

June hail storms bring drop in cotton production

By Darwin Robinson

Floyd County finished ginning 202,586 bales of 2005 cotton on January 21, 2006. This bale count was down only 60,035 from last year's 2004 record setting number of 262,621, which was the biggest harvest since 1949, according to the experts.

However, according to the local gin managers, this year's cotton crop was better than last year's because of its great grade quality, due to early rains and the dry harvesting season.

Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland told the Hesperian-Beacon, "The key to this year's good harvest and cotton (grade) quality is due to no bad weather, such as snow or rain, during the harvest and the better seed varieties that are being planted today.

"For the last two years, the producers have been planting higher quality cotton seeds that have been genetically improved with today's new technology. Some of our producers in the county had a higher yield on their dryland cotton this year than on their irrigated cotton. I can't explain that, but with less labor (on the dryland) that is really good. They just got the right rainfall at the right time," said Ragland.

D & J Gin of Lockney ginned the most county bales of cotton this year with a total of 47,754. This was up 3,474 bales from last year. Office Manager Shawnda Foster said, "We had very good cotton quality this year, but we

lost some cotton acres in June down 10,697 from 2004. Gin due to the hail storm."

Floydada Coop ginned 37,500 bales of cotton this year. This is down 22,650 bales from last year. Office Manager Arleen Nixon said, "We lost around 20,000 cotton acres back in June when the tornado and hail came through. We had five or six producers that had absolutely no cotton this year. The cotton grade quality was great. It had good moisture. Our average 'turnout' was 31 percent, which is good and our loan price averaged \$.54 cents, compared to \$.48 to \$.49 last year.'

Lockney Coop ginned a total of 31,704 bales of 2005 cotton. On the enclosed chart, this shows to be down 4,724 bales from last year's number, but Office Manager Debbie Harrison explained, "We were really up in our gin count this year, because this was all local cotton. Last year we hired out some. Our quality was good this year and all went well for us."

Darty Gin shows to have ginned 21,820 cotton bales for 2005, which is 329 more than 2004. Office Manager Denise Pernell said, "We lost some cotton acres to hail in June, but we had good quality cotton this year. We really need some rain now."

Barwise Gin was down in their number of bales ginned this year because of the June hail damage. Barwise ginned a total of 21,535 bales of 2005 cotton.

Manager Scott Hilburn said, "We were down in our numbers because we lost 60 percent of our cotton acres to the June hail storms. However, our quality was the best that I have ever seen."

Blanco Gin showed a total of 13,500 bales ginned for 2005, compared to 22,865 in 2004. They were down 9,365 bales due to the June hail, according to Manager Jody James. "The quality was spectacular this year. We need a good rain now.'

Scott Gin had a total of 12,408 bales ginned in 2005. This was down 10,892 from their 2004 count. Gin Manager John Woelfel said, "We also lost 60 percent of our cotton acreage in June due to the hail and our cotton quality was wonderful."

McCoy Gin also suffered from the June hail and tornado. They ginned 8,939 bales of 2005 cotton, compared to 14,514 in 2004. Manager Scott Graham said, "We lost a lot of cotton acreage in June. One of our customers ginned 5,000 bales of cotton with us 2004 and this year he ginned zero. However, the ginning season was smooth running and the cotton quality was real good.'

Marble Gin was up a few bales this year with a total of 7,426 bales ginned, compared to 7,361 in 2004. Don Marble said, "Our quality this year was a miracle. It was just excellent. Now we need rain.'



VETERAN'S PARK--Volunteers lay concrete at the Veteran's Park in Lockney on Saturday. Thehorse shoe shaped concrete walk will hold Armed Service's flags. They will surround the American and Texas Flags. Donations are still needed to complete the project. Shown here are: (I-r) Ed Marks, Ron Hall, H.G. Graham, Sam Moore, and Dennis Carter. **Staff Photo**

Trustees discuss bond election in public forum

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada ISD board of trustees conducted an Open Public Forum in the FHS auditorium Thursday night, January 26, with about 80 citizens present.

The purpose of the forum was to get the opinions of the district's citizens concerning the possibility of the consolidation of campuses and of having another bond election.

Board Member Rachael Castillo moderated the forum. "We need to decide if we should have a bond election," said Castillo. "Where do we start and what do you want? If we are going to have a bond election, we need to have it in the May Gen-

numbers. One number is a \$10 nate one campus? What is your million bond election. We have been working with Grimes & Associates and an architect engineering firm. Since the September 2004 bond election, we have taken out, revamped and consolidated. In a 20 month window from September 2004 and May 2006, our projected costs have increased in construction, fuel, labor and steel."

Vaughn said tax revenue has to be used to make bond payments. Bond payments can not be used with reserve funds in the bank

Board Member Kerry Pratt added, "We are not interested in maintaining four campuses as the student population dwindles. It is just not practical. How much money do you want to fund?" Board Member Bart Greer said, "We are cutting where we can cut, but basically it is the same plan as the last one."

goal, and is it a reasonable goal? How do we get there?, Greer said, "The goals are the same. We want

to close R.C. Andrews Elementary and the Junior High. The \$14 million bond election failed, so we are drawing up something else. I speak for myself, but I don't think we should put out another bond election for the whole thing, because I believe you have already told us once, that would not work. Should we do one campus this year, or two campuses, or do nothing, or put on a band aid, or what? Or portable buildings? I don't want to put too much of a burden on the tax payers. If we knew these answers, I guess we wouldn't be here tonight." Layne Kirk asked, "How much has been shaved off the original plan?"

GIN	2005	2004	2003	2002
Barwise Gin	21,535	32,232	6,200	8,453
Blanco Gin	13,500	22,865	5,000	10,000
Darty Gin	21,820	21,491	4,597	9,702
D&J Gin	47,754	44,280	8,428	25,327
Floydada Co-op	37,500	60,150	12,479	29,500
Lockney Co-op	31,704	36,428	2,407	17,501
Marble Bros. Gin		7,361	1,158	3,768
McCoy Gin	8,939	14,514	5,500	6,718
Scott Gin	12,408	23,300	1,337	7,314
TOTALS	202,586	262,621	45,948	118,283



MOCK ELECTION--Election judges took part in a "mock election" at the Floyd County Courthouse last week in an effort to learn how to use the new voting machines that will be up **Staff Photo** and running in the March primary election.

Polling locations combined

Voting will be easier this year due to new automated electronic voting machines and to polling locations being combined.

In years past the primary voting locations were separated by political party. This year, because of the shortage of new voting machines, all primary election voters will cast their ballots at the same 10 polling places. The polling locations will be the same for nity Center.

the November general election.

Voters will enter the polling location and tell the election judge which primary they wish to vote in and the election judge will direct you in how to proceed.

Polling locations will be: Southwest Floydada: Massie Activity Center.

Providence: Lutheran Church Harmony: Harmony Commu-

West Lockney: Lockney Methodist Church.

S.E. Floydada: Courthouse. East Lockney: City Hall. South Plains: South Plains Baptist Church.

Goodnight: Fairmont Baptist Church

Dougherty: Producers Farm Store

N.E. Floydada: Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

eral Election in order to get EDA (state) funding in 2007. We need to combine the elementary schools. That would save us about \$354,000."

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn said, "I have talked with Vince Viaille of First Southwest Finan-

Following Denice Payne's cial and he has looked at several questions, "Do you plan to elimi-

Castillo answered, "There is no way possible to get what we

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'Meet the Republican Candidate" Feb. 9th

The Floyd County Republican Party is hosting a "Meet the Candidate" forum, February 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the Unity Center in Muncy.

All Republican candidates running for local office have been invited to attend the forum.

"Each candidate will be allowed to speak for 5 minutes," said Kerry Pratt, Republican County Chairman for Floyd

County.

"They will not engage in debate with each other or take questions from the audience."

At the end of the forum the candidates will mingle and be available to answer questions one-on-one.

Invited to speak are: Commissioner Pct. #2 Candi-

dates: Preston Belt, Lennie Gilroy, and Lindan Morris.

County Judge Candidates: Craig Gilly, Penny Golightly, and Kirt Wyrick.

District Judge Candidates: Tempie Francis and Bill Smith. Commissioner Pct. #3 Bill Ouattlebaum.

Commissioner Pct. #4 Jon Jones

District Clerk Candidate Patty Davenport.

Constable #2 & #3 Ray Macha.



FNB DONATES TO LOCKNEY'S PARKS -- Floydada's FNB Director David Patterson (right) presented a \$5,000 check to Lockney Mayor Rodger Stapp for improvements to Lockney's park area. The money will be applied to a matching grant Lockney is pursuing to improve the City Park. **Staff Photo**

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Is it just me, or did it bother anyone else when Texas Tech regents gave Chancellor David Smith one million dollars "just cause"

Smith has announced he is leaving to pursue other interests. He isn't retiring--just leaving. I'd leave too if someone offered me \$1 million. (Something to think about for those of you who want me to go away!)

The regents, according to the Lubbock AJ story, agreed to pay Smith more than one year's salary "despite no obligation in his contract with the system to do so

The regents say they wanted to reward him for the 10 years he worked with the Tech system.

Ten whole years--WOW! I'm really impressed.

He had already earned at least \$716,000 each year.

It's hard for a college kid mom to stomach when I've seen the college kids and their parents sacrificing and working double jobs to put kids through school.

It's hard to stomach when I think about the rip offs at the

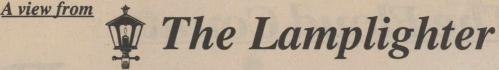
University book stores--and the hidden "fees" that pop up every where on you college dues.

How many times have you heard about how we need to spend more on education? Giving away 1 million dollars "just cause" is not my idea of spending more on education.

