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MIKE MATHIS played Good Samaritan with Warren Mathis' Bobcat front end loader on Monday, January 22, clearing a block on Main Street in Lockney in front of some downtown businesses. Staff Photo

Lighthouse restores power

Power was restored to all Lighthouse Electric Cooperative member residences by 8:30 p.m. Friday, January 19.

A severe ice storm hit the Lighthouse EC service area the weekend, of January 12-14, bringing down hundreds of utility poles and lines and cutting power to nearly 2,000 co-op members.

Lighthouse Electric General Manager Bill Harbin said most communication towers and cattle watering facilities now have power, with only a few still in the dark. "The crews worked at a frantic pace, racing against the heavy snow warning forecast by the national weather service for this past week-end," Harbin said.

Reinforcement crews from Bailey County Electric Cooperative left at mid-afternoon Friday, January 19, to get home before the new winter storm made roads impassable, and to stand by in case their system suffers damage in the predicted storm.

Harbin said. "I sent our crews home after supper January 19th,

and the last ones left about 10:00 p.m.," he added. Harbin said he instructed Lighthouse EC crews to rest Friday and Saturday, and hoped the predicted snow storm wouldn't cause additional major outages.

"Our system was severely damaged," Harbin said. "Most of the repairs we have made so far were temporary in nature, so we could get as many people on as quickly as possible." He explained that permanent repairs will take much longer, and will require a significant investment of co-op resources.

Friday's light rain turned to snow by late afternoon, with overnight accumulations of up to three inches. There was intermittent freezing rain, sleet and snow Saturday, with ice accumulating on trees and power lines.

"I can't say enough about the response of our people and the volunteers who have helped us," Harbin emphasized. "Members, retirees, employees' spouses and friends in the community cooked

for us and carried hot food to the men in the field.

To save time, the co-op had been providing meals to the crews. The men ate breakfast in the headquarters while being briefed on the progress already made and coordinating plans for the day.

"We carried hot meals to the job and serve a hot supper when they got in from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.," said Harbin. "Meals have been prepared and served by local restaurants, inside employees, employees' spouses, members and retirees. The spouses, members and Lighthouse retirees are all volunteers."

"Floydada Power and Light, our municipal utility neighbor, loaned us the use of a bucket truck. Members used their tractors to tow us when we got stuck in the mud. Everyone encouraged us. Many sent notes and called, and many prayed for us. I am so proud to be associated with these fine people and to be a part of this community."

Floydada Council buys police pickups

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada City Council met Tuesday, January 16, and approved the purchase of two new pickups for the Police Department and approved the Notice of Election for May 12, 2007.

Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch addressed the council concerning the need for two extended cab, or crew cab, pickups to replace a couple of high mileage police cars.

"We haul a lot of extra large items for school demonstrations, and prisoners, in our vehicles. We need the larger vehicles. Their (under carriage) suspensions and ball joints are just better and heavy duty. We need that when we are chasing escapees in the country. The cars are used up by 80,000 miles, while the pickups are still going at 130,000 miles," said Gooch.

Councilmember Monte Williams responded, "I am not in favor of the large vehicles. I have reservations about them. They just are not cost effective. We should buy vehicles for inside the City driving."

Councilmember Jon Nielson asked, "Which do you prefer, Chevy or Ford?"

Gooch responded, "Chevy, because we can have them serviced and do warranty work locally. If we buy Fords, we will have to go to Plainview for service and warranties."

The council approved, with a 3-1 vote, a bid by Oden Chevrolet-Olds for the purchase of a 2007 Silverado Extended Cab pickup for \$21,811.00 and a 2007 Silverado Crew Cab pickup for \$24,406.00. Councilmembers Nielson, Sheldon Sue and Clar Schacht voted in favor of the purchase, while Williams voted against the purchase. Councilmembers Ruben Barrientoz and Bettye King were not present for the meeting.

In other matters, the council approved the Order and Notice of Election for Saturday, May 12, 2007. The incumbents up for reelection are: Mayor Bobby Gilliland, Councilmember Ruben Barrientoz (District 2) and Councilmember Sheldon Sue (District 3).

The Order of Election approved was: February 12, 2007, the first day for a candidate to file for a place on the ballot; March 12, 2007, (by 5 p.m.) the last day for a candidate to file for a place on the ballot; Early Voting in person at City Hall, April 30 - May 8, 2007, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Mon - Thurs.) and 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Friday); Election Day at the Massie Center, Saturday, May 12, 2007, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Concerning the City's code enforcement, City Manager Gary Brown told the council, "This is not going as quickly as I would like."

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TxDOT stays busy through snow storm

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Maintenance Division of TxDOT stayed busy this past weekend clearing the roads of snow in the county. Sleet and snow began to fall county-wide on Friday, January 19, and continued through Saturday night January 20.

Floyd County TxDOT Supervisor Douglas Campbell told the Hesperian-Beacon, "We started clearing the roads, Friday, at around 4:30 p.m. and worked nonstop through Saturday night until around midnight. We started again Sunday at 10 a.m. and graded until 10 p.m."

The 14 local employees used

two motor graders, 7 snowplows and two front end loaders to clear the priority highways and towns first, according to Campbell.

"We must do our priority roads first, such as our State highways, our towns and Highway 207, then the other FM paved roads. Crosby County is sending us 6 more trucks and two more motor graders to help us today," said Campbell.

According to Campbell, Floyd County TxDOT maintains the towns of Floydada, Lockney and Petersburg, all the paved roads in the county and the roads from Highway 400 on the West to down the Caprock on the East.

"There were 8 to 10 inches of blowing snow in the Providence area and around 4 inches in other parts of the county. We only saw one jackknifed truck Saturday night and a pickup that ran into the Sam Fortenberry lake by the meat market in Lockney. We pulled him out," said Campbell.

Due to the inclement weather, many of the churches in Floyd County were not able to conduct services on Sunday, and several had to change their service schedules.

By midday Monday, January 22, the snow on the streets and highways was melting at a rapid pace.



FLOYD COUNTY CALVES SUFFERED during the recent ice and snow storms that hit the area. These young calves belong to Ray and Judy Macha in the Providence Community. This picture was taken Saturday, January 20th. Staff Photo

LISD joins new Coop

Lockney ISD trustees voted unanimously, November 19, to join the EPEC Shared Services Coop.

LISD had voted Dec. 18, 2006 to discontinue their relationship with the CSSA Coop in Floydada. The CSSA Coop had consisted of Floydada ISD, Lockney ISD, and Petersburg ISD.

EPEC Coop consists of school districts from Ralls, Lorenzo, Post, Idalou, and Crosbyton. Lorenzo is the fiscal agent for the Cooperative.

The Cooperatives purpose is to provide services for handicapped children from the member districts.

Lockney and Petersburg ISD had been members of the CSSA Cooperative in Floydada, but withdrew from that arrangement after controversy arose over the manner in which decisions were made for the CSSA Board.

The LISD and PISD superintendents had come before the FISD Board and expressed their desire to hire Karen Quebe as the new CSSA Director. The FISD Superintendent, Jerry Vaughn, was against this vote. The 2-1 vote then came before the FISD trustees. The trustees (who hold the final say in the CSSA Cooperative) then voted that the superintendents must bring a unanimous decision on hiring a new director before they would approve the recommendation.

This decision ultimately led to both PISD and LISD voting to dissolve the Coop.

"We will now have to take our kids by bus to Lorenzo which is 35 miles away," Superintendent Phil Cotham told the trustees.

"Petersburg ISD is also joining the Cooperative," said Cotham. "The superintendents

will hold membership on the Cooperative Board. There will be 7 of us. Just the superintendents make the decisions about the cooperative and we don't have to go to the fiscal agent school board for approval."

Cotham told the board it would not cost LISD anything to buy into the Cooperative.

"The Special Education money we get from the state is passed on to the Cooperative," said Cotham.

Trustee Boyd Jackson asked Cotham if joining EPEC would increase resources for the kids who use the Cooperative.

"Yes," said Cotham. "EPEC is bigger and they have more to offer. Also, jobs have been offered to some of the people who were working for the CSSA Cooperative."

"We will have to hire a driver for the bus, but he will also be employed at the Cooperative as an assistant. We will also be hiring a monitor for the bus. All of this money is part of our contribution to EPEC. It will be paid for through the Coop."

Cotham reported that between 1-7 kids may be transported to EPEC.

Also during the meeting, Principals reported on campus activities.

Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams reported that some families had moved out of Lockney and the elementary school had seen a drop in enrollment from 277 at the end of 2006 to 264 currently.

Junior High Principal Todd Hallmark reported enrollment at Junior High at 132. Hallmark also asked the board for their approval of a change he wanted to implement concerning the end of year

awards assembly at Junior High.

"We have always had an awards assembly for 6th and 7th grade, then dismissed, and then had an awards assembly/graduation for the 8th grade," said Hallmark. "I would like to combine the assembly and have the teachers give out all the awards to all the grades at the same time. Then have a special ceremony for the 8th grade graduation included."

Trustee Lonnie Hooten asked Hallmark if that would make the ceremony longer. Hallmark replied that it would be slightly longer, but each teacher giving an award for their subject would not sit down until the award winning student from each grade was recognized.

The board appeared to give Hallmark their approval as long as 8th graders were recognized with graduation certificates and a special ceremony.

High School Principal Thompson said enrollment was 194 (46 freshmen, 50 sophomores, 59 juniors, and 39 seniors).

Thompson told the board the junior class had requested having the prom at the Unity Center. "This wasn't my idea," said Thompson. "They approached me with it. I was surprised."

