a bicycle, like walking, is a natural part of growing up. Eventually we abandon bikes for cars, the great American way to get around. But if there's an inalienable transportation right in this country, it's not the right to drive. It's the right to ride a bike.

Think about it. Drive drunk a time or two, and what happens? You lose your license. But they don't take your bike. Sober or not, as long as you stay out of jail, you can keep pedaling. It's life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in its purest form. Maybe it's even a way to overcome an addiction and earn back the right to drive a car.

Do I ascribe too much therapeutic value to bicycling? I think not. Even a one-gear bicycle optimizes energy. The one-to-one steering ratio keeps you unquestionably in charge. Add momentum to the gyroscopic effect of turning wheels and you get more stability and balance than you deserve. (I never had physics; don't take me literally unless I'm right.) Bottom line, bicycles make us better than we are and take us places beyond ourselves. Bicycles empower.

The good news: Wheelchairs are much like bicycles. That's how I plan to think of mine.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Congratulations to Bob Goodnight on his receiving a 50 year pin for membership at Masonic Lodge Arvada Paul Revere 130, June 4. It was a very special occasion for him.

Bob and Charlene Alldredge have just returned from a trip to see their son Roger and Stefanie Alldredge and their two sons at Tulare, California. They had good weather and an enjoyable trip.

Friday, June 12 Carlon Beedy ate lunch at the Center with her mother Lafaune Smith.

Wednesday, June 17 we had a large crowd at the Center because we had chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and hot rolls and pistachio salad. It was so good. We would like to have large crowds like that each day.

Jancy and Steve Rogers of Petersburg ate lunch with Jancy's dad, Guy Ginn one day this past week.

Our sympathy, to Ruby Gooch on the loss of her granddaughter Jana Slaughter of Amarillo.

Our sympathy to the family of

Stinson Stringer.

Our sympathy to the family of Bessie Wilson.

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

In memory of **Bessie Wilson** - Sue Daniels.

In memory of **Stinson Stringer** - Sue Daniels and Margarette Word.

Thought for the week - Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

Menu

June 29 - July 3

Monday-Baked ham with pineapple, peas, macaroni and cheese, roll, cake

Tuesday-Chicken strips, broccoli with cheese, mashed potatoes, roll, pudding

Wednesday-Chicken pot pie, salad, roll, Jello

Thursday-Beef stroganoff, green beans, corn, roll, fruit

Friday-CLOSED

Lockney Pool Still Raising Money

By Judy Macha Reporter

Lesca Durham and Kay Martin continue to work toward raising money for Lockney's swimming pool. "I was honored to accept the 'Pennies for the Pool' money collected by Lockney elementary school kids, on behalf of the City of Lockney," said Durham. "The kids collected \$435.50 in one week. WOW! That was great. They should pat themselves on the back for a job well done. There were many times my swim kids would drive by the pool and say, 'That's Mrs. Lesca's pool.' The Lockney Swimming Pool is not only my pool but also their pool and hopefully their kids' pool. I have been involved with

the pool for thirty-seven years, lifeguarding and teaching swimming lessons to numerous kids.

"It is a wonderful place to go and play as a family without costing much money. We must invest in what we already have, so the next generation will do the same."

Kay Martin added, "The City of Lockney wants to apply for a \$50,000 matching grant. The application must be completed by January of 2010 in order to have time to process and get the repair on the pool done for the summer season. However, the matching funds must be in place before the

Pool...

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VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I know all you Fathers out there had a wonderful Father's day last Sunday.

I went to church with Becky and Steve and son, J.W., who came in from Canyon. Matt, Megan and Payce, Steve and Becky's other son, and his family who now live in Plainview, came over for lunch to help Steve celebrate Father's Day.

I had asked Louie my son if he would come up this week and clean off my patio. My patio is built around this big old elm tree. When the wind blows and it rains, the patio fills up with branches and leaves. When I got home Sunday from lunch at Becky's, Louie and his son, Bryan had already started cleaning the patio. Then they cut all the ivy off my porches. It sure looks a lot better. I sure appreciate all the work they do.

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We appreciate Sylvia and congratulate her for being selected this honor by her co-workers!

