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HUBERT GRIFFITH saluting at the Floydada Veterans Memorial Day celebration at the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial. Staff Photo

Hubert Griffith inducted into Clovis AFB Wall of Heroes

(Part 1 of 2)
By Alice Gilroy
(Many of the quotes in this story were taken from Griffith's own memoirs, "For Freedom's Sake").

Hubert Griffith, formerly of Lockney, was recently inducted into the Wall of Heroes at Canon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M. Making the decision to make Griffith a part of the War Memorial was easy considering the sacrifices he has made for his country.

As part of the "Lost Battalion", Griffith was captured by the Japanese in Australia after the Dutch surrender. He spent 3 1/2 years as a Japanese P.O.W. in forced labor building bridges and railroads, including the infamous Burma-Thailand Railroad.

The oldest of 5 children, Griffith was born June 22, 1918 3 1/2 miles north of Lockney.

Looking back on his childhood, Griffith says he remembers Hubert and Jack Frizzell passing by his house on the way to the Bobbit School. "Sometimes they rode horses and sometimes they came in a little wagon pulled by a goat", wrote Griffith in his recently published memoirs, "For Freedom's Sake".

When it came time to start school Griffith says the Bobbit and Weathers Schools had been consolidated into the Prairie Chapel School. The old Bobbit school was moved to Prairie Chapel and became a Church of Christ.

Griffith remembers he and his sister, Clea, riding "Ole Buster" to school. When the other kids Dorothy, Elmer, and

Leonard, started school, then all the kids walked the 2 3/4 miles to school.

"School let out in the fall so the kids could pull cotton," said Griffith. By the time he was 10 years old, Griffith was driving farm horses hitched to a tandem dish. Later he pulled a one-way plow behind a Fordson tractor.

As he grew up he worked as a farm hand driving tractors and pulling combines and then driving self-propelled combines.

Farming was all he knew and when Griffith returned from the war he went back into farming. However his body was so weakened by the years he spent in prison camp that he was unable to continue farming. "My health was broke down," said Griffith. "I had no stamina".

Griffith writes, "I went to the V.A. to inquire about some schooling...I was given an aptitude test which indicated that I had a choice of being a farmer, rancher, forest ranger, or an accountant."

Farming was out of the question, of course, so Griffith attended Watson Business College in Plainview. After graduation he started working for the El Paso National Gas Company in El Paso. He remained there until he retired 23 1/2 years later.

Griffith spent most of his school years in Sterley and in 1936 he started 11th grade in Lockney. He quit before graduating and continued to work for farmers through the Depression.

In the early part of 1940 Griffith worked for Paul Cooper on his farm. A law was passed during this time that one year of military service was compulsory.

Because he wanted to get married to his girlfriend, Josephine Wells, before he joined the military, Griffith asked her father for her hand in marriage. "He wanted me to wait until I had served my time," wrote Griffith.

Griffith enlisted in the National Guard in Plainview on September 9, 1940. He became part of the 1st Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, "A" Battery, of the 36th Division.

October 25 he was mobilized into active service and moved to Camp Bowie, near Brownwood.

When Griffith heard he was about to be transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma he was hopeful Josephine could join him there. So after Josephine accepted his marriage proposal the two were married October 15, 1941. However, it never worked out the way Griffith hoped. Instead of Oklahoma, he was transferred to "D" Battery in the 1st Battalion. The 2nd Battalion was sent to the Philippines and the 1st Battalion was sent to Hawaii and then Australia.

An ocean voyage brought Griffith to Pearl Harbor on November 28, 1940. "On the way to Hawaii," Griffith writes, "we passed a small island with a sign that said, 'Bob's Oil Well, Mator, Texas',...so many thousand miles. I can't remember the mileage."

On Nov. 29, Griffith left Hawaii in a 9 ship convoy, escorted by the "U.S.S. Pensacola".

On Dec. 7th while on the ship, Griffith says they heard the news of Pearl Harbor.

