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## Concerned parent questions school board on One Act Play

By Sara Sisemore  
Managing Editor

The Floydada Independent School District's board heard from concerned parent Jerry Battey during their regular Tuesday night board meeting on April 14, 2009, on the inappropriateness of a One Act Play performed by Floydada High School students for UIL.

Battey laid the context of the play for the board members by first describing the scene performed by the high school students as "one of the more seductive scenes in the play." Battey then explained to the board some additional details on how the scene was conducted: "It's very difficult to understand this play to its full extent by reading the script because all of the acting is marked out leaving nothing but the words. But this particular scene, the way that the teacher wanted the kids to act is handwritten out in the margins of the script - 'Very important scene. Seduce her, sexier and more aggressive...' That sets up the play for you," Battey told the board members.

He then read the concerns of other unnamed adults from the

community. One adult's comment was, "I didn't see the whole play, but what I did see I did not enjoy. (...) I thought the subject matter was not appropriate for high schoolers to be performing."

Another adult's comment Battey shared was, "The best way to sum up my reaction was shock and being extremely uncomfortable. ...the context of everything that was going on in the play was being referenced to sex and you knew exactly what the kids watching were thinking because of the snickering and ooo's that followed."

An additional comment shared by Battey from a concerned adult was, "We preach to our kids about the dangers of having sex... and yet we have a group of students that are allowed, some even uncomfortably, to perform in a play that is very sexually impure. (...) But worst of all, who would ever have thought that it would happen in our town, where our kids go to school? Is this really okay? Not by this family's standards. Are these the moral standards that your family goes by?"

(...) The sad thing is this: had they (some teenagers) not been so vocal, we as parents might not have even known about it. (...) Isn't morality what we hope to instill in them from day one?"

Battey closed with this question, "Normally One Act Plays are performed for the public and also other schools in the district. When this play was performed at UIL, the decision was made that it could not be performed for the public. We just want to know why."

Due to school board rules of conduct, the board could not answer Battey at that time. Board president Kerry Pratt thanked Battey for speaking to the board.

In other news, Joe Grimes of Grimes & Associates reported on the progress of construction at A.B. Duncan Elementary. Grimes said, "The last of the millwork should be there by the end of the week." Additionally, he reported the pavement had been completed and repairs were being made to the old water pipes that had been dry for about two years.

School board trustee Dr. William Dean told Grimes, "Overall, it

looks real good...until you start looking." The board agreed there are many little problems to be solved before signing off on the project. A couple of the problems mentioned by the board included texture problems on the walls and concrete already cracking at the main entrance.

Two representatives, Dwight Teeple and Kim Porter, from the Floydada Country Club were present to answer questions from the board concerning their request for FUSD to become corporate members of the club. Porter told the board, "It's an opportunity for the country club to get more money, but also something good for the school to offer their teachers."

Other businesses and school districts have taken advantage of the country club's offer, Teeple said, including Floydada's Light-house Electric, Lockney's Mangold Memorial Hospital and the Ralls school district. The corporate membership would cost the school district \$5,000 a year for 10 memberships, which the school could then sell to FUSD employees for \$500 a year, thus regaining the cost

of corporate membership while supplying a reduced country club membership fee for their employees.

Board member Amado Morales asked if the club could supply the board with a list of which FUSD employees already have country club memberships. Pratt and Dean both objected to this request, saying they didn't think the board needed to know that information. Teeple and Porter told Morales if he wished to view a list of club members, they could arrange a time to meet with him.

Marty Lucke made the motion to postpone the proposal to become corporate members of the Floydada Country Club due to Vaughn's recommendation to postpone until more consideration could be given to information provided just that afternoon by the school district's attorneys. The motion passed unanimously.

The school board revisited the topic of the roofing project at Floydada High School. The topic had been tabled last month so Superintendent Jerry Vaughn could do some more research into prices

with and without a construction manager. Vaughn advised the board to wait a little longer so he could look into the possibility of getting some funding for this type of project from the state. The board took no action on the roofing project.

Vaughn and Christine Scroggs, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, updated the board on grants received by FUSD. A few of the grants received were the LEP (Limited English Proficiency), SSI (Student Success Initiative), DATE (District Awards for Teacher Excellence), TEEG (Texas Educator Excellence Grant), R-Tech (Rural Technology Pilot Grant). The total amount awarded to the school district in grants in 2008-2009 was \$472,802, not including federal entitlement grants.

The May 9, 2009 School Trustee Election was cancelled due to no opposition for District 1 and 2. Pratt will be replaced by Freddie Morren for District 1 and Dean will remain on the board for Dis-

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## Texas drought information site launched

A new multi-agency, comprehensive Texas drought information Web site, <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>, has been launched.

The Drought Joint Information Center is a group of state and federal agency public information officers, led by Texas AgriLife Com-

munications, who were activated by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

Participating agencies include: Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Water Development Board, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Texas Forest Service, Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

They provide a central clearing house of drought-related public information and education to help each of the participating agencies perform their designated public service roles. They also provide timely and consistent drought-related news including historic and forecasted National Weather Service rainfall

information, water updates from state water authorities, and agricultural drought damage assessment updates as provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Services Agency, state agricultural economists and other recognized experts.

All information on the Web site is public information and is available for producers, industry groups, county officials, the media and anyone needing credible, consistent Texas drought-related information.

This Web site is designed to be a no-frills information center that's activated during times of prolonged and widespread drought in Texas. The Drought Joint Information Center and its Web site operate at the discretion of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

The Web site is divided into two distinct areas: "Resources on Drought" provides static and changing information on drought ranging from stream flow data and weather information to links provided by the participating agencies; and "News

Updates/Situational Reports" features the latest items provided by the participating agencies. Contact: Steve Byrns, AgriLife Communications media relations specialist and Drought Joint Information Center leader at: [s-byrns@tamu.edu](mailto:s-byrns@tamu.edu).



DOUGHERTY RECEIVED THE MOST MOISTURE from last Thursday night's storm, at 2.25 inches. Pictured is a handful of hail from that storm.

Photo courtesy of Denise Pernel

### AREA RAINFALL TOTAL

April 16-17, 2009

Aiken.....	0.75 inches
Barwise Gin Elevator.....	1.0 inches
Darty Gin.....	2.25 inches
Floydada Airport.....	0.43 inches
Floydada Coop Gin.....	0.6 inches
Floydada Sheriff.....	0.32 inches
Lockney D&J Gin.....	1.0 inches
McCoy Gin.....	0.75 inches
Muncy Elevator.....	0.45 inches
Providence.....	1.0 inches
Sandhill Elevator.....	0.5 inches

## Mangold Memorial Hospital Appeals IRS Ruling

By Judy Macha  
Reporter

In August 2007, a newly formed division within the Internal Revenue Service initiated an audit on Lockney General Hospital for the 2005 tax year.

According to Sharon Hunt, hospital administrator, "After reviewing several records and files, their main focus became the issue of the physicians being classified as independent contractors rather than employees. We sent considerable documentation to the IRS, including physician contracts and proof we do not treat them as employees. We also sent them information on the prohibition on the corporate practice of medicine (Texas Occupations Code 164.052 (a)(17)), which clearly makes it illegal in the State of Texas for hospitals to directly employ physicians. Nevertheless, the IRS still maintained their position the physicians should be classified as employees."

"The IRS has now issued a determination the hospital district owes \$196,487 in federal withholding and employment taxes for the

rural health clinic physicians for 2005. The physicians have paid all taxes due, so there are no taxes that have not been paid. We are appealing the ruling. We have spent several thousands of dollars and many hours of time fighting the IRS on this issue. The district does not want to employ the physicians and they do not want to be employed; and again, the taxes have all been paid by the physicians.

"This new division within the IRS was formed to audit government entities. I don't know if this is the same division which audited the county. They checked to see if we paid mileage. They looked into all of that, and everything was okay. Then it just seemed like they zeroed in on this physician employment issue.

"The agent who originated all this came out in 2007 and said she was going to examine our tax records for 2005 and we said okay. She looked at them and then immediately said she was going to initiate an audit. We started sending our records. Questionnaires were sent to the physicians and it's been going back and forth. The questionnaires

the IRS sent were geared more to construction workers and those types of contractors. For instance some of the questions were, 1) Do you supply the tools? and 2) What do you supply and what do they supply? Obviously we provide medication, x-ray equipment and such. I don't know, it's just ridiculous.

"Part of our problem has been this agent. After a year of all of this she walked off the job, without turning in all of her records. Her supervisors got upset because they wanted us to extend the statute of limitations, which will run out tomorrow (4-15-09). I gather there is a four-year window. They wanted us to extend it indefinitely. I believe, so they could just keep on. We felt we had already spent enough time and money on it. So once we said no, we were not going to do that, they said, 'Okay then, we are determining the doctors are employees,' and they sent us notice we owed this amount, but they didn't send us a demand for payment until this week. We received a bill for \$77,368 for employment taxes and interest due for 2005, even though these taxes have been paid.

This is just 2005. They could come in now and do 2006, 2007, etc. We've probably spent at least \$30,000 so far on this case we need for other things. We just don't have it to throw away. I think this division is just trying to justify their existence because it just doesn't make sense. They've audited Muleshoe, Permian Basin and Regional Hospital in Andrews. Those have been hit with this and had to pay fines, and I know of hospitals in New Mexico, too. They are kind of working their way across the state."

Hunt added, "People will say they know of hospitals that employ their physicians, like Covenant. But Covenant has Covenant Medical Group. They are a 501-A. UMC has Physician Network Services, PNS, that staffs Plainview and Floydada and they contract them out. But with small hospitals, it's expensive to start a 501-A. I've told them (IRS), and the patients know it, the physicians work when they want to, see the patients they want, take off when they want. They do give me a schedule and say, 'Here's when we're on call.' All we require of them is they

cover the emergency room (ER) on a regular basis. Equally, they all share being on call. As far as the Rural Health Clinic, it is totally up to them. I hear people say, 'Why do they take off so much?' I tell them that's their decision, not ours. And, that's one reason they have stayed here. If we tried to force them to do something, then they wouldn't stay. They like the independence and don't want to be employees. I think the IRS looked at it because we provide the space and the staff for them, etc.

"The attorneys and our accountant recommend we not pay. They sent in a request the IRS put a hold on the payment due pending appeal. They said the next step would be the IRS could file a lien. At that point we would appeal it and say these taxes have been paid, I don't know for sure if that's what we're going to do. The physicians have had to file paperwork with the IRS regarding this issue. If we lose the appeal, they are going to have to go back and file their tax returns as employees. I don't know what's going to happen as far as the state, because the hospi-

tal cannot legally hire the physicians as employees. We'll have to decide from here on what we're going to do. At this point we are just waiting.

"It will go to District Tax Court, I think and I don't know at what point that will be. We're hoping we have someone with some common sense there. What I'm hoping is we will go to the appeal court and they will say, 'The taxes have been paid and we're not going to worry about it. But, from this point forward, here is what you need to do.' Then I can ask them what we need to do differently so they do not see the doctors as employees."

"I think it is time the people know what's going on," Hunt added and smiled, "Maybe we could all have our own tea party. To me it's the IRS intruding on a local entity. We are honest and our taxes have been paid. The IRS should go after individuals and corporations who intentionally, knowingly cheat and leave us alone so we can spend our money here where it is needed, on patient care."



