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Stapp recovering from Brown Recluse bite

By Alice Gilroy

Andy Stapp, of Lockney, has recently found out just how much pain the bite of a Brown Recluse spider can inflict. Still recovering from the bite, Stapp is now facing possible surgery to remove rotting skin.

Stapp says he was bitten on the back of his leg July 1st, and he believes the bite occurred in a storage shed.

"I never felt the bite," said Stapp. "You don't feel anything when bitten. There is no sting."

Stapp first noticed a small red bump. Within 48 hours the small bump was the size of a "dinner plate".

"The bite also started developing a hole in the center and swelling up real big."

Stapp says by day 4 there was a place the size of a 50 cent piece where the "skin was rotted out".

"It got deep enough for me to stick my entire finger in it," said Stapp. "I also had fever and the shakes for about four nights. The initial bite doesn't hurt but it sure hurts afterwards."

Stapp is being treated now with antibiotics and says the red area has decreased to approximately 4 inches by 4 inches. "But the rotted center hasn't gone away."

Stapp said he will probably be faced with the decision to cut out the center and then sew the skin

back together.

"Sometimes the skin grows back together after the surgery and sometimes it just rots back out," said Stapp.

"This whole process has been pretty strange and fascinating. People have been very interested in watching what the bite is doing to my skin—I think I've been a type of science experiment."

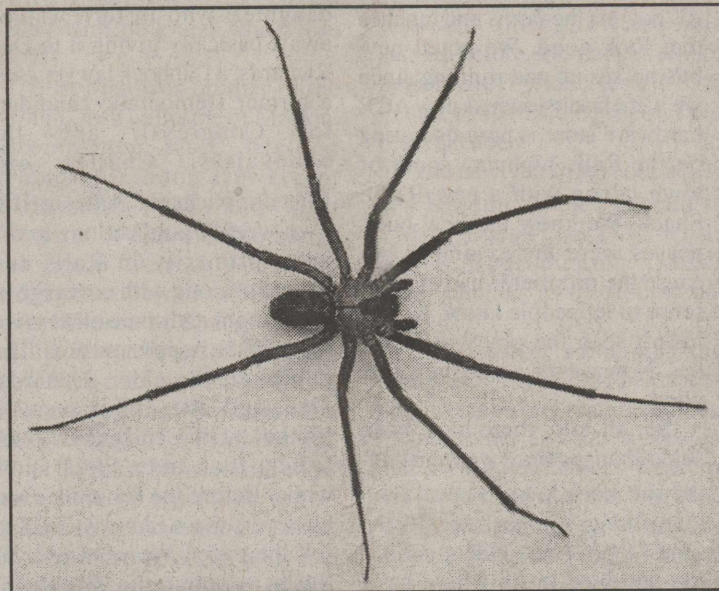
Adult Brown Recluse spiders are yellowish-tan to dark brown. The most distinguishing mark on a Brown Recluse is the presence of a dark brown or black violin or fiddle on its back with the violin's "neck" pointing toward the rear of its body. For this reason they are sometimes called "violin spiders" or "fiddleback spiders".

However, the presence of a violin mark is not conclusive evidence of a Brown Recluse. There are other species of spiders which have markings that resemble violins.

The Brown Recluse does not have any markings on its abdomen. If you see a spider that has markings on its tail end, it cannot be a Brown Recluse.

The spider has 6 eyes in 3 pairs arranged in a semi-circle in front of the violin. This is uncommon since most spiders have 8 eyes.

Brown Recluse are usually 1 inch or larger in size, including the legs. They can grow as large



BROWN RECLUSE SPIDER (notice violin shape in center)

as almost 3 inches.

Brown Recluse feed on cockroaches and other insects. The do not spin webs to catch prey but instead hunt at night for their prey or wait until an insect comes in close proximity to them. During the day the spiders spend their time in quiet, undisturbed places. If they are seen in the open during the day, it is usually because something has disturbed them or they are trapped within a smooth surface such as a sink or bathtub. Because they are nocturnal, they will begin to stray from their hiding place about an hour or two after dark to hunt for food.

Recluse will lunge and bite their prey in a vulnerable area and immediately back away while the venom acts to quickly paralyze the prey. The same venom that acts to liquefy an insect's innards for consumption also causes the "flesh rotting" appearances on human skin.

Relatively few spiders are able to pierce the human skin, but the Brown Recluse is one of them. Brown Recluse spiders generally bite when trapped between the skin and another surface such as bed sheets.

The spiders are very resilient and can survive 6 to 12 months



BROWN RECLUSE BITE ON STAPP'S LEG within 48 hours.

with no food or water and have an average life span of 2 to 4 years. In laboratory conditions they have lived as long as 7 years.

The spiders are usually found indoors, in bathrooms, bedrooms, closets, garages, basements, and cellars. In homes with force hot air heating and air conditioning and above ceiling duct work, Brown Recluse can be found harboring in or around the duct work.

The spiders are found outside in storage houses, sheltered corners around debris, wood piles and under loose bark and stones.

The spiders like dark recesses

and undisturbed areas. They are found in stored clothing, old shoes, toys, books, boxes, furniture, stored linens and undisturbed towels.

If you have Brown Recluse in the area it is wise to shake out clothing and shoes before dressing. Don't garden, handle firewood, pine straw, etc., without gloves. Don't go barefoot, and eliminate as much clutter as possible in storage areas. Frequently dust and vacuum around windows, corners of rooms, and under furniture.

(spider information taken from brown-recluse.com)



NEW POSTMISTRESS--Dana Gully's first day on the job as the new Postmistress in Floydada was Monday, July 12. Born and raised in Garden City, Texas in Glasscock County, Dana has worked for the Postal Service for 15 years. Her first job was as a carrier in Odessa. "I went to work after our three kids had started school," said Dana. She soon transferred to a bigger office as a clerk in Big Lake. "We raised our family in Big Lake," said Dana. After Big Lake Gully had her first Postmistress job in Barnhart. She then moved to a bigger office in Christoval, then Mertzon, and now Floydada. Her husband, Rick, is a Captain with Texas Parks & Wildlife. He works out of the Regional Office in Lubbock, which requires that Dana live close to the Lubbock Regional Parks & Wildlife Office. "We would like to live here, but his job requires him to be close," said Dana. The Gullys have three children: Andrea, 21, of Ennis; Matthew, 22, of Alameda, CA.; and Jamie, 20, a student at ASU in San Angelo.

Staff Photo

Council considers future tax and fee increases

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada City Council met in special session, Thursday, July 8 and set in motion the process to annex into the City limits three acres of property on the west side of the south Ralls Highway. Also a proposed .04 cents tax increase on the proposed 2004-2005 budget was discussed by the council.

The annexation was requested by Melvin and Janet Lloyd, who plan to build and manage an assisted living facility on this property.

City Manager Gary Brown explained to the council the rules and regulations for annexation. Mayor Bob Gilliland set Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 A.M. as the first of two Public Hearings on the annexation process. The second Public Hearing was set for Tuesday, August 17, at 7:30 P.M. Brown said, "This is the first of several steps that must be done before we can annex the property."

In other matters, Brown and the council went over the 2004-

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Commissioners propose tax increase

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 12, and unanimously voted to propose a raise in taxes in order to fund their proposed 2004-2005 budget.

The commissioners proposed a tax increase from the present rate of \$.41951 per \$100 property valuation to a proposed rate of \$.45300. A Public Hearing on the proposed tax increase is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., August 9th, at the commissioners' next regular meeting at the court house.

In a related matter, and with a split vote, the court gave a three percent raise to all county employees, with the exception of the commissioners themselves and the sheriff. According to Floyd County Judge William D. Hardin, the sheriff had recently received a \$2,000 raise. Commis-

sioners Ray Nell Bearden, Jon Jones and Lennie Gilroy voted for the raises, while Commissioner Craig Gilly voted against it. Gilly wanted to give the county employees a 5 percent raise instead of the three percent.

In the proposed new budget, the commissioners will receive a \$50 increase in their monthly travel expenses.

In other matters, the commissioners authorized Judge Hardin to sign a Notice of Subrecipient Agreement which relates to a state Homeland Security grant amounting to \$5,000. The grant money will be used to buy new homeland security equipment.

A resolution with South Plains Hazard Mitigation Action Plan was approved by the court. According to Judge Hardin, this is a regional emergency plan by SPAG starting on November 1, 2004.

The commissioners approved a petition by Melvin and Janet Lloyd for a five year tax abatement on an assisted living center to be constructed on the west side of the Ralls highway just at the south City limits. According to Judge Hardin, the tax abatement will be 100 percent for 2005 and 2006, 75 percent for 2007, 50 percent for 2008, and 25 percent for 2009. Taxes on the property will continue as usual.