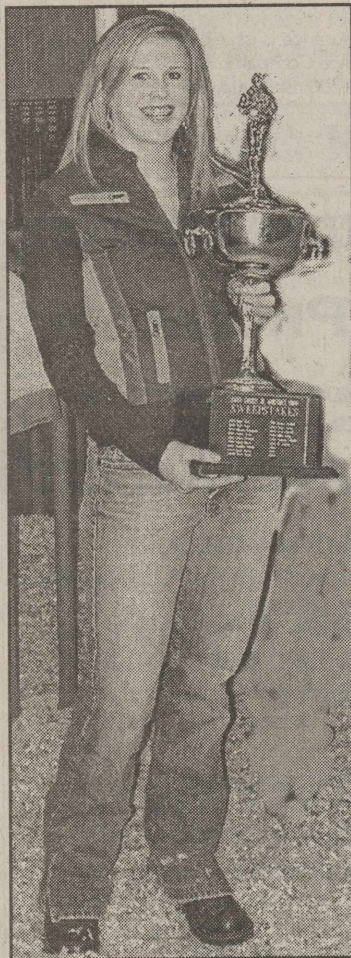
"It's their prom," said Trustee Cheryl Edwards. "If that's where they want it--sounds good to me."

"It might cut down on decorating costs," said Trustee Robbie Long.

During the superintendent's report, Phil Cotham told the board that new rules for the new school bus would be implemented.

"If the bus comes back dirty the group who was using it will

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KRISTA RASCO earned the \$500 Sweepstakes Traveling Trophy Award at the 2007 Stock Show Auction. The Sweepstakes Award senior winner is judged on sportsmanship, leadership and community involvement.

Brag Page Deadline
January 29th in
Lockney
January 31st in
Floydada

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Concerning the \$1800.00 bill to fly the three men to Dallas so they would not have to spend the night.

Please tell me why they couldn't drive a car and spend the night! I have been to Dallas many times, and spent several nights in a motel/hotel and it sure never cost me \$1800.00 for gas, eats and a motel/hotel!

Why was this not cleared with the Board and evidently it was not since Mr. Pratt and Mr. Greer did not know about the expense? Thank you Mr. Pratt and Mr. Greer for questioning this absurd expense. You just didn't take it

far enough.

If there is not a per Diem setup for travel, I strongly suggest that the school board consider setting one up. And then if Mr. Vaughn and his fellow travelers have such expensive taste, every thing over the per Diem, they may pay out of his own pocket, not mine.

Maybe some of that money could have been used as an "Incentive Award" to a couple of deserving teachers.

There are many kinds of abuse these days and the taxpayer abuse seems to be getting worse all the time. When are we ever going to say enough is enough.

Sue Ward

LISD Trustees extend superintendent's contract

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be suspended from using it," said Cotham.

"There will be no sunflower seeds or tobacco products allowed and water will be the preferred drink. Windows will stay closed because it has good air conditioning and heating."

Cotham said the new bus came with an audio and visual system. "We didn't order that system," said Cotham. "It was a mistake by them, so they let us keep it at no charge."

The board met in closed session after the meeting to evaluate the superintendent and consider the extension of his contract. After the session the trustees voted unanimously to extend Cotham's contract until 2010.

The January financial report for the District showed a balance of \$3,854,727.66 (which includes CD investments of \$3,576,532.44). The new bus was purchased in January and depleted the balance by \$122,525.00.

Courtroom Activities

In District Court, January 19th, Lanny McMurrin, 36, of Floydada, pled guilty to two January 18th indictments of Sexual Assault (occurring on January 10, and February 21, 2006). He was sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ, a \$500 fine, attorneys fees and court costs.

January 18, Floyd County Grand Jurors indicted 8 individuals on felony charges. They were:

Ignacio Tapia Ascencio, 34, of Lockney, indicted for Attempted Burglary of a Habitation, a 3rd Degree Felony which occurred on October 1, 2006.

Bruce C Boyd, 46, of Lubbock, for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), a State Jail Felony which occurred on August 26, 2006.

Joe Edward Castaneda, 35, of Floydada, for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a 2nd Degree Felony which occurred on December 3, 2006.

Jose Cuba, 25, of Floydada, for Burglary of a Habitation, a 2nd Degree Felony which occurred on Nov. 5, 2006.

James E. Gonzales, 43, of Lorenzo, for Theft of a Value of \$1,500 or More, but Less Than \$20,000 (a check), a State Jail Felony which occurred on July 26, 2005.

Lanny McMurrin, 35, of

Floydada, for Sexual Assault of a Child, a 2nd Degree Felony which occurred on January 10, 2006, January 18, 2006, February 7, 2006, and February 21, 2006.

Leroy Sterling, 45, of Lockney, for Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a State Jail Felony which occurred on September 13, 2006.

Esmeralda Ybarra, a/k/a Esmeralda Diaz, 23, of Floydada, for Burglary of a Habitation, a State Jail Felony which occurred on September 11, 2006.

In County Court, January 17, 2007:

Reinaldo Cuba, pled guilty to a December 5, 2006 charge of Assault. He was sentenced to 104 days in jail, a \$750 fine, and court costs.

Also on the 17th, Angie L. Gutierrez was charged with Theft of \$20 or more and Less Than \$500.

January 8, Larry Guerra, 30, of Plainview, was charged with Assault.

New Date for Caprock Cotton Conference

The annual Caprock Cotton Conference has been rescheduled and, with good weather, will be held on Tuesday, February 27th at the Plains Baptist Assembly, south of Floydada.

(The date of March 27th that was first announced was wrong. February 27th is the correct date !)

The agenda has been changed only slightly for this meeting and, since TDA approval has been granted, we will award 7 and * CEU hours - 4 General, 2 IPM, 1 Laws and Regs, and * of Drift Minimization requirements.

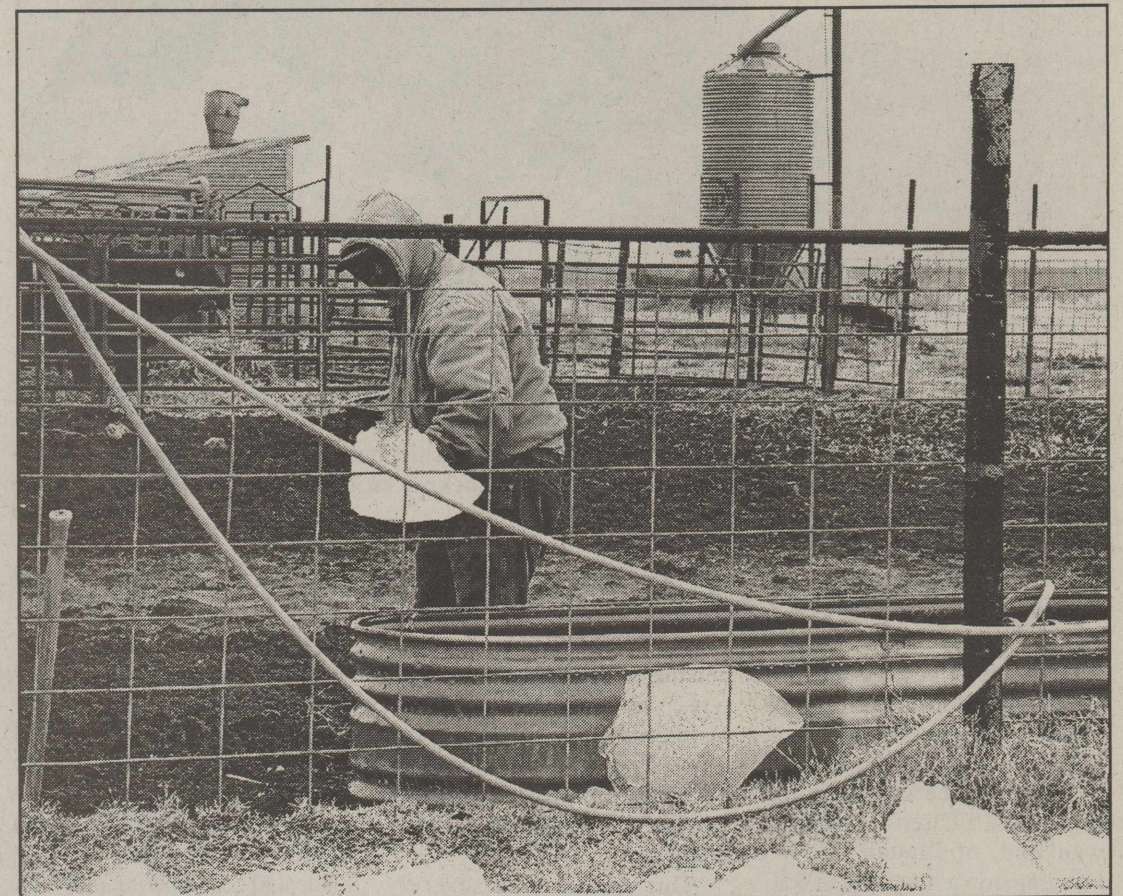
Note !! For those producers needing to update their applicator's license, these CEU hours will be awarded in time to count for the 2006 year !

The same number of CCA hours will also be awarded for those individuals requesting them.

Meeting time will be from 8:00 (registration beginning at 7:00) until approximately 4:30.



LIVESTOCK OWNERS have worked hard the past couple of weeks making sure livestock are cared for through the recent ice and snow storms. These cattle, belonging to Ray and Judy Macha, of Providence, are settling in for the snow storm that hit Friday, January 19. Staff Photo



RAY MACHA, of Providence, in Floyd County, shovels ice chunks out of his cattle water trough on Wednesday, January 17. Staff Photo

Floydada Council buys pickups

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like it to be. Our code enforcer called me and said she was still trying to get notice to all property owners on some of the first properties that we are going to work on. It will be February before we can have an hearing on the properties."

No action was taken on the matter.

Neither was any action taken on the dual positions of Municipal Court Judge and the Justice of the Peace held by Tali Jackson (who was sick and could not be at the council meeting).

City Manager Brown said, "This is being done in several counties. It is just getting started in the smaller towns. I have no problem with it and neither does a couple of commissioners I have contacted."

The council did not take action on another item on the agenda. It was concerning a request by the Fisd board to hold joint elections. Brown told the

council, "We already share buildings, but I do not recommend any decision until we see something in writing."