If Tech has one million dollars that is that easy to give away, I really wish they would use it to cut costs for the struggling college kids.

A middle-aged couple had two beautiful daughters but always talked about having a son. They decided to try one last time for the son they always wanted. The wife got pregnant and delivered a healthy baby boy. The joyful father rushed to the nursery to see his new son. He was horrified at the ugliest child he had ever seen. He told his wife: "There's no way I can be the father of that baby. Look at the two beautiful daughters I fathered! Have you been fooling around behind my back?

After starting a slow burn, the wife smiled sweetly and replied, "Not this time!"



There's a very large question evolving from the latest development in the Middle East. Will we, or won't we, get into another war in that region, this time with Iran? The Iranians just won't do what we tell them to do. Worse, they just won't do what Israel tells them to do, or anybody else for

that matter. The issue in the region formerly known, in Biblical times, as Canaan, is settled, for the moment. We won, and we lost. We won, if democracy is the criteria. We lost, if peace in the region, and the lives of our youngsters, is any criteria. Time and tide indicates that the second aspect is not really all that important.

We have long said that the only thing that stands between us and the passions of "the man in the street" throughout that region is the existence of a few friendly governments that will pay lip service to democracy while riding roughshod over those who shout for democracy. Why Mr. Bush cannot seem to realize that fact

has long been a mystery to us. I suppose it all comes down to the fact that in politics, passion trumps reason at every turn, and Mr. Bush is known as a master politician.

If completely free and open elections were held in Egypt, for instance, or in Saudi Arabia, for another "for instance," the results would either be as muddled as that in Iraq, or as decisive as that in Palestine. Can anyone have any doubt, for instance, what the outcome would be in Iran if a completely free and open election were held there with the issue framed on whether Iran should be denied nuclear weapons while its arch-enemy, Israel, sits atop a stockpile of nuclear weapons that the United States acts like it knows nothing about? Our friends throughout that region have repeatedly, and privately, warned of impending disaster unless our policies toward the region was modified.

Still, various and succeeding

Administrations (whether Democrat or Republican), with an eye to money and votes, have opted for the money and votes of Jewish communities in Florida, New York, California and wherever

Our intelligence agencies have known of Israel's nuclear weapons since the 1970's (some of which were purloined from America). but our government, for obvious reasons, refuses to even acknowledge the fact. And our ever-watchful Democratic Senators, always so anxious to harpoon the President, turn a blind eye. Like the President (and the American press), they too watch the Jewish press in Israel and the Jewish vote in America. They would be stupid, politically, if they did otherwise. And even if Bush has stolen the march on them by trumpeting democracy throughout the mid-east while they insist on Howard Dean as their public image in America, the facts of the Palestine election

email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com remain before us. Democracy, in other words, has spoken. Who

By: Ken Towery

can argue? The Israeli government lost no time in announcing they would not negotiate with the newlyelected majority in Palestine. Mr. Bush, parroting the Israelis, also lost no time in announcing the American position.

Our own prediction is: given time, the U.S., the E.U., the UN and whomever will decide that the head of the government in Palestine is not the leader of the recently-elected Hamas, but is the leader of Fatah, which has been around since the days of Yassir Arafat. Let us all hope that is the case. Otherwise we are on a collision course with Iran, and we will have maneuvered the Palestinians into a corner where the only friend they have in the region is Iran. That may be the result hoped for by Israel, and Bush, but it could well end in more blood being shed by young Americans

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Alice.

I need to introduce myself. I am Kaisit Plarin and was a visiting teacher to Floydada High School in 1989 - 1990. I stayed with Mr. William Grant Hambright and was very warm with all the Hambrights around. Because y'all like to say "y'all come back", I came back to Floydada again in 1995. Dr. Craig came to Thailand but I couldn't manage to see him. How is he now? How is Jan Thayer? She was my supervisor at FHS. How are my dad and mom Neal & Darlynn Hambright?. There are a lot more people that I can recall and sure am missing them. I am now a principal of Jaturamit Wittayakarn School - a junior high, the primary, Duncan high school in Khon Kaen, Thai- and the FISD office where land. I am also studying for my Darlynn was working. I miss doctoral degree at KKU which is a dual program with Washington State University. A professor from WSU always teases me like: How y'all doin, boy? Hi, partner. Forgot your Texas cowboy hat? Howdy Texan boy? I am proud of that actually. That really reminds me of y'all. I called mom and dad one day

and they gave me Grant's e-mail

message to Grant but that couldn't get through. I would like you to help find Grant's e-mail address so I can talk to him. I am missing him. I heard that he is not in Floydada now but working somewhere up north. I am coming to Washington State University, Pullman in April 2007. If Grant is not far from that place, maybe I can manage to see him.

My e-mail address is p kaisit@yahoo.com. I would like to hear from y'all. I remember you well, Alice. I've been to your office three times. We had a photo taken. I wrote some articles and were published in the Hesperian. I still remember the school atmosphere at FHS, the Floydada and I want to come back again. It would be nice should this message be published in the Hesperian. I want to thank all of the people of Floydada again for - 16 years ago - keeping me warm and helping me learn a lot of educational issues and language skills.

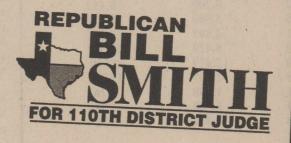
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Bye for now. **Kaisit Plarin**







Dear Voters,

I'd like to take this opportunity to set the record straight and dispel some rumors and false information you may have heard about me. As Will Rogers once said, "Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay put as

FALSE: You may have heard that I would move the district office from Floydada to Silverton.

TRUTH: No way. My plan is to travel the district, holding court wherever the cases arise. The majority of my time would therefore be spent in the Floyd County Courthouse. The office will remain where it is.

FALSE: You may have heard I have a lack of experience.

TRUTH: We don't live in a high-crime metropolitan area, so I don't have the weekly trial experience of a TV lawyer - Hallelujah! Isn't that one of the many reasons we choose to live here? As judge, I will continue do my part to protect our quality of life by upholding the law and protecting the rights of families and individuals in our district.

Since elected in 1996, I have assisted the District Attorney in EVERY felony criminal trial before a jury in Briscoe County. These trials have included felony injuries to children, attempted capital murder, and murder. EVERY felon has been found guilty by the jury in each of these trials. I have tried four criminal cases before a jury in the Briscoe County Court. I have also presented cases before the grand jury on my behalf, as well as for the District Attorney when she has been unable to attend.

It's important to note that I have brought before the court in excess of 200 criminals who have pled guilty rather than face trial in Briscoe County Court. I consider this a win/win situation, prosecuting crime while saving taxpayers the expense of costly trials, not to mention hours and hours of jurors' time.

I have also represented child protective services when they have had to remove children from abusive parents. I have experience in family law matters such as divorces and adoptions. As an arbitrator, I have filled the shoes of a judge. I have decided cases after hearing witness testimony and reviewing documented evidence. My decisions as an arbitrator are based on the same knowledge and skills a judge would use.

I will never shy away from comparisons and contrasts with an opponent. Falsehoods are another matter. Distorting facts is a questionable, if not dangerous, habit for a judge.

TRUTH: I am experienced, educated, equipped and ready to serve you as 110th District Judge. And I'm

Sincerely,

Bill Smith Candidate for 110th District Judge

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Trustees discuss bond at forum

Continued From Page 1 had offered the last bond election. It is the bare essentials now.'

Kirk added, "The longer we wait, the less we are going to get. We need to start now. On \$10 million the state (EDA) will pay 53 percent. Our part will be \$4.7 million and we can finance \$1.9 million. What's the problem? Let's combine junior high and high school."

Nick Long added, "Metal has gone up. A \$35,000 barn a few years ago, today costs \$65,000. Where has our money been going? We need to be upgrading. We need to give a positive image to motivate our kids. We need to look at this as objectively as we can."

Board Member Amado Morales told the audience, "We need to combine campuses. It will cost us about \$9.5 to \$10 million, but this is our most pressing need, to combine the high school and the junior high school.'

Mitch Probasco added, "I want to address why the past bond election failed. Number one, it was too much money. Number two, a 30 year bond is an eternity. A lot of people did not vote for it because a 30 year bond is a generation and a half. I don't know what the answer is, but I know the bottom line is that you do need to combine four campuses into two and that will

Fires continue

Since the County wide fire

ban was put into effect the first

week in January, the Floydada

Volunteer Fire Department has

been called to 4 different loca-

tions where people were burning

violations," said Floydada Fire

Chief Carroll Sims, "but people

should remember the ban is still

23 runs in January. The runs in-

clude fire, ambulance, smoke,

January," said Sims. "We assisted

Hale County in a fire that burned

Lockney VFD has responded

and cotton burrs fires.

The Floydada VFD has made

"We've had 6 grass fires in

"No fire resulted from these

ban

despite

trash or tree limbs.

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2,100 acres.'

save a lot

"I suggest you take some of the \$5 million Fund Balance, maybe \$2.5 to \$3 million and use

that to alleviate some of our problems. Then look at a smaller short term bond. One that might pass in our community. I have talked cost (the tax payer) an increase to a lot of people since I have been off the board and my gut feeling is \$10 million ain't going to fly. We need something smaller, like something within our means," concluded Probasco.

Following a question, "Why do we need to combine the junior high and the high school?", Morales answered, "Because the junior high is in dilapidation."

A junior high teacher added, "Wind is coming through the cracks (in the wall).'

Another teacher added, "Because we share teachers and rooms at the high school for junior high kids, it (consolidation) would help greatly."

Eddie Smith asked, "How much will you increase my taxes and what do you intend to use the reserve fund for? I suggest you use these dollars.'

