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Floydada City Council Discusses Maintenance On Water Towers

The Floydada City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Bobby Gilliland called the meeting to order with council persons, Sam Green, Ruben Barrientoz, Sue Ward, Jon Nielson and Gary Carthel present. Also in attendance from the City of Floydada were Karen Lawson, city secretary, Gary Brown, city manager and Jack Alaniz, water superintendent.

Van Breedlove, general manager for Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority presented the 2009-2010 water supply operating budget to the council for discussion and acceptance.

After the presentation of the budget, Councilwoman Ward made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barrientoz and passed 5 for and 0 against.

Zane Edwards, engineer from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper engineering firm in Lubbock made a presentation to the council about different possibilities to correct the city's water tower maintenance challenge. After discussing the various possibilities, councilman Green made a motion for a bid package to renovate the 2 water

towers currently in service be developed and bids taken. Councilwoman Ward seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Justin Jaworski, Executive Director of Floydada EDC, brought the council a report on the Centennial Plaza work that is being done, how the National Labor Grant that the South Plains Area Workforce has received might help Floydada and the progress of the City of Floydada Centennial celebration is developing. All three items had a positive report and shows the EDC involvement in trying to make Floydada a better community to live in.

The next item discussed by the council was the status of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and the need to find a building to relocate to.

Different members of the Chamber spoke about the effort that has been made to find a building to relocate into and the difficulty the chamber has had in finding a building that it can afford. The council and chamber members traded ideas about possible locations and both bodies agreed to keep looking. The Chamber of Commerce has to vacate their current location by

August 10th of this year.

Ordinance No. 09-5 was discussed with City Manager Brown advising the council that this ordinance removed the \$6.00 per month on the citizens sewer bill that had been established when the city borrowed money to do improvements to the city's sewer system. The \$6.00 has already been dropped from the bill but this ordinance approves the action. Councilman Nielson made the motion for approval with a second being made by councilman Barrientoz. The motion passed with 5 for and 0 against.

Manager Brown discussed with the council the situation about the native pasture on the City farm. Since the State of Texas hunting lease was not renewed, the grass will be available for grazing beginning in 2010.

After different scenarios were discussed the council ask manager Brown to develop a lease agreement and bring to the August council meeting.

The up-grade to the electrical system was then discussed with manager Brown reporting that additional plans and material lists had been received from the engi-

neer. The latest plans are for work to be done in the alley between Houston and Crockett streets from The Dairy Queen area east to the east side of town. Manager Brown told the council that he is still looking for money to do the project.

The condemnation of property at 118 and 120 West Kentucky was discussed with the council being told that action might move forward after August 1, 2009.

Manager Brown told the council that the Downtown Revitalization Grant had finally shown some movement forward and that the grant consultant thinks that bids for this project can be expected in September.

Word has been received that the legal papers for the property owners involved in the Home Grant Program should be signed in mid August and destruction of the current houses should begin shortly thereafter with new construction following that. There are four homeowners involved in the program.

The Justice Assistance Grant for the police department is to be funded in September. This grant is for a new police

vehicle.

Manager Brown told the council that he had the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget started but that it had not moved forward as fast as he had hoped. The budget should be ready for the council in early August.

A short discussion on the additional work being done at Duncan Elementary School with the council being told that the plan was to have the needed additional work completed by the end of July and a final inspection being done on or about August 3, 2009.

Councilman Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 16, 2009 and the minutes of the special meeting held June 30, 2009 with a second to the motion being made by council Barrientoz. The motion passed.

Councilman Green moved to approve the payment of the June 2009 transfers, fixed expenses and city bills. Councilman Nielson seconded the motion, which was passed.

With there being no further business to come before the council Mayor Gilliland adjourned the meeting.



Photo by Jim Huggins

LOCKNEY FIREFIGHTER Boyd Jackson (center) is one of three Lockney Volunteer Fire Department members attending the 80th Annual Municipal Fire School at Texas A&M University. He is pictured with representatives of local sponsoring organizations. (Left to right) Pat O'Connell of Cargill Cattle Feeders, David Foster of D&J Gin, Jackson, Bryan Thomas of Lockney Cooperative, and Don Marble of Marble Brothers Gin. Lockney VFD members attending the school but not pictured are George Basaldua and Rodney Hunt.

Lockney VFD sends 3 to Fire School

By Preston Belt

The Lockney Fire Department will send three of its members to the 80th Annual Municipal Fire School, held on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, July 20-24.

Boyd Jackson and George Balsadua will be taking the Emergency Care Attendant class and Rodney Hunt will be taking the Chemical Emergency Mitigation class. Jackson and Balsadua are being sponsored by Cargill Cattle Feeders of Lockney. Hunt's tuition is being funded by a grant through the Texas Forest Service Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (HB2604) and travel expenses are being paid by D&J Gin, Marble Brothers Gin, Floyd County Supply, and Lockney Coop.

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Reception honoring Holcomb and Williams July 24

There will be a retirement reception honoring Marilyn Holcomb, County Clerk, and James Williams, Adult Supervision Officer, held Friday, July 24, 2009 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the 1st Floor Hall Courtroom, Floyd County Courthouse.

This is a come and go reception. Everyone is welcome.

Commissioners Seek County Clerk

The top priority right now for the Floyd County Commissioners' Court is finding someone to fill the position of county clerk.

County Clerk Marilyn Holcomb announced her plans to retire to the court and will vacate her office as of July 31. At a regular meeting last week, Holcomb stressed to the commissioners how important it is for them to select a solid replacement.

"I don't think anyone knows how big of a job it is," she said. "It is so important to find the right person."

Holcomb has worked 25 years in the county clerk's office spending the last 10 years as county clerk. Holcomb said she has gained a wealth of experience and wisdom in those 25 years.

"I appreciate (the commissioners' court) and your support," Holcomb said. "I wouldn't trade anything for the education I've received."

The commissioners court thanked Holcomb for her work as county clerk.

"I appreciate Marilyn for all of her hard work," Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly said.

Other news:

• The Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Floyd County discussed contacting locally owned funeral homes to enter in to a contract for charges when their services are needed.

• Farm contracts approved were for Monti Williams, Jim Byrd, William Weeks and Dann Sanders.

• The court also heard details concerning health care options from Kyle Smith of Goen & Goen Insurance.

Two Horses in East Texas Die from Encephalitis

Two horses, one in Jasper County and the other in Newton County, in East Texas have died from Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Humans also are susceptible to EEE, which causes inflammation of the brain. The disease is spread by mosquitoes, and measures should be taken to prevent human and animal exposure to the biting pests.

"As part of their routine health care, horses in all parts of the state should be vaccinated to protect against dangerous mosquito-borne diseases, including West Nile Virus, and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE and WEE)," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"It takes a week to 10 days after vaccination for the animal to develop protective antibodies, and booster shots must be administered as directed by the vaccine manufacturer to maintain the highest level of protection," he said. "As effective as vaccines are, however, they are not foolproof, and rare instances of disease can occur. Therefore, it is essential that you protect yourself and your horses against mosquito exposure with a repellent containing DEET."

