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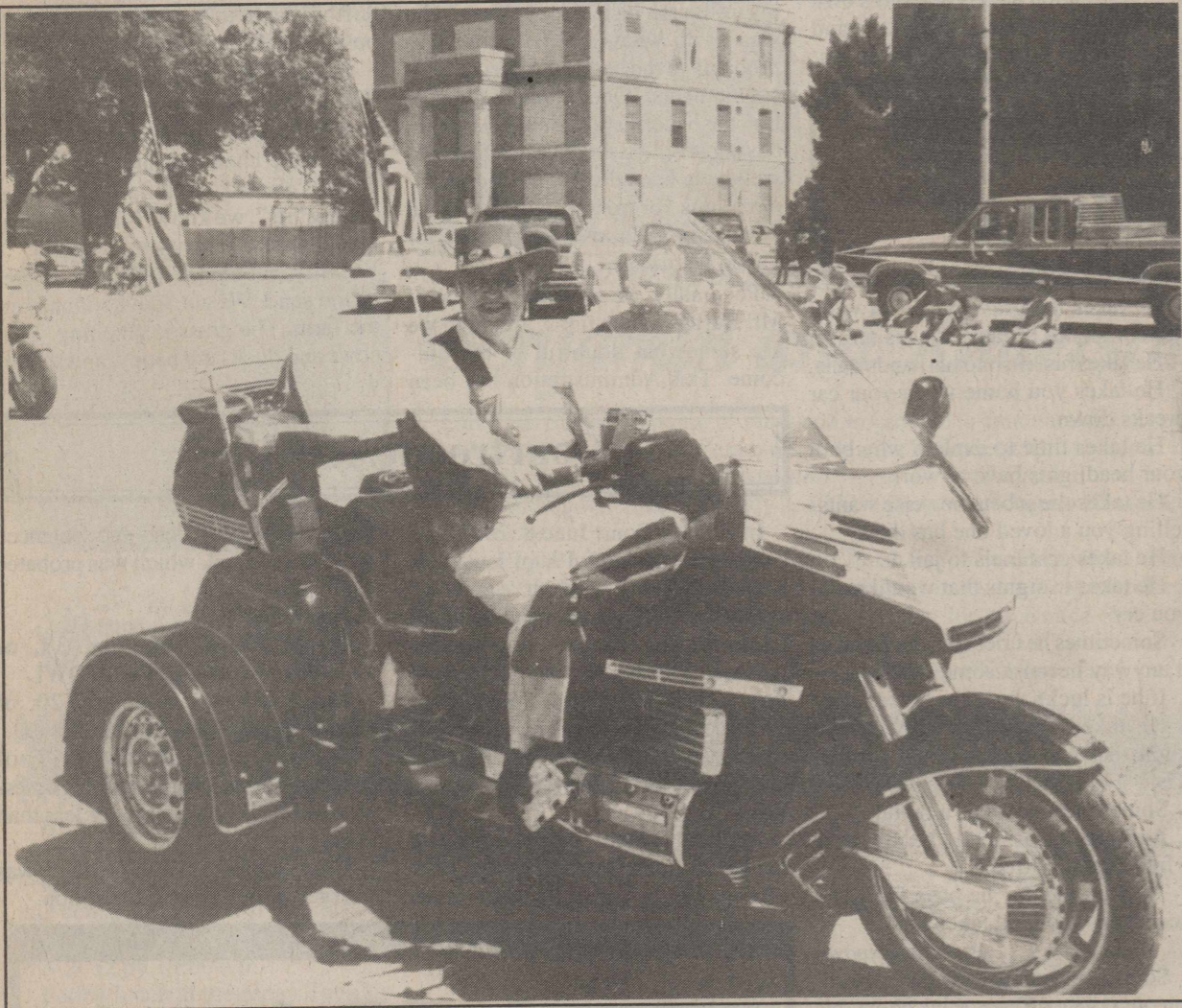
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# "Senior Citizen" enjoys thrill of motorcycles



GLEVA SMITH SHOWS OFF HER "4 WHEELER"

## Lockney Council hears complaint of motorcycle recreational tax

Lockney Councilmembers engaged in a lively conversation during their regular council meeting, June 13, concerning the taxing of motorcycles after a citizen asked the council to reconsider taxing motorcycles as "recreational vehicles."