Vaughn explained that \$2.8 million, of the \$5 million in reserve, has already been designated for facilities, \$450,000 is designated for laptop computers, \$150,000 is designated for band uniforms, \$30,000 is designated for a band truck, and \$1.5 mil-

month operating fund balance on hand mandated by the state law. "This \$2.8 million could be used to complete a project, or used to start a project.

Rex Lawson commented, "If a \$10 million bond election will of \$.24 cents (per \$100 property evaluation) and the \$14 million bond election that failed would have cost us \$.27 cents to \$.28 cents, then I suggest we choose an alternative. Is there a way to put Duncan Elementary and Andrews Elementary together with \$4.9 million, then combine junior high and high school with our general savings. Do what you can afford. Junior high and Andrews needs to be fixed."

Tom Farris said, "I believe a \$10 million (bond election) will fail now. I believe a smaller and affordable project should be very seriously considered, instead of a large project. We don't want a \$10 to \$14 million debt for 30 years. We want to trim our debt and for it to be paid off quickly."

Consolidation of area schools was discussed briefly, but it seemed not to be an option in the near future. Also, placing module buildings at the campuses was discussed.

"We can get any size or fashion of modules that we want," said Vaughn.

Denice Payne added, "When lion is designated for a three we proposed giving the hospital

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observe the oil and gas lease op-

erations please park off location.

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building to FISD, we knew it needed repairs, but it is in close proximity to the high school. It could be used as an auxiliary building, for maybe the ag department, art classes, band, and or P.E. We need to get that building back in use. I wish you would look again at the hospital building. What are you going to do if this fails?"

Someone pointed out that the last bond election failed by a vote of 1040 to 670.

An audience member said, "\$10 million will not pass. \$5 million will pass. I don't want \$10 million. I can't live with that. We've got to do what we can afford."

J. Royce Bradshaw said, "A \$10 million bond won't fly. How many businesses has Floydada lost in the past 30 years? 78 businesses are no longer in this town. I won't be here to pay off a 30 year bond."

Stan Payne asked, "What will we do if nothing is done? Waiting for the state to come in, is a terrible answer. We need to improve the buildings we have. If we have \$5 million in reserve, why haven't we fixed it? Fix what we need to do.'

Castillo closed the forum, "We asked 'What do you want us to do?' and you gave us a figure. Thank you for being here tonight.'



TEMPIE FRANCIS

Tech Regent makes Endorsement

Dr. Bobby Stafford is a respected orthopedic physician who was raised in Motley County, practiced medicine in Amarillo and returned to Roaring Springs. Dr. Stafford has been recognized for many achievements including his recent appointment by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Tech University Board of Regents.

Dr. Stafford has known Tempie for many years and has submitted the following letter as his endorsement.

"Dear Fellow Voier,

Tempie T. Francis is a candidate for District Judge. She was the recipient of numerous academic honors in both undergraduate and law school. Tempie has been a hard working attorney and would apply her tremendous energy as well as no nonsense West Texas values to carrying out her duties as a judge.

I wholeheartedly recommend this outstanding lady for the position she is seeking. I urge you to join me in supporting her.

> Sincerely, Bob Stufford, M.D."

Pd.Pol.Adv. by the Friends and Supporters of

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update Courtesy of Tom Musser

Floyd County: Apollo Energy driving onto and staying on the Operating Company LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 is being pumped and evaluated.

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease well #1 is drilling ahead as of Tuesday, January 31 at a depth of 8,800 feet. **Request from the Palo Duro** Basin Operators: Because of safety concerns the Palo Duro Basin Operators are requesting that folks not involved in the oil and gas lease operations cease

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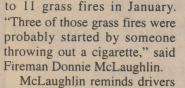
In County Court, January 26, the Theft by Check charge against Elisa Reyes was dismissed.

Banquet is April 20

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Monday, April 20.

The theme of this year's bansafety. Also the Palo Duro Basin quet will be "Floydada...Ever the Pioneer'

The program, "Mollie Bailey, The Circus Queen of the Southwest", will be presented by Floydada's history teller, Lou



to use their vehicle ash trays to dispose of cigarettes.

McLaughlin said LVFD also responded to 2 structure fires and 3 burr fires.



A Love Fund has been opened at First National Bank in Floydada for the family of Lauren Powell.

Tempie T. FRANCIS for District Judge

Who is: Award winning With a: Winning Record Who can make: **Tough Decisions**



TEMPIE FRANCIS

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- * Judge Ken G. Spencer Award
- * Jury Trials
- * Supreme Court Decision
- * Church of Christ
- * Indigent and Poor Children, 2003 Pro Bono Award
- * Degree in Elementary Ed.
- * Texas Tech Law School
 - * Local Attorney
 - * Civic Leader
- * Endorsements
- * Proven Record
- * Fair & Experienced

Pd. Pol. Adv. by the Friends and Supporters of Tempie Francis for District Judge, P.O. Box 128, Floydada, TX. 79235, Mitch Probasco, Treasurer

Burleson.

Also included at the banquet will be the presentations of the Citizen of the Year, Extra Mile Award, and Employer of the Year.

Tempie Francis for District Judge, P. O. Box 128, Floydada, TX 79235, Mitch Probasco, Treasurer.

Craig Gilly for Floyd County Judge

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- Upgraded rolling stock without depleting **Precinct 3's capital reserves**
- Negotiated with landowners for right-of-way acquisitions for the 10 million dollar FM 689 Project
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- Acted as purchasing agent for the County
- Reduced technology costs by troubleshooting computer systems
- Researched and scheduled vendors for new fund accounting software packages
- Negotiated with AMA Online for county-wide hi-speed internet service
- Actively promoted cooperation between Cities and County
- Organized the first meeting between representatives of Floyd, Briscoe and Hall counties for Caprock Canyons Trailway promotion

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Texas drought losses reach \$1.5 billion

By: Blair Fannin

Texas drought losses have reached an estimated \$1.5 billion, fueled by high hay costs and extended supplemental feeding for livestock, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"More than 90 percent of the state's range and pastures are in extreme, stressed condition," said Dr. Carl Anderson, professor emeritus and Extension economist. "Hay supplies are short and expensive. Water supplies are short and will only worsen if we don't get any rain soon. The main problem for

ranchers is having enough hay and buying enough feed.

"The updated numbers reflect an extended long period of supplemental feeding that has gone on a lot longer than normal," said Dr. David Anderson, Extension livestock marketing economist.

Ranchers are re-culling cattle and selling heifer calves, which will likely cut down the state's cow numbers, Carl Anderson said

"We can expect a tightening of cows in the next year or two," he said

Most calves have been shipped directly to feedlots due to lack of wheat fields to graze, he said. Much of the state's 2005 hay production was cut in half due to lack of rainfall, driving up prices for hay and forcing ranchers to spend more money for supplemental feed this winter.

"Overall, the soil profile statewide is dry," said Dr. Travis Miller, associate Extension head, department of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University. "The planting prospects are looking pretty grim for spring crops, particularly in South Texas. Normally, we start planting corn and sorghum in mid February. That won't happen unless we get some water to put in the soil profiles." More than 90 percent of the

wheat statewide is poor to very poor, Miller said. "We've had no utilization of

wheat for grazing in non-irrigated fields, which is normally a major industry in Texas," Miller said. "In East Texas, most ryegrass and small grain pastures didn't come up or haven't had enough growth to graze. The wheat stands have failed or are marginal.

There has been significant damage to the overall state wheat crop.

East Texas has been one of the hardest hit regions. Typically, about 750,000 to 1 million acres of winter pasture in ryegrass or ryegrass blended with oats is planted to offset supplemental feeding bills. Lack of rainfall never allowed those plantings to surface, Carl Anderson said.

The current drought will also impact consumers at grocery outlets in the next few months if there is no rain, particularly in the Rio Grande Valley where much of the state's -vegetable production is produced.

see a shortage of fresh vegetables and beef prices will also be increased because of less cows," he said.

The one bright spot for the Rio Grande Valley is adequate supplies of irrigation water are available in reservoirs, Miller noted. Dry conditions in Texas have prevailed since April of last year.

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, range and pasture conditions in January were rated 63 percent very poor and 27 percent poor.

The index used to calculate the state's wheat crop is rated 20

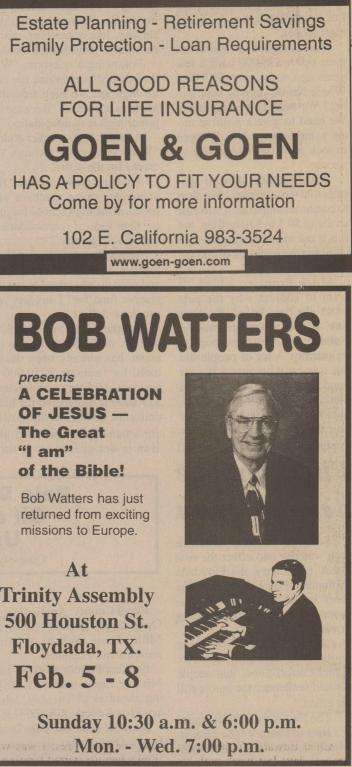
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compared to 82 a year ago (on a scale of 100), Carl Anderson said.

"Top soil moisture by crop reporting districts around the state as a percent of acreage shows all districts to be 50 (percent) to 98 percent very short, except in the Coastal region where it's only 11 buildings, he noted.

percent very short," he said.

Rain would strengthen planting prospects in the Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend, Carl Anderson said. The current drought has also led to wildfires, destroying hay, fence posts and



Work begins on Veterans Park

By Ed Marks

Work begins on the Veterans Memorial, as volunteers form up for concrete. We had a great time working together to see a dream come true.