In City Manager Brown's report, he stated, "We are hoping this weather spell does not cause a lot of ice build up and electric problems. We have experienced

a couple of large water leaks the past couple of days and we lost a lot of water to the east all the way through town. We are continuing to try to get the tumbleweeds moved out of the alleys and the contractor plans to start work on the South Main Street lift station this coming week."

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

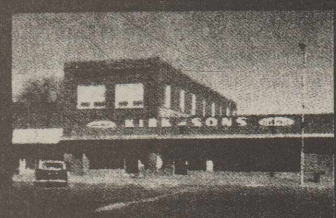


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— Home-based & part-time businesses
— Citizens interested in starting a business, home-based business or part-time business

WHAT? Business development assistance program for existing businesses and potential new businesses

WHEN? Thursday, January 25, 2007
6:00 PM

WHERE? Floyd County Friends Unity Center

RSVP REQUESTED FOR MEAL PREPARATION TO 983-3318

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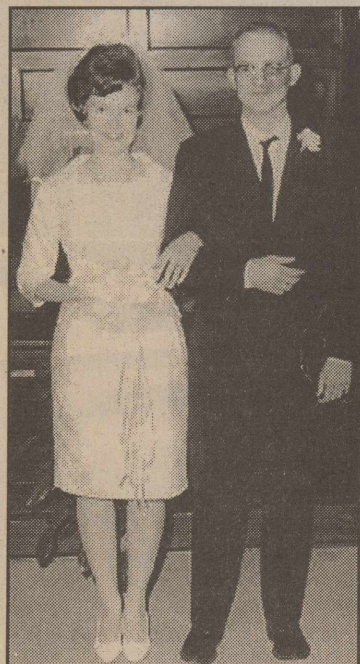
The deadline for submitting your child's picture for the Valentine's Day Brag Pages is:

January 29th, 5:00 p.m. in Lockney

January 31st, 5:00 p.m. in Floydada

The cost for a small heart frames picture is \$15 and \$20 for a large heart framed picture. Photos with 4 or more people in them must be placed in a large heart frame.

Brown's celebrate 40th Anniversary



MR AND MRS GARY BROWN

40 years ago, on January 25, 1967, Gary and Charlene Brown embarked on what would become a truly special marriage.

As we your children, sons and daughters-in-law and grandchildren, look back on these wonderful years, we realize how blessed we are to have you as parents, in-laws, grandparents and role models for our own marriages and our lives.

Thank you for all that you have done for us, our families, and everyone whose lives you have touched. Happy 40th Wedding Anniversary and best wishes for 40 more!

With much love,
Jason, Stephanie and Sydnee;
Lyn, Roxene, Morgan, Chad and Blayne; Wallace, Rhealene, Kelly, Kimbra, Kelton, Kyndall and Elias

SOCIETY

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

Thursday, February 8 and Friday, February 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day AARP will have a representative at the Center teaching a training course of Drivers Education. Taking this eight hour course will give you a discount on your auto insurance. The cost is \$10.00 per person. No tests given, lots of discussions and information about driving. Please call the Center at 983-2032 to sign up. We already have eight people who have signed up. They can take up to thirty interested people. This course is for any age. The discount on your auto insurance covers three years.

Our sympathy to the family of Margaret Fowler.

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

In memory of **Imogene Baird-1956 Study Club.**

Thought for the week - Let God's Word fill your heart and guide your words.

Menu
January 29 - February 2

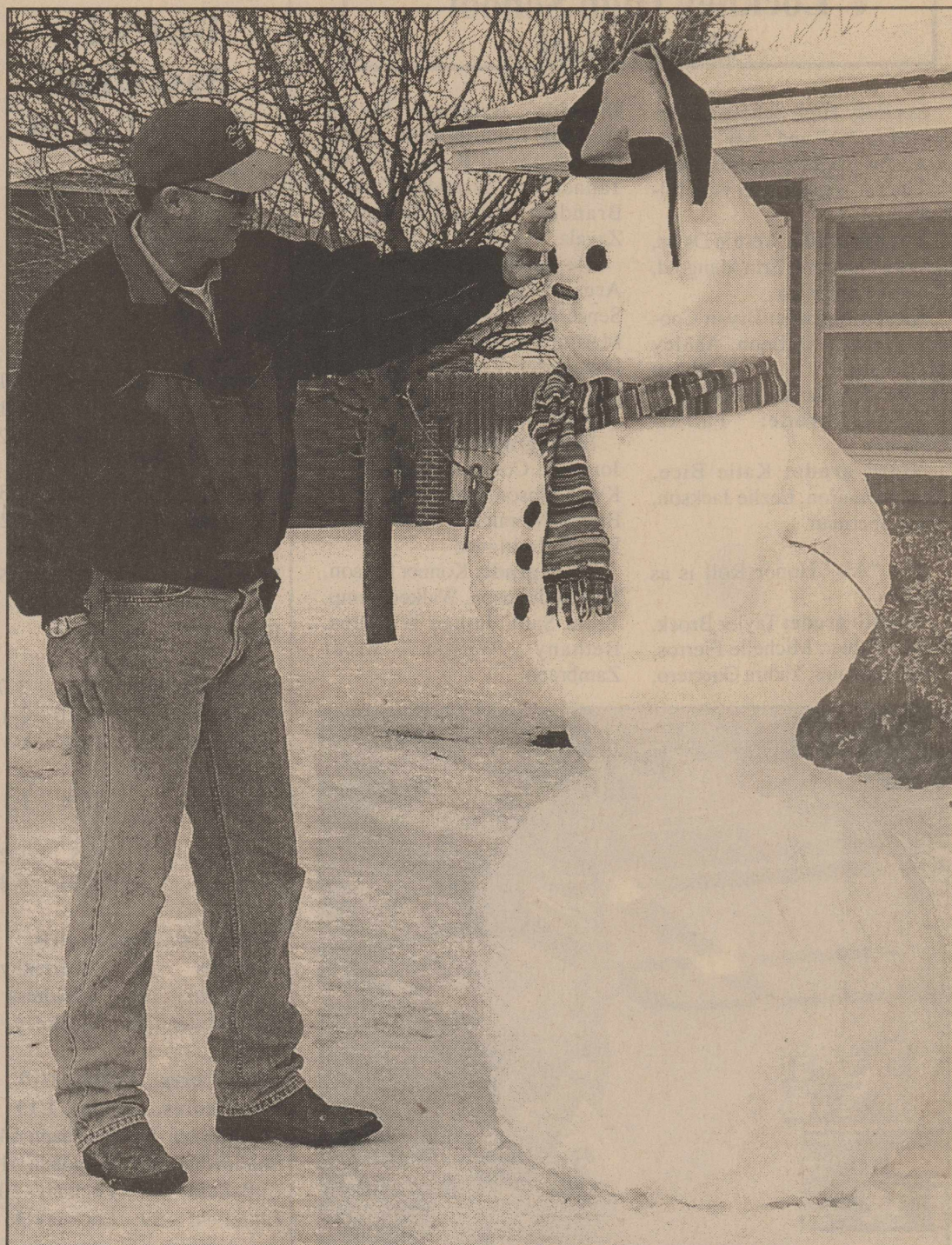
Monday-Chili, pintos, crackers, oranges and bananas

Tuesday-Salisbury steak, scallop potatoes, tossed salad, wheat roll, pineapple cake

Wednesday-Turkey, brown gravy, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, cornbread, green beans, fruit cobbler

Thursday-Meat loaf w/Creole sauce, corn, three bean salad, roll, strawberry gelatin

Friday-Chicken and dumplings, pea salad, cornbread, peach cobbler or cake



AARON WILSON REPLACING AN EYE ON THE SNOWMAN CREATED BY HIS DAUGHTER BETHANY AND HER FRIEND MALLORY JOHNSON.
Staff Photo

Lockney Senior Citizen News and menu

By Vera Jo Bybee

The snow fell so pretty here Friday and Saturday. No wind and big big flakes. Lockney had 6-8 inches

Several have fallen on this snow and ice. David Jackson fell at the Post Office. Thank goodness he didn't break anything. I heard Devra Arjona went to see her grandmother Mamie Hayes at the nursing home and fell hurting her wrist. So if you get out please be careful cause the streets and sidewalks are still slick and icy.

Naomi Johnston was honored with a birthday party Saturday January 13 on her 80th birthday by her children. All four of her children, Tandy, Chris, Kay and Lorie were present. Also attending were some of her sisters and other family members and host of friends.

Donnie and I had our 57th wedding anniversary Saturday January 20. That year January 20, 1950 came on a Friday and on Saturday night he fought in a ring at the Plainview City Auditorium. He won but I can't remember who he fought. The announcer was J.C. Oakley of Amarillo. After Donnie's fight was over J.C. announced that Bybee had just got married the night before and he was hanging up his gloves and that he probably had won his last fight. I don't still have that program but I do have a 1948 program of the Golden Gloves tournament in Amarillo where 12 of Lockney's finest fought. Only two were in the championship finals.

They were Calvin Pyle and Robert Quisenberry.

Also in the Program was a list of the former Champions. Curtis Kelly was the heavyweight champion in the Open Division in 1942 and the next year too in 1943. He was a student at Canyon's WTSC. In 1946 Willis Hawkins from Hart won the 160 lb. division and next year in 1947 he went to WTSC and won again. In the High School Division in

1946 Coyt Thompson from Petersburg won the 126 lb class. Then in the 160 lb class in 1946 Ralph White of Petersburg won and in 1947 G.F. McGuire of Petersburg won.

Sunny and Larry Hammit were at the Center this week eating lunch. They just returned Sunday from a week's stay in Hawaii. Sunny said the temperature there was in the 80's. Quite a difference in temperature to come home where it is in the 20's and 30's.

I received an email message last week from Udell Cunningham telling me how he enjoyed reading about Charlie Pride being in Lockney. This brought back memories to him of hearing Bob Wills play here in Lockney.