Following discussion on the paper work to be involved by the county, the commissioners finally unanimously approved a motion, made by Commissioner Gilly and seconded by Commissioner Jones, to request the county's portion of an undetermined amount of the state's unclaimed money that is available. According to strict Texas Local Government Code, the undetermined amount of money can only

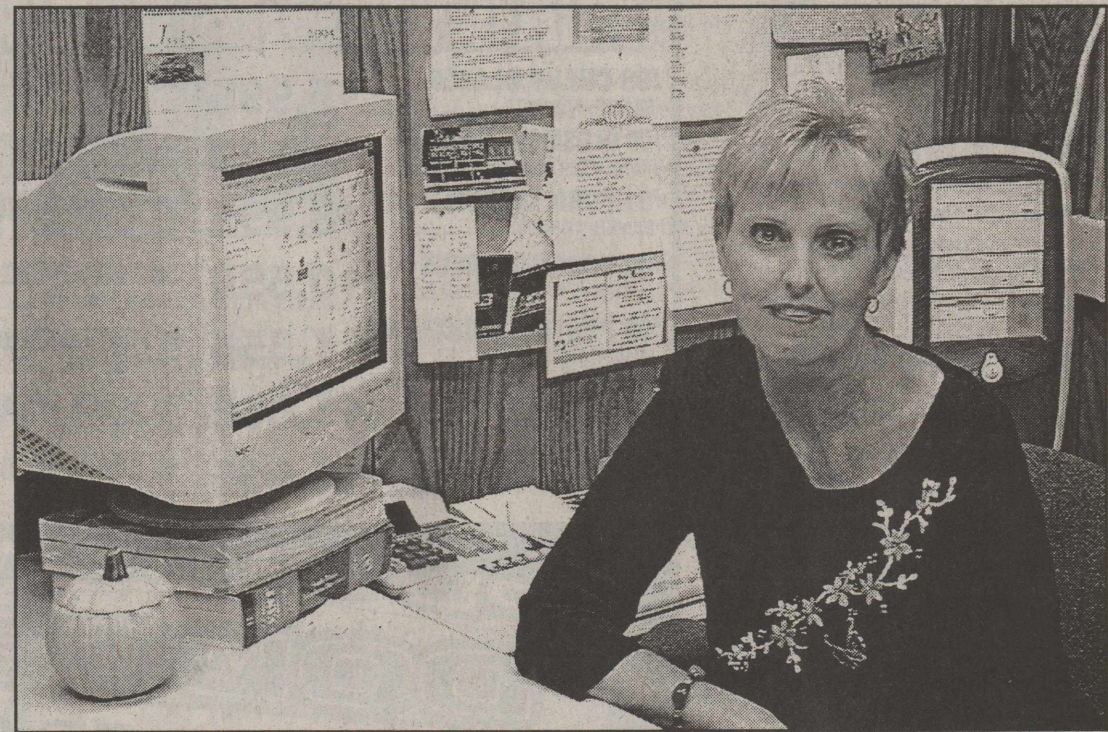
be used "to stimulate small or disadvantaged businesses in the county and/or minority and women's businesses." According to Judge Hardin, "The individual counties will develop and administer this program. I am not sure how much time and paper work this will involve."

Two farm contracts were approved by the court. They were: Pct. 4, 3/4 mile on CR 244 east of Floydada, to bury old improvements, by Oralia G. Martinez; and Pct. 3, Blk 21, D-1, to fill washes, by Baker Farms.

Election Judges and Alternate Election Judges were appointed and approved by the commissioners beginning August 1, 2004 and ending July 31, 2005. They were: Pct. 1, Judge Bob Alldredge, Alternate Judge Roger Poage; Pct. 5, Judge Priscilla Ramos, Alternate Judge Dina Molina; Pct. 7, Judge Mary Turner, Alternate Judge Wynona Quebe; Pct. 9, Judge Carolyn Marble, Alternate Judge Mamie Wood; Pct. 16, Judge Martha Williams, Alternate Judge Tonya Evans; Pct. 17, Judge Johnnie Pigg, Alternate Judge Barbara Payne; Pct. 18, Judge Lynda Gant, Alternate Judge Inez Mosley; Pct. 20, Judge Terry Cannon, Alternate Judge Billy D. Colston; Pct. 23, Judge A.C. Pratt, Alternate Judge Petra Gonzalez; and Pct. 24, Judge Ralph Jackson, Alternate Judge Vance Miller; Early Voting Ballot Board, Judge Larry Ogden and Alternate Judge Jon LaBlauwe.

The court transferred \$36,000 from the Bridge and Road Fund into the four individual precincts' work funds at \$9,000 each.

Floyd County Treasurer Elva Martinez gave the commissioners the county's June Financial Report. It showed a Beginning Balance of \$702,167.79 and Receipts of \$189,129.06. Transfers In and Out were \$176,705.04, while Disbursed showed \$237,491.31, leaving an Ending Balance of \$653,805.54.



NEW CHAMBER MANAGER--Iantha Smith has been hired as the new Floydada Chamber Manager and has brought fresh ideas and lots of enthusiasm for the job. Born and raised in Floydada, Iantha moved away 8 years ago to Fort Worth where she worked as Director of Marketing and Leasing for Retirements. She also worked in the medical field in Lubbock. Iantha moved back recently to be close to her parents, Louis and Virginia Pyle. Iantha says she is excited about coming back to Floydada and hopes to see more participation in the chamber by citizens. She wants more businesses to get involved and also plans on trying to attract students to chamber involvement. Iantha says she would like to get involved with the Ag Department and Art Department to build new city entrances. Upcoming events for the chamber include a Business Appreciation Lunch August 20 on the square and a ribbon cutting for a new business next month. The drive to collect money for new Christmas banners on the square is also continuing. The hours for the Chamber office are 9-4. The phone number is 983-3434.

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 2005 proposed \$700,000 budget. Brown pointed out to the council that this coming year's proposed budget included pay raises for most City employees. "This will be the first overall pay raise in three years," said Brown. "The proposed budget expenses will be near the current budget. There will be some differences, but overall the proposed budget will be very close to this current year's expenses. 'On call' pay will be eliminated as of October 1st," continued Brown. To pay for the continued services for Floydada citizens,

Brown has proposed an approximate four percent increase in sewer rates, a \$1.00 per month increase in solid waste fees, and a .04 cents increase in the ad valorem tax rate. "This proposed .04 cents tax increase replaces the .04 cents tax decrease the council passed in 1995. I am not asking or suggesting the City tax personal property," said Brown. After much discussion, it was decided by the council that a completed proposed budget should be prepared for council review at the next council's regular meeting, Tuesday, July 20, at 7:30 P.M.

Courtroom Activities

In County Court, July 9, 2004: Danny Alvarez, 18, of Lockney, pled guilty to a May 18,

2004 charge of Terroristic Threat. He was sentenced to 18 days in jail and court costs.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
 I was very moved with the article written last week concerning Carol Eldridge. Carol is the one in the nursing home with cerebral palsy. I have had the privilege of knowing Carol for several years. She is one of the neatest Christians I know. Her knowledge amazes me often. If you take the time to listen you will gain a lot. My family has been blessed with the honor of pushing her to church in the summer when the weather is permitting. I know she really enjoys it since she doesn't

get out unless family takes her. I know Floyd County to be very generous in many ways. I pray she doesn't have to wait long for her chair.

God bless,
 Debbie Montandon

CORRECTION
 The correct address for donating for the wheelchair fund started by Lockney Family Council is Rt. 1 Box 148, Lockney, Texas 79241.

A view from



The Lamplighter

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

It has been a long, long, time since we have seen Floyd County in such beautiful shape. We have traveled the County from East to West, from the Petersburg area southwest of Floydada to the farmlands north and east of Lockney, through the country south toward Ralls, and it all looks good. We even drove West through Hale Center, and any time that part of the state looks good, even Sanderson (along the Mexican border) must look good.

True, some folks have suffered from hail, but by and large prospects for a good year look very promising at this stage. And it's not just the farms and ranches that look good. We noted new businesses up and running since we were last in town. A new ACE hardware store is now operating on the Ralls highway south of town, along with a new Radio Shack. We knew the new businesses were there, simply because the proprietor had enough sense to let people know, but we hadn't seen the physical facilities. Now we have, and they look good.

So, all told, there have been some changes since we went "under the knife", so to speak, but many things remain basically the same, thankfully. Our grandson has sprouted up to where he is now over six feet tall, but he's still our grandson. He's gainfully employed, working for an entomologist, learning what makes the economy of this county tick.

In other area developments,

the Crosbyton Review finally has a new owner that promises to be around awhile. We wish the folks in Crosbyton the best of luck. They deserve some normalcy in their newspaper world. For many years we owned that paper, finally selling it to Ben and Donna Gillespie back in the 1980's, who operated it until cancer laid them both low. First Donna died, then Ben. In the meantime we had had to take the paper back to keep the operation going. We ultimately sold the property to a retired Texas Tech professor, who stayed around only a little while before walking away and leaving it to his daughter, who in turn walked away, basically giving it to Don Richards, a Lubbock lawyer, (and a former Democratic candidate for Congress), and the Schovajzas, Charles and Chandra. Richards' father used to own weekly publications in the area, primarily in Ralls and Lorenzo, along with coverage of Aspermont and some other town down in the Aspermont area. The publisher, the elder Richards, died, and one of his sons (a brother of the current co-publisher) took over for a short while. Before the son took over, however, the widow wanted to sell the paper. We went over to Ralls to scout the situation, where we were started to see a framed picture of Republican Senator John Tower adorning the late publisher's office wall, despite the fact that he was not known as a Republican. As a

business venture, however, the Ralls paper was a lost cause. Debts abounded and records were nonexistent. We made our excuses and left. The Ralls paper finally died a natural death. So the town of Ralls then had no locally-owned newspaper until the present Ralls owner came in and began a new paper, so now, hopefully, both Ralls and Crosbyton will have their own newspapers.