"It seems to me," wrote Griffith, "that we were originally going to help in the defense of

Australia...When we reached the port of Darwin, Australia the port was too small and we were anchored out in the bay waiting for our turn at the docks. While waiting the 19th Bombardment Group (B17 bombers) were bombed out of the Philippines. They flew to a field called Singosari near Malang, Java. They had no ground personnel since they had been left behind, so it was decided that we would go to Java to act as ground troops for the 19th Bomb Group. On the way, 2 ships in their convoy were sunk by Japanese submarines.

The troops eventually docked in Java, an island of Indonesia, which at the time was the core of the colonial Dutch East Indies.

Arriving January 11, 1942 the troops traveled by train to Singosari.

"We were furnished to the Air Force and Army," said Griffith. We loaded bombs, worked on machine guns and refueled planes."

The B17 bombers frequently went out to bomb ships, "or whatever". While they were gone the Japanese "would come bomb our docks and warehouses," said Griffith.

"The natives used drums as a way of communicating from one village to another," said Griffith. "When the Japanese planes would approach the island the drummers began relaying the information from one station to the next...We soon learned the drumbeat and knew of an air raid before the warning sirens ever blew."

Griffith says the bombing raids occurred frequently until
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ROBIN NIXON

Nixon is "Coach of the Year"

By Alice Gilroy
It was no surprise to Floydada youth, their parents, or any local tennis follower that Robin Nixon was named Texas USTA's Tennis Coach of the Year. The surprise was what took so long to recognize Nixon in the first place.

Floydadans have known for a long time just what a prize they had in Robin Nixon.

Nixon and her tennis players have brought home so many trophies that the wins are getting hard to count.

Raised in Hart, Texas, Nixon graduated Hart High School in 1983. She went on to Angelo State University and graduated with a degree in Physical Education in 1987.

Her first teaching job was P.E. at an elementary school in Midland in 1988. The 2nd semester in the fall of '88, Nixon moved on to Lockney Junior High.

At LJH she taught 6th grade Science, coached basketball and helped with track, cross country,

and tennis.

"The first year I took the boys to cross country in State," said Nixon. "That was a little weird because I really had no experience in cross country. An old college roommate of mine majored in that, and I kept calling

her and asking her what to do!"

In Lockney, as in Floydada, Nixon was involved in about anything the youth were involved in. "I was in Lockney for 4 years and just helped out in anything I could do. I also helped

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'Horn Band students qualify for State

By Rob Lovett
Our congratulations to the following Longhorn Band members who earned first-division ratings at the Region 16 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday: Patrick Doucette, Stephana Villarreal, James Mercado, Katie

Bice, Bryan Cooper, Erin Mangold, Zach Montandon, Lauren Stewart, Brandon Wilson, Jonathan Coleman, Tyson Carthel, Jay Ragland and Rion Aufferl.

Everyone qualified for the State UIL Contest on Memorial

Day in San Marcos.

Last October, Cancy Cabler qualified for the Texas State UIL Twirling Contest, also in San Marcos.

Lockney will be well represented at UIL State Competition with 14 students.

Problems arise in County Court over bill paying responsibilities

By Darwin Robinson
The Floyd County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, February 12, and discussed the need to get the courthouse bills paid, approved the advertisement for a new extended cab pickup for the Sheriff's Department and the hiring of a part-time bailiff/transport officer to transport prisoners in and out of the courthouse.

Bills were not received or paid by Commissioners at the meeting because no bills were presented to them.

County Treasurer Elva Martinez presented what she called a "guesstimation" of a January Financial Report, because she said she could not pay the bills.

Martinez told the Court she had not paid the bills because she did not have "that software" in her computer.

"It is on the budget/finance clerk's computer (referring to recently hired Gayla Griffin) and she is not here yet," said Martinez.

Griffin was hired to replace Debra Burson, who passed away in October 2006. Burson's work, according to County Clerk Marilyn Holcomb, has been done since Burson's death by Martinez working overtime at night.