Dr. Hillman also said other preventive measures should include draining stagnant water, where mosquitoes can breed, and using approved products that kill mosquito larvae in desired water sources, such as troughs, ponds and fountains. Avoid being outside at night or at dawn, when mosquitoes are most active, wear long sleeves when possible, and consider sheltering horses at night.

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Washer and Horseshoe Pitching to be held at Floyd County Fair

Calling all men and boys and any woman who wants to participate!

The Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair Day will be held Saturday, August 22nd. Everyone is invited to a day of family fun.

Next week we will publish a schedule of events in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. Look for more details then!

Booth spaces are still available. If interested, please call Darlene Broseh at 806-652-2029 or Charlene Brown at 806-983-2618.

Texas' August Sales Tax Holiday Will Get Bigger

AUSTIN -- Great news for back-to-school shoppers. For the first time since it began in 1999, the annual August sales tax holiday will include many school supplies.

"A lot of families look forward to saving their hard earned money during the sales tax holiday weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Now they can make their back-to-school budgets stretch even further because more than two dozen school supply items will be tax-free."

House Bill 1801 identifies school supplies priced less than \$100 that will be exempt from state and local sales tax for the tax-free weekend. Pens, crayons, calculators, notebooks, rulers, scissors and lunch boxes are a few of the items on the list. The full list can be found below.

These items are in addition to school backpacks and most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 that are already tax-free the weekend of Aug. 21-23.

The Comptroller's office is sending information to retailers about implementing the expanded sales tax holiday.

Tax-free school supplies include binders, blackboard chalk, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers, folders, glue, paste, paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, notebooks, paper, pencil boxes, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers, scissors and writing tablets.

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Letter to the Editor

IF I WERE KING FOR A DAY

Dear Editor:

I have been a rural family physician for 17 years, and like everyone else, I am alarmed about what has happened with the "health care crisis" the last few decades. My own health insurance premiums have increased about 10 times the past twelve years.

As is usual, there's someone in the federal government who is more than willing to purport himself (or herself) as our savior in fixing a problem that the government itself caused in the first place.

This problem has been caused principally by Medicare, overspecialization of the medical profession, lawsuit abuse and health insurance/employer mandates. Medicare freezes and fixes fees for doctors and hospitals. It discriminates against generalists, and rural and small hospitals as well as sparsely populated geographic areas. Their "reasoning" is that they base their numbers on cost, and that everything is cheaper in "the country," which is not true. It is also easier for them to bully smaller hospitals with their regulations than it is for them to do the same to bigger ones. It also tends to pay more for procedures than it does for office visits, where often the more complex medical issues of the patient are dealt with. This discrimination squeezes the private sector (who can't dictate fees and prices with the force of federal law) and causes inflation. Over the past 40 years, it has caused something else equally insidious: overspecialization of the medical profession. Doctors (who are human beings) have more often chosen to be specialists rather than generalists because

the former is more lucrative. As a result, just 2% of medical school graduates now choose to be generalists (i.e. family medicine, pediatrics, etc). When the vast majority of physicians are specialists, the cost is higher and technology is overused.

Lawsuit abuse also breeds medical inflation because it increases malpractice insurance premiums and encourages doctors to do more unnecessary testing and referrals.

The last but not least cause of this crisis is insurance and employer mandates. Insurance will simply cost more when governments coerce companies into covering, for example, screening tests, mental health, elective surgeries, immunizations, etc. I am in favor of all of those things, but they violate the original idea of insurance: TO INSURE. A long time ago, health insurance was not a "health plan"; it was something you purchased to help you pay for what you could not afford when some catastrophe beset you. When a policy contains more than what a person needs, it will cost more. Also, when one thing is covered, invariably someone will claim that it is unjust because another thing is not. I remember years ago when Viagra was released on the market, that certain politicians in Congress cried inequity that some drug prescription plans covered Viagra but would not cover birth control pills. Each time the politicians bully whomever into covering yet one more thing on insurance policies, premiums will go up.

You may ask "What would you suggest?"

IF I WERE KING FOR A DAY, the following would be what I would do. First, make Medicare optional or make it welfare. Either way, the entire popu-

lation of 65 and older would not be forced in. This would relax the stranglehold the federal government has on the private sector, and some seniors would pay their own way (with private insurance or their resources) while others would stay on. The second is tort reform. Believe it or not, I actually agree with the trial lawyers who say that caps on non-economic damages is unfair; I think this is simply more government intrusion that dictates what amounts are fair or unfair for all of us. Instead, institute two changes only: "loser pays" and the right to sue for frivolous lawsuits. These would lessen the lottery-like appeal our legal system now has, and help prevent unscrupulous attorneys from abusing it. Third, abolish health insurance mandates; without governments and politicians writing the policies, there would be more options and less inflationary pressure on premiums. Lastly, abolish the federal income tax. Confiscating people's income just creates more dependency on government. With no income tax, people would have more resources to solve their own problems. Besides, it would be vastly more effective than any "stimulus package" here to date, and I'm not worried that our federal government wouldn't be able to find some other tax to levy.

Since I will not be king, I acknowledge that these measures will never be carried out. I write though, because it is certain that the present group in power of our Congress will do something about this crisis. Whatever they do will make it worse, and we'll all be talking about this again later. Talking about it is at least good therapy, isn't it?

Kevin L. Stewart, M.D.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Cap and Trade

Of all of the topics in the news over the past couple of years, the one people have urged me to weigh in on the most is Cap and Trade.

Before offering my opinion of this piece of legislation, some of you may need an explanation of how Cap and Trade works.

The Cap and Trade system involves trading of emission credits, where the total number of credits is strictly limited or 'capped' by the government. A regulatory authority establishes the cap which is usually considerably lower than the historic level of emissions.

Basically, it is a method for managing pollution while at the same time providing for expansion of "green" energy.

Like many liberal ideas, Cap and Trade is a great idea on paper. It's when you get into the substance of the matter that the perfect plan begins to show huge holes and all Americans are faced with more money coming out of our pocket books which wasn't before Cap and Trade.

That's really the problem with the mechanism. Instead of allowing a free market to evolve toward a greener world, which could easily be done with tax breaks for companies investing in such technology and not cost you and I a dime, we are faced with regulation forced on energy producers which will effect YOUR cost for energy.

Under a cap and trade system, the government sets a cap on how much pollution will be allowed and reduces that amount yearly until their reduction numbers are complied with.

Companies are issued credits, depending on how large they are. Heavier polluters will get more credits but face a "cap" on their credits (the amount of their emissions).

If a company comes in below it's "cap" it can "trade" (sell) those credits to companies needing more.

Here's the bad part. The companies are going to pass the cost of their credits directly to the consumer. And since we're talking about oil, gas, natural gas, coal, etc... almost every single facet of U.S. energy, which Texas and Oklahoma are vital to, will be hurt. That is very, very bad news.

We'll get hit at the pump, at home and at work. Prices will go up for nearly everything you buy because it now costs more to make.

More damage: Manufacturing companies will continue to locate to countries trying to grow their economies, namely China and India.