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Lockney ISD Scores Above State Average

By Marva Rasco
LISD Curriculum Director

Once again, Lockney ISD has scored above the State Average in the majority of the subjects tested. Preliminary results indicate our district will be at least academically acceptable and possibly recognized. Our elementary campus should earn an exemplary rating and even though our junior high scored exemplary in 15 out of 16 subsets, they will probably remain as a recognized campus due to the guidelines of the accountability system. Preliminary results also indicate that our high school will remain academically acceptable.

I am pleased with the District's 2009 TAKS overall preliminary results in ELA/reading, social studies, and math but there is always room for improvement in some areas.

The state has implemented a new accountability measurement system called the Texas Projection Measure (TPM). The TPM

estimates whether a student is likely to pass TAKS assessments at a future grade and is based on 1) the student's current performance on TAKS and 2) the TAKS scores of all students on the campus the student attends.

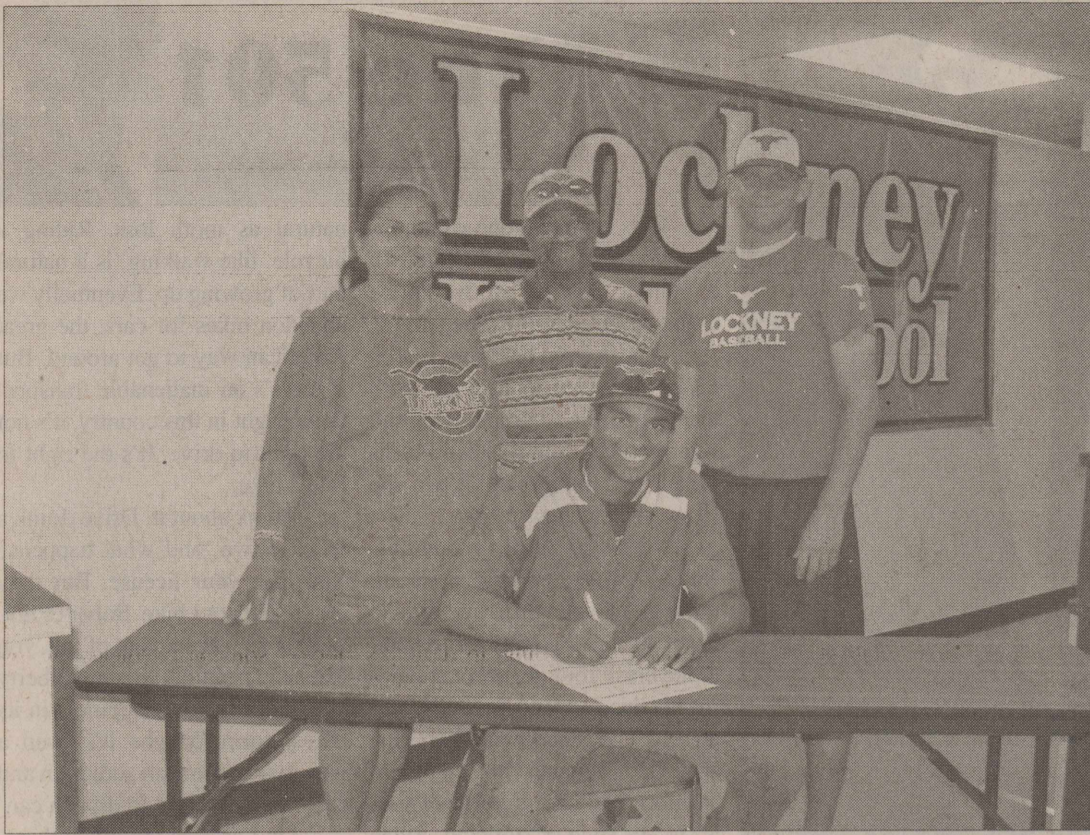
The major success story comes at the junior high campus where the students scored exemplary in 15 out of 16 subsets. It is very disheartening to know that a campus can have a 100 percent passing rate (with TPM) in all but one subset and still not be an exemplary campus due to the state accountability guidelines. The public is usually only made aware of the actual state 'rating' and they do not always have the opportunity to know the 'rest of the story'. We are very excited about the success of our junior high campus.