Veterans who showed up were Edward Marks, Bill Hunter, H.G. Graham, Clyde Walker, Ron Hall, and Billy Collis.

Friends of veterans who helped were Sam Moore, Blaine Hall and Brandon Hall

To those who gave money we is putting in a water system and say, "Thank you". You are about to see your investment come to life. Stop those nay-sayers who said it would never happen. We echo the attitude of the 101 Airborne Commander, who when he

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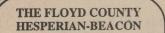
We will not surrender and failure is not an option. Our next step electricity. If you would like to donate materials, see Ricky Griffith at Davis Lumber Yard. We will need 300 feet of 3 inch PVC pipe, 1500 feet of 2 inch PVC pipe, 50 I-20 Hunter heads, 6-156 pm and elbows and reducers. We also need flat rocks for walkways.

We are still taking cash donations. This project is a community project and you need not be a veteran to get involved.



FORT WORTH, TEXAS - Sy Ann Foster from Lockney, exhibited the Chianina Open Division Reserve Grand Champion Female and a First Place Heifer in the Chianina Youth Division Cattle Show at the 2006 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on January 27, 2006.

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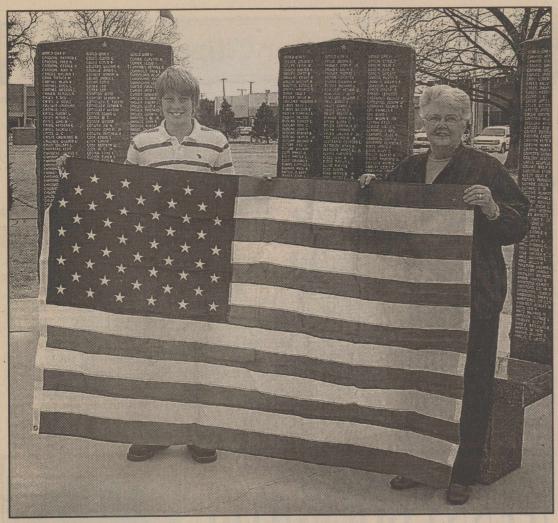
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FEBRUARY FLAG DONATION--4-H'er Jordan Cornelius (left) and Margaret Schacht (right) hold up the flag that Schacht's Flowers, of Lockney, donated to the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial in Floydada. The flags at the Veteran's Memorial are replaced every three months because of wear and tear from 24 hour use. Individuals wishing to donate a flag for replacement should contact Jordan or Julianne Cornelius in Floydada. The flags are returned to the previous donor **Staff Photo** when replaced.



FLOYDADA REHAB AND CARE CENTER January, 2006 birthday honorees, (1 to r) Pernie Leatherman- Jan. 3, Fred Zinck- Jan.-29, L.V. Damron-Jan, 11, Miriam Wright-Jan. 24, Elsie **Staff Photo** Bradford-Jan. 8.

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Floyd County Lifestyles

Floydada **Rehab Birthday** Party

By Joyce Williams

Four Queens and a King were the January 19, 2006 Birthday honorees at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center party sponsored by City Park Church of Christ. Hostesses were Mrs. Ann Free and Joyce Williams.

The honored ladies were Pernie Leatherman whose birthday was Jan. 3; Elsie Bradford, Jan. 8; L.V. Damron, Jan. 11; Miriam Wright, Jan. 24. The gentleman honoree was Fred Zinck, whose birthday will be Jan. 29.

All ladies were gifted with corsages and Mr. Zinck received a boutonniere from Cathy's Florist. A group photograph was taken by the Hesperian-Beacon photographer.

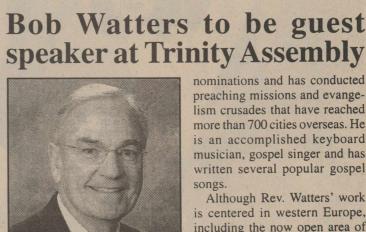
After the birthday song, all honorees were presented gift bags by the hostesses. Refreshments were strawberry shortcake and glasses of Big Red Soda.

> Floydada and Lockney High School students will have approximately 60 art works on exhibit at the West Texas Regional Scholastic Arts Exhibit through February 9, 2006 in the Malouf Gallery on the lower level of the Mabee Learning Resource Center of the Wayland University Campus.

Hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday -Thursday; 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. on Fridays; and 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Works receiving a Gold Key will go on to show in New York.

Story to follow next week



BOB WATTERS

Bob Watters, well-known international evangelist will be guest speaker and musician at Trinity Assembly, 500 Houston St., Floydada from February 5 through 8, 2006. Pastor Mitchell announced that service times are Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday 7:00 p.m. The general public is invited.

Rev. Watters has been engaged in overseas ministries for thirty years. In this past year, he has held successful outreach meetings in many areas in and around Germany, and England. Throughout Europe, converts from previous crusades established many of the churches to which Rev. Watters ministered. He has a well-received ministry among some twenty-five denominations and has conducted preaching missions and evangelism crusades that have reached more than 700 cities overseas. He is an accomplished keyboard musician, gospel singer and has written several popular gospel

Although Rev. Watters' work is centered in western Europe, including the now open area of eastern Germany, he has ministered in several Eastern European countries, such as Poland (before it became a free country); as well as in the Middle East, the South Pacific, the Caribbean, Mexico and Canada. Watters' successful crusades have gained worldwide recognition of his ministry, with invitations to preach on every continent.

Rev. Watters was ordained with the Assemblies of God in 1954 and as a young minister he conducted several preaching missions to Cuba just before the Castro takeover. Churches were organized in 22 cities as a result of these crusades.

Watters is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma at Norman, holding Bachelor and Masters' degrees in the Humanities

Now residing in Springfield, Missouri, he is a native of Breckenridge, Texas and a descendant of pioneer Methodist "Circuit Riding Preachers."

Baby Shower Kylan Sanders Francis



By Vera Jo Bybee

Chad Edward Cooper spent several days last week with his grandmother Edith Cooper. He is the son of Doctor's Wayne and Cheryl Cooper of Tyler. Chad is a music teacher in the Portland, Oregon School System.

and she said, "Yes, I was with brother Billy Gene Turner him when we started farming so (Boney) who is now deceased. I guess I will be with him at the The Turner family moved to end.'

Joe and Ray Morphis, of Plainview, stopped by for a visit High School where she was a Monday. They stayed a couple Cheerleader in 1946. of hours talking as fast they could about all the great times of growing up in the Providence community. Our son Louie loved to eat with the Morphis'. Between eating with the Morphis boys and Jones boys he didn't miss too many meals. Ha!!!

bara if she was going to the sale Turner. Maxine had a twin Lockney in 1945.

Maxine attended Lockney

Ronnie at Hereford, Bruce in Iowa, Preston and Patrick both of Lubbock, and Mark who passed away June 2, 1992, The have 16 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren

Thank you Elmer and Maxine for being this week's Senior Citi-

Menu for Feb 6-10

Tuesday: Chicken Taquittos

Wed: Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday: Salmon Patties

Friday:Mexican Casserole

Monday: Spaghetti

PAYNE PHARMACY 200 S. Main, Floydada 983-5111 Bridal Selections For:

Bridal Selections for: Janee' Hrbacek & Brandon Harrison

Gene Newton's granddaughter Tori, and husband Joel Smith, are now making their home in Lockney. Gene is real happy about that.

Hershel and Wanda Harston were seen eating at the Center last week. It was great to have them back in Lockney. They are spending most of their time here at their home in the Prairie Chapel Community.

Chad Stapp, our local mortician, has a new wife and family. Wife, Cassey, daughters Shelbie and Lanie and son Nash. Be sure and make them welcome to our community.

It is so great to have all these people moving back to Lockney.

The Cunyus boys, Danny, Larry, Ronnie and Jackie Don were all here for their parents re-

Nina Teuton is now recuperating from back surgery here at her home in Lockney. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her sister Barbara Cawley on the passing of their sister Wilma Huffman, of Euless, Jan. 26.

Her funeral service was held Jan 29 at Stephenville and she was buried at Lingleville.

This week's Senior Citizen profile is on Elmer and Maxine Griffith.

Maxine Turner was born March 14, 1932 at Blue Ridge to tirement farm sale. I asked Bar- A. H. and Lillie Mae Riddle

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Lee Anne (Gallaway) & Timothy Mitchell Magan Whittington

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On Thursday, Feb. 2nd a representative from Community Care R will be here at Clark's Pharmacy from 9am to 5pm to help enroll you or answer any questions you may have concerning the Medicare part D prescription plan.

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On December 20, 1947 Maxine married Elmer Griffith at Clovis, New Mexico. Their attendants were Horace and Sue Baxter.

Elmer was born October 28, 1923 in Lockney to Cleveland Albert "Clevo" and Axie B. Leach Griffith. Elmer attended school at Prairie Chapel and Lockney. He went into the Navy in 1943 and was discharged in 1946. He and Maxine have farmed and sprayed for a living and still make their home in Lockney.

They are the parents of six Seen it all, done it all, can't children. One daughter Belinda Stapp of Lockney. Five sons,

remember most of it.

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FLOYD COUNTY PAGEANT QUEENS-The Floyd County Pageant was held on January 14, 2006. Crowned as Floyd County Queens were: (back row, I-r) Teen Miss Ashley Ovalle, Miss Floyd County Kimberly Garza, Young Miss Molly Cazares; (front row, I-r) Petite Miss Anastasia Santos, Junior Miss Kennedy Coon, Tiny Miss Hanna Carr. (not pictured, 1st Runner-up to Tiny **Miss Floyd County Jasmine Olivares**) **Courtesy Photo**

Mark your calendar for March 25th



GERMANIA INSURANCE MAKES DONATION--Jim Bob Martin, representing Germania Insurance, presents a donation to the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department. The check is in appreciation for the services rendered by the Lockney Fire Department. Pictured are (I-r) Joe Marks, Jim Bob Martin and Preston **Curtesy Photo** Belt.

