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MILITARY FLAGS ARE NOW FLYING at Lockney's Veteran Memorial Park. Each branch of the Armed Forces is represented by the flags. According to organizer, and veteran, Ed Marks, the fund raiser is a "pay as you go" project. "We only do what we have money for," said Ed. "Phase 1 is now complete. It included the flag poles and flags, concrete footing for the flags, electricity and lights for the flags, sprinkler system and timers for the sprinklers, trees, and the arbor. Phase 2 will include a wheelchair ramp and a sidewalk from 2nd Street up to the flags, brick pillars and a small fence from the wheelchair ramp up to the arbor. "We will need at least 1,700 square feet of concrete," said Marks. "We are estimating a cost of \$5,000 for this part of the project." The park is also going to include a "Fallen Soldier" monument symbolized by a rifle, helmet, and pair of boots.

Staff Photo

Grant may bring fiber optic network

Reece Center offers wireless to Floydada

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada ISD met in regular session Tuesday, April 18, and heard a presentation concerning an offer for the free installation of a City-wide wireless internet access (WiFi) system.

Eric Williams, Executive Director of the Reece Technology Center at Lubbock, addressed the board and offered FISD, and the entire City of Floydada, to become their showcase community concerning internet education for all FISD students and for the general public in the area.

Williams told the board, "Reece Technology Center has acquired a \$1.7 million technology state grant, of which we put up 40 percent from our funds. We have basically installed a complete dedicated fiber optic network and it is the most powerful system that can be acquired."

"What we are trying to do is select a community that we can showcase for this grant. We selected a group of cities we thought matched our educational criteria, our job creation criteria, and who were focusing on education and excellence in academics. Floydada came out on top," said Williams.

"We want to demonstrate that this concept will work. The fact that you (FISD) have the TIF grant for 600 laptops is very good for us. You have the top ranking of all 12 cities. We are only going to do one city."

"What we are offering is a partnership with the City of Floydada (and FISD). We will fund the entire installation and wire-

less equipment, which is worth about \$184,000, covering the entire City of Floydada," Williams added.

According to Williams, this wireless coverage will allow all the students with laptops to study at home or at school anytime they desire to do so. Teachers, graduates or anyone on the system would be able to further their education through courses offered by Texas Tech, South Plains College or Wayland University. This could be used for job training by businesses or individuals via the internet.

Williams said, "We need at least 350 to 400 to sign up on this system. The individual student's cost will be \$14.99 per month for access and the general public can hookup for \$25 per month. We want to talk to the other entities also. We can deploy the system in about 60 days."

Towers outside of town can be installed to pick up those citizens or students living up to 30 miles from the City and there will be a filter protection program in the system, according to Williams.

No action was taken by the board, but they did give Williams their consent for him to do an engineer's analysis of the city for complete wireless coverage.

In other matters, the board heard a Tax Statement and a Cash Flow Report from Business Manager Sharon Rainwater. The Tax Statement showed \$2,066,063.99 collected as of March 31st, which is 94.89 per-

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Bond issue vote is May 13th

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada ISD Board met Tuesday, April 18, and voted to place the Trustee Election for the At Large position on the same ballot with the \$5.5 million Bond Election in the May 13th Election.

The FISD Trustee At Large position has two candidates, Bud Taylor and Marty Lucke, running for it, while the District 1 seat with incumbent Kerry Pratt and the District 2 seat with incumbent Bill Dean were cancelled by the board due to no opposition for those two positions.

Voting will be at the Massey Activity Center on May 13, while early voting will be conducted at the FISD Central Office, 226 W. California, from May 1 through May 9.

The FISD \$5.5 million Bond Election, with a 30 year payoff, will be the main issue for the May 13, Saturday, election.

According to a Bond Election Fact Sheet handed out by the FISD board, the \$5.5 million will be used for new construction and renovations at A.B. Duncan Elementary for the purpose of combining the A.B. Duncan campus with R.C. Andrews Elementary campus.

The consolidation of the two elementary campuses and cafeterias will save FISD approximately \$350,000 per year, according to the District's auditors. However, the District's annual bond payment will be approximately \$302,200, leaving only a savings of approximately \$48,000, according to the Fact Sheet.

The demolition of the old R.C. Andrews Elementary building is not part of this bond proposal. This can only happen when the District has saved enough money to do so, according to the Fact Sheet.

The Tax collections for the \$5.5 million bonds will begin no later than the fall of 2007, if the bond proposal passes the public vote. Construction could begin no sooner than the summer of 2007 and the projected completion would be no sooner than early 2009, according to the Fact Sheet.

The cost to the homeowner will be approximately \$0.125 increase over the current tax rate and all homeowners already receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, according to the Fact Sheet.

Fact Sheet examples of a homeowner's tax increase are shown to be (1) a home, with a \$15,000 homestead exemption, leaving a value of \$50,000, would see a yearly \$43.75 tax increase for the next 30 years; and (2) a home, with a \$15,000 homestead exemption, leaving a

value of \$100,000, would see a yearly \$106.25 tax increase for the next 30 years.

According to the Fact Sheet, a landowner would be levied at approximately \$0.125 increase over the current tax rate. Examples are (1) irrigated land, class 1, valued at \$280 per acre would see a yearly \$0.35 cents per acre tax increase, or a \$224 yearly tax increase per section for 30 years; and (2) dryland, class 1, valued at \$137 per acre would see a yearly \$0.17 cents per acre tax increase, or a \$109.60 yearly tax increase per section for 30 years; and (3) grassland, class 1, valued at \$55 per acre would see a yearly \$0.07 cents per acre tax increase, or a \$44 yearly tax increase per section for 30 years. Lower 'land classes' would mean lower yearly tax increases. (Note related chart)

Vote stays the same after Pct. #2 Recount

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioner's Precinct #2 election results of April 11, 2006 were recounted Tuesday, April 25, by the election committee. There were no changes in the number of votes cast, nor in the results of the original vote.

Floyd County Commissioner, and incumbent, Lennie Gilroy, remained the winner with 254 votes, while the challenger Lindan Morris remained with 252 votes.

Morris had challenged the results of the original vote because three election criteria, out of four, were met in order to call for a

recount. The fulfillment of only one criteria is all that is needed for a recount, according to election law.

The three criteria needed and which applied to this election were: (1) the difference between the number of votes received by the candidates is less than 10 percent; (2) the number of received votes by all candidates is less than 1000; and (3) electronic system is used in the election.

The fourth criteria, which did not apply to this election, was an election judge swears that he or she counted the paper ballots in-

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What will the bond cost a homeowner?

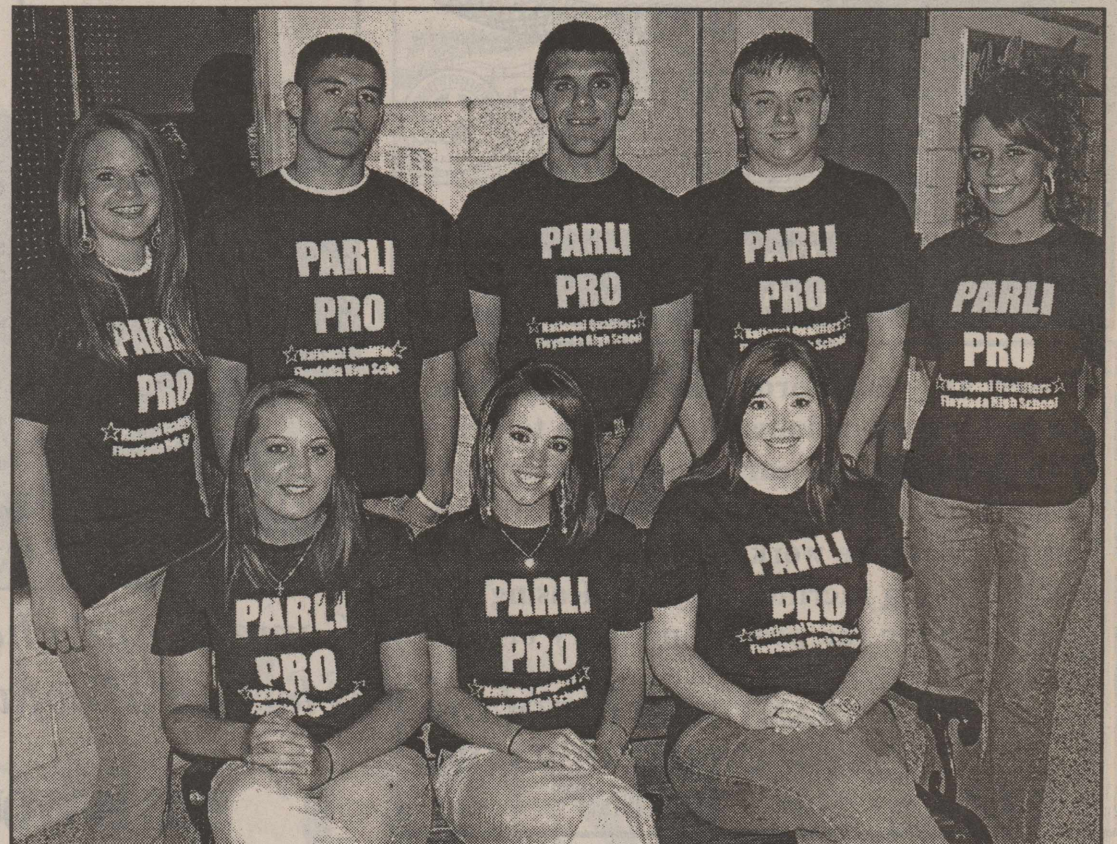
Taxes would be levied at approximately \$0.125 increase over the current tax rate. All homeowners should remember that they receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption. The following table approximates the projected tax impact.