The elementary campus has a history of success with the TAKS administrations and this year should prove no different. The preliminary results (with the TPM

applied) indicate the elementary may move from the recognized status to an exemplary status. It would be great if that were the case because with the state standards continuing to increase, very few schools make it to the exemplary level.

All levels of science (grades 5, 8, 10 and 11) remain an area of concern in the state, and Lockney ISD was not immune to this either. We continue to look into instructional strategies to help improve our TAKS scores across the district. We will be focusing on various programs, teacher training, and vertical alignment. One of our main objectives is to continue to provide a classroom culture of 'high expectations' so that all students can achieve their personal best at all times.

All we can do at this point is make projections. Official results should be released by the state by August 2009.



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LOCKNEY'S JONATHAN COLEMAN SIGNS a Letter of Intent with Vernon Junior College to play baseball. He has received an athletic scholarship. Pictured are Back Row, (l-r) his parents, Ofelia and Billy Coleman and Head Baseball Coach Garrett Heard.



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LOCKNEY ASTROS TEAM: (front, l-r) Tyann Phillips, Jadrien Ascencio, Hunter Lefevre, Kayd Young and Yanelle Bernal, (back, l-r) Jayda Rosales, Bo Heard, Hailee Widener, Kalebh Cook, Jonathan Sammann and Bryson Hallmark. Coaches (l-r) Chad Young, Billy Lefevre and Chad Cook.



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LOCKNEY NATIONALS TEAM: (front, l-r) Trace Glasscock, Gabby Cervantes, Eddeny Chavira, Austin Rodriguez, Koh Stapp and Diego Ascencio, (back, l-r) Audrey Rexrode, Tasha Schlueter, Clay Moore, Madai Chavira, Brett Moore and Kayla Archer. Coaches (l-r) Shad Schlueter, Heath Rexrode and Gabriel Rodriguez.



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LOCKNEY RED SOX: (front, l-r) Gunnyr Araujo, Ezekiel Ramos, Joshua Jimenez, Armando Reyes and Tuff Araujo, (back, l-r) D'ago Lopez, Carly Rendon, Marie Solis, Cristian Gonzales and Matthew Martinez. Coaches (l-r) Michelle Araujo, Aurelio Jimenez and Margaret Martinez



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LOCKNEY WHITE SOX TEAM: (front, l-r) Cole Poole, Josiah Rodriguez, Anson Rendon, Payton Butler and Quinten Johnson, (back, l-r) Elias Ascencio, Alexa Poole, Tabitha Hernandez, Michael Lara and Keanu Villarreal. Coaches (l-r) George Villarreal and Miguel Lara.



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LOCKNEY YANKEES TEAM: (front, l-r) Jerimiah Chavira, Damion Gonzales, Esai Garcia, Iy Rendon, Silas Poole and Aidan Bustillos, (back, l-r) Christian Gomez, Elida Mendez, Tatyanna Cienfuegos, Anahi Ascencio, Nehemiah Montoya and Sebastian Perez. Coaches (l-r) Edward Ascencio and Lisa Perez.

LHS Athletes Named to All-State Baseball and Softball Teams

By Coach Moerbe

Four Lockney athletes were selected to the All State baseball and softball teams as announced by their respective statewide associations.

Lucas Hall was selected second team first baseman, and pitcher Renee Cruz and second baseman Konner Ellison were selected to the third team of the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All State Team.

Lindsie Moerbe was selected to the All State softball team of the Texas Girls Coaches Association. This organization selects one All State team and does not designate first, second, or third team status.

WTAMU Graduate

Degrees were officially conferred on 704 West Texas A&M University students during spring commencement exercises May 9 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 559 baccalaureate and 145 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2009 included 28 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 46 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 72 with Cum Laude honors. Ten students also were recognized as Attebury Honors Scholars. The graduating class represented 18 states and 120 Texas cities and towns.

Mark P. Ford of Lockney was one of those students who received a degree that day. Ford graduated with a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies. He graduated with Cum Laude honors.

