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## County May Give Fair Second Chance

By SARA SISEMORE  
Managing Editor

The Fair Board will attempt to host a Ladies' Day in October, according to action taken Monday night. In addition, the board would discuss trying to hold a fair at the Unity Center in the fall of 2010.

Close to 30 people met to discuss whether or not there was enough interest to revive the Floyd and surrounding counties fair.

Floyd County Fair Board President Charlene Brown opened the meeting saying, "Of course, I am hoping for positive comments only, however, being a realist I realize this probably will not be the case. Please listen to each speaker and help us have a calm and productive meeting."

Five individuals addressed the crowd to express their beliefs about the future of the fair. D'Lyn Morris of Lockney spoke first, sharing the "special place in her heart" she has for the fair. "I certainly would like for us to look at every option and to look forward instead of backward."

"Definitely I have some dear, dear wonderful memories in that old building, ... I would be willing to help in any capacity."

Elaine LaBaume of Floydada addressed the group next, reminding everyone of the hard work and dedication that had been put into building the Unity Center. She said the conditions at the old

fair building were so bad that after the fair and stock shows people would talk saying, "If we ever became a millionaire, we would build a good building."

LaBaume continued, "It took five years to put together \$600,000 to build this wonderful facility (speaking of the Unity Center). The building would have cost much more than \$600,000 if it had not been for all the donations.

"Perhaps the most important part was that the people of Floyd County wanted this building so badly that they dug deep in their pockets and opened up their hearts to make financial donations."

LaBaume went on to discuss how the number of fair board members had dwindled over the last few years of the fair, and how by the last year of the fair, board members were dropping out saying, "It is someone else's turn, I am tired, and I am not going to serve again."

Morris concluded, "Moving to the Unity Center had nothing to do with the death of the fair. It was the signs of the time. (...) However, it is my belief that we should put the Floyd County Fair to rest and dissolve the board. The days of small county fairs are over in our area."

Lockney resident Shawnda Foster said, "That's (the fair) the reason I got on this board was because I did not want to see that fair die, and I knew it would if we continued to have it at that place (the old

fair building).

Foster continued, "I have a heart, a big heart, for the fair.

"Do I think the fair can be revived? In my heart, I would love to say 'yes.' In reality, I don't think so."

Joe Taylor of South Plains began by saying, "I guess I attended about as many of those fairs and helped at nearly all of them since the early 60s, until I said, 'that's enough.' Folks, you do get to the point where you say, 'that's enough.'"

"It wasn't just one thing that kept it going." He listed off several events: the rodeo, quarterhorse show, the flower show and the carnival.

Taylor added, "The building, the facilities up there, it's kinda like some of us here, especially me, it's gone to the past. It's wonderful memories in that old building up there...but cleaning it out...got to be a job.

"I'd like to see it revived...but we've got a building here that it can be held in and not put in near the work."

Finally, he said, "I know the work that went on with it, (and) I know the work that'll have to be done to go back to it."

Jon LaBaume of Floydada, manager of the Unity Center, spoke to the crowd: "Is the fair and carnival a thing of the past? I personally

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### Important Lesson



The Floydada Junior Fire Fighters look on as they stand around a fire hydrant as Floydada firefighters Randell Sims and Jason Pyle teach them the proper way to connect a fire engine to a hydrant.

Photo courtesy of Corey Johnston

## Future Firefighters Learn The Ropes

By SARA SISEMORE  
Managing Editor

The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department recently began a Junior Firefighter Program for area youth interested in learning about fighting fires.

According to firefighter Randell Sims, this program started as interest was generated from the Lockney High School fire in January of this year.

Sims says there are eight teenagers, ages 16 to 18, who are currently enrolled in the program.

"We want to give them a sense of what we do," Sims explained, "as well as maybe give them another career option."

Sims explained the program consists of training the teens to do everything the firefighters do, without actually putting having them fight fires. "They won't be fighting line fires," he said assuredly.

Training nights are scheduled for every second and third Monday of every month. This month the teens trained at a condemned residence on California Street in Floydada. They learned how to open doors, ventilate a structure and how to pump water from a truck.

This program will be a yearly program that will educate area youth on fires and firefighting while making sure no one gets hurt.

## Floydada City Council Discusses Water Tower

By SARA SISEMORE  
Managing Editor

On Tuesday, March 17, the Floydada City Council convened to hear from Zane Edwards, with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., an engineering consulting and design firm, concerning possible plans for bringing an overhead water towers up to TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) standards.

The water tower in question, located north of Floydada City Hall, was built in 1955 and, according to Edwards, because the current paint on the water tower is lead-based, "it has to be shrouded." Also, Edwards informed the council because of several electrical lines and antennas which are in close proximity to the tower, "It's going to be extremely expensive."

Edwards estimates the city is looking at a \$450,000 job which would include carefully shrouding the water tower, removing the lead-based paint, applying new paint and cleaning the inside of the tank. He estimates that building a new overhead water tank at a new location would cost the city "approximately \$550,000 to \$600,000."

Another option Edwards presented to the council included installing a new "standpipe" water tower, costing approximately \$400,000.

The council voted unanimously to approve the yearly "miscellaneous engineering consulting

and design services agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., and gave permission for Edwards to pursue getting more definite prices for the council to consider before moving ahead with the project.

City Manager Gary Brown informed the council about the Sewer Note owed to First Nation-

al Bank. "We have an opportunity to pay off that debt."

According to Brown, this note was originally issued in November 2005 to pay for needed sewer system improvements and was scheduled for maturity in September 2012.

The council moved unani-

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## Lockney VFD Receives Grant Money

On Monday, March 23, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded a \$112,162.00 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department.

Nationally, the AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately \$560 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

AFG awards aim to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs and buy equipment and response vehicles.

"The Assistance to Firefighters Grants program has been instrumental in building capacity and providing needed resources for our nation's firefighters," said FEMA Administrator R. David Paulison. "From the purchase of equipment to first responder training, the AFG program has helped improve response capabilities and saved lives and property in communities throughout the United States."

Since 2002, AFG has provided over \$3.6 billion in grants to fire departments and first responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal protective equipment, vehicles and fire prevention activities. AFG is administered cooperatively by two FEMA components: the Grants Program Directorate and the United States Fire Administration.

The full list of FY 2008 AFG recipients and other information is posted on the AFG website ([www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com)).

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

### College Credit Earned



FISD celebrated the accomplishments of the following FHS students Monday morning, March 23, pictured left to right: (back) Nikki Nino, Robert Finley, Bret Whalen, Bailey Davenport, Colton Covington, Titus Miller, Byron Smith-Greene, Tyler Derryberry, Sean Miller; (front) Jennifer Rainwater, Lindsey Wells, Crystal Alvarez, Whitley Walker, Dusty Hicks, Rallo Mercado and Dillon Chesshir.

Staff Photo

## FISD Prepares Students For College; Helps Families

A well-attended breakfast reception was held Monday, March 23 on the campus of Floydada High School for college credit earning students and their parents. The reception honored students who successfully completed coursework and earned college hours during the 2008-2009 school year.

At the reception, students and parents were reimbursed tuition expenses for up to nine hours for those who successfully completed coursework and earned college hours. This service was made possible through the Rural Technology Grant - a two year grant of which Floydada Independent School District was a recipient. Reimbursement checks ranged from \$139 to \$417 depending on the number of hours the student completed.

For a student earning nine hours of college credit in the fall, the estimated total tuition savings is \$2,400 for the family. Sharon Rainwater, a parent recipient of \$278.00 stated, "With the price of col-

lege education these days, something like this is a great help to families."

There were 24 students who were honored for earning college credit. Listed are the students' names and the number of college hours they earned during the 2008-2009 school year: Crystal Alvarez, 15; Dillon Chesshir, 23; Colton Covington, 12; Bailey Davenport, 12; Tyler Derryberry, 9; Robert Finley, 12; Dusty Hicks, 15; Rollo Mercado, 15; Sean Miller, 18; Titus Miller, 15; Nikki Nino, 26; Jennifer Rainwater, 9; Byron Smith-Greene, 12; Whitley Walker, 18; Lindsey Wells, 30; Brett Whalen, 18; Chad Davis, 9; Adriana Hernandez, 6; Joe Luis Suarez, 6; Laken Reedy, 3; Miguel Chairez, 6; Adriana DelaCerde, 9; Elda Lopez, 3, and Valeria Perez, 3.

This brings the total number of college credits earned by FHS students to 304 hours.

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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### The Real Meaning Of Earth Hour

By Keith Lockitch

On Saturday, March 28, cities around the world will turn off their lights to observe "Earth Hour." Iconic landmarks from the Sydney Opera House to Manhattan's skyscrapers will be darkened to encourage reduced energy use and signal a commitment to fighting climate change.

While a one-hour blackout will admittedly have little effect on carbon emissions, what matters, organizers say, is the event's symbolic meaning. That's true, but not in the way organizers intend.

We hear constantly that the debate is over on climate change—that man-made greenhouse gases are indisputably causing a planetary emergency. But there is ample scientific evidence to reject the claims of climate catastrophe. And what's never mentioned? The fact that reducing greenhouse gases to the degree sought by climate activists would, itself, cause significant harm.

Politicians and environmentalists, including those behind Earth Hour, are not calling on people just to change a few light bulbs, they are calling for a truly massive reduction in carbon emissions—as much as 80 percent below 1990 levels. Because our energy is overwhelmingly carbon-based (fossil fuels provide more than 80 percent of world energy), and because the claims of abundant "green energy" from breezes and sunbeams are a myth—this necessarily means a massive reduction in our energy use.

People don't have a clear view of what this would mean in practice. We, in the industrialized world, take our abundant energy

for granted and don't consider just how much we benefit from its use in every minute of every day. Driving our cars to work and school, sitting in our lighted, heated homes and offices, powering our computers and countless other labor-saving appliances, we count on the indispensable values that industrial energy makes possible: hospitals and grocery stores, factories and farms, international travel and global telecommunications. It is hard for us to project the degree of sacrifice and harm that proposed climate policies would force upon us.

This blindness to the vital importance of energy is precisely what Earth Hour exploits. It sends the comforting-but-false message: Cutting off fossil fuels would be easy and even fun! People spend the hour stargazing and holding torch-lit beach parties; restaurants offer special candle-lit dinners. Earth Hour makes the renunciation of energy seem like a big party.