We hope it will work out well, but Crosby County, it seems to us, is relatively small to support two newspapers in a style fitting the needs and desires of people in Crosby County. The folks in both towns deserve good newspapers, but we can't see the advertising base supporting two good newspapers. In the meantime however, the new co-pub-

lisher, Don Richards, may find some new friends. Molly Ivins and Dave McNeely, both thorough-going liberal Democrats and both of whom appear on the Lubbock A-J's op ed page, may now have some philosophical help from the pages of the Crosbyton Review. Don Richards won the Democratic primary in the early 1980's, after Rep. Kent Hance bowed out of Congress. Don Richards beat

another Richards, Tom Richards, also a lawyer, in a classic (in those days) conservative-liberal Congressional Democratic Party battle, only to lose overwhelmingly to Republican Larry Combest, making his first race for Congress. Combest stayed in Congress until he voluntarily retired last year.

Relay For Life Says Thank-You

The Floyd Co. Unit of the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life committee would like to extend their deepest appreciation to all of the underwriters, sponsors, and all who participated in making this year's Relay for Life a success. We raised an estimate of \$18,000.00.

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We also had many individual donations, and all are greatly appreciated.

We want to give a special thank you to Floydada ISD for the use of their facilities; Lee Hurt; Boy Scouts, Troop 357 and 259 for cooking and serving our hamburger meal; to Seab and Diane Washington for the use of

their stage; Weldon Emert for electrical work; and the City of Floydada for the use of the portable stands. Thank you to KFLP and Tony Ricketts for advertising and help with music and Floyd County Hesperian Beacon for advertising.

Also a special thank you for all who helped and participated with the entertainment, Hwy 70, Trinity Railroad, Amnesty, Don Warren, Dell Gray, Jiana Davenport, Bailey Davenport, Evan Johnson, Kendra Covington, Meghan Graham, Jesse Finley, and Tate Greer.

We definitely cannot forget our teams; First Methodist Youth, WINGS, First National Bank of Floydada, Thayer & Washington/Leonards Cafe, Payne Pharmacy, W.J. Mangold Hospital, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Schacht Flowers, Red Hat Society, and R.C. Andrews. We also had numerous cancer survivors who attended; they are what Relay is all about.

We appreciate you all and cannot wait for a bigger and better Relay next year. Thank you to the 2004 Relay For Life committee, Carrie Terrell, Glenda Wilson, Beth Eckert, Emma Pate, Kelli Hinsley, Jodie McGuire, Connie Peralez, Kelly Prayor, Mitzi Nixon, Martha Farris, Linda Matsler, Lori Battey, Diane Washington, and Irene Hernandez.

This annual event is a way for all of us in Floyd County to contribute to cancer research and patient services provided through the American Cancer Society.

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Everett and Gillespie exchange wedding vows



MRS. DANE LEE GILLESPIE
(Nee Kember DeShay Everett)

Kember DeShay Everett and Dane Lee Gillespie were married Friday, July 9, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Watson Building in Lubbock. The Reverend Jesse Hodge, uncle of the groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Rob and LeShay Everett of Floydada. She is the granddaughter of Sue Wheeler of Southland, Charles Chandler of Post, and Freida Dunn of Floydada.

The bridegroom is the son of Neal and Lynnette Whitten of Morton and the late Terry Gillespie. He is the grandson of Ruby Davis, Frank and Janice Gillespie, all of Morton, and Jacque Whitten of Hubbard, TX.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a formal gown of white delustered satin. The gown featured a sculpted strapless neckline edged with an elegant band of rocals and crystals. The unbroken bodice flowed into a princess panel skirt highlighted with floral embroidery. The hemline was accented with a hand beaded band of sequins and seed pearls which flowed into the self-bustling chapel length train. She wore a chapel length veil of white tulle edged in rolled ribbon and a crystal tiara. She carried a bouquet of pink roses, sage colored eucalyptus, stephanotis, purple stock, and lemon leaves.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and white tie. The groomsmen wore black

tuxedos, black vest and champagne colored ties. The fathers and ushers wore black tuxedos, black vests, and black ties. The ring bearers and flower girl chauffeur wore black tuxedos, black vest and white ties.

The building was decorated with complementing white tulle, grapevine swags, topiaries, and white distressed candle holders. The altar area was decorated with five square columns of varying heights made by the bride, her mother and friends. Hanging from three of the columns were white distressed chandeliers and flower arrangements in the bride's colors were placed atop the other two.

As guests entered the building, cousins of the bride, Heather and Ashley White of Slaton, registered guests and handed out programs. The registration table was decorated with a picture of the bride and groom.

Maid of honor was Vanessa Easter of Seminole, high school friend and roommate of the bride. Bridesmaids were lifelong friend of the bride, Randi Duke of Lubbock, high school friend of the bride, Miranda Palmer of Lubbock, college friends Kristy Engle and Lacy Mercer, both of San Angelo.

They were all dressed in identical floor length skirts with different tops in champagne color to match their personalities. They each carried a bouquet of pink roses, sage colored eucalyptus, and lemon leaves. The flower

girls were Ryley Everett, niece of the bride from Slaton, and Kenzee Kent, cousin of the groom from Sweetwater. Ryley wore a white satin dress layered with white tulle, pink and white rose petals were placed between the layers of tulle. Her dress was accented with a pink satin bow. Ryley was chauffeured down the aisle in a white wagon adorned in pink roses and filled with pink and white rose petals. The wagon was hitched to a tricycle decorated in pink and white ribbon and roses. The chauffeur was cousin of the bride, Justin Divee of Slaton. Kenzee's dress was an ankle length white satin dress with embroidered flowers in pink, white, and champagne colors. The bodice was encircled with flowers and she also wore a hairpiece to match. Kenzee carried a white distressed metal pail filled with pink and white rose petals.

Best Man was brother of the groom, Josh Gillespie of Morton. Groomsmen were lifelong friends, Brandon Dewbre of Milnesand, NM, and Matt Simpson of Morton, brother of the groom, Derreck Whitten of Hillsboro and brother of the bride Jaron Everett of Slaton. Cousin of the bride, Brandon Harrison and friend of the bride David Watson, both of Floydada, and Jason Wood of Levelland and Ryan Davis of Morton both cousins of the groom all served as ushers. Ring bearers were Logan Everett, brother of the bride and Hayden Whitten, brother of the groom. They each carried a beaded box made by the bride to hold the bride and groom's rings.

As the parents and grandparents were being seated, Faith Lewis of Levelland played Pachelbel's "Canon In D" on the harp. A memorial candle was lit in memory of Terry Gillespie by the groom and his brother, Josh Gillespie, as Mrs. Lewis played "Amazing Grace" by Newton. As the bridesmaids entered the harpist played "Memory" by Webber. The bride and her father entered as Mrs. Lewis played Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntare". Ron Pence, cousin of the groom from Levelland played the guitar and sang "Cross My Heart" by George Strait as a surprise to the bride from the groom. Jennifer Gwathmey, friend of the bride from San Angelo sang Jessica Andrew's "I Will Be There For You" as a surprise to the groom from the bride. Mrs. Lewis played Weiss's "Can't Help Falling In Love" as the couple lit the unit candle. As the couple was leaving the altar, Mrs. Lewis played "Whole New World" by Menken.

The bride's table featured a five-tiered french vanilla white cake decorated like gifts stacked atop each other. Mints and pink lemonade were also served. Serving at the bride's table were aunts of the bride, Revis Pernel of Canadian, Vallynda Chandler of Lubbock, Janan Diver of Slaton, and Jayna Perryman of Afton.

The groom's table featured a red velvet cake topped with chocolate covered strawberries. Coffee was also served. The groom's childhood boot held flowers of complementing colors. His lariat and a silhouette of four cowboys was also used to represent the groom and his three best friends from childhood. Serving at the groom's table was Tera Cruz of Morton and Keely Kent of Sweetwater, both cousins of the groom.

A light buffet of fresh fruit and vegetables, finger sandwiches, dips and tortilla roll ups was served before the dance, which began with "Blue Neon". Ron Pence, cousin of the groom is the band's leader.

The newly married couple left the building about midnight in "Miss Daisy", a 1932 Rolls Royce Reproduction. Guests blew bubbles as the couple departed.