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Davenport Awarded Texas 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
Floyd County

Bailey Davenport was recently awarded a \$10,000 Dick Wallrath Scholarship through the Texas 4-H & Youth Foundation Scholarship Program. Approxi-

mately 225 scholarships exceeding \$2,000,000 were awarded during State 4-H Roundup in College Station. Bailey is the daughter of Winfield and Patty Davenport and is a member of the Floydada 4-H Club.

Cotton Market Weekly



A service provided by
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Lower four consecutive days, futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) shot higher Thursday in a shift attributed to fund and speculative buying rather than a move driven by demand.

USDA's weekly export report garnered some attention Thursday as traders said the data was "as solid a report as you will find at this point in any marketing year." The department reported net export sales of 151,100 bales in the week ended June 11, up 30 percent from the previous week and 20 percent from the four-week average. Turkey, China, Indonesia, and Vietnam were the week's top buyers. Net sales of 25,800 bales for delivery in 2009-10 were mainly for Vietnam, Turkey, and Thailand.

Export shipments of 260,300 bales for the same period were down 32 percent from the previous week and 28 percent from the prior four-week average. Major destinations were China, Japan, and Pakistan.

Spot cotton sales also were lower as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold just 22 bales online in the week ended June 18 compared to 240 bales the previous week. The average price received by producers averaged 43.92 cents per pound.

In other news, market observers now will be turning even more of their attention to crop conditions both in the United States and world-wide.

"We will soon be entering the proverbial 'weather market' and more attention already is being paid to the delays in the Indian monsoon and the shortage of rain in West Texas," an analyst explained.

India's monsoon, which

accounts for four-fifths of the nation's annual rainfall, will be stagnant for three days, the state weather office said this week, delaying its progress toward the main cotton growing areas. Timely rains help boost yields of crops that are planted after the onset of the monsoon, and farmers there are anxious to plant.

In Texas, drought conditions prevail. According to USDA's drought monitor map for the week ended June 16, soil moisture levels ranged from moderate to exceptional drought in South Texas. Sunny and hot weather persists, increasing soil moisture evaporation rates. Many plants are entering the heavy fruiting stage and water needs are increasing.

Although a slight improvement in soil conditions was reported in parts of the High Plains, many dryland areas in West Texas remain classified as abnormally dry to

severe drought. Market analysts said West Texas weather remains a potentially explosive feature for cotton. Despite adequate planting rains in a good portion of the dryland areas, subsequent hot, dry and windy conditions have combined to hamper the ability of the sprouted seedlings to tap the subsoil moisture needed to establish a sustaining root system. The scenario looks somewhat bleak at the moment but can turn around unexpectedly.

"Because cotton in West Texas can be planted up until the 4th of July, you can't kill the crop there yet," a trader said.

In South Texas, boll development is progressing normally in the Rio Grande Valley, and a fairly uniform fruit set has been reported. Hot, humid conditions persist, and heat indexes are in the low 100s. Farmers there are irrigating where needed to help ease boll shed.



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Floydada students named to Dean's List at West Texas A&M

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,000 students to honors lists for the spring 2009 semester. Of that total, 35 were named to the President's List and 646 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point

average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Floydada students include: Charles R. Beedy, son of

Randy and Carlen Beedy of Floydada. Beedy is a junior Pre-Engineering major.

Amber D. Smith is the daughter of Larry and Kathy Smith of Floydada. Smith is a junior Psychology major.

Web Site Helps Kids Plan Their Future

AUSTIN -- A Web site called Get a Life helps middle-schoolers answer the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" The Web site is new from Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

"Get a Life encourages kids to dream big, explore the endless possibilities the future holds and map out a plan to get where they want to go in life," Combs said.

Get a Life, at www.getalife.tx.gov, advises 'twins and teens to let their hobbies and interests guide them toward their dream career and to look for activities, classes, volunteer work and paid employment that let them try out possible careers and gain valuable knowledge and skills.

The Web site offers information about fast-growing and well-paying jobs, along with the education required for those jobs.

"Many skilled, professional jobs do not require a four-year college degree, but they do require some training at a community college or technical school," Combs said. "We want kids to know there are a world of possibilities in Texas and many paths to success."