Participants spend an enjoyable sixty minutes in the dark, safe in the knowledge that the life-saving benefits of industrial civilization are just a light switch away. This bears no relation whatsoever to what life would actually be like under the sort of draconian carbon-reduction policies that climate activists are demanding: punishing carbon taxes, severe emissions caps, outright bans on the construction of power plants.

Forget one measly hour with just the lights off. How about Earth Month, without any form of fossil fuel energy? Try spending a month shivering in the dark without heating, electricity, refrigeration; without power plants or generators;

without any of the labor-saving, time-saving, and therefore life-saving products that industrial energy makes possible.

Those who claim that we must cut off our carbon emissions to prevent an alleged global catastrophe need to learn the indisputable fact that cutting off our carbon emissions would be a global catastrophe. What we really need is greater awareness of just how indispensable carbon-based energy is to human life (including, of course, to our ability to cope with any changes in the climate).

It is true that the importance of Earth Hour is its symbolic meaning. But that meaning is the opposite of the one intended. The lights of our cities and monuments are a symbol of human achievement, of what mankind has accomplished in rising from the cave to the skyscraper. Earth Hour presents the disturbing spectacle of people celebrating those lights being extinguished. Its call for people to renounce energy and to rejoice at darkened skyscrapers makes its real meaning unmistakably clear: Earth Hour symbolizes the renunciation of industrial civilization.

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Your newspaper is improving. It's not where I want it ... yet, but it will be. Behind the scenes of this publication are hard-working, dedicated individuals who have a goal. That goal is to give you the best product possible.

However, in order to accomplish this goal, we need input from the public. I'll give you an example: the good folks of Wellington and Hollis, Okla., are very good about getting club news to their respective newspaper. My friends in Childress are not. That's my fault.

It is my job to see that my people are approaching the various civic clubs to ensure their hard work is reflected in our publications. Please consider this an open invitation or solicitation for such news.

If you're a club secretary, please find an email address within this newspaper and share with us what your club is doing for your community. I know for a fact local Lions are serving their community. I think the public should know as well.

There are other things you can do to help us improve our product. For instance, I would like to see more feedback from our readers regarding what is going on locally.

If your upset about local government, stray dogs, vandalism or any issue, take some time and write us a letter to the editor. I've seen as much change come as a result of a well-written letter to the editor as anything else. All I ask is that you follow our policy, sign your name and stay away from slander.

Don't be afraid to brag on the good things about your town as well. When a city employee reads about the good they do in a letter to the editor, it pumps them up. In other words, both positive and negative feedback from the public can be very beneficial.

Please don't assume we know what's going on. Sound crazy? While it is our job to know what is going on, sometimes we drop the ball. Don't hesitate to call us with a story so we can get busy getting information ready for you.

It may sound strange for a newsman to admit, but the good stuff comes from you - the source. Did one of our graduates make the Dean's List? Let us know about it. Do you have a neighbor growing pot? Tell us and the police or sheriff about it.

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Since purchasing your newspaper, it has been an arduous task getting the publication the way we want it. That being the case, I have not been able to travel to the various communities and extend my hand to enough of you. I'd like to change that by hosting an Open House in several communities this spring. That way you can put a face to the nut you read each week.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you for reading and/or advertising. Your time and money are precious and we appreciate your business.

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Despite the fact that these publications are, at the very least, dozens of years old, we are just getting started.

I'm a very stubborn man and I'm determined to make this publication the best it can be. It's not easy. In fact, it is the most difficult undertaking of my career. However, it is that important to me.

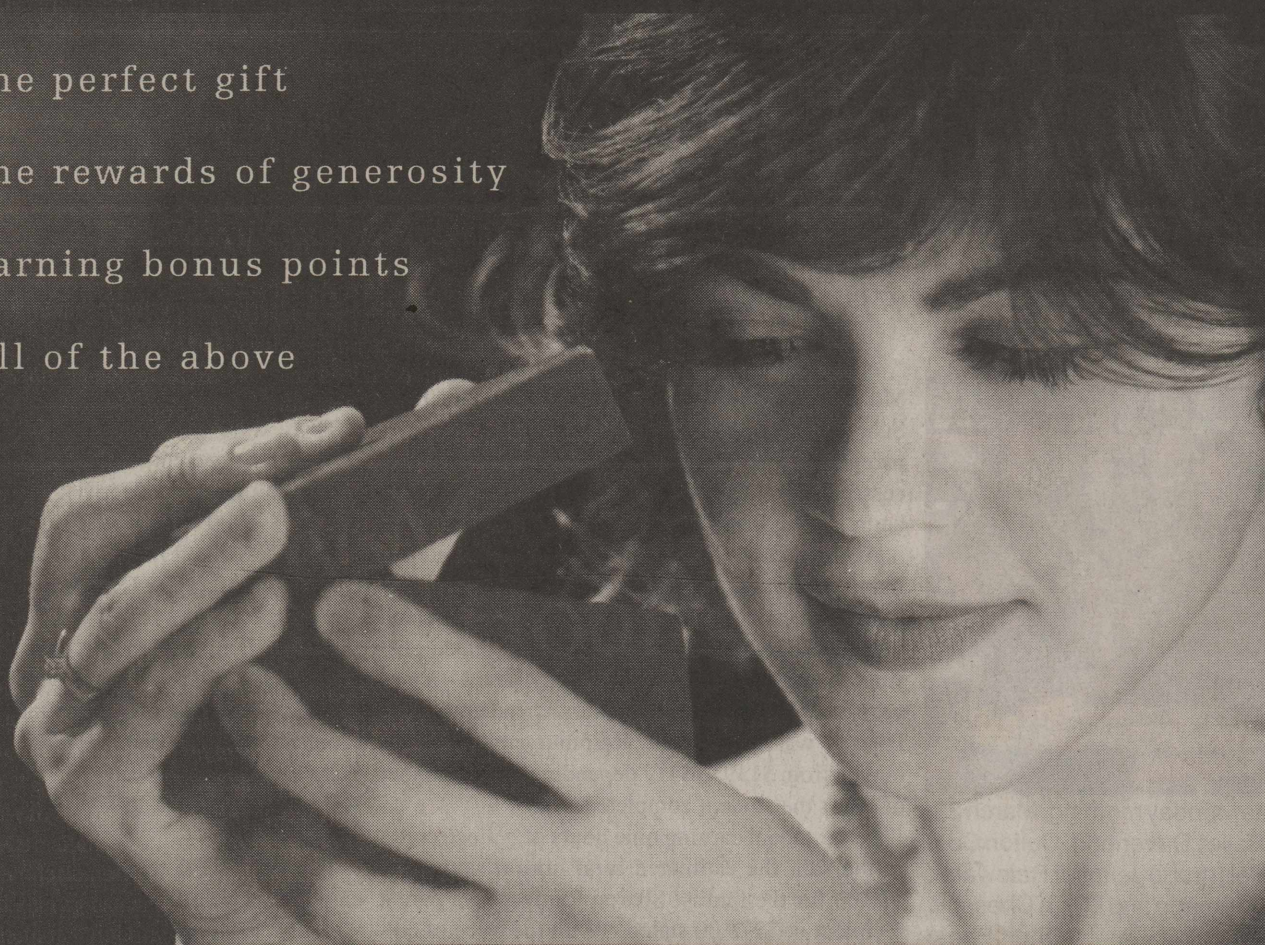
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RHEALEE GRACE GOLDEN

Taryn Rhea Golden (left above) of Brownfield is excited to announce the arrival of her little sister, Rhealee Grace Golden. Rhealee was born Thursday, March 12, 2009 in Lubbock, weighing 8 lbs and 10 ounces and was 22 inches long. The Golden girls are the children of

Cory and Charissa Golden and the granddaughters of Charles and Donna Keaton of Lockney, Joyce Golden of Brownfield and the late Joe Roy Golden. They are the great-granddaughters of Mildred Keaton of Lockney, Don Chesshir of Floydada and Oneita Sedgwick of Plainview.

**1934 STUDY CLUB**

By Emagene Haenisch

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, March 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Bill Ferguson with Nell McClung as co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Margarette Word. The Club Collect was led by Jo Lyles. Marie Warren called the roll which was answered with "A Book I Enjoyed Reading." Minutes of the January and February meetings were read and approved.

Thank you cards from the EMS and Lou Burleson were read. Program Chairman Wilma Colston requested suggestions for programs for next year. She also asked if the members preferred a co-hostess for each meeting. Club members voted to have a co-hostess.

Diana Glover gave an interesting book review on "Home to Harmony." It was a book of 24 stories of which she only gave some six.

Refreshments were served to Faye Bertrand Wilma Colston. Betsy Dempsey, Diana Glover, Wilma Gowens, Jo Lyles, Marie Warren, Margarette Word, Nell McClung, Bill Ferguson and her sister, Audean Beck, who was a guest.

The next meeting will be April 14 at the home of Betsy Dempsey with Jo Lyles as co-hostess. The program will be given by Betty Jackson on the Museum.

**Upcoming 'Journal to the Self' workshops**

By Sharon Hinton

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health & safety education is sponsoring three Journal to the Self workshops. The eight week workshops start Thursday, April 9 at the RNR training center, 312 W. Georgia Street in Floydada. Participants may choose the 8:30-9:30 a.m., noon-1 p.m., or 6-7 p.m. workshops.

Lite lunches such as soup, salad or sandwiches will be provided at \$5 each for lunch or you can bring your own. Lite suppers will be provided at \$8 each for the 6 p.m. class or bring your own.

The workshops are designed for people interested in personal

growth by exploring their life, goals, dreams and hopes; for those working through stress or grief; and for those interested in recording life's journey through writing. No experience necessary.

All ages are welcome including youth in junior high and high school. The cost is \$22 for the workshop, workbook and materials. Meals are not included in the price. Once you are registered, you may attend any of the sessions without additional charge. Must be able to read and write English. Workshops in Spanish are limited and by request only.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Hinton, RN, 983-8096 or coordinator@ruralnursesresource.com.

**Lockney Senior Citizens News**

By Vera Jo Bybee

Weeds, weeds, weeds are about to take my yard over. Louie came in and sprayed but it takes a while for the spray to work.