He said when he was growing up he lived in east Lockney behind the first grade school. His next door neighbors north were the Carl Wilsons and Carl and Bob were cousins. Carl's mother was Bob Will's aunt and she lived just north of the grade school. Udell said Bob Will's band played in the Wilson's front yard real often. Udell also said Bob was a barber in Turkey for several years. Thank you Udell for this information on Bob Wills.

Clara McCain is in the Mangold Memorial Hospital at this time. Please keep her in your prayers that she has a speedy recovery.

Shirley Green called me this morning and said that her daughter Teresa's husband David Aaron of Fort Worth passed away this morning, Monday Jan 22. He was 52. Our thoughts and prayers are with Shirley and her family.

Each day is a lifetime to be lived fully, joyfully and without regret.

Menu
January 29 - February 2
Mon: Spaghetti
Tues: Chicken strips
Wed: Chicken fried steak
Thrs: Stuffed baked potato
Fri: Fish

Floydada Rehab Birthdays

By Joyce Williams

Four residents were honored at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center Birthday Party, Thursday, January 18 at 3:30 p.m. by City Park Church of Christ in Floydada.

Pernie Leatherman (Jan. 3), L.V. Damron (Jan. 11) and Miriam Wright (Jan. 24) were presented beautiful white carnations corsages by Cathy's Florist. Mr. Fred Zinck, whose birthday will be Jan. 24, was presented with a fresh floral boutonniere by Cathy's.

Sylvia Meza, Community Life Coordinator read a special poem, "Pearls."

Beautiful handmade birthday cards were made and presented to each honoree by Mrs. Doris Snodgrass. She also made a special birthday card for all the employees who celebrated birthdays in January. These included Martina Barrera, Lilly Rawlinson, Nancy Robinson, Aracely Casares, Candida Davis and George Garcia. Thank you Mrs. Snodgrass.

After the birthday song was sung by all, friends gathered for the gifts. Sandra and Sammy Bradley and children, both away at college, were hosts in honor of the memory of Sammy's mother, the late Mrs. Lorilla Bradley, whose birthday was in January. Each resident honoree was presented a gift bag full of presents.

Refreshments were served on decorated partyware. An unusual jello and whipped cream refrigerator cake with crumb base and crumbs sprinkled on top was served with chilled soda to drink.

Visitors are always invited to attend the monthly birthday party on the third Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at the Floydada Rehab Center. Susan Martin visited her grandmother, Mrs. Miriam Wright, for the party.

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Mandi Cranmer & Jake Cranmer

(nee Yeary)

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Bridal Selections for:

Mandi Cranmer & Jake Cranmer

(nee Yeary)

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Bridal Selections

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Elizabeth is a Medical Records Clerk and has worked for the hospital since November 2003. She works hard and is always willing to learn new things. Elizabeth enjoys working with her co-workers and also likes the work atmosphere at the hospital. Her hobbies include spending time with her friends and family - especially her son Payton.

We appreciate Elizabeth and congratulate her for being selected for this honor by her co-workers!

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Due to the recent Medicare reimbursement cuts, freedom2go in Lockney, Texas has closed its doors as of December 31st, 2006. We continue to provide quality products and service to the Lockney community, as well as Floydada and other surrounding areas from our Plainview location.

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Lockney High School Honor Roll

Lockney High School has released its "A" and "AB" Honor Rolls for the third six-weeks.

The "A" Honor Roll is as follows.

Twelfth grade: Weston Davis, Andrea Guerrero, Erin Mangold, Jonathan Sherman

Eleventh grade: Bryan Cooper, Desiree DeLeon, Ashley McCulloch, Zachary Montandon, Tanner Morris

Tenth grade: Patrick Doucette

Ninth grade: Katie Bice, Alisha Damron, Lezlie Jackson, Anna Sherman

The "AB" Honor Roll is as follows.

Twelfth grade: Taylor Brock, Ryker Cabler, Michelle Fierros, Greg Gonzales, Yadira Guerrero,

Criselda Jimenez, Jaylon Ragland, Ryan Reagan, Joanie Reecer, David Rosales, Coby Tannahill, Cassandra Torrez, Brandon Wilson, Gregorio Zavala

Eleventh grade: Nolan Armstrong, Sofia Ascencio, Senece Foster, Paul Lopez, Jacob Martin, Latasha Peralez, Trasa Poindexter, Chorelle Ramirez, Lorenzo Salazar, Lauren Stewart, Stephana Villarreal

Tenth grade: Heather Brock, Jonathan Coleman, Raul Cruz, Kyler Ellison, Daryn McCarter, Brendi Moralez, Emily Prayor, Estella Rodriguez

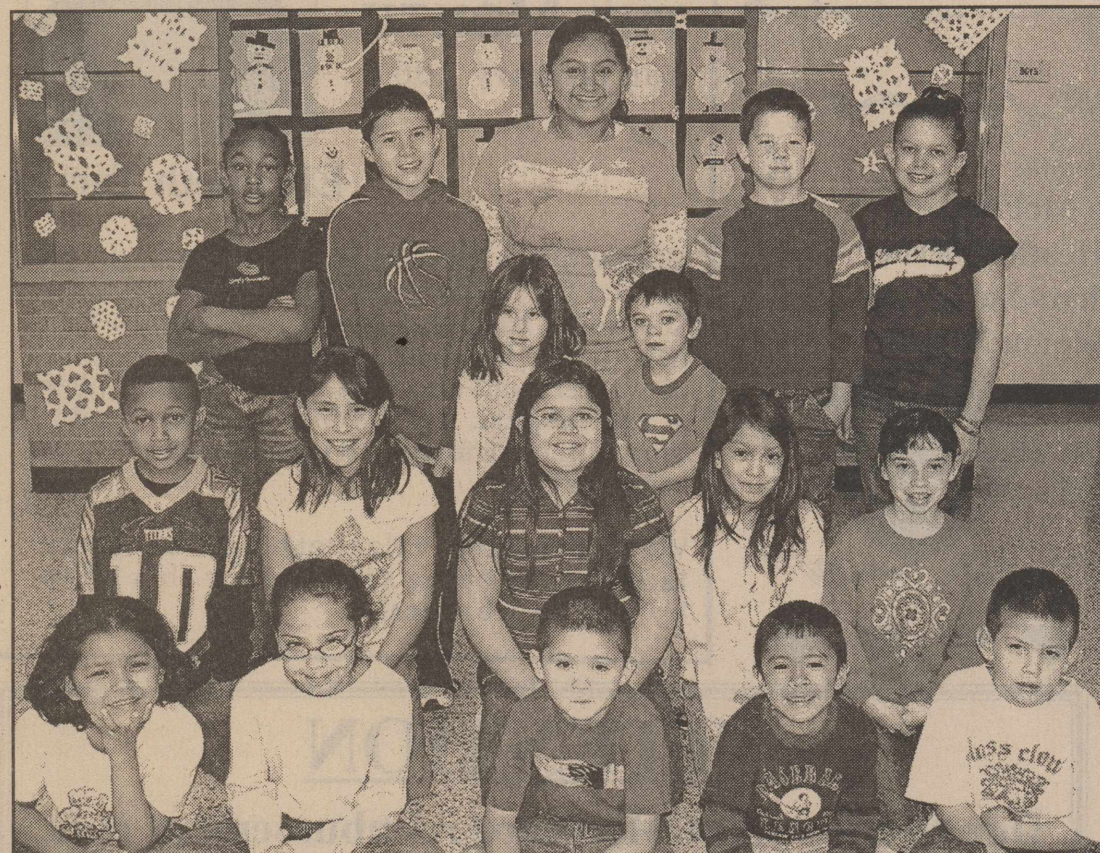
Ninth grade: Konner Ellison, Malory Johnson, Walker Kemp, Tessa Saul, Jathan Williams, Bethany Wilson, Brent Zambrano



WHIRLWIND PAYTE BEEDY is shown going high for a layup last Friday against the 6th state ranked Shallowater Mustangs. Floydada lost 43-41.

Photo by Jim Covington

NO RESULTS WERE TURNED IN FOR THE LOCKNEY TEAMS.



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 1-22-07, (back row, l-r) Lajohntae English, Ignacio Tapia, Ashly Alvarado, Tarrent Adams, Tanille Bigham, (third row, l-r) Sierra Martinez and Joel Valdez, (second row, l-r) Tavian Walwrath, Tea Lopez, Elisa Naranjo, Lena Luna, Sarah Garza, (front row, l-r) Samantha Nunez, Gabriella Soliz, Raymundo Alvarado, Julio Lara and Cesar Cienfuegos.