Get a Life is a kid-friendly approach to the Comptroller's commit-

ment to keep the Texas economy thriving. The site was developed with input from real middle school students and educators thanks to the involvement of Bedichek Middle School in Austin.

"Middle School is the perfect time for students to take an inventory of their interests and abilities, be exposed to a variety of experiences, and begin to develop a career path," Bedichek Principal Dan Diehl said. "Our world will be a better place when we broaden the horizons and shine the light on pathways of success for future generations. Our students can't afford to wait until high school or college to begin building their dreams. Right now is the right time to Get a Life."

"If our children are well-prepared to face the challenges and seize the opportunities ahead, they will succeed and Texas will prosper," Combs said.

More information about Texas' job market and work force needs can be found in Combs' recent Texas Works report at www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/workforce/.

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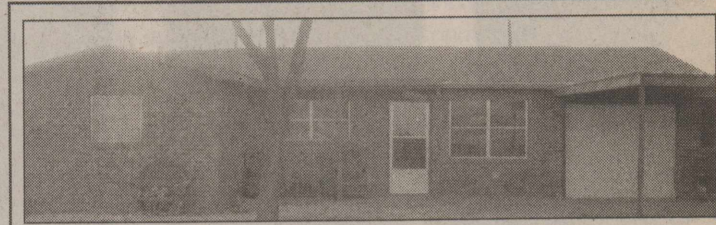
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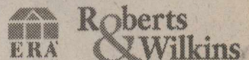
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eva Lou Aston, Deceased, were issued on March 30, 2009, in Cause No. 5821, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Ronald Lee Aston, Independent Executor. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to: Ronald Lee Aston 3909 101th Street Lubbock, Texas 79423 DATED the 16th day of June, 2009. Respectfully submitted. OWEN, VOSS, OWEN & MELTON, P.C. 700 W. 7th, P.O. Box 328 Plainview, Texas 79073-0328 (806)296-6304 Telephone (806)296-6829 Telecopier By: Lanny Voss State Bar No. 20620500 Attorneys for Ronald Lee Aston Independent Executor 6-25c

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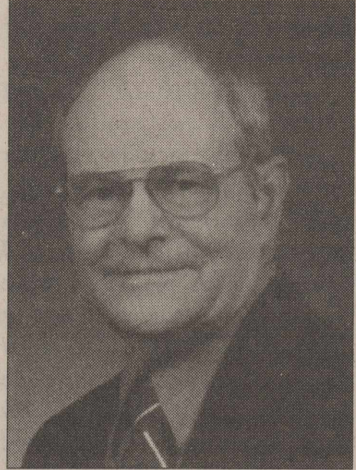
Raymond Rafe Ferguson

Raymond Rafe Ferguson, age 92, passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2009 in Floydada. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Floydada Cemetery with Rev. Anthony Sisemore officiating. Services are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Raymond Rafe Ferguson was born on August 8, 1916 in Floyd County to William F. Ferguson and Glenn (Overstreet) Ferguson. He married Edith Naomi Day on December 17, 1933 in the Starkey Community. She preceded him in death in January 2001. The couple was blessed with three children, Norman, Ray Gene, and Thelma. Rafe loved his family and the land he farmed all his life. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Mr. Ferguson is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a son, Ray Gene Ferguson.

Survivors include a son, Norman and his wife, Mary of Graham; a daughter, Thelma Anglin and husband, Hank of Amarillo; a daughter-in-law, Ann Ferguson of Possum Kingdom Lake; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.



Stinson Stringer

Stinson Stringer, 77, of Floydada, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10 A.M., Friday, June 19, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada with Mike Holster officiating and Levi Sisemore assisting. Burial followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Stinson Earl Stringer was born on November 28, 1931 in Nevada County, Arkansas to Joseph Dale Stringer and Edna Faye (Crank) Stringer. Stinson married Hazel Virginia Hovarter on April 17, 1971 in Columbia County, Arkansas. Stinson and Virginia were blessed with two sons, Eric and Kevin, and over 38 wonderful years of marriage. He honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951-1953. He loved his country and served it faithfully. He loved God and his family and valued his friends. He made a profession of faith and was baptized at the age of 18. He was a proud member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Stringer in 2007 and a sister, Sue Stringer in 1937.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Virginia Stringer, his beloved son, Eric Stringer, both of Floydada; a brother, Bill Stringer and his wife Molly of Floydada; two sisters, Dorothy Rhea of Magnolia, Ark.; and Reta

Lathem of Pierre, South Dakota; and his nieces and nephews who were all very dear to him.