Now the prettiest grass in town is the Lockney Baseball Field. Lockney held their "Field of Dreams" Baseball tournament last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I went and watched them play Saturday and win the Championship game. Congratulations Lockney Longhorns and Coaches for having such a fine team. It was the first game I had seen in a couple of years and it was really worth going to.

Visitors from the Dallas area last week in the home of Bill and Mary Quattlebaum were their three granddaughters, all sisters: Kim, a RN at UT Southwestern Hospital; Gabrielle, an International Relocation Specialist with Primacy; and Alix, a Hair Color Specialist with Tony and Gay in the Galleria. Cynthia enjoyed having them come in and shop at Heart's Desire. I am so sorry I missed seeing them. Maybe next time, girls.

Not much news going on at the Center last week. Wanda said she just had all home folks eating with her. However, we did have a guest, Billy Dean Gilbreath of Floydada, to come last Thursday night for potluck supper and he stayed and played dominoes with the guys. Billy is a former Lockney boy who went to school

in Lockney in the late 40s.

Wanda wanted me to thank Belle Daniels for donating a dozen boxes of cake mixes.

Jr. and Gene had guests in their home last week. Jr.'s daughter Rene and her family stayed with them while their house is being renovated. Rene said it is going to be so pretty when they get it all done.

I was so glad to visit Lynda Holley last week. Lynda is now at home here in Lockney with her mother, Jo Webb. She is doing real well but still has a long way to go before she can go back to her house she said.

A guest with Faye Barker recently was daughter-in-law Allison. Allison came to stay with Faye while husband Steve and daughter Emily traveled on a medical mission trip to Haiti.

Margaret Schacht was on a mission trip to Sager Brown. She said she had a good time working at the Sager Brown Depot.

I read a lot of fiction novels for pleasure. The book I'm reading now is by Nora Roberts. I'm going to use a line from her novel as the food for thought today. "Politics change, governments shift but history stands firm."

**Menu**

- March 30 - April 3
- Monday-Mexican Chicken
- Tuesday-Fried Chicken
- Wednesday-Roast beef
- Thursday-Baked ham
- Friday-Meatloaf

**Floydada Senior Citizens News**

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon. Our address is 301 E. Georgia, mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. The phone number is 983-2030.

My son Greg Bond of Granbury spent five days with me and Mona spent the time in Lubbock with her family. She did come over and spend a couple of days with me.

The new deadline the Hesperian has, rushed me in writing this article, so it is short with news this week.

Vera Jo Bybee of Lockney did come to the Center and ate lunch Wednesday, March 18. She stayed and played games at the Center with a group. We hope she comes back.

Genelle Breed recently had a family gathering in her home for five wonderful days. They were Mike Breed of Sandia; Shirley Towler of Nashville, Tenn.; Ryan Breed of Austin; Linda Breed and her baby Danny of Berlin, Germany.

Our sympathy to the family of Virginia Cage.

Our sympathy to the family of J.T. Rowan.

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

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In memory of Ruby Weems -

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In memory of Sue Sewell - Norma Welch.

In memory of Adrain Helms - Norma Welch, Genelle Breed, K.D. and Janis Julian, Joe and Lynn Dunn, Nick and Melissa Long, Quinn and Michelle DuBois.

In memory of John Cockrell - Genelle Breed, K.D. and Janis Julian, Jane Pruitt.

In memory of Wayne Battey - Jane Pruitt.

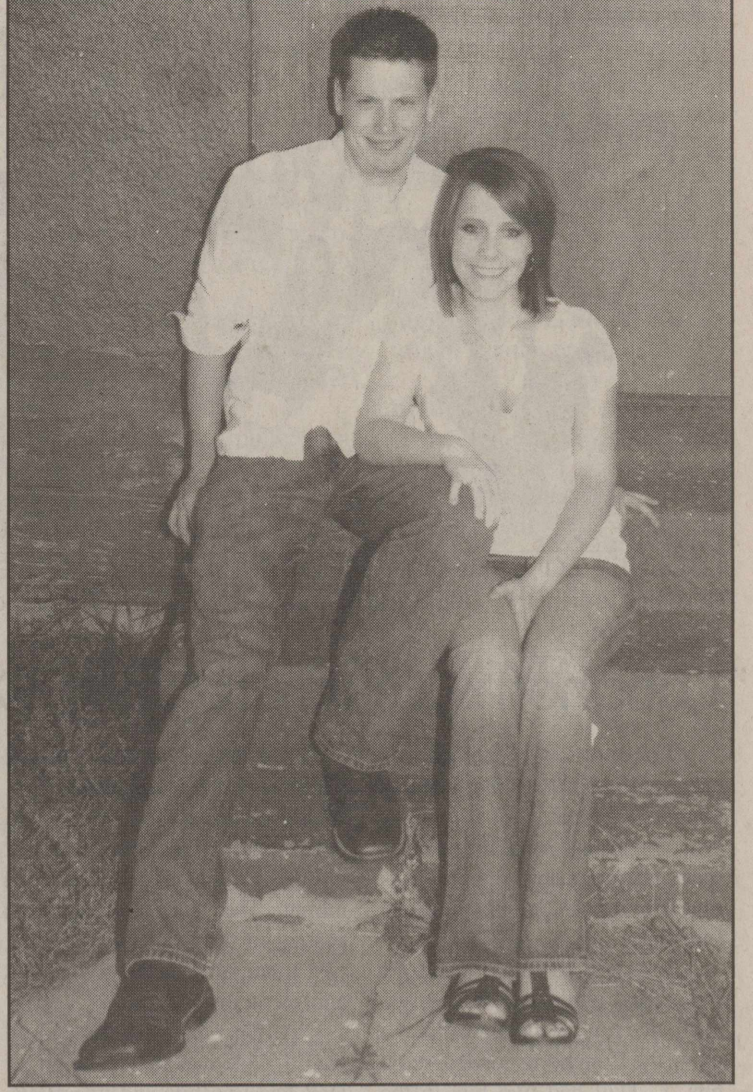
In memory of Al Galloway - Jane Pruitt.

In memory of Beth Tye - Jane Pruitt.

Thought for the week - Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.

**Menu**

- March 30 - April 3
- Monday-Beef tostadas, salad, rice, cookies
- Tuesday-Pork chops, macaroni and cheese, carrots, fruit salad
- Wednesday-Beef stew, pinto beans, salad, corn bread, brownies
- Thursday-BBQ sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, corn bread, pudding
- Friday-Fried fish, pinto beans, coleslaw, corn bread, jello



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Doug and Tonjua Smith of Plainview and Neal and Lisa Becker of Plainview are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Cortney Nicole Smith and Taylor WD Becker.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Barry and Janie McMennamy of Plainview, and Bill and Mildred Smith of Olton. She is a 2007 graduate of Plainview High School and currently attends Lubbock Christian University.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Don and Charlene Eddleman of Lubbock, Mazie and Don Hegi of Petersburg and the late Weldon Becker. He is a 2005 graduate of Lockney High School and a 2008 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He is currently an auditor employed by Bolinger, Segars, gilbert and Moss L.L.P.

The couple will be married June 13, 2009 at Garland Street Church of Christ in Plainview.

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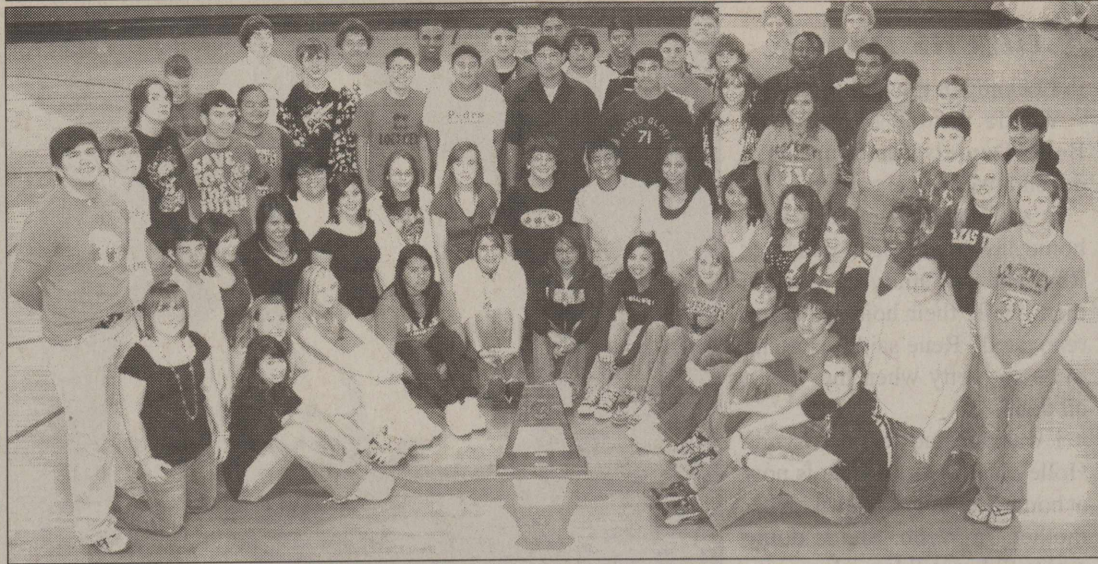
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LOCKNEY LONGHORN BAND WINS UIL GRAND SWEEPSTAKES AGAIN - The band participated in the UIL Band Contest 3-12-09 at the Sundown High School auditorium. Staff Photo

### Longhorns Claim Tourney Championship

Lockney's Longhorns claimed the 2009 Field of Dreams Classic last week.

The squad won the tournament championship after defeating Brownfield 3-0 Saturday in Lockney.

Lockney scored one run in the second inning and added two insurance runs in the third. For the game the Longhorns totaled seven hits. L. Hall had two hits in the game while A. Cruz, Konner Ellison, L. Perez, A. Rendon and R. Cruz each had one hit.

R. Cruz was the winning pitcher striking out seven in the win.

The team also hammered Childress Friday winning 11-1.

Lockney scored one run in the second and then followed that up with seven runs in the third inning. The team continued its pasting of the Bobcats by adding two more runs in the fourth and another in the fifth.

A. Cruz had one hit and an RBI, J. Coleman added one hit, L. Hall had two hits and two RBIs, Konner Ellison added a hit and an RBI and L. Perez led the team with three RBIs and a hit. J. Luna added a hit and an RBI for Lockney.