In tradition, something old was a strand of pearls belonging to the bride's late maternal great-grandmother and her late paternal great-grandfather's wedding ring, both woven into her bouquet. Something new was the bride's dress and a gold charm bracelet given to the bride from the groom. The bride's paternal grandmother gave her a tiny church charm that was given to her from the bride's grandfather at their wedding. Something borrowed was a pearl bracelet belonging to her paternal grandmother, passed down from her late mother. Something blue was a white handkerchief trimmed in blue belonging to the bride's late maternal great-grandmother.

A Rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at River Smith's on Thursday night. The menu included chicken fried steak and chicken friend chicken with all the trimmings.

The couple was honored with a shower in Floydada at the home of Terry Nelson. A shower was also given in the home of Treva Kuehler of Morton.

The bride was given a lingerie shower in Lubbock at the Hawthorn Suites. The hostesses were Vanessa Easter, Randi Duke, Miranda Palmer, Kristy Engle, and Ketha Donaldson.

After a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside in Floydada where Kember will be teaching second grade and Dane will be farming.



ASHLEY BORUM AND SAMUEL HOLMES

Borum and Holmes


Danny and Kellie Borum of Plainview and Steve and Pam Holmes of Floydada proudly announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children. Ashley Brooke Borum and Samuel Cain Holmes.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Roger and Kaye Phillips of Plainview and Grady and Nina Borum of Kress. She is a graduate of Plainview Christian High School and Exposito School of Hair Design in Amarillo.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Helen and the late Fred Lipham and Austin and Dovie Holmes and Frankie White all of Floydada. He is the great-grandson of Willie Mae Thomas of Plainview. He is a graduate of Floydada High School. He is employed with Don Meyers, Roger Phillips Bicycle Shop and Mowers and Homes Plumbing.

The couple plans a family wedding on July 29, 2004 in Plainview.

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DOMINO PIZZA DONATES TO FLOYDADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-Leo Longoria, Manager of Movie Gallery in Floydada, is shown presenting a check of \$250 from Domino Pizza to Floydada Chamber of Commerce Director Iantha Smith. Chamber member, Beth Eckert (left), was at the presentation. According to Smith, the money is being designated for flags and Christmas banners as part of the downtown Beautification Project. "We still lack about \$200 on this particular project," said Smith. Longoria said, "More money will be coming to Floydada from a percentage of Domino's profits on Wednesday's pizza sales at Movie Gallery. They begin selling pizzas around 4:00 P.M until they sell out."

Medicare Program to be discussed

On Thursday, July 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Floydada Covenant Home Health Care, 115 E. Missouri, Floydada Covenant Home Health Care will present "The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit - How Will It Affect You?"

The program will last about 45 minutes with a question and answer session immediately after.

Representatives will also be available to assist interested persons in assessing the Medicare website, comparing cards for best prices available for each individual, and assisting with the enrollment process. This is open to Floydada and all surrounding communities. Any person interested in this service will need to bring his or her prescription bottles or a list of current prescriptions, including drug name, strength and quantity taken each month.

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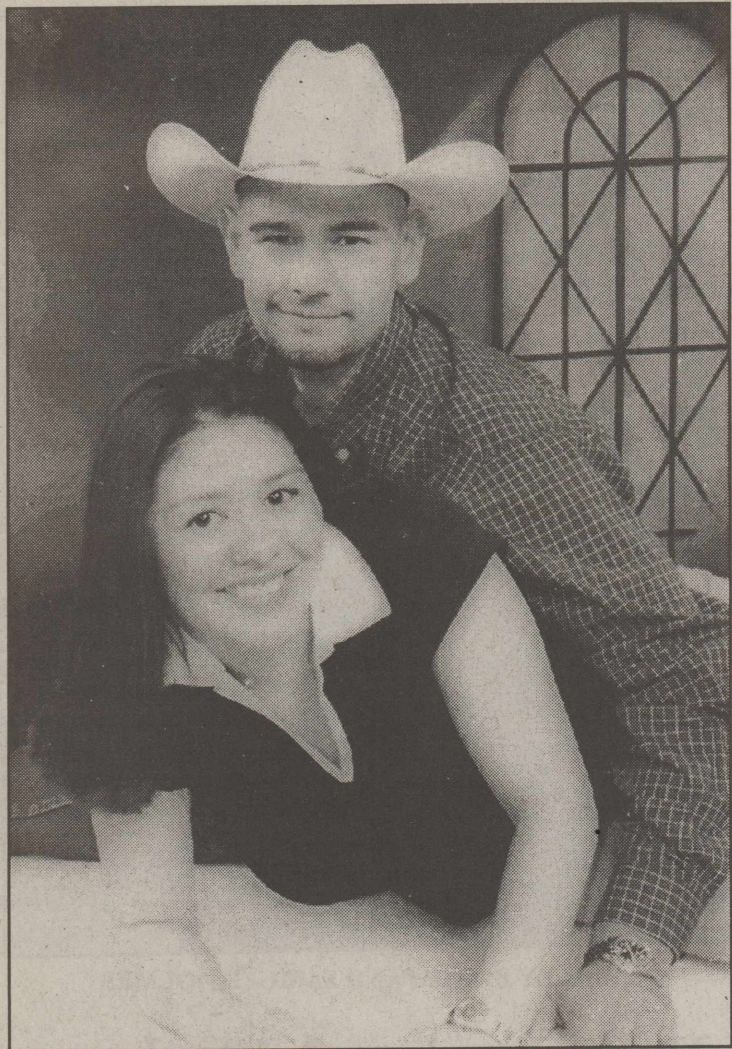


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DIANA GARCIA AND DANIEL RUIZ

Garcia and Ruiz

Nino and Rosalinda Garcia of Lockney are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Diana Garcia to Daniel Ruiz, son of Eusebio and Maria Ruiz, of Meadow.

The couple plan a July 24, 2004, wedding at San Jose de Calasanz Catholic Church in Lockney.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. If you plan on eating lunch please call the center at 983-2032 by 10 a.m.

Deeota Odam had visitors recently. Her cousin Steve and his wife Dee Odam of Carpenterville, Illinois, were on their way home from a family reunion in Colorado and decided to drive a little farther to visit Deeota. They had a wonderful visit.

Happy birthday to Edna Duke who will have a birthday July 20.

William and Faye Bertrand and Gene and Nancy Lawson spent a week at Stonewall, Colorado recently.

Ruby Gooch's daughter Millie Burgett of Amarillo came to visit a few days. Frances James of Plainview came last Friday and had lunch with them at the center.

Edell and Lovene Moore spent ten days at Ruidoso, NM, including the 4th of July.

Sue Daniels's brother Don Burris and his wife Peggy of Belton, SC, spent a few days here. Then they all went to Las Cruces, NM, to attend a great niece's wedding. After coming home Sue went to Hobbs, NM, to see her son and her mother-in-law.

Our visitors Monday, July 12, were sisters of Ruth Aleman. They were Julia of San Marcus and Christine of Littlefield.

Sue Sewell brought her son who was visiting her, and they ate lunch with us Monday, July 12.

L.B. and Verna Lynn Stewart came to eat with us Monday. Bill Ferguson brought them. Hope they enjoyed the food and fellow-

ship and will want to come back.

Ione and Vic Sedinger have just returned from a trip to the Ft. Worth area where they spent a week visiting their children. After coming home on Saturday, they drove to the Lubbock Airport to pick up Vic's first cousin, Jean Whitcomb of Santa Maria, CA.

Our sympathy to the family of L.V. Assiter.

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

Deeota Odam made a memorial donation in memory of **Mary Katherine Hale** and **Irene Wexler**.

Bill and Nita Jo Carmack made a memorial donation in memory of **Mrs. R.C. Day**.

Thought For The Week - Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.

Charles M. Schultz

Menu
July 19 - July 23

Monday - Baked ham, wheat toast, tator tots or fries, peas and carrots, sliced tomatoes, fruit salad

Tuesday - Turkey and gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, wheat roll, grapefruit or orange sections, pumpkin pie or bars

Wednesday - Pork chop, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, raisin bread, applesauce or baked apples

Thursday - Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, spinach, cornbread, apple cobbler

Friday - Oven fried fish, corn, turnip greens, cornbread or hush puppies, pineapple gelatin

Lockney Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Vera Jo Bybee

The 48ers were treated to a luncheon at Bobby Lu Bean's in Silverton on June 1st. Those attending were Inez Mosley, Elna Bloys, Vera Jo Bybee and guest Jontha Lee Mercer, Bobby's sister. We also met on July 6 at Mr. Gattis in Plainview. Those attending were Bobby Lu Bean, Inez Mosley, Elna Bloys, Betty Threadgill, Robert Daniels and Vera Jo. We have been getting together on the first Tuesday of every month for 6 years now. We started in 1998 when we were planning our 50th class reunion and enjoyed it so much we still do it.

Last week I received a call from Pat Nelson of Barwise who told me to tell everyone that she and husband Charlie have recently visited with her brother Cliff Hardy who is now taking treatments for his lung cancer. Pat said Cliff is unable to take telephone calls at this time but would appreciate your letters and cards. Our prayers are with you Cliff. Cliff's address is Cliff Hardy, 15877 Four Corner Road, Prairie Grove, Ark. 72763.