Memorials may be made in Stinson's name to the First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Glen Huford Sue

Glen Huford Sue, 70, of Lubbock died Sunday, June 21, 2009 at UMC Lubbock after 10 years with Multiple Myeloma.

He was born July 20, 1938 at Winstboro in Wood County to Oscar and May Miller Sue. He married Carolyn Martin on May 22, 1959 in Floydada.

Local survivors include his wife, Carolyn; daughters, Carisa Sue of Lockney and Glenna Griffith and her husband, Larry of Floydada.

His body was donated to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. There will be no formal service.

The family suggests memorials be made to Southwest Cancer Center, 602 Indiana, Lubbock, 79414 or a favorite charity.

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Friends,
My brother-in-law, Bruce Atkinson, my sister, Ann Carr, and I want to thank all of you for your generosity of time, food and donations at the time of Beth's death.
If I have neglected to write a Thank You to anyone, please accept our apology. We might have lost someone's act of thoughtfulness in the shuffle, and for this we are greatly sorry.
We want you to know that your thoughtfulness and showing of concern at this time of great loss is greatly appreciated.
May God continue to bless all of our friends.

Bruce Atkinson
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Have a great and blessed summer!

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Floyd County Church Directory

- AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
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..... 6:30 p.m.

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

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)... 7:30 p.m.

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
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.

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

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

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

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

- OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise.... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
- POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

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

- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Floydada
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.... 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening..... 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

- ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemino
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.
Mon./Wed. Mass..... 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat. 10-11 a.m.

- TEMPLO SALEM BAUTISTA SALEM**
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service... 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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

- TRINITY ASSEMBLY**
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.

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

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652-2385
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Hayes. Bobby and Mervean Carthel celebrated Father's day Saturday with three of their children, Sherry, Dart and Tammy helping their Dad celebrate his day. Also present were grandchildren Lana and Tobi and three great-granddaughters. Their daughter Jackie of Lawton, Oklahoma could not come so they are all going to celebrate July 4th with her here. Homer Cypert had some bad problems Wed. June 17 at the Center. He went to the Hospital here and they had to airlift him to Lubbock. He had to have a ventilator and a temporary pacemaker put in, but by Saturday they had taken all of that stuff off of him because he was breathing on his own and his heart was beating okay. They think high potassium was his problem. Please keep him in your prayers.

Also please add Dahlia Hight and Annadell Quebe to your prayer list. Dahlia is recuperating from colon surgery and Annadell has been falling and hurting herself bad. I tell you one thing, that Annadell is still one of the best bridge players I have ever played with. I love both of these dear ladies so much.

During the offertory at Church Sunday, Lucy Dean our organ player, played a beautiful piano special. She played all over that piano. Which reminds me that there are still some seats left on the bus going to Branson Mo. October 14-18. We will be seeing Lucy Dean and her band The Texas Swing, Silver Dollar City, Broadway Pierce Arrow, The Twelve Irish Tenors, Titanic Museum, Lee Greenwood and the Bellamy Bros. You may call Pat Thornton at Travel World in Plainview for more info.

I almost forgot to tell you the most important news of all. On Tuesday June 16, my great granddaughter, Kalla Gracyn Womble was born at 2:37 at Decatur, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds and 18 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Kara and Robert Womble and she has a big 3 year old brother Kitson Garrett Womble. Her grandmother is my daughter Dara Bybee Faries of Plano. Other grandparents are Bob and Susie Womble of Morse, Tx. and Jessie and Dann Faries of Jackson, Missouri.

Menu

- June 29 - July 3
- Monday-BBQ on a bun
- Tuesday-Chicken strips
- Wednesday-Chicken and dumplings
- Thursday-Baked ham
- Friday-meatloaf

Pool...