L. Perez pitched five

innings striking out eight.

In the team's first tournament game against Crosbyton, the Longhorns won the contest on a tiebreaker after the game ended with the teams knotted at 8-8.

Lockney was up 8-0 after four innings, but Crosbyton rallied to score eight runs in two innings to tie the game.

A. Cruz had two hits and two RBIs in the game, J. Coleman had two hits, L. Hall had a hit and an RBI, Konner Ellison had a hit and RBI, J. Luna had a hit and an RBI and A. Rendon had two hits.

Kyler Ellison struck out eleven batters in five innings.

### Lady Longhorns fall in Championship Game

The Lockney Lady Longhorns advanced to the championship game of the softball division of the Field of Dreams Softball Classic in Lockney last weekend but were topped by Ralls 8-1.

Ralls went up 6-1 after two innings of play and eventually added two more runs for the victory.

In the semi-finals Lockney beat Brownfield 10-8 in eight innings.

Lindsie Moerbe was the winning pitcher Lockney scored four runs in the eighth inning to win the contest and advance to the final.

Lockney also had three players named to the all-tournament team. They were: Lindsie Moerbe, Devin Caballero and Sunny Williams.

Other scores from the tournament included:

Pool play:

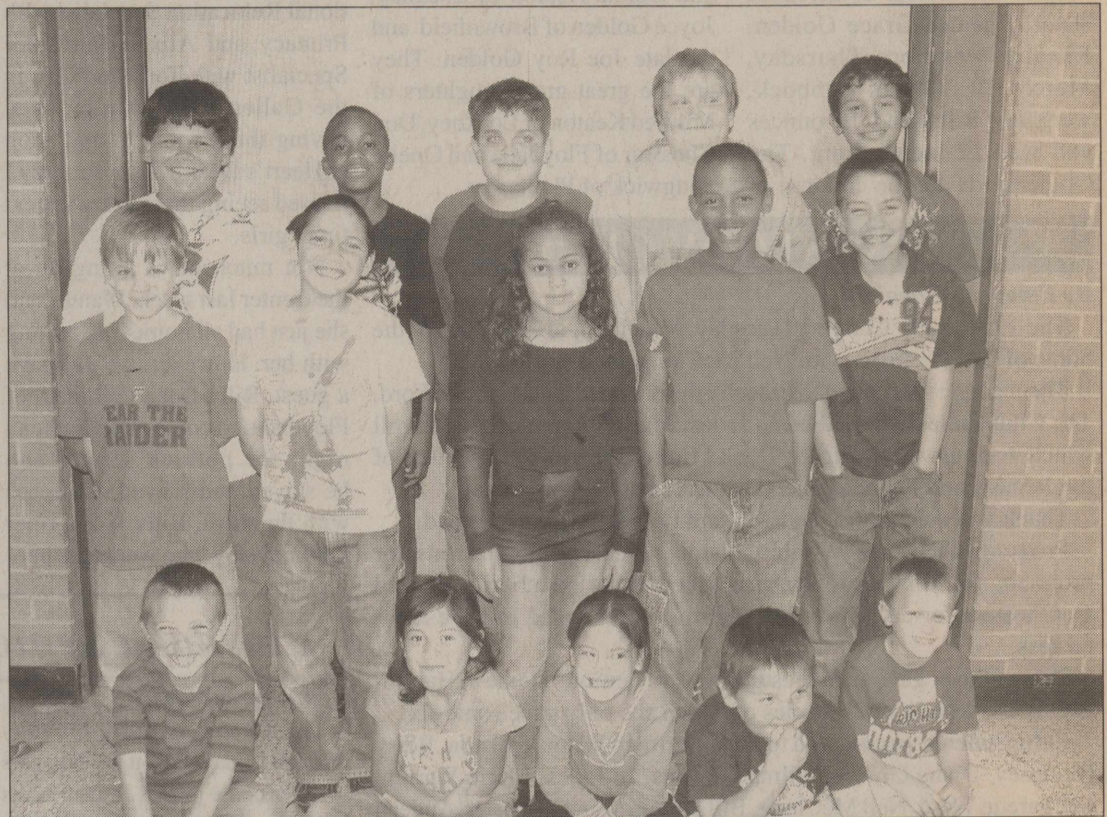
- Ralls 7, Lockney 0
- Ralls 10, Brownfield 4
- Brownfield 9, Floydada 1
- Lockney 12, Floydada 8
- Ralls 10, Floydada 0
- Brownfield 4, Lockney 0

Tournament play:

- Ralls 14, Floydada 0
- Brownfield 14, Floydada 4



SIXTEEN LOCKNEY LONGHORN BAND MEMBERS qualify for State UIL contest. (Standing, l-r) Brent Zambrano, Christopher Rodriguez, Josh Mullins, Adrian Cortez, Jessie Peralez, Jonathan Coleman, Riley Teeter and Timothy Padilla, (sitting, l-r) Patrick Doucette, Saray Flores, Landon Kidd, Jennifer Ybarra, James Mercado, Destinee DeLeon, Tori Wilburn and Anna Sherman.



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 3-23-09: (back row, l-r) Manuel Soliz, Jaden Rosales, Brandon Crutchfield, Christian Bursiaga and Sergio Ascensio, (center, l-r) Jonathan Sammann, Ricky Cuellar, Tatyanna Cienfuegos, Deion Mollette and Ozzy Mondragon, (front, l-r) Fernando Valdez, Tabitha Hernandez, Tiffany Nunez, Cristian Gomez and Kayd Young. Staff photo



LOCKNEY LADY HORNS---(back row, l-r) Stats-Elissa Vasquez, Coach Lisa Schumacher, Katalina Araujo, Manager Toni Morales, Tanya Hernandez, Carrol Vasquez, Quinn Jackson, Jennifer Ybarra, Melissa DeLuna, Lezlie Jackson, Anissa Reyna, Lindsie Moerbe, Blanca Molinar and Asst. Coach Ray Jimenez, (front row, l-r) Abby Garza, Crystal Sanchez, Delores Luna, Alexandra Salazar, Devin Caballero, Sunny Williams and Janie Martinez. The Lockney Lady Horns took 2nd place in the Field of Dreams Softball Classic this past weekend. The Lady Horns had a 3-2 record in the tournament losing the championship game to the state ranked Ralls Lady Jackrabbits 8-1.

Photo by Connie Barnett

### Lockney School Menu

Menu	March 30 - April 3
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> -French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk <b>Lunch</b> -Chicken nuggets or tuna sandwich, potatoes, peas, orange, roll, milk
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> -Eggs/sausage or cereal, toast, juice, milk <b>Lunch</b> -Pizza or ham and cheese, corn, pineapple, milk
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> -Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk <b>Lunch</b> -Steak fingers or chicken patty, macaroni and cheese, salad, pineapple, roll, milk
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> -Yogart or cereal, toast, juice, milk <b>Lunch</b> -Spaghetti or PBJ sandwich, green beans, fruited gelatin, bread, milk
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> -Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk <b>Lunch</b> -Hamburger or tuna sandwich, potatoes, peaches, milk



YOUNG QUADRUPLES ACCELERATED READING GOAL---Allyson Young, daughter of Chad and Kathy Young quadrupled her AR goal, winning a new book bag. Photo by Connie Barnett

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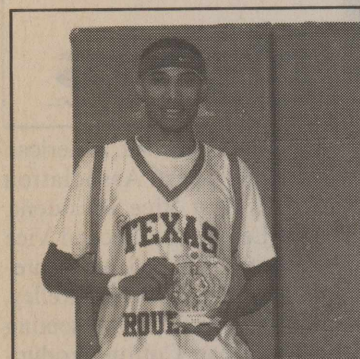
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### Smith participates in Texas Roundup



Byron Smith

By Coach Renfro

Byron Smith, a senior from the Floydada Whirlwind basketball team, participated in the Texas Roundup in Maypearl on Saturday, March 21. The Texas Roundup is an invitational event for unsigned players in 1A, 2A, and 3A schools from across the state. Over 200 players were nominated for the roundup, while only a select few were chosen to play.

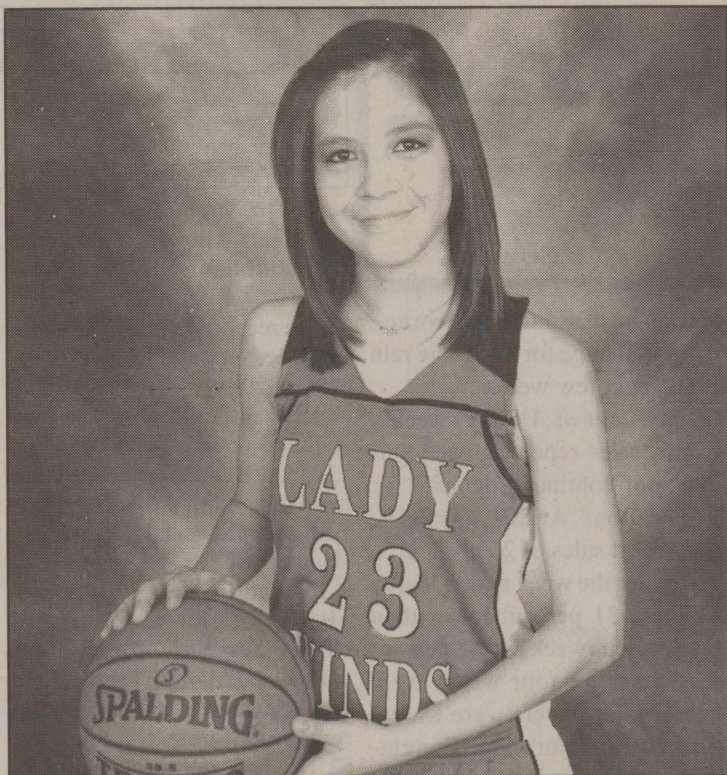
The players were divided into

two teams of 12, a red team and a white team for the event. Players began the day by meeting their coaches and having a morning practice. The coaches for the teams were junior college coaches from the Dallas area. Following practice, the players were then treated to a formal luncheon at the Beaumont Ranch. In the afternoon, they returned to the gym for a three point contest and the all-star basketball game.