Chuck Afill appeared before the council and said he felt it was not right to classify motorcycles as recreational vehicles. "This means we pay taxes on them forever," said Afill. "I consider my motorcycle as transportation even though it is not my main source of transportation."

"If I had a 1962 Corvette it would be parked in the garage. It would not be my main source of transportation either but according to the appraisal district it would not be considered a recreational vehicle. The car would eventually depreciate and after a while I wouldn't have to pay taxes on it."

"I don't mind paying taxes on my motorcycle, I just don't think it should stay on the tax rolls forever."

"We thought it would be like a car," said Councilman Bill Anderson. "Why did we approve that? It should go off the tax rolls after 6 or 7 years."

"We probably wouldn't have voted that way if we had understood this," said Mayor Gary Marr.

Anderson asked Afill if he had asked the Appraisal office about the tax and Afill said yes. "They told me

to go ask all the taxing entities that voted in the tax--so that is what I am doing. I would like you to question the Appraisal District about it."

After a great deal of discussion City Secretary Charlotte Hooten researched previous minutes and produced the resolution that was passed by the City of Lockney September 9, 1999--at approximately the same time as the other taxing entities in the county.

It read, "Be it resolved by the City of Lockney...that a tax will be levied on personal property (vehicles, travel trailers, airplanes, and motorcycles). This resolution will be effective for fiscal year 2000 and all future years unless entities make a change for Floyd County Ad valorem Tax roll."

It was approved by all councilmen, except for Roger Stapp and Tina Graves.

"Whatever has been done has to stay for the year," said City Attorney Paul Lyle. "It appears after reading this resolution that motorcycles were listed as personal property. If you voted against it you would have been voting against personal property taxation."

"That is the way I understood it," said Stapp.

"It sure wasn't clear that the motorcycles would stay on the tax roll forever," said Anderson.

"Maybe it was presented vaguely to everyone else too," said Mayor Marr. "I'm glad Chuck brought it to our attention."

Only one citizen attended a 10:00 a.m. public hearing to give input on zoning changes. Ann Ford spoke in favor of allowing trailer homes in the zoned area. No citizens expressed opposition to the idea.

The council then approved a zoning change from N.E. 4th going north to Guest Street; from E. Guest and 4th to S.E. 8th to East Locust Street; and from East Locust back to N.E. 4th Street.

Rezoning this area will allow mo-

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**Correction**  
 It was incorrectly reported in last week's paper that Lowe's Pay-N-Save provided the hamburger meat for Relay For Life event. Lockney Meat and Caprock Meat provided the hamburgers for the Boy Scouts to cook. We apologize for the error.

There is nothing unusual about a 67 year old woman getting a driver's license. However, Gleva Smith's application for a motorcycle license did raise a few eyebrows.

"When the clerks saw I was getting a motorcycle license they asked me how old I was," said Gleva. "When I told them my age they laughed and asked me if I was going to join the Hell's Angels."

Although she doesn't make the Hell's Angels rallies, Gleva and her 68 year old husband, Billy Jo, do stay busy on the motorcycle circuit.

"There are a lot of other people just like us riding motorcycles," said Gleva. "It is like the 'Good Sams' clubs except we ride motorcycles instead of driving in motorhomes."

Gleva and Billy Joe have only been riding motorcycles since February 1999. When they decided to get into the hobby they went all out and even found a way to make some money at it.

"My husband always wanted a Honda Gold Wing," said Gleva. "I told him if he was going to get one he better get busy. After he bought it he de-

ecided it was too heavy to drive."

The Smiths started investigating the conversion kits which add two more wheels to the back of the motorcycle (in much the same way that training wheels are attached to a two-wheel bicycle).

"We traveled to Chicago in February of '99, and toured the factory that makes the conversion kits," said Gleva. "We came home with three kits. Our boys, Victor and Johnny, added the kits to their bikes. Our daughter-in-law, Phyllis, also added a conversion kit on her bike."

According to Gleva the "Voyager Conversion Kits" are new to this area. After enjoying their rides with the kit the couple decided to go into business selling the conversions.

The Smiths travel to rallies and parades showing off their conversion kits. The kits sell at a base price of \$3,695 - \$4,800.

Gleva says she has never driven a two wheeler motorcycle. "After we got the kit on my husband's bike I drove behind him for a while and then he would sit in back and I would drive."