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city can apply. We have received donations of \$28,000. But, we need another \$22,000 to receive the matching grant.

"Should every person, who has had Lesca teach them or their children to swim over the last thirty-seven years, donate \$5 or \$10 per child, we would have the money to repair our pool and have a nice pool for generations to come."

"We are asking the citizens of Lockney to please help us match the grant," said Durham. "The pool is a great place to learn how to swim, hold family swim parties, get great exercise, hold baseball parties and just have simple fun. Please help save our pool. Send donations to the City of Lockney Swimming Pool Fund, % City Hall, P.O. Box 387, Lockney, Texas 79241."

Council...

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this year.

City manager Gary Brown presented an update on the Downtown Revitalization Grant for the replacement of sidewalks in the downtown area. There has not been much movement in the paper work on this grant. The final plans are to be submitted this week for state approval. Once the plans are approved by the state the project will be bid and work will begin on the project.

The Home Grant for the replacement of sub-standard houses continues to be developed. There has developed a need for additional paperwork to be completed and submitted to the state for approval. The grant management team hopes to bid the project within 30 days and that the selected property owners will see construction started within 60 days.

After some questions and answers about the repair/replacement of the city's water towers, the council voted to authorize the engineer to prepare bid packages for three possible solutions. The three solutions to be looked at are: replace the water tower that is at city hall with a new 100,000 gallon Double Ellipsoidal Legged Tank plus re-painting the 200,000 gallon Pedosphere Tank; the same solution as written with replacing the 100,000 gallon tank with a 200,000 gallon tank and the third solution to be looked at is bringing the two towers currently serving the city into compliance with TCEQ regulations. Regardless of the solution selected, there is going to be a large cost to the city.

The council then discussed how to pay the cost of the water improvements once the exact price is known. It was decided to wait and see how much money will be needed before deciding how to secure the money.

The electrical engineers developing the plans for an upgrade

to the electrical system continue to work at putting together a final plan. It is not known at this time when the planning work will be done.

A report was given by Brown on a recent meeting held to up-date the council on the progress of the diversified generation plan that Floydada Power and Light is involved with through West Texas Municipal Power Agency. The private company that is working to get the project funded continues to make positive progress and is confident that they will be able to raise the needed funds to finance a feasibility study.

A lengthy discussion was held on the minimum price that the taxing entities or city should receive when selling surplus lots. After the discussion was finished, the council agreed to leave the minimum as it is.

The council approved a motion to sell lot 1, the South 1/2 of Lot 3 and the Southwest 1/4 of lot 4, Block 8, Honerhea Addition to Jon Nielson for the established minimum bid of \$ 300.00. Councilman Nielson abstained from this agenda item.

So that Brown did not present a lengthy presentation about the transmission interconnection agreement between the city and Southwestern Public Service Company and Southwest Power Pool, Inc., the council approved a motion to allow manager Brown to sign the agreement once the lawyer representing the City of Floydada approved the agreement.

Ordinance 09-4, an ordinance removing certain school zone speed limits and designated school crossing sites and establishing a new school speed zone on East Houston was passed after discussion. The school speed zones around the R. C. Andrews School were all removed since the building will no longer be used as a public school. This removal of the designation includes the school crossing walks on North Second Street and on West Missouri Street.

The new designated school speed zone is described as follows: From Fourth Street to Ninth Street on East Houston Street. It is felt that having one speed zone will be better than having two zones as there has been in the past. The city, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, will install adequate signage so motorists will know of the school speed zone.

A short discussion on the 2009/2010 budget was held. Brown presented some ideas about personnel to the council. After some discussion, the council asked manager Brown to put together some numbers and present to the council at the next meeting.

Thanks For Reading

Perry Signs State Budget That Reduces GR by \$1.6 Billion

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry Friday signed Senate Bill 1 into law, providing a balanced budget that spends \$1.6 billion less in general revenue than the previous biennium. The budget funds key priorities from higher education and job creation to border security. The governor also used his line-item veto power to reduce the two-year budget by \$97.2 million in general revenue and \$288.9 million from all funding sources.

