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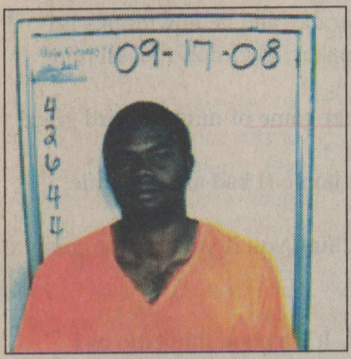
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McDonald Sentenced To 60 years For First-Degree Felony



BRANDON McDONALD

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

On Wednesday, April 1, 2009, Brandon McDonald, 22, was convicted of the first-degree felony of burglary of habitation with intent to commit sexual assault. A jury of his peers sentenced him to 60 years in prison. McDonald's attorney has already appealed the verdict.

The offense was committed on Sept. 17, 2008, in Lockney where the convicted entered the

residence through a window, according to Lockney Chief of Police Casey Wallace. The felony charge carried with it a sentence of five to 99 years imprisonment and up to a \$10,000 fine. McDonald was probation eligible since he had no criminal background, but the jury did not give him probation.

During the two-day trial, there were many expert witnesses who gave their testimony. Charlotte

Harris, a family nurse practitioner certified as a sexual assault nurse examiner, testified as to the victim's physical and emotional condition when she was examined in Lubbock after the incident. Additionally, two forensic scientists with the Texas Department of Public Safety gave their testimony. John Bundy, specializing in trace elements, provided his conclusions based upon shoe imprints discovered outside of the residence.

According to Bundy, a particular pair of shoes owned by McDonald and presented as evidence, could have made the impression found on the victim's property.

Forensic scientist Naomi McDonald works with DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) evidence left at crime scenes. In regard to the DNA collected from the victim after the alleged sexual assault, she said, "A comparison of a known

sample to an unknown sample can tell us if it's included in the known sample." She said the results of her tests on the unknown DNA showed the probability with a reasonable degree of certainty that the DNA was Brandon McDonald's.

There is another charge for second-degree sexual assault on Dec. 8, 2007, still pending against McDonald. No date has been set for the trial.

Davis Family Loses Home To Fire

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

Early Wednesday morning, April 1, Denny and Terri Davis' house caught fire. The Floydada Volunteer Fire Department

responded to the alarm about 2:30 a.m., but the house was a total loss.

According to Assistant Fire Chief Randell Sims, upon the fire department's arrival, the roof of

the house had smoke coming from it and flames were coming out from the kitchen window.

"Before entry could be made," Sims said, "the front rooms of the structure erupted in flames

blowing out the windows." Sims said this was a close call for the firefighters.

Sims explained after the backdraft explosion blew out the windows, "the entire structure was

engulfed in fire fanned by the moderate winds."

"That was the main reason we lost the house," he said.

The Davis family evacuated the house before the fire depart-

ments arrived, having heard the smoke alarms. "The smoke detectors - everybody needs one," Denny Davis exclaimed during an interview. "We woke up about two in the morning because the smoke detectors went off."



DENNY AND TERRI DAVIS lost their house in a fire early Wednesday morning, April 1, 2009. Everything was lost in the fire, believably started by a dryer. Shown at left are firefighters fighting the blaze and at right what is left of the house.



According to Deputy Cory Speed, there were no injuries. Davis said they got out with their most precious possessions - each other.

The house that burned was around 100 years old, having been "home" for five generations of the family. "The outpouring (of love) by the community has been absolutely wonderful," Davis said.

The Floydada VFD was assisted by the Dougherty and Matador Fire Departments. With their assistance an outbuilding and a garage were saved and the fire was prevented from spreading to

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LHS Recovery and Building Plan Progressing Ahead of Schedule

By Judy Macha
Reporter

Two months to the day after Lockney High School burned, students began moving out of their temporary quarters (lovingly referred to by them as 'schurch') at First Baptist Church and into their newly set up portable classroom buildings.

So far every step of the Lockney School Board's plan of recovery has been accomplished ahead of schedule; thanks in no small part to the help of Floydada Independent School District and other school districts, local churches, businesses, organizations and individuals.

The first thing any teacher or

student will mention as the most noticeable difference since they are in the portable classroom buildings, is the roominess. However, everyone will quickly add there is just no adequate way to thank or repay First Baptist Church for their generosity, care and concern shown during the

two months to the day (1-11-09 to 3-11-09) school was being conducted at their facility. There have also been generous donations of money and goods received from all over the state of Texas.

According to LISD Secretary Jackie Lou Holt, a grand total of \$120,000 has been received to date in monetary donations.

The latest of these was the March 25 \$20,000 donation from the Monsanto Company. Another recent donation was made on March 30, by the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Lockney and Floydada. About a month ago they hosted a joint chili fund-raiser at the Unity Center to raise money to help replace personal items for the LHS teachers. Together they were able to raise \$2,305, which translated to 20 gift cards with \$115 on each.

A track meet was held in Lockney Monday with a total of 10 schools involved. School, with both its academic and sports activities, goes on. The two years estimated to complete the new building will pass quickly, leaving



On Monday, March 2, 2009, the Floydada and Lockney Rotary and Lions Clubs joined together to hold a chili-cookout fundraiser to help replace Lockney's High School teachers' personal items lost in the January fire. Together they raised \$2,305, translating into 20 individual gift cards for the teachers. Pictured left to right are Lockney Rotary Club's Larry Mullins, Lockney Lions Club's Archie Jones, Coach Malcolm Moerbe, teacher Jolee Dietrich, high school principal Todd Hallmark, Floydada Lions Club's David True and Floydada Rotary Club's Larry Ferguson.

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Recovery Act Allocates Millions for Farmers and Ranchers in Texas

USDA's Farm Service Agency in Texas announced today that FSA has obligated all of the \$173 million provided in the Recovery Act for its Direct Operating Farm Loan Program, which gave 2,636 producers direct loans from the agency of which almost 50% were beginning farmers and 10% socially disadvantaged producers. There were \$12.3 million in loans made to 163 borrowers in Texas.

"These loans were used to purchase items such as farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel and other operating expenses and will stimulate rural economies by providing American farmers funds to operate," said Watson.

Applications were considered on a first come, first served basis with special emphasis placed on beginning and socially disadvantaged applicants. The maximum loan amount was \$300,000.

In keeping with the president's goal for the Recovery Act, this loan funding was intended for proper investment into the agricultural sector, to benefit both family farmers and rural economies. The Recovery Act was designed to preserve or create millions of jobs throughout the country and these loans help ensure that recipients remain financially viable and local agri-businesses benefit from direct purchases.

Here is a hypothetical example of purchases made with a \$100,000 direct operating loan:

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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Play Ball!

Misrepresenting "How We Arrived at This Moment"

By Alex Epstein

What must be done to recover from this financial crisis? Barack Obama rightly stresses that we first must understand how today's problems emerged. It is "only by understanding how we arrived at this moment that we'll be able to lift ourselves out of this predicament."

Unfortunately, Obama (along with most of the Washington establishment) has created only misunderstanding. In calling for a massive increase in government control over the economy, he has evaded the mountain of evidence implicating the government.

For example, Obama's core explanation of all the destructive behavior leading up to today's crisis is that the market was too free. But the market that led to today's crisis was systematically manipulated by government. Fact: this decade saw drastic attempts by the government to control the housing and financial markets--via a Federal Reserve that cut interest rates to all-time lows, and via a gigantic increase in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's size and influence. Fact: through these entities, the government sought to "stimulate the economy" and promote homeownership (sound familiar?) by artificially extending cheap credit to home-buyers. Fact: most of the (very few) economists who actually predicted the financial crisis blame Fed policy or housing policy for inflating a bubble that was bound to collapse.

How does all this evidence factor into Obama's understanding of "how we arrived at this moment"? It doesn't. Not once, during the solemn 52 minutes and 5,902

words of his speech to Congress did he mention the Fed, Fannie, or Freddie. Not once did he suggest that government manipulation of markets could have any possible role in the present crisis. He just went full steam ahead and called for more spending, more intervention, and more government housing programs as the solution.

But a genuine explanation of the financial crisis must take into account all the facts. What role did the Fed play? What about Fannie and Freddie? To be sure, some companies and CEOs seem to have made irrational business decisions. Was the primary cause "greed," as so many claim--and what does this even mean? Or was the primary cause government intervention like artificially low interest rates, which distorted economic decision-making and encouraged less competent and more reckless companies and CEOs while marginalizing and paralyzing the more competent ones?

Entertaining such questions would also mean considering the idea that the fundamental solution to our problems is to disentangle the government from the markets to prevent future manipulation. It would mean considering free-market remedies such as letting banks foreclose, letting prices reach market levels, letting bad banks fail, dismantling Fannie and Freddie, ending bailout promises, and getting rid of the Fed's power to manipulate interest rates.

But it is not genuine understanding the administration seeks. For them, the wisdom and necessity of previous government intervention is self-evident; no matter the contrary evidence, the crisis can only have been caused

by insufficient government intervention. Besides, they are too busy following Obama's chief of staff's dictum, "Never let a serious crisis go to waste," by proposing a virtual takeover of not only financial markets, but also the problem-riddled energy and health-care markets--which, they conveniently ignore, are already among the most government-controlled in the economy.

While Obama has not sought a real explanation of today's economic problems, Americans should. Otherwise, we will simply swallow "solutions" that dogmatically assume the free market got us here--namely, Obama's plans to swamp this country in an ocean of government debt, government controls, and government make-work projects. But alternative, free-market explanations for the crisis do exist--ones that consider the inconvenient facts Washington ignores--and every American should seek to understand them.