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Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. If you plan on eating, please call the Center by 10:00 a.m. If you are 60 years or older come join us.

Our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Armstrong.

"Happy Birthday" to those who have a February birthday! Feb. 2 - Jackie Gregory; Feb. 9 - Jean Kendrick and Marie Bueno; Feb. 10 - Sue Sewell; Feb. 12 - Margaret Soudelier, Frances Weathersbee, Charles Craig and Buck Johnson; Feb. 13 Martha Farris; Feb. 14 - Ed Henderson; Feb. 19 - Wayland Fortenberry; Feb. 20 - Lida Smithey; Feb. 23 - Cleo Whittle;

and Feb. 26 - Oleta Wilson. Thank you for remembering make a memorial donation. In memory of Edell Moore -Stanley and Lou Burleson. In memory of Peggy Young -

James and Sue Lovell In memory of J.C. Roach

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In memory of Elizabeth Armstrong - Margarette Word, William and Faye Bertrand, Diana Glover.

In memory of Glenna Mae Orman - Melvin and Janet Lloyd, Edward and Kim Hale, all the Pernell's at Darty Gin, Gene and Nancy Lawson, Shorty and Louise Turner, Kevin, Lisa, Nathan and Matthew Mitchell, Larry and Gail Noland, Aaron and Amber Noland and MacKenna, Kevin and Jennifer Mansker and Hunter, Randy and Theresa Brillhart, employees at the Center when you need to the First Bank Southwest Here-

ford Branch, Kaethe E. Orman. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Battey.

Menu February 6 - February 10

Monday-Lasagna, corn, cabbage salad, garlic bread, raisin pie

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

Wednesday-Meatloaf, Chinese vegetables, orange half, wheat roll, lemon cake

Thursday-Roast beef, roasted potatoes, carrots, tossed salad/ French, cornbread, fruit salad

Friday-Chicken pot pie, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, cornbread, pineapple cake

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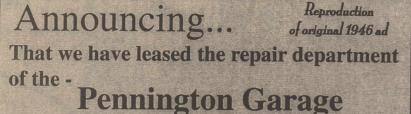
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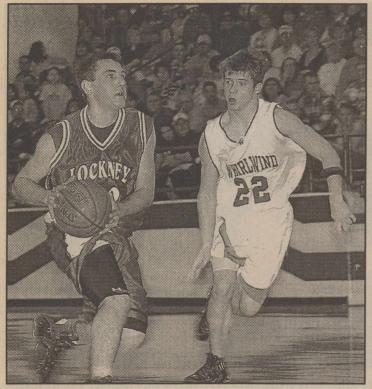


Johnson & Johnson Automotive in 1955 -- Pictured (I-r) Lavon Johnson, Ike Johnson, Dan Teuton, Gene Brawley, Roy Cook and Dick Ellison.



Johnson & Johnson Automotive in 2006--Pictured (I-r) Jim Gomez, Jesse Hall, Steve Wright, Sergio Solis, Jerry Johnson, Dani Johnson and Ike Johnson

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BRINGING THE BALL UP-COURT-A Lockney Longhorn is shown bringing the ball by a Floydada defender in their close game last Friday night at Floydada. Lockney fell only by one point in a very close game up to the very end 54-53.

Photo by Lisa Mosley

Lockney JV beats Tulia but loses to Floydada

January 27, 2006 the Lockney Longhorn Junior Varsity boys basketball team lost to Floydada by a score of 49 to 39.

Jonathan Coleman placed the most points on the scoreboard with 12; Alston Becker 8; Daryn McCarter and Tanner Morris 5 each; Kyler Ellison 3; Adrian Cortez, Matthew Prather and Zacary Gonzales 2.

The Lockney Longhorn Junior Varsity boys basketball team played Tulia January 24, 2006 and came away with a win of 60 to 48.

Alston Becker was the top scoring player with 22 points; Brett Johnson 12; Adrian Cortez and Kyler Ellison 7 each; A. Ascencio 4; Tanner Morris 3; J. Coleman and J. Mercado 2 each; and A. Cruz 1.

Dimitri Cortez 13; Brett Johnson

6; Nolan Armstrong and Caleb

Schumacher 2 each; Matthew

Heath Stoerner, son of Mar-

tin and Robin Stoerner of Lock-

ney, is an Animal Science major

and was named to the Dean's List

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled

full-time and maintain a 3.25

grade point average on a 4.0

for the 2005 Fall Semester.

Lockney loses to Dimmitt gustine Ascencio with 14 points;

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Lockney 9th Grade boys basketball team lost to Dimmitt by a score of 41 to 44 on January 30. 2006.

Leading the scoring was Au-

Angelo State 2005 Dean's List released

The Dean's List for the 2005 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

The following area students were named to that list.

Rachel Leigh Griffin, daughter of Dr. Randall and Gayla Griffin of Floydada, is a Pre-pharmacy major and was named to the Dean's List for the 2005 Fall



Lockney falls to Floydada by one point

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Floydada Lockney

Lockney Longhorn Varsity boys basketball team played one of their best games of the season but lost to the highly ranked Whirlwinds January 27, 2006.

Trevor Morris returned to the lineup after suffering a broken foot December 9.

This strong performance should give the Longhorns condfidence as they begin the second round of district action Tuesday against Olton at home. Leading the scoring was Brance Wilson with 19 points; Dahlen McCarter 16; Trevor Morris 8; Tyler Kidd 6; and Rion Aufill 4.

Lockney beats Tulia

Lockney 40 (OT) Tulia 32

January 24, 2006, Lockney Longhorn Varsity boys basketball team won out over Tulia by a score of 40 to 32.

Leading the scoring was Dahlen McCarter with 17 points; Tyler Kidd 11; Brance Wilson 9; and J.W. McPherson 3.

The Longhorns are 2 - 2 in district



Pray for Our Soldiers

By Coach Schumacher Tulia 60

Lockney 51 Lockney hosted Tulia on January 24 and fell short 60-51. The Ladyhorns fell behind at the half 31-15 due to an off shooting night and just couldn't pull it out in the second half.

Rebekah Thornton led scorers with 20 points; Amber Dorman 11; Krista Rasco 7; Heather Brock 6; Trinity Ford 5; Senee' Foster 2.

The Ladyhorns played a tough defensive game and I was proud of them for that.

Ladyhorns fall short to Floydada **By Coach Schumacher** Floydada 53

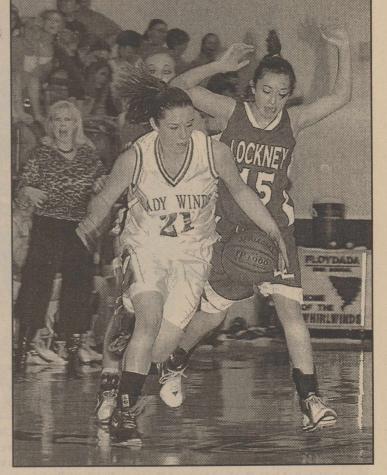
44 Lockney

The Ladyhorns traveled to Floydada on January 27 to play their Floyd County Rival, the Ladywinds. The Ladyhorns went to the locker room at half trailing 25-22. At the end of the third quarter the score was still very close at 35-33. Floydada had a big fourth quarter with 18 points to Lockney's 11. At the buzzer the score was 53-44.

We had some mental breakdowns on defense that allowed their big fourth quarter.

Leading the scoring column with 12 each were Bekah. Thornton and Jamie Butler; Amber Dorman 10; Audrie Arjona 6; Heather Brock 3; Krista Rasco 1. The last home game for the

Ladyhorns will be February 3 against Dimmitt. Come out to support the Horns! We will also be recognizing our three seniors, Amber, Rebekah and Trinity for their commitment to our program.



LOCKNEY STOPPING THE DRIBBLE-A Lockney Lady Horn is shown stopping the dribble of a Lady Wind last Friday night at Floydada. Lockney lost the hard fought game 53-44. Photo by Lisa Mosley

WTAMU announces fall semester Honors List

has released its Honors List for the 2005 Fall Semester.

The following area students were included.

Amanda Barnett, daughter of Cathy and Larry Ferguson of Floydada and Lanny and Connie Barnett of Lockney, is a Senior, EC-4 Generalist major, and was named to the Dean's List.

Ragan H. Beedy, daughter of Randy and Carlen Beedy of Floydada, is a Junior Mathematics major, and was named to the Dean's List.

Mark Ford, son of Bernie and Cindy Ford of Lockney, is a Sophomore Sport/Exercise Sciences major, and was named to the Dean's List.

Melanie Huggins, daughter of

West Texas A&M University James and Carol Huggins of Lockney, is a Senior EC-4 Generalist major, and was named to the President's List.

Jeremy Stapp, son of Rodger and Belinda Stapp of Lockney, is a Senior Accounting major, and was named to the Dean's List.