# OPINIONS

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## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Ohhh Nancy - You Silly Girl

I'd like to publicly thank God Speaker Nancy Pelosi is not my U.S. Representative. How dare she and some of her cohorts resort to labels and name-calling. So far, some leading Democrats have referred to Wednesday's tea parties as gatherings of racists, Nazis and gun nuts.

Pelosi herself called efforts to get the government to tap the breaks on excessive spending "AstroTurf."

"This initiative is funded by the high end; we call it AstroTurf, it's not really a grass-roots movement," Pelosi said Thursday. "It's AstroTurf by some of the wealthiest people in America to keep the focus on tax cuts for the rich instead of for the great middle class."

Other House Democratic leaders took it a step further: One senior aide was circulating a document to the media that the tea parties were driven by corporate lobbyists and attended by neo-Nazis...

The tea parties are "not really all about average citizens," the document says ... Neo-Nazis, militias, secessionists and racists are attending them.

Watching the news last night in Amarillo, I saw parents, grandparents, children - all walks of life - all races. I saw the same thing in the state-wide and nation-wide coverage as well.

It's low for those living in their protective world - a world of millions, mansions and limousines - just like Pelosi - to denigrate Americans and flat out lie and portray events differently than they actually happened.

I paid attention to the tea parties. I watched them on MSNBC, CNN and Fox News. I never heard reports which were circulated and conveyed to the media by a few fringe Democrats.

I've got news for Pelosi and her buddies, they are quickly getting into the same smug boat Republicans found themselves in back in 2006. Start thumbing your nose at the masses and you'll be shown the exit come November 2010.

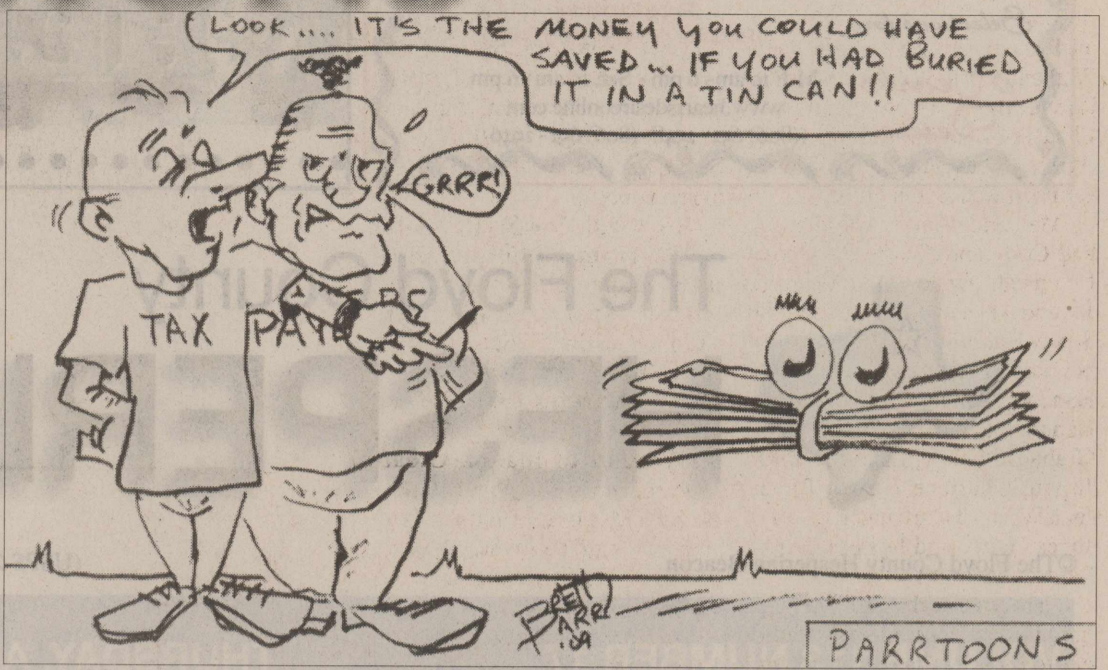
On Wednesday, hundreds of thousands of people across the U.S. held peaceful demonstrations opposing massive spending by the government. Is it so wrong to question how trillions of taxpayer dollars are to be spent? Of course not.

Mrs. Pelosi needs to climb out of her ivory tower and look around for herself. We don't all live in San Francisco. We don't all think the government is the correct answer to all our problems. We don't all think that she, Sen. Harry Reid and Rep. Barney Frank are the answer. In fact, with their 33 percent approval rating, not many think they are the answer at all.

The 58.8 percent of American which think this country is on the wrong track want real answers. They include Democrats, Republicans and Independents. So someone tell me, what is so wrong with wanting OUR money spent wisely?

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### Mob Rule Comes to Washington

By Peter Schwartz

In dealing with AIG, why are people pussyfooting around? They believe that the bonus money was stolen from the public and must be retrieved by any means possible. So why not bypass the niceties and just send in some well-armed "enforcers" to confiscate the bonus recipients' cars and houses and bank accounts?

If this raises fear about ushering in mob rule, it's too late. AIG employees have been crudely vilified, they have been targets of death threats, a U.S. senator has urged them to kill themselves, protestors "tour" their homes, they have had to hire security guards and AIG has removed its name from the front of its Manhattan offices.

This mass hysteria is being fueled by the government, which is proceeding on the premise of: "Get the money back first, rationalize later." The House passed an extraordinary piece of punitive - and unconstitutional - legislation to tax away almost all the bonus money. New York's attorney general, abetted by the threat of making their names public, has gotten many of the recipients to "voluntarily" return their bonuses. Perversely, the rights of captured Islamic jihadists generate greater concern in Washington.

All these actions are tantamount to rule by mob action.

A mob is driven by rampant emotionalism, with no concern for facts - facts such as: Are these particular recipients guilty of anything? Are they competent individuals, necessary to keep the company operational? Would

they have resigned without the inducement of the bonuses? Didn't Washington consent to the bonuses at the time of the bailout? Aren't the recipients entitled to the bonuses by contract?

The essence of mob rule is arbitrary and unchecked force, in disregard of all rights. If so, then when the government spends our money with virtually no limits - when trillions of dollars are gleefully disbursed through unrestrained horse-trading and arm-twisting among members of Congress - when trillions more are poured down the rat holes of failing companies at the uncontrolled discretion of bureaucrats - when government "czars" can select a company's CEO and dictate its product line - then what we have is government by mob rule. That is, we have government with arbitrary, unchecked power to do as it wishes - which means: government unconstrained by the principle of individual freedom.

Like any mob, Washington desires a scapegoat. It blames capitalism for the mortgage and credit crisis, in order to divert attention from the real culprit: government intervention. Every housing-related measure taken by Washington has made the standards for homeownership looser than they would be in a free market. Government has stepped in to override private companies' aversion to undue risk. Regulators criticized banks for turning down too many mortgage applications. FNMA and FHLMC were created to encourage the issuance of mortgages that would not be

prudent in a free market. FDIC anesthetizes depositors against risks taken with their funds. And the entire Federal Reserve exists to pump paper money into the economy, and to keep interest rates artificially low - often below the rate of inflation - so that more lending occurs. Yet when this house of cards collapsed, it is capitalism that was denounced, and more government power that was demanded.

The administration's latest proposal, for a "systemic risk regulator," should leave little doubt that it seeks carte blanche in ruling the economy. This is a plan for an economic dictator, an "enforcer" who will have the frightening authority to oversee every decision that, in his opinion, significantly influences the economy.

Of course, once the mob-rule mentality takes hold, everyone becomes a potential target. If you obtain a mortgage or a college loan, the government may subject you too to "risk regulation." You may be told that you can't buy a plasma TV or take a vacation or quit your job, because the risk to your finances is "unacceptable." But isn't that a purely private decision? - you will indignantly demand. If government power keeps expanding, however, there may no longer be any private decisions.

Peter Schwartz is the author of *The Foreign Policy of Self-Interest: A Moral Ideal for America*. He is a distinguished fellow, and former chairman of the board, of the Ayn Rand Institute.

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# VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Easter guests with Geneva Barclay were her grandchildren and great-grands. They were Paul and Lorie Wilkins and sons, Lance and Weston, Brent and Elisa Poole and children, Ryan, Avery, Silas and Dax. Gerald Johnson was also a guest.

Mel and Marjorie Holcomb had Cody and Charla Rhoderick for guests Easter Sunday, April 17 and 18 was the weekend for Sunny Hammit's girlfriends slumber party. Present were Hope Cox Hancock, Anita Durham Wofford, Lahoma Rowell Clower, Betty Graham Mickey, Lanell Johnson Julian, Charlene Brown Baker, Jean Wofford Curtsinger, Carolyn Jones Hardy and hostess, Sunny Lawson Hammit.

Carolyn Hardy had foot surgery Friday morning so she didn't get to come to the party 'til Saturday. Jerry Davis came by to take the ladies for a ride in his classic vehicle. They also went by the Center and visited with the coffee drinkers. A good time was had by all.

Lucy Dean Record has had a busy month playing with "Texas in the Swing." On April 3 the band, Jimmy Burson, Jimmy Young, Jim Burrell, Don Long, Lee Barlow, O.B. Barnes and Lucy Dean played for the Texas Rally of the Good Sams in Abilene. On April 17 and 18, Lucy Dean played with Henry Baker and Friends in the "Old Church," kicking off Bob Wills Week in Turkey.

On April 17, Lucy Dean got to play with artist Dana Wells, Reba McEntire's sister Susie Luchsinger; and with Henry Baker and Friends. They were honored by being taped by Dish's RFD Country Channel.

Sunday, April 19, Lucy Dean Record and Ike Johnson were guests of Rhenda and Jimmy

Burson at Silverton's First Baptist Church followed with lunch at the Burson's ranch. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Dowell of Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. The Stevens and Dowells always help Lucy Dean with her music instruments.

Kody and Kaci Scott of Lubbock announced the arrival of their twins. They were born Monday, April 6. Laney Kayte weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and Mason William weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis and Ocie and Mary Scott of Idalou. Great-grandparents are Warren and Barbara Mathis, Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Margie Lewis of Idalou, and Tilden and Lorene Wilson of Kansas.

Another new arrival is Abbey Reese Davis. She was born April 7 in Golden, Colo. Her parents are Tyson and Jolie Diepenhorst Davis. Abbey weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Abbey's mother is still in the hospital with a heart condition. Grandmother Betty Jackson is in Golden taking care of baby Abbey and sister Jillian.

Our sympathy is with Wanda Barber on the loss of her sister, Mildred Owens, who passed away Saturday, April 18 in Abilene. Her funeral services were held in Abilene Tuesday, April 21, followed with burial in the Ralls Cemetery.