By the way - China and India are not touching Cap and Trade with a 10-foot pole. They know how much money they stand to gain as our government continues to crush U.S. energy and industry.

Why can't the government play fair with U.S. corporations? Did the greed of such a small percent age of our corporations poison the minds of Americans.

Does the average citizen believe American companies are evil? If so, not only does that show brainwashing on a monumental scale, it's the most ignorant thing I've ever heard.

Here in rural America, we can appreciate some things because so many of our towns are struggling to stay around. We know what we've lost and we'd dearly love to have them back.

Cap and Trade will have the whole country feeling like these small towns do.

"Where did everybody go?"
"Some of 'em went to China ... the rest of 'em went to India. You know, where all the good jobs are."

As with attempting to reform health care during an economic crisis, Cap and Trade is very detrimental to an awful U.S. economy.

I hope Americans begin to shout loud enough to be heard regarding these most important things. Democrats and Republicans around the country need to get on the same page and let our elected officials know while good on paper, Cap and Trade is a little ahead of it's time in terms of the amount of damage it will do to the American family.

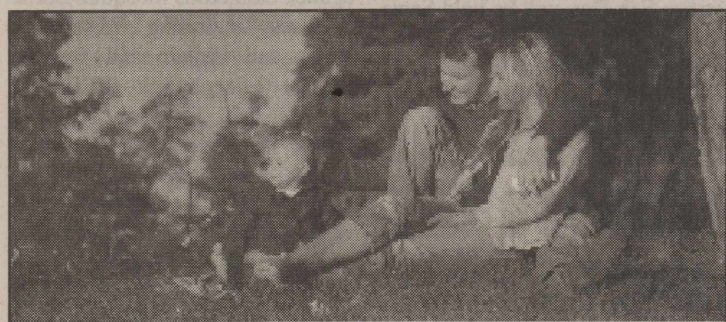
Clean energy is coming and that's great. Let it come and make it compete for it's place atop the throne of energy. That's what a free market would do. That's what needs to happen now.

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City of Floydada City Manager Gary Brown has asked everyone to be on alert for rattlesnakes. Brown reported one was killed last week in Floydada.

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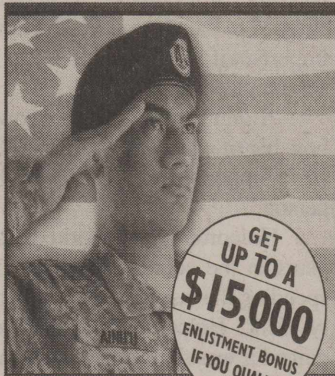
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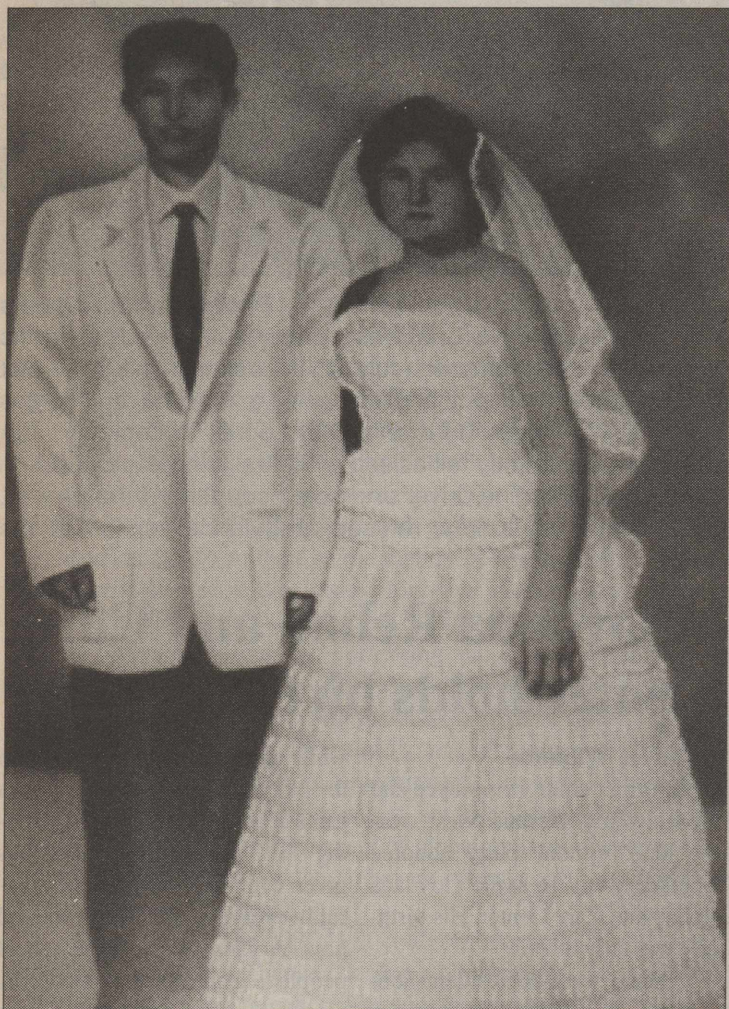
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MIGUEL AND GRACE MENDOZA of Lockney will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and renewing their marriage vows on July 25, 2009 at the Community Center in Lockney. They will be honored with a dinner, reception and a dance by their children, family and friends. They were married on August 1, 1959 in Lockney and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1969, where they resided for 37 years before moving back to Lockney. On August 1, 1984, Miguel and Grace renewed their marriage vows in Las Vegas, Nevada after celebrating 25 years of marriage. Miguel worked as a supervisor for the Las Vegas Convention Center for 30 years, retiring in 1997. Grace was a homemaker. They were blessed with nine children, Elsa of Wellington, Flora of Utah, Miguel Jr. of Las Vegas, NV, Gilbert of Lockney, Armira of Las Vegas, NV, Tony of Las Vegas, NV, Lucy of Las Vegas, NV, Lisa of Las Vegas, NV and Sonia of Las Vegas, NV. The couple is also blessed with 46 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, sons-in-laws, daughters-in-laws, grandsons' wives, granddaughters' husbands, and many, many family members, loved ones and friends.

VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Oh my goodness what a busy and wonderful weekend.

First, I attended the Griffith reunion at the Senior Citizens. Then I went to my cousin's, Meda Ruth Thomas Watts', 90th birthday party at the Floydada Methodist Church.

I go to the Griffith reunion every year. My dear friend, Serena Griffith sends me an invitation and a "meal ticket". It is always so good to see her and husband, Bobby and my other Griffith friends too. There was a lot of fun and laughter going on, but was mixed with tears and sadness when remembering those who had passed away this year.

Last year they had a large attendance at their reunion but this year it was smaller. Lets hope next year's attendance will be large again. I know they are all looking forward to coming back to Lockney and seeing everyone.

Then at 2 Saturday afternoon, I went with Jody Baccus to Meda Ruth Watt's birthday party at Floydada. Friends and relatives galore turned out to help Meda Ruth celebrate her 90th birthday. All her children were here hosting the affair.