Patricia Quisenberry, daughter of Randy and Melodi Quisenberry of Floydada, is a Junior Mathematics major, and was named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must has a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

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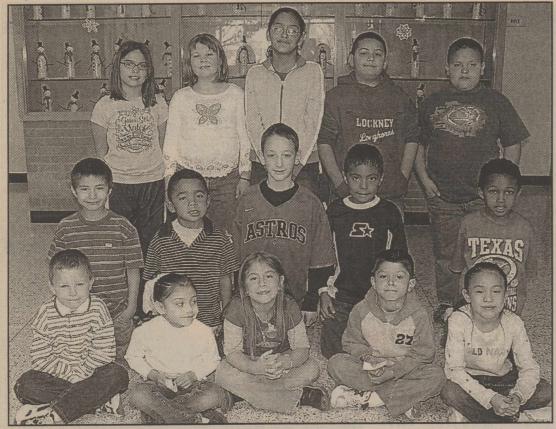
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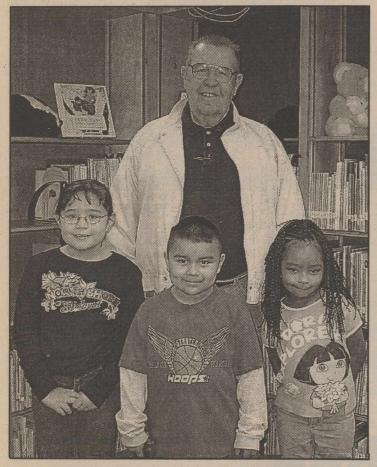
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LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of January 30, 2006---(back row, l to r) Alexis Rodriguez, Bethany McCulloch, Selena Gonzales, Adam Esquivel, Julian Jimenez, (middle row l to r) Joshua Molina, Lathan Clay, Kelby Bice, John Salas, Tavian Walrath, (front row, l to r) Derek Wood, Alexa Poole, Marisa Montoya, Esteban Rodriguez and Samantha Salas.



A B DUNCAN STUDENTS AND EDUCATOR OF THE Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or ce-WEEK-Alysson Perez (2nd grade), Ethan Ibarra (Kindergarten), Kiarra Collins (Pre-K). Not pictured: Montana Williams (1st grade), and Dub Holt (Speech **Courtesy Photo** Therapist).



February 6-February 10 Monday Holiday Tuesday Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Pig in a blanket or PBJ sandwich, corn, baby carrots, peaches, milk Wednesday Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Beef tacos or grilled cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad,

applesauce, milk Thursday Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken nuggets or corndog, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry shortcake, wheat roll, milk Friday

real, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Hamburger or burrito, lettuce and tomato, baked fries, orange halves, milk



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UIL Academics off to winning start at FHS

Submitted by Jeffri Vaughn Floydada's UIL Academic Team is off to a winning start. The team has attended two big meets, and many students have already experienced the sweet smell of success.

Twenty-one students attended the Texas Tech University UIL Meet January 14 held on the campus of TTU. The following students placed at the meet:

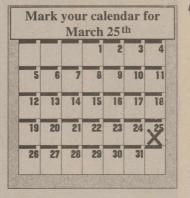
Sean Miller--lst Place Ready Writing; Abran Enriquez--2nd Place Feature Writing; Star Foster--2nd Place Literary Criticism; Nick Bunch--2nd Place Social Studies; Cameron Callahan--3rd Place Social Studies; Current Events Team--3rd Place, Jessica Runnels--4th Place Individual, Crystal Carrasco, and Juliann Runnels; Accounting Team--3rd Place, Taryn Rainwater--4th Place Individual, Lance Terrell--7th Place, Buck Foster; Science Team--1st Place, Jarrett Kirk--1st Place Overall, 1st Place Biology, 1st Place Chemistry, Abel Cortinas--4th Place Overall, J.C. Simpson--5th Place Overall.

Nineteen FHS students attended the Willie McCool UIL Meet at Coronado High School in Lubbock, Floydada High School brought home the sweepstakes trophy for the 2A Division.

The following students placed at the meet: Science team--1st Place, Jarrett Kirk--1st Place Overall, 1st Place 12th Grader, 1st Place Biology, 1st Place Chemistry, 1st Place Physics, J.C. Simpson--2nd Place Overall, 1st Place 10th Grader, Abel Cortinas--3rd Place 10th Grader, Sean Miller--5th Place 9th Grader; Accounting Team--1st Place, Jeffri Vaughn--3rd Place Individual, Lance Terrell--4th Place Individual, Taryn Rainwater--6th Place Individual, Buck Foster--8th Place Individual; Elizabeth Bertrand--1st Place Informative Speaking; Britnee Brotherton--4th Place Informative Speaking; Katie Beth Crossland--4th Place Persuasive Speaking; Abran Enriquez--4th Place News Writing; Jarrett Kirk--Mathematics 3rd Place 12th Grader, 8th Place Overall; Star Foster--Literary Criticism 8th Place; Andrea DelaCerda--Number Sense 9th Place 9th Grader.

Students continue to prepare for Invitaitonal and District meets. The next meet the UIL Academic Team will attend is





Thursday, February 2, 2006-The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon - Page 9 Whirlwinds get district wins over Olton and Lockney

By Coach Brattain

The Floydada Whirlwinds traveled to Olton last Tuesday, January 24, 2006. The 'Winds came out flat and Olton came out ready to win. The game went back and forth for much of the entire game until Floydada came alive and got up by 14.

The final score was Floydada 53 and Olton 39. The 53 points for Floydada were at the time 17 points under their season average.

Leading the way for the Whirlwinds were Douglas Williams with 14 points, Oscar Garza with 12 points, Payte Beedy with 10 points and Jacob Reddy with 10 points.

Up next for the Whirlwinds were the Lockney Longhorns. This game brought a lot of enthe Floyd County match-up. Staying consistent with the way they have been starting games in District 6-2A play, the 'Winds came out slow and flat at times.

Floydada went in to halftime down by 4 points. This seemed to awaken the team as they scored 22 points in the third compared to Lockney's 11 points. Up 10 points with a minute left in regulation, the Whirlwinds missed free throw opportunities and allowed the Horns to get back in the game. Lockney nailed three consecutive 3 pointers inside that last minute. Floydada escaped with a 1 point win, 54-53.

Leading the way for Floydada was Payte Beedy with 19 points and Douglas Williams with 14 points. This moved the Whirlwinds overall record to 24-1 and port throughout the season.

ergy and people wanting to see district record to 5-0. Again Floydada's 54 points was 16 below their average.

Floydada again left the court to the tune of "over-rated" chants from the Lockney crowd as they have with other district opponents. The Whirlwinds are not concerned with rankings as this points, just wins.

Speaking of wins, the Whirlwinds travel to Friona to start the second round of district on Tuesday night, January 31st. This will be a tough game and to get out with another district win will not be an easy task.

We will host the Tulia Hornets on Friday, February 3rd. There are 5 remaining games left in the regular season.

Thank you for all your sup-

Idalou's Wildcat Classic. The District UIL Academic takes place in March. Whirlwind JV 5-0 in district

By Coach Johnston

The Whirlwind JV used two great first quarters to pull away early against Olton and Lockney.

In the Olton game Floydada JV boys came out with a 20-5 first quarter score and against Lockney they came out with a 16-6 first quarter score.

The Whirlwind JV beat Olton 57-41. Titus Miller led the way by scoring 23 points and grabbing 9 rebounds. Eladio Saldana had 14 points and 3 assists. After jumping up in the first quarter Olton fired back at us the rest of the game and I am proud of the team for answering the call.

Defeating Lockney 49-39 gave the Whirlwinds their 12th win of the year. Just like in the Olton game, Floydada came out on fire and held of a late Lockney push to get back in the game. Titus Miller again led the way

with 16 points, followed by Tucker Ross who put in 10 points. Brandon Monreal added 9 points to the game.

The Lockney game ended the first round of district with the Whirlwinds undefeated sitting at 5-0. The Whirlwind JV has had some great success this year on their way to twenty wins and an undefeated district record.

The Floydada JV has played some great competition this year. We have only lost to one 2A school all of this year and have already split with that team. All of our guys have put in great effort all year and really work hard. Probably one of the highlights of the year came when we beat Sundown's varsity, which was the number six ranked varsity school in 1A. That game and competing in the varsity tournament was great experience for the players.

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SHOOTING HIGH FOR TWO POINTS-A Floydada Whirlwind is shown going high for two points last Friday night in a very close game, 54-53, against the Lockney Longhorns.

Photo by Floydada Athletic Boosters Club



Notice of intent to submit application

ment.

Floydada ISD is giving notice and related educational developof intent to submit an application to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Cycle 4. Floydada is eligible for the grant since the district is considered a school wide program under Title I. The purpose is to establish or expand activities in community learning centers that:

1) provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including providing tutorial services to help children meet State and local student academic achievement standards in core academic subjects

2) offer students a broad array of additional services, programs and activities, such as youth development activities, drug and violence prevention programs, counseling programs, art, music, and physical education and fitness programs, and technology education programs that are designed to reinforce and compliment the regular academic program of participating students

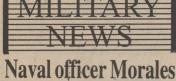
3) offer families of students served by community learning centers opportunities for literacy

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Program services must be offered only when schools are not in session (before or after school, during holidays or summer recess). Applications must provide for partnerships between a Local Education Agency, a Community Based Organization, and other public or private organizations as appropriate. The starting date for the program would be no earlier than July 1, 2006 and operation should begin the Fall Semester of the 2006-2007 School Year if selected.

The grant request may not be less than \$50,000 or greater than \$150,000 per center and cannot exceed \$750,000 for a total of five centers. The proposed five centers would include Crosbyton ISD, Floydada ISD, Lorenzo ISD, Post ISD and Ralls ISD as acting Fiscal Agent.

The application and any waiver request will be available for public review after submission of the application on February 9, 2006 at the central office.