**Menu**  
**April 27 - May 1**  
**Monday** - Soup and cornbread  
**Tuesday** - Pork chops  
**Wednesday** - Chicken and dumplings  
**Thursday** - Hamburger on a bun  
**Friday** - Fried Chicken



KATY LEIGH AUSTIN AND BRENT COLEMAN

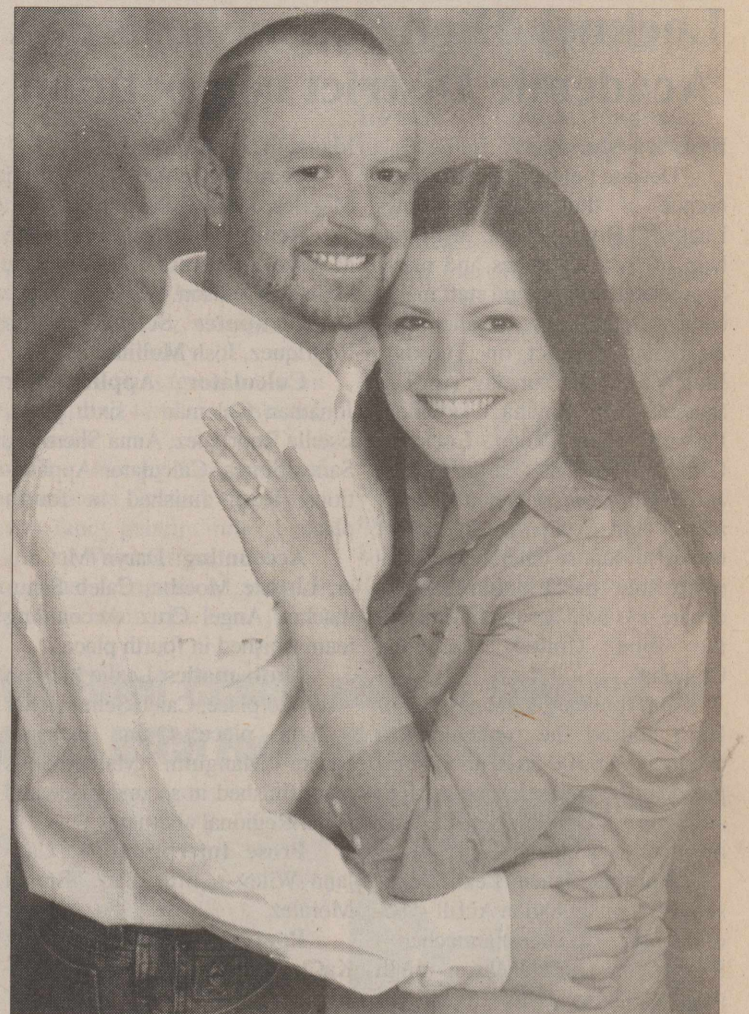
## Austin and Coleman

Mr. Ronnie Austin and Ms. Elaine Lindeman are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Katy Leigh Austin to Brent Allen Coleman son of Joni and Mike Tackett and the late Gary Coleman.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jim and the late Doris Lindeman of Plainview, and the late J.C. and Melba Austin, also of Plainview. She is a 2003 graduate of Lockney High School and is currently employed with the American Housing Foundation in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Walter and Theresa Paetzold of Hereford and Jo and the late Bruce Coleman, also of Hereford. He is a 2000 graduate of Hereford High School and he is currently employed with Lowe's Home Improvement in Amarillo.

The couple will be married June 27, 2009.



PAUL ROSS AND HILLARY KUYKENDALL

## Kuykendall and Ross

Ron and Sherlyn Kuykendall of Wichita Falls, Texas, along with Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Hillary Kuykendall of Lubbock and Paul Ross of Floydada.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Ryder High School. She is currently attending Texas Tech University and is employed by United Supermarket. She is the granddaughter of the late Norman and Louise Kuykendall and the late Jess and Gladys Compton.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School. He is currently employed by Muncy Elevator, Inc. He is the grandson of Mary Henderson and Herman and Bonnie Graham all of Floydada, and the late Paul Ross and Elvie Henderson.

The couple plan an August 8, 2009 wedding at Southside Baptist Church in Wichita Falls. They will make their home in (Muncy) Floydada.

## 1950 STUDY CLUB

By Margaret Jones

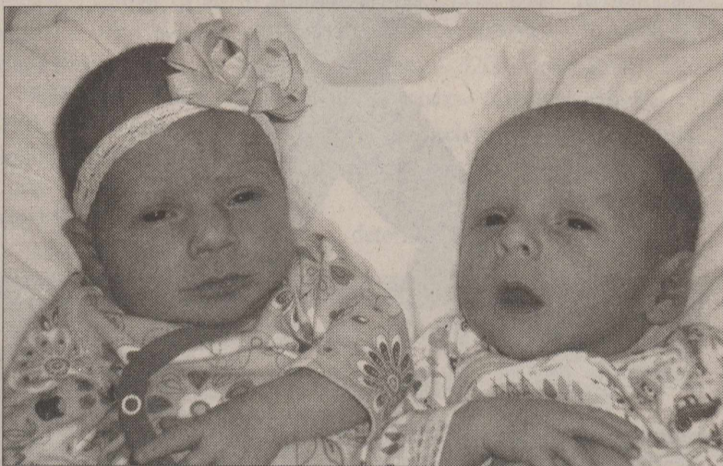
On Tuesday, April 14, the 1950 Study Club met in the home of Sue Moore. Roll call was answered by giving the name of members' favorite comedian or a conservation tip. This was most interesting as names of long-ago comedians were mentioned and remembered. The conservation tips mentioned most had to do with water and the importance of responsibly taking care of our natural resources.

Program hostess Doris McLain introduced Darryl Gooch, Chief of Police of the City of Floydada, who brought an up-to-date program reminding members of the importance of their own personal security. Among the topics discussed were Identity Theft and the necessity of using a shredder. Being aware of what is going

on in our own neighborhoods and becoming pro-active concerning unusual or questionable situations will make Floydada a safer place. We are fortunate to live in a small town with dedicated and caring people looking out for our safety.

Members present were Joy Assiter, Carolyn Cheek, Carlyn Crawford, Sue Daniels, Geneile Evans, Gloria Fannon, Sandy Forehand, Fern Hartsell, Margaret Jones, Billie Jordan, Nancy Lawson, Sue Lovell, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore, Sue Moore, Shirley Morton and Joy Smitherman.

The next meeting will be May 5, in the home of Margaret Jones. The program will be "Finishing the old and planning for the New Year." Hostesses for the evening are Carolyn Cheek, Doris McLain and Margaret Jones with members bringing salads for a Salad Supper.



LANEY SCOTT AND MASON SCOTT

Kodi and Kaci Scott of Lubbock are excited to announce the birth of their twins, a daughter, Laney Kayte, and a son, Mason William, on Monday, April 6, 2009 at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.

Laney was born at 4:55 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Mason was born at 4:56 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis of Lockney and Ocie and Mary Scott of Idalou.

Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Warren and Barbara Mathis of Lockney, Marge Lewis of Idalou and Tilden and Lorene Wilson of Humboldt, Kansas.

## 1956 STUDY CLUB

By Linda Harbin

The lovely home of Penny Golightly was the setting for the meeting of the 1956 Study Club on April 14. Co-hostesses were Rozanne Bishop, Sue Ward and Nancy Mayo.

A delightful program was presented by Christine Scroggs, Curriculum Director for Floydada Independent School District. She informed the club that great things are happening at FISD. The district has received worldwide media attention through its use of technology. Every student and teacher in high school and junior high has a personal laptop computer and the district is pursuing the possibility of adding third through fifth grade in this initiative. Students have shown an increase in TAKS scores over the last several years. High school students are able to earn college hours at a reduced cost.

Floydada has earned the Apple Distinguished School Award for two years. High school principal Wayne Morren and junior high principal Mac Sherman were selected as Regional Secondary Principals of the Year. Ms. Scroggs was very positive about the good things that are happening in Floydada and praised the work that the students, teachers and community are doing.

After enjoying a light meal, President Judy Dunlap called the meeting to order. Roll call was an answer to the question "What is the best thing a teacher ever taught you?" Minutes of the March meeting were read by Kay Dean Smith

and Dana Crossland gave the treasurer's report.

Thank you notes were read from the Senior Citizens Center in appreciation for donations made in memory of the fathers of Susan Simpson and Tomi Covington.

A letter of resignation was read from Kathy Pritchard and was regretfully accepted.

Members were reminded to get their favorite recipes to Terri Bush as soon as possible. Terri reported the cost of printing the recipe books will be about \$7 each. Hopefully, they will be available for sale at the Tater Bake in the fall.

Judy reminded members that in May the scholarship recipients will be selected. Susan Simpson and Dana Crossland volunteered to secure the applications and to decide the number and amount of scholarships. There being no further business, the meeting was dismissed with the recitation of the club collect.

Members present were Rozanne Bishop, Terri Bush, Anne Carthel, Tomi Covington, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Penny Golightly, Carolyn Green, Linda Harbin, Dixie Harris, Charline Hendrix, Kay Hicks, Janice Julian, Janet Lloyd, Linda Mat-sler, Nancy Mayo, Angela Ragland, Kathy Ross, Susan Simpson, Kay Dean Smith, Molly Stringer and Sue Ward.

On May 12, Linda Matsler will host the meeting in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, with Kathy Ross and Jean Appling assisting.

**The 501**  
by Hanaba Munn Welch

Here's to tea, my tax bailout. Coffee and Cokes are my drugs of choice, but sometimes tea works better - like right before the April 15 tax deadline. Yes, I know American taxpayers staged some sort of Boston Tea Party demonstration last week, but I was too busy working on taxes to read email or watch TV to know how to participate. Was I supposed to mail a teabag with this year's tax return? I didn't. Instead, as my husband slept, I brewed myself a cup of Bigelow's Lemon Lift tea to stay awake to figure depreciation and tackle other tasks that accompany my once-a-year bookkeeping for my half of our joint return.

Nope, when it comes to figuring and paying taxes, some of us don't have enough nerve to do anything that might call attention to our carefully prepared returns. Me, I wouldn't have dared to mail the IRS even that little paper tag from the teabag string. A tax audit means going through the whole tax preparation ordeal all over again - not a pleasant thought. Makes me want another cup of tea.

At this point, let me say I'm talking about hot tea rather than the iced stuff we Texans drink like water to wash down a meal. Hot tea is different. It's ritualistic, both by virtue of how it's brewed and because it's steeped in tradition, our tax legacy included.

A teakettle works best for boiling tea water unless a spouse is sleeping within earshot. On tax night, I used the microwave.

Beep. The cup choice is important too. If English bone china isn't handy, pick a sturdy mug. Teacups are for socializing anyway. Mugs are for getting things done - like taxes.

Bottom line (Form 1040, line 75), my mug of tea kept me going until 7 a.m. Then I crashed, as tired as if I'd just washed off an Indian disguise after a daring trip to Boston Harbor to throw tea off a ship.

Indeed, a tea dumping expedition to anywhere, even the Brazos, would have been better than filling out tax forms all night, but I didn't consider it an option.

Maybe it was. To wit, the husband of a friend, filing individually, claimed a jillion dependents on his return so he wouldn't have to pay taxes. That lie was his protest. After a few years, the IRS took note. He went to prison. His choice.

Another acquaintance of mine didn't like paying taxes because she didn't want to finance wars. Frugal, she purposely worked too little to owe taxes, giving up her car for a bicycle and eventually giving up the bicycle to join an order. Her choice.

My husband and I are less sensational. We grumble, but we pay. O-V-E-R is how we spell tax relief.

This year, we both unwound with hot tea - my husband because he had a cold and me because it just seemed like the appropriate thing to do on April 15 to squeeze one more cup from the tea bag.

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## Lockney High School hosts 5-A Academic District competition

By D'lyn Morris

Despite not having the convenience of their own building, Lockney High School, with the help of local churches and many appreciated parents and staff members, hosted the new 10 school 5-A Academic District on Tuesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 2. Students from Bovina, Clarendon, Farwell, Hale Center, Lockney, Olton, Springlake-Earth, Sudan and Wellington competed in Journalism and Computer Science at the First Baptist Church in Lockney while the Lincoln-Douglas debate was held across the street at the First United Methodist Church.