Meda Ruth's father, Lucian Thomas and my grandfather Elbert Thomas, were brothers. In the early 1900's Benjamin Thomas and family moved to Floyd County. Ben and Elizabeth were parents of six sons, with four of them settling in Floyd County with their parents. They were Lucian, Ivy, Arthur and Elbert. Ivy's daughter, Joyce Harrison of Lubbock, Arthur's daughter, Mary Ruth Blanchard of Lubbock, and Elbert's granddaughter, Vera Jo Bybee (me), of Lockney, represented the Thomas cousins attending.

Meda Ruth's father, Lucian married Lucy Casey, so a lot of Casey cousins were there too. I don't know all of them, but I

did visit with two of her Casey cousins, Bobby Lu Casey Bean of Silvertown and Jontha Lee Casey Mercer of Lockney.

Also her brother, W.L. Thomas and daughters, Brenda and Judy of Canyon and Spearman were there.

I'm sure there is another write-up of the affair elsewhere in this paper, telling how many of Meda's children and grandchildren were there. It was certainly a great way to celebrate a 90th birthday.

The Senior Citizen's Center wants to thank the Fischer family of the "Techsun Farms" for the wonderful vegetables they have been bringing to the Center.

Our sympathy is with the Hodel family on the passing of a former Lockney resident, Louise Boedeker Hodel. Louise passed away Friday, July 17. Funeral services were held Monday, July 29 at the Plainview First United Methodist Church Chapel followed with burial in the Plainview Memorial Park.

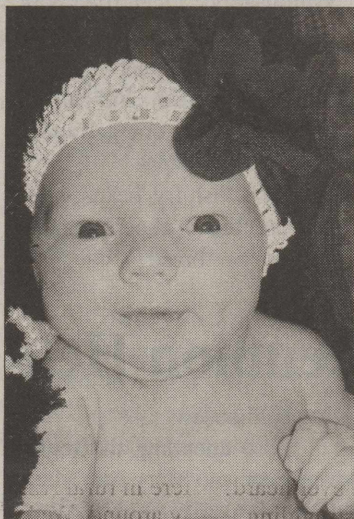
Please remember to keep all the sick people in our community in your prayers.

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- Monday - Spaghetti
- Tuesday - Fried chicken
- Wednesday - Steak fingers
- Thursday - Scrambled hamburger
- Friday - Beef and cheese nachos

Saturday, August 1st - Monthly breakfast, 8 a.m.: Sausage, biscuits, scrambled eggs and gravy. Call the day before if you want to eat breakfast.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

STOERNER

Heath and Cailey Stoerner of Plainview are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Henley Rane Stoerner.

Henley was born on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 5:41 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 20-1/4" long.

Proud grandparents are Martin and Robin Stoerner of Lockney and John and Chris Truit of Bangs, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Don and Betty Fritz of Whitney, Texas and John and Mary Truit of Temple, Texas.

HAVE A QUESTION, COMMENT OR CONCERN?
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Medley Reunion held on July 3, 4, 5

By Sheryl Back

The annual Robert and Ila Medley Reunion was held July 3, 4, & 5 at the Massey Activity Center in Floydada. Their seven children and spouses, Ira Medley (deceased), Valree Medley Turner (deceased), Jack Medley (deceased), Lorene Medley Ford of Agra, OK, Floyd Medley (deceased), Si Medley (deceased), Evalene Medley Goodnight of Floydada, were represented at the reunion.

The festivities began with arrivals on Friday afternoon for registration with schedule for the days and goodie bags handed out. Friday began the silent auction items, sale of a family cookbook, afghan raffle and homemade family quilt raffle. A loaded baked potato supper was enjoyed by all the Friday arrivals. Visiting and games ended at midnight.

Saturday began with tours of the Dog Museum, Floyd County Historical Museum and Don Hardy's Car Museum from 10 to Noon. Lunch was sandwiches with homemade cakes and cook- ings were held from 2 to 5. Crafts

ming were held from 2 to 5. Crafts were enjoyed by the younger kids, as well as the P.D. jumper.

The silent auction ended at 5 p.m. with shrills of laughter and yells of "I got it!" or "I didn't get it!"

On Saturday, supper was catered brisket and all the trimmings meal, catered by Gary Brown and family. The freezers of homemade ice cream and birthday cake were enjoyed by all.

The birthdays celebrated were: LeRoy Burns of Floydada, who turned 87 on July 4th and Lorene Ford of Agra, OK, who will be 98 on July 28.

At 8 p.m. the winners of the silent auction were announced. Dorothy Turner of Floydada won the family quilt raffle. The afghan raffle was won by Peggy Nicholson of Omaha, NE. The can tab jar guess was won by Melinda and Avery Turner of Lubbock. All proceeds of the auction, raffles, cookbooks and tabs will go toward next year's reunion.

At 8:30 p.m. a memorial honoring all the family members that are veterans or still serving in

the military was held. The 17 veterans present served a total of 125 years. LeRoy Burns had received the Bronze Star and Larry Guthrie had received the Purple Heart.

Fireworks started at 9 p.m. and were enjoyed by all. Everyone returned to the Massey for singing, karaoke, games and more visiting. Everyone dispersed at midnight or after.

Sunday began with breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by good-byes for some and back for sandwiches at 2 p.m. Then final good-byes were said and cleanup started.

Family members attending totaled 99. They were from states of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Florida, Virginia, Arizona, Nevada, Nebraska, California, Washington and Hawaii.

There were fourteen visitors from Floydada and Lubbock who dropped by to say hello and visit.

The Valree Turner clan hosted this year's reunion. Next year the Evalene Medley Goodnight clan will host the reunion in Colorado or New Mexico. The first Medley Reunion was held in Floydada in 1984.

Our Readers Are Very Important to Us and We Appreciate Every One of You!

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IN REMEMBRANCE ON YOUR BIRTHDAY, MOM

GOD CALLED HER FROM AMONG US TO A HOME OF ETERNAL REST ON APRIL 24, 2009. AFTER A LONG AND COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER, OUR MOTHER, OFELIA VELA PESINA, 58, WAS SWEEP AWAY BY ANGELS ON A HEAVENLY FLIGHT. WE HELD A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HER HONOUR ON APRIL 25, 2009 IN LUBBOCK, TX.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

The Ancient Mariner got it right: "Water, water every where. Nor any drop to drink."

All the current concerns about drinking water from plastic containers – something about dioxins and cancer – puts me in a similar quandary.

Disclaimer: I wouldn't know a dioxin if I met one, and I don't know what I'm talking about.

The word on the street is that water is OK to drink from a plastic container if it hasn't gotten too hot or been frozen while stored therein. That means if you leave plastic bottles of water in your car outside either in Texas in July or Minnesota in January, you shouldn't drink it. Fine.

But what about the history of all that water in plastic jugs and bottles on grocery store shelves? The scenario in my mind is a big truck parked on the highway shoulder with one flat tire, waiting for a tire guy while the temperature soars to 110 degrees. Maybe all water-hauling trucks are refrigerated. Maybe not. Maybe pallets of bottled water sit in the hot sun or freezing weather on loading docks. Maybe not.

Or maybe it's all a hoax to worry us about one more thing that can be bad for us. Water.