Home Values									
\$15,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$100,000
Tax Rate Increase at \$0.125 per year									
-0-	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$31.25	\$43.75	\$56.25	\$68.75	\$81.25	\$93.75	\$106.25

What will the bond cost be to a landowner?

Taxes would be levied at approximately \$0.125 increase over the current tax rate. The following table approximates the projected tax rate impact.

Land Class	Ag Use	Values as		Assigned		By	Floyd	Co.	CAD
		Cost/acre	Cost/section	Dry land Value	Cost/acre				
1	Irrigated	\$0.35	\$224.00	\$137	\$0.17	\$109.60	\$55	\$0.07	\$44.00
2		\$0.28	\$176.00	\$110	\$0.14	\$88.00	\$45	\$0.06	\$36.00
3		\$0.16	\$144.00	\$80	\$0.10	\$64.00	\$40	\$0.05	\$32.00
4		\$0.11	\$100.00	\$67	\$0.08	\$53.60	\$35	\$0.04	\$28.00
5		\$0.09	\$68.00	\$48	\$0.06	\$38.40	\$30	\$0.04	\$24.00
6		\$0.09	\$56.00	\$25	\$0.03	\$20.00	\$20	\$0.03	\$16.00
7		\$0.07	\$44.00	\$25	\$0.03	\$20.00	\$15	\$0.02	\$12.00
8		\$0.04	\$24.00	\$15	\$0.02	\$12.00	\$5	\$0.01	\$4.00



FHS BPA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE-Eight FHS BPA (Business Professionals of America) qualified for the BPA National Leadership Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida, May 9-14. Those qualifying are (back row, l-r) Amber Smith in Basic Office Systems; Dustin Ochoa, Trey Helms, J.C. Simpson - Parliamentary Procedure Team; Britnee Brotherton, Prepared Speech; (seated, l-r) Mary Warren, Tori Terrell, Kalli Ferguson - Parliamentary Procedure Team. (not pictured, BPA sponsor, Tasha Hughes)

Staff Photo

Bond Election Frequently Asked Questions As Supplied by Floydada ISD

What is a Bond? A bond is an interest bearing debt instrument issued by a governmental entity (i.e. a school District) following voter approval and is purchased by investors when the governmental entity needs to raise funds for projects beyond its normal operating costs. The entity repays the bond on a set schedule similar to funding for a mortgage or loan.

How are bonds paid for? Bonds are paid through a particular type of property tax. There are two types of school property taxes. The first type of tax, known as the "Maintenance and Operation Tax", is the tax used for maintenance and operation of the district's facilities and paying personnel salaries. The second type of tax is used to pay off the school district debt, such as bonds. This tax is called the "Interest and Sinking Tax", or "I & S" tax. The I & S tax is assessed for a specified period of time to repay the debt.

What will the bond money be used for? Assuming the election passes and bonds are issued, the bond proceeds will be used to renovate a part of and construct a new wing at A.B. Duncan Elementary.

Why does the District need a bond? The District needs to address its aging and outdated facilities. The District began four years ago evaluating all of its facilities. After considering evaluations prepared by the Texas Association of School Administrators ("TASA") and the District's architectural firm in conjunction with the District's own studies, the Floydada Board of Trustees determined that combining AB Duncan and RC Andrews was the most cost effective solution.

The District does not have sufficient funds available to pay for this type of large building project. The bond proceeds are needed to fund this building project. By incurring bond debt, the District qualifies for additional state funding (EDA and IFA) to help finance the construction and renovation of A.B. Duncan Elementary. Without any bond debt the District is not eligible for state assistance. Passage of the bond is necessary for the District to qualify for additional state funding.

What will the school do with existing funds? The school district has reserved approximately \$2.8 million dollars for additional facility improvements and construction. Portions of these funds are earmarked for cost overruns and unforeseen cost increases of the proposed project (estimated by the architect to be approximately \$500,000), which was removed from the original construction cost estimate. These funds are reserved to make sure the project is properly completed. Another part will be used for furnishing the building and for landscaping (not included in project proposal). Part of this reserve fund will be used to purchase and equip a portable/modular science lab for Floydada Junior High School, a high priority of the District, but not part of the elementary project. Any remaining funds will be placed in an escrow account, and used to repay the bonds as early as possible.

What is EDA funding and how does it affect this bond issue? EDA, existing Debt Allotment, is state funding that the Texas legislature has allocated to assist school districts pay debt incurred for constructing and/or renovating school facilities. The amount of EDA funding depends on the economic status of the district.

What percentage of the bond package will be paid for by the State and by local tax dollars? If the district qualifies for EDA (Existing Debt Allotment) funding, the District's financial advisor estimates that the state will pay approximately 55% of the bond costs while local tax dollars will pay for 45% of the bond cost. The District does not qualify for EDA funds unless it incurs debt, and cannot apply for these funds until the bonds are approved with an election by a majority of the voters of the District, issued and sold.

How much would Floydada ISD save if it consolidated into a single elementary campus and a single secondary campus? The District's auditors gave a qualified opinion that the District would reduce its operating costs by approximately \$350,000.

If passed, how much will the District's annual bond payments be? The district's total annual bond payment would be approximately \$302,200.00. If the District receives EDA and IFA funding, the local share would be \$132,000.00 and the state's share would be \$170,000.00, approximately.

Will the District have any savings between the bond payment and the projected reduction in operating costs from consolidating into a single elementary campus? The difference between the reduction in operating costs projected by the auditor's qualified opinion and the total annual bond payment would be a savings for the District of approximately \$48,000.

What is a call feature on a bond issue? A call feature with bonds give the issuer a chance to repay the bonds annually at a specified date (usually after one (1) year). If EDA funding from the state is not awarded to the District, the District could "Call" all or some of the bonds, and only be required to pay the cost for issuing the bonds and any interest accrued up to that date.

What happens with the old building? At some point in time, R.C. Andrews Elementary will need to be torn down. The cost to demolish R.C. Andrews is not part of the proposed project. This can only happen when the District has saved enough money to do so.

Why consolidate facilities? The TASA facility study and the Master Facility Plan both project that it will cost less to consolidate facilities with some additional new construction, rather than totally renovate all the existing buildings. A savings in operating costs will be realized by reducing the number of cafeterias, utility costs, personnel costs, maintenance costs and other various expenses of operating the schools.

When do I have to start paying taxes if the bond issue passes the public vote? Tax collections will begin no later than the fall of 2007 if the bond proposal passes. Tax collections will not begin until after the District issues and sells the bonds.

How will the bond proposal address the school districts declining enrollment? By consolidating the elementary campuses and reducing cafeteria services, utility costs, personnel costs, and other various expenses, the District will decrease its current operating costs to offset any decrease in funding from declining enrollment.

When would construction begin and finish? Construction could begin no sooner than the summer of 2007. Construction is projected to be completed no sooner than early 2009.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I correspond regularly with Vera Jo and tell her how much I appreciate her "letter from home" each week. However I realized that I need also to tell you that our family appreciates your entire paper and you may be sure it is thoroughly read in Denton each week when it arrives in the mail.

I think that the citizens through the years awards are particularly fitting in this presentation. I suspect that Mr. Copeland has set a record for service to the city. He was on the council or mayor when I was in school and that has been a lo-o-o-nig time ago.

Mr. Claude Brown has also long given of his time, talent and money to the city of Lockney and it's residents. As a high schooler I was privileged to work at Brown's Cleaners for Claude and Wilma. They have always been a friend and a support to my family and I would like to publicly thank them for always being there for us.

Now if they will just make Vera Jo Citizen of the year and Pioneer Woman of the year my honor roll would look pretty well filled.

Thanks for continuing the tradition in the paper that my Uncle Harry Adams and Barbara's dad, Edgar Hays were the editors of for so many years.

Our Best wishes to you and your staff.

Barbara and Fred Merrell

Courtroom Activities

In District Court, April 24th, Renan Mata, 23, of Lubbock, pled guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance of More Than 4 grams of Cocaine, but Less Than 200 grams.

Mata pled to Judge Hollums and was sentenced, by Hollums, to 10 years probated for 10 years.

In County Court, April 18, Oscar Sanchez was charged with Theft Equal to or More Than \$50 But Less Than \$500. There was no disposition on this case.

April 19, Lasaro Gonzales, pled guilty to Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. He was sentenced to 67 days in jail and court costs.

April 25, Jonathan Mark Martinez, 21, of Floydada, was charged with DWI-2nd. There was no disposition on this case.