Now the couple enjoys their trips together and with their children. "We travel to New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, and all around Texas," said Gleva.

"We enjoy Gold Wing Rallies. They are different than most rallies. There are lots of people just like us."

According to Gleva, more older people and women like these conversion kits. "Some people who have ridden all their lives will get to where they can't hold up a motorcycle and these kits work great for them."

"Some couples buy the kits and then drive together where they are going. When they get there the man may take off the kit and then drive around on two wheels. The kit is not a permanent modification--you can take it on and off in five minutes."

The Smiths have been married for 50 years. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary August 27, 1950. Both are graduates of FHS and will also celebrate their 50th High School reunion next month.

Billy Jo and Gleva have lived in Floyd County all of their lives. Billy Jo is a retired farmer, having farmed in Floyd County since 1949.

## Kidd begins work as IPM agent

Phillip W. Kidd is replacing Ron Graves as the new Floyd County Extension Service Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agent. Kidd began his duties in Floyd County on May 15th and has been full-time since June 1st.

Kidd will be helping farmers with their insect and pest problems in both Crosby and Floyd counties. Kidd comes from Meadow in Terry County where he held this same position since December, 1995, along with duties in Yoakum county.

Kidd graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.A. degree in 1993 and completed his Masters degree in 1995. He worked with the Texas A&M Experiment Station for two years.

Kidd, with his wife, Lana, and their two boys, 11 year old Tyler, and 6 year

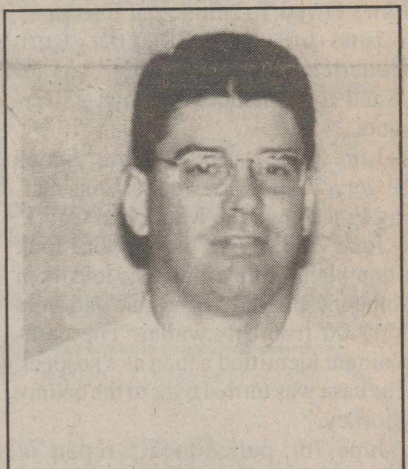
old Landon, will be moving to Lockney soon. Kidd graduated from LHS in 1982. His parents are Roy and Linda Kidd of Lockney.

Kidd said, "Most of what I do is cotton related. However, I deal with all different crops and even urban pests problems, such as tree diseases or pests in trees. But 85 percent of what I do is agricultural and most of that is cotton."

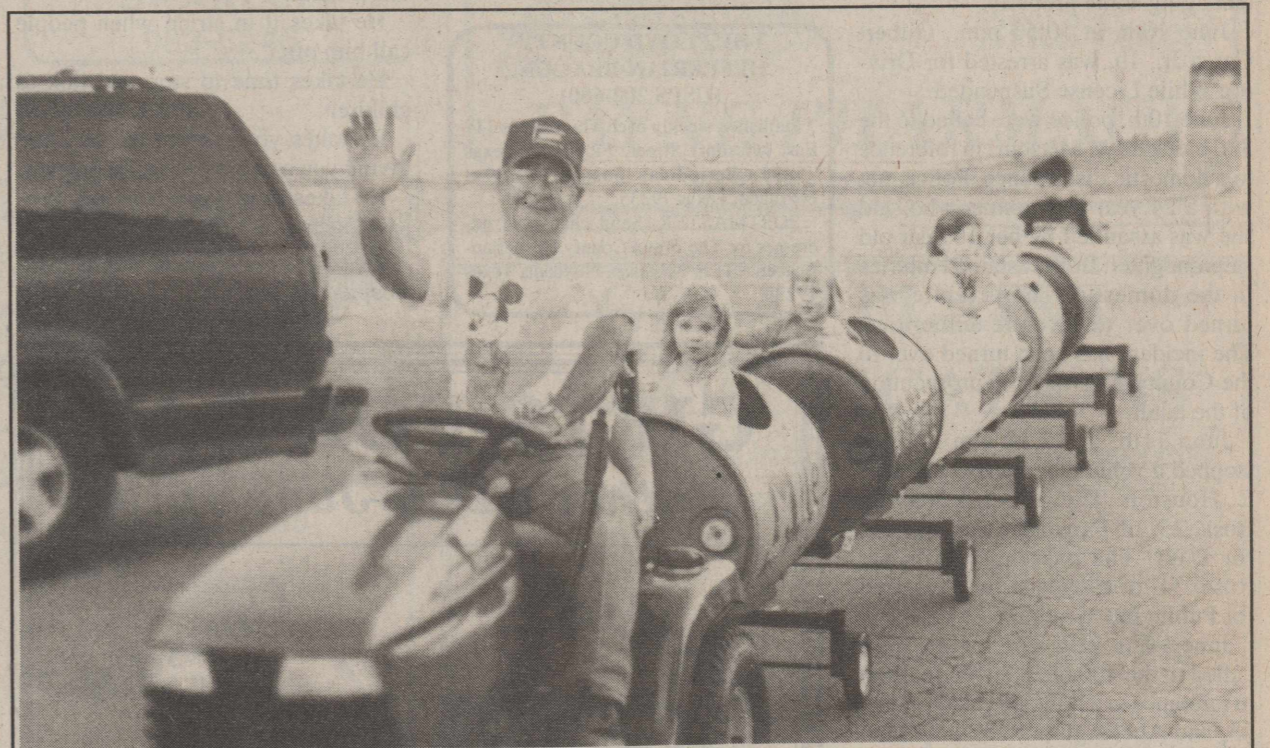
Concerning the cotton boll weevil eradication program Kidd said, "It is inevitable and at some point we will have to eradicate. There are so many areas that have gone into eradication now and so much money has gone into it, this area would always be a threat to those that have (eradicated)."