Those who do will likely end up telling our leaders to stop saying "Yes, we can" to each new proposal for expanding government power, and start saying "Yes, you can" to Americans who seek to exercise their right to produce and trade on a free market.

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A decade ago I coached 13-15 year-olds in baseball. Did it for three years with a friend. This week, my son Jackson, 5, will take the field in tee-ball. I am not coaching him, but stood ready had I been asked.

I coached all those years ago because the local league needed help and because I wasn't sure I'd ever have a family. Things sure change over time!

Here I am at 41 with my oldest boy getting ready for his first season in the sun. I think it's cool and I hope it's the beginning of many sports activities he will be involved in.

Will I encourage my boys to play sports? Sure. I will encourage them to try as many things as they can. Activities keep young minds busy and competition is healthy.

Will I live vicariously through them? No. I had my glory years and I don't plan on having any more ... at least athletically.

The demands we put on our children are easy: Be disciplined, try your best and make straight A's. I know for sure they are both intelligent so I'm confident they can make some terrific grades once they get in school.

Back to tee-ball. Jack and I discussed sports in general the other day and he now thinks he knows how to hustle. We all know how much difference hustling makes, but I don't recall him ever doing it.

Speaking of hustle ... My mother and father actually left a soccer game of mine in third grade for my lack of hustle.

"What happened to you!" I screamed at my parents when I got home (I had to find a ride home).

Mom calmly replied, "We are not going to waste our time watching you if you are not going to do your best."

We never had to have that conversation again.

I can recall some tee-ball action from my younger days as well. It's a good thing too as I can remember being terrible. That's right - coach put me in right field to begin the season and I promptly took a fly ball off my forehead. Got a nice goose-egg.

By the end of the season, coach had moved me to center field. Most of what I remember about that season involved a lot of nose picking and ant stomping from my teammates.

I also remember several players running toward third base instead of first. I really emphasized this point with Jack.

Anyhow, it will be a lot of fun watching these kids take the field for the first time. They have no idea what they're setting us up for over the next 13 years.

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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

In a recent column, I shared some of the results of a survey in which I asked Texans to give their opinions on two of the most pressing issues that confront our country: the economy and health care. As part of the poll, Texans also weighed in on two other critical domestic priorities: education and transportation. While good tax policy and a fiscally responsible budget are essential to our short-term economic recovery, world-class education and efficient transportation systems will be the foundations of our long-term prosperity.

EDUCATION

When asked how Congress should strengthen public education, nearly half of respondents want expanded options when determining their children's formal education. Over 31 percent want to attract more qualified teachers. Twenty-six percent said teachers' salaries should be raised. Another 21 percent believe technical and vocational training in community colleges should be expanded. And a little more than 20 percent want to provide students with more financial aid and scholarships for college.

All of these steps should be part of our comprehensive

approach to meet our modern education challenges. Research indicates that, compared to children in other countries, our students are underperforming in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). These studies also show that a powerful predictor of student achievement in STEM is the presence of fully certified teachers who have at least a bachelor's degree in the subjects they teach. I've been a strong advocate for Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow, a project in which colleges and universities encourage undergraduate students to gain degrees in their STEM fields of study with teacher certification obtained through required electives. In 2007, I cosponsored the America Competes Act, which increases the number of advanced placement (A.P.) courses in underprivileged schools and bolsters the supply of teachers for A.P. math, science, and foreign language courses.

Additionally, public schools are the foundation of our educational system; but 43 percent of survey respondents chose alternatives to public school as their top priority. Greater resources, local control, and consistent accountability standards are essential to

achieving better education results for America's children. At the federal level, in 2001, I sponsored legislation to provide the option of single-sex schools, classrooms, and extracurricular activities at the elementary and secondary levels, paving the way for the Irma Rangel Magnet School for girls in Dallas and the William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity, a charter school for boys in Houston. Numerous studies have demonstrated that girls enrolled in same-gender programs tend to have more confidence to express themselves in the classroom and pursue more courses in mathematics and science than they do in co-ed classrooms. Similar results were found for boys in middle and high school classrooms in urban locations. Whatever their individual needs may be, investing in the future of our children is vital, and I will continue my efforts to help every child achieve his or her potential.

TRANSPORTATION

When asked what they consider to be the most important transportation priority, 37 percent of respondents want to increase use of alternatives to cars, such as rail, and another 31 percent suggested that we must replace our aging infrastructure.

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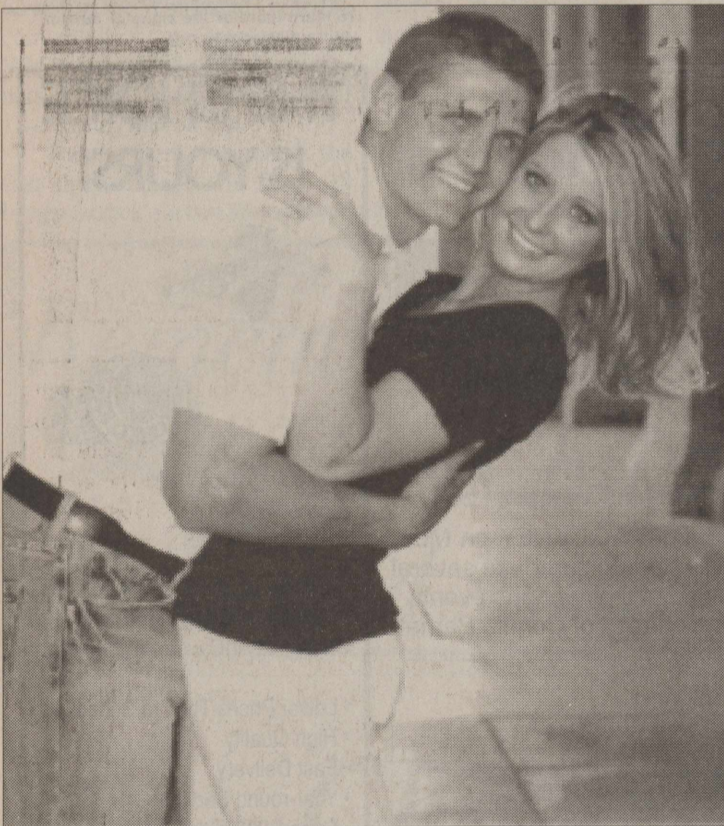
Hendrix and Morales

Mr. and Mrs. Terry G. Hendrix of Grove, Oklahoma are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Neva Marie, to Jacob Morales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morales of Floydada.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Grove High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Christian College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in physical education and psychology. She was named to the NCCAA All-American team her senior year and served as Senior Homecoming Queen. Working with children in sports camp settings is among her favorite pastimes: basketball camps Victory Home-School soccer camp and other summer camps. In addition, she continues to be very involved in the Central Christian College and the McPherson communities. Since graduation, she has been employed by Central Christian College as assistant women's soccer coach and assistant women's basketball coach while further serving as an athletic recruiter in Admissions. She is the granddaughter of Marjorie Lawson Hart (maternal) of Springdale, Arkansas and Edward M. Hendrix (paternal) of Cave Springs, Arkansas.

The bridegroom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2007 graduate of Central Christian College of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree. Not to be outdone his bride-to-be, Jacob was an NCCAA All-American baseball player and continues working part-time as assistant men's baseball coach at Central Christian College of Kansas. He is currently employed full-time with Hospira Inc. as a pharmaceutical attendant. He is the grandson of Eloisa Rendon (maternal) of Lockney and Florinda Morales (paternal) and the late Frank Morales of Floydada.

The couple plans an August wedding at First United Methodist Church in Grove, Oklahoma. They will make their home in McPherson, Kansas.



TYLER HELMS AND TORI BARTON

Barton and Helms

Tyler Helms and Tori Barton along with their families are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Michele Barton of Amarillo and the granddaughter of Doug and Fran Lewis of Lubbock and the late Macky McCarty, Ardis Barton and the late Virginia Barton of Earth, Texas. She is a 2004 graduate of Muleshoe High School and a December 2008 graduate of Covenant School of Nursing. She is currently employed as a nurse with Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Kary and Jeanine Helms and the grandson of Bill and Dell Gray, the late Adrain and Ann Helms, all of Floydada, and Alan and Donna Ulrich of Lake Brownwood. His great-grandmother is Gene Anderson of Salem, Oregon. He is a 2003 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts and Science in History. He is currently employed as a teacher and coach at Idalou High School.

The couple will be married on Friday, July 3, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. They will make their home in Idalou.