On Thursday, Lockney Junior High housed the remaining 15 events. Over 300 students participated in the meet. Lockney High students won the following awards:

**Number Sense:** Lezlie Jackson - first place, Dylan Auffill - second place, Caleb Schumacher - fourth place, Quinn Jackson - ninth place. Number Sense team will advance to Regional meet as the first place team.

**Literary Criticism:** Alisha Damron - first place, Anna Sherman - second place, Kami Hunt - third place, Emily Prayor - fourth place, Krista Mangum. Literary Criticism team will advance to Regional meet as the first place team.

**Science:** Chris Rodriguez - eighth place, Lezlie Jackson - ninth place, Patrick Doucette, Landon Kidd, Adrian Cortez, Billy Lee, Joshua Silva, Quinn Jackson. Chris Rodriguez will advance to the Regional meet as the Top Scorer in Physics. His brother Jeremy also advanced as the Top Physics Scorer 10 years ago. Science team finished in fourth place.

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate:** James Mercado - fourth place, Jonathan Sustaita. James Mercado will advance as the Regional alternate.

**News Writing:** Robbie Reyes - fourth place, Toni Morales, Josh Mullins. Robbie will advance as the Regional alternate.

**Editorial:** Kami Hunt, Shanequa Wilson, Lezlie Jackson.

**Headline:** Kami Hunt, Krista

Mangum, Josh Mullins.

**Feature:** Robbie Reyes, Toni Morales, Josh Mullins.

**Ready Writing:** Lindsie Moerbe, Jasmin Rodriguez, Shanequa Wilson.

**Computer Science:** Chris Rodriguez, Josh Mullins

**Calculator Applications:** Jonathan Coleman - sixth place, Estella Rodriguez, Anna Sherman, Saray Flores. Calculator Applications Team finished in fourth place.

**Accounting:** Daryn McCarter, Lindsie Moerbe, Caleb Schumacher, Angel Cruz. Accounting team finished in fourth place.

**Mathematics:** Lezlie Jackson - second place, Caleb Schumacher - ninth place, Quinn Jackson, Krista Mangum. Mathematics team finished in second place and is the Regional alternate.

**Prose Interpretation:** Caitlann Wiley - fifth place, Brendi Moralez.

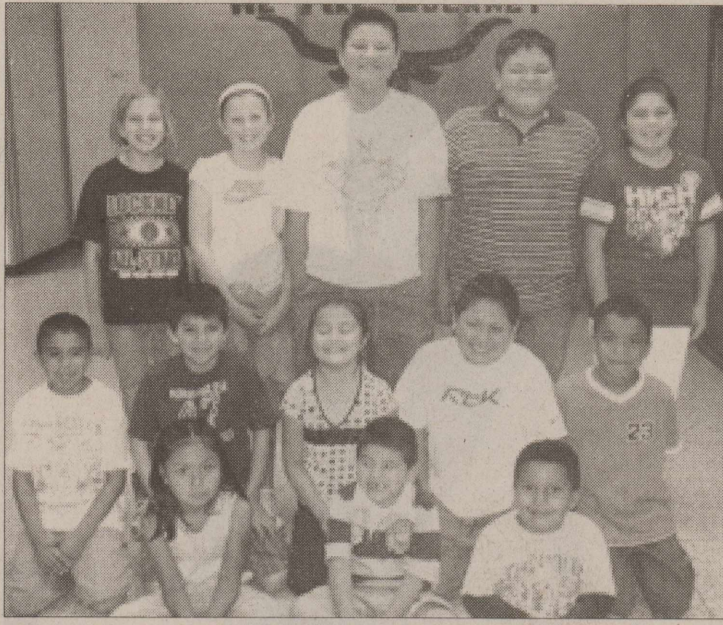
**Poetry Interpretation:** KaCee Armstrong, Patrick Doucette.

**Computer Applications:** Alisha Damron - ninth place, Tessa Saul, Renee Cruz.

**Social Studies:** Patricia Rios  
Many hours of practice and extensive effort have been spent by these students and their coaches who lost all their UIL practice materials and extemporaneous speaking files in the school fire, but were able to recover gracefully and compete successfully in the new district.

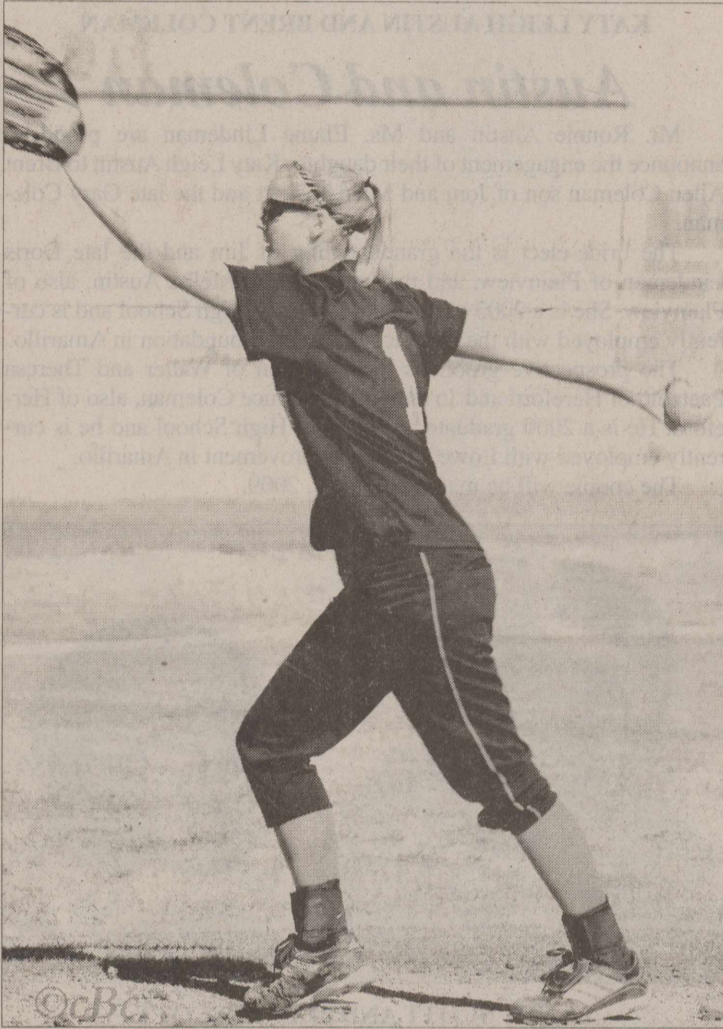
Pam Fulton coaches Number Sense and Accounting; Danny Huggins coaches Mathematics, Computer Science, Computer Applications and Calculator Applications; Art Woolever coaches Prose, Poetry, LD and CX debate; J.C. King coaches the four Journalism events and Ready Writing; Sam Moore coaches Social Studies; Lesha Woodard coaches Literary Criticism and D'Lyn Morris coaches Science and is the UIL Academic Coordinator.

The cooperative attitude and resilient spirit of the school and community continues to be very evident as this school year continues.



Staff Photo

LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 4-20-09: (back, l-r) Tabetha Bigham, Elizabeth Belt, Ruben Ascencio, Julian Jimenez, Augustina Rodriguez, (center, l-r) Julio Lara, Trevor Ascencio, Lilly Calderon, Lupe Huerta, Bryson Walker, (front, l-r) Sissy Naranjo, Nick Castro and Ky Rendon.



LINDSIE MOERBE

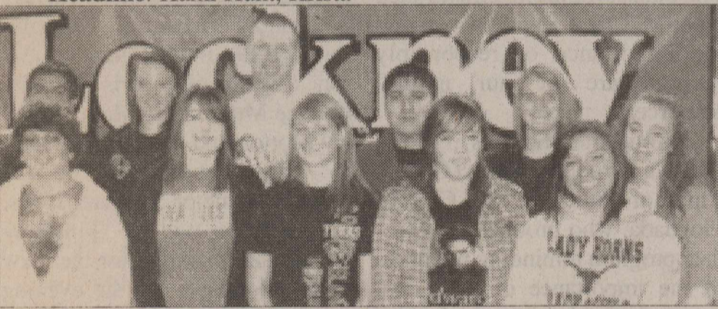
## Lockney School Menu

Menu	April 27 - May 1
<b>Monday</b>	toast, juice, milk <b>Lunch-</b> Chicken patty or corn-dog, potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, milk
<b>Breakfast-</b> Popcorn chicken or beef patty, potatoes, fresh broccoli, peaches, roll, milk	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Lunch-</b> French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk	<b>Breakfast-</b> Eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Lunch-</b> Pizza or burrito, salad, pineapple, milk
<b>Breakfast-</b> Biscuit and gravy or cereal, toast, juice, milk	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Lunch-</b> Enchiladas or ham, pinto beans, salad, applesauce, milk	<b>Breakfast-</b> Cinnamon rolls or cereal, toast, juice, milk
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Lunch-</b> Hamburger or tuna sandwich, potatoes, salad, peaches, milk
<b>Breakfast-</b> Muffin or cereal,	



ABIGAIL GARZA

Photos courtesy of Connie Barnett  
LOCKNEY SOFTBALL PLAYERS Sunny Williams, Abigail Garza and Lindsie Moerbe are pictured here playing ball last Friday, April 17 against Lubbock Christian High School's JV team at Lockney.



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LOCKNEY UIL ACADEMIC REGIONAL QUALIFIERS - (back, l-r) James Mercado, Alisha Damron, Caleb Schumacher, Chris Rodriguez, Quinn Jackson, Krista Mangum; (front, l-r) Dylan Auffill, Emily Prayor, Lezlie Jackson, Kami Hunt and Robbie Reyes.

## Lockney baseball

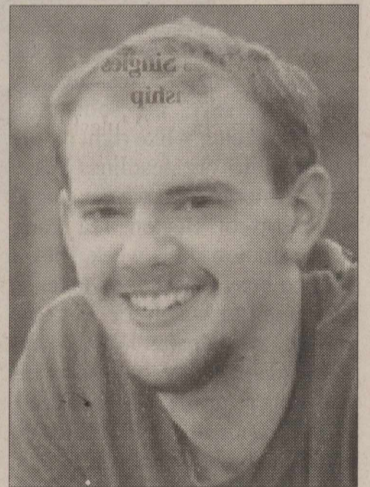
The Lockney Longhorns took care of Olton last week winning 13-3 in district competition.

Lockney scored 13 runs in the first four innings while J. Luna pitched five innings while allowing just three runs.

A. Rendon had five RBIs for the Longhorns while K. Ellison added four more. He also had three hits and scored three runs in the lopsided win.



SUNNY WILLIAMS



CALEB MCLEAN

McLean inducted into Mortar Board at WTAMU

Caleb McLean, senior accounting major at West Texas A&M University was inducted into the Scribes Chapter of Mortar Board at WTAMU.

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McLean is the son of Steve and Darla McLean of Lockney.