Amid the concerns, experts have been saying the safest and healthiest drinking water is ordinary tap water. Too bad they didn't get the word out sooner before an entire industry could establish itself to sell us something we don't need in

containers that can't be trusted to take the heat. Oh well.

Of course, when the term "tap water" gets tossed around nowadays it refers to water from a trusted municipal source. Chlorinated city water, even with nitrates and other bad stuff, is a known quantity. Water from a farm well is a different animal.

I remember the rat. The year was 1959. My job was pulling nails from old lumber. The site was near my grandmother's well in the pasture. I drank from the faucet by the well. The water didn't taste good, but I was just a kid used to well water not tasting good. Ours didn't taste that good either.

After a couple of days on the job, my father and a hand drove up and took the big lid off the well. The next thing I knew they were fishing around down in its depths, using a mirror to reflect sunlight to illuminate their task. Voila! They snagged a big dead rat. Oh well. Probably no dioxins.

By the way, rats aside, if you've never looked deep into an old well big enough to fall into, you've missed an intriguing experience akin to peering into the night sky. The word "enlightening" comes to mind but doesn't quite get it. Think goose bumps and the infinity factor.

That said, let's lift a glass to water, sustainer of life. Make mine sparkling S. Pellegrino, bottled in green glass at the source in Italy.

You pay a price for bubbles and no rats. Somehow I don't mind.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX. 79235. We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Lunch starts at 12 Noon. If you are 60 years or older, come join us and visit with your friends and meet new people.

The menu is always part of my weekly article. For more information, please call the center at 983-2032.

Congratulations to Jerry and Sherry Cannon. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently by going on a cruise to Alaska.

Bill Hardin was presented, by Rep. Joe Heflin, a flag that had flown over the State Capital Building in Austin, showing appreciation for his service to our community as a Court Reporter and County Judge for 45 years. The celebration was held on Sunday, July 12th at the Lighthouse Electric Coop Community Room. There were a lot of friends attending.

My son, Greg Bond and his wife, Mona, and their daughter, Bethany, spent this past weekend with me. Bethany has been in Lubbock taking a few summer classes at Texas Tech University. Mona spent several days in Lubbock visiting her mother, Marjorie Dean, at her home. It's wonderful that her mother and I only live 50 miles apart. That way we get to see our children more often.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume, Coy LaBaume of Plainview, Kelli Childre of Lubbock and Lewis McDaniel of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, formerly of Floydada, attended the funeral of Ruby McWaters at the Silverton Church of Christ held Monday, July 13th. She is the aunt of Elaine and Lewis, as she was their daddy's sister. Ashel and Billie both pre-

ceded her in death. Lewis spent Sunday night with Jon and Elaine.

While in Dallas over the 4th of July weekend, Elaine LaBaume saw a neurosurgeon about her back and neck. She will have to return and have the screws removed from her back surgery in 2000 and at a later date will have to have neck surgery as her neck did not fuse from her surgery in 2005. Elaine has suffered a lot of pain over the years, but the past year has been bad. She hopes this is the answer she has been searching for to alleviate the pain.

Our sympathy to the family of Alice Garrett (Pat Zimmerman's mother).

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

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Thought for the Week – Treat others as you would like to be treated.

MENU JULY 27 – JULY 31

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Wednesday – Oven fried pork chops, buttered potatoes, peas roll cobbler

Thursday – Green chili chicken, carrots, salad, oranges and bananas

Friday – Fish fry, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, chocolate shortbread



Photo by Jim Huggins

NO INJURIES – No one was hurt in a one-vehicle traffic accident Friday afternoon (July 17) in Lockney. The Chevrolet pickup truck took out a utility pole, a mailbox and a gas meter at Northeast Third and East Locust in Lockney after the driver apparently fell asleep while traveling eastbound on Locust (FM 97). The driver and sole occupant of the pickup, Willie Meyer of Turkey, refused ambulance service at the scene.

Floydada Rehab and Care Center holds birthday party

By Joyce Williams

Former county employee and area cowboy, Arvana West, was the lone birthday party honoree Thursday, July 16 at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center. His birthday was July 8.

There were no resident honoree for a June party. Activity Director Sylvia Luna led the residents and guests in singing the Birthday song.

Hosts for the monthly party were Mr. and Mrs. Q. D. Williams and friends from the City Park Church of Christ. Mr. West was presented with cards and gift bags from the hosts and his Guardian Angel, a care center employee.

His daughter, Neva Anderson, brought him a delicious coconut cake, which he shared with all who attended the party. Cathy's Floral gave him a red carnation boutonniere, to match the red,

white and blue patriotic theme on the party table decorations. Sylvia Luna read aloud a poem "Standing Tall" reminding us God has given everyone talents to be helpful in everyday life. She described how Arvana West helps wheel people to their rooms, opens doors for visitors and is active on the volleyball team. She concluded with the Bible quotation, "What your hand finds to do, do it with might."

Refreshments included cold banana pudding, as requested by the guest of honor and fruit punch. Visitors were Neva West Anderson, and Mrs. Iva Bonner, who dropped in on Mrs. Myra Dade. Employee with a July birthday was Lisa Yannis, (July 12). Visitors are always welcome to the birthday party on the third Thursday of each month. The party is held at 3 p.m.

Fortenberry Family Reunion to be held

By Norma Welch

Members and friends of the J.C. Fortenberry family will gather on Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st at the Massey Activity Center in Floydada for their 58th annual reunion.

The center will open at 12 noon and games and entertainment will begin at 6 p.m. Hamburgers and drinks will be furnished for supper. Bring a freezer of ice cream for the contest and a cake or cookies for dessert.

There will be games of all kinds for all ages along with a big surprise. On Saturday, August 1st, breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. The breakfast menu includes sourdough biscuits, sourdough rolls, sausage, juice and coffee.

An entertainment program and memorial, along with a short business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. At noon, bread, meat, drinks and utensils will be furnished. Bring and share your covered dish.

Hope to see all of you there.

Plague confirmed near Spearman

A warning concerning exposure to prairie dogs has been issued. Bubonic plague was confirmed last month in fleas collected from a prairie dog town in NE Hansford County, near Spearman, Texas, according to that county's emergency management coordinator.

People should avoid entering prairie dog towns that are exhibiting a population decline or that have "die-out." Dogs and cats should be kept away from the same areas. Good flea control on pets is essential when there is plague activity in an area. A child recently died of plague in New Mexico, possibly due to a fleabite

from fleas the family dog brought home. No flea control had been applied to the dog.

Dogs and cats may both develop lymphadenopathy and/or pneumonia from plague. This occurs more commonly in cats. Fluid from draining abscesses, respiratory droplets from coughing or sneezing animals are highly infectious to humans and other pets.

If entry into an area where plague has occurred is essential, a good insect repellent should be used and checking for fleas is advised. If exposure to possibly infected fleas has occurred, monitor your health for 10-14 days and be sure to inform your physician of possible plague exposure if you develop pneumonia, swollen lymph nodes or other "flu-like" symptoms.

King Family Reunion Held

Descendants of Rev. Robert and Malinda Ann King and their families attended the annual King family reunion Saturday, July 11 at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada.