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deployed to Cuba

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Leticia Morales has deployed to the U.S. Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to serve as a member of Joint Task Force-GTMO in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Servicemembers from all branches of the U.S. armed forces are involved in a jointmilitary operation whose mission is to conduct detention and interrogation operations to collect and exploit intelligence in support of the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

She is the daughter of Susie and Pablo Morales of Lockney. Morales is a 2003 graduate of Lockney High School.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL **MENU**

February 6-February 10 Monday Breakfast-French toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Chili cheese fries, salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday Breakfast-Sausage, toast/jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chalupas with meat, lettuce/tomatoes/cheese, refried beans, Jello, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot roll, pudding, milk

Thursday Breakfast-Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Hamburger, fries, salad, fruit, milk

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Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Pizza, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, cookie, milk



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SUNNY JEAN WILLIAMS -- a 4-H member from Lockney, exhibited the Reserve Champion Senior Heifer and won the Showmanship Class in the Red Angus Junior Heifer Show at the 2006 **Courtesy Photo** Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on January 22, 2006.

Caprock Cotton Conference successful

By: G. Davis Extension Agent - I.P.M.

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The annual Caprock Cotton Conference held January 17, 2006, at the Baptist Encampment, south of Floydada, was again a success, especially noteworthy due to an increased attendance over 2005.

As always, our gratitude is extended to Michael Wright and the Baptist Encampment Staff for the hospitality shown for our annual gathering, as the roomy facilities and the excellent meal provided a pleasant experience for all attendees. Also, on behalf of the Caprock Cotton Conference Committee, I would like to thank those agricultural producers and agri-business participants, who by their attendance each year, help to ensure the success of this endeavor.

The sponsorship for this year's Conference was also excellent as we had twenty one booth and display participants. Our sincere thanks to all those participating sponsors and providers of door prizes, as well.

Lastly, but certainly not least, gratitude is extended to all media outlets and those individuals

information regarding 2005 Cotton Variety Trials for the Texas High Plains and participated in a panel discussion with other presenters to answer grower questions. Dr. Roy Cantrell, Vice President for Agricultural Research from the National Cotton Council, Cary, North Carolina, spoke on cotton research trends that are currently popular. Mike Watson, Senior Director of Cotton Incorporated, also from Cary, North Carolina, related the effects of cotton fiber quality parameters in the very volatile cotton market. Gaylon Booker, Consultant and former President/ CEO of the National Cotton Council, Memphis, Tennessee, informed participants of the historic role of the National Cotton Council in market stability and market share for the cotton industry

Ms. Debbie Slocum - Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Inspector, updated attendees with the latest law and regulation information for holders of private, commercial and noncommercial pesticide applicator's licences, and a video regarding "Drift Control Management" was also provided for pesticide applicator attendees. A total of five Continuing Education Units for pesticide applicators was provided by TDA for attendees of this meeting. Dr. Peter Dotray covered weed control strategies in cotton based on problem weeds in the Texas High Plains and his extensive experiences in application of cotton-weed-pest herbicides throughout this vast area. J.D. Ragland followed Dr. Dotray by administering a weed survey

which participants were asked to complete in order that Texas Cooperative Extension might realize the vast number of herbicide applications scenarios, general herbicide knowledge, and overall weed problems in our area.

Plant growth regulator trials were also discussed with recommendations for earlier applications, by ground, to save input costs and decrease risk in production strategies.

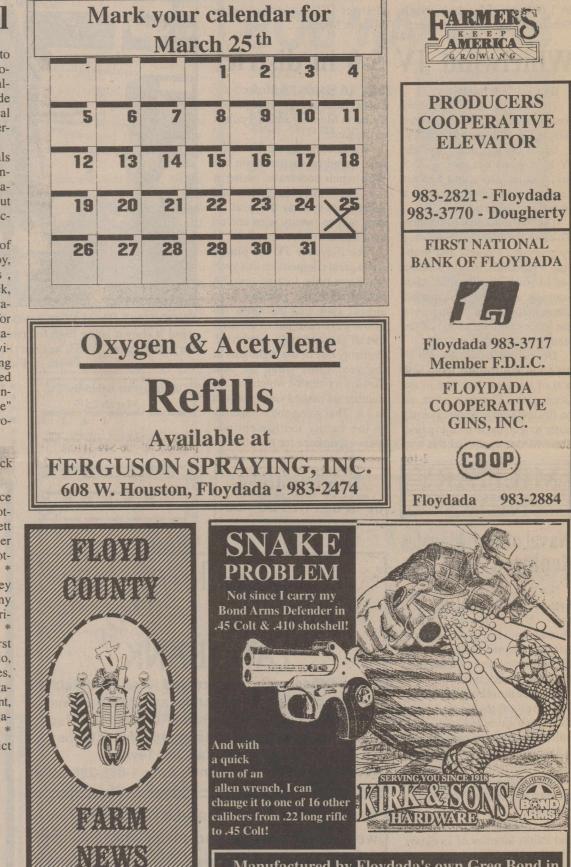
I am especially appreciative of the role that Mr. Roger Haldenby, Vice President of Operations, Plains Cotton Growers, Lubbock, played this year as our moderator and introductory greeter for our individual speaker presentations. Also, his role as an advisory committee member, along with Dr. Randy Boman, helped to ensure the high quality presentations made by our "long range" guest speakers from North Carolina and Tennessee.

Sponsors for the 2005 Caprock Cotton Conference included:

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DIXIE KAY WILLIAMS, a 4-H member from Lockney, exhibited the Reserve Champion Junior Calf in the Red Angus Junior Heifer Show at the 2006 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock **Courtesy Photo** Show on January 22, 2006.



that help spread the word regarding this annual educational event.

Presenters for this year's Conference included Dr. John Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension Economist, providing insight into the cotton 'futures' market and an update on worldwide cotton consumption. A representative from Knowles/Taylor Cotton Co., Inc., Matador, Texas, also spoke on futures forecasting and purchasing cotton options. Dr. Randy Boman, Area Extension Cotton Specialist, provided

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Texas Extension sponsors Alternative Crop Meeting Agenda

7:30

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8:05-8:35

By J.D. Ragland

The Floyd and Crosby County Cooperative Extension Offices will be sponsoring a Bi-County Alternative Crop Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Lorenzo Community Room (703 Van Buren Street) in Lorenzo.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. A noon meal will be served. There will not be a registration fee or charge for the meal, Security Bank in Idalou is sponsoring it.

Topics of discussion will consist of Biotechnology/Transgenic Crops, Business Ethic/Taxes, Pesticide Factors, Drift Concerns and Laws and Regulations. Program presenters will be Bill Baxter, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Jay Yates, Dr. Russ Wallace, Dr. Dana Porter, Steve Cavitt and Steve Davis.

A total of 5 CEU's will be available. Please RSVP before Friday, February 3, 2006 by calling the Crosby County Extension Office at (806) 675-2347.

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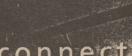
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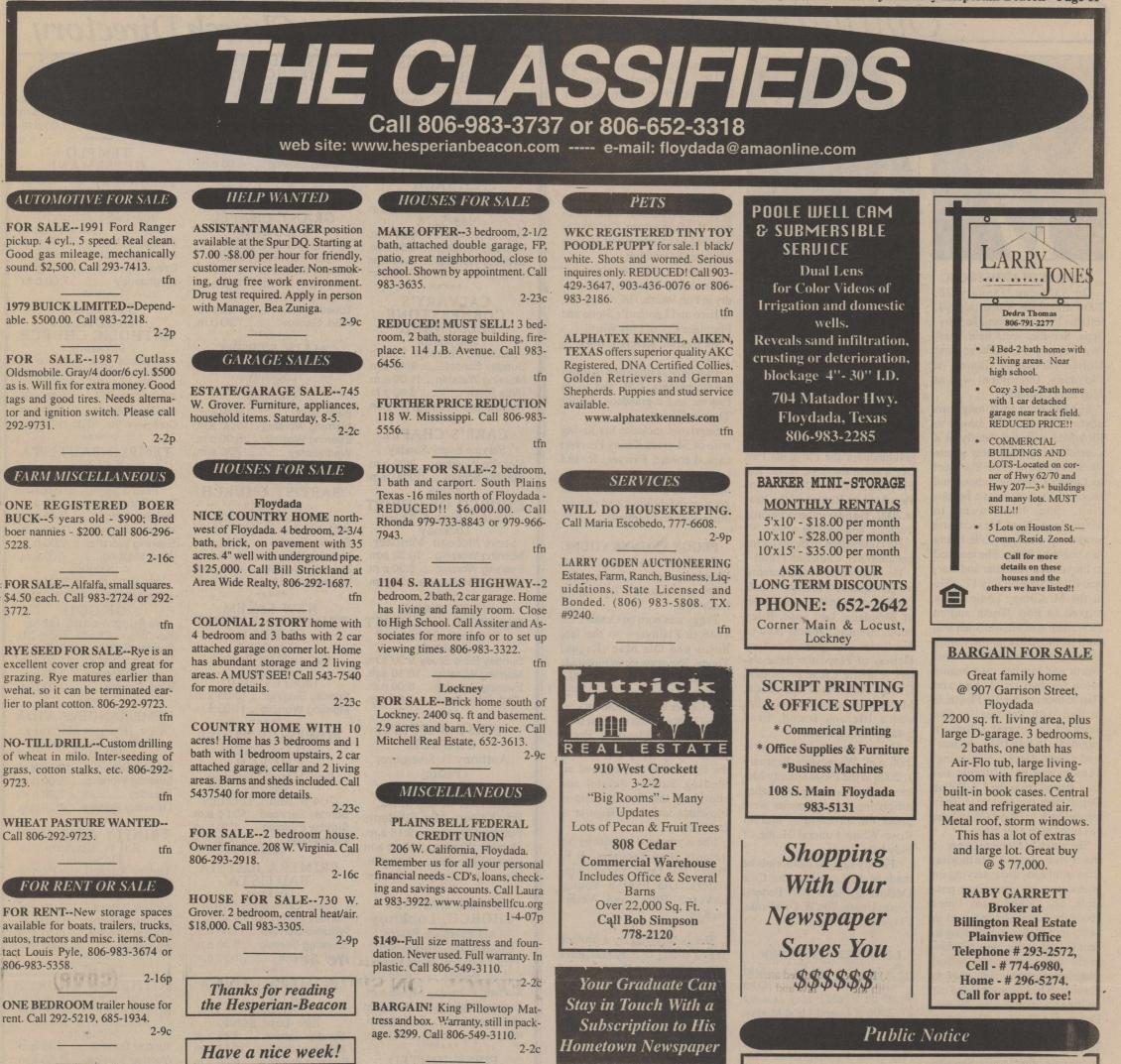
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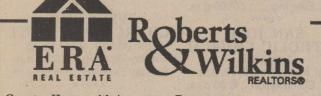
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Lockney ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept of reject any and all bids to waive all formalities.