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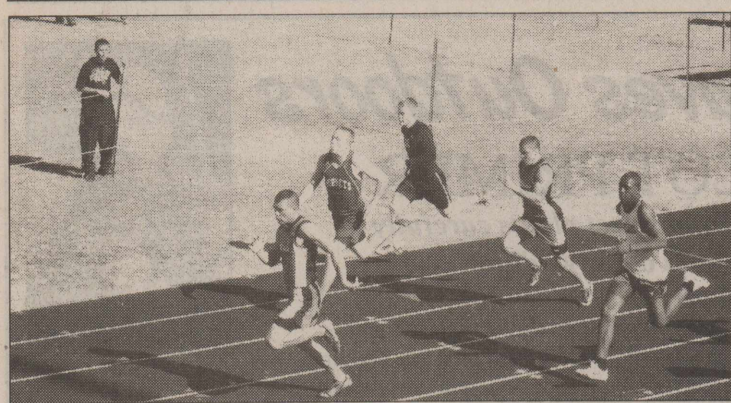


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AARRHON FLORES AND JOE SUAREZ represent FHS well as they go one-two in the 110-Meter Dash at the District 2-AA track meet.

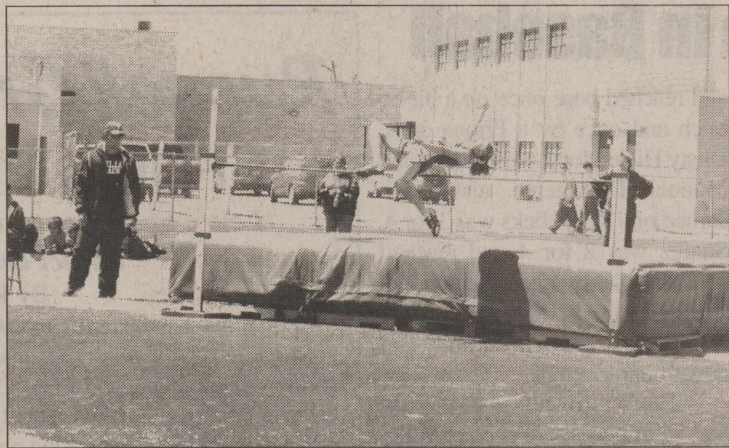


Photo courtesy of Tonya Gooch

BREANN GOOCH, FHS SOPHOMORE, clears the high jump bar as she jumps 5'0" to claim second place and advance to the Regional Track Meet to be held in Odessa on May 1-2.

Floydada runners qualify to compete at Regionals

The Floydada Whirlwinds and Lady Winds competed at the District 2-AA track meet held in Tulia on Saturday, April 16.

The Regional Qualifying Meet will be held Thursday and Friday, April 23-24 in Floydada at the Whirlwind Track.

The Whirlwinds captured second place at the district track meet with 118 points.

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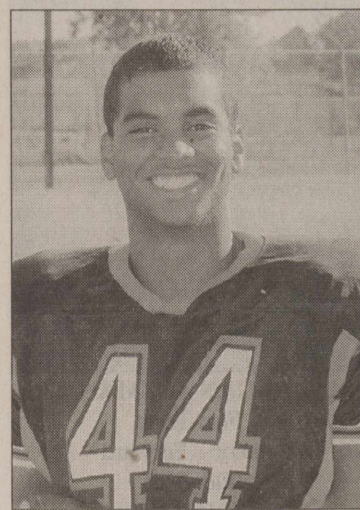
- 800-Meter Relay - 1st place - 1:32.24 - Joe Suarez, Damion Pleasant, Eddy Rodriguez, Aarrhon Flores, Alt. Frederick Williams, Alt. Adrian Pleasant
200-Meter Dash - 1st place - 22.03 - Aarrhon Flores, 6th place - Frederick Williams
1600-Meter Run - 5th place - 5:24.61 - James Espinoza
1600-Meter Relay - 6th place - 3:44.80 (no team members listed)
Long Jump - 1st place - 20'4" - Aarrhon Flores
Pole Vault - 4th place - 11'0" - Cole Covington
Shot Put - 2nd place - 44'4-1/2" - Luis Foster
Triple Jump - 1st place - 44'1-3/4" - Aarrhon Flores, 6th place - Chad Davis
Discus - 2nd place - 126'10" - Christopher Trevino
Other boys that competed in the district track meet were: Adrian Pleasant - 200-Meter Dash and 1600-Meter Relay;

- Mason Lipham - 400-Meter Dash; Manuel Delafuente - 1600-Meter Relay; Chad Davis - Shot Put; Miguel Chairez - Discus;
Junior Varsity level - 110-Meter High Hurdles - 1st place - Bryson Sessions; Shot Put - Bryson Sessions; 400-Meter Dash - Lupe Lopez
The Lady Winds ended the district track meet in fifth place with 67 points. Lady Wind results in the track and field events are as follows:
3200-Meter Run - 2nd place - 13:03.17 - Samantha Rodriguez, 6th place - Kristan Sanchez
400-Meter Relay - 3rd place - 53.36 - Breann Gooch, Sarah Sanders, Megan Aleman, Elda Lopez, Alt. Claudia Lopez, Alt. Kenya Pesina
800-Meter Relay - 3rd place - 1:55.34 - Breann Gooch, Megan Aleman, Sarah Sanders, Elda Lopez, Alt. Claudia Lopez, Alt. Kenya Pesina
1600-Meter Run - 1st place - 5:57.84 - Samantha Rodriguez
1600-Meter Relay - 5th place - 4:41.57 (no team members listed)
High Jump - 2nd place - 5'0" - Breann Gooch
Long Jump - 6th place - 13'1-3/4" - Sarah Jo Miller
Pole Vault - 3rd place - 7'0" - Kelbie Day
Triple Jump - 5th place - 30'9" - Avery Miller, 7th place - Whitley Beedy
Other girls that competed in the district track meet were: Avery Miller - High Jump; Kenya Pesina - 100-Meter Dash and 200-Meter Dash; Kristan Sanchez - 1600-Meter Run; Sierra Gomez - 3200-Meter Run; Claudia Lopez - 1600-Meter Relay
Coach's Ayala's Comments: These girls did a great job this year. I am very proud of their effort and determination to get better.

Floydada School Menu

- Menu April 27 - May 1
Monday
Breakfast - Cheese pizza or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk
Thursday
Breakfast - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew, fresh broccoli vers, milk
Friday
Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk

Two Floyd County players selected to play in ASCO Football Classic

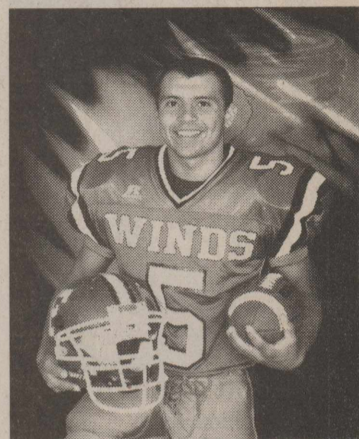


Jonathan Coleman

Jonathan Coleman, senior at Lockney High School and Aarrhon Flores, senior at Floydada High School, were selected to play in the 5th Annual ASCO West Texas Football Classic to be held Saturday, June 6th at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Coleman and Flores will be playing on the North Team that will be coached by Coach Wood from Muleshoe. Flores was selected to compete on the offensive side of the ball as a runningback while Coleman will be on the defensive side as a safety.

The All-Star game is set up for two reasons. One is to provide players an opportunity to showcase their skills and promote the game of football. A bigger reason is to raise money for players that have been permanently disabled from the game of football.



Aarrhon Flores

Permian and Jeremy Green from Levelland in the past with a \$10,000 check to assist them in their medical expenses. This year they are adding Tanner Cook from Idalou as a recipient to the list that will receive recognition and a check at halftime.

The game will be televised in Amarillo on KZBZ and in Lubbock on My Lubbock TV.

The Lockney Athletic Booster Club and Cargill Cattle Feeders sponsored Coleman for this game. Flores was sponsored by the FHS Whirlwind Booster Club. The sponsorship pays for the half-page ad that each player has in the program which includes their picture and bio.

Jonathan Coleman is the son of Anderson Coleman and Ofelia Ortegon of Lockney.

Aarrhon Flores is the son of Julio Jr. and Jeanette Flores and is the grandson of Manuel and Betty Nagar of Plainview.

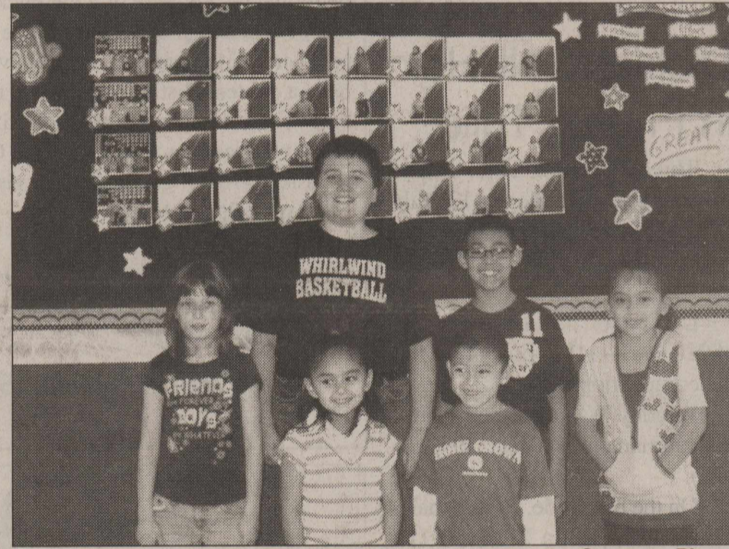
FHS Tennis Wins Team Championship

The District 2-AA Tennis Meet was held April 14 and 15 at Plainview. Floydada captured the Overall District Title and won the Girls Team Championship.

District results were as follows:

- Varsity Boys Singles Championship
Tyson Turnbow (Muleshoe) def. Rolando Castanon (Frona) 5-1, 6-1
Third Place
Haden Lipham (Floydada) def. Trace Skinner (Childress) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3
Varsity Boys Doubles Championship
Wood/Wood (Muleshoe) def. Lipham/Diaz (Floydada) 6-0, 7-5
Third Place
Dickson/Reed (Frona) def. Escarcega/Charez (Dimmitt) 5-7, 1-0, 6-3
Playback
Dickson/Reed (Frona) def. Lipham/Diaz (Floydada) 4-6, 3-6, -6
Varsity Girls Singles Championship
Janee Denman (Dimmitt) def.

- Brityn Helms (Floydada) 6-0, 3-6, 6-1
Third Place
Hannah Griffin (Floydada) def. Yesenia Ortiz (Frona) 6-3, 6-2
Playback
Brityn Helms (Floydada) def. Hannah Griffin (Floydada) 7-6, (7-4) 7-5
Varsity Girls Doubles Championship
Rainwater/Terrell (Floydada) def. Beedy/Day (Floydada) 6-0, 6-1
Third Place
Prince/Richards (Childress) def. Anthony/Sandoval (Frona) 6-1, 7-6 (7-1)
Mixed Doubles Championship
Miller/Nutt (Floydada) def. Smith/Hall (Muleshoe) 6-2, 6-3
Third Place
Brock/Martinez (Tulia) def. Stanberry/Murphree (Frona) 6-4, 6-1
Playback
Brock/Martinez (Tulia) def. Smith/Hall (Muleshoe) 7-5, 6-3



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APRIL STUDENTS OF THE week for Floydada Elementary were (front row, l-r) Denise Mendoza and Jesse Mendoza; (back row, l-r) Eden Hambright, Jared Orr, Sammy Segura and Leejay Castaneda.

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# Winds Top Friona, Muleshoe in Baseball

For the second straight game the Floydada baseball team has ten-run ruled a district opponent. Junior Anthony Segura went the six-inning distance on the mound. Segura retired the side in order the first three innings, striking out 5, walking only 1 batter and allowing no runs.