A Friday night gathering was hosted by Keith and Neta Marble at their home near South Plains.

The reunion began at 10 a.m. Saturday. Following the noon meal catered by Triple T, the group was entertained with music by family members Joe and Cameran Nelson. Phil King chaired a brief business meeting before calling on family members to share information regarding their line of the family.

A report was given of recent family deaths, which included Roger Hillhouse, Zelma King, Thomas Ballard, Alice Marie Bolton, Gerald Lane Hill and Olive

King Hillhouse.

Those attending the reunion were Gerie and Mary Ann Marion of New Waverly; Anna Marion of Spring; Joé and Emily Nelson of Knox City; Cameran Nelson of Blanco, Ella and Ally Marion of Houston; Cara Kotchvar of Houston; Phil and Linda King of Allen; Bill and Elaine McMurphy of Rockport; Vernon and Lajuana Henning of Seminole; Marvin and June Wells of Denton; Donette Marble of Midland; Dale Powell of Plainview; Cindy, Elizabeth and Hallie Bertrand of Floydada; Keith and Neta Marble; Don and Nancy Marble; Morgan and Miles Marble; and Carolyn Marble of South Plains.

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Four straight days of higher highs, higher lows, and higher settlements came to an end on Wednesday in a volatile session on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE), an analyst reported. Despite earlier losses, speculative buying and the fundamental outlook firmed futures prices on Thursday.

"Cotton continued on its bull run, setting fresh highs dating back to October," a trader said. "Overseas prices stayed buoyant, the U.S. dollar lost ground, technicals were friendly, and there was not enough resistance to stymie the bulls."

On Friday, July 10, USDA added a bearish slant to its monthly supply/demand report, but it seemed to make little difference to the market. The latest USDA forecast for 2009 projected global cotton production at 106 million bales, slightly below the 2008 estimate and well below the four-year average of 120 million bales. The recent decline resulted from favorable prices for competing crops and global economic conditions that reduced global cotton mill demand by 10 percent in 2008/09.

Production among the world's major cotton producers has become more concentrated. The top five cotton producing countries now are forecast to account for more than 80 percent of global production in 2009, up from the four-year average of approximately 77 percent.

Domestically, the 2009 U.S. cotton production forecast remained unchanged despite a higher number of acres planted to cotton. The U.S. cotton crop for 2009/10 remained projected at 13.25 million bales in July, three percent more than the 2008/09 production figure. Despite an increase in planted area estimated in the June acreage report, a slightly higher abandonment rate was projected in July to reflect adverse conditions in Texas. The forecasts for harvested area and the national yield remained unchanged this month.

As the end of the 2008/09 season and the begin-

ning of 2009/10 approaches, offsetting adjustments were made to U.S. exports. Due to the recent strength seen in shipping rates, USDA raised U.S. cotton exports for 2008/09 a total of 600,000 bales to 13.3 million bales, similar to the previous two seasons' average.

Based on the latest supply and demand estimates, 2009/10 stocks are expected to decline from 6.0 million bales when the season starts on August 1, 2009, to 5.6 million bales at season's end. Although actual stocks are forecast to decline slightly, the stocks-to-use ratio is projected to increase from 36 percent in 2008/09 to about 41 percent in 2009/10.

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of 56,800 bales in the week ended July 9 were up 22 percent from the previous week but down 56 percent from the four-week average. Turkey, Mexico, and Peru were featured buyers. Net sales of 28,600 bales for delivery in 2009/10 were mainly for Turkey, Japan, and Thailand.

Export shipments of 225,500 bales were down 31 percent from the previous week and 25 percent from the four-week average. Major destinations included China, Mexico, and Turkey.

The weekly export sales report was being watched this week for confirmation that shipments would remain on track to reach the department's 13.3 million bale estimate for the marketing year. The figure came in slightly low as traders now estimate shipments will need to average 277,737 bales per week for the remainder of the marketing year.

On the spot cotton market, sales were significantly higher as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 3,754 bales online in the week ended July 16 compared to 307 bales the previous week. The average price received by producers ranged from 48.10 to 56.55 cents per pound.



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Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples (center) and Elaine LaBaume (left) of McDaniel Farm at the Family Land Heritage ceremony held in Austin at the Capitol on June 4. The McDaniel Farm in Briscoe County was honored for their acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. McDaniel Farm has been in continuous agricultural production since 1902 by the same family.

COMMISSIONER STAPLES HONORS 78 HISTORIC FARMS AND RANCHES

Ceremony recognizes Texans who have held land in the family for generations

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and the Texas Department of Agriculture today recognized 78 farms and ranches in 60 Texas counties at the 34th annual Family Land Heritage (FLH) ceremony. The ceremony was held in the House Chamber at the Texas State Capitol. The annual event recognizes families who have kept their farms and ranches in continuous agricultural production for more than 100 years. "Today, these families are the breath of life for their ancestors' dreams," Commissioner Staples said. "The land they have nurtured, loved and cared for will forever be a part of the past, present and future of this great state."

To date, TDA has recognized more than 4,300 properties in 235 counties across Texas. Fayette County has the most honorees to date with 145 recognized family operations. This is the first year the FLH program has recognized landowners in Parmer and Randall counties.

TDA honored one family

ranch in Duval County for being in continuous agricultural production for 200 years. Ten other family operations were cited for 150 years of agricultural service in Austin, Burnet, Fannin, Guadalupe, Henderson, Hopkins, Maçon, Navarro and Red River counties. Governor Rick Perry, a former agriculture commissioner himself, joined Commissioner Staples at this year's event to honor and thank the families for their amazing persistence and dedication to the land.

"There is nothing quite like the family farm or ranch, especially in Texas," Governor Perry said. "These places connect us to the land, to our heritage, and to God's creation in a way that can be hard to explain, and we are grateful to count so many sons and daughters of the land in our state's 24 million people. I congratulate all of today's honorees for representing the most enduring values of our state and commend you for your longevity. Congratulations on your heritage and thank you for all you do to

feed our state, our nation and our world."

Cowboy poet and entertainer Red Steagall performed at the ceremony. Ron Oliveira, KEYE TV news anchor, served as master of ceremonies.

The event was made possible thanks to sponsors including: Blue Bell Creameries; Country World News; Frito-Lay North America, Inc.; Monsanto; Sam's Club; Texas Deer Association Foundation; Texas Disposal Systems; Texas Electric Cooperatives; Texas Farm Bureau; Texas Oil and Gas Association; Texas Restaurant Association; Time Warner Cable; XTO Energy Inc.; and Walmart.

To view the complete list of FLH properties honored this year, visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov and click on the Family Land Heritage link.

- **City of Floydada Historical News**
- In May, 1928, a bid was awarded for the construction of a City Hall to H. E. Cannady for \$11,918.28. The City also approved moving the jail to the new City Hall location and expenses were approved for remodeling it along with the construction of the City Hall thus tying the Fire Hall, City Hall and City Jail all into one building.
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Obituaries



DEEOTA ODAM

Deeota "Dote" Odam of Floydada went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 19, 2009, ending a year-long struggle with complications from a stroke.