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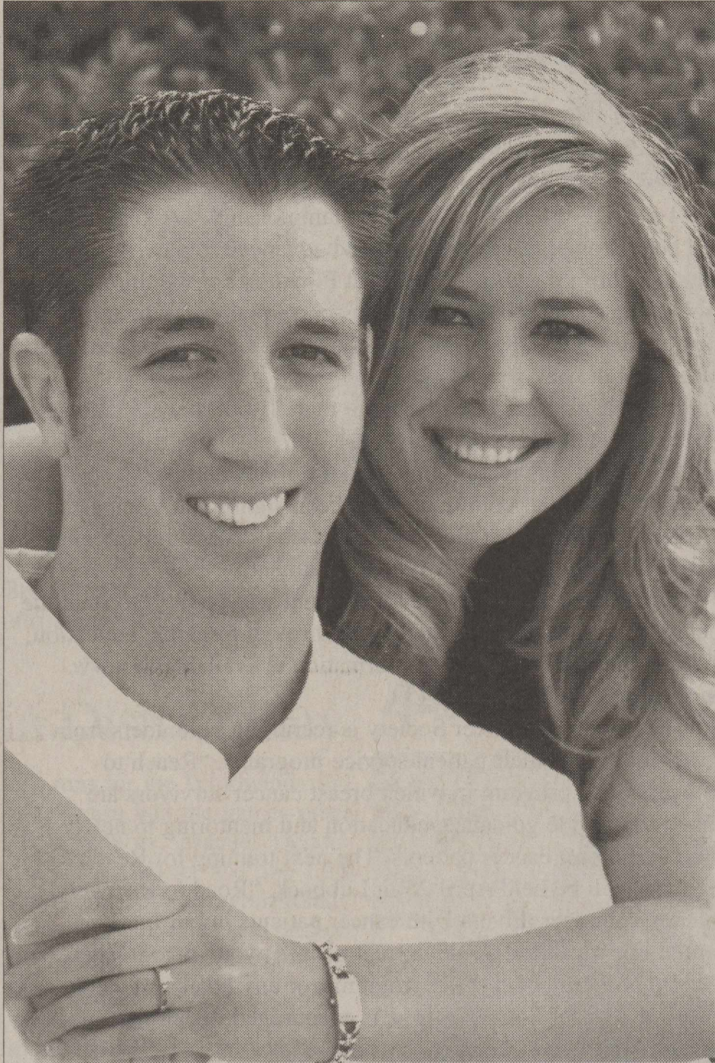
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Gardenhire and Henson

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The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Albany High School and a December 2008 graduate of Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She is currently employed as territory manager for Empire Paper Company of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview and Linton and Linda Gardenhire of Memphis, Texas.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of Ropes High School and a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science. He is currently employed as a Lady Texan assistant basketball coach at South Plains College. He is the grandson of Jessy Norrell of Ropesville, Nita Norrell of Levelland, Harold Henson of Ropesville and Linda Lawler of Freemont, Michigan.

The couple plans an August 8, 2009 wedding at the Grace Museum in Abilene.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Sue Daniels has enjoyed taking care of her three-year-old grandson, Brayden, while his mother, Jane, and his dad, Brandon Daniels, went on a few days of vacation. They live in Ft. Worth.

Last Saturday, March 28, Bob and Charlene Alldredge had 20 family members and friends in their home.

Thursday, April 3, Pat Ginn of Lubbock ate lunch at the center with his father, Guy Ginn.

Also visiting the center Thursday, April 3, was Emagene Stansell and Homer Taylor of Lubbock. We had a very good visit with them.

Several members of the late Irene King ate lunch at the center last Wednesday, April 2. I had a doctor's appointment in Lubbock and was not able to be there. I'm sorry I did not get to visit with them and hope they come back soon.

Our sympathy to the family of Leonard Alexander.

Our sympathy to the family of Doris Houchin.

Our sympathy to the family of Hannah Keeter Overstreet.

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Thought For The Week

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Friday - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, banana pudding

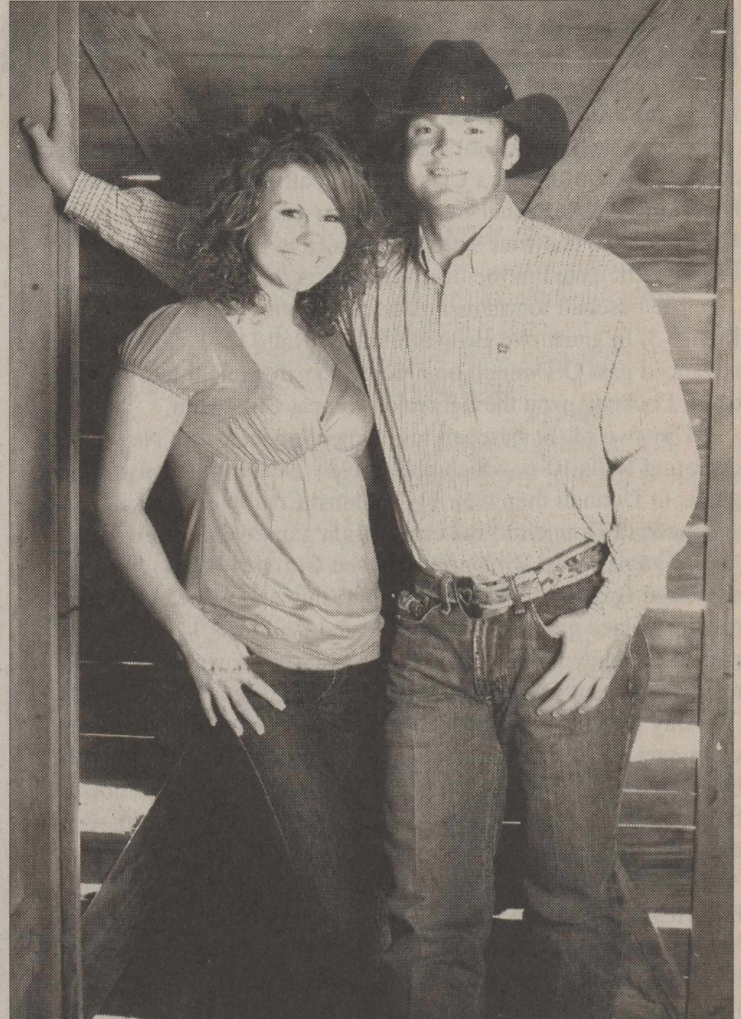
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TASHELLE HENDRICKSON AND CLIFTON YEARY

Hendrickson and Yeary

Jeff and Beth Hendrickson of Amarillo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tashelle Hendrickson to Clifton Yeary, son of Rex and Brenda Yeary of Quitaque.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Randall High School and 2007 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a degree in Ag Business. She is currently employed by City Bank in Floydada. She is the granddaughter of Val and Karla Taylor of Montrose, Colorado and Trav and Jan Duran of San Antonio.

The prospective groom is a 2004 graduate of Valley High School and a 2008 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a degree in Agricultural Education. He is currently employed by Cargill Cattle Feeders in Lockney. He is the grandson of Darlene Lackey of Floydada.

The couple will marry May 9, 2009 at the Yeary Ranch and they will reside at the family's ranch at Quitaque.

The 501
by
Hanaba Munn Welch

Gourmet home cooking.

I can remember when that would have been an oxymoron - except back then we didn't know what an oxymoron was. Now "oxymoron" is a household word that neatly describes our contradictory times.

Nothing against oxymorons. It's fun to tell ourselves it's OK to stimulate the economy by spending money on fancy cooking lessons so we can fix all the finest fare at home instead of dining out to support a gourmet food habit. I'm not sure where that leaves restaurants that advertise their offerings as "home cooking." But, come to think of it, I haven't seen one of those places lately. Fast-food franchises must have squeezed them out. Good old home cooking should eventually make a comeback. But for now, the pendulum is swinging the other way, and food-oriented television programming is pouring gasoline on the fire - or maybe it's brandy.

What to do? How about a scaled-down version of gourmet cooking for home chefs who don't have time or money for lessons and who don't have brandy to burn?

Enter Fritz the cook.

I never met Fritz, but he's as real to me as any big-name television chef. He was the cook at the stockyard café in Vernon way back when my folks ran the place. It was so long ago that the sale barn had sales twice a week one day for horses and mules and the other for cows, like maybe Tuesday and Thursday, or vice-versa.

The menu was standard Texas. Fritz was the stereotypical temperamental chef. In my mind's ear, his

German accent is strong. He often bragged about the jobs he'd quit, and he said his bosses would always come looking for him "next day."

"Mother" smiled to herself, knowing my father wouldn't be hiring Fritz back if he ever walked out in a huff in the middle of a lunch run.

That's almost what happened. Waitress Mae seriously mixed up some orders, and Fritz said dramatically, "Mr. John (substitute "Y" for "J"), after today, this be my last day."

That's when Daddy learned to cook in a hurry, like in the one-day interval between horses and mules and cows, or vice-versa. Mother had to man the cash register.

Despite his quick exit, the memorable Fritz left a legacy: appearance first, taste second.

Fritz had expressed his food philosophy simply but with flair, almost poking one of his eyes with his forefinger and saying, "First." Then, with a flourish, he would put the same finger to his mouth and say, "Then." You can try it.

In German, that would be "Zuerst" und "Dann." Not much difference.

For Mother or Daddy, the lesson stuck. The rest of their lives, they occasionally quoted Fritz, complete with gestures. (Doesn't work without gestures.)

So that's it. Whatever you cook, be sure it looks special. Drop a nifty carrot curl on top of those green peas. Line up some celery leaves next to that chicken-fried steak. Careful where you slop that gravy.

Voila. Gourmet home cooking. Vive Fritz!

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LHS Host First Annual "Field of Dreams Classic"

By Kathy Oaks, American Cancer Society

Lockney High School's athletic department hosted the first annual "Field of Dreams Classic" baseball and softball tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society March 19-21 in Lockney. Eight baseball and four softball teams from around the South Plains participated in the three-day tournament.

The baseball tournament started out with Olton defeating New Deal 4-3. In game two Brownfield beat Ralls 15-2. Childress advanced past O'Donnell on a tiebreaker in game three. The host team, Lockney, won the tiebreaker to beat Crosbyton.

Day two of the baseball tournament opened with New Deal defeating Ralls 10-6, which placed New Deal in the consolation game. O'Donnell then won 11-7 against Crosbyton, which advanced O'Donnell to the consolation game versus New Deal.