"I am not saying I am for or against it, but I do think it is a good program

and I think it probably is the cheapest way to deal with the boll weevil even if it is a lot of money."



PHILLIP KIDD



LOVE THEM GRANDKIDS--Ed Marks, (above) of Lockney, was seen driving through Lockney, Monday evening, entertaining his grandkids with a brand new train he has built for them. The cars are personalized for each child. "Poppy's Express" was going back to

the depot after taking the kids to Dairy Queen for an ice cream (below), Ed says when the grandkids aren't visiting he will probably drive through town and pick up any kid who wants a ride.

Staff Photo



IT'S NOT A PRETTY SIGHT--Monday, June 12, the demolition crews were busy tearing down the remainder of the First Baptist Church Sunday School building. A fire gutted the building on March 12. Staff Photo

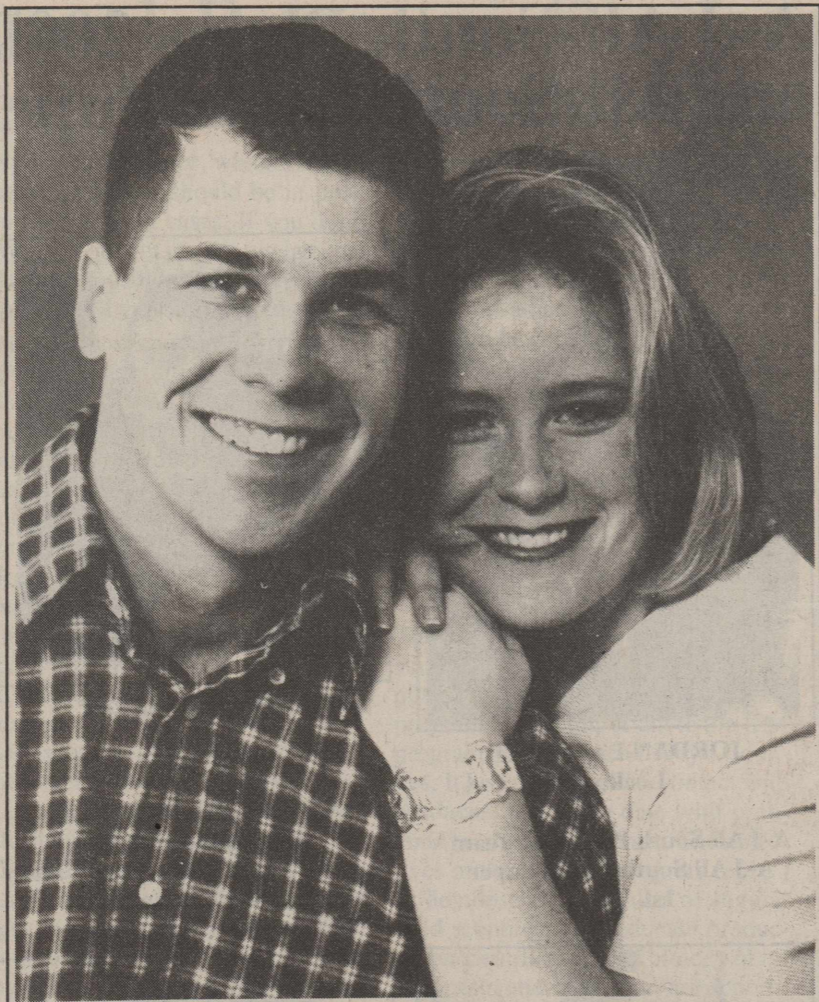


**"Texas in the Swing" to perform in Legends of Western Swing Festival**

Jimmy Burson and Texas in the Swing will play again this year at the Legends of Western Swing Music Festival. They perform at the Multi Purpose Events Center in Wichita Falls on Wednesday, June 21st in the afternoon from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. and again that night from 8:05 to 9:20 p.m.

Members of the band include Jimmy Burson of Silverton, Lucy Dean Record of Lockney, Cecil White of Lubbock and Dr. Ricky Cross of Plainview.

Texas in the Swing has just returned from a nine day playing engagement at Silver Dollar City, Branson, Missouri. They played four times daily. Silver Dollar City doubled their seating capacity at the Frisco Freight Barn and still the band played to a full house and sometimes standing room only at their performances. They were one of two swing western swing bands invited to play at the three week festival. The other band played their engagement at the first part of the music festival with Texas in the Swing playing the last nine days.



CHAD W. BENJAMIN AND JESSICA L. ANDERSON

**Benjamin and Anderson**

Larry and Stella Benjamin of Floydada would like to announce the engagement of their son, Chad W. Benjamin, to Jessica L. Anderson, daughter of Dr. Allan and Natalie Anderson of Amarillo.

The wedding will take place July 3, 2000 in Canyon at Country Homes Bed and breakfast.

The couple will reside in Lubbock to finish school at Texas Tech. Chad graduates in August of 2001 with his Bachelors in Business Management. Following graduation, he will begin pilot training for the United States Air Force.