Staff Photo

Dist 3-2A Basketball Thru Jan 19 Courtesy of KFLP

Girls

Shallowater #15 21-7 4-1
Littlefield 14-10 4-1
Abernathy 15-9 2-2

Lockney 13-12 2-3
Childress 8-14 2-2

Floydada 7-17 0-5

Boys

Shallowater #4 16-3 3-0
Floydada 11-10 2-1
Abernathy 14-6 1-1

Childress 15-8 1-1

Littlefield 6-5 1-2
Lockney 4-13 0-3

Friday: 26...boys & girls

Floydada at Abernathy
Littlefield at Childress
Shallowater at Lockney

Girls Scores...Friday, 1/19

Boys Scores...Friday, 1/19

Shallowater -65 Floydada-44
Shallowater-43 Floydada-41
Littlefield - 47 Lockney- 30
Littlefield - 59 Lockney-36

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

January 29 - February 2
Monday

Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fried steak or P.B.J. Sandwich, mashed potatoes, green peas, fruit, wheat rolls, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Meat and bean chalupa or corn dog, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit, cornbread, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Biscuit and gravy or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or burrito, tossed salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk

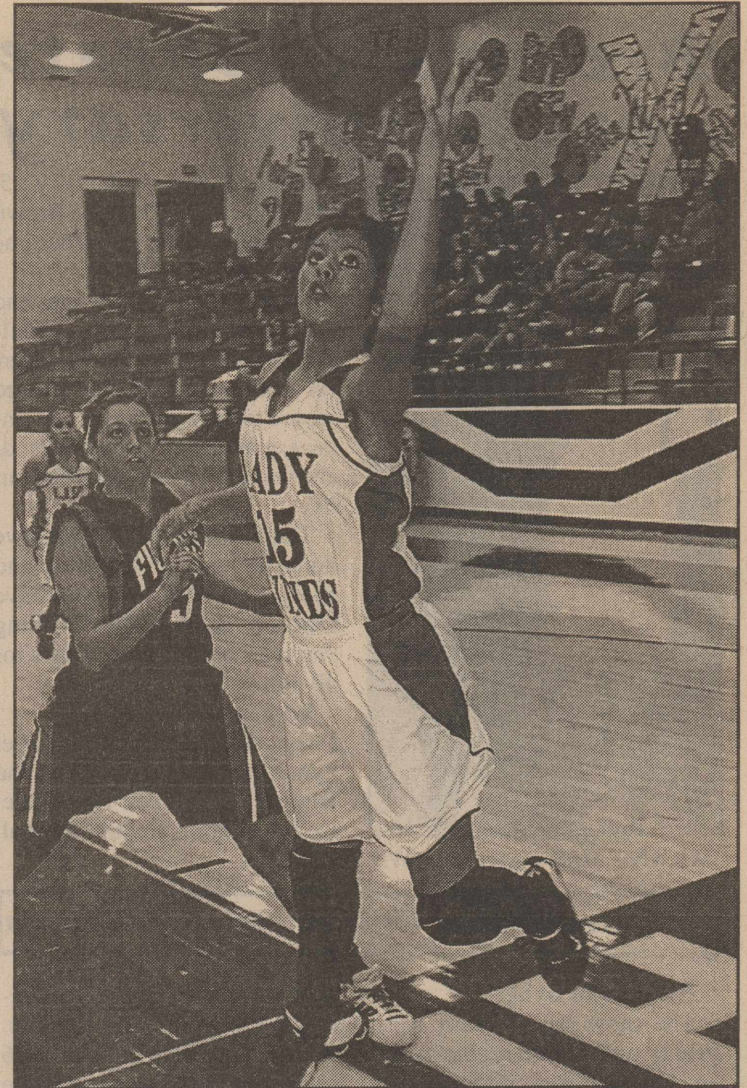
Thursday

Breakfast-Eggs and ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas or ham, refried beans, tossed salad, peaches, tortilla, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or chicken on bun, french fries, lettuce and tomato, fruit, milk

S P O R T S



LADY WIND MAGAN FLORES is making a layup last Friday against the Shallowater Fillies. Floydada lost 65-44.

Photo by Jim Covington



DUNCAN EDUCATOR AND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK--(L-R) Penny Taylor; Eric Johnston PK1; Alex Cisneros, K2; Marissa Volk, 1B and Montana Williams, 2B.

Courtesy Photo

FUMC members going on mission trip to Africa

By Martha Farris
Plans are underway for ten members of Floydada's First United Methodist Church to make a mission trip to Niamey, Niger Africa in January of 2008. This group will share the gos-

pel, conduct community outreach programs and sponsor a Vacation Bible School for the community.

Several fund raisers are planned to help with travel expense. One such fund raiser will

be Saturday evening, February 3 at Triple T. Restaurant when your servers will be from this group.

All tips that evening will go toward the mission trip. Hope to see you Saturday evening, February 3 at Triple T.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

January 29 - February 2
Monday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Barbequed chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, milk
Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli and cheese, seasoned corn, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Pizza, tossed salad, fresh banana, chocolate cake, milk

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819 MESQUITE--Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - ?? (if weather permitting). Freezer, lawnmower, threadmill and other miscellaneous.

1-25c

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January 29, 5:00 p.m., in Lockney

January 31, 5:00 p.m., in Floydada

The cost for a small heart framed picture is \$15, and \$20 for a large heart framed picture. Photos with 4 or more people in them must be placed in a large heart frame.

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2-1c

DICKENS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER is now hiring Substance Abuse Counselor. Must possess a LCDC or LPC by the Texas Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors and/or national certification and must also hold a State Chemical Dependency Counselor's License. One year prior substance abuse counseling experience or one year teaching experience. Send resume to DCCC, 2637 FM 261, Spur, TX. 79370. EOE

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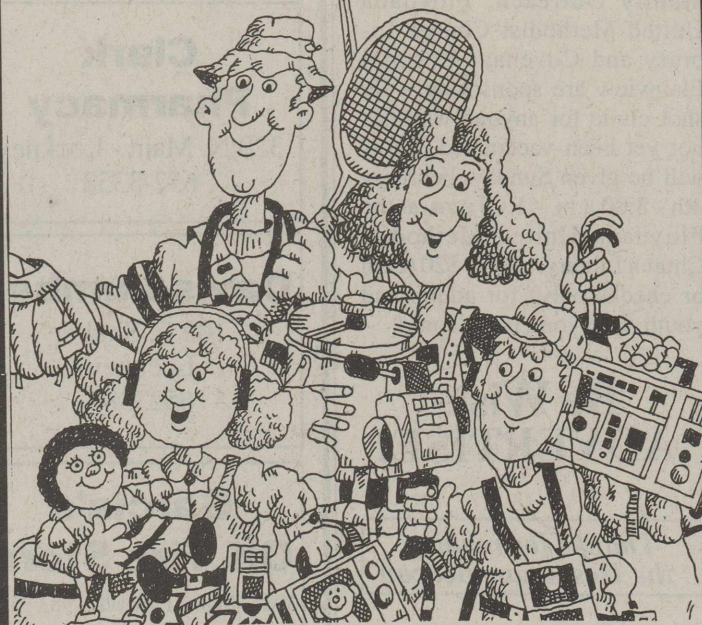
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Tradesmen and Laborers

As the number of contractors on the project increases, so will the requirement for construction personnel. Persons interested in applying for any trade or general laboring positions that may become available may register their interest from 1st February 2007 at the Floydada Economic Development Corporation. Attention: Dora Ross. 806-983-3318.

Subcontractors and Equipment/Material Suppliers

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Public Notice

NOTICE

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Applications will be for utility assistance for the light and gas only. To be eligible for assistance, you must meet INCOME GUIDELINES AND PROGRAM CRITERIA.

If you are interested in applying or know anyone who needs assistance, call 983-3134 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to set up an appointment. Persons making applications should bring proof of income for the last 30 days for everyone in the household, Social Security cards for all members, current electric and gas bills. Completed applications is not a guarantee of eligibility to the program.

1-25c

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Lockney is taking bids on a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria until February 9, 2007. (Salvage title)

Submit bids to: City of Lockney, Box 387, Lockney, Texas 79241.

City of Lockney reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

1-25c

Obituary

MARGARET E. FOWLER

Margaret Ella Fowler, 88, of Floydada died on Friday, January 19, 2007 at Shepherd's Meadow Assisted Living in Floydada, Texas.

She was born in San Angelo, Texas on June 18, 1918 to Bruce Drake and Faye Kirby Drake. She married Samuel Austin Fowler July 5, 1937 in Ozona. He preceded her in death.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 23, 2007 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ozona, Texas under the direction of Freddy Funeral Home in Ozona.



CLARA ARLENE SHUPING

Clara Arlene Shuping, 76, of Floydada, TX., died on Monday, January 22, 2007, at her residence in Floydada.

Mrs. Shuping was born on October 18, 1930 in Illinois Bend, TX, to the late Lester Altomont Thompson and Myrtle Mae (Branch) Thompson. She married Robert William Shuping in 1947 in Floydada, TX. Moving from Midland, TX, she returned to Floydada in 1986. Her husband preceded her in death on January 27, 2001. She owned and operated a resale shop in Floydada. Mrs. Shuping was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church in Floydada.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Bobby Lee Shuping, in 1990.

She is survived by 3 sons, David Shuping and wife, Christina, of Lubbock, TX, Vic Shuping and wife, Judy, of Plainview, TX, Danny Shuping and wife, Diana, of Hale Center, TX; 1 brother, Gary Thompson and wife, Carolyn, of Childress, TX; 2 sisters, Dean Jones of Lovington, NM, Mozell Meyers and husband, Cloyd, of Floydada; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Shuping will be Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., at Trinity Assembly of God Church, with Revs. Henry Russell and Vance Mitchell officiating. Burial will be at the Hale Center Cemetery in Hale Center, TX, under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home, Floydada.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, District 2, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX, 79423.

Flu shots being offered February 4 at FUMC Library

By Martha Farris

If you haven't had your flu shot, it is not too late! On Sunday, February 4, Covenant Hospital Plainview, RNR Parish Nursing, and the First United Methodist Church will cosponsor a flu shot clinic in the FUMC library from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This is a community wide effort to help make sure all are protected from this year's flu strain. The cost is \$20.00 cash or check only.

Come to the library of First United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., February 4. Our regular services will take place at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. and anyone is invited to attend if you desire.

If you have any questions, please call Sharon Hinton at 983-8096.

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To our friends of Floydada:

Thank you so much for everyone's thoughts and prayers during our time of need and support. Thank you for your calls, cards and flowers.

We would also like to thank the Floydada Police Department Honor Guard for their time and services, the Floydada Fire Department for bringing their engine that our son loved so much, and to the Floydada EMS for their support.

Thank you to First Baptist Church for your continuing prayers for our family. We are truly blessed to see how much we are loved and missed in Floydada. Our son brought a smile to everyone he met. Thank you again. We miss all of you!

Jody, Gail and Conner Barnes

The family of Kay Zimmerman would like to express our collective most sincere appreciation to everyone for the numerous hugs and kind words of encouragement, the sympathy cards, the floral arrangements, the nice memorials for Mother and the food and prayers for the family.