In game seven Brownfield passed Olton 14-4. The win advanced Brownfield to the championship and placed Olton into the third place game. Lockney defeated Childress 11-1, which placed Lockney in the championship versus Brownfield. The loss to Lockney sent Childress to the third place game against Olton.

Day three of the baseball tournament opened with Ralls winning 12-2 against Crosbyton. The consolation game was won by O'Donnell as they defeated New Deal 6-5. Childress took home the third place trophy by defeating Olton 6-5. Lockney then defeated Brownfield 3-0 to win the championship.

The softball tournament represented a round robin format. Each team would play each other once and then be seeded into bracket play. The tournament opened with Lockney falling to Ralls. The second game resulted in Ralls winning 7-3 versus Brownfield. Brownfield then defeated Floydada 9-1. Lockney came back in the last game on Thursday and beat Floydada 12-8.

Day two started off with a score of Ralls 10 and Floydada 0. Lockney and Brownfield ended pool play with Brownfield beating Lockney 4-0. In bracket play Ralls the #1 seed defeated Floydada the #4 seed 14-0 to advance to the championship. Lockney the #3 seed beat Brownfield the #2 seed and advanced to play Ralls in the championship. Brownfield then beat Floydada for the third place trophy. The championship game was played between the host team Lockney and Ralls. Ralls defeated Lockney 8-1 to give them first place and Lockney second place.

Proceeds from the event - more than \$1,000 - were donated to the American Cancer Society.

"We felt it was important to support the American Cancer Society because our community has been significantly impacted by cancer," said Garrett Heard, head baseball coach for Lockney High School and organizer of the tournament.

Money raised through the tournament will be used to fund the Society's mission to eliminate cancer through research, education, advocacy and services. More information is available at www.cancer.org or 1-800-ACS-2345.

The American Cancer Society is recruiting volunteers from Floyd County for their patient service programs. "Reach to Recovery" is a program in which breast cancer survivors are trained to provide guidance, education and mentoring to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. The next training for Reach to Recovery will be held April 25 in Lubbock. "Road to Recovery" matches volunteer drivers with cancer patients in our local community who need a ride to treatment. Anyone who is interested in learning more about these programs, or any other service the American Cancer Society offers, is encouraged to call the Lubbock office at 806-792-7128.

Lockney School Menu

April 13 - April 17

Monday
Breakfast-Waffle or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets or grilled cheese, potatoes, broccoli, peaches, roll, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast-Mini corn dogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Cheese enchiladas or ham, pinto beans, salad, applesauce, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Eggs/sausage or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Steak patty or chicken patty, potatoes, peas, pear, roll, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas or PBJ sandwich, refried beans, salad, fruited gelatin, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or tuna sandwich, potatoes, salad, orange, milk

Lockney Baseball Scores

The Lockney Longhorn baseball team hosted the ballgame with Kress and won 17 - 1. Scoring was as follows: A. Cruz, #12 had 2 runs, 1 hit and 1 RBI; J. Coleman, #11 had 1 run; B. Zambrano, #3 had 1 run; R. Teeter, #19 had 1 run; L. Hall, #8 had 2 runs, 2 hits and 7 RBI's; K. Ellison, #6 had 3 runs, 3 hits and 2 RBI's; K. Ellison, #10 had 1 hit and 1 RBI; L. Peralez, #1 had 2 runs, 1 hit and 1 RBI; L. Kidd, #2 had 1 hit; J. Luna, #7 had 1 run, 2 hits and 1 RBI; B. Johnson, #9 had 1 hit and 1 RBI; R. Teeter, #19 had 1 run; A. Rendon, #4 had 1 run, 1 hit; R. Cruz, #21 had 2 runs. Total of 17 runs, 13 hits and 14 RBI's. Score by inning: 1-5; 2-0; 3-9; 4-3; 5-0. R-17, H-13, and E-1.

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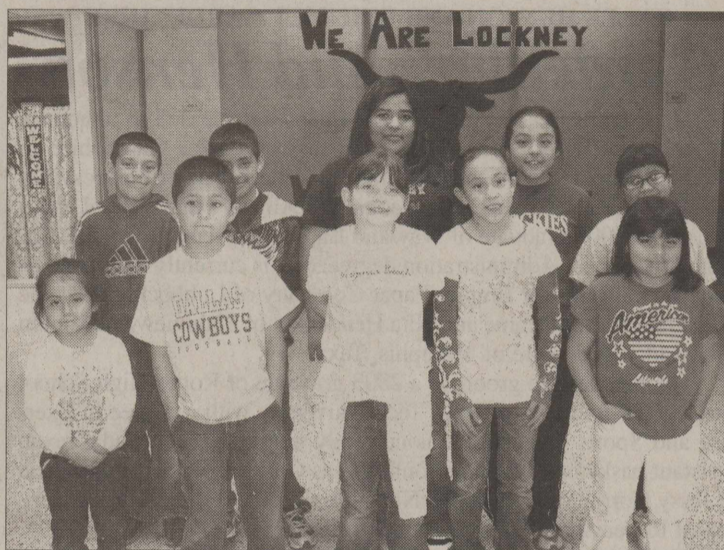
Lockney Band Booster meeting will be held in the Band hall 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9. The nominating committee will present their report.

Immunization Clinic will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 13 at the Lockney Elementary School.



SKATE TIME AT LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY---Students and a few teachers have enjoyed skating through the two week program. The students rented their skates, helmets and pads during this time. Music teacher Amy Thornton and Julie Dorman combined their music and P.E. classes for the skating. The students skated to music and followed directions called out to them by the teachers. Denise Smith, school secretary, is shown skating with the kids.

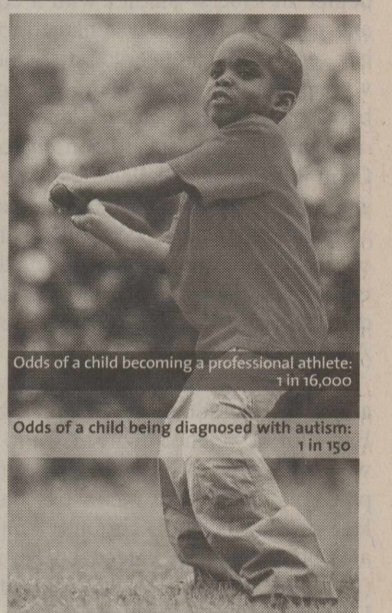
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LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of April 6: (back row, l-r) Jonathan Rodriguez, Ramiro Martinez, Brianna Vasquez, Camryn Diaz, Kayla Archer; (front row, l-r) Malicia Huerta, Raymundo Alvarado, Sara Keyser, Samantha Salas and Elida Mendez.

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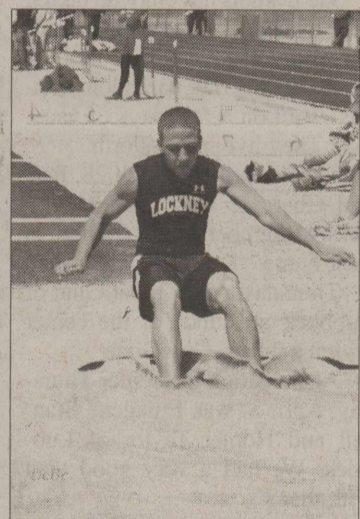
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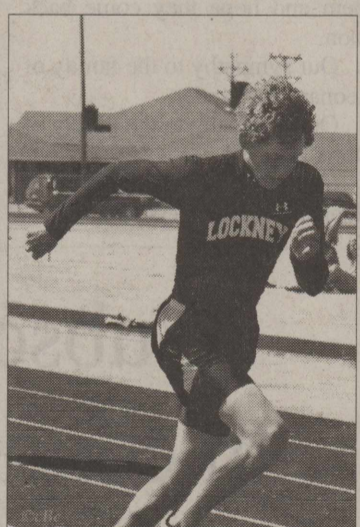


Johnathan Grant - SR.



Michael Vasquez - SR.

THERE WAS A TRACK MEET HELD AT LOCKNEY on Monday, Apr. 6, 2009. Ten schools participated. Pictured are several Lockney high school students involved in their various events. Photos Courtesy of Connie Barnett