Jessica will pursue a degree in Nursing and Human Development.

**Shipp and Patton united in marriage**

Callie Faye Shipp of Springtown and Zachary Scott Patton of Houston, were united in marriage June 10, 2000 at five o'clock in the evening at First Christian Church in Fort Worth.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Ruth Shipp of Springtown. She is the granddaughter of Ruth Vedder of River Oaks. The bridegroom is the son of George and Donna Patton of Abernathy. He is the grandson of Vernie Jameson of Plainview and Edna Patton of Floydada. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Darren Walker and Dr. Roy Martin. Music was provided by Charles Duke, organist, and Susie Dennis, soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a princess style sleeveless gown of white satin accented with pearls around the neckline finished with a double row of pearls down to the end of the chapel-length train. The bride wore an elbow length veil with a narrow satin ribbon held in place with a pearl tiara.

The Maid of Honor was Jami Clinton of Fort Worth. Bridesmaids were Laura Karwatka, Beth McDonough and Susie Dennis.

The Best Man was Zeke Patton of Abernathy. Groomsmen were Blake Picquet, Kyle Connor and Scott Smith. Ushers included J.R. Shipp, head usher, Grant Shipp, Brian Martin and Eric Schulze.

A reception followed at Sundancer Ballroom, Clarion Hotel downtown. Cakes were provided by A Taste of Europe and flowers were provided by Springtown Flower and Gift. The music was provided by BeDazzled Entertainment.

The groom's parents, George and Donna Patton, hosted the rehearsal dinner at Cattleman's Steakhouse in the Fort Worth Stockyards.

The bride is a graduate of Texas



MR. & MRS. ZACHARY SCOTT PATTON (nee Callie Faye Shipp)

Tech University where she received a Master of Science degree in Environmental Engineering. She is employed as an engineer with Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam in Houston. The bridegroom is a graduate of

Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology and a minor in MIS. He was an Engineering Ambassador. He is employed as a Network Engineer by OAO Corporation in Houston.

After a honeymoon in Kennebunkport, Maine, the couple will make their home in Houston.

"Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13: 7-8



**Floydada Senior Citizen News**

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you. If you plan on eating lunch, please call the center at 983-2032 by 10:00 a.m.