Family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009, at Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Floydada with Rev. Anthony Sisemore officiating. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Born December 24, 1912, in Wise County, Texas, to James H & Louella Poore. The family moved to the Lakeview Community in Floyd County when Deeota was a child.

Deeota was married to J C

"Jake" Odam for almost 45 years. They bought a home in Floydada in 1946 where she was a homemaker, a Girl Scout leader and active in Home Demonstration Club.

A charter member of Calvary Baptist Church of Floydada, Deeota served as church clerk for many years as well as a children's Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher and Women's Missionary Union member. She served her family, her church, her community, with the passion she found in Jesus Christ, often putting the needs of others ahead of her own. Having lived in Floydada most of her life, Deeota will be remembered for her work at church, her many hand-delivered casseroles, her crocheted afghans, and hand quilted lap blankets. Many will also remember her letters and cards, always with a cheerful note and words of encouragement. Even when arthritis made writing painful, the cards continued to be sent.

Deeota has now joined family members who went before her including her beloved husband, J C in 1979; daughter, Ella Darlene and son, John Hardy, who both died as infants; granddaughter, Eula Marie Waits, also died as an infant, and grandson, Kevin Derrial Viramonte of Congress, Arizona on January 9, 2009.

Deeota is survived by daugh-

ters, Virginia Waits of Hale Center, and Shelley Viramonte of Yarnell, Arizona; grandchildren, Debra Rice of Congress, Arizona, Elaine (Kerry) Siewert of San Angelo, John (Jacki) Waits of DeSoto, Karen (Tony) Rastetter of San Angelo, and Jeff (Stacy) Waits of Livingston, and Gary (Cheryl) Hill of Edgar, Wisconsin. She is also survived by a sister, Odessa Cage of Lubbock; nephew, Clay (Connie) Cage of Lubbock; sister-in-law, Maurette Poore of Springfield, Missouri; brother-in-law, Bill (Dell) Odam of San Antonio. There are 14 great-grandchildren, including Angie Rushing of Plainview; seven great-great grandchildren; and numerous other nephews, nieces and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Gideon's International or a favorite charity.

IRA FRANKLIN HENDERSON

Ira Franklin Henderson, formerly of Lockney, died July 20, 2009 in Malakoff, Texas.

Visitation was held at Lemons Funeral Home in Plainview, Texas on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Lemons Funeral Home. Interment will be at the Plainview Memorial Gardens.

Texas Lake and River Swimmers Reminded of Potential Health Risks

WACO, Texas (July 8, 2009) - With triple-digit temperatures continuing to scorch much of the state, Texans throughout the Brazos River basin are heading to nearby rivers and lakes. The Brazos River Authority encourages visitors to enjoy the water, while being aware of health risks associated with swimming in or around stagnant or slow-moving water.

Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), which is most common during the summer, is a rare disease caused by naegleria fowleri, an amoeba found in almost all untreated, fresh surface water and in soil. The amoeba thrives in low levels of fresh water that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slow-moving. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forced into

the nasal passages - usually from diving or jumping into water or from water skiing. The amoeba makes its way into the brain and spinal cord, destroying brain tissue.

Symptoms of the almost always fatal infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. Although PAM is rare - affecting about one to three people a year in Texas - those infected usually succumb to the disease within a week.

There have been no known PAM cases in Texas yet this year, though nine have been reported in the state since 2000, including one in 2008.

To prevent infection, it is recommended that those taking part

in warm, fresh water-related activities use nose clips or hold their noses shut while jumping into water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it is best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. The Texas Department of Health recommends that people avoid stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously.

PAM cannot be spread person to person nor by drinking water. Swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintain and chlorinated are generally safe, as is salt water.

For more information contact the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Information Office at (512) 458-7400.

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 School10:00 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 School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

- CARR'S CHAPEL**
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening-Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 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 Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed.Music
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

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

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 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 School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

- GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

- MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 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 School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ..7:00 p.m.

- NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing10:30 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 Praise5:00 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 School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 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. Evening6:00 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 School10:00 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 School9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
EveningService.....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. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

- TEMPLO SALEM BAUTISTA**
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

- TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

- TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service....7:30 p.m.

- TRINITY ASSEMBLY**
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.

- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
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EEE also has been reported in July in horses in Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and Virginia.

By Robert Burns
COLLEGE STATION – Storm fronts brought much needed rain and cooler temperatures to some parts of Texas.

However, the fronts left other drought-stricken areas – notably the southern half of the state – high and dry, according to the National Weather Service (<http://water.weather.gov/>).

Even where there was rain, substantial accumulations were spotty as of the morning of July 21. While some isolated areas received 3 inches or more, accumulations were less than 1 inch most everywhere else.

Record high temperatures – as high as 108 degrees in the southern parts of the state – further stressed crops and livestock. For the Southwest and other regions, the summer of 2009 was shaping up to be the hottest, driest one on record, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

More information on drought in Texas can be found at the Web site of the Drought Joint Information Center at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: Extreme temperatures and no rainfall. Most all areas remained in need of precipitation. Stock tanks were rapidly drying up. Crop harvests were