Playing for the white team, Smith scored 14 points, grabbed 9 rebounds and blocked two shots. He also dished out two assists while helping his team to a 98-89 victory.

After the game, players had the opportunity to visit with college scouts and coaches who were in attendance.

Other area schools who were represented in the all star event included Shallowater, Brownfield and Nazareth.



JUNIOR FORWARD MEGAN ALEMAN of Floydada High School was named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Team. Aleman averaged 15.3 ppg, 7.8 rpg and shot 69.3% from free-throw line. She was named the MVP of District 2-2A.

### Floydada School Menu

**Menu**  
**March 30 - April 3**  
**Monday**  
**Breakfast**-French toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple and orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk  
**Tuesday**  
**Breakfast**-Sausage, toast/jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk  
**Wednesday**  
**Breakfast**-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk  
**Thursday**  
**Breakfast**-Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Taco salad, seasoned corn fruited gelatin, brownie, milk  
**Friday**  
**Breakfast**-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, quick baked potatoes, baby carrots w/Ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk

### Floydada Boy Scouts ski in Taos

By Curtis Emert

The Boy Scouts went skiing this last weekend of spring break. The boys earn credit for skiing and summer camp by helping put out American flags six times a year.

We had five boys and three leaders go this year. We have been staying at the Sun God Lodge the last couple of years since there are not many of us going.

In order for the boys to be eligible to go skiing we have a 70 percent rule. You have to attend 70 percent of meetings, fund raisers, campouts and service projects to get to do the fun stuff. We feel this is only right and fair

to everyone.

The next three sets of flags will help pay the boys' way to summer camp in July.

The snow was a little light this year but the boys said they still had fun. It was a little icy in the morning and slushy in the afternoon, but overall the weather was nice and we had a good time.

The people that went this year were J. C. Chappell, Landry Morren, Joseph Herrera, Juan Nuniz, Matthew McGowen, Bobby Gilliland, Jerry Chappell and Curtis Emert. We also had two ex-scouts who went with us and paid their own way: B. J. Chappell and Jay McGaugh. Both of these boys are Eagle Scouts from Floydada.

## Floydada Baseball wins District opener

The Floydada Whirlwind baseball team started off district play with an impressive win over Friona, Saturday, March 21 at Watson Field.

In the top of the first, the Winds' Randy Lerma singled to left center putting the Winds in scoring position. Junior Jesse Ibarra sent a line drive single to right field scoring 2 RBI's. With the Winds leading 4-0 at the bottom of the second, the hitting streak continued with power hitter Lerma connecting to score a 2 run double and Anthony Segura belted a double to left center to score Lerma putting the Winds way out in front 8-0.

In the next three innings, the combination of the Winds solid defense and continued hitting allowed the Winds to 10 run rule the Chiefs in the fifth inning.

Freshman newcomer Jose Martinez picked up his first career win. He pitched 3.75 innings and faced 16 batters. Martinez had 1 strike-out, and allowed 1 hit in 52 pitches.

Junior Anthony Segura came in relief of Martinez. In 1.1 innings, Segura struck out 1 of 7 batters he faced and allowed 1 hit.

The Winds looked sharp on defense having no errors and 2 impressive double plays by shortstop Joseph Segura and first basemen Jesse Ibarra. Catcher Colton Covington did an outstanding job behind the plate with a throw-out to second base and another tag team effort from shortstop Segura to tag a Chief out at home plate in dramatic fashion.

Coach Seago commented, "We've got a very competitive district and hopefully the tough pre-district schedule will pay off for us. The kids played well today."

Jesse Ibarra racked up 3 RBI's. Lerma and Joseph Segura each had 2 RBI's and Anthony Segura finished off the RBI's with 1 for the day. In a decisively team effort all but one Whirlwind player scored runs for the Whirlwinds.

	1	2	3	4	5	Final
Friona	0	0	1	0	1	2
Floydada	4	4	0	5	-	13

## Range Welcomes New Breed

By Hanaba Munn Welch

ABILENE, Texas — A whole new breed is making its debut on the Texas range. And it's not a new kind of cow. It's a new kind of rancher.

Much Texas ranch land is changing hands, some of it being carved into 20-acre ranchettes and some of it staying intact but being managed more for recreation than ranching. Many of the new breed - the "new ruralists," for lack of a better buzz term - also want to do the right thing by the land, and some want to try their hand at raising livestock.

Billy Kniffen, extension program specialist at Menard, has witnessed the phenomenon and has worked with some of the new types of landowners, especially in the Texas Hill Country.

Kniffen spoke Wednesday at the Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Expo in Abilene at a seminar for small acreage landowners.

"They're extremely knowledgeable in certain fields," he said, describing the typical new landowners in the area around San Marcos - and no doubt describing many of the people in his audience as well.

But agriculture isn't the new landowners' area of expertise. They're professionals dentists, doctors, whatever - but not professional ranchers.

The changing trend in land ownership isn't restricted to the Hill Country, Kniffen said. It's also

happening north of I-20 in parts of West Texas where hunters and other outsiders are buying large tracts of lands for other purposes than ranching.

Generally, landowners of the new breed appreciate the land, Kniffen said. An emerging philosophy is to let the land do what it was designed to do - essentially to take the land back to what it was like 150 years ago.

It's not a bad philosophy, Kniffen said.

"I'd like to beat lots of this into the heads of some of our big landowners as well," he said.

Water resources management is Kniffen's area of expertise.

"It's extremely important to get water back in the ground," he said. "Lots of things in here I would like my big ranchers to know and understand."

Range science is a young discipline, and the idea of restoring the land - instead of wearing it out - needs acceptance, he said. To underline his point, he referred to a cartoon he saw in 1949 - one that showed a farmer piling his belongings into an old wagon and onto a pickup truck.

"I wore out another farm," read the caption.

And that's how things often happened, Kniffen said.

"We just mined the resources out of it," he said. "We need to understand what we can do to

restore that land."

Kniffen introduced David Embry, Natural Resources Conservation Service agronomist, who talked about forages for small acreage, and Allan McGinty, Texas AgriLife Extension Service range specialist, who talked about brush management.

The same forages that work for big landowners work for small ones, Embry said.

But the owners of small properties often have more resources to devote to range improvements.

"Most folks with small acreages aren't trying to make a living on it," Embry said. "A lot of it is just how far do you want to take this thing."

But the owner, absentee or not, of a small farm or ranch is often at the mercy of someone else to do the work, meaning that it's harder to be sure that everything is done at the optimal time.

"If you can't do hay in a

timely manner, a lot of times you are losing a lot ...," Embry said. "On good hay, timing is critical."

How many acres of range it takes to support livestock, whether cows, horses or goats and sheep, depends greatly on management. A cow requires four and a half to 13 acres, per Embry's rule of thumb. Horses take more: five acres to 16. Goats and sheep get by on less than an acre each up to two and a half acres per head.

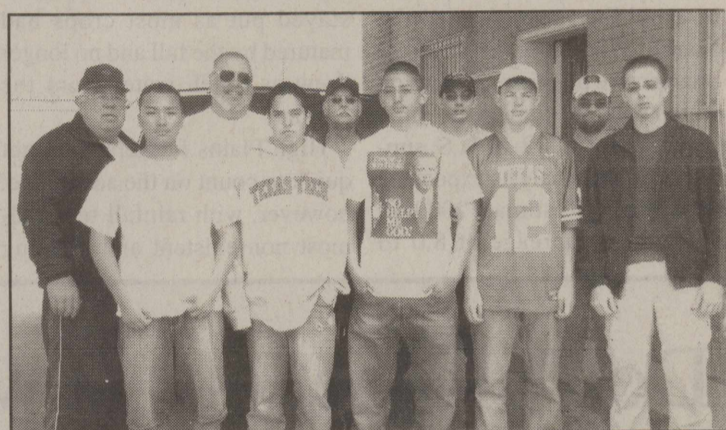
When forage runs out, supplemental feed is costly, Embry said, mentioning his own niece, who has four horses on 13 acres.

"The feed bills are just eating her alive," he said.

Several types of grass make good forage, Embry said, listing the attributes of several, from different varieties of bermuda to imported bluestems.

But he ended on a note that resonates with the trend mentioned

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Pictured are the boy scouts and their leaders who participated in this year's ski trip: (back row, l-r) Bob Gilliland, Curtis Emert, Jerry Chappell, J.C. Chappell, Jay McGaugh; (front row) Joseph Herrera, Matthew McGowen, Juan Nuniz, Landry Morren and B.J. Chappell.

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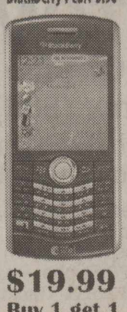
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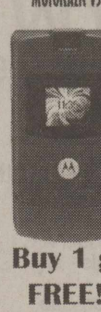
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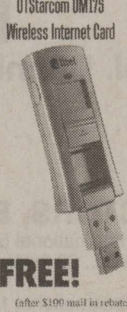
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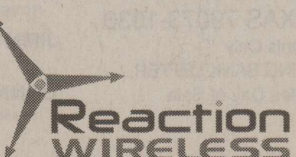


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# Cotton Market Weekly



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Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) appeared to be unable to make a firm commitment this week and closed basically unchanged. The market has stayed in a relatively tight range this month despite active movement in other commodity markets and a shift in tone on general economic conditions.

While traders say there has been a shift in the economy's tone from one of serious doom and gloom to one of more optimism that the deflationary cycle can be stopped, the cotton market has remained in consolidation. For the most part, cotton like most commodities, recently has been strongly influenced by outside markets and particularly the U.S. stock market. Any influence from traditional fundamental reports has been fleeting at best since December.

"Uncertainty about the macro-economic situation kept speculators from dealing heavily in cotton while even cash trade was quiet, leaving little futures business," an analyst said.

Cotton is expected to remain in a holding pattern until the March 31 release of USDA's prospective plantings projection which will give traders their first glance at the 2009-10 U.S. supply outlook. Analysts expect the department to estimate 2009-10 U.S. cotton acreage at 8.0 to

8.5 million acres, down from the 9.47 million planted the previous season.

"We are at the time of year when the price relationship between cotton and the corn and soybean complex certainly plays a roll in the market's perception of producers' planting intentions," an observer said. "However, it seems for the most part, prices of all row crops have generally followed the same market path so the decisions may wind up coming from other factors such as input costs, water needs, and the availability of cash contracts," he concluded.