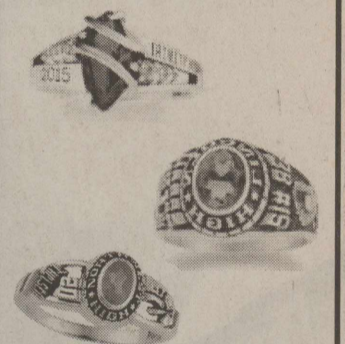


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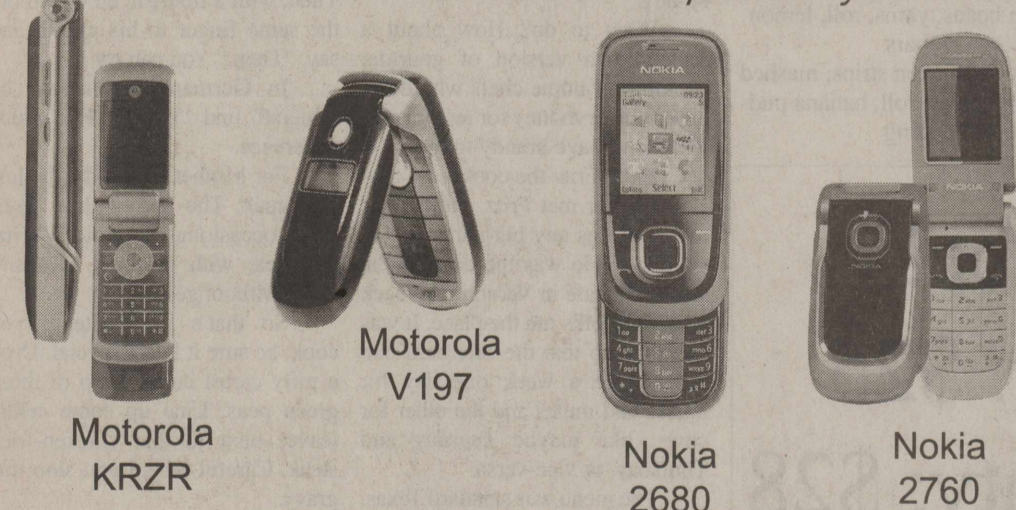
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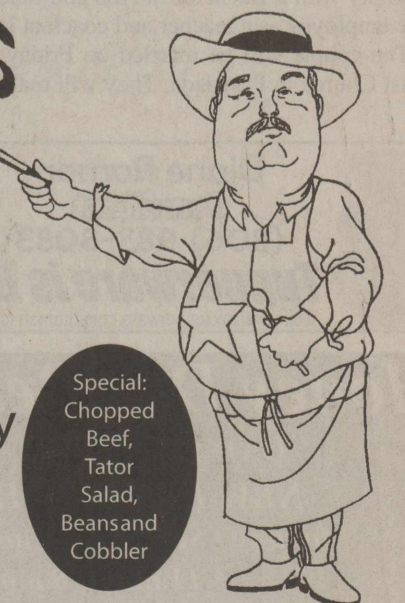
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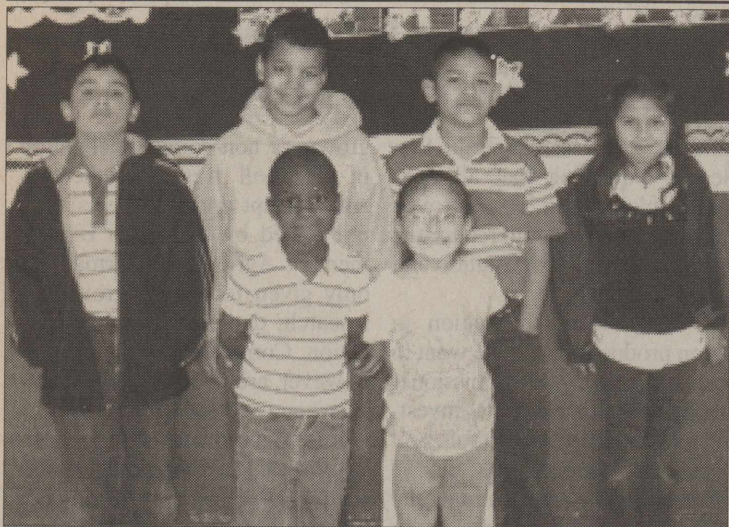
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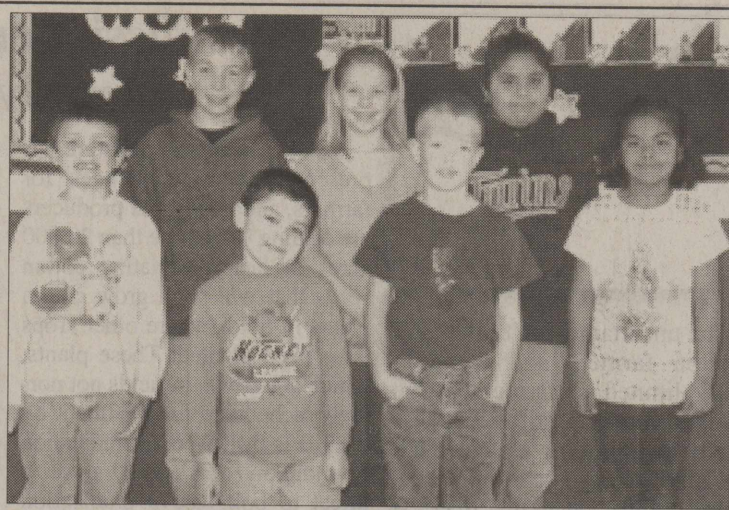
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Floydada Elementary for April 6, 2009, are: (front, l-r) Maliki Hardaway, Madison Garcia; (back, l-r) James Ponce, Hunter Smith, Matthew Ortiz and Emily Cisneros.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Floydada Elementary for April 13, 2009, are: (front, l-r) Andrew Suarez, Kelton Cage; (back, l-r) Breck Thomas, Logan Everett, Kailee Jackson, Laisha Reyes and Jasmine Cuba.

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Floydada School Menu

April 13 - April 17
Monday
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast-Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Pigs in a blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Pancake and sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk
Thursday
Breakfast-English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Nachos grande, lettuce and tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/Ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

Whirlwind Baseball Goes Even in District Play

(Editor's Note: This story was inadvertently left out of last week's edition. We apologize for the inconvenience.)

The Floydada Baseball team traveled to Lamesa Tuesday, March 17 for a non-conference game. The Tornados and the Whirlwinds met on the baseball diamond, but there wasn't a drop of wind in sight. On the beautiful spring day, the Winds got off to a slow start trailing 4-0 after 1 full inning. But then the Whirlwinds started manufacturing runs and never looked back. The Winds pounded Lamesa for a final score of 18-7.

Three Floydada pitchers pitched 2 innings apiece. Junior, Anthony Segura started the Winds off facing 11 batters, striking out 1 and allowing 4 runs. Joseph Segura pitched the 3rd and 4th innings facing 10 batters, struck out 3 and allowed 1 run. Randy Lerma closed the game out facing 8 batters. Lerma struck out 4 and allowed no runs.

Senior Randy Lerma hit an

infield homerun and 2 singles for the green team. Joseph Segura hit 1 double and 3 singles. Jesse Ibarra had 2 singles and Colton Covington, Joe Luis Suarez, Manuel Delafuente and David Suarez each recorded a single apiece.

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| Floydada | 0 | 4 | 3 | |
| Lamesa | 4 | 2 | 1 | |
| Final | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |

The Winds traveled to Muleshoe Saturday, March 28 for their second district game. The Winds came up short and let a big one get away. Lack of focus in the 3rd inning caused 4 Whirlwind errors allowing 4 Muleshoe runs. The Winds showed a lot of character by fighting back from a 6 run deficit. However, some poor officiating and leaving 8 base runners stranded proved to be the downfall for the Winds.

Junior, Joseph Segura batted

in 2 runs for the Whirlwinds and Jesse Ibarra had the games other RBI. Seniors, Manuel Delafuente, Dusty Hicks and Joe Luis Suarez all hit doubles while Randy Lerma hit 3 singles and Joseph Segura and Anthony Segura each hit a single apiece.

Anthony Segura got the start on the mound. Segura went 4.75 innings. Segura faced 21 batters, struck out 6 and allowed all 11 runs. Freshman Jose Martinez came in relief at the end of the 4th inning. Martinez faced 8 batters, struck out 3, allowed no runs and retired the side in order in the 5th and 6th inning. It was a disappointing loss, but the Winds will look to get back on track Tuesday at Tulia.

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| Floydada | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Muleshoe | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | |
| Final | 0 | 0 | - | 11 | |

Whirlwinds Fall to Tulia

The Whirlwinds faced league leader Tulia at Tulia on March 31. The Winds managed 14 impressive hits off of Tulia's ace pitcher, however, the Whirlwinds failed to convert all of them into runs. The Winds left a total of 10 base runners stranded, with a final score of 12-5 with Tulia on top.

Randy Lerma pitched the first three innings. He faced 18 batters, struck out two and allowed

six runs. Joseph Segura pitched a partial inning. He faced four batters and allowed three runs. Jose Martinez finished the game pitching the final two and a half innings. Martinez faced 13 batters, struck out two and allowed three runs.

Senior Colton Covington led all hitters. Covington was 4-4 with one RBI on the day. Joe Luis Suarez was 2-4 with one RBI.

Joseph Segura was also 2-4 at the plate with a single and a double. Troy Morales, Anthony Segura and Manuel Delafuente each added 1 RBI.

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| Floydada | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Tulia | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Final | 3 | 1 | 2 | 12 |

4-H Livestock Judging Team Wins



FLOYD COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM members are (left to right): Kelsey Nutt, Taylor Orr, Segayle Foster, SyAnn Foster, Brazos Williams, Tylee Williams, McCrae McCormick, Montana Williams, Madolyn McCormick and coach Texas AgriLife Extension Agent J. D. Ragland.

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By J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG
 Floyd County

The Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging Team has been in full swing with practice and competition all spring. The team had already competed in the San Angelo and Houston contests.

Most recently they competed in the Texas Tech Invitational Contest held on March 26. Floyd County 4-H teams took fourth and eleventh place Overall High Team honors. Also, teams competed at the West Texas A&M contest in

Canyon on April 2. The team was not eligible for any awards due to the fact that this was strictly an FFA contest. Additionally, the team received fourth place High Team Overall at the South Plains College contest in Levelland on April 4.

All practices and contests up to this point have been an effort to prepare for the upcoming South Plains District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest to be held on Saturday, April 18 at Texas Tech. At District there will be three age

divisions: Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Floyd County 4-H will have a team in all three divisions. In the senior division only teams placing first, second or third will advance on to the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held on June 10 at the Texas A&M University campus in College Station.

Our congratulations to the team's success thus far this spring and best of luck to all judges at the upcoming District Contest on April 18.