CHD approves raises for EMS personnel

By Darwin Robinson

The Caprock Hospital District Board met Tuesday, April 18, and approved salary increases for the EMS employees, according to Board Member Tom Farris.

"The EMS update showed 68 runs were made in March," said Farris.

The board approved a resolution to support renewable energy zones in the region through wind regeneration.

A property bid by John Suniga was accepted by the board. The bid was \$500 for City Lots 11 7 12, Original Town, at 416 W. Lee.

A PNS Cogdell Clinic update showed the clinic making a profit of \$24,576.95 in March. "This makes the clinic, for the first quarter of 2006, showing a profit of \$44,691.74," said Farris.

Vote is same after recount

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Following the recount at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon, Lindan Morris told the Hesperian-Beacon, "I feel very good about this and very encouraged. I was only beat by two votes. I am just waiting on time to pass. It was a \$50 deposit and I would have got my money back, if I had been successful. I could have requested a computer print-out of each ballot in the machine and hand counted each of those, but I did not see any future in doing that."

"I really did want to make sure that the machines came back with

the same numbers as on election day. Even if there had been one vote difference against me, it would have shown there was a problem with the machines," concluded Morris.

Republican Party Chairman Kerry Pratt stated, "The sealed (electronic) cards that come out of those machines on election day are unsealed that night and they are placed into a cartridge and it reads them (electronically). Today we put them (the same electronic cards) back into the

cartridge and it reread them again."

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Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

Courtesy of Tom Musser

Vintage Petroleum, Inc. to Bankers Petroleum (US), Inc.: On April 24, 2006, Bankers Petroleum Ltd. of Calgary, Canada announced that Bankers Petroleum (US), Inc. has entered into an agreement to purchase Vintage Petroleum, Inc. assets in four unconventional shale gas prospects, including the Palo Duro Basin. This purchase will increase Bankers Petroleum (US), Inc.'s acreage in the Palo Duro Basin by approximately 118,000 acres to a total of 375,000 net acres. The wellbores currently operated by Vintage Petroleum, Inc. in the Palo Duro Basin include: the M.J. Hamilton Lease Well #1 and the R.I. Montgomery Lease Well #1 of Briscoe County; the Ollie Birnie Lease Well #2, the D.M. Cogdell, Jr. Estate Lease Well #10-01, the Echols "2" Lease Well #1 and the M. Burlison Ranch "60" Lease Well #31 of Motley County. The other unconventional shale gas prospects included in this purchase agreement from Vintage Petroleum, Inc. to Bankers Petroleum (US), Inc. are the Arkoma and Ardmore Basins of Oklahoma, the Black Warrior Basin of Mississippi and Alabama, and the Appalachian Basin of New York.

Briscoe County: Turner Transportation of Canadian, Hemphill County has applied for a drilling permit for a commercial salt waste disposal well to be located 683 feet from the North Line and 1940 feet from the west

line of section 69, abstract-89, block B-1, Beaty, Seale and Forwood Survey, 2 1/2 miles east of Silverton. This well will be named the Turner 50/50 SWD Lease Well #1. The proposed disposal zone is 2750 to 3890 feet depth. The Turner 50/50 SWD Lease Well #1 will be located 1,235 feet northwest of the plugged and abandoned location of the 1977 Exploration Unlimited, Walter Graham Lease Well #1 which was drilled to 8,800 feet depth. Turner Transportation (a permitted oil and gas waste hauler) currently operates thirteen commercial salt water disposal wells in Hansford, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Wheeler Counties.

Floyd County: From Bankers Petroleum Ltd. news release of April 24, 2006 the Jones Lease Well #1 is currently drilling at a depth of 8,700 feet.

Floyd County: From Bankers Petroleum Ltd. news release of April 24, 2006 the Misener Lease Well #1 is expected to be stimulated and tested in May 2006.

Floyd/Hale/Swisher counties: It has been reported that PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. has staked four well locations in the Palo Duro Basin. Two in Floyd County, one in Hale County and one in Swisher County.

As of Monday of this week, PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. has not yet applied for drilling permits for these staked locations.

LISD accepts Rodgers and Voss' resignations

Lockney ISD Trustees accepted the resignation of Coach Brannon Rodgers, and Lee Voss, in their regular board meeting April 20.

Rodgers, the Defensive Coordinator Coach and a Math Teacher, resigned to take the position of Athletic Director in Crosbyton.

Voss is an English teacher at the High School and resigned to go into a private business.

The trustees also approved the hiring of Sheena Moore to help with the girls Athletic program.

A UIL report was given to the trustees by D'Lyn Morris, Lisa Mosely, Pam Fulton, Lee Woolever, and Lee Voss.

The faculty praised the students involved in the UIL program and displayed enough trophies to fill the board's meeting table.

The trustees approved the

District's "Wellness Policy", and certified Superintendent Phil Cotham as the representative for Lockney ISD to Region 17 ESC.

The board approved a bid for leasing 3 copy machines from Script Printing, and approved the sale of a lot in the N.E. part of town.

Cotham gave the trustees a legislative update on the proposed House Bills concerning the funding of public schools.

"The proposed House Bills show a reduction in school's property tax rate," said Cotham. "Most likely more state funding will be coming in. Business tax is being discussed, but the businesses have to have 30 employees, be full profit, and have gross sales of \$300,000 or more."

The financial report showed \$460,158.43 in the bank, with \$3,563,030.20 in CD's, for a total of \$4,023,188.63.

FISD reviews finances

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cent collected.

The Cash Flow Statement showed a Current Cash Balance of \$5,878,618.63, a Fund Balance of \$5,261,636.63 and an Average Monthly Expense of \$595,000.

The board approved a 50 page Emergency Operation Plan for all FISD campuses. The emergency plan "provides general guidance for emergency management activities...and methods of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery" for any di-

saster or emergency at any FISD campus.

The board accepted the resignations of Gale King, FJHS cafeteria; Oneda Bennett, A.B. Duncan Elementary; Paige Johnson, A.B. Duncan Elementary, Kindergarten; Sue Reeves, Dyslexia and Coby Emery, FHS coach/history.

The board approved the employment of Daniel Johnston, FHS coach/history; James Day, English/coach and Robin Sanders, A.B. Duncan Elementary, Kindergarten.

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DEA WATSON AND CHRIS HIGGINS

Watson and Higgins

Greg and Billie Campbell of Floydada and Danny Watson of Bowie are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dea Watson, to Chris Higgins, son of Randy and Cindy Higgins of Hutto.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School, and earned her Bachelor degree in Education from Texas Tech University, Lubbock. She is currently employed by OL Slaton Junior High in Lubbock as a teacher.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Flower Mound High School. He earned his Bachelor degree from Angelo State University, San Angelo and his PhD from Texas Tech University, Lubbock. He is presently employed by Tarleton State University, Stephenville, as a Biology professor.

The couple plan a July 14, 2006 wedding at the Watson Building in Lubbock.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Dar Lee Foster and son Will and nephew J.W. McPherson spent the weekend in Waco visiting with Addie Foster who is a student at Baylor.

Mary Louise McCarter, Mary Evelyn Quattlebaum, Joy Assiter, Joyce Wilson, Martha Jennings and Jerry Johnston, all of Lockney's class of 49, invited Betty Veal, and Vera Jo Bybee class of 48 to a luncheon at the Eclectic Tea Room in Plainview recently.

Stopped by the quilters today and Johnnie Mac Quisenberry told me that she and Gleyenn Earle Cummings have the cutest great grandson. His name is Sawyer Andrew Francis. His parents are Kylan and Matt Francis.

Johnnie just had to tell me about Sawyer cause I have a great grandson too who lives in Dumas and I think he is the cutest one ever. Ha!!! Oh me, us crazy great grannies.

Saul and Geneva Barclay didn't expect any Easter company because Saul hasn't been feeling too good, but lo and behold they had 21 guest drop in; children grand and great-grand children. Saul is beginning to feel better.

Charles and Missy Minick had a hamburger cook out with Bobby and Glenda Pinner, Gene Newton, and daughter Tori and husband Joel attending.

Tori and Joel are expecting a new baby so Granny Gene is quilting like mad to get things ready by the time it gets here.

Recent guests of Ginna Sue and Billy Joe Turner were their daughter Stephanie and husband Tim Parker of Canyon. Also Stephanie and Tim's children Evan of Lubbock, a student at Texas Tech, and Callie a graduate of Tech who is now working

in Amarillo.

Charles and Molly Huffman and their daughters and their families all went to Tyler and saw the beautiful rose gardens in full bloom. Then they went to the Texas State Park and rode the railroad on a round trip from Rusk to Palestine and back.

Zach Zachary is recuperating from surgery he had at the Lubbock Covenant Hospital. Harlan Crume is in the Plainview Covenant Hospital. Please let us keep these two men in our prayers.

The Center wants to thank everyone who remembers the Center with memorials to their friends and loved ones.

ROBERT McDONALD: Tony and Galen Akin.