Segura was backed up on the mound by some tough Whirlwind defense. Catcher Colton Covington had 2 tag-outs at home plate, one from a laser shot from Randy Lerma from far left field, and Cov-

ington threw a Friona player out at second base. The defense executed some beautiful plays and demonstrated outstanding teamwork. The infield consisted of shortstop Joseph Segura, second baseman Eddy Rodriguez, first baseman Jesse Ibarra, pitcher Anthony Segura and catcher Colton Covington.

Segura led the hitting with 4 RBI's. He recorded 1 hard-hitting double and 1 single and reached base once on a Friona error. Covington earned 3 RBI's, hit 2 singles

and reached base once on a hit by pitch and once by a Friona error. Dusty Hicks, Joe Louis Suarez and Manuel Delafuente also each earned one RBI. Hicks was 3 for 4, Suarez was 2 for 4 and reached once on a hit by pitch. Segura had 2 singles and Eddy Rodriguez reached first with a beautifully laid down bunt to single.

The Whirlwind baseball team had an impressive win over Muleshoe Saturday, April 11, at Wester Field despite the rainy weather. The Winds looked sharp from start to finish and carried "Big Sticks," racking up 13 hits.

Randy Lerma stepped up in a big way to pitch a solid game. Lerma pitched four and a quarter innings to get the win. Lerma faced 22 batters, struck out 3 and allowed 3 runs. Jose Martinez came in relief. Martinez pitched three-fourths of the fifth and final inning. He got the job done and closed the game facing 3 batters, striking out one.

Joseph Segura belted a 3-run homerun over the fence to get the Winds on top early. Two batters later, Anthony Segura also pounded a 2-run homerun to deep left field to start the first inning off with a 5-0 lead.

Joseph Segura had 4 RBI's on the day and was 2 for 3. Anthony Segura was also 2 for 3 and had a total of 3 RBI's. Colton Covington was 2 for 3 at the plate and earned 1 RBI. Joe Louis Suarez ended the game with a game winning 2-run double earning him 2 RBI's and leaving the Mules 10-run ruled in the bottom of the fifth. Randy Lerma went 4 for 4 and earned 1 RBI. Jesse Ibarra went 2 for 3 and Anthony Garza was 1 for 3 at the plate. Dusty Hicks had 3 quality at bats, reaching base on balls 3 of 4 trips to the plate.

## District Golf Held in Friona, Tulia

Three Floydada High School students placed in the top 12 at the District 2-2A Golf Tournament held April 6 and April 13 in Friona and Tulia.

Laci Nixon had a two day total of 220 (109-111) to finish fourth in the competition.

Whitley Walker placed 12th in the tournament with a 259 (134-125).

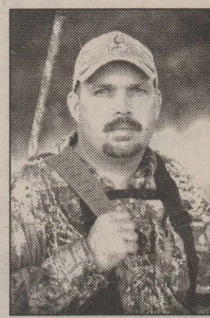
On the boys side, Brett Whalen placed 10th with a 211 (100-111) for Floydada.

# Russell Graves Outdoors

## FOOD PLOT PRIMER

Learn about your soil and select plants carefully to attract deer and other wildlife

By Russell A. Graves



For hunters and wildlife managers, food plots are all the rage. With an increased interest in wildlife management, private-land food plots are popping up everywhere. Popular with deer hunters, food plots provide a source of nutrition that deer corn from feeders cannot. Food plots aren't just for deer and deer hunters, though. When planted both in the spring and fall, food plots provide a year-round nutritional source for deer, turkeys and other wildlife.

### Pick a Spot

"If you are hunting over a food plot, plant an area relatively smaller than forage plots and near bedding areas and travel corridors," says Rans Thomas, head wildlife biologist for Tecumate Wildlife Systems, a land management consulting company. "Plots planted just for forage should be three or more acres and located in the heart of your land tract."

When picking a location, find a spot that's relatively flat to curb erosion but one that isn't so flat that drainage is a problem. Besides topography, it helps to do a little scouting and find out where the animals you want to attract will likely be during the course of a normal day and plan your location accordingly.

### Plant Smart

Plants are not created equal. In fact, plant varieties are developed and marketed according to growing season and planting zone. Since different plants grow best in different climates, it's best to research and determine which plant varieties work best in your part of Texas.

According to Thomas, planting food plots in a compatible soil type is an important consideration. "For perennial plots I look for moist, rich bottom-land soils surrounded by large trees to shade the plots during the hot, dry summer months," Thomas

advises. He says to plant food plots in soil types conducive to productive agricultural crops. Therefore, he looks for sites lean on sandy soils, preferring instead to plant in areas with loam and clay soils.

### Tend the Soil

One of the most elemental practices to ensure a successful food plot is a soil test. Soil testing helps identify any nutritional deficiencies present and provides guidance on how to fertilize. Since dumping just any fertilizer blend on a crop is inefficient as well as potentially harmful, start with a soil test.

A basic soil test tells you the amount of the three key nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium) present in the soil as well as the soil's pH and gives recommendations on fertilizer blends and how to remediate any deficiencies. More advanced soil tests give you a breakdown of the macronutrients present in the soil and the soil's organic matter.

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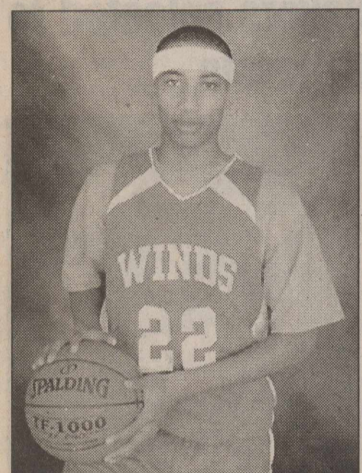
Thomas advises the would-be food plot farmer to do plenty of research. "All of the information you need for successful food plots is available either online or from local crop and forage specialists. Don't be fooled by a picture of a big buck on the front of the bag or a snazzy product name. The United States Department of Agriculture requires every bag of seed to have a contents list on the bag. So read the list to find out what's in the bag to see if it suits your needs."

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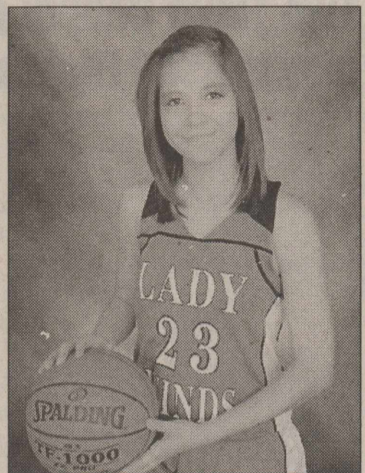
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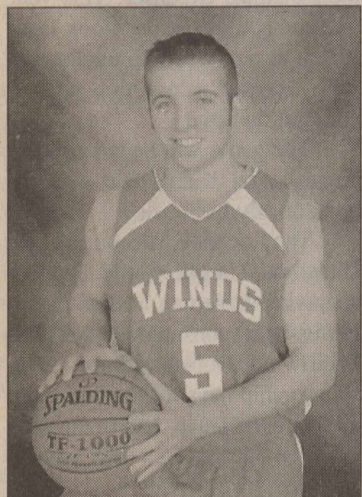
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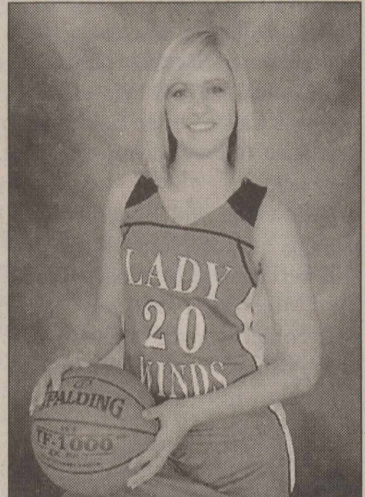
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FLOYDADA STUDENTS OF THE MONTH were honored at the April 14, 2009, school board meeting. Pictured (l-r) are James Day (Educator of the Month), Macee Brotherton (4th grade), Shani Ross (8th grade) and Melissa Arizpe (5th grade). Not pictured is Jennifer Rainwater, 12th grade student of the month.

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The public hearing will be held on May 7, 2009, 9:15 a.m. at 104 E. California Street, Floydada.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. **\$ 263,480.**

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. **\$ 13,090.**

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget (full-time equivalent) **4**

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. (full-time equivalent) **4**

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing unit served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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# Cotton Market Weekly



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Tuesday's triple-digit decline in cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) was matched by an even larger move in the opposite direction on Wednesday; although, traders found it difficult to put their finger on the exact reason for the wide market swings.

"Continued strong export sales show physical demand for cotton, and that adds support to the market," an analyst explained. "Additionally, concerns about 2009 planted acreage for which soybeans and cotton compete are keeping speculators interested in the market."

USDA's export sales report surprised most analysts as net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended April 9 totaled 292,400 bales. The figure was up 15 percent from the previous week but down one percent from the four-week average. Pakistan, Turkey and China were the week's featured buyers. Mexico and Indonesia were primarily responsible for an impressive 119,400-bale sales figure for delivery in 2009-10.

"This week's healthy export sales report showed that while lower prices serve to encourage sales, in the current global environment you don't necessarily need lower prices to sell cotton,"

a market analyst said.

The department reported export shipments of 230,300 bales were down 20 percent from the previous week and four percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Pakistan and Turkey.

As of April 9, cumulative cotton sales stood at 99.9 percent of the USDA forecast for the 2008-09 marketing year versus a five-year average of 89.9 percent. Many in the industry say it is becoming increasingly apparent that USDA will have to further increase its expected year-end export total.

Meanwhile, a local analyst said loan cotton became more expensive this week due to a substantial increase in the average world price of cotton (AWP). The end result was a significant decline in spot cotton demand. Sales dropped in the spot cotton market during the week ended April 16 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold just 3,416 bales online compared to 93,447 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 37.69 to 42.79 cents per pound versus 36.59 to 39.57 cents per pound one week earlier.

This week's crop progress report showed that while it still is very early in the season, cotton

planting already is behind the five-year average. The only states that have begun to plant are Arizona, California, Louisiana, South Carolina and Texas. Overall, the 15-state average was eight percent planted compared to four percent last week and the 11 percent norm. Texas was 12 percent planted as of April 13 compared to 16 percent at the same time last year.

The primary reason for the delay in planting is a continuing drought in South Texas. In fact, USDA's drought monitor data for the week ended April 14 categorized the moisture levels across most of Texas as abnormally dry to severe drought. Although a number of rain showers cropped up across the state this week, many of the drought-stricken areas of South Texas received only trace amounts of moisture.

"Recent rains across most of Texas the past week gave many cotton producers a glimmer of hope for soil wet enough for planting," an observer said. "In the past seven days, virtually every part of the state except the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) got at least some rainfall. Unfortunately, cotton producers in the LRGV may not even put a seed in the ground if moisture conditions don't improve soon."

## April Birthdays Celebrated at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center

By Joyce Williams

Bill and Margie Womack hosted the monthly birthday party on April 16 for the City Park Church of Christ at the nursing home. Cathy's Floral gave beautiful corsages and boutonnières of red rose buds and baby's breath to the three honorees.

April's honorees were Mary Henderson (Apr. 3), Cecil Arredonda (Apr. 16) and Geneva Knight (Apr. 29). Mrs. Kathy Henderson attended as her moth-

er-in-law's guest.