Thank you also to the always sweet ladies of the Methodist Church for the extremely delicious meal that was prepared for our family and friends!

Everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity has truly been a blessing for the entire family during this time.

Pat and Fred Zimmerman, III
Kimberly A. Zimmerman
Stephanie K. Zimmerman
Kit and Stan Huller
Jay and Katie Huller
Kate and Anna
Kristi K. Huller

During our loss of heating gas for 3 days, Leonard Buck and Kathy Johnson would like to extend Thank You's to the following: O. B. Smith family, Tommy and Anne Messer, Durrell and Faye Fortenberry, Frances and Alton Barnes for their help / electric heaters loans and food.

Also during Kathy's UMC hospital stay and recuperation at home, we would like to thank the following for their prayers, cards, food and personal visits: Members of Makers Class, First Baptist Church, Sue Daniels, Bill Swinney, Frances Barnes, Trinity Church - members and co-pastors, Henry Russell and Vance Mitchell, and members of First Methodist Church, Keith and Sue Reeves.

Thank you to the following businesses for donating to the Floyd County Rabbit Show: Davis Farm Supply, Assiter Insurance and Floyd County Stock Show Association.

Braden and Heston Graves

Braden and Heston Graves would like to thank Floydada Coop Gin, Probasco Flying Service and Floydada Buyers Club for purchasing our pigs at the Floyd County Stock Show.

THIS WEEK'S

RELAY FOR LIFE 2007 KICKOFF

It's time to get your team ready for Relay for Life! We will have our kickoff Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Floyd County Unity Center. If you are interested in forming a team, registering as a survivor, serving on the planning committee, or otherwise volunteering for Relay for Life, this is the place for you! If you have any questions, please contact Brianne Glasscock at 983-3717.

BLOOD DRIVE

United Blood Services of Lubbock will hold a Blood Drive Friday, January 26th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Mangold Memorial Hospital. Mobile Coach will be parked in hospital parking lot. Donors call Sheida Benton for appointment.

FOOD MANAGER CERTIFICATION TRAINING COURSE

Texas Cooperative Extension, Floyd County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$89 on February 15 & 16, 2007 at the Hale County Extension Office, 225 Broadway, #6, Plainview, TX. Deadline for registration is February 2, 2007.

SALVATION ARMY IN LOCKNEY

The Salvation Army in Lockney is in need of children's winter clothing. All sizes needed. Due to the cold weather, they are also in need of blankets.

LOCKNEY BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lockney Booster Club will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, February 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

The RNR Parish Nurse Community Outreach, Floydada United Methodist Church Library and Covenant Hospital Plainview are sponsoring a flu shot clinic for anyone who has not yet been vaccinated. Shots will be given Sunday, February 4th - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Floydada United Methodist Church Library. Cost is \$20 (cash or checks only) for adults and youth. Everyone is welcome!

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Floyd County Church Directory

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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 7:30 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.

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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,
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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

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Floydada
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Youth (Wednesday) ... 7:30 p.m.

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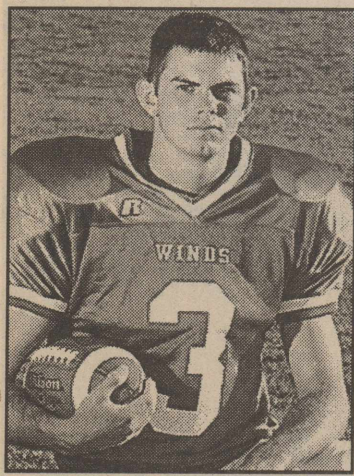
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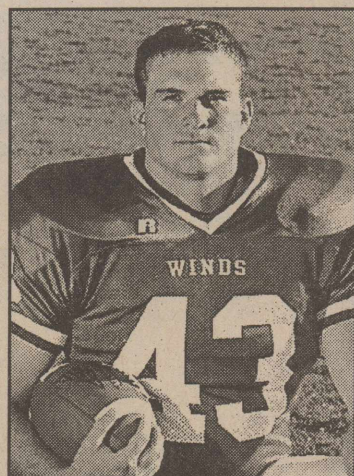
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Lady Winds Basketball Results

LADY WINDS - 46 CHILDRESS - 69

The FHS Lady Winds traveled to Childress on January 5, 2007 and took on the Lady Bobcats and lost by a score of 69-46.

Scoring results are as follows: Kelsey Ross - 20 points; Whitley Walker - 10 points; Lexi Terrell - 7 points; Kortney Williams - 4 points; Megan Aleman - 4 points; Jennifer Leatherman - 1 point.

Score by Quarters

Lady Winds - 6 23 39 46
Childress - 13 32 49 69

LADY WINDS - 40 ABERNATHY - 51

The Lady Winds played host

to the Lady Lopes on January 9, 2007 and came up short at the final buzzer by a score of 51-40.

Scoring results are as follows: Kelsey Ross - 10 points; Blanca Suarez - 6 points; Magan Flores - 6 points; Jennifer Leatherman - 5 points; Lexi Terrell - 5 points; Whitley Walker - 3 points; Kortney Williams - 3 points; Morgan Norrell - 2 points.

Score by Quarters

Lady Winds - 7 16 26 40
Lady Lopes - 10 19 28 51

LADY WINDS - 27 LOCKNEY - 45

The Lady Winds played the Lady Horns on January 12, 2007 at Lockney and came up short by

a score of 45-27.

Scoring results are as follows: Megan Aleman - 7 points; Kelsey Ross - 7 points; Lexi Terrell - 4 points; Magan Flores - 4 points; Kortney Williams - 3 points; Whitley Walker - 2 points.

Score by Quarters

Lady Winds - 3 17 21 27
Lockney - 14 25 28 45

LADY WINDS - 35 LITTLEFIELD - 43

The Lady Winds traveled to Littlefield on January 16, 2007 and took on the Lady Wildcats and lost by a score of 43-35.

Score by Quarters

Lady Winds - 9 10 23 35
Littlefield - 8 23 34 43

Whirwinds District Basketball Results

By KFLP Radio Corey Johnston

District boys basketball scores as of Tuesday, January 16, 2007: Floydada - 44 --- Lockney 19 (High Scorers: Williams 10 points; Beedy - 7 points); Floydada - 51 --- Littlefield - 38

(High scorers: Williams - 15 points; Kevin Smith - 12 points; Brandon Monreal - 10 points); Shallowater - 52 --- Abernathy 49; Childress - 51 --- Lockney 33

District girls basketball scores

as of Tuesday, January 16, 2007: Floydada - 27 --- Lockney 45 (High scorers: Ross - 7 points; Aleman - 7 points); Littlefield - 43 --- Floydada 35 (Higher Scorers: Ross - 15 points); Shallowater - 43 --- Abernathy - 40; Childress - 58 --- Lockney 46

COLLEGE NEWS

South Plains College recognized Kalli Ferguson, Tate Greer and Tori Terrell of Floydada on the fall 2006 Dean's Honor List for achieving academic excellence.

"This is truly a great accomplishment and I commend these students on their hard work," said Darrell Grimes, vice president of academic affairs. "I am always pleased to see students achieve this honor."

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

South Plains College is a two-year comprehensive community college in Levelland, Texas offering academic and technical programs in a variety of areas.

Wayland releases President's and Dean's Lists

Wayland Baptist University students named to honor rolls for the recent fall term included:

Rebecca Redding of Floydada, on the President's List. The President's List includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term.

Included on the Dean's List are Sylvia Mancilla of Floydada; Jamie Crow, Alexis Hall, Janee Harrison and Tana Saul, all of Lockney; and Jody Keese of South Plains.

The Dean's List includes full-time students who earned between a 3.5 and a 3.99 grade point average for the term.

7th & 8th Grade Basketball Report

Jr High 7th grade Girls A Team defeated Tahoka 33-17 in Idalou
Submitted by:
Coach Shelly Miller
Tournament
Top Scorers: Sarah Jo Miller-13; Avery Miller-10
Tournament cancelled due to weather. The next game will be Monday January 22 in Floydada, against Lockney at 5:00.

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A Love Fund has been started for 4 year old Christopher Barnes, at FNB Floydada. Parents are Jody and Gail Barnes

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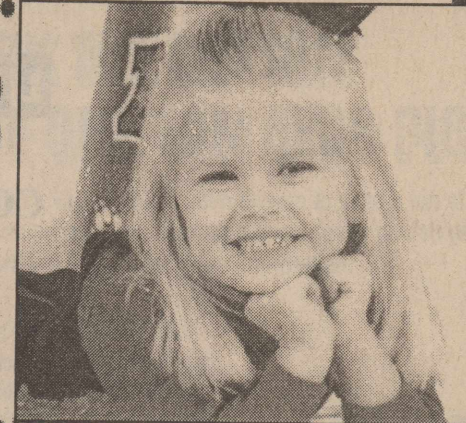
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Ethanol may affect cattle market

Writer: Kay Ledbetter
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Like it or not, ethanol is coming, and beef producers must be prepared to weather the transitional phase and capitalize on the potentials in the future, said two speakers at the Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo.

"The short run is going to be tough, but in the long run, things will work out," said Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Feed prices are being driven up by predictions of 3 billion gallons of ethanol production capacity coming online in the next year. Ethanol would require almost an 8-million acre increase in corn acreage, which equates to an additional 1.1 billion bushels of corn, Amosson said.

"I feel the corn prices will range from \$3 to \$4.25 per bushel on the board for the next couple of years, and the differential between corn and sorghum will narrow," he said.

Competition for acreage will increase, forcing other feed sources and crop prices higher.

In the short run, fed cattle prices will remain relatively unchanged, and feeder cattle and

calf prices may continue to soften, Amosson said. A rule of thumb, he said, is calf prices will drop \$1.50 per hundredweight for every 10 cent rise in corn prices.

This is going to reduce the predicted expansion phase of the cattle cycle, he said. But in three to four years that reduction will have cattle producers seeing record prices.