GENE BELT: N. H. Gammage, Charles and Molly Huffman, Walter Reves, C.F. and Wanda Barber, Jody Baccus, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

DOROTHY MERRELL: Margaret Schacht, Dorothy Mayton, Claude and Wilma Brown, John C. Neely, Betty R. Wood, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

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CHARLES TRIMLAN: Fred and Barbara Merrell and Carolyn Jones.

Menu for May 1-5

Monday: Baked Chicken/ pineapple
Tuesday: Turkey/Dressing
Wednesday: Soft Tacos
Thursday: Liver/Onions
Friday: Chicken Fried Steak

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FLOYD COUNTY LIFESTYLES



SHEPHERD'S MEADOW ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE was held Sunday afternoon, April 23, 2006, with a large crowd of friends and neighbors coming out to tour the beautiful spacious facilities on the Ralls Highway. For more information concerning this modern facility with its "exceptional living and extraordinary care" call Administrators Melvin or Janet Lloyd at 983-8177.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. If you are 60 years or older, come join us. It's a great place to visit friends and eat a hot lunch. Please call the Center 983-2032 by 10:00 a.m. if you plan on eating. We are located at 301 East Georgia.

We are trying to get games started in the afternoons. There's a group playing bridge and some are playing dominoes this afternoon (Monday). Call the Center to let us know you want to play games and join in the fun and fellowship.

Our Director, Joann Smith, Board Members Jimmy Marquis, Sue Daniels, Phillip Smitherman and Margarette Word attended a board member training class all

day Thursday, April 20 in Lubbock.

Sunday, April 23 was "Open House" for Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living Community. Lots of people attended. It is going to be a great asset to our community. It has large rooms and I know those who will live there will really enjoy it. Melvin and Janet Lloyd have worked very hard to make it what it is now.

Ann Carr had back surgery Monday, April 17 in Lubbock. She is still in the hospital as of today (Monday) but should be home very soon.

Al Galloway was in the hospital for a short time recently. He is at home now.

Francis Weathersbee fell in her front yard and broke her right arm. She has been coming to the Center to eat lunch so she is get-

ting better.

Our sympathy to the family of Rena Baxter.

Our sympathy to the family of Margaret Killian.

Our sympathy to family of Bettye Chowning.

Our sympathy to Maria Brown on the loss of her mother, Juanita Cleaver.

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

In memory of **Juanita Cleaver** - employees at Brown Implement of Floydada, Brown, McMurtry of Silverton, Margarette Word.

In memory of **Dorothy Carthel** - James and Sue Lovell.

In memory of **Gerald Hall** - James and Sue Lovell.

Thought for the week - One thing I know, the only ones

among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.

-Albert Schweitzer

Menu

May 1 - May 5

Monday-Meatloaf, corn, green beans, wheat roll, dry Jello salad

Tuesday-Roasted chicken, scallop potatoes, tossed salad/French, wheat roll, chocolate cake

Wednesday-Taco salad, pinto beans, tossed salad/1000 Island, cornbread, fruit salad

Thursday-Chicken and dumplings, green peas, cauliflower/cheese sauce, wheat roll, gingerbread

Friday-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, carrots and zucchini, tossed salad/French, cornbread, pineapple cobbler, cake

Safety Training Concert this Friday

The Texas Migrant Council is proud to announce they will be sponsoring a "Safety Training Concert" at the Unity Center in Muncy, 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 28 with Conrad Gonzales and "The Lifesavers."

Mr. Gonzales, from San Antonio, is the founder of S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness for Every Family) Familia. He has a safety CD that he uses to promote: fire safety, the importance of buck-

ling up and manners.

Gonzales' mission is to write songs that will ultimately save the lives of children and their families.

Gonzales states, "Fire fighters

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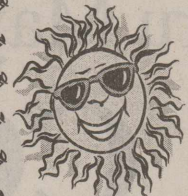
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Sports

Lockney 7th & 8th Grade District Results

Lockney 8th Grade Dist. results

The Lockney Junior High 8th Grade girls track team competed in the 2006 District 6-2A Track Meet and placed second with 143 points.

Individual and team results are as follows:

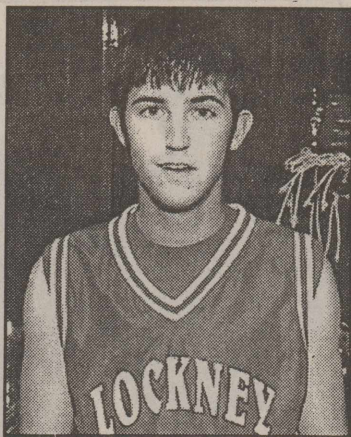
- 100 Meter Dash** - Mercedes Aday, 1st place, 13.88; Tessa Saul, 2nd place, 14.07
- 400 Meter Dash** - Lezlie Jackson, 1st place, 1:06.00
- 100 Meter Hurdles** - Malory Johnson, 2nd place, 18.57
- 4x100 Meter Relay** - 1st place, 54.44, "A" Team, Lezlie Jackson, Malory Johnson, Tessa Saul, Mercedes Aday
- 4x200 Meter Relay** - 5th place, 2:08.00, "A" Team, Bethany Wilson, Alisha Damron, Jill Bramlet, Valerie Gonzales
- 4x400 Meter Relay** - 1st place, 4:35.73, "A" Team, Lezlie Jackson, Malory Johnson, Tessa Saul, Mercedes Aday
- High Jump** - Mercedes Aday, 4th place, 4-04.00; Malory Johnson, 5th place, 4-00.00
- Pole Vault** - Lezlie Jackson, 1st place, 8-00.00
- Long Jump** - Tessa Saul, 6th place, 12-02.00
- Triple Jump** - Lezlie Jackson, 1st place, 30-07.75; Malory Johnson, 3rd place, 28-10.75
- Shot Put** - Daniela Moya, 1st place, 33-06.25; Daniella Morales, 3rd place, 31-07.00
- Discus Throw** - Daniela Moya, 2nd place, 76-01; Tessa Saul, 3rd place, 74-06.25.

Lockney 7th Grade Dist. results

The Lockney Junior High 7th Grade girls track team competed in the 2006 District 6-2A Track Meet and placed fifth with 67 points.

Individual and team results are as follows:

- 100 Meter Dash** - Shanequa Wilson, 1st place, 13.69
- 400 Meter Dash** - Devin Caballero, 1st place, 1:08.63
- 300 Meter Hurdles** - Valerie Cuellar, 5th place, 1:01.33
- 4x100 Meter Relay** - 2nd place, 57.48, "A" Team, Devin Caballero, Shanequa Wilson, Valerie Cuellar, Isabel Solis
- 4x200 Meter Relay** - 4th place, 2:07.40, "A" Team, Catey Davis, Devin Caballero, Valerie Cuellar, Isabel Solis
- 4x400 Meter Relay** - 5th place, 5:04.12, "A" Team, Krista Mangum, Isabel Solis, Shanequa Wilson, Kacey Armstrong
- High Jump** - Valerie Cuellar, 3rd place, 4-02.00
- Pole Vault** - Devin Caballero, 5th place, 16-00.00; Catey Davis, 6th place, 5-06.00
- Triple Jump** - Shanequa Wilson, 2nd place, 27-09.00
- Shot Put** - Abby Garza, 7th place, 25-05.25.



DAHLEN MCCARTER

McCarter selected to play in All-Star Game

Outstanding senior basketball players from all over the area were selected to play in the Annual Golden Spread High School All-Star Games.

Dahlen McCarter of Lockney High School was selected to play in this game, which was played on April 13-15, 2006 in the First United Center at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Many of these players go on to become outstanding college players. Some are able to obtain college basketball scholarships due to their participation and good performances in these games.

The purposes in conducting these games are to recognize the players for their outstanding high school careers, to provide an opportunity to showcase talents before college coaches, to provide basketball scholarship funds to college and universities that give scholarships and to promote basketball in the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico.

McCarter is the son of Barney Bill and Donna McCarter of Lockney. He is the grandson of Bill and Mary Louise McCarter, of Lockney, and Jimmy and Mary Kay Cummings of Hale Center.



SMILE TODAY!

Lockney Longhorns win District Championship Sixth year in a row

By Coach Heard

The Lockney Baseball team clinched their 6th straight district title with their win over Olton and a little help from the district. Tulia lost to Friona, which put their record at 4-4 with the rest of the district. Everyone else in the district has at least 4 losses, so that put the Longhorns in the driver's seat of the district. We welcome the district championship with open arms, but we also know that we have two ballgames to complete.

These next two games will have a playoff atmosphere, because both teams we play are fighting for a playoff spot. Their backs are against the wall and they have to win to stay alive. Being able to play in these circumstances are huge because it is the closest thing to stimulating the playoffs. The opportunity to play at this level is second to none. It will be a great test for us.

Dimmitt came to town last Friday with every intention to win and they did just that. Wes Davis pitched 7 good innings just

allowing 2 earned runs and went 2 for 4 at the plate. Jonathan Coleman also had a multi-hit game going 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's. We just were not able to keep them down. We missed some key opportunities to keep the pressure on, but it just didn't work out and they were able to win the game 6-4. We have been in this situation before with the 9-1 loss to Tulia. We responded really well winning 7 straight district games. There is no doubt that we will rise to the occasion again. We travel to Friona April the 25th at 5:00 to wrap up the district.

