Obituaries

FANNIE PEARL PITTS
(February 26, 1926 - October 24, 2012)

Graveside services for Fannie Pearl Pitts, 86, of Brownfield will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2012 in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

A family visitation was held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Pearl passed away Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in Brownfield. She was born February 26, 1926 in Seminole to Jessie Lee and Fairy Fay (Ogle) McGuire.

Pearl married Thomas Richard Pitts on June 26, 1943 in Abilene. He preceded her in death on July 6, 1990.

She is also preceded in death by a son, Tommy Ray Pitts; a daughter, Sharon Pitts Fairchild; her parents and three sisters. She was a member of Brownfield Foursquare Church. Pearl worked at Oak Grove Cafeteria in Brownfield for 30 years.

Pearl is survived by a daughter, Margie Patterson and husband Clarence of Abilene; a son, Richard Pitts of Carlsbad, N.M.; a son-in-law, James Fairchild of Brownfield; three granddaughters, Tosha, Tanya and Rachele; eight great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Shayla, Miranda, Coleton, Andrew, John, Ashlee and Cole; a sister, Veda Anderson of McKinney; and a brother, Romie McGuire of Pecan Gap.

DEE KANADY
(November 10, 1921 - October 24, 2012)

U.S. Veteran Delmer Doice Kanady, 90, of Brownfield passed away Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in Brownfield.

He was born November 10, 1921 in Woodson to W.R. and Myrtle (Blair) Kanady. He married Ann Ronsick on August 15, 1959 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He was a World War II U.S. Army Veteran, receiving the Purple Heart. He was a truck driver for Truss Joist Transportation for many years.

He is preceded in death by a son, Jim Atzbach, and a daughter, Pat Reynolds.

Memorial services for Dee will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, October 27 at the Church Of God Of Prophecy, 902 Old Lamesa Rd.

Dee is survived by his wife Ann of Brownfield; four daughters, Sue Gallob and her husband Martin of Lake Arthur, N.M., Linda Zinger and her husband Bill of Santa Fe, N.M., Wanda Kohn of Phoenix and Cindy Noller and husband Brian of Phoenix; three sons, Raymond Atzbach and wife Nila of Phoenix, Herbert Atzbach and wife Linda of Brownfield and Richard Atzbach and wife Connie of Stratford, Okla.; 20 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The Perez family recently donated $1,000 to DaVita Dialysis of Brownfield as part of their ongoing support for kidney treatment. The donors and recipients included (left to right) Erma Garcia, RoseAnn Perez, Rudy Perez and Kay Foster.

Troopers investigate Gaines copter crash

GAINES COUNTY -- A "loss in horsepower" and being "overweight" caused a small four-seat helicopter to suffer a minor crash shortly following liftoff Sunday afternoon in northeastern Gaines County.

According to Texas DPS troopers investigating the incident, the incident occurred around 1:30 p.m. last Sunday (Oct. 21), nine miles southeast of the Loop community, north of FM 1066, near Cedar Lake.

"From what was described, the aircraft had a loss of horsepower shortly after liftoff and was over its weight limit," said DPS Trooper Tomas Barrientos in a Thursday afternoon interview.

The helicopter, shortly following liftoff, only managed to get 17 1/2 feet off the ground before losing horsepower.

The pilot of the helicopter, described as being a Robinson R44, was identified as Aubrey Lange, 69, of Mertzon. Three passengers, who were not identified by troopers, were also on board.

According to Barrientos, one of the passengers -- identified as being an adult male -- suffered a minor injury from the crash landing, and drove himself to Brownfield Regional Medical Center for treatment.

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Right or Wrong Way

By Daphne Delay

"I felt fine when I didn't understand what the law demanded. But when I learned the truth, I realized I had broken the law and was a sinner, doomed to die" (Romans 7:9).

Have you ever experienced a time when you didn't realize you were breaking the law, and then how it felt when it was brought to your attention? It's not a good feeling. Even if your actions were initially unintentional, the realization immediately brings fear and a sinking feeling in your stomach. (Can you say 'ugh'?)

This is what the Apostle Paul was trying to describe concerning his righteousness--from the law.

He had been raised under the law and was at the top of his class. He said, "[I was] circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin--a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault" (Philippians 3:5-6).

And then an encounter with Jesus changed everything.

And that's what He meant in his letter to the Romans. He was basically saying, "I thought I was doing good, until I realized I had been doing everything wrong."

And just like a person suddenly realizing they're driving the wrong way on a freeway ramp, Paul had to make a decision to either keep going the wrong way or turn around. Thankfully, he not only made a wise choice, but he set an example for us.

"I once thought [those other] things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with Him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Him" (Philippians 3:7-9).

You see, the law was intended to show everyone how guilty they really were, in order to prove their need for a Savior (Galatians 3:19). Once Paul embraced the truth, the sinking feeling of realizing he had been wrong was soon turned to obedience, gratitude, and joy. There's a difference between the righteousness of the law (trying to earn it by works) and the righteousness of faith (receiving what we don't deserve because payment has been made by another).

So the next time you get revelation about an area of your life that needs to change, don't dwell on the "sinking feeling" of condemnation. Instead, make the adjustment or U-turn in the right direction and embrace the new (and better) path that draws you closer to Christ.

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