Eating lunch at the center Tuesday, June 6th, was Emma LaBaume from Stevensville who was here visiting her son, Jon LaBaume and his wife, Elaine.

Margaret Jackson attended a family reunion on her mother's side "Horton" in Abilene this past weekend with 50 family members attending.

Edna Patton spent last weekend in Ft. Worth visiting with a niece, Thelma, and Bill Kent. She also attended the wedding of grandson, Zack Patton and Callie Shipp at the First Christian Church in Ft. Worth.

Monday, June 12th, Frank Webb from Kingsland ate lunch at the center. He used to be the butcher at Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store and left Floydada in 1961. He came back to visit his daughter and family, Helen and Melvin Terrell.

Our sympathy to Elaine LaBaume

on the loss of her father, Ashel McDaniel. He lived at Silverton but passed away while living at a care center in Tulia a few weeks ago.

Our sympathy to Yvonne Thaxton on the loss of her aunt.

Our sympathy to Margaret Soudelier on the loss of her son-in-law.

Our sympathy to the family of Carlos Arrellano.

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

In memory of **Maureen Parks**: Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Calahan, Alton and Sue Higginbotham, Ruby Higginbotham, Elizabeth Armstrong.

In memory of **Phillip Owens**: Tom and Edwina Emert, Bill and Norma Feuerbacher.

In memory of **Arla Copeland**: Ruby Higginbotham.

In memory of **Irene Irby**: Tom and Edwina Emert, Judy Beedy, Alton and Sue Higginbotham, Ruby Higginbotham.

In memory of **Clara Hammonds**: Tom and Edwina Emert.

In memory of **Ralph Taylor**: Tom

and Edwina Emert.

In memory of **Jacqueline Owen**: Alton and Sue Higginbotham, Ruby Higginbotham.

Thought for the Week

Nothing is work unless you'd rather be doing something else. --George Halas

Menu June 19-23

**Monday**-Chicken Pot Pie, Macaroni or pea salad, cornbread, cherry or plum cobbler

**Tuesday**-Roast Turkey, Sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed salad with Thousand Island dressing, wheat roll, cranberry dessert or cranberry bread

**Wednesday**-Braised beef and brown gravy, hominy or rice, brussels sprouts, carrot sticks, cornbread, peach cobbler

**Thursday**-BBQ pork on a bun, tater tots or fries, carrots, pickles, pineapple gelatin, gingerbread, molasses cookie or peanut butter cookie

**Friday**-Crispy fish, baked beans, broccoli, coleslaw, cornbread, chocolate pudding



**KIMBERLY DAWN GARZA**--was named 3rd runner-up Young Diamond Miss and Glamour Girl in the State Diamond Miss. She will be going to Nationals in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma July 29th-August 2nd. She thanks everyone who bought raffle tickets for the VCR. The money went towards her entry at State Competition in Abilene.

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# Texas Agricultural Extension Service Integrated Pest Management update

**by Phillip Kidd**  
**GREETINGS:** My name is Phillip Kidd and I have replaced Ron Graves as the IPM Agent for Crosby and Floyd counties. I transferred here from Terry and Yoakum counties, where I have been the IPM Agent since December of 1995. I have already met many of you and I hope to meet many more in due time. Please contact me any time you have a pest problem or need information. I will always be pleased to help in any way possible.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:** All of the area received welcome rain last week. Totals were over three inches in places. A few fields have been replanted due to poor stands, but most of the area crops are in fair to good shape. Cotton ranges from unplanted dryland to 5" true leaf stage.

**GLYPHOSATE APPLICATIONS:** Glyphosate (RoundUp Ultra, Glyphomax Plus, etc.) should be applied to RoundUp Ready cotton prior to the 5th true leaf stage, or when the 5th true leaf is no larger than a quarter. Remember to count nodes rather than leaves in case leaves have been knocked off. Applications after this stage can result in reduced yields. Nodes generally develop at a rate of one every 3-5 days, so be prepared and don't miss the window. For more information, contact my office or see the June 11, 1999 issue of *Focus on Entomology*, which can be accessed through the following website: <http://entowww.tamu.edu>.

**BOLL WEEVIL MANAGEMENT:** The cheapest way to deal with boll weevils emerging from habitat is to band an insecticide at the match head square stage. This is a very effective control method. The objective of these applications is to eliminate boll weevils before they can begin to successfully reproduce in 1/3-grown squares (about the size of a pencil eraser). If these applications are not properly timed, they will be only marginally successful. Therefore, you should have pheromone traps positioned around the perimeter of fields at least two weeks prior to pinhead square to assist in making this management decision (See trap index below).