Since we have clinched 1st we will have a bye. We will then play the Holliday/Sanford Fritch winner in the Area round. Game times and site will be determined at a later date.

In the Lockney vs. Dimmitt game, April 14, Lockney had 4 runs, 9 hits, and 3 errors.

Dimmitt had 6 runs, 5 hits, and 3 errors.

Lockney ended with 9 on base, and Dimmitt had 5 on base.

Wes Davis pitched 7 innings

with 5 hits, 6 runs, 2 earned runs, 2 walks, and 9 strike outs.

At bat, Davis was 2 for 4 with 1 run. He also stole a base.

Short stop Dahlen McCarter was 1 for 4 at bat with 1 run.

Tyler Kidd, first baseman, was 1 for 4 at bat with 1 run.

Catcher Ky Reagan was 0 for 3 at bat with 1 run.

J.Coleman, Third baseman, was 2 for 3 at bat with 3 RBI's, and he stole one base.

Left fielder Kyler Ellison was 0 for 2 at bat.

Pitch hitters A.J. Jimenez and Gonzalez were both 0 for 1 at bat.

Right fielder Adrian Luna was 1 for 4 at bat, and he stole a base.

Second baseman Angel Cruz was 0 for 2 at bat.

Second baseman A. Peralez was 1 for 1 at bat.

Center Field Jon Sherman was 1 for 2 at bat, and he stole one base.

Score by Innings

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Dimmitt	0	1	2	0	0	3	6	5	5	
Lockney	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	9	3	



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Lockney Elementary raises money for Relay for Life

Lockney Elementary children were given the opportunity to raise money for the annual Relay for Life, with \$1.00 donations.

The class that raised the most money would be treated to a "free

day" in the Gym during their P.E. class.

The students raised a total of \$596, and 1st grade raised the most of \$139.

The fund raising lasted one week.

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

May 1 - May 5 Monday

Breakfast-French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Popcorn chicken or burrito, corn, baby carrots, applesauce, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken fried steak or ham, potatoes/gravy, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Biscuit and ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Spaghetti or grilled cheese, salad, fruit, bread stick, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Baked chicken or PBJ sandwich, potatoes, peas and carrots, fruited gelatin, wheat roll, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Cheeseburger or BBQ on bun, baked fries, lettuce and tomato, orange halves, milk



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 4-24-06, (back row, l-r) Ryan Diaz, Stevie Karlin, Ashly Alvarado, Justin Roberts, Katee Garcia, (third row, l-r) Julian Jimenez, Jake Moore, Hunter Thompson, Eli Guerra, Enrique Rodriguez, (second row, l-r) Avery Poole, Gabby Soliz, Brittany DeLeon, Yareli Martinez, Tavien Walwrath, Austin Salazar, (front, l-r) Jay Vasquez and Isaiah Vasquez. Staff Photo

THANK YOU

A simple thank you is not nearly an adequate response to the overwhelming support shown me in the runoff election on April 11th. I feel very honored to have had as many people turn out to vote for me as you did. Your words of encouragement and support kept building all threw the last week and even throughout the last day in such a way it was truly amazing. I am writing this note prior to having a recount on April 25th not knowing if there will be enough time to have the results in the paper. In order to ask for a recount an election must meet one of four criteria to be considered. This election qualified under three of the four. All the expense of the recount must be paid for by me unless the count changes at which time the Republican Party will have to pay. It will be a small price to pay to insure the count is correct. I feel so blessed to be a part of this community and so encouraged by the actions of those who supported me that I feel very energized and optimistic about my future here.

Thank you so much,
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FHS GIRLS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS IN GOLF-(back row, l-r) Randa Shurbet, Britnee Brotherton, Mary Warren; (front row, l-r) Brooke Sansom, Jeffri Vaughn. Courtesy Photo

Whirlwinds win against Tulia and Lockney

By Sherese Covington
WHIRLWINDS - 13
TULIA - 2

With a 7-12 and 3-5 district record and a 2-game losing streak, the Whirlwinds showed up at Watson Field ready to play. Inspired by junior, Taylor Beedy's solo homerun at the bottom of the 1st inning, the Winds were on fire.

Playing their best game this season, the green machine picked up the steam and never let up. The Whirlwind bats were scorching, scoring a whopping 10 runs in the second inning alone.

The Whirlwinds crushed the Hornets 13-2 in only 5 innings. This was a great opportunity for a quality win, leaving the Winds an outside chance of making the 6-2A playoffs.

Scoring runs for the Whirlwinds were Daniel Saldana, Ryan Monreal, Rudy Luna and Jenaro Segura with one apiece. Scoring 2 runs each were Taylor Beedy, Brandon Monreal and Aarrhon Flores.

Sophomore Eladio Saldana scored 3 runs for the green team. RBI's earned for the Whirlwinds came from Ryan Monreal with one. Earning two RBI's were Taylor Beedy, Daniel Saldana, Eladio Saldana and Jenaro Segura. And senior Lionel Garza led all hitters with 4 RBI's.

The winning pitcher was Brandon Monreal. He faced 21 batters, allowed 2 runs off of only 3 hits. He compiled 3 strikeouts and had an outstanding ERA of 1.40 for the game.

SCORE BY INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	Final Score
Tulia	0	0	0	2	0	2
Floydada	1	10	0	2	X	13

By Sherese Covington
WHIRLWINDS - 5
LOCKNEY - 9

The Floydada Whirlwind baseball team faced off against the Lockney Longhorns Tuesday, April 11 at Watson Field. The Whirlwinds were slow to get started but had an awesome rally in the bottom of the 7th inning that came close to overtaking the Horns, but fell a few runs short.

A great crowd showed up to support the Winds and to also meet the new Whirlwind Head Football Coach, Rusty Pursor.

Scoring runs for the Winds were Taylor Beedy, Daniel Saldana, Ryan Monreal, Rudy Luna and Eladio Saldana. RBI's earned for the Whirlwinds were the Monreal brothers with one apiece.

Senior Lionel Garza got the call at the mound for the Whirlwinds. He retired 3 batters. He allowed 7 runs off of 9 hits. Titus Miller came in after 3.5 innings to relieve Garza. Miller allowed 2 runs off of 7 hits and faced 20 batters. The final score was Floydada 5, Lockney 9.

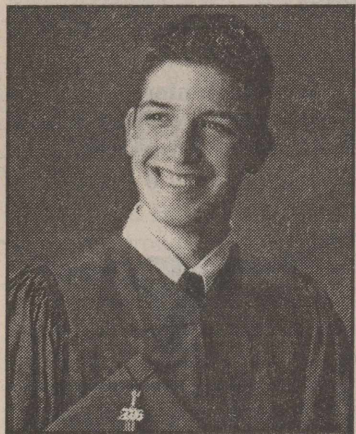
SCORE BY INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Floydada	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Lockney	1	0	3	3	1	0	1

DRUGS ARE BAD!
NO DRUGS ARE GOOD!



FHS BOYS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS IN GOLF-(l-r) Taylor Hilburn, Tate Jones, Tucker Ross, Brock Smith, Abran Enriquez. Photo by Jim Covington



MATTHEW MILLER

Miller to graduate from SPCHEA

The South Plains Christian Home Educators Association (SPCHEA) will be holding their graduation ceremony Friday, May 5, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 6110 Chicago Avenue, in Lubbock. Mathew Miller is one of 26 students who will be graduating this year. He is the son of Hugh and Karen Miller of Floydada.

He completed Kindergarten and First Grade during his first year of formal education. He began his career in 4-H at the age of 8, and has participated in method demonstrations, food show, horse judging, and rifle and he is a member of the state bound 4-H club, and vice-president of county council. He played viola in the SPCHEA orchestra and trumpet in the SPCHEA band. His subjects this year include Calculus, English, Spanish, Economics and Music Appreciation.

The seniors have enjoyed many activities together this year, including bowling, skating, movies, paintballing and an upcoming prom/lock in at the Hillcrest Country Club.

Each senior picks a "life verse" to use at the graduation ceremony. Miller chose Psalms 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

He plans to continue farming and will be enrolled in college next year. He is considering obtaining a degree in engineering from Texas Tech University.

KFLP to cover Region I-2A and State Track Meets

KFLP, Floydada (900-AM) will be providing live coverage of the Region I-2A running finals this Saturday, April 30th from Elmer Gray Stadium on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

The broadcast will be begin at 2:00pm with a recap of Friday's running prelims and field events. The finals will start at 2:30 with the 400 meter relays and will continue until 5:00pm with the 1600 relays.

Nick Long and Tyler Helms will be providing the description of the races and field event highlights from Abilene.

KFLP will also be covering the Texas U-I-L Track and Field Championships from Mike Meyers Stadium in Austin on May 12th and 13th of classes 1A thru 4A.

The broadcast crew will increase to a larger staff including Scott Sherwood of Panhandle, Mike Lee of Goldthwaite (former Amarillo Globe New sports-writer), and Jim Gibson of Austin. Tony St James and Steven Orr will provide technical support from the studios in Floydada. KFLP has been the only radio station in Texas covering the State Track Meet since 2000. It has become a popular tradition while farmers are busy planting cotton.