Employees with April birthdays included Sylvia Luna (Apr. 3), Olga Ovalle (Apr. 13), Minnie Diaz (Apr. 28) and Isabel Caba (Apr. 29).

Resident honorees were presented with personal gift bags. Activity Director Sylvia Luna led in singing the birthday song. She also read aloud the poem "Love Never Fails," reminding us of God's love for each of us and our personal mission to show love to

one another. The assembly was reminded of the love shown to everyone at the Home by the late Mrs. Doris Snodgrass who daily visited from room to room and had created personal birthday cards for each honoree for her many years of living there.

Refreshments of Key Lime Pie and lemonade were served to all present. Visitors are always welcome for the monthly parties on the third Thursday at 3 p.m.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada. If you plan to eat with us we are located at 301 E. Georgia. Our phone number is 983-2032.

Clara Bradshaw and her son, J. Royce, flew to Dickson, Tennessee, to visit daughter and sister, Anna Leta and her husband, Tom Moss, their 22-month-old son, Will, and their son, Matthew. J. Royce spent one week and Clara spent two-and-a-half weeks. Anna Leta was on Spring break the first week. They really had a fun time.

Diana Glover's daughter, Pam and her husband, Raymond Rimer, of Lake Kiowa spent Easter weekend in Floydada.

William and Faye Bertrand was with their daughter, Jill and her husband, Martin Warren, for a family get together Easter Sunday.

Gene and Nancy Lawson enjoyed 17 family members in their home Easter Sunday.

Geraldine Callaway ate lunch Easter Sunday, with granddaughter, Kellie and Monte Williams. That evening Geraldine went to Gene and Nancy's home to eat supper and enjoyed the evening. Jimmy and Linda Crader drove to Plainview to spend Easter Sunday with his sisters, Cathy Walls and Sue Johnson, who live at Halfway.

Bill and Ardis Daniel drove to Kress Easter Sunday to be with their daughter, Lori and Johnny Reed. There were 11 family members that attended local church services and enjoyed the day together.

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Our sympathy to the family of Lynda Joy Thurston Wise.

Our sympathy to the family of Anna Geneva C. Griffin.

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In memory of **Adrain Helms** - David and L. J. Gore.

In memory of **Doris Snodgrass** - Lou and Stanley Burleson, Dale and Carolyn Smith.

In memory of **Virginia Cage** - Dale and Carolyn Smith.

In memory of **Leonard Alexander** - Dale and Carolyn Smith.

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### Thought For The Week -

It seems so simple putting eye drops in. So why do they always land on my cheek or chin?

### MENU

APRIL 27 - MAY 1

**Monday** - Beef tostada, salad, rice, jello with fruit

**Tuesday** - Green chili chicken, oriental vegetables, salad, roll, banana bread

**Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli & cheese, roll, cobbler

**Thursday** - Hamburger steak, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, fruit salad

**Friday** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, Italian vegetables, garlic bread, cookies

## South Plains Hobby Club News

By Sandra Lass

The South Plains Hobby Club met on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at the home of Virginia Taylor. Members present included Peggy Roberts, Carolyn Marble, Nancy Marble, Margaret Kitchens, Ann Hartman, Barbara Cawley, Virginia Taylor, Donnie Bowman, Janis Julian, Betty Deavenport, Carol Hopkins, Candace Scott, Margie Young, Wanda Lane and Sandra Lass. Virginia introduced Lou Burleson, History Teller, and said that Lou would be telling the history of a typical Harvey Girl and the Harvey House restaurants.

Lou said that at the age of 15, Fred Harvey left England and began working in restaurants in New York City and over the next few years kept steadily moving west, usually by train. During the early days of the railroads, no food or drinks were served on trains, and typically, the trains traveled a great number of mile before stopping at a town or city.

Lou said that Fred met Charlie Moore, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (A,T&SF) railroad and proposed to open restaurants along the way, at reasonable distances. In 1870, Fred signed a contract with A,T&SF. Only 15 years later, Fred had opened 17 Harvey House restaurants and when the Harvey Houses were at their peak, there were 84 restaurants. Lou said that the Harvey Houses were initially located in the southwest: Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, but later Fred opened more restaurants in Kansas, Oklahoma, Chicago and St. Louis, wherever the Santa Fe railroad operated major terminals.

Lou said that there was only one menu for each stop so that travelers were not offered the same

menu at two stops in a row. While en route between train stations, telegraphs were sent ahead to provide a head count of the number of passengers who would be eating in the Harvey Houses.

Fred imported chefs, saw that the restaurants' staffs, food and facilities were regularly inspected. Travelers were offered two seating choices; they could either eat at the counter for 75 cents per meal or pay a little more and eat in the dining room. Lou said that Fred introduced the Harvey Girl to provide waitresses to serve the travelers. Fred required that the girls be single and of impeccable repute. At the time the Harvey Houses were opened, waitresses were not highly thought of and Fred wanted to assure the passengers that his waitresses were upstanding, hardworking, competent and courteous.

Lou said that the waitresses were trained in Topeka, Kansas, over a 30-day period, that they were not paid, but were provided lodging and food. Fred did not allow the Harvey Girls to wear make-up or jewelry. The girls lived in dorms above the restaurants and they had curfews that had to be strictly obeyed. Lou said that the girls worked 12 hours a day and usually signed 6, 9 or 12 month contracts, during which time the girls could not marry. Lou said that after training, the girls were paid \$17.50 per month and provided free room and clean uniforms. Nevertheless, Lou said that many of the Harvey Girls met and married ranchers, prominent townsmen and other western men who were looking for brides who single and respectable.

Dressed in a black dress (with a white collar), a crisp white apron and wearing black shoes, Lou said that the outfit she was wearing was typical for the late 1920s and 1930s. Lou said that when the Harvey Girls were introduced in 1878, the girls' dresses were longer in length as consistent with the times. Lou also had set a typical Harvey House dining room table, with a white table cloth, white napkins and white dinnerware. In the background, the group could hear the song "The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe" playing softly. Lou said the girls were not allowed to write

down the travelers requests, but could turn the coffee cups certain ways to remind them whether the traveler wanted coffee, tea, milk or cider to drink. No alcoholic beverages were served. Lou said meals had to be served within thirty minutes. Lou passed around a menu used on Thanksgiving Day in 1928 at the Alvarado in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The menu included such culinary delights as Blue Point Cocktail, Turkey, Cranberry Sauce and pumpkin pie. The menu also included Filet Mignon, Braised Sweetbreads with Truffles and English Plum Pudding as well as the four drinks mentioned above.

Lou said that when Fred Harvey died in 1901, his children continued the business, which operating up to and including during WWII. During WWII, Lou said that the Harvey House contracted with the military to provide the soldiers with meals as they traveled by train. The soldiers were provided with box lunches and that due to rationing and to secrecy considerations regarding the movement and number of troops involved, information about the number of soldiers that needed to be fed could not be provided in advance, but that the soldiers were fed first before the other travelers. Lou said that during WWII, the caliber of girls hired were not the same as in earlier times.

Lou said that around the early 1930's, the Super Chief train began operating, where meals could be provided, but that most of the Harvey Houses provided service to the railroad until 1937, when the restaurants began to close. Lou said that one restaurant in Oklahoma was once a thriving business but that now there is a fence between the restaurant and the railroad station, and that the place has become a virgula ghost town.

Virginia Taylor and the group thanked Lou for her outstanding presentation and reminded the group of a visit to a Harvey House in Slaton, Texas this September. The next Hobby Club meeting will be held at the Eclectic Teapot in Plainview on May 13, 2009. Heler Teeple, BSN, RN will provide presentation on "Managing Cholesterol and Statin Drugs."

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FLOYD COUNTY was well represented at the District 4-H Fashion Show. Pictured are (l-r) Montana Williams who placed first in the Junior Buying Dressy Category, Amy Scott who participated in the Intermediate Buying Dressy Category and Jill Bramlet who served as a Fashion Show Narrator. The show was held April 9 at Brownfield High School.

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## Fincher signs OPSU letter of intent

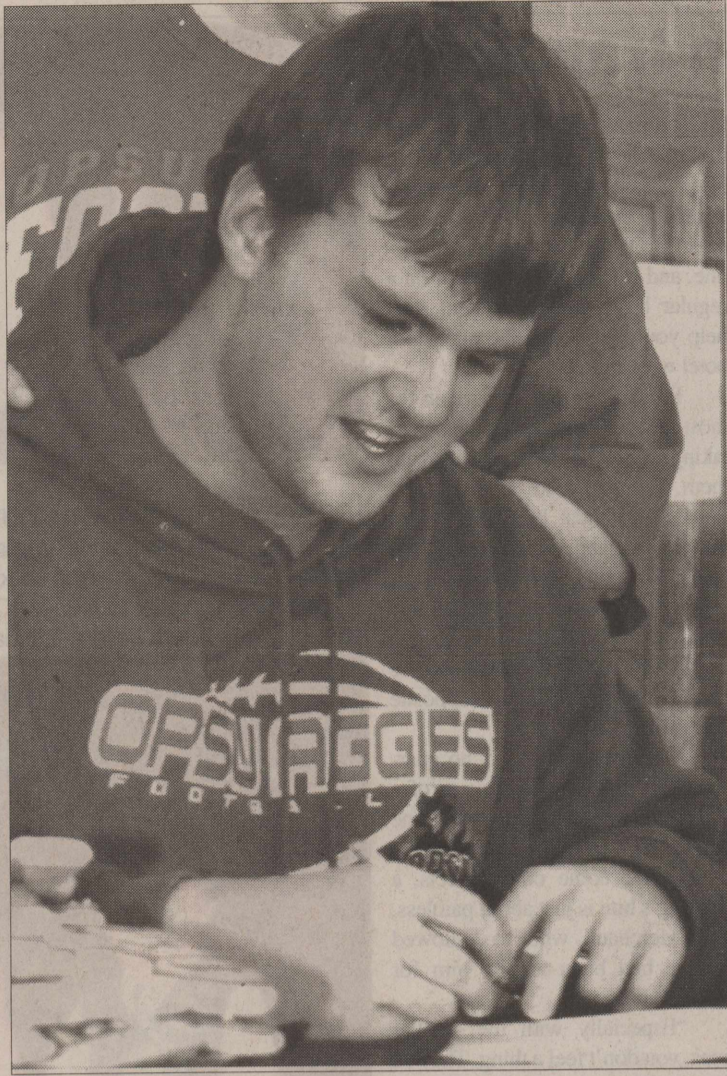
Brady Fincher signed a football letter of intent with Oklahoma Panhandle State University. OPSU is a NCAA Division II school. A signing ceremony was held recently at Amarillo High School. He will major in agronomy/range management at OPSU.

Brady is the son of Kay Fincher of Canyon and Terry Fincher of Floydada. Grandparents are Carolyn Lutes and Ken and Delores Fincher, all of Canyon. Great-grandparents are the late Betty and LeRoy Chowning and great-great-grandparents are the late Mary Alice and Willie B. Eakin, all of Floydada.

Oklahoma Panhandle State head football coach Mike Wyatt has released his list for the Aggie football recruiting class of 2009. Over thirty recruits from the high school ranks will be joining the squad when pre-season practice begins in August. Also, Wyatt cited a concentrated effort to recruit student athletes from the Panhandle, with about half of the group coming from the region.

"Certainly, we were hoping to address needs in the program and we feel we have done that. We will have some battles for positions this year. We have told all our players that competition breeds excellence and we want them to earn their positions," Wyatt added.