Timing is absolutely critical. If you

are going to use traps, which I highly recommend, they should be in position now in most cases. If you don't have them out yet it's not too late, but get them in position right away. These traps will tell you if you need to treat the field and when you can stop treating the field. Multiple applications will be required on some fields to be successful. If you intend to band an insecticide, which is not only the cheapest but also a very effective way to control this pest, you need to get a spray rig ready to roll.

Remember these are cheap applications which can be very effective if properly timed. The expensive applications are the ones dealing with mid and late season multiple pest complex situations. You may be able to avoid these expensive applications. Properly timed overwintered boll weevil applications should control this pest in your fields until migration begins.

**THRIPS IN COTTON:** Cotton should be scouted for thrips as plants begin to emerge. Thrips are slender, straw colored insects about 1/15 inch long, with rasping and sucking mouthparts. Adults are winged and are capable of drifting long distances in the wind. Thrips attack leaves, leaf buds and very small squares and may cause a silvering of the lower leaf surface, deformed or blackened leaves, terminal loss and square loss. Under some conditions, heavy infestations may reduce stands, stunt plants and delay fruiting and maturity. Thrips damage is most evident during cool, wet periods when small cotton is growing slowly. Thrips problems are more prevalent in areas with large winter wheat acreage.

The number of thrips per plant to use as a treatment guideline increases as plants add more leaves. An average of one thrips per true leaf is a good treatment threshold. Applications for thrips have been justified in some program fields this year. So far, only fields with no at-plant systemic insecticide have needed an application to control thrips. However, applications are often justified following a rain event on fields where an at-plant insecticide was used.

**GRASSHOPPERS:** Grasshopper infestations have been reported along

the margins of some fields throughout the High Plains this year. Though they are susceptible to many insecticides, grasshoppers are sometimes difficult to control due to their movement from adjacent hosts into Cotton. They can be very damaging when not controlled. Basically, they eat entire plants. It has been my experience that the best tactic is to treat the source, or adjacent host, when possible. Contact my office for more information or for a copy of Extension publication L-5201, "Grasshoppers and Their Control".

**FIELD SCOUTING PROGRAM:** The 2000 Field Scouting Program started about two weeks ago with the positioning of boll weevil traps. This program is very important to the IPM program in Crosby and Floyd Counties. It keeps me in close contact with producers and up to date with problems producers encounter. The objectives of the scouting program are: 1) to demonstrate the value of regular field scouting, 2) to educate producers on identification and biology of insect pests and beneficial arthropods, 3) to assist producers with pest management decisions, 4) to educate producers on crop growth and development, and 5) to collect pest information from all areas of Crosby and Floyd counties and to provide this information through this newsletter.

Fields enrolled in the Scouting program will be checked once each week and a detailed report of that field inspection will be provided to the producer. Fields will be checked a second time if needed, at my discretion. Boll weevil pheromone traps will be used on all fields in this program and are provided at no additional charge. The Crosby-Floyd Pest Management Committee has set the price for the 2000 scouting program at \$5.00 per acre for all crops.

We still have room for more fields in the 2000 program, especially in northern Floyd County. However, the total number of acres in this program is limited to about 4,000, so I prefer to take no more than two fields per producer. If you would like to enroll a field or would like more information contact me at 675-2426 or 632-5050.

# Floyd County Farm News



"PUTTING ON THE ROUND-UP" TIME-Most farmers in the area have been busy putting on Round-up on Round-up ready cotton. Recent rains have allowed even the dryland farmers to get their seed planted. Jerry McGuire is shown applying Round-up to his cotton field located south of Daugherty. Staff Photo

## TDA announces Boll Weevil zone changes

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced today that two proposals to transfer approximately 80,000 acres to the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have passed.

In the first referendum, 92.5 percent of the eligible cotton growers voted to transfer portions of Briscoe and Motley counties to the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

In the second referendum, 70.5 percent of the eligible cotton growers voted to transfer all the area below the Caprock in Garza, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd and Motley counties to the Northern Rolling Plains zone. All of Kent County also was included in this referendum.