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Public Notice

Lockney Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver with the Texas Education Agency for the start of school date for the 2006-2007 school year. The proposed date is Wednesday, August 16, 2006.

A public hearing concerning this waiver will be held on a date to be announced in a future notice.

ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Floydada will receive sealed bids for Main Lift Station sanitary Sewer System Improvements at the office of the City Secretary City Hall, 114 West Virginia Street, City of Floydada, Texas until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2006. The project includes a lift station, generator and building, concrete skimming chamber, force main and other misc. appurtancences. Refer to Bid Proposal for unit pricing.

Immediately following the closing time for recept of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Floydada, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

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Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the Office of the City Mananger, City of Floydada, Texas and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 (Phone 806-473-2200) for a price of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, of each set of documents, the entire deposit will be refunded.

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Floydada, Texas Honorable Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

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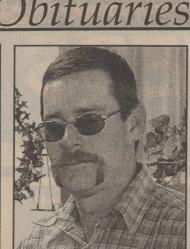


ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG

On Saturday, January 28, 2006, Elizabeth Armstrong, 94, left this life at her home in Floydada. Services were held Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at First United Methodist Church of Floydada. Internment was at Floydada Cemetery.

She had been a life long resident of Floydada she moved to Floydada with her family at a year old from Plainview where she was aborn in 1910. She went to Lubbock Beauty School and received her license as a beautician. She then went to Magdalena, New Mexico and worked in a salon, while living in a boarding house. She returned to Floydada a year later and married Clyde Snell on July 17, 1936 at the McKinney home. They moved to Fort Worth and in 1937, their son, Harold Snell was born in Floydada, at the family home. She remained in Fort Worth and ran her own beauty salon for two years. She and Harold then returned to Floydada to live with the family. She work,ed in several salons in Floydada. In July 1945, she married Glenn (Jack) Armstrong. They moved to California and Jack retired from the LA Police Department the next year. They moved back to Floydada and she has lived here ever since.

She was a life long member of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, serving on probably every committee possible. She talked many times about the honor she received in being included in the meeting to decide on the stain glass window in the new church. She helped make many of the quilts given to the church bazaar and passed the quilting tradition down to Vivian, Donna and Darolyn. Handwork was her main hobby other than serving duties at the church and taking care ofher family. She also served as an officer on the boards of Senior Citizens and Spirit of Sharing. Mrs. Armstrong was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Emma Lou Whitaker, Dovie Kendrick, Helen Solomon, Peggy McKinney; brothers John McKinney and Jack McKinney; her husbands Clyde Snell and later Jack armstrong. She is survived by her son Harold Snell of Floydada; two sisters, Virginia Snell and Margaret Burton both of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Mark Snell and his wife Darolyn, Donna Webb and her husband Tracy; and three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren all of Floydada.



COLE DUBOIS

Cole DuBois, 29, of Floydada died on January 29, 2006 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

Cole was born on May 5, 1976 in Lockney, to Craig and Gail (Poteet) DuBois. He is a lifelong resident of Floydada. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1995. He was a mechanic at Brown Implement. Cole was a volunteer for the Floydada Fire Department for three years. The Floydada Fire Department awarded him Rookie of the Year in 2002. He enjoyed cowboying, trucking, and hauling cows.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Catherine Poteet

He is survived by his parents, his grandparents, Bill and Wanda DuBois of Jewett, Curtis Poteet of Floydada; two sons, Riley Scott, Brennan DuBois both of Floydada; a daughter, Courtney DuBois of Floydada; three sisters, Christie Cruse of Flomot, Cindy DuBois of Floydada, Melinda Eubanks of Amarillo;. and a lifelong friend, Brad Swaffar of Lubbock;

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at the Floyd County Memorial Park with Wylie Chaney officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Family suggest memorials be made to the Love Fund for Cole DuBois at Plains Bell Federal Credit Union, 206 W. California, Floydada, TX 79235.

LEONARD C. FAWVER

Funeral services for Leonard Charles Fawver, 75, of Fort Worth were held Friday, January 27, 2006 at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel in Fort Worth. Burial was in Laurel Land Memorial Park under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home Fawver died Tuesday, January 24, 2006 in Fort Worth. He was born November 3, 1930 in Floydada. He was a business owner and entrepreneur. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and was a member of the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps skeet and trap team competing and representing camp Pendleton throughout California. He was past vice president of the University Kiwanis Club, past president of Qualified Dry Cleaners Association and past board member of Texas State Dry Cleaner and Laundry Association. He was a member of the

Tabernacle Masonic Lodge #1195, the Mosiah Temple Bedouins in Fort Worth, the Fort Worth Scottish Rites, the Mosiah Temple Shrine in Fort Worth, the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #835, the Texas Game Warden's association, Paschal Alumni Association, cofounder and past president of Everman High School Booster Club, member of Midwestern University Alumni Association and Mosiah Million Dollar Club.

Leonard was previously owner of University Cleaners and Laundry in Fort Worth, HiCountry Inc. in Hico and Leonard's Stone and Fireplace Co. of Fort Worth.

He married Kenny Harbert in 1951

Fawver was preceded in death by his parents, L.B. and Viola Fawver and a grandson, Taylor Thomas Fawver.

Survivors include: his loving wife of 54 years Kenny Fawver; sons, Leonard Fawver, Jr. and Larry Fawver; sister, Glenna Smith; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

PEGGY YVONNE YOUNG

Peggy Yvonne Young, 59, of Floydada died on January 25, 2006 at Assisted Living in Plainview.

Peggy was born on October 19, 1946 in Plainview to the late Rufus and Ola Mae (Ragan) Young. She grew up in Floydada and moved to Lubbock in 1992. She was a member of the LIFE-Run Center for Independent Living in Lubbock and the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Peggy

loved doing crafts and reading the Bible. She also enjoyed attending Sunday School and church at the First Baptist in Floydada and First Baptist in Lubbock.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, R.E. Young Jr., Deral Young; three sisters, Ola Evelyn Young, LaVerne Pitts, and Velma McKee.

She is survived by a brother, Travis Young of Floydada; three sisters, Ruby Brannon of Silverton, Donnie Meriwether-Bowman of South Plains; and Mary Shurbet of Floydada, a brother-in-law, Ted Pitts of Lubbock; a sister-in-law, LaFaun Young Smith of Floydada; and numerous cousins, nieces, neph ews, and friends.

Floyd County Church Directory

FIRST UNITED

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Jay Simpson, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor

983-5278 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m Wednesday 7:00 p.m

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP Floydada

Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST West College & Third,

Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CÍTY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST Ken Free- Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. *****

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor Bill Swinney, 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 ... 7:00 p.m. ****

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 pm

METHODIST **CHURCH** Lockney Rev. Neely Landrum,

Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6.00 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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.

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.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430

Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor

704 N. Main, Lockney Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney Jesse Caballero, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:30 p.m. *****

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Floydada

Rev. Lupe Rando

BAPTIST CHURCH Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m Prayer Meeting...... 7:00 p.m

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD 701 W. Missouri Rev. Ray Gonzales 983-5286 (church) 983-3047 (parsonage) Sunday School 9: 45 a m Sunday School 9: 45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. EveningService 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada Father Jose Relente Deacon Ricky Vasquez

Phone: 983-5878 Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m. ****

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney Pedro Reyes, Pastor 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.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St. Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

***** **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.

***** TRINITY ASSEMBLY 500 W. Houston

Floydada Henry Russell, Co-Pastor Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor 983-5499

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Burnell Lund, Minister





Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 27, 2006 a First Baptist Church of Floydada Reverend Rance Young offici ated. Burial was in the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Family suggest memorials be made to First Baptist Church Bereavement Fund, 401 S. Main. Floydada, TX 79235; LIFE-Run Center for Independent Living. 4902 34th ST. Ste.5, Lubbock TX 79410.

To all our friends and neighbors:

We would like to say thank you for all your deeds and kindness at the loss of our Mother. The wonderful food you prepared for us, the beautiful flowers and your comforting words were truly appreciated. We cherish each and everyone of you.

The family of Ila Hammonds **Roy Nell and Tom McCown, Joyce Clemmons** Linda and R.D. Matthews **Mickey Dot and Becky Hammonds Michael Hammonds**

The family of Lauren Powell would like to express our sincere gratitude for all of the calls, visits, cards, food, flowers, support, monetary contributions and prayers during this difficult time in our lives.

The overwhelming support and love shown by the entire community is greatly appreciated and words cannot express how much you all mean to us.

A special thank you to Les Hall and the First United Methodist Church, Wendell Horn, Sue Reeves, Penny Ogden and Meghan Graham for the beautiful service and music. Thank you to Marty Oakes and staff of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

God bless each and everyone of you.

Jerry, Kim and Kacy Powell and Families

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