Meanwhile, in the face of statewide drought, farmers on the High Plains may have an advantage over some other regions of Texas. A pre-plant soil moisture survey found the amount of water trapped below the surface is up from 2008, encouraging news for farmers expecting to spend more money on irrigation just to get their crops planted this year.

"The soil moisture was stored up last fall when above average rainfall hit the region," an area soil scientist said. "The water stayed put as most crops had matured by the fall and no longer drew as much water from the ground."

High Plains farmers were not quick to count on the advantage, however, with rainfall totals almost non-existent and planting

season just around the corner. They still hope for a soaking rain in the next few weeks.

In other news, USDA's weekly export sales report showed evidence of continued demand for U.S. cotton. At 204,200 bales, net export sales of 2008-09 U.S. cotton for the week ended March 12 were 31 percent lower than the previous week and 48 percent less than the four-week average. Major buyers were China, Turkey, Vietnam, and Bangladesh. Net sales of 5,400 bales for delivery in 2009-10 were for Indonesia and Thailand.

Export shipments of 165,800 bales were down 30 percent from the previous week and 18 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia.

"The department's export shipment figure continues to lag, as credit issues, while improved, still are far from optimal," a trader explained.

Higher sales were seen in the spot cotton market for the week ended March 19 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 18,529 bales online compared to 14,850 bales the previous week.

Average prices received by producers ranged from 30.91 to 36.45 cents per pound versus 31.59 to 35.35 cents per pound one week earlier.

# Cotton



# News

By Shawn Wade

## USDA Announces Buy-in Waivers Allowing Growers To Establish SURE Program Eligibility

The recently approved American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes several agricultural disaster assistance components designed to enhance and extend assistance available through the 2008 Farm Bill's Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program.

In accordance with the provisions of the ARRA, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced March 17 that USDA would extend to producers currently ineligible for the 2008 SURE program, because they did not previously obtain the statutorily required policy crop insurance from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage through the Farm Service Agency for 2008, the opportunity to pay a buy-in fee to establish SURE program eligibility through May 18, 2009.

Paying the buy-in fee does not provide the producer with crop insurance or NAP coverage for losses incurred during the 2008 crop year.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) may now become eligible for such programs by completing the following steps by May 18, 2009:

(1) Paying a \$100 buy-in fee per crop. The maximum fee for insurable or non-insurable crops is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

(2) In the case of each insurable crop (those for which insurance is available from FCIC), excluding grazing land, agree-

ing to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available that covers 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

(3) In the case of each non-insurable crop, agreeing to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose to buy in under the ARRA provision will be considered, for insured crops for the 2008 Farm Bill disaster assistance programs only, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

For non-insurable crops for the 2008 Farm Bill disaster programs only, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee. Producers who buy in will not be eligible for actual crop insurance or NAP benefits for the 2008 crop.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

## COTTON USA Executive Delegation Visits Textile Industry in Latin America

For the first time in a decade a COTTON USA Executive Delegation traveled throughout Latin America to meet with leading customers of U.S. cotton fiber, yarn and fabrics. The tour, which occurred March 1-10 included stops in Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia and, for the first time ever, Peru.

The tour was led by Cotton Council International (CCI) President Clyde Sharp, producer from AZ, led the Delegation. Other members of the Delegation

were: John Dunavant, American Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA) First Vice President; Jordan Lea, ACSA Second Vice President; Hank Reichle, representing AMCOT; Richard Kelley, producer from TN representing the American Cotton Producers; Shawn Holladay, producer from Lubbock, Texas representing Cotton Incorporated; Marc Lewkowicz, Supima; William E. May, ACSA; and CCI staff and representatives.

A number of U.S. cotton exporters and their agents also joined the Delegation during the receptions and dinners with the industry throughout the trip.

The Western Hemisphere represents a market of around 6 million bales of U.S. cotton - fiber markets of 2.2 million bales combined with 3.8 million bale equivalents of U.S. manufactured products that are exported in the form of yarn and fabrics. All together, this is about 30 percent of U.S. cotton production.

During each stop, textile mill representatives representing the majority of U.S. cotton fiber consumption in the market warmly received the Delegation and had an open dialog on cotton and cotton product topics.

Topics of discussion during the tour included U.S. Upland and Pima cotton production and programs, cotton supply and demand outlook, cotton quality, bale packaging and contamination, the cotton futures market and sustainability.

In each country, mills and manufacturers called for more emphasis on collaboration and integration of the cotton/textile/apparel industry within the hemisphere in order to be competitive with other origins, particularly Asia and India. In the Andean Region and Central America, textile mills also communicated the fact that they are generally pleased with the U.S. cotton they are receiving, although some concerns do

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**4-H'ers Exhibit at San Angelo**  
By J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG Floyd County  
Eleven Floyd County 4-H'ers exhibited livestock at the 2009 San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo. The two week event was held Feb. 20-28, 2009.  
The show kicked off the first weekend with the Junior Breeding Gilt, Junior Market Lamb and Goat shows. Six Floyd County 4-H'ers exhibited Junior Gilts. Heston Graves took 1st place honors with his Berk along with a 4th Duroc and a 5th Spot. Braden received 2nd Duroc, 2nd Hamp and 8 place York. McCrae McCormick exhibited a 7th place York. Kirby Nixon took home 5th place Spot, Keenan Nixon won 3rd place Spot, 5th place White OPB, 6th place White OPB and 8th place York. Also exhibiting gilts was Madolyn McCormick.  
Additionally, the first week highlighted Junior Market Goat and Lamb exhibitors. Goat showmen included Kortney Williams receiving 5th place. Also exhibiting was Kolby Williams. Junior Lamb exhibitors were Dillon Chesshir, Kortney Williams and Kolby Williams.  
The final week featured the Junior Market Barrow show as six 4-H'ers competed. McCrae McCormick received a 3rd with his Spot barrow. Others exhibiting barrows were: Austen Rexrode, Montana Williams, Madolyn McCormick along with Kirby Nixon and Keenan Nixon.  
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# The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

If I smoked, I'd grow my own.

Whatever cigarettes cost nowadays, I'm guessing it's a lot. Smokers who've lost their jobs in these hard times must be finding it hard to support nicotine addictions. So, why not plant a few seeds in the flowerbed and end up with a tobacco row?

Don't say tobacco won't grow anywhere but Virginia. I once saw several plants growing tall and green right next to someone's house in plain old West Texas. Makes me want to try it myself, but what would I do with the crop when it was ready to sell? Call for Philip Morris?

Nevertheless, if I myself smoked I'd be thinking seriously about getting a crop in the ground this spring.

Knowing the power of nicotine against ants - kills 'em dead - it seems logical that tobacco plants might keep all sorts of insects at bay, fire ants included. That would be a plus.

Disclaimer: I don't know what I'm talking about and have no current connection to the Internet to become an instant expert on grow-your-own tobacco. Indeed, this is one of those times when knowledge could get in the way. So let's just keep going while we're on a roll.

My guess is that you cut tobacco leaves when they're at their prime and then just hang them up to dry, like from garage rafters. That might keep insects out of the garage too - not that anyone normal has room in the garage for tobacco leaves. I do know one person who actually has room for her car on one side of her garage. She's the excep-

## Angel Food Ministries in progress

By Jean Appling

Angel Food Ministries is in progress. We will be having food distribution on April 25, 11 a.m. 'til 12:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Center.

If you are interested in being a part of the project and wish to place an order, you may pick up menu/order forms at the following places: First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Gethsemane Assembly of God Church, City Bank, City of Floydada, First National Bank of Floydada, Payne Pharmacy, Bibi's Dream Cuts and American State Bank.

tion. Anyway, isn't that what garage sales are for - to clear space for more stuff? So why not make way for something valuable like tobacco leaves?

Garage sales, gardens, tobacco -- a powerful American combination for these difficult times. Yep, all thrifty smoking gardeners should plant tobacco alongside tomatoes and carrots and squash. For that matter, isn't the time ripe for organically grown tobacco? It almost sounds healthy. Phooey, if cigarettes were just plain old homegrown tobacco without all those extra toxic chemicals in the mix, they might even smell good - or at least not so bad.

Of course, smokers who've never rolled their own would have to learn how, but maybe it's about time. Someday, if they live long enough (not likely) for arthritis to rob them of manual dexterity and they're sitting outside at the nursing home in the designated smoking area with the nurses and aides who smoke too, they'll appreciate the factory-mades. They'll deserve them.

But for now, what about the hazards of no-filter smoking? Right or wrong, here's an answer for that concern too: Rolling cigarettes is a task that should make any smoker think twice about lighting up every time a nicotine pang hits. Therefore, the roll-your-own crowd will smoke less, thereby lessening global warming and offsetting the harmful effects of inhaling unfiltered smoke by inhaling less of it.

For all I know, the surgeon general would agree.

# 2009 pronounced colon cancer prevention year

By Sara Sisemore  
Managing Editor

On Tuesday, March 17, 2009, during the Floydada City Council's regular meeting, Mayor Bob Gilliland issued a proclamation designating 2009 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Prevention Year in Floydada. The council presented a copy of the proclamation to Dr. Davor Vugrin of Lubbock, Project Director for the Lubbock Colorectal Cancer Demonstration Project, who was present to personally thank the council and present some information regarding colorectal cancer prevention.

Dr. Vugrin informed the board, "Colorectal cancer is the second most common kind of cancer-causing death in Texas." Furthermore, he added that more than 90 percent of colon cancers can be prevented from occurring and most deaths could be avoided if the available tools for colorectal

cancer screenings were consistently used by those age 50 and over.

Dr. Vugrin and the American Cancer Society's goal is to reduce this kind of cancer-causing death by 50 percent - "hopefully by 2011," he told the council.

"In order to be successful (in this goal)," Dr. Vugrin said, "we need to encourage everyone over 50 to get immediate and consistent screening."

According to Dr. Vugrin, this year's campaign places an added emphasis on African American and Hispanic American populations, groups who have below average screening rates and thus are diagnosed in more advanced stages of the cancer which lowers survival and cure rates.

For more information on this project or on colon cancer prevention, call Dr. Vugrin at 793-0988 or e-mail him at\_Davor.Vugrin@ttuhsc.edu.