All KFLP sports and "All Ag All Day" programming can be heard worldwide at (www.kflp.net).

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2006-2007 Pre-Registration for Duncan Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-registration for Pre-Kindergarten will be Thursday, May 4, 2006 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Also if you haven't pre-registered for Kindergarten, please come by Connie's office during this time to register. **Bring:** * Original Birth Certificate (must be 5 by September 1, 2006), * Updated shot record * Social Security card.

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By Shawn Wade

Higher premiums and lower discounts dominate the 2006 crop Upland Cotton Loan Premium and Discount tables issued by the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency on April 17. Continuing a recent trend, the new tables reflect the market's preference for higher quality cotton fiber and are a tangible reminder of the benefits growers can accrue by focusing on the production of high quality cotton.

Lower discounts and higher premiums for just about every Color, Staple and Leaf combination are the foundation for the improvements in the 2006 chart. The changes, although not as large as seen in the 2005 loan chart, will still reflect positively on producer prices in 2006. Growers should see slightly higher loan values in 2006 over 2005 values for the same fiber qualities.

The new premium and discount tables will also continue to encourage growers to consider quality as well as quantity when making 2006 variety selections.

Producers are encouraged to take extra care when making cotton variety selections in 2006. Already a daunting task with the addition of several dozen new varieties to the market, what used to be a simple matter of matching the best yielding variety to a particular growing location is now a complex balance between yield potential, fiber quality potential, and technology packages.

Reviewing results from various 2005 High Plains variety trials and the large-scale systems tests is a good starting point for producers to consider. Final 2005 reports for all of the trials conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station personnel on the High Plains can be found online at the Lubbock TAMU Research and Extension Center website (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/>).

The studies show that, even though it means producers will

have to evaluate more varieties in 2006, they have lots of good options since the newest selections were near the top of most tests in terms of overall yield and also held their own quality-wise compared with the area's popular benchmark varieties.

A healthy selection of varieties with good fiber and yield potential combined with the improvements in the loan chart means growers will have two of the three ingredients necessary to make 2006 another year to remember. Hopefully, the third piece of the puzzle, moisture, will also get added to the mix as the area moves closer to planting season.

Taking a closer look at the improvements in the 2006 loan chart shows the changes range from just a few points to as much as 80 points, or 0.8 cents per pound, on the higher end of the scale. Regardless of the amount, higher loan values are always well received by growers.

The 2006 increases were measured by comparing what the same Color/Staple/Leaf combinations were valued at using the 2005 Upland Cotton Loan Premium and Discount tables.

According to FSA, the 2006 tables were prepared with the same procedures used to determine the 2005 loan schedule, including the narrower 100 point minimum spread between staple 32 and 33 cotton which was instituted in 2005 to better reflect prevailing market prices.

Changes to the premium and discount tables for other High Volume Instrument (HVI) measured cotton quality components in 2006 were also minor.

In the 2006 Micronaire table producers will see cotton with Staple lengths of 32 and shorter receive slightly higher discounts for low mike readings from 2.7-3.4, a slight decrease in the Mike discount for readings above 5.0 and a lower premium for Mike readings from 3.7-4.2.

Further review of the Micronaire table shows that

Staple length 33 or greater cotton, which constituted the majority of High Plains production in 2005, will see a 5-10 point increase in discounts for Mike readings from 2.5-2.9. Aside from a five point decrease in the premium for Mike readings between 3.7 and 4.2, Staple 33 and longer cotton will see no change at all in the table for Mike readings between 3.0 and 4.9.

Level One discounts for Bark in the Texas, New Mexico and Kansas production regions will increase by 20 points in 2006 going from 200 to 220 points.

Strength discounts will increase in 2006 for readings below 25.4 g/tex. Strength readings from 25.5 g/tex through 29.4 will again receive no premiums or discounts in the loan chart. Strength readings above 29.5 g/tex will see the same premiums, ranging from 25-50 points, established in 2005.

The Commodity Credit Corporation Premium and Discount tables provide the applicable premium and discount figures used to determine marketing loan values for cotton produced in the United States and supplied as collateral to the CCC.

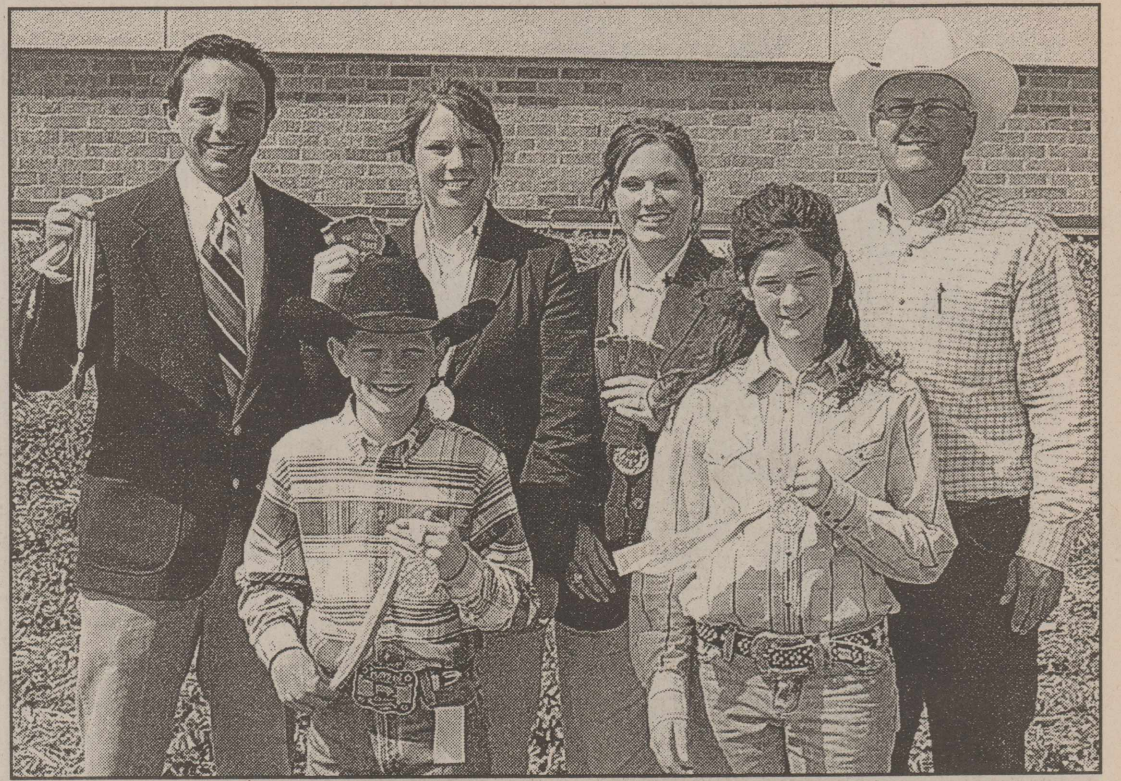
Base loan rates for specific Texas warehouse locations, also established by the CCC, remain unchanged in 2006 making the third year that no changes have been made in the location differentials. For cotton warehoused at Lubbock, the 2006 loan value will be calculated from a 51.6 cent per pound base, 40 points lower than the 52 cent per pound national base loan rate for cotton.

Producers wanting to see the 2006 Loan Premiums and Discounts firsthand can download them from the Plains Cotton Growers website at <http://www.plainscotton.org> by following the links provided.

The table below provides comparisons between the years 2005 and 2006 loan values for White Grades 11-41 and Light Spot grades 12-42, Staple 32 through 35.

Comparison of loan premiums and discounts for selected grade, staple length, and leaf content combinations of 2006-crop American Upland Cotton Base Loan Rate: LUBBOCK = 51.60 ¢/pound; U.S. = 52.00 ¢/pound