These areas requested to part of the Northern Rolling Plains zone because they have similar geographic boundaries and share similar growing conditions.

The Northern Rolling Plains zone was formally created in April 1999 and previously consisted of approximately 340,000 acres in 14 counties: Gray, Wheeler, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, Childress, Cottle, King, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Foard, and portions of Archer.

Cotton growers in Briscoe, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Kent and Motley counties were not part of an active eradication zone.

## Unity Center news

By Jon J. La Baume, Manager

The last two months have been busy for the Unity Center. "Fourteen event days took place at the Unity Center with 4278 people attending the events. The events by category included one Commercial Agriculture event, four Youth events, eight Community events and one Commercial Community event.

Community events are those defined as events that support and enrich community activities in the county such as the Floyd County Fair, Floyd County Friends Unity Center, etc. Commercial Community events are events such as the Lighthouse Electric Coop Annual Meeting, Youth events are events such as 4-H Club meetings, Stock Show meeting, etc.

People and/or organizations that were involved in these fourteen events during April and May were Roundup/Boll Gard Ready Cotton, Lockney 4-H, Floyd County Fair Board, Floyd County Friends Board, Floydada First Baptist Church, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Floyd County Stock Show Board, Lockney Methodist Church, and Gospel Jamboree.

## Ragland reports to County Court

During a monthly meeting June 12, Floyd County Commissioners approved farm contracts, reviewed finances, and heard a county report from Extension Agent J.D. Ragland. Commissioners approved farm contracts for: cutting a fire break for Jerry Veach; cleaning pits for Bud Taylor and J. Welch; filling a pit for Max Yearly, and cleaning a drainage ditch for Billy Gene Hinkle.

A request from the Lockney J.P. Michelle Araujo for \$100.00 in petty cash was approved. Araujo made the request so she could give change to people making payments for fines.

Ragland reported on 4-H activities and crops in the county.

"We will be taking 18 kids to the State 4-H Round-up this week," said Ragland. "We are competing with our Rifle Team, Horse Judging, Nutrition, Fashion Show, Food Group, and Share-The Fun.

"We also have some kids that are being interviewed to go on the National 4-H Congress Trip."

Ragland said timely rains had helped Floyd County cotton and producers were now applying round-up. "We have more wheat harvested than was expected and the pumpkins have just been planted," said Ragland. "We've got about 40,000 acres in grain sorghum planted."

County Treasurer Mary Shurbet gave the monthly treasurer's report.

At the end of May, 2000 Shurbet reported a beginning balance of \$249,129.94 for the county.

Receipts total \$150,602.03; Transfer's in \$144,010.66; Transfer's out \$144,010.66; Disbursements \$168,720.84; leaving a balance of \$231,011.13.

Each commissioner's precinct has the following amount in CD's: Pct. #1, \$15,000; #2, \$55,000; #3, \$230,000; #4, \$20,000. The interest earned on CD's and checking accounts since Oct. 1, 1999 is \$32,039.94.

The commissioners approved a transfer of \$60,000 from the Road and Bridge fund, which will be evenly divided into each commissioner's precinct funds.

**Bollgard and RR varieties are top choices**

By Shawn Wade  
 High Plains cotton producers continue to plant large amounts of BollGard and RoundupReady cotton varieties in 2000 hoping to reap the benefits of streamlined weed and insect management programs.

The High Plains should see some 2.5 million acres, or more, planted to genetically modified varieties.

The move appears to be working based on increasing use of GM products. The USDA Economic Research Service recently published the results of study that looked into the adoption of so-called GM, or genetically modified, varieties of major U.S. field crops.

In cotton the study indicated that through 1998, the last data available for the analysis, cotton producers had adopted the use of GM varieties on over 40 percent of U.S. cotton acres. The figures include both herbicide resistant and Bt technologies.

Overall GM cotton varieties have been shown to provide real benefits though increased yields, streamlined pest management programs and an overall reduction in the amounts of pesticides used to produce a crop.

The study concluded that perceived benefits such as higher yields, lower pest management costs and greater cropping flexibility continue to outweigh the costs associated with the use of these technologies.

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Reservations for booth rentals, \$60.00 for 10 X 10, \$100.00 for food booths (no cooking allowed inside building, food warmers okay).

Fair building will furnish businesses signs, and decorated booths. Call Melissa Bigham at 806-652-3683 or Alice Carthel at 806-652-2739.

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