Floydada Mayor Bob Gilliland (left) presents Dr. Davor Vugrin with the proclamation designating 2009 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Prevention Year." Vugrin addressed the city council with statistics on the cancer and prevention tips. Staff Photo

### RANGE

by Kniffen - going back to the way it was.

"Maybe we don't have a silver bullet, but nothing is more adaptable to this climate than what was here in the first place," he said.

A disadvantage to re-establishing native grasses is the cost and time involved.

"It takes two years to get natives established," Embry said.

But native grass is durable, cheap to maintain and wildlife-friendly.

"I'd not consider them if your production expectations are too high," he said.

After Embry's remarks on forage, McGinty talked about brush control - not as a one time endeavor but a way of life.

"You'd better love this," he said. "You'll be doing it forever. ... Mother Nature, she never goes to sleep."

The most efficient use of herbicide and labor is on smaller brush and trees - fields where mesquites and cedars haven't yet grown large and completely taken the land, McGinty said.

The rule is true whatever the size of the ranch, he said, citing a change in the way the managers of the King Ranch are approaching the issue.

"They spend millions each year on brush control," he said. "They're thinking about taking that money and using it to maintain what they've already got."

Meanwhile, everyone - whether they're managing a million-acre ranch or a weekend one-horse ranchette - has access to much of the same information on how to do it best.

Raising goats, canning, harvesting water, gardening, raising bees, killing fire ants - it's all on the Internet, McGinty said.

"You don't have to hunt down your county agent," he said.

McGinty specifically mentioned two Web sites: <http://www.agrilifebookstore.org> and <http://texas.tamu.edu>.

Thanks to the Internet, the information is there, whatever the range management philosophy - even if it's to get things back to the way they were.

Bring on the buffalo.

### CITY

discussed why the city pays the traffic control officer for the school. Brown told the council, "I do not know why the city pays school crossing guards. It's been that way for 22 years."

The city council unanimously approved the joint election agreement between FISD, the City of Floydada and the Caprock Hospital District. However, in a meeting earlier on Tuesday, the Caprock Hospital District board cancelled their election as there were no write-in candidates and no opposed candidates in this year's election.

The city also approved a "certification of unopposed candidates," listing councilmember for District 2, Ruben Barrientoz, and councilmember for District 3, Gary Carthel, as unopposed in the election scheduled for May 9, 2009.

The only race for this year's city election will be the mayoral race, with the announced candidates being Henry Bolton and current mayor, Bobby Gilliland.

Councilman Sam Green moved to present the Floydada Independent School District with the responsibility to obtain and maintain a school crossing guard/traffic control officer. The council accepted this motion unanimously.

The council unanimously accepted Oden Chevrolet's bid to supply the Floydada Police Department with a new vehicle.

Philip Smitherman was approved by the council to sit for another two-year term on the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority board.

### FAIR

believe it is. You don't want it to be, but there are just some things that time catches up with you."

He expressed his concern about the safety of the building, "I know that safety plays a big part in a building." He went on to list off all the things that are required in a public building by safety regulations: exit signs, fire extinguishers, doors that will open from the inside even when locked, a roof that will hold a certain weight

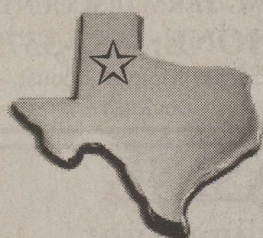
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## Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR

The Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met for its regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Lighthouse Electric.

Regent Debra McCarty called the meeting to order with the ritualistic opening. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The February program was the DAR Good Citizens Essays read by the participants. The topic was "Our American heritage and our responsibility to preserve it." Bailey Davenport, daughter of Winfield and Patty Davenport of Floydada, and Sulema Vargas, daughter of Mary Olveras of Spur, read their essays. McCarty read the essay of Lindsie Moerbe of Lockney who was unable to attend because she was playing basketball for Lockney.

Nancy Marble read the National Defense article about the Confederate submarine, the Hunley.

Sherry Colston explained the principle of the constitution - limited government.

Indian Sidelight was given by Dana McCarty on the Navajo

Code talkers in World War II and the recognition they received in 1969.

Marble suggested a book on the DAR to be bought with money received from memorials.

Dorothy Hodges reported for Margaret Berry that a total of \$2,386.90 face value had been collected for their coupons.

It was reported that Tommy Sherman, husband of June Sherman, was still in the hospital.

Regent McCarty thanked Noma Lou Rainer and Lovey Nance for the delicious refreshments.

The next meeting was held March 24 at the Floyd County Museum at 6:30 p.m. with Lou Burleson giving the program: "Depression Era Woman."

Members in attendance were Dorothy Hodges, Lovey Nance, Noma Lou Rainer, Nancy Marble, Pricilla Minter, Dana McCarty, Debra McCarty, Sherry Colston and Susan Dunavant. Guests were Patty Davenport, Bailey Davenport, Selema Vargas, Mary Olveras and Lea Howell, counselor at Spur.

## Buy-In Waiver extension approved for Disaster Assistance Programs, USDA extending Buy-In Waiver for those impacted by natural disasters

Michael McDonald, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Floyd County announced today that producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

"Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster," said McDonald.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish

(ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18, 2009:

- Pay a \$100 "buy-in" fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

- In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

- In the case of each noninsurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose to "buy in" under

this provision will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price. For noninsurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

For more information regarding the disaster assistance buy-in waiver and other FSA programs, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806-983-3763 or visit the national website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## South Plains Hobby Club News

By Sandra Lass

The South Plains Hobby Club met on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 for lunch at the Triple T followed by a trip to the Floyd County Historical Museum and the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center. Members present included Virginia Taylor, Ann Hartman, Linda Stewart, Mary Carter, Margaret Kitchens, Nancy Marble, Carolyn Marble, Annelda Staples and Sandra Lass.

Bettye Jackson, Director; Nancy Marble, Treasurer and Janet Milam, Volunteer of the Museum provided a descriptive tour of the museum. Virginia Taylor assisted in describing features of the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center. During the tour of the Museum, Virginia Taylor assisted in describing features of the Mary Lou Bollman History and Genealogy Center. During the tour of the Genealogy Center, the ladies told us that the family history file for Floyd County was nearly complete, that the obituaries for Floyd County was up to date and that computer ancestry access was available. Nancy Marble demonstrated how to access old photographs and that access could be obtained by surname, town, subject and old buildings or structures. In many photographs, one could click on a face (even within a group of faces) and obtain more information about that individual. Nancy said that the Center had an extensive collection of federal census information, early school records for Floyd county as well as a large collection of census information birth and

death records for Texas. Nancy said that the Center possessed a library of oil and gas documents for Floyd County and some of the surrounding counties. She said that all of the paintings were done by Floyd County residents. One of the show cases contained a series of commemorative plates representing the Daughters of the American revolution as well as a Certificate of Admissions to the DAR confirmed by the National Board of Management in 1982 and the establishment of the Buffalo grass Chapter. Old bonnets were displayed in a second show case.

Bettye Jackson said that the original site of the Museum was occupied by the C. Surginer and Son Hardware and Implement store founded by Columbus Surginer in 1899. Constructed in 1912, the building was occupied by the founder until his death in 1937. The building was donated to the Floyd County Historical Society in memory of Columbus and Mary Cynthia Surginer, Isaac Carr and Lena Surginer by the surviving members of the Surgin-

er family. The Museum opened in 1971. Upon entering the Museum, one can see the Blanco Canyon Artifacts display which includes copper crossbow points and other 16th century artifacts. Along an adjacent aisle one may view a series of displays consisting of World Wars I and II memorabilia where various pieces of military clothing, photographs and newspaper articles are on display.

Janet Milam described a display which includes newspaper articles and a replica of a "madstone" purported to heal bites, such as those from rabid animals and rattlesnakes. Janet Milam said that college students, in particular, liked the Phrenology display, a pseudo science popular during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The phrenology theory attempted to read the character, personal abilities, talents and emotions of an individual based on the shape of that individual's head and size and shape of the nose. A Professor Ned Walker came to Lockney periodically to discuss this theory in the late 1800's.

Along the back of the museum,

Janet showed the group a replica of a room in an old hotel, including the balcony above. At the opposite end of the museum, one may enter a replica of the Thomas Montgomery TM Bar Ranch which includes two Bedrooms downstairs as well as other rooms upstairs which are accessible by a flight of stairs at each end of the display. The replica of the ranch was constructed inside the museum. Furniture, other household items and heirlooms representing the period in the late 19th and 20th centuries have been donated by many of Floyd County's descendants of early settlers in the area.

Nancy Marble said the Museum is supported by private donations and sales and that the museum receives no government assistance. Museum and Genealogy hours are 1:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as open by appointment. The next hobby Club meeting will be held at the home of Virginia Taylor on Wednesday April 8, 2009. Lou Burleson has been asked to give her rendition of a "Harvey Girl."



Bailey Davenport (above) and Selema Vargas (below) presented their Good Citizens Essays on "our American heritage and our responsibility to preserve it" to the Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR during their Feb. 24 meeting. Also participating in the Good Citizens Essays was Lindsie Moerbe of Lockney who was unable to attend due to a Lockney basketball game. Courtesy Photos



### Floydada Rehab & Nursing Home Birthday Party

By Joyce Williams

In the middle of Spring Break, Carrie Davis, Donna Pernell and Irene Thomas hosted the March 19 Floydada Rehab and Nursing Home birthday party. This party is sponsored the third Thursday of each month by the City Park church of Christ at 3 p.m.

Honorees for the month of March were LaVerne Long (12th) and Euphemia Cortez (20th). Activity Director Sylvia Luna led residents and honorees in singing the birthday song. She then read the poem, "God Loves Me Still," describing how God created each of us with a task to do and He knows our every thought, but loves us just the same.

Cathy's Floral gave the honorees beautiful corsages of multi-colored spring flowers. Hostesses and staff gave gift bags of personal grooming items to each honoree.

Mrs. Doris Snodgrass designed greeting cards for each resident and employee with March birthdays.

Staff members celebrating a March birthday included Sally McIntosh (10th), Maria Johnston (26th) and Kristy Sanchez (29th).

Delicious refreshments that were also a treat to the eye were fruit punch and a cupcake birthday cake frosted with brightly colored whipped cream topping in various colors.

Visitors are always welcome to the monthly parties.