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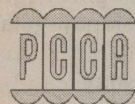
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Commissioner Staples urges landowners to comply with state cotton laws

The lack of soil moisture has presented many challenges for farmers, and now some producers are dealing with more than 20,000 acres of late-germinating cotton seeds that will soon grow cotton plants in fields where other crops have been planted. These plants, which are grown in fields not normally scheduled for treatment by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF), pose a threat to boll weevil eradication efforts since the plants act as hosts for the pests.

In an effort to protect Texas' \$2.1 billion cotton industry, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is requesting that all non-commercial cotton be destroyed immediately in order to reduce the risk of boll weevil infestation and spread.

"Texas leads the nation in cotton production, and we want to keep it that way," Commissioner Staples said. "Our state has invested millions in successful boll weevil eradication efforts, but we must eliminate non-commercial cotton as it can become a major breeding ground for this harmful pest."

Texas law prohibits the

growth of non-commercial cotton in any boll weevil eradication zone except under a special permit issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Permits are only given for cotton grown for research, demonstrations or education. Commercial cotton fields, however, are monitored and treated when necessary.

Producers can destroy non-commercial cotton through cultivation or with herbicides. For more information, contact Robert Crocker, TDA coordinator for pest management programs, at (512) 463-6332.

Cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) settled modestly weaker toward the end of the week after supportive outside markets and a bullish response to bearish plantings outlook rallied the market to six-week highs Tuesday.

USDA's planting intentions numbers came in well above trade expectations on March 31 and were significantly higher than the National Cotton Council's February estimate of 8.11 million U.S. cotton acres.

The department forecast total U.S. cotton plantings for 2009-10 will be the fewest since 1983. At 8.81 million acres, USDA's figure is down from 9.47 million last year. The largest declines were in the Memphis Territory states of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, where acreage typically planted to cotton will go into soybeans. Cotton acreage in California will decline sharply, a combined 29 percent for

upland and pima, leaving the department's estimate at 195,000 acres for the state.

Cotton acreage nationwide is projected to drop seven percent this year from 2008, and six percent in Texas. Uncertain planting conditions for the smaller 2009-10 crop will keep traders watching weather conditions in the top cotton-growing state in the United States.

Despite national and statewide declines in expected cotton acreage, farmers on the Texas High Plains are projected to grow more cotton to replace other crops that did not fare well in 2008. The boost follows poor prices for corn and peanuts expected in the upcoming year. Local cotton observers say early reports indicate farmers will plant 200,000 more acres to cotton in West Texas, bringing the total to 3.5 million acres in 2009.

"We still hear farmers are having a hard time finally deciding on what it is they are going to plant," a market analyst said.

"The uncertainty isn't limited to cotton farmers and certainly isn't limited to farmers in the United States. Until the steel is in the field pulling a planter full of seed, changes can be made, and I think once the math is completed cotton will be the most attractive crop to plant," he explained.

The market quickly looked past the plantings report, and traders now are growing concerned that China's cotton demand may be enough to support higher prices ahead, an analyst said. Many in the industry believe continued firm buying from China could cause USDA to raise cotton exports and lower ending stocks in future supply/demand reports.

Weekly export sales were better than the market anticipated. USDA reported net export sales of 403,200 bales in the week ended March 26 were up 26 percent from the previous week and 52 percent from the four-week average. Mexico, Indonesia, China and Pakistan were the week's top buyers. Net sales of 22,900 bales for delivery in 2009-10 were mainly for Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

Export shipments reached a marketing year high of 297,900 bales for the week. The figure was 45 percent higher than the previous week and 40 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico and Vietnam.

Higher sales were experienced in the spot cotton market for the week ended April 2 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 74,819 bales online compared to 41,877 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 36.07 to 38.82 cents per pound versus 32.06 to 37.65 cents per pound one week earlier.

Caprock Pest Management Newsletter

By Dustin Patman, Extension Agent-IPM

Mail Update

Greetings! It's that time of the year again to compile our newsletter mailing list for 2009. Those that wish to remain on the "hard-copy" mailing list, the price is still 50 cents per copy for 20 copies, or \$10 for the entire season. This can be submitted at this time or we will send you a statement at a later date.

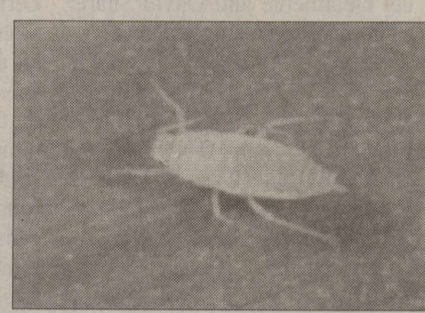
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run them every week. I look forward to meeting and working with you this year and I am looking forward to this year's scouting program.



The thresholds are based upon the cost of control and the market value of wheat. For every one percent of the tillers infested, there is a 0.5 percent yield loss. According to the management guide for small grains, consider one or more aphids on any tiller infested.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 2125-01-011 for OVERLAY, PVMT REPAIR in HALE County, etc, will be opened on April 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 29359

State Office

Contr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)

Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Here's How It Works:

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ANSWER:

Final Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas update

Due to lack of oil and gas exploration activity in the six county area of the Palo Duro Basin, the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Updates, which have been published in this newspaper, will come to an end.

The Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Updates were started in July of 2005 when Joyce Williams of Floydada requested that Tom Musser provide these updates as a service to the community. Then editor Alice Gilroy ran the requested updates in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

Later, the Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Updates were also published in the Motley County Tribune and in the Valley Tribune.

The Floyd County Historical Museum maintains copies of all the oil and gas information collected by Tom Musser on the oil and gas activity of the six counties of Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Motley and Swisher Counties.

Tom Musser will continue to monitor the oil and gas activity of the Palo Duro Basin, update as necessary, and keep up with yearly production. This information will be added to the information currently on file at the Floyd County Historical Museum.

HAVE A QUESTION, COMMENT OR CONCERN?

E-MAIL THE EDITOR AT: FCHB.EDITOR@YAHOO.COM

Russell Graves Outdoors SCORING YOUR TURKEY

A scale, calculator and tape measure are all you need

By Russell A. Graves

For as long as anyone can remember, deer hunters have judged their trophies against one another by touting a buck's Boone & Crockett score. Did you know that turkey hunters can also get in on the game of keeping harvest records and do a little bragging along the way? That's right. With a few simple measurements, you can objectively evaluate a turkey and assign it a "score" by using a set of systematic measurements.

Correct gear

The tools needed for scoring a turkey are simple: a spring scale capable of weighing a hanging object; a flexible, 1/4-inch-wide tape measure for measuring the spur and beard length, and a calculator for completing the calculations. If you have Internet access, you can skip the calculations by logging on to the National Wild Turkey Federation's Web site at (www.nwtf.org) and use their online scoring calculator.

First step

To get started, you'll need to weigh your turkey and convert the ounces to decimal form. The conversion formula is simple. All you need to do is divide the ounces by 16. For example, if your turkey weighs 22 pounds and 5 ounces, then to convert the five ounces to decimal form, you'll divide 5 by 16, which gives you .3125. Then combine the decimal-ounce equivalent with the number of pounds. In this case, we'll have the weight of 22.3125 pounds.



Spurs

The next step is to measure the spurs and convert the fractional inch measurement to decimal form and measure to the nearest 1/16th-inch without reduction. In decimal form, 1/16-inch is equivalent to .0625. Using these numbers as a base, you can easily figure out the decimal equivalent to fractions. For example, to convert 3/16-inch, just multiply three times .0625.

Measure the spurs from where they

exit the leg and over the outside edge of the spur.

Once the spurs are measured, add the length of both spurs together and multiply by 10. For example, suppose the right spur measures 2-6/16 inches and the left spur measures 2-1/16 inches. The math will look like this:

$$2.3759 \text{ (right spur)} + 2.0625 \text{ (left spur)} = 4.4384 \text{ (total length of both spurs)} \\ 4.4384 \times 10 = 44.384 \text{ (spur score)}$$

Don't forget the beard

The last thing to measure on the turkey is the beard. Starting where the beard protrudes from the breast, measure along the center of the beard to the longest tip. Like on the spurs, convert the fractional inch to decimal form. Once you have the beard measurement, multiply the length by two.

$$6.25 \text{ inch beard} \times 2 = 12.50 \text{ on the beard score.}$$

Exceptions

Occasionally, a turkey will grow multiple beards and spurs. In that case, each extra beard and spur gets measured and added to the total score just like the typical beards and spurs. Birds with multiple beards and spurs are listed by the National Wild Turkey Federation as atypical.

Adding it all up

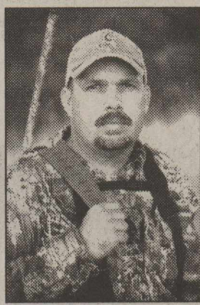
The last step in finalizing your turkey's score is to add up the weight, spur score and beard score. In this case:

$$22.3125 \text{ weight score} \\ + 44.384 \text{ spur score} \\ + 12.50 \text{ beard score} \\ = 79.1965 \text{ total score}$$

In Texas, the state records listed with the National Wild Turkey Federation show that the top typical Eastern wild turkey scores a tad over 80 points while the biggest Rio Grande turkey scores just over 88.

Of course, like deer, the trophy is in the eye of the beholder. So head afield... bragging rights await you.

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LESLIE PATTERSON RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF TEACHING. She was honored with a retirement party at Lockney Elementary School on March 31, 2009. Principal Jean Anne Williams (left) is shown presenting Patterson (right) with a sterling silver Pandora's charm bracelet with assorted charms on behalf of the superintendent's office and the elementary faculty.