I last wrote in the memory segment about the riding and roping clubs starting in 1962 with Audvie Barnett being the first president. In 1962 the roping club built their arena, shutes, grandstands and bought their calves.

In 1963 they elected Bill Washington president and had their first rodeo put on by Red Whately. All the seats in the stands were sold and there was standing room only. The rodeo was held in May and was a huge success.

Oh yes, I was going to tell you about the goat they had with the calves being missing for about two weeks, and one day they heard a "Baa" coming out of the calf feed box. He had climbed

up in the bottom opening and the feed fell down on him and he couldn't get out. He survived with plenty of food but no water. Next week will be on the 1964 rodeo with Embre Douglas as president.

Our Senior Citizen Profile this week is on Henry and Viola Rowell.

Viola was born Oct 9, 1918 to Morgan and Emma Reed Lawson in the Holt community located on the Floyd and Brisco county line. She attended school at Holt until she moved to Lockney to live with her grandparents, Zebede Thomas Reed and Dollie Viola Rigdon Reed to finish her education.

She graduated from Lockney High School.

She met Henry Rowell at a wedding party honoring Henry's sister. Henry and Viola married December 23, 1938 at her grandparents Zeb and Dollie's house in Lockney.

They are the parents of two children one daughter Lahoma who now lives in Hale Center and a son Lawson who has passed away. They have eight grandchildren and several greats.

Although Henry and Viola will be 86 and 89 on their birthdays in Oct 9 and Nov 6 they are both still very active and are enjoying their retirement. Thank you Henry and Viola for being such dear friends over the years and for being this week's Senior Citizens.

Menu for July 19-23

Monday: Meat Loaf

Tuesday: Salmon Patties

Wed: Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday: Brisket

Friday: Chicken Strips

For a few weeks I am going to quote some sayings on, "The Perks of being over Sixty". People call at 9:00 and ask, "Did I wake you".

Look who's new!

GRIFFITH

Jeff and Lindsey Griffith, of Amarillo, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Caden Ryan Griffith, born on July 7, 2004 at 4:34 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis and Ricky and Linda Griffith, all of Lockney.

Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Warren and Barbara Mathis, Leonard and Julie Griffith, all of Lockney, and Ray and Ginger Cole of Breckenridge.

Great-great-grandmothers are Johnnie Kellison of Lockney and Johnnie Davis of Olton.

SMITH

Tanya and Dean Smith of Sunray are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Breann.

She was born July 9 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Paige has a 4 year old sister, Emilee Brooke. Grandparents are Judy and Eddie Kitchens of Sunray and Kay Dean and Choise Smith of Floydada.

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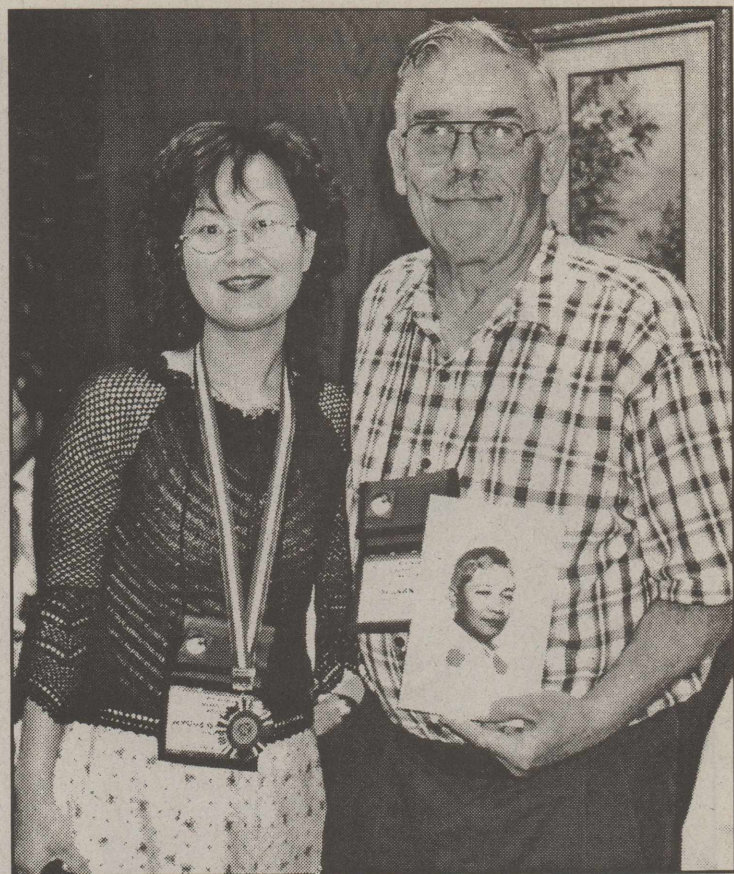
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Garnett places with poetry

Wayland Baptist University and Painview were host to the 18th World Congress of Poets June 21-27. The theme was "Pilgrims for Peace." Poets came from Australia, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Italy, China, Hong Kong and the Philippines as well as from 16 states in the U.S.A.

Joe Garnett of Lockney won two third places in the World Congress of Poetry contest for his poems, "Where Are You?" and "She Keeps Weaving." The winning poetry will be placed on the Web sites of the Paris American Academy and the Plainview Writers Guild following the 18th World Congress.

Pictured with Joe Garnett is Dr. Myong-ok Yoon of South Chungcheong Province, Korea. Dr. Yoon, the editor of the annual anthology in English, Poetry Korea and the Secretary-General of UPLI Korea Committee, was given a collection of Joe's poetry for translation into Korean for the anthology.

Betty Givens of Plainview served as this year's president of the World Congress of Poets.

Next year the Congress will be meeting in Beijing, China.

Where Are You?

On a night when the sky cried rain, and the moon whispered to me, I wondered where you were.

There were messages that came in from as far away as China and Mars, but not a word from you...

The moon finally came out of hiding from behind wishful clouds.

Yesterday evening, a flock of blackbirds, flying low and swift, surprised me as they migrated like a group of scud missiles to the neighboring trees, where they sat up a noisy chatter.

So the moon, and the sky and the birds were all willing to talk to me, but you were hidden in a great blanket of reticence, far off, and silent.

Joe Garnett
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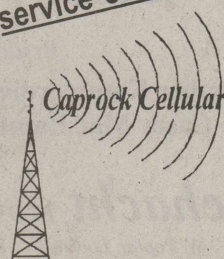
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NEW BRUSH TRUCK--The Lockney Volunteer Fire Department has recently acquired a new fire truck for the purpose of fighting brush fires. The truck was funded by the Texas Forest Service, Floyd County, and the Lockney Fire Department. Shown sitting in the truck are Sarah and Elizabeth Belt.

Helps to prevent summer foodborne illnesses

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By Melissa Long

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that each year 1 in 4 Americans experience a foodborne illness. Foodborne illness occurs when a food contaminated with bacteria such as *Salmonella* or *E. coli* 0157:H7 is eaten. Symptoms include stomach cramping, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and headache.

Although most people associate foodborne illness with beef, poultry, fish, or seafood, contaminated fresh fruits and vegetables can also cause foodborne illness. In fact, there has been an increase in the number of reported cases of foodborne illness linked to fresh produce.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are an important part of a healthy diet. Use these safe handling tips to keep your fresh fruits and vegetables safe to eat.

Selecting Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

At the store, select fresh, high quality fruits and vegetables. Avoid bruised, cut, or damaged items.

When purchasing pre-cut or pre-packaged fruits and vegetables, make sure they are cold (refrigerated or surrounded by ice) and packaged in airtight containers. Avoid opened or torn packages. Check use-by dates on packages and select the freshest items possible. Avoid purchasing slimy or brown pre-cut fruits and vegetables.

Keep fresh fruits and vegetables separate from raw beef, fish, seafood, and poultry when shopping. Place raw meats in plastic bags in a separate area of the shopping cart away from fresh fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables should also be separated from household chemicals (cleaners, bleach, soap, etc.) in the shopping cart. Be sure to have raw meats and fresh produce bagged separately at grocery checkout.

Storing Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Some fresh produce does not need to be kept cold, while cut and peeled fruits and vegetables should be refrigerated. Regard-

less of the location where fruits and vegetables are stored, storage areas should be clean and dry. Keep fruits and vegetables stored at room temperature in a cool, pest-free, well-ventilated area separate from household chemicals.

Fruits and vegetables needing refrigeration can be stored in the refrigerator crisper. Cut and/or peeled fruits and vegetables should be refrigerated at 40 degrees or below and stored in clean airtight containers in the refrigerator.

Raw meats and fresh fruits or vegetables must be separated from one another in the refrigerator. Store raw meats on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator on a tray or pan to keep blood/juices from spilling onto fresh fruits and vegetables.

All stored fruits and vegetables should be checked regularly for signs of spoilage such as mold and slime. If spoiled, they should be thrown away. If in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out.