"Cattlemen also have a potential to gain market share relative to the swine and poultry industries because cattle can be fed the distiller's grain by-products, where the other industries can't," Amosson said.

"We just have to learn to feed those DDG's (dried distiller's grain)," he said.

Dr. Jim MacDonald, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station beef cattle nutritionist, agreed, saying "You don't have to like it, but you had better learn how to feed it."

And that, MacDonald said, is his job - helping the cattle producers learn how to feed the byproduct.

While ethanol had its share of unfriendly comments during the two-day symposium, MacDonald

said, "We're going to get there, we just have to manage the transition."

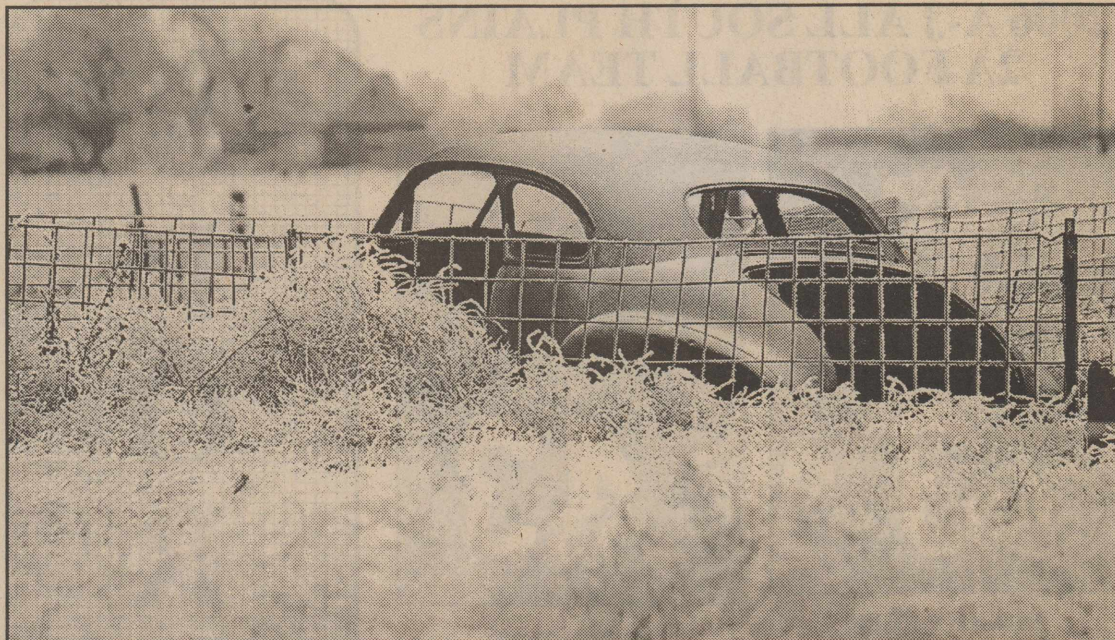
"A lot of concern has come with ethanol in this area," he said. "But we are better off with the plants here than not because we're not the only game in town."

Dried distiller's grains from the Midwest are being shipped into the export market, he said. So the fact that the Panhandle will produce 600 million gallons of ethanol per year soon, resulting in 1.5 million tons of distiller's grains, will help keep prices reasonable.

When corn is processed for ethanol, it breaks down to one-third ethanol, one-third carbon dioxide and one-third byproduct or distiller's grain, MacDonald said.

These distiller's grains still have all the nutrient profile of corn, only the starch has been removed, he said. It has 40 to 45 percent fiber and 25 to 30 percent crude protein.

"It's going to be a cheaper protein source in the future and if used as a forage supplement, it can be used for both protein and energy supplementation," MacDonald said.



WINTER SCENE IN FLOYD COUNTY BY RODNEY HUNT

Floyd County Farm News

Congressman Thornberry named to Armed Services and Intelligence Committees

Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX-13) has received his committee assignments in the U.S. House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.

The assignments announced by House Minority Leader John Boehner return Congressman Thornberry to two Committees important to the region and the country - the House Armed Services Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Thornberry has also been named the Ranking Member of the Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities. Designation as Ranking Member means Thornberry is the top Republican on the Subcommittee. Thornberry said he is looking forward to working with Subcommittee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Washington) in shaping the subcommittee's agenda.

Thornberry noted that the 13th District and surrounding areas play a significant role in national security through the work done at key facilities and installations, such as Sheppard Air Force Base, Dyess Air Force Base, Pantex, and Bell Helicopter/Textron.

Committee Responsibilities:

House Armed Services Committee: The Armed Services Committee authorizes funds for and oversees the Department of Defense (including the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines), military applications of nuclear energy and non-proliferation, tactical military intelligence and scientific research and development in support of the military.

House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism and Unconventional Threats: The Subcommittee's responsibilities include authorizing funding for and oversight of Department of Defense counter terrorism and counter proliferation programs, cutting edge research programs, Special Operations Forces, information technology programs, force protection policy, and related intelligence support and equipment.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: The Intelligence Committee authorizes spending for and oversight of the Intelligence Community and its various components including the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and other intelligence-related activities of the Departments of Defense, State, Justice, Energy, and Treasury.

Congressman Randy Neugebauer appointed to Financial Services, Ag, and Policy Committees

Congressman Randy Neugebauer has announced that he will serve as the Deputy Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee, a job that will require him at times to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the top ranking Republican during hearings and legislative debates.

"The House Financial Services Committee will face a number of important issues during the 110th Congress," stated the committee's Ranking Member Rep. Spencer Bachus. "During my service on the committee, I have gotten to know Congressman Neugebauer very well. He is a top-notch legislator who will perform his new duties with integrity, thoughtfulness, and energy."

Neugebauer will also move into the Republican leadership on the Agriculture Committee after being selected to serve as the Ranking Member of the panel's new Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture. This subcommittee's jurisdiction includes fruits and vegetables, marketing and promotion orders, and plant pesticides.

"It is an honor to be selected to leadership positions on these two important committees," Neugebauer said. "From writing the next Farm Bill to strengthening small businesses and local financial institutions, these positions will enable me to promote all sectors of the 19th District's economy."

Neugebauer, who begins his third term on the Agriculture

Committee this year, will be a voice for 19th District farmers and ranchers during the Farm Bill negotiations.

"With provisions of the current Farm Bill expiring this year, 2007 will be a big year for agriculture and for rural America," Neugebauer said. "I look forward to our work in the Ag Committee as we craft the next Farm Bill and put in place agriculture policies that help producers in Texas and across America succeed in the global marketplace."

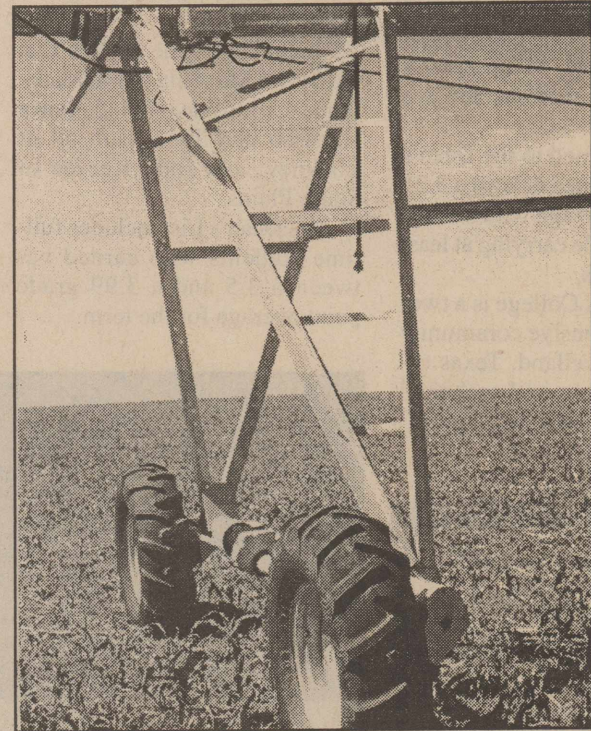
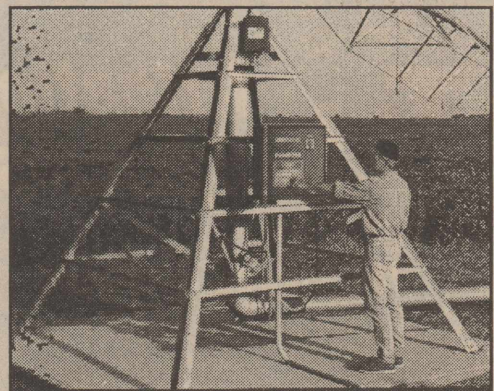
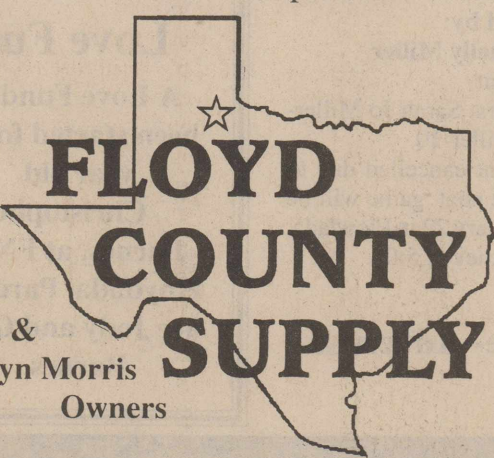
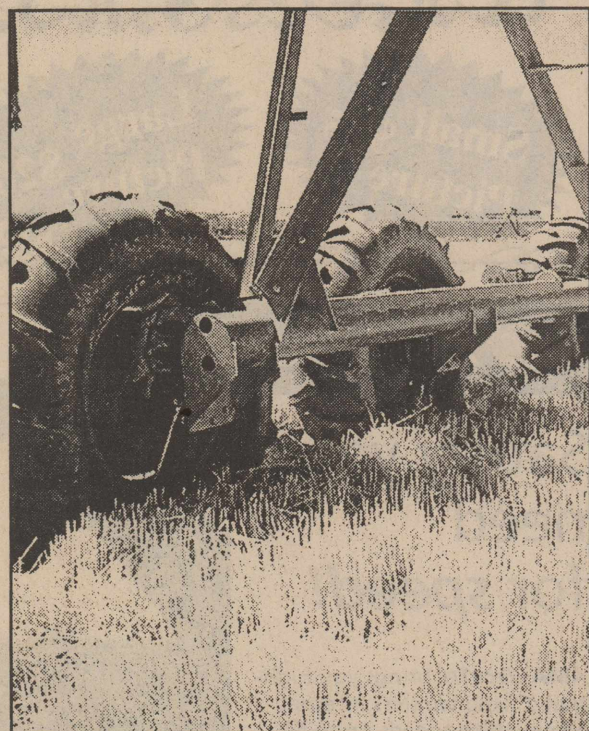
Neugebauer will also serve on the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management whose jurisdiction includes cotton, cottonseed, wheat and crop insurance.