Color	Staple Leaf	32			33			34			35		
		2005 Loan	2006 Loan	Change	2005 Loan	2006 Loan	Change	2005 Loan	2006 Loan	Change	2005 Loan	2006 Loan	Change
11&21	1 & 2	-155	-125	30	35	35	0	309	320	20	500	555	55
	3	-170	-145	25	30	25	-5	275	285	10	465	505	40
	4	-225	-205	20	65	75	10	115	110	-5	265	290	25
	5	-355	-345	10	-245	-245	0	-110	-80	30	30	80	50
	6	-470	-475	-5	-370	-375	-5	-330	-325	5	-255	-245	10
	7	-620	-620	0	-520	-520	0	-475	-465	10	-420	-405	15
	31	1 & 2	-175	-150	25	10	5	-5	235	255	20	440	485
3		-185	-160	25	-5	-10	-5	225	235	10	430	465	35
4		-240	-225	15	-95	-115	-20	100	90	-10	225	250	25
5		-370	-360	10	-255	-260	-5	-155	-135	20	5	40	35
6		-485	-490	-5	-385	-390	-5	-360	-355	5	-280	-275	5
7		-630	-630	0	-530	-530	0	-490	-480	10	-440	-430	10
41		1 & 2	-250	-245	5	-115	-120	-5	90	90	0	220	230
	3	-260	-255	5	-125	-130	-5	80	75	-5	210	210	0
	4	-290	-290	0	-170	-190	-20	BASE	BASE	BASE	140	140	0
	5	-415	-410	5	-305	-305	0	-220	-220	0	-120	-115	5
	6	-545	-545	0	-445	-445	0	-425	-425	0	-380	-375	5
	7	-685	-690	-5	-585	-590	-5	-570	-575	-5	-545	-545	0
	12&22	1 & 2	-275	-240	35	-110	-85	25	100	110	10	255	275
3		-290	-260	30	-120	-95	25	75	90	15	230	250	20
4		-345	-305	40	-195	-170	25	5	10	5	130	160	30
5		-460	-430	30	-340	-330	10	-230	-215	15	-150	-125	25
6		-560	-560	0	-460	-460	0	-415	-410	5	-365	-355	10
7		-690	-690	0	-590	-590	0	-565	-550	15	-550	-530	20
32		1 & 2	-330	-300	30	-165	-165	0	15	5	-10	130	120
	3	-340	-310	30	-170	-175	-5	5	-15	-10	115	95	-20
	4	-400	-380	20	-250	-250	0	-90	-110	-20	25	15	-10
	5	-505	-500	5	-400	-400	0	-335	-325	10	-260	-250	10
	6	-615	-625	-10	-515	-525	-10	-485	-495	-10	-450	-450	0
	7	-755	-760	-5	-655	-660	-5	-635	-640	-5	-620	-615	5
	42	1 & 2	-405	-360	45	-280	-260	20	-180	-185	-5	-95	-85
3		-415	-395	20	-290	-295	-5	-190	-205	-15	-110	-115	-5
4		-460	-445	15	-325	-325	0	-240	-250	-10	-165	-165	0
5		-575	-560	15	-450	-460	-10	-410	-425	-15	-350	-355	-5
6		-695	-710	-15	-595	-610	-15	-575	-580	-5	-550	-550	0
7		-835	-845	-10	-735	-745	-10	-715	-715	0	-705	-695	10



4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM MEMBERS: Senior team (back row): Brady Ragland, Segayle Foster, Senee' Foster (not pictured Tyler Chesshir). Intermediate team (front row): McCrae McCormick, SyAnn Foster, (not pictured Dylan Thomas). Team coach J. D. Ragland, Floyd County Extension Agent. Courtesy Photo

4-H Livestock Judging Team wins District

Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging Team participated in the South Plains District 2 Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, April 22nd at Texas Tech University.

Floyd County's Senior Team took 1st Place Overall among a field of 12 teams throughout the South Plains District. Team members consisted of Brady Ragland, Tyler Chesshir, Senee' Foster and Segayle Foster. The team was also 1st in Swine, 1st in Beef, 8th in Sheep and 1st in Oral Reasons.

Individual honors were: Brady Ragland, 1st Overall, 1st in Beef, 1st in Swine and 1st in Oral Reasons. Tyler received 5th Overall,

2nd in Beef, 2nd in Swine and 6th in Oral Reasons. Senee' Foster was 6th Overall, 5th in Beef, 12th in Lambs and 13th in Oral Reasons. Segayle Foster was 6th in Swine and 11th in Oral Reasons.

Floyd County's Intermediate age division team received 4th place Overall in a field of 18 teams. Team members included SyAnn Foster, McCrae McCormick and Dylan Thomas. The team also received 3rd in Beef. Individual honors went to SyAnn Foster as she was 2nd Overall and 4th in Sheep.

For the second year in a row the Senior Team will advance and compete at this year's State

4-H Livestock Judging contest held June 7th at Texas A&M University in College Station. Teams are coached by Floyd County Extension Agent, J. D. Ragland.

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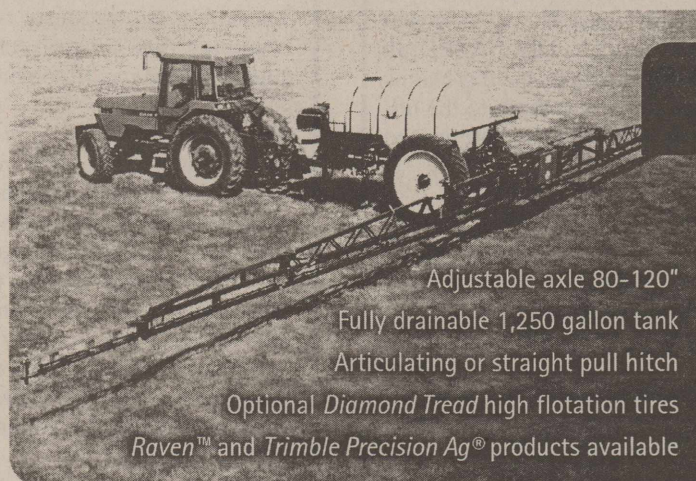
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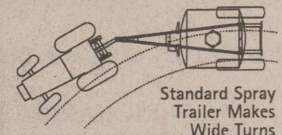
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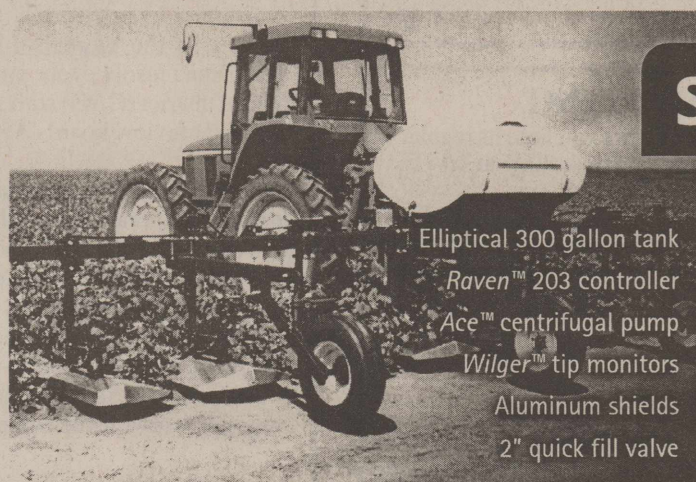
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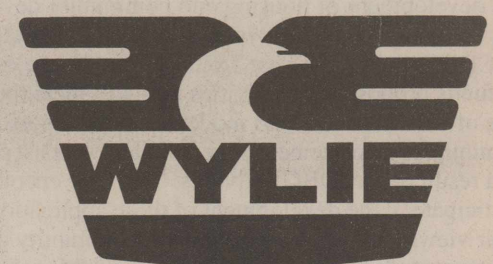
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF FLOYD COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The FLOYD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 4, 2006 at 9:15 a.m.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. **\$ 241,660**

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. **\$ 5,000**

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. **4**

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. **4**

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

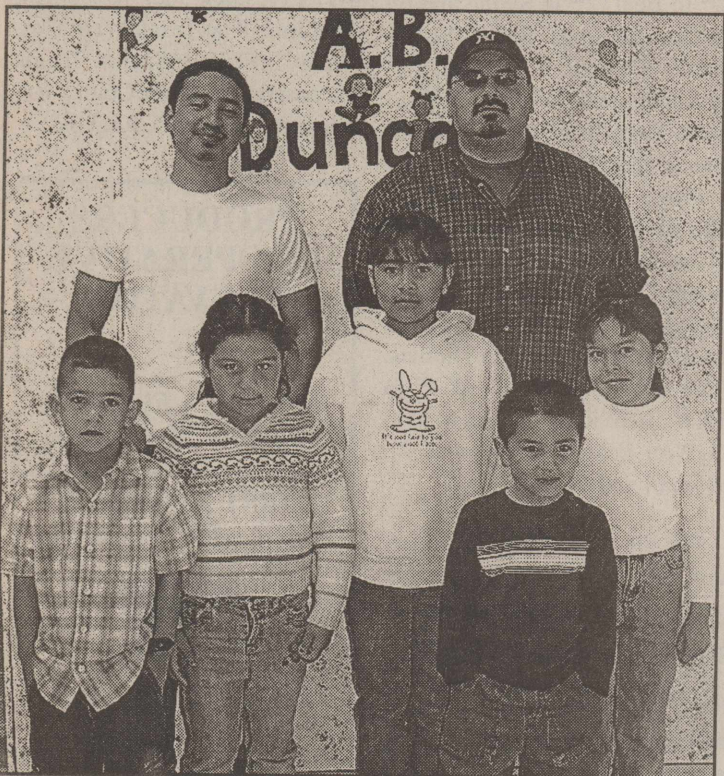
If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

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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FISD STUDENTS/EDUCATORS/STAFF SUPPORT OF THE MONTH-(l-r)Kenya Pesina, Gr. 8, FJHS(March); Jeffri Vaughn, Gr. 12, FHS (April); Educator Regina Orr, A.B. Duncan Elementary (April); Stephen Emert, Gr. 8, FJHS (April); Educator Janna Williams, FJHS (March); Staff Carmen Alvarez, A.B. Duncan Elementary (April); Staff Deidra Covington, FJHS (March); (front) Thalia Villa, Gr. 2, A.B. Duncan Elementary (April). (not pictured, Ethan Boyd, Gr. 3, R.C. Andrews Elementary) Staff Photo



DUNCAN STUDENTS & EDUCATORS OF THE WEEK--(front, l-r) Emmanuel Torres (PK), Nahomi Cuba (1st), Rita Martinez (2nd), Jamiel Pecina (PK), Cassandra Cervera (kindergarten); (back, l-r) Educators Ismael Vega and Phillip Navarro. Courtesy Photo

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Administration of the estate of **TRUETT E. MCCARTY, DECEASED**, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on March 23, 2006, by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5735, styled **IN RE ESTATE OF TRUETT E. MCCARTY, DECEASED**, in which court the matter is pending. All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2006.