Washing Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Washing with clean, running water will help remove dirt, bacteria, and some pesticides from fresh fruits and vegetables. In fact, all whole fruits and vegetables should be washed immediately before they are eaten or prepared. Even if the skin or rind is not eaten, the fruit or vegetable should be washed. Fresh produce should not be soaked in water.

There are five easy steps to follow when washing fruits and vegetables:

1. Wash hands. Wash your hands for 20 seconds with hot, soapy water. Dry with a paper towel.

2. Throw away leaves. Remove and throw away outer leaves on heads of cabbage and lettuce before washing.

3. Wash with water. Wash all whole fruits and vegetables thoroughly under cool, clean, running water. Do not use bleach, soap, or detergents. These may cause taste changes and could be poisonous.

4. Rub soft fruits and vegetables. Soft fruits and vegetables (tomatoes, pears) can be rubbed

with your hands. To wash delicate berries, place them in a clean colander and spray with a kitchen sink sprayer. If a kitchen sink sprayer is not available, rinse and agitate berries under slow, running water. Be sure to turn and gently shake the colander as the berries are washed.

5. Scrub firm fruits and vegetables. The skins and rinds of firm fruits and vegetables (potatoes, melons) should be scrubbed with a clean and sanitized fruit/vegetable brush.

Serving Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Wash hands before handling any fruit or vegetable, and after touching raw meat, changing a diaper, using the restroom, handling pets, or touching anything that could contaminate hands.

Keep kitchen utensils and food preparation areas clean and sanitized. Wash with hot, soapy water, rinse, then sanitize. A sanitizing solution can be made by mixing 1 teaspoon chlorine bleach in 1 quart water. Wipe counters with the solution and soak utensils/cutting boards/brushes for 1 minute. Prevent cross-contamination (transfer of bacteria from one food or surface to another) by using separate cutting boards and utensils for fresh fruits or vegetables and raw meats. If this is not possible, wash and sanitize them between foods.

It is safest to throw out bruised, damaged, or moldy fruits and vegetables. If there is a question about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out.

Fruits and vegetables must be refrigerated within two hours of cutting or peeling them. If left at room temperature for longer than two hours, they should be thrown away. Keep cut/peeled fruits and vegetables cold when transporting them by lacing them in a cooler with ice or frozen gel packs. Do not eat any ice used to keep unwashed fruits or vegetables or raw meat cold.

For more information on food safety for fruits and vegetables, contact your local county Extension office at 983-4912 and ask about the Fruit and Vegetable Safety program scheduled for Friday, July 16.



Morales receives baseball honors

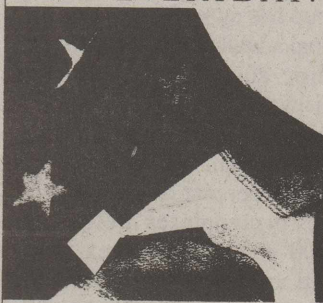
Jacob Morales, a graduate of Floydada High School, recently received baseball honors at Central Christian College. Morales was named Designated Hitter for the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) All-Central Region Baseball First Team.

He was also named Designated Hitter on the All-Conference Honorable Mention Team for the Midland Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Son of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Morales of Floydada, Morales is a freshman Liberal Studies major.

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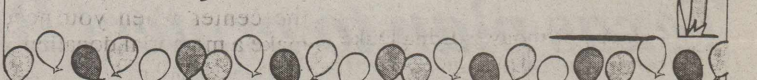
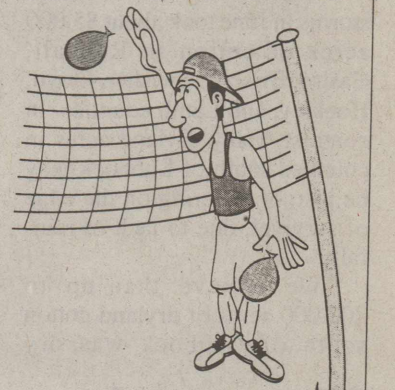
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South Plains cotton thriving

By Tim W. McAlavy

The 3.6 million-acre South Plains cotton crop has so far survived a gamut of harsh weather since producers broke out their planters in May. Rain, hail, wind, blowing sand and lack of rainfall in some areas have taken an estimated 100,000 acres of the crop.

Even so, a Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist says the bigger picture is pretty bright.

"We have seen cooler, wetter conditions with higher humidity during the past two weeks, but the crop is still above normal in heat until accumulation," said Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist based at Lubbock. "The rainfall from recent storms has put the crop north of Lubbock in very good to excellent condition."

"We do have some ragged-up cotton out there, but by and large, most fields are doing very well. In my eight seasons at Lubbock, I haven't seen overall stands and crop conditions as impressive as they are now. Many fields that were planted in a timely manner in May are now squaring."

Texas farmers planted approximately 6 million acres of cotton this year, from the Rio Grande Valley near Brownsville to the Texas-New Mexico border in the west, and as far north as some counties near Amarillo.

The 20-county area surrounding Lubbock is often known as "the world's largest cotton patch," because farmers there typically plant more than 3 million acres of upland cotton each year. Approximately 10 percent of that acreage, never makes it to harvest due to weather, insects, disease or other causes.

Wind, driving rain and hailstorms in June took about 85,000 acres of cotton in Randall, Castro, Briscoe, Swisher, Floyd, Hockley, and Lamb counties. In contrast, many dryland acres in counties south of Lubbock may be lost, or teetering on the edge of survival, due to lack of rainfall.

"We believe that up to 200,000 acres of dryland cotton south of Lubbock was dry

planted and likely did not receive any significant rainfall," Boman said. "Some dryland fields have received little rainfall and may not have emerged to a good stand. The situation is changing daily, as evening thunderstorms continue to work across the region. As we move into July, the cotton calendar is now working against us."

Producers hit by recent storms should carefully evaluate their damaged fields before making any replant decisions, Boman said. There is a host of information on evaluating damaged crops, making replant decisions, and choosing catch crops to replace failed cotton on the Internet at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu>.

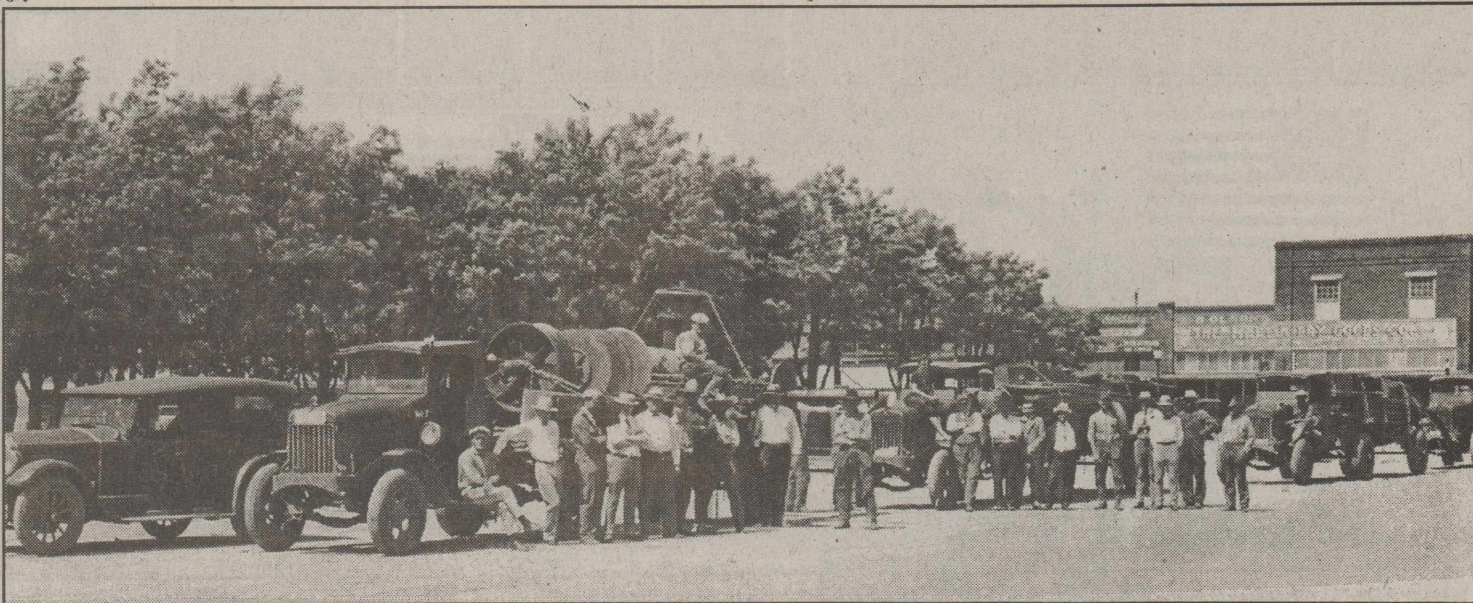
"Making Replant Decisions" and "2004 Alternative Crop Options After Failed Cotton" in the cotton section of the Lubbock Web site may be particularly helpful for producers with crop damage.