Texas crop and weather

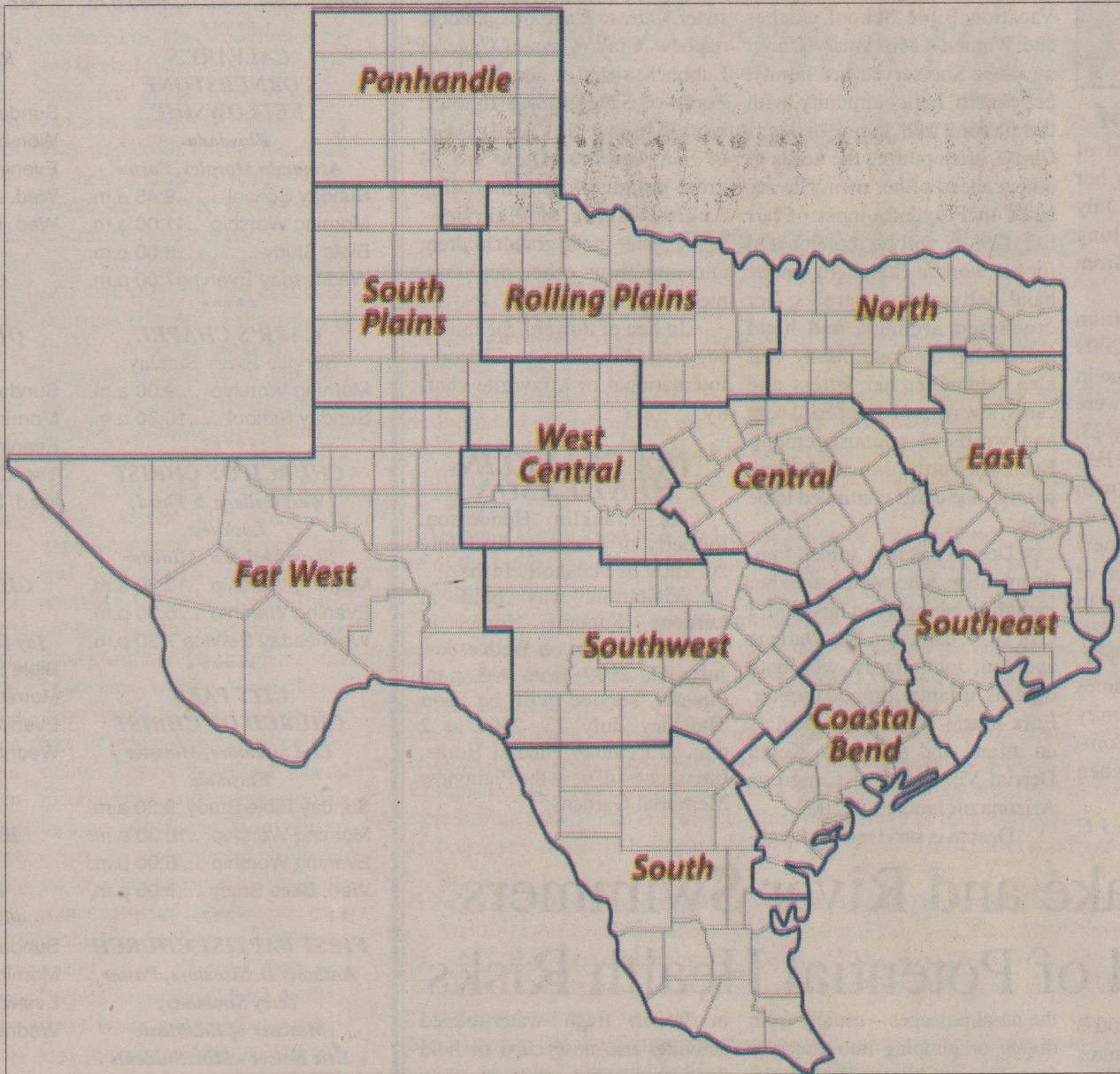
Storms do little to relieve drought

slowed drastically or stopped all together. Many producers began or continued supplementing cattle. Producers across the area were liquidating their herds.

looked good, and producers were spraying for insects and weeds. Hay was being cut. Grain sorghum was maturing. Record high temperatures took a toll on all vegetation. All plants were under severe stress. Pasture

conditions nosedived because of temperatures from 105 to 108. Flies were abundant and continued to be a problem.

SOUTH: Extremely hot, dry and windy conditions continued for most of the reporting period. Temperatures above 100 degrees – as high as 108 degrees in some areas – took a toll on rangeland and pastures. Livestock producers were heavily culling or liquidating their herds due to the high cost of hay and extremely dry stock tanks. Corn and sorghum were being harvested in the northern parts of the region. Peanuts were pegging, and cotton was setting bolls. A few late-planted pea fields in the eastern part of the region were setting pods and rapidly maturing. In the western counties, cotton was doing well under heavy irrigation. In the southern counties, cotton crops were progressing well and grain harvests were under way.



Cotton did well under hot daytime temperatures. Producers continued to irrigate pecans and cotton. Some southwestern cotton rust was found, but fungicide sprays controlled the disease, according to Texas AgriLife personnel. Most dryland cotton looked good after the last rain, but after hot, windy days it needed more rain to keep it growing. Haygrazer was completely planted and doing well. Pecan nut development was about 60 percent complete with little pest pressure reported. Growers completed their third cutting and baling of alfalfa. Chiles were in full bloom with fields showing signs of heat stress.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from adequate to short. Daytime temperatures hovered near 100 degrees for most of the reporting period. The hot weather was taking its toll on crops and pastures. Corn appeared to be way below average due to excess water during the growing season in May. Ears were not filling out in many areas, with many fields being harvested as silage. Hay yields continued to be at about average for summer grasses, though the number of cuttings have been halved in many areas. Winter wheat and oats have been harvested. Soybeans and sorghum were in fair condition. Cotton and rice were in fair to good condition. Livestock were in fair to good condition. The extreme heat hurt milk production at dairies. Range and pastures continued to be in poor shape due to hot weather and lack of rain.

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture remained short in most areas. High temperatures and wind stressed crops, and most producers were applying full irrigation. Corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans were reported in good condition and sorghum was reported as fair. Insect activity was light for July. Producers were controlling weeds with herbicides. Rangeland was drying out. Some producers were supplying protein blocks to cattle because of lack of rain, but livestock in general were doing well.

ROLLING PLAINS: Conditions remained extremely hot and dry with temperatures well above the century mark for most of the reporting period. Cotton

SOUTH PLAINS: Hot, dry conditions were the norm with some areas receiving scattered rain. Soil moisture was short except for a few areas that received showers. Weed control and irrigation were the main field activities. Most crops were in need of rain. Increased heat units promoted cotton progress with growth stages ranging from early-square to bloom. Corn was in good condition and beginning to tassel. Early planted sorghum was heading. Pastures and rangeland were drying up. Some supplemental feeding of livestock continued.

SOUTHEAST: Conditions were hot and dry for most of the reporting period. The grain sorghum harvest was nearly complete in some areas; just beginning in others. Sorghum stalks were thus far testing safe for nitrates and prussic acid. Many cattle producers were moving cattle to available grass or sending calves to market earlier than normal. Some were culling cattle herds.

SOUTHWEST: The hottest, driest summer on record continued with no end in sight, according to AgriLife Extension personnel. Winds and a series of extremely hot, dry days aggravated the drought and increased incidences of roadside and field wildfires. The soil profile was very dry. Except for deferred pastures, forages were nearly nonexistent. Non-irrigated pastures and ranges made almost no progress. The cantaloupe and watermelon harvests were close to completion. Corn and sorghum harvests were gradually gaining momentum, but below-average yields were reported. Cotton, peanuts and pecans made excellent progress under heavy irrigation. The start of the grape harvest was eminent.

WEST CENTRAL: Extremely hot, dry conditions continued with record high temperatures. Soil moisture levels continued to decline. Rain was needed in all areas. Burn bans were reinstated. Triple-digit temperatures were hard on all crops. Rangeland and pastures were in very poor condition.

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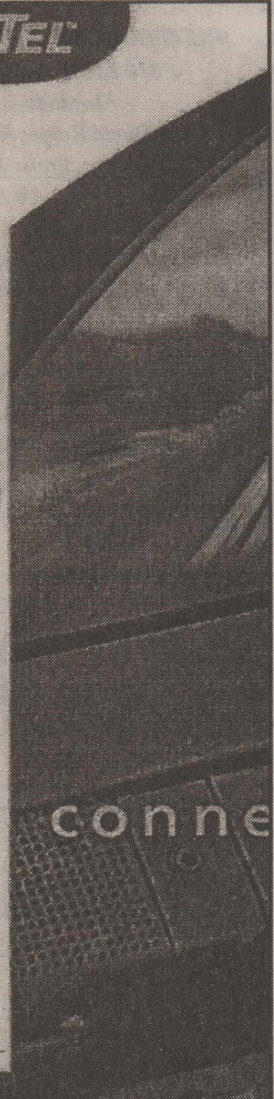
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