"The Legislature has done a commendable job in reducing the general revenue appropriation to live within the Comptroller's revenue estimate issued in January, cutting general revenue spending by \$1.6 billion," Gov. Perry said. "It is particularly noteworthy lawmakers balanced the budget without using the state's Rainy Day Fund and provided a tax cut to 40,000 small businesses."

The budget signed by Gov. Perry decreases general revenue spending by \$1.6 billion, or 1.9 percent, compared to the current biennium, while still maintaining

funding for key areas such as economic development, education and public safety. This decrease in spending has only occurred once since World War II.

This 2010-11 budget continues several key investments, including water infrastructure and border security, which are essential to the growth and security of the state; and funding for the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Emerging Technology Fund, which allow the state to maintain a competitive business climate, invest in new technologies and attract world class researchers to the state's institutions of higher education. The budget also makes a significant increase in funding for financial aid for higher education as well as the Skills Development Fund, which are critical to helping more Texans realize the dream of a college education, and ensuring the state has an educated and trained workforce to compete in the global marketplace.

Additionally, the Legislature

left the state's Rainy Day Fund untouched; the fund is projected to grow to \$9 billion by the end of the 2010-11 biennium. Lawmakers also took steps to reduce diversions from the State Highway Fund, providing an additional \$378 million for road construction and maintenance, and expanded highway and debt service payment line items in the Texas Department of Transportation budget for greater transparency.

Gov. Perry reiterated that agencies and organizations receiving funding in the budget from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act should not expect to see these funds renewed by the state in the next biennium, and should use the funds only for one time expenditures. The governor also expressed concern regarding the lack of transparency of certain appropriations.

The governor remains committed to truth-in-budgeting as an important part of the state's commitment to transparency. Although the Legislature took steps to reduce diversions in the budget, the governor emphasized the need to continue to reduce and eliminate additional diversions in future budgets to ensure that Texas taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

The budget for FY 2010-11 takes effect September 1, 2009.

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about the money. I'm totally impressed with what I'm seeing going on here. It gets me a little more at ease about our big project coming up, because it's going to be a lot more involved than this one. This gives us a little 'pre-game' and it's coming off good and timely and they're being very professional about it. Their numbers are in an area I expected, so I say, let's get going."

The board went into an executive session concerning a student's failure to graduate. Upon coming out of executive session, they announced they had upheld the ruling of the committee and Superintendent Cotham. (The matter had previously been brought before a committee made up of teachers of this student and his principal. They ruled he did not meet the guidelines. The family then took it up with Cotham and he upheld the committee's ruling.)

They had now brought the matter before the school board. "They have followed the correct procedure in this matter," said Cotham. "The state guideline states, 'A student shall meet all state and local requirements, including applicable exit testing to be eligible to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies'. As is its right, LISD amended this by adding a committee of the student's teachers and principal who would have personal knowledge of him/her. If they can determine the student made an all out effort to pass the test(s), then the student would be allowed to walk through the ceremony but would not receive a diploma.

In other business, the board considered approving a proposal to install HVAC controls in junior high and administration offices, but chose to take no action, pending receipt of further proposals.

Administrative reports all had to do with discussion of summer repairs and teacher/coach assignments.

Superintendent Cotham told the board the covered entrance to junior high would be replaced during the summer and the junior high science lab would be renovated and ready for fall.

He asked the board to read over the Lockney ISD 2008-2009 Board Goals adopted August 28, 2008 and be thinking about them. They are: 1) academic achievement - create a culture that embraces the belief that all students can be successful; 2) financial resources - understand the responsibility of good stewardship over district financial resources; 3) human resources - foster an environment which attracts and retains high-quality personnel; 4) community relations - foster relationships where parents are part of the learning process; and 5) school climate - provide a safe, friendly environment for students and staff.

As to budget consideration, Cotham reminded the board of their discussion last time concerning the resurfacing of the track; a job which would cost \$80,000 to \$100,000. He said two companies had come out to look at the track and both said it would be okay for at least two more years. "I'm happy to go along with their assessment," Cotham said. "It'll save us some money for now."

He said he felt like, assuming the projected scores used for accountability rating held true, the elementary school would be exemplary, the junior high recognized and the high school acceptable. He emphasized these were only preliminary scores and could change through the process.

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