Staff Photo

VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Oh! Me! Am I ever sick with something. I have a lot of chest congestion and a cough that makes me so tired and sick. I don't have a head cold though. Thank goodness.

Now for some news about the Senior Citizens. The Center has had a very good week.

The good news is we have six new members. They are Jon LaBaume of Floydada, M.E. English of Plainview, Warren and Shirley Mitchell of Lockney, and Jane and John Barnes of Edgewood, Texas. Jane is the daughter of the late May and John Chandler. She graduated from Lockney High School.

Four of the new members are two couples in their sixties. We are so glad to have all the new members.

I hope others will come and join the Center and make it more of a fun place to come eat and visit. I wanted to get the progressive "42" up and going, but I had this awful spell of sickness so it had to be put off till I can feel like doing something again.

I had talked to Andy Ford about what to do, and she suggested we have it on Friday nights. That sounded real good to me; now to just let people know about it. Andy knows all the rules for us to go by. We are so proud to have Andy and Jerry as members. They are real faithful to come eat and visit.

Guests this week were two former "Lockneyites" and classmates of C.F. Barber. They were Betty Bruce of Memphis and Deann Arterburn of Amarillo. After lunch at the Center they went out to the cemetery and visited their parents, other relatives and friends. I was sick so didn't get to the Center to visit them but I hope they will come back soon, because I would love to see both of them.

Thursday night at the pot luck supper, Gene Brotherton and sister Geneva Barclay had guests: their niece and nephew, Linda and Woody Hazelwood of Plainview and their friend, Wynell Wycroft. They didn't stay for games though.

Mary and Dennis Carter are new great-grandparents. Little Chole Mikale Hummel was born April 2 to Sean and Kayla Hummel of Red Lion, Pennsylvania. Congratulations Dennis and Mary!

Also new grandparents are Shirley and Warren Mitchell. Baby boy Augustus Conner was born to Tim and LeeAnne Mitchell. Congratulations to all!

Anita Bigham brought the Center a big bucket of sweets. She said, "It's a bucket of sweets for the Center's sweet people." Thank you, Anita, so much.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people who are ill. There are quite a few I don't know about so I will just say to keep everyone in your prayers.

Our sympathy is with Marie Wylie's family. Marie passed away April 2. Her funeral services were held at the West College and Third Street Church of Christ, followed by burial in the Lockney Cemetery.

Marie was a faithful member of her church and also to the Lockney Senior Citizens. She will surely be missed by all. She is in a much better place now. I know Donnie is happy to see her so he can tease her again about going out at nights. They liked each other so much.

Menu

April 13 - April 17

- Monday-Spaghetti
- Tuesday-Hamburger steak
- Wednesday-Meat and cheese nachos
- Thursday-Chicken strips
- Friday-Brisket

We Appreciate Everyone Of You, Our Subscribers!

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kenneth James Bloys, Deceased, were issued on March 31, 2009, in Cause No. 5822, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: **David Bloys**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **David Bloys**
P.O. Box 1274
Shallowater, Texas 79363

DATED the 1st day of April, 2009.

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Attorney for David Bloys
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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilmen, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas will be received at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2009 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Albany13,000Baird8,898Big Lake11,340Borden County208,667Breckenridge29,240De Leon15,508Friona27,335Lockney9,781McLean6,100Mitchell County15,000Monahans128,082Morton28,140Nazareth2,080Parmer County17,675Post42,321Roscoe10,000Shallowater20,133Swisher County1,614Tahoka16,942Tulia17,012Ward County67,114Whiteface9,163**Total Square Yards705,145**The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc. and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., shall be the agent/agents for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ALBANY, BAIRD, BIG LAKE, BORDEN COUNTY, BRECKENRIDGE, DE LEON, FRIONA, LOCKNEY, MCLEAN, MITCHELL COUNTY, MONAHANS, MORTON, NAZARETH, PARMER COUNTY, POST, ROSCOE, SHALLOWATER, SWISHER COUNTY, TAHOKA, TULIA, WARD COUNTY, AND WHITEFACE, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interests.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

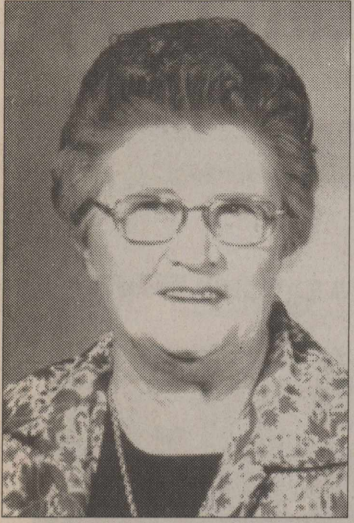
Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas 79604, (325) 698-5560.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th St., Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806) 748-5700 and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (325) 698-5560.

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OBITUARIES



DORIS SNODGRASS

Alma Doris Snodgrass, 94, of Floydada passed away on April 3, 2009 in Floydada.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2009 at Carr's Chapel. Rev. Les Hall officiated. Burial followed at the Carr's Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Family greeted friends from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Carr's Chapel before the service.

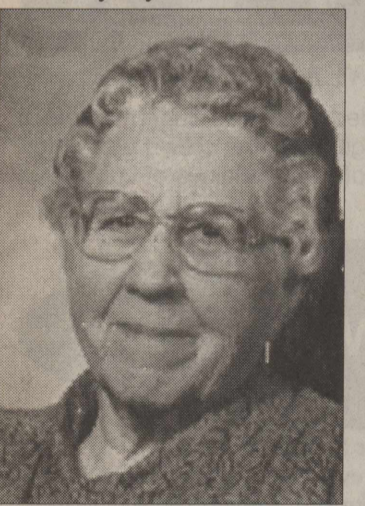
Doris was born December 15, 1914 in the Starkey Community to Vincent and Docia Manning. She moved to the McCoy Community where she started first grade. Doris graduated from Floydada High School in 1931. She married Carrick Snodgrass on May 18, 1932 in Lovington, New Mexico. He preceded her in death in 1988.

Doris joined the Harmony Home Demonstration Club in 1938. She volunteered with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. She was a member of the Carr's Chapel United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. Doris was a 4-H leader for twelve years and worked in the Floydada Livestock office for many years. She was a wonderful homemaker, mother, grandmother, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two sisters, Fleeta Willis and Jean Miller.

Those left to cherish her memories are her daughter, Elayne Reid of Floydada; a grandson, Joe Reid, of Odessa; a granddaughter, Donna Kraybill of Tulsa; a great grandson, Karson Kraybill, and a great granddaughter, Hanna Kraybill.

Memorials may be made in Doris's name to the Hospice Hands of West Texas, 305 N. Main St., Lockney, TX 79235; Floydada Rehab and Care Center, 925 W. Crockett, Floydada, TX 79235 or to a charity of your choice.



MARIE REVES NIGH WYLIE

Marie Reves Nigh Wylie, age 94, passed away on April 2, 2009 in Lockney. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the West College and Third Church of Christ with Steve McLean officiating. Interment followed at Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney. The family greeted friends Saturday from 1:30-3:30 at the church.

Marie Reves was born on April 21, 1914 to Charley F. Reves

and Hattie (Knight) Reves in Montague County, Texas near Bowie. She came to Floyd County in 1925 from Jones County. Her family settled near Sterley, where Marie attended the school at Lone Star. She graduated from Lockney High School in 1932. Marie was a housewife and homemaker. She was active in the Lockney Senior Citizens Center as well as a member of West College and Third Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

She was blessed with two wonderful men in her life: her first husband, Arthur Nigh, who preceded her in death October of 1976 and her second husband, Elton Wylie, who preceded her in death in January of 2002. Marie was also preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters, Mildred Jones and Christine Bayley.

Marie is survived by her brother Walter F. Reves of Lockney, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials in Marie's name may be made to the West College and Third Street Church of Christ at P.O. Box 217, Lockney, Texas 79241 or to the Lockney Senior Citizen Center at 118 W. College St., Lockney, Texas 79241.

MARGARET E. WHITE
Services for Margaret E. White, 103, of Abernathy, formerly of Floydada and Idalou, were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009 in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel in Lubbock.

Mrs. White passed away on Friday, April 3, 2009.

She was born on September 13, 1905 in Van Zant County to Oliver P. and Mary Burnett Deen.

She was a longtime resident of Floydada before moving to Idalou and later to Abernathy.

Survivors include six sons, three daughters, 32 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 40 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Lubbock Children's Home or VistaCare Hospice.

GEORGIA JEAN CARPENTER

On March 21, 2009, Georgia Jean Carpenter entered the gates of heaven to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 'Jeanie', as she was known by her friends and colleagues, was the branch manager of the now A+ Credit Union in San Marcos from 1972 until 1998.

In 1998, she and her husband, Dick, moved to Lake Palo Pinto, Texas. While living there, she worked at the Palo Pinto branch of the Santo National Bank.

Three years after Dick's death, Georgia relocated in Wimberley in 2007. She was surrounded and cared for by numerous friends and family members during her battle with breast cancer.

Georgia's surviving children are Cindy M. Carpenter, Carlton J. Carpenter and wife, Kay, and Christi C. Usher. Her siblings are Hal D. Hines and wife, June, and Alita B. Hines. She is also survived by her father, Erna W. Lancaster and wife, Lillian of Arroya Grande, California.

Surviving grandchildren are Christopher Jackson and wife, Liz, Kasey Belote and wife, Cheryl, Jenni Usher, Kyle Belote and wife, Mika, John Usher, Shawn Jackson, Cara Carpenter and Caleb Carpenter. Great-grandchildren are Cole Belote and Kyoka Belote.