## Russell Graves Outdoors Bomb Hunting

By Russell A. Graves

Last June a visitor from San Angelo stopped by my house for a visit. Bill Yeates is many things: he's a retired seismologist for the oil industry, a private pilot, a photography enthusiast, and a World War II buff whose encyclopedic knowledge of everything pertaining to the old Texas Army Airfields west of the 100th meridian is staggering.

When he was at my house last summer he asked if I had ever visited any of the old World War II era bombing targets in the area.

"Targets?" I quizzed, knowing I'd missed something in my fifteen years of living in Childress. Turns out, his query had merit and a simple question set in motion a personal research project that connected the latest consumer technology with some old fashioned detective work and ended in a glorious afternoon outdoors in the Texas Rolling Plains.

By the time we first met, Bill had already done a bit of research and found the rough coordinates of some of the targets - information he'd garnered from pouring over old war maps.

Using the software program Google Earth, we honed in on a few of the areas where the targets presumably lay. A bit of scrolling and we found the tell-tale outline of old targets that time and hi-tech satellite imagery couldn't hide. While the target shapes vary by location, the one in which we're interested looks like a giant crosshairs precisely laid across a hardscrabble piece of Panhandle ranchland.

"I think I can get us on this place," I tell Bill. "If I am correct, I know who owns this property. While Bill had to leave and head back for San Angelo, I promptly sent an e-mail and confirmed the location of the targets and turns out, I did get permission.

Seven months later, Bill and I are winding our way across powder-dry ranch roads navigating our way to where the target ought to be. Using a GPS, a print-out of the Google Earth screen, and a measure of country savvy we wander into the unknown. While Bill stared as his GPS, he was just about to speak when I interrupted him and said, "Look there!"

Tilted in the same fashion as the Easter Island monoliths, the tower at Pisa, Italy, and the Cadillacs in Amarillo, the back end of a concrete bomb jutted mightily from the caliche mound that marked the target's center. It's lasting monument of some unknown bombardier trainee who, at least for a moment, mastered the Norden bomb sight because of his training at the air base in Childress. Then, at the precise moment, he released the practice bomb from the AT-11 trainer and it sailed silently on a downward arc until it's final, unceremonious thump into the dirt.

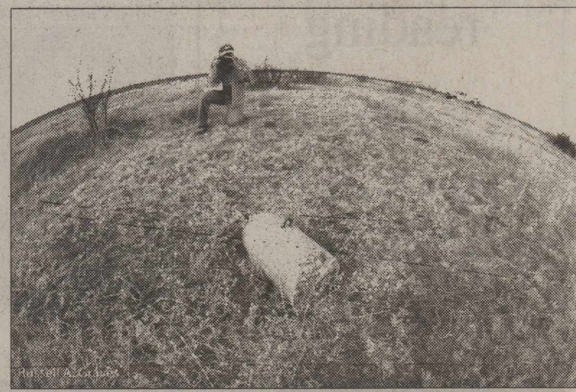
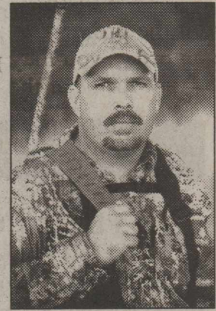
To the untrained eye, you might think that the concrete pieces and metal fragments from the faux munitions scattered amongst the cactus and mesquite are just scrap dumped by someone. To me and Bill, though, these pieces of World War II flotsam represent much more than that.

Each hunk of aggregate, chicken wire, and cement were made by American hands, placed in the bombers by American servicemen, and dropped by the same Americans who make up the greatest generation the world has ever known. Men like my Uncle L.D. Hall from Bonham, Texas and others who fought and defeated perhaps the greatest evil to ever lay scourge upon the earth. And they did it not for the fanfare or the fame and glory. Instead, they did it because as Uncle L.D. once told me, "...I'm an American."

Before Bill and I leave, I walk over to where we started our mission and visit the lone bomb atop the mound one more time. Instinctively I touched the bomb and wonder about the person who dropped this over 60 years ago. While I may never know the contribution that the bombardier made to the overall war effort, I do know this: because of him and servicemen and women like him, I can snap one more picture and walk away proudly knowing, I am an American.

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at [russell@russellgraves.com](mailto:russell@russellgraves.com) or visit his website at [www.russellgraves.com](http://www.russellgraves.com)

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# OBITUARIES



**VIRGINIA CAGE**

Virginia Cage joined her Lord and Savior, at the age of 85, on March 18, 2009.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 20, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Pastors Floyd Bradley and Anthony Sisemore officiated. Interment followed at 3:30 p.m. at Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Virginia Morrison was born on May 21, 1923 in Bosque County to James M. and Opal (Holt) Morrison. She married Harlan John Cage on December 11, 1941 in Floydada. Virginia was a homemaker who was also well known for being the school bus driver in the Dougherty Community for over 25 years.

She was a member of Eastern Star and volunteered at S.O.S. She was an avid gardener and also enjoyed cooking, sewing, and crocheting. She loved volunteering at the First Baptist Church and spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harlan John Cage, in September 1982.

Virginia is survived by her children; sons, James Ray Cage and wife, Kay of Floydada, Harlan Wayne Cage and wife, Pat of Dallas and daughter, Nita Beth Cage of Amarillo; two brothers, Bill Morrison and J.D. Morrison; one sister, Bessie Mae Cohen; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Virginia's name can be made to a charity of your choice.

**THIS WEEK'S**

**FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS GALA**

Don't forget about this year's Floyd County Friends Gala to be held at the Unity Center on Saturday, April 4. Tickets for the raffle and the gala can be purchased at Nick Long's State Farm Insurance, D&J Gin in Lockney, or from Jon LaBaume.

Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon



**MARY LEE THACKER LEWIS**

Our beloved mother, Mary Lee Thacker Lewis, 81, daughter of Clive and Maude Thacker passed away comfortably and peacefully on March 17, 2009 in Pasadena, Texas. She graduated Floydada High School, Class of 1945 and attended Baylor University, which prepared her for her career in accounting.

As a military wife and mother of a military son, she had the good fortune to travel the United States, Japan and Europe extensively. She thoroughly enjoyed sharing her love of travel, camping, boating, card games, Scrabble and Pictionary with family and friends.

She is survived by children, Robert Muncy and wife, Linda, Margaret White and husband, Joe; grandchildren, Debbie Sortino, Shawn White, Robert White and wife, Falishia, MacKenna Muncy and Kevin White; great-grandchildren, Amber Palmer and husband, Jonathan, Drew Sortino and wife, Ayla, Blake and Brooklyn White.

She is also survived by great-grandchildren, Cloie Sortino and soon expected Audrey White; dear family friends, Dorothy Townsend and family, Sue Hedges and family and Nell Lewis.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Please join in leaving remembrances at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).



**PABLO MONREAL, SR.**

Funeral services for Pablo Monreal, Sr., 83, of Earth, Texas were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth, Texas. Burial was held at the Earth Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe, Texas.

Monreal passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at UMC Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born June 7, 1926 in Devine, Texas to Rafael Monreal and Apilar Vela Monreal.

Pablo married Lucia Gonzales on July 24, 1949. He was a retired as a farm laborer.

Preceding him in death were his father, Rafael Monreal, his mother, Apilar Vela Monreal, two sisters, Thomasa Espinosa and Amalia Frederick and a granddaughter, Stephanie Alcala.

His survivors include his wife, Lucia of Earth, Texas; his children, Pablo Monreal, Jr. and his wife, Alice of Kennedale, Texas, Francis Alcala and her husband, Donald of Plainview, Rudy Monreal and his wife, Rose Mary of Earth, Texas, Henry Monreal and his wife, Elena of Olton, Josie Longoria and her husband, Tony of Elbow Lake, Minnesota, Lorenzo Monreal and wife, Jodi of Canyon, Richard Monreal and his wife, Maybelle of Floydada and one grandchild that he helped raise, Manuel Garza of Plainview; 32 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Estephan Monreal of Natalia, Texas, Aponalia Baker of Devine, Anselmo Monreal of Devine, Francisca Salinas of Plainview, Salamon Monreal of Earth, Texas and Rafael Monreal of Sterling City, Texas.

*We want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and the food brought to the home and to the church. Everyone in the community showed the family such love and support during Virginia's illness and passing. What a wonderful community we live in! Only in small towns do you see this kind of support and thoughtfulness.*

*We appreciate everyone who donated blood. She was so appreciative of the participation in the blood drives for her. We will always remember the kindness you have shown to our beloved Mimi.*

Sincerely,  
The Virginia Cage Family  
James and Kay Cage & Family  
Wayne and Pat Cage & Family  
Nita Cage & Family

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?" Luke 12:25 New International Version



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## Floyd County Church Directory

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**CARR'S CHAPEL**  
Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
West College & Third,  
Lockney  
Steve McLean -Minister  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.  
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**CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.... 7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music  
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students  
Sunday School..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**  
Carl Moman, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cotham, Music Min..  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Youth).. 7:15 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor  
Early Worship..... 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)... 7:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High..... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study... 7:00 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
310 E. Mississippi  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise.... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**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.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening..... 6:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion... 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
701 W. Missouri  
Andy Rodriguez  
983-5286 (church)  
983-3047 (parsonage)  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consemio  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon./Wed. Mass.... 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat. .... 10-11 a.m.  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service.... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service... 7:30 p.m.  
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**TRINITY ASSEMBLY**  
500 W. Houston  
Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
983-5499 or 983-2887  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
Minister  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.... 11:00 a.m.  
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**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**  
652-3377

**Tastee Burger**  
116 North Main  
652-2630

**Oden Chevrolet Inc.**  
221 S. Main, Floydada  
983-3787

**Clark Pharmacy**  
320 N. Main - Lockney  
652-3353

**Payne Family Pharmacy**  
200 S. Main, Floydada  
983-5111

**Davis Lumber**  
102 E. Shubet  
Lockney  
6523385

**Pay-n-Save**  
210 N. Main  
Lockney  
652-2293

**Sawaya Ins. Agency**  
120 E. 7th Street  
Plainview  
293-1318

**Schacht Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts**  
112 W. Poplar, Lockney  
652-2385

**Lighthouse Electric Coop**  
703 A Matador Hwy  
983-2814

**Sunshine Pump**  
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