RICHARD T. MCCARTY
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF
THE ESTATE OF TRUETT E. MCCARTY

CAROL JEAN COOK
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF
THE ESTATE OF TRUETT E. MCCARTY
C/O KAREN HOUGHIN
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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 104 E. California, Floydada.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Lockney
Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

The City of Lockney will hold a public hearing at 5:05 pm on May 4, 2006 at Lockney City Hall in regard to the submission of Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grants. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the development of housing and community development needs, the amount of funding available, all eligible activities under the TxCDBG, the use of past TxCDBG funds, the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons, and the plan to minimize displacement of persons and to assist persons displaced as a result of TxCDBG activities. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of these applications and to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ron Hall at City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The DRP application will be available for public review at City Hall during normal business hours beginning July 7, 2006. The CDBG application will be available for public review at City Hall at a time to be determined.

Public Notice

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- *the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- *the unequal appraisal of your property
- *the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- *any exceptions that may apply to you
- *the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- *the taxable status of your property
- *the local governments which should be taxing your property
- *the ownership of property
- *the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- *any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

Floyd County Appraisal District
104 E. California, P.O. Box 249
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Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their

determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at.

104 E. California, P.O. Box 249, Floydada, Texas
Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 104 E. California, P.O. Box 249, Floydada, Texas, 806-983-3256. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are

losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice as mailed to you.

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Floydada Independent School Trustee/Bond Election held on Early Ballot Voting May 1-9, 2006 will be tested on April 27, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Floyd County Courthouse, Room 113 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Marilyn Holcomb
Signature of Officer

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Marilyn Holcomb
Firma del/dela Oficial

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Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC
City of Floydada

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Obituaries



FLOY JEAN ADKISSON
Floy Jean Adkisson, 81, of Kerrville, Texas, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2006.

She was born in Thorp Springs, Texas, on December 9, 1924, to Walton Parker Hale and Mary Vick Hale.

She attended Texas Women's University, in Denton, Texas, and obtained her teaching certificate years later. She taught schools in Petersburg, Texas and DeSoto, Texas as a high-school business teacher until her retirement. She moved to Kerrville several years ago, where she was active with genealogy and an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society Colonial Dames, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Texas First Families.

Survivors include her son Paul Haines, of Claremore, Oklahoma, her daughter Mary Trippet Moore, of Pflugerville, Texas, daughter Martha Haines, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and her brother Bill Hale, of Floydada, Texas. She had 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 3 nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Adkisson, and both parents, Walton and Mary Hale.

She was a member of Grace Bible Chapel.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 25th, at Kerrville Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Garden of Memories in Kerrville, Texas.

BETTYE CHOWNING

Memorial services for Bettye Chowning, 78, of Floydada were held Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center. Bill Sweeney, Music Minister of First Baptist Church of Floydada officiated.

A private graveside service was held in Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Mrs. Chowning was born to William and Mary Alice Eakin on June 24, 1927 in Floydada. She had graduated from Floydada High School in 1944 and attended West Texas College. She married Alvis LeRoy Chowning on February 3, 1945 in Floydada. Bettye worked for West Texas Utilities as a home economist for several years. She had worked for Piggly Wiggly in Floydada and after she retired, she started a catering business.

Survivors include a daughter Delores Fincher of Canyon; one son Billy Douglas Chowning of Rose, Oklahoma; her mother Mary Alice Eakin of Floydada; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center, 925 Crockett, Floydada, Texas 79235.

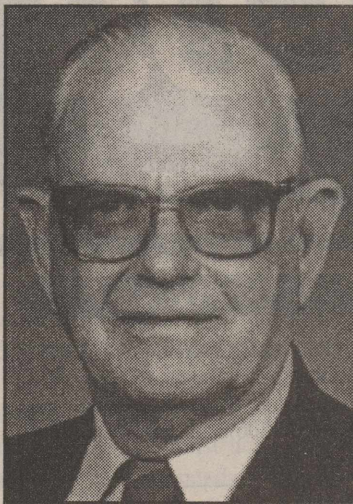
ALLEN E. HOOGSTRA

Allen Hoogstra, 70, of Floydada died April 20, 2006 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Mr. Hoogstra was born February 7, 1936 in Cook County, Illinois to August and Mildred Minnette Hoogstra. He attended Marirope County Public Schools in Arizona. He served three years in the Medical Company 158th Infantry Regiment National Guard, Arizona. He moved to Floydada in 1989 and was employed by Floydada Nursing Home several years.

He is survived by one sister and one brother.

Cremation was by Moore Rose White Funeral Home of Floydada. There will be no memorial service.



H. G. "BUD" KELLEY

Graveside services for Horace Glen "Bud" Kelley, 89, of Lubbock, formerly of Petersburg were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 24, 2006 in the Petersburg Cemetery with Joe Burks officiating. Burial was under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Bud passed away Friday, April 21, 2006 at the Lockney Care Center. He was born August 31, 1916 in Jackson County, Oklahoma to the late Robert Lee and Maude Perry (Greer) Kelley. Bud moved to Becton on January 5, 1925 and attended Becton schools. He joined the Navy in 1943 and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. In 1944 he married Helen Wood. She preceded him in death August 5, 1944.

On Feb. 6, 1948 he married Millie Louise Gregory at the Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She preceded him in death August 16, 1980. He then married Dell Womack in 1981 and she passed away in 1984.

He was a farmer and a 32nd degree Mason, a member and Past Master of the Petersburg Masonic Lodge #1126 and a member of the Scottish Rite. He moved to Lubbock in 1980 and was a member of the Broadway Church of Christ. In 1998 he moved into Ventura Place in Lubbock and then in 2005 he moved to Lockney.

He is survived by two sons Don Kelley of Lockney, and Bob Kelley of Yukon, Oklahoma, one brother, Bill Kelley of Arlington, Texas and three sisters, Edna Wiese, Escker Dixon and Eloise Gobel, all of Lubbock, four grandchildren, and three great-granddaughters.

THIS WEEK'S

SECOND ANNUAL SPRING FLING

The First Baptist Church of Floydada are delighted to invite all ladies to the Second Annual Spring Fling to be held at FBC Fellowship Center on April 29th at 12:00 Noon. We will enjoy food, fun, fellowship, door prizes, music and a time of inspiration. Theme is "April Showers of Blessing". Please come and bring friend.

FHS CLASS OF 1981

The FHS Class of 1981 planning meeting for the 25 year Reunion will be May 11th at 5:30 p.m. at Triple T Restaurant.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

ACS "RELAY FOR LIFE"

ACS "Relay for Life" will be held at the High School Track Friday, June 16th from 6:00 p.m. til Midnight. For more info, call Janee Harrison at 292-9113 or Lori Battey at 983-2814.

PIONEER DAY BOOK FAIR

Please bring your good used books to the Floyd County Memorial Library for our Pioneer Day Book Fair. All books are appreciated, especially hard books.

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A special thanks goes to the pastors and members of the Trinity Assembly who opened their arms to us and gave us a place to gather in celebration of Gerald's life.

Thank you,
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Brent and Lisa Hall and family
David and Leslie Noyes and family
Betty Spraberry and family

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To make you feel complete.
But you have to go down to the valley
To give your soul a drink.

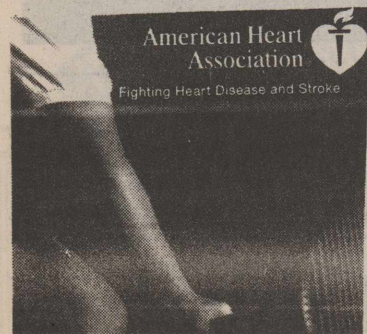
We'd like to live out our lives,
Perched high in an eagles net.
But it's down in the valley,
Where we have to pass the test.

God visits us on the mountain top,
And our hungry souls he feeds.
But it's down in the valley,
Where he meets our every need.

Edward Marks
2003

Senior Citizens BEWARE

It has been reported that seniors have been contacted by telephone from people that say they are Medicare Part D Providers. Please be very careful about giving any personal information including your Social Security number to anyone over the telephone. You can contact your local Pharmacy and get answers to your questions.



Floyd County Church Directory

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 Evening 7:00 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.

CITY 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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10.50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m

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511 1st Olton, TX 2657796

Lighthouse Electric Coop
102 E. California
983-3524

FIRST UNITED 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. Jr. High5:30 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.

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 Praise5:00 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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983-5111

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Lockney
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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
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship . 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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.

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

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