Overall, the 2004 Texas cotton crop is off to a strong start and is progressing well, according to Car Anderson, Extension economist based at College Station. In the June edition of his monthly "Cotton Market Comments," Anderson rates half the crop in good to excellent condition and only 11 percent as very poor.

About one-third of this year's six-million-acre crop is irrigated and two-thirds is dryland. Excellent sub-soil moisture conditions give the crop a yield potential of at least 5.3 million bales, compared to last year's 4.3-million bales, Anderson said.

Cotton harvest has begun in the Rio Grande Valley, while producers elsewhere are waiting for drier conditions to finish out their growing season. Meanwhile, South Plains producers will be watching the skies for evening storms that could bring more rainfall or crop damage.

A weekly update on crop conditions across the South Plains is available through Extension's "Focus" newsletter - published electronically at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus>.



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By Shawn Wade

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During its first scheduled meeting of the organization's 2004-2005 fiscal year, the Plains Cotton Growers Board of Directors received front row seats at the unveiling of the U.S. cotton industry's response to the report issued by the Panel that heard arguments in the Brazil/WTO cotton dispute.

National Cotton Council Chairman Woody Anderson of Colorado City provided the PCG Board an update on NCC activities and highlighted his remarks by laying what is expected to be the foundation of the U.S.'s appeal of the World Trade Organization Panel's decision on the case.

Anderson was quick to reiterate that, even though the initial WTO ruling went against the United States, the outcome of the case is still very much in doubt. The appeal process will take several months to complete and a final ruling developed.

Anderson's remarks pointed out that the WTO panel's findings were clearly based on flawed ar-

guments that ignored the reality of how the U.S. cotton program works, its true impact on the work situation and how the rapid decline of the U.S. textile sector has shifted the way cotton is bought and sold around the world.

The NCC response is clearly aimed at providing a reality check during the appeal process for the WTO and those who have been conveniently critical of the U.S. cotton program and ignored more than a few pertinent facts.

As additional details of the Brazil ruling are allowed into the light it appears that the ruling, and the analysis upon which it was based, could be cannon fodder for the United States Trade office and the cotton industry to shoot down at will.

In other business the PCG Board adopted a 2004-2005 operating budget of \$638,454.90 to support the organization's ongoing legislative, regulatory and cotton research programs. PCG began its new fiscal year July 1.

The PCG Board received up-

dates on several important issues and caught itself up on the status of the High Plains crop. Highlighting reports to the PCG Board was a recap of the legal challenge filed by importers against the Cotton Research & Promotion Program from current Cotton Board Chairman Kent Nix of Lamesa.

Nix noted that the industry's defense of the program continues to move forward and offered a word of thanks for the leadership and participation of both Texas Cotton Producers and Plains Cotton Growers in the defense effort.

Texas Agricultural Statistics Service Director Robin Roark discussed results of the 2002 Census of Agriculture and explained how some of the statistical and informational products published by the agency are developed. Joining Roark was Greg Thessen, Field Crops Section Head with the National Agricultural Statistics Service, and Troy Joshua, Lead Cotton Statistician,

from Washington, DC.

Thessen brought the PCG Board up to speed on the methodology used to develop the Average Prices Received by growers and the estimation of how much cotton is marketed by month in the United States.

Following considerable discussion on the information provided by Thessen, the PCG Board approved the development of a committee to work with NASS representatives to evaluate the accuracy of current price and volume estimation procedures and implement improvements wherever possible.

A Weighted Average Price Received by growers is calculated from NASS data and used to determine the Counter-Cyclical component of the current farm program.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated Weighted Average Price based on cumulative bales marketed through May 2004.

Average Price Received Through May 2004 For 2003-crop Upland Cotton

(Weighted by bales marketed)

| Month | Bales Marketed (000's of Running bales) | | Prices (cents/Lb.) | |
|-----------|---|--------|--------------------|----------|
| | Monthly | Cum. | Monthly | Weighted |
| August | 420 | 420 | 46.30 | 46.30 |
| September | 769 | 1,189 | 55.70 | 52.38 |
| October | 1,783 | 2,972 | 68.00 | 61.75 |
| November | 1,912 | 4,884 | 63.40 | 62.40 |
| December | 1,938 | 6,822 | 64.10 | 62.88 |
| January | 1,546 | 8,368 | 62.50 | 62.81 |
| February | 1,422 | 9,790 | 62.70 | 62.79 |
| March | 167 | 9,957 | 59.40 | 62.74 |
| April | 473 | 10,430 | 61.20 | 62.67 |
| May | 360 | 10,790 | 60.60 | 62.60 |
| June | --- | --- | 60.60* | --- |

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

Texas plan to protect Black-Tailed Prairie Dog

By Tom Harvey
Texas Parks & Wildlife

A working group committee of ranching and farming organizations, environmental groups, state and federal biologists, private landowners and others has completed a Texas plan to conserve the black-tailed prairie dog and its grassland habitat. The species is currently a candidate for possible listing as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The management plan created by the Texas Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Working Group sets a goal to have 293,129 acres of occupied prairie dog habitat in Texas by 2011. This represents one percent of the original available habitat in Texas as estimated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Preliminary estimates indicate there is currently 150,000 to 170,000 acres of occupied prairie dog habitat in the state, with a final inventory to be completed this summer. This acreage figure is based on aerial photo interpretation and subsequent ground truthing from county roads.

"Part of the good news in Texas is we have more than twice the occupied prairie dog habitat than was originally thought, which was around 68,000 acres based on a 1991 study," said Derrick Holdstock, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's black-tailed prairie dog program coordinator.

"It's also important to note that regardless of the final decision on whether to list the prairie dog as threatened, the State of Texas and our partners in the working group are committed to implementing this management plan," Holdstock said. "It really doesn't matter whether it is on or off the list in terms of the Texas plan."

Work to develop the Texas Black-tailed Prairie Dog Conservation and Management Plan began in 1999 following petitions by environmental groups for the USFWS to list the black-tailed prairie dog as threatened. The Texas working group is part of a multi-state effort to restore the species.

The Texas plan has six goals:

- 1) Determine the current population size of black-tailed prairie dogs in Texas and establish a long-term monitoring program.
- 2) Develop and implement an effective education and outreach program.
- 3) Develop management options and guidelines that conserve prairie dogs at long-term sustainable levels.
- 4) Review and make recommendations for regulatory changes in the status of black-tailed prairie dogs.
- 5) Identify research needs and establish a research program that facilitates long-term viability of black-tailed prairie dogs in Texas.
- 6) Implement the plan.

"We don't want to prevent listing the prairie dog as threatened," said Roger Haldenby of Plains Cotton Growers, a working group member. "We want to preclude the need to list the species by taking steps to make sure it remains part of the landscape and ecology of the plains."

The 25-member working group represents diverse stakeholders, from environmental groups like the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy to agriculture interests like the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Farm Bureau. (See plan for complete list.)

Black-tailed prairie dogs (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) are important for healthy grassland ecosystems. Their burrows and surrounding low-cut vegetation provide habitat for a variety of other species, including western burrowing owls, mountain plover, and the endangered black-footed ferret (currently extinct in Texas). Basic prairie dog biology and life history is on the TPWD Web site (www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/wild/mammals/prairie.htm).

In 1905, early explorer Vernon Bailey estimated there were 800 million prairie dogs covering 57 million acres in Texas. Since then, prairie dog numbers have been reduced by a variety of factors. Threats to prairie dogs that are currently being evaluated include conversion of habitat to other uses, introduction of sylvatic plague, unregulated poisoning and trapping, recreational shooting; lack of state and federal regulations to conserve the species; and over-use for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes.

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Besides the overall occupied habitat goal, the Texas working group has agreed to recommend a goal advanced by the interstate prairie dog conservation team. This would establish at least one prairie dog complex greater than 5,000 acres in Texas, and with at least 10 percent of the occupied acres in complexes greater than 1,000 acres. A complex is defined as a group of prairie dog colonies or towns no more than 4.3 miles apart.

"We probably already have that," said Holdstock, referring to the desired number and size of complexes in Texas. "What we need is to increase our total occupied acreage."

The management plan does not restrict landowners from controlling prairie dogs, but it does offer incentives to restore prairie dogs and the grasslands upon which they and other species rely. The plan lists various government and nonprofit programs that offer financial grants, free land management advice and other technical assistance.

Such incentives are getting a friendlier reception these days. Holdstock says years of work by the Texas working group have coincided with a new way of thinking about prairie dogs that is developing among ranchers and farmers.

L.H. Webb owns and operates the 11,000-acre Seven Cross Ranch in Gray and Wheeler counties in the eastern Panhandle. He's also a member of the Texas working group.

"The day I was asked to serve on this working group, a prairie dog ran across the road about two miles from the nearest colony," Webb said.

"Just like that dog was out of his area, I was out of mine. I was raised to always fight the prairie dog. But I've learned they can be an asset to a ranch, either through nature tourism or limited recreational hunting. We don't have to try to eradicate them to win on this deal, but that's not the traditional ranch way of thinking."