Her celebration of life service will be held at Trinity Chapel in Wimberley, Texas on April 18, 2009 at 1:00pm. Trinity Chapel is located at 120 Green Acres Drive. Their telephone number is 512-847-9526. In lieu of flowers, please make charitable donations in memory of Georgia Jean Carpenter to Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 100, Austin, Texas, 78759.

LIGHT THE CROSS

Donations to Light the Cross Fund have been made **In Memory of Iona Adkins (sister of Louis Pyle)** by Ruth Hammonds and Raymond and Nancy Lawson.

Donations to the Light the Cross Fund may be deposited to the Ministerial Alliance Fund at American State Bank.

Floydada Cemetery Association holds meeting

The Floydada Cemetery Association met at 8 a.m. Monday, April 6, at the First National Bank. Items discussed included the finances of the Association. The low interest rates received for CDs was discussed and it was noted interest income would be down for this year.

A new section of plots have been opened up at the cemetery. The area is on the west side of the cemetery. With this new section being opened up, it was agreed that all unsold plots will be \$300 each. This is necessary to keep up with the expenses of the cemetery.

A discussion of a "bad weather building" was held. This building could be used to hold funerals during inclement weather. It was noted several cemeteries in the area have a building for this. The item was tabled until further information could be found out about the building.

The grounds are looking very good right now, thanks to the work of Butch Gilliland. He has done a good job of cleaning up the cemetery and keeping it in good shape. As a reminder, raised cement plot borders are no longer allowed in order to make the cemetery easier to mow and keep up.

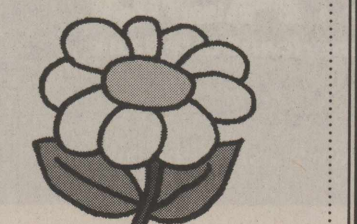
The board would like to thank everyone who has supported the cemetery in the past and helped in the maintenance of the cemetery grounds. Your continued support is appreciated.

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Floyd County Church Directory

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| <p>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> | <p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion... 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m. *****</p> |
| <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>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. *****</p> | <p>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. *****</p> | <p>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH Floydada Rev. Angelo Consemino Phone 983-5878 Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m. Mon./Wed. Mass..... 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat. 10-11 a.m. *****</p> |
| <p>AMERICAN STATE BANK Member FDIC 217 W. California 983-3725</p> | <p>GOEN & GOEN Insurance 102 E. California 983-3524</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>Barwise Gin Barwise Community 983-2737</p> | <p>Lockney Co-op Gin 652-3377</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>Tastee Burger 116 North Main 652-2630</p> | <p>Oden Chevrolet Inc. 221 S. Main, Floydada 983-3787</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>Clark Pharmacy 320 N. Main - Lockney 652-3353</p> | <p>Payne Family Pharmacy 200 S. Main, Floydada 983-5111</p> | <p>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. *****</p> |
| <p>Davis Lumber 102 E. Shubert Lockney 6523385</p> | <p>Pay-n-Save 210 N. Main Lockney 652-2293</p> | <p>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Sawaya Ins. Agency 120 E. 7th Street Plainview 293-1318</p> | <p>Schacht Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts 112 W. Poplar, Lockney 652-2385</p> | <p>Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Floydada - Lockney 983-3737 - 652-3318</p> |
| <p>Lighthouse Electric Coop 703 A Matador Hwy 983-2814</p> | <p>Sunshine Pump Oliver Clark Box 266, Lockney 983-5087 - 774-4412 (Mobile)</p> | |

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consumption and carbon emissions. Light rail systems in Dallas and Houston provide reliable transportation for thousands of people each day, and Austin will soon be operational. In the Senate, I have worked to secure federal funding for these vital projects and others like them to make more options available in Texas.

Although mass transit continues to grow in our cities and suburbs, cars remain the primary mode of transportation for most Texans. We must expand our aging road infrastructure to keep pace with our growing population. By building more roads, highways, and bridges, we will create more jobs. In fact, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, every \$1.25 billion spent on the nation's transportation infrastructure supports 35,000 jobs. And that spending tends to pay for itself by spurring even more economic activity. The American Public Transportation Association reports that every \$10 million in capital investment in public transportation can return up to \$30 million in business sales alone. Furthermore, now that we have a national highway road network in place, we should allow individual states to collect and spend their highway funding as they see fit.

While automobile alternatives and infrastructure were Texans' top priorities, support for tolling was at the opposite end of the spectrum. Only 15 percent of respondents suggested that we should increase the number of toll roads. I am against tolling federal highways that were built using taxpayers' money. Tolling should only be allowed on federal highways if it involves constructing new lanes, while maintaining the same number of free lanes. For the past two years in the Senate, I have introduced and passed legislation banning the practice of tolling existing federal highways.

I am proud to serve a body of constituents that is spiritedly involved in the policy decisions that shape our country. With your input, we can work together to develop practical answers to these and many other challenges facing our state and nation.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Fire...

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surrounding CRP grasses, said Sims.

Sims said there were two Floydada Fire Department trucks damaged in the fire – some tail-lights were melted because of the proximity of the trucks to the extremely hot fire.

According to the insurance company's fire investigator, the house was so far gone the cause of the fire could not be determined with 100 percent certainty, but Davis said because of the patterns on the bricks of the house, the investigator believes the fire was started by the dryer.

The Davis family is currently living in the First United Methodist Church's parsonage in Crosbyton until other arrangements can be made. Davis said his family had just about recovered from losing everything to a flood two years ago when once again everything they had was taken away, this time by fire. He said they are very grateful to the Floydada and Crosbyton communities who have already re-clothed his girls and given them toys and shelter.

Plan...

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a mixed bag of memories for the faculty, staff and students as well as this community.

The 2009 Lockney High School graduates will have quite a memorable senior year tale to tell.

Farmers...

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fuel dealership.

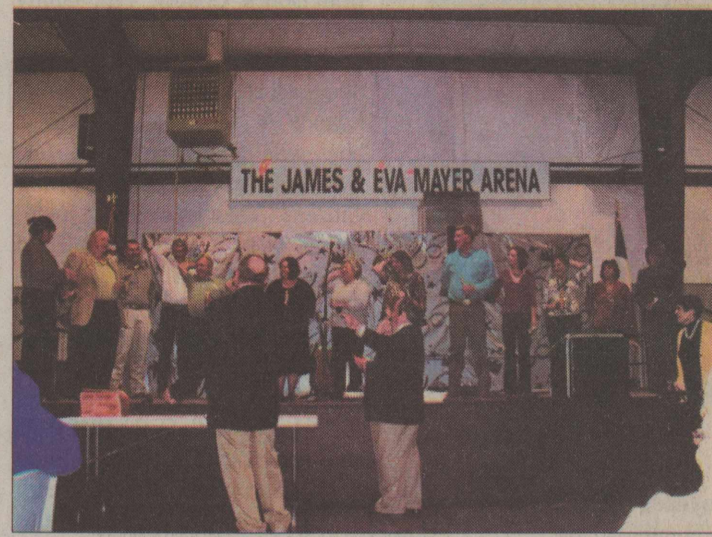
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Floyd County Friend's Annual Gala



"GALA - \$1000 WINNER"

Emcee Nick Long is show with Ann Anderson (right) of Lockney. Ann was the winner of the \$1,000 giveaway courtesy of Lambert Spraying and Wilbur-Ellis, chosen from fifteen finalists.



"GALA - FINALISTS"

The Floyd County Friends' Annual Gala was a huge success Saturday night, April 4, with around 342 people in attendance, including 4-H servers, raising around \$22,000 for the Unity Center. Shown here are the fifteen finalists for the \$1,000 drawing. Along with emcees Nick Long and Tim Assiter



"GALA - AUCTION ITEMS"

There were many items up for auction during the Floyd County Friends' Annual Gala, with a total of over 220 auction donors and items listed on the program.



"GALA - RED HAT SOCIETY"

The ladies of the Razzle Dazzle Red Hat Society donated \$750 for the landscaping and beautification project around the Unity Center's flagpole. "Queen Mother" Virginia Taylor presented the donation to Unity Center representative Elaine LaBaume Saturday night during the Gala. The project was designed by Haley Shipman.



"GALA - NIXON BROTHERS"

Keenan (left) and Kirby Nixon (right) of Floydada entertain guests of the Gala with music.



"GALA - KENNY MAINES"

During a fine steak dinner provided by Lowe's Supermarkets of Floydada and Lockney and Cargill Beef, the crowd was entertained by the musical numbers of Kenny Maines of Lubbock.

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This Week's

Community Easter Sunrise Service
On Sunday, April 12 at 7:00 a.m., everyone is invited to the Pyle Cross for a great Easter Sunrise Worship Service. The way to the cross is to take Highway 62/70 toward Ralls for 6 miles. Turn east on County Road 300 for 1/2 mile, then turn back south and go straight until road ends. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Hope to see you there!

Old Settler's Meeting
There will be an Old Settler's meeting on Monday, April 13, in the Community Room at First National Bank in Floydada at 7 p.m.

Lockney Band Boosters
Lockney Band Boosters will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the band hall. Nominating committee will present their report.

Immunization Clinic
Lockney Elementary will hold an immunization clinic on Monday, April 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Lockney Salvation Army
The Lockney Salvation Army is in need of children's clothing and shoes (age 8 & over). They also need donations of women's shoes.

Diabetes Support Group Meeting
The monthly meeting of the Texas AgriLife Extension Diabetes Support Group will take place on Tuesday, April 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office meeting room. There will be a guest speaker and refreshments.

Thanks For Reading!