In addition, Neugebauer has

been selected by Republican Leader John Boehner of Ohio to serve on the House Republican Policy Committee, a group of lawmakers that focuses on important issues ranging from tax reform to national security.

Neugebauer, who served on the Science Committee during his first term and the latter portion of his second term, will retake his seat on the panel under its new name, the Science and Technology Committee.

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WINTER SCENE BY RODNEY HUNT

Cow/Calf beef producers meeting Tuesday, Feb. 6th

The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a Cow/Calf Beef Producers meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.

The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and program starting at 8:30 a.m. Program topics will include: Feed Requirements and Needs for Cows During Winter; Mineral/Supplement Products Available for Beef Cows; Managing Cows & Calf Grazing Systems; Utilizing Condition Scoring and Cow Calculation Systems; Using Bi-Product Feed for Grazing Cattle; Ethanol Products and Bi-Products; Wheat Management and BQA Quality and Cattle Care.

Program speakers will include: Dr. Ted McCollum, TCE Beef Cattle Specialist - Amarillo; Kent

Mills Hi-Pro Feeds; Dr. Vivien Allen, Texas Tech University; Dr. Mike Galyean, Texas Tech University and Mike Harder, White Energy - Plainview.

A noon meal will be served sponsored by Panhandle Plains Land Bank and Hi Pro Feeds.

Following the noon meal we will depart to the Foster Brothers Farm for two on farm live cattle demonstrations. One will be a chute side cattle handling and safety demonstration and the other will be a calf pulling demonstration. We should conclude at 2 p.m.

A total of 3 CEU's will be available for all private applicators.

Please RSVP your attendance by calling the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office before 5 p.m. on Friday, February 2 at 983-4912.

Texas Crop and Weather Report

By Steve Byrns
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Severe winter weather across much of Texas has been a factor in the reduced number of postings in this week's crop and weather report. As more arrive, they will be added to next week's report.

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were above average early in the week before plunging below normal by week's end. Sleet, freezing rain, light snow and fog accompanied the cold temperatures. Field activities, including the remaining cotton harvest, have stopped until warmer and drier conditions return. Gins continue to be active. Wheat has benefitted from the moisture. Greenbug infestations of small-grain fields are increasing in southern portions of the area, but low temperatures will slow reproduction. Range conditions are rated from very poor to good with most areas in the middle. Cattle are in fair to good condition, but the cold, sleet, freezing rain and light snow are causing considerable stress. Supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: Severe winter weather in the area brought temperatures in the teens. Ice and snow made travel extremely dangerous. This arctic blast brought field work to a halt and stressed area livestock. Wheat has progressed well due to the recent moisture. Pastures and ranges are in poor to fair condition. Supplemental feeding continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: Temperatures dipped into the teens, and freezing rain, sleet and snow came to the area at week's end. Heavy hay and feed supplements are being given to cattle and horses. Fall cattle work has been completed; some producers have reduced herds instead of supplementally feeding them. Livestock are in fair to good condition. Cotton harvest is almost complete. Cotton gins are mak-

ing good progress.

Greenbugs continue to be a problem in wheat, with more acreage being sprayed every day. Recent rains should add growth to the wheat and help it outgrow some greenbug pressure.

FAR WEST: Soil moisture ranges from very short to adequate, and crops such as winter wheat and oats, and native pastures reflect the moisture conditions. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

WEST CENTRAL: Temperatures were unseasonably warm at the beginning of the week but freezing at week's end. Some rain has been reported in a few areas. Below freezing temperatures with some anticipated rainfall is expected for the next seven days. Small grains and pastures are

showing some good growth due to recent rains. Producers continue to strip what little cotton is left, weather conditions permitting. Livestock are in fair to good condition. Supplemental feeding continues due to cold conditions. Hay is in big demand and in short supply. Hard rains are needed in some areas to fill empty stock tanks.

SOUTH: Most of the region had adequate soil moisture conditions with cool nights and mild days last week. Temperatures are lower than normal but no major freeze damage has been reported yet. Harvesting of winter vegetables, citrus and sugarcane is still under way. Farmers are preparing land for spring planting. Range conditions have benefited from recent rains.

By Shawn Wade



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Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade suffered minor losses on Thursday as traders focused on what most cotton market observers termed "a poor fundamental outlook for the foreseeable future."

The market reacted this week to USDA's Jan. 12 supply/demand report which showed additional cotton land likely will be lost to wheat plantings in 2007. Winter wheat plantings across the Cotton Belt now are expected to increase by 1.75 million acres. Traders say the majority of those acres probably will be "double-cropped" with soybeans, and they are likely to come out of land that was planted to cotton last year.

Corn already is seen seriously cutting into cotton acres in 2007, and cotton prices likely will be swayed by the corn market at least until mid-February when most acreage decisions will be finalized.

In other news, USDA's weekly export sales report was released Friday, delayed from its normal

Thursday release due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday. The report surprised most cotton analysts as the sales figure was much higher than industry estimates.

At 257,600 bales, net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Jan. 11 were more than six times the previous week and 90 percent higher than the four-week average. China was the largest buyer at 78,500 bales. Turkey came in second at 47,400, and Indonesia bought 26,900 bales.

Export shipments of 176,300 bales were 13 percent more than the previous week and 24 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations were Turkey, Indonesia, China, and Mexico.

According to one analyst, despite USDA's slightly lower export estimate in its January report, cotton shipments still need to average approximately 420,000 bales per week to reach the department's forecast. At this point in the marketing year, al-

most 12.2 million bales still need to be shipped, the analyst explained.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 30,359 in the week ended Jan. 18 compared to 47,885 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 44.18 to 52.20 cents per pound compared to 44.18 to 52.20 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, a strong winter storm moved through the Plains this week bringing rain and a mixture of wintry precipitation to Texas and Oklahoma. Daytime highs quickly dropped into the 20s as the storm system entered the Plains, and wind chill readings quickly fell into the single digits. Snow and ice accumulations were recorded on the Texas High and Rolling Plains making travel treacherous. Although the precipitation halted final harvesting activities, it will help augment soil moisture levels.

Irrigation opportunities require proper planning

By Kay Ledbetter - skledbetter@ag.tamu.edu

Excitement and anxiety are building as irrigation producers look at the first opportunity in many years to have profitable spring crops, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"We see on the horizon a great opportunity to make some money," said Leon New, Extension irrigation specialist, during the High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show in Amarillo.

"We've got the equipment, both center pivot and sub-surface drip, to make the most out of the least, that being water," New said. "There's not a lot more we can do on the systems, so it's planning on your part that will generate the most efficiency."

He advised producers not to overshoot their water capabilities.

Formulate a plan based on the

gallons-per-minute per acre capabilities of the wells on a property, New said.

"We're challenged this year," he said. "We're going to try to do more than what we have water to do it with, and we can't afford to lose water."

You have to make some good decisions."

Manage the irrigation water, rainfall and soil moisture to maximize yields on each crop, New said, keeping in mind that no irrigation system can "make" water that's not available.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist in Amarillo, said producers in limited water situations who are producing wheat, sorghum and cotton should compare the benefits of partial versus full irrigation.

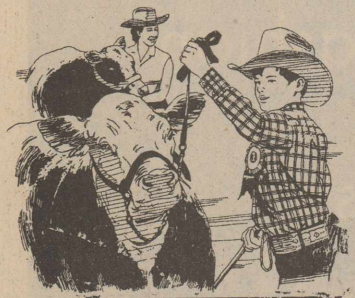
"You may be better off to

spread the water out by partially irrigating all of it instead of fully irrigating part of it and letting the rest grow under dryland conditions," Amosson said.

In limited-water situations, the value of the initial water applications are higher than later applications, he said. The rate of return for the last few inches of water applied to a crop is not as great and may be more efficiently used if applied to another crop, he said.

However, Amosson agreed with New, saying this is the year for producers with water to use it, and the greatest return is going to be with corn.

"Pump it," he said. "There are times when you shouldn't irrigate, but you do. This is the year where you are going to get good returns for that water pumped."



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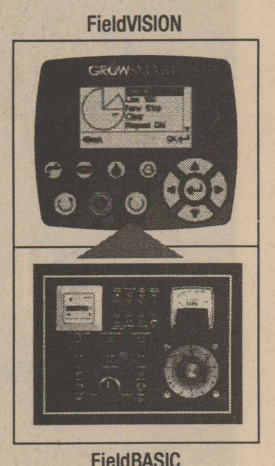
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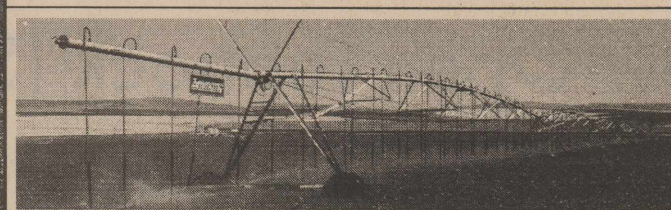


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