Fincher, a 6'3", 275 pound Amarillo High School senior offensive lineman played the last three years for AHS coach, Brad



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BRADY FINCHER, AHS senior offensive lineman, signed a football letter of intent with Oklahoma Panhandle State University. A signing ceremony was recently held at Amarillo High School.

Theissen and his freshman year for retired AHS coach, Larry Dipple.

At Amarillo High, Brady has been involved in Teen Leadership Amarillo/Canyon, Fellowship of

Christian Athletes, Latin Club and Junior Statesman of America. He was a Texas Junior Classical League State Qualifier for 2008 and 2009 in Latin and Winner of the Super Sandie Award.

# The Salty Gap Boys

The First United Methodist Church of Floydada would like to invite everyone to worship through music service led by the Salty Gap Boys. The service will start Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. on April 26.

The Salty Gap Boys are a local group who play old familiar hymns in the country bluegrass tradition. Comprising the band are Brian Sanders on the mandolin, banjo and harmonica, Martin Warren on the guitar, Clay Lewis on

the fiddle, guitar and mandolin, Tom Chaney on the bass, Larry Ogden on the guitar and Jerry Chappell as soundman.

Come join us for a morning of message in song as we listen to the songs of yesterday.



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THE SALTY GAP BOYS will be performing at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada on Sunday, April 26. Their group is composed of (back row, l-r) Martin Warren, Clay Lewis, (front row, l-r) Brian Sanders, Larry Ogden and Tom Chaney.

## THIS WEEK'S

### Texas AgriLife Extension Diabetes Support Group

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.

### Gospel Music Concert

Plans are being made now to do a Gospel Music Concert in Lockney at the First Baptist Church on June 27 at 7 pm. This benefit will consist of several West Texas artists. This benefit is to raise funds for the Lockney High School. This will be a free concert, but a love offering will be taken that night. Any questions, contact Jack Stone, 806-272-4334.

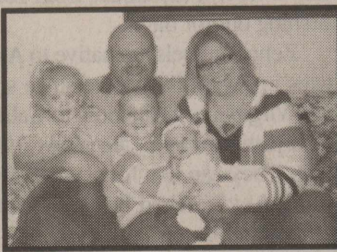
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### The Davis family



We would like to thank the community for the many generous love, gifts, and prayers that we have received since April 1st. We included a family picture for those who have kept us in their thoughts and prayers but may have never met us.

Thank you to the various fire departments who helped - they truly were our heroes.

We may have lost a house and "things," but they were able to contain the fire without anyone getting injured. We love them and thank them, too.

Thank you Hesperian-Beacon for the services you provide to our community.

Thank you so very much for the Prayers, and gifts of Love. May God touch each and every one of you with Blessings from Above. We love each and every one of you.

Denny, Terri, Malisce, Emma, and Deni Lynn Davis

# 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.

## 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.

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116 North Main  
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221 S. Main, Floydada  
983-3787

**Clark Pharmacy**  
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652-3353

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

**Davis Lumber**  
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652-3385

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Technology Director Rex Holcombe presented the tax report in Business Manager Sharon Rainwater's absence. The M&O current tax roll is \$2,419,501.32; net collections are \$2,348,802.81; I&S tax roll is \$246,305.95 and net collections are \$235,109.74. The percent of roll collected is 97.08 percent compared to 94.04 percent this time last year.

Vaughn informed the board on important upcoming dates: TAKS is April 27-30; there will be a 2:30 p.m. early dismissal on May 5 for the personnel to attend the spring insurance meeting; the athletic banquet is May 18 and the academic banquet is May 21; graduation is on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the FHS gym.

## Bed bugs putting bite on travelers

COLLEGE STATION — Bed bugs are well on their way to becoming a worldwide nuisance, especially for international travelers, according to Texas AgriLife Research and Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologists.

"The more hotels and motels you stay in, the greater the probability of being bitten by bed bugs," said Dr. Robert Gold, an urban and public health entomologist with AgriLife Research in College Station. "That's especially true if you travel through Europe or developing countries, but they're also in the U.S."

Gold said the pests are a growing problem in metropolitan areas that host large numbers of international travelers, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.

"The first thing anyone traveling should do is inspect their hotel or motel room for bed bugs," he said. "Bed bugs often leave dried blood or rust-colored stains or tracks, especially on mattress folds and tufts. Pull back the bedding to expose the mattress and box springs and check the mattress, especially the areas closest to the head board and foot of the bed."

"Bed bugs have really proliferated over the past several years, and there are more and more reports of bed bug infestations in hotels and motels throughout Texas and the rest of the U.S.," said Dr. Noel Troxclair, an AgriLife Extension entomologist in Uvalde.

Troxclair said complaints of bed bugs by travelers staying in

accommodations ranging from low-end motels to five-star hotels have increased significantly.

True to their name, bed bugs prefer beds and bedding, but can also be found under cushions, behind picture frames, on lamp stands, behind baseboards, in back of electrical switch plates and in a variety of other locations, Troxclair said.

"Adult bed bugs are the same size as a poppy seed, but flatter," he said. "Just think about the places a small seed might fit and you'll get an idea of all the cracks, crevices, nooks and crannies where they can hide."

If you discover bed bugs or evidence of them upon room inspection, the best solution is to request a different room or, if necessary, to change location, he said.

"Unfortunately for those travelers without time or resources to find different accommodations, there's no tried-and-true method of preventing bed bugs from biting," Troxclair said.

However, he added, there might be a few steps travelers can take to protect themselves and reduce the risk of bringing bed bugs home if forced to remain in a bed bug-infested room.

"Having housekeeping vacuum can help remove bed bugs and their eggs from mattresses, box springs, carpets and other areas," he said. "Have them concentrate on mattress and box springs seams, tufts and edges, as well as where the baseboards and carpet meet."

"In an emergency, applying an

insect repellent like DEET may help the traveler avoid some bed bug bites," said Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife Extension urban entomologist in Dallas. "It's not for everyone, and I don't recommend it on a regular basis, but a repellent may help you get through the night in a hotel with bed bugs."

Probably more important for most travelers is reducing the risk of taking the little bugs home with them, Merchant said.

"Since most bed bugs crawl into cracks and crevices near the bed, it's a good idea to keep your suitcase and personal articles a few yards away from the bed. After a quick check, I will keep my suitcase on the luggage rack on the opposite side of the room."

Merchant said this is no guarantee but reduces the chances of a stray bedbug hitching a ride home in a traveler's clothing or suitcase.

Unlike some other insects, a bed bug's bite is just about painless, said Merchant, who has allowed captive bed bugs to bite him for research purposes.

"Especially with the smaller ones, you don't feel a thing. They're light and very stealthy. They'll feed and be gone and you won't even know it."

Merchant said the welts and itching from a bed bug bite are caused by their saliva, which they inject to prevent blood from clotting as they feed on their "blood meal." However, unlike other insects, they do transmit disease or inject toxins into their victim.

"The welts may appear a day or two after the bite, so it can be difficult to know exactly when and where a traveler might have been bitten," Gold noted.

Bed bugs locate their human hosts by body heat and the carbon dioxide exhaled during respiration, but they are also attracted to the human body smell, Troxclair said.

"Taking a bath or shower before going to bed, particularly after a day of physical exertion, may help reduce detection," he said.

"If you're exposed to bed bugs, the best you can hope is to slightly reduce the likelihood of being bitten," Troxclair said. "The only sure way to avoid getting bitten is to get away from them completely."



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THE ROCK OF SALVATION CHURCH enjoyed their Easter Sunday, recognizing the Easter King and Queen and the runner-ups. Pictured left to right: runner-up king Noe Javier De Los Santos III, King Gerardo Eladio Nuñez, Queen Adriana Nuñez and runner-up queen Azara Kniara Garcia.



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EASTER KING AND QUEEN Gerardo Eladio Nuñez (left) and Adriana Nuñez (right) were crowned at the Rock of Salvation Church in Floydada on Easter Sunday.

### Easter Queen and King Crowned

By Pastor Noe and Belinda De Los Santos

The Rock of Salvation Church at 503 S. Wall wants to congratulate the Easter King and Queen of 2009. Of course the kids understand that the King is Jesus, but both candidates were excited to be crowned like Jesus on Easter Sunday. The new king is Gerardo Eladio Nuñez (Pollito), two years old. His queen is Adriana Nuñez (no relation), three years old.

The runner-up as king is Noe Javier De Los Santos III, two years old, called "little rooster" by his Grandpa Bobby, also known to all as Chon-chon. The runner-up queen came all the way from Hobbs, N.M., Miss Azara Garcia, two years old.

The church members had a lot of fun on this event for the church. We'd like to thank our city of Floydada for their many donations to our kids. The same goes to the good people from Abernathy, because the queen came from Abernathy. Money came in from Odessa to confirm the Queen Miss Adriana Nuñez. The good people of Plainview, Lockney and Hobbs also sent money. Thank you for your support and may God richly bless you.

## Lone Zebra Mussel Found in Lake Texoma

AUSTIN—For the fifth time in four years, an alert citizen has assisted Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) in their efforts to keep zebra mussels from invading Lake Texoma.

On April 3 Brent Taylor, an employee of a private landowner on the south shore of Lake Texoma, reported to TPWD Inland Fisheries biologist Bruce Hysmith that he had found a suspected zebra mussel on a boathouse communication line under water.

The find marks the first time the dangerous exotic species has been found living in Lake Texoma. It is known to occur at several other sites in Oklahoma.

TPWD personnel confirmed the identification and inspected the boathouse but found no additional specimens. Hysmith immediately notified the local U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Tishomingo, Oklahoma; local game wardens and area marinas to be on the alert.

In 2006, Texas appeared to dodge a bullet when Tim Ray, an employee of a marina in Pottsville, found zebra mussels on a boat that had been brought from Wisconsin. In 2007 Ray again found zebra mussels on a boat from the Ohio River. Both boats were decontaminated before being put into the water.

In 2008 Marty Ulmer, an employee of a Denison marina, found zebra mussels on a boat arriving from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. In 2009 Bobby Vaughn, an employee of another Denison marina, found zebra mussels on yet another boat from Wisconsin. Both boats were decontaminated prior to launching into Lake Texoma.

In all these instances the individuals stated that they were previously aware of the threat from zebra mussels and made a practice of watching out for them.

Zebra mussels are native to Asia and were first found in the United States in 1988. They have since spread to 24 states from Michigan to West Virginia to Oklahoma to California.

The aquatic invaders are about 5/8-inch long and usually have striped shells. They can live for several days out of water and can be dispersed overland by trailered boats, though their main method of spread is by free-floating larvae. Zebra mussels can multiply rapidly to the point of clogging water treatment plant intake pipes, fouling boat bottoms and possibly depleting food sources that fish and other aquatic species depend on.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) nonindigenous aquatic species web site calls zebra mussels "one of the most important biological invasions into North America." That site contains photographs and information that can be used to identify the organisms.

Experts say public education is the key with problems like zebra mussels. Only through the vigilance of people like Taylor and Ray and the thousands of anglers and boaters on the water daily can the threat from invasive aquatic species be stymied.

"Biologists and game wardens can't be everywhere," said Phil Durocher, director of TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division. "We need all anglers, boaters and other recreational users of our lakes to watch for zebra mussels and contact their local biologist, game warden or lake controlling authority if they think they've found one."

If you find a suspected zebra mussel, here are the numbers to call:

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