Prairie dogs may even benefit cattle ranching operations in some cases.

"Several studies show that when prairie dogs graze perennial grass, they keep it at an ear-

lier growth stage with higher nutrient content," Holdstock said. "Typically, in summer, if grasses are not grazed, they'll get to a certain height and will cure and then the nutrient content goes down. With prairie dogs keeping the grass lower, you get that constant growth stage, so cattle don't have to eat as much to get the same nutrients."

This requires the right balance, because if you have too many prairie dogs or cattle, you're reducing the quantity of forage more than adding to its quality. We're recommending studies to look at the effects of prairie dog colonies on cattle ranching, specifically on weight gains and how that translates to dollar signs."

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Craig Gilly, Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jon Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #4

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. at the Authority Headquarters, Briscoe County, Texas. The Authority is submitting an application for grant assistance to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department State Boat Ramp program. The application is for assistance to help improve, develop and expand the opportunities for water based recreation at Lake Mackenzie through the addition of a courtesy dock and fishing pier at Lake Mackenzie. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen input about the proposed application and to hear citizen comment on the Authority's plans for serving the recreational needs of residents. The Authority invites all interested citizens to attend the public hearing. The Authority Headquarters is located on the south side of Lake Mackenzie west of Highway 207, Briscoe County, Texas. Written comments and suggestions may be sent to Van Breedlove, General-Manager at Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, Texas 79257. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this meeting should contact the Authority at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for assistance.

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Obituaries

L.V. ASSITER

L.V. Assiter departed this life on July 5, 2004 at the age of 88 years.

He was born on March 3, 1916 in Crosby County to George Thomas and Dulon Gresham Assiter. He graduated from Floydada High School and from Texas Tech in 1939 with a degree in Architecture. He married Addie Evelyn Barker on March 19, 1938 in Olton. She preceded him in death on August 27, 2001.

He was an officer of the United States Navy having enlisted in 1943. He was part of the Normandy Invasion and spent 3 years overseas. He worked as an Architect for the Austin Company for 30 years, 15 of which were in London and Amsterdam. He returned to Chicago in 1976 and retired in 1986 before coming home to Floydada. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Floydada and the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by one son, Stephen L. Assiter and wife, Ann; one daughter, Sandra Shaw and husband, Tom, of Llano; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services for Mr. Assiter were at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 8, 2004 at First United Methodist Church in Floydada with Dr. David Jones officiating. Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235.

REGINALD L. BONNER

Services for Reginald L. "Rico" Bonner, 52, of Floydada were at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Reverend Ralph Jackson officiating. Burial was in Forrest Lawn Cemetery under direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Bonner passed away on Saturday, July 3, 2004 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

He was born on April 19, 1952 in Floydada to J.P. Bonner and Iva Jewell Taylor. He was a life-long resident of Floydada where he graduated from high school. He was a veteran of the United States Army and had worked for the Floydada Cemetery the last couple of years.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.P. Bonner on May 24, 2000 and by a sister, Brenda Lynett Bonner.

He is survived by his mother, Iva Jewell Bonner of Floydada, one son, Carlos Miller of San Francisco, CA; two daughters, Regina Miller and Angela Bonner both of San Francisco, CA, three brothers, Johnny B. Bonner of Indianapolis, IN, Wilmer R. Bonner of Missouri city, TX and Charles K. Bonner of Floydada and one sister, Sandra K. Sims of Houston.



MANOLA RAY DAY

Services for Manola Ray Day, 89, of Floydada were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 5, 2004 at Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship. Reverend Armando Morales officiated and the Reverend Vance Mitchell assisted. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moor-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Day died Thursday, July 1, 2004, in Tyler.

She was born on December 13, 1914, in Milam County to William A. Wesley Gilbreath and Dora T. Greathouse Gilbreath. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship. She was preceded in death by her husband, R.C. Day in 1989 and a son, Robert W. Day.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Sallye Day of Mingus, and Ronnie and Karen Day of Knoxville, TN; four daughters and sons-in-law, Laverne and W.H. Ford of Clearwater, KS, Dora and Don Evans of Arlington, Carolyn and Lynn Frame of Tyler, and Debbie and Wes Whitaker of Mt. Juliet, TN; a daughter in law, Wanda Day of Alvarato, GA; one brother, Bill Gilbreath and wife Estelle of Floydada, 20 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship, 505 N. 2nd, Floydada, TX 79235.

TOMMIE LOIS GILLESPIE

Memorial services for Tommie Lois Copeland Gillespie, 63, of Edgewood, New Mexico were held July 10, 2004 at Forrest Meadow Baptist Church in Edgewood, New Mexico. The memorial followed a Heavenly Tea given in her memory at the First Baptist Church in Moriarty, New Mexico.

Mrs. Gillespie was born October 15, 1940 to H. A. and Lois Copeland of Floydada. She passed away at her home June 24, 2004. She was surrounded by her family and loved ones.

She grew up in Floydada and graduated from Floydada High School. Tommie attended Wayland University and graduated from Hardin Simmons University. After teaching in Albuquerque, New Mexico she

worked at Los Alamos National Labs and Sandia Lab.

After her clerical work, she turned to the passion of her life and opened a daycare center for children. Her 17 grandchildren can all attest to this. Tommie home-schooled some of her grandchildren.

She married Jim Gillespie on November 3, 1966 in Albuquerque.

Tommie is survived by her husband, Jim; four daughters, Dawn Gillespie and family, Penny Cox and family, Connie Jarvis and family and Krysta Cano and family, all of Edgewood, New Mexico; one brother, Les Copeland and wife, Faye of Lubbock and two sisters, Sammie Tracy and husband, Waylan of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Tiny Lowrance and husband, Gene of Floydada.

She was preceded in death by her parents, H. A. and Lois Copeland, two brothers, H. A. Copeland and Bob Copeland, both of Floydada and one sister, Frances Applegate of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the Forrest Meadow Baptist Church of Edgewood, New Mexico, P.O. Box 1017, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059.

DORRIS TOBIN

Dorris Tobin passed away June 30, 2004, from a lengthy illness.

Born in Ft. Towson, OK, on December 6, 1921, Dorris's family relocated to Floyd County in 1924 where she lived until she graduated from high school. She then lived in Lubbock for thirty years. She resided in Sacramento, CA, from 1986 until her passing. She is survived by her husband, Ernest; son, Jerry McNutt of Lubbock; daughter, Marianne Latham of Sacramento; sister, Mary Adams of Sacramento; four grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

No immediate services are planned. A memorial event will be held at a later date. Friends and loved ones interested in this future event, please contact Marianne Latham at mlatham@sbcglobal.net.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be directed to your local Arthritis' Foundation or Alzheimer's Association.

THIS WEEK'S LOCKNEY CARE CENTER FAMILY COUNCIL

The Lockney Care Center Family Council will have a wheelchair fundraiser Friday, July 16th in the lobby of the Care Center. You can purchase a baked potato with all the trimmings and a dessert for \$5.00 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

You may call 652-3375 for take out orders, however, you will have to pick them up.

Floyd County Church Directory

- AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**
Randy Curtis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Lockney
Rev. Neely Landrum, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Praise/Worship 7:00 p.m.
- SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
- GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.
- TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
701 W. Missouri
Rev. Ray Gonzales
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
- CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
- MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
- ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Floydada
Father Arsenio Redulla
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) .. 5:30 p.m.
Mon. Tues. Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Mass 9:30 a.m.
Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- CARR'S CHAPEL**
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Pastor
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
West College & Third, Lockney
Steve McLean - Minister
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
- NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
- 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.
- TRINITY ASSEMBLY SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Washington and 1st St.
Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
401 S. Main, Floydada
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Bill Swinney,
Minister of Ed./Music
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.
- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Lockney
Jesse Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.
- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Burnell Lund,
Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
- CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Ken Free- Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:30 p.m.
- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship . 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.
- SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
- WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
- AMERICAN STATE BANK**
Member FDIC
217 W. California
983-3725
- Goen & Goen Insurance**
102 E. California
983-3524
- Barwise Gin**
Barwise Community
983-2737
- Lockney Co-op Gin**
652-2377
- City Auto Buick, Pontiac, GMC**
201 E. Missouri
Floydada
983-3767
- Lockney Ins. Agency**
105 N. Main
652-3347
- Clark Pharmacy**
320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353
- Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home**
329 W. Calif. Floydada 983-2525
402 S. Main Lockney 652-2211
- Davis Lumber**
102 E. Shubert
Lockney
6523385
- Oden Chevrolet-Olds**
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787
- Garcia's OK Tire Store**
306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370
511 1st Olton, TX 2657796
- Payne Family Pharmacy**
200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111
- Lighthouse Electric Coop**
102 E. California
983-3524
- Pay-n-Save**
210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293
- Schacht**
Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts
112 W. Poplar, Lockney
652-2385
- Sunshine Pump Oliver Clark**
Box 266, Lockney
983-5087 - 774-4412 (Mobile)

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