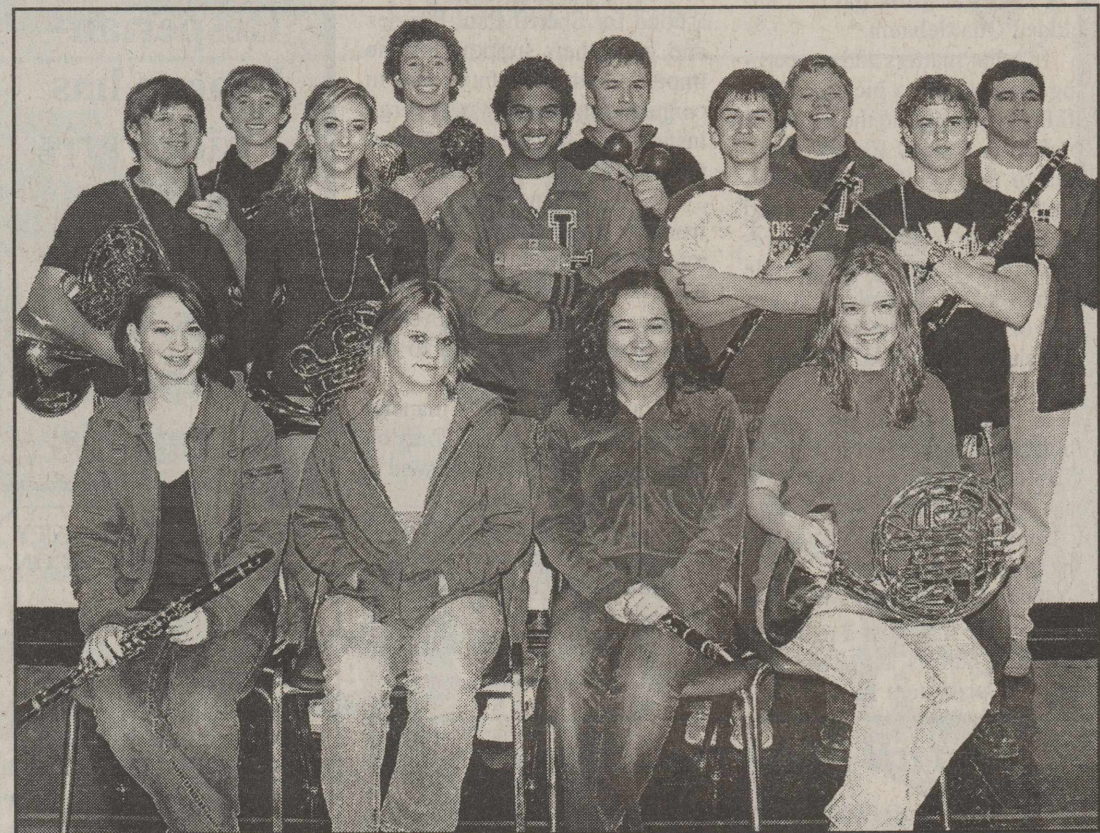
Commissioner Lennie Gilroy said, "Gayla Griffin gave her former employer a two weeks notice and I appreciate her doing that. She will be here on January
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Date set for Floydada Chamber Banquet

The 2007 Floydada Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Tuesday, April 10. It will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, intersection of US Hwy 70 and FM 786.

Tickets for the banquet are \$12.50 and may be purchased from any Chamber director or at the Chamber office, 125 East California, in Floydada.

The Chamber of Commerce is now taking your nominations from the community for the Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Employer of the Year and the Extra Mile Awards. Please limit your nominations to 200 words, and turn them in at the Chamber office to Patti Sanchez or you may mail them to Floydada Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 147, Floydada. For more information, you can call Patti at the Chamber office, 983-3434.



FOURTEEN LOCKNEY LONGHORN BAND MEMBERS qualified for State Competition. Shown are (back row, l-r) Zach Montandon, Rion Aufferl, Tyson Carthel, Brandon Wilson, Jay Ragland, (second row, l-r) Bryan Cooper, Lauren Stewart, Jonathan Coleman, James Mercado, Patrick Doucette (front row, l-r) Katie Bice, Cancy Cabler (Twirling), Stephana Villarreal and Erin Mangold. (See related story.) Staff Photo

Griffith on Wall of Heroes

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the 19th Bomb group flew to Australia.

Fighting soon intensified on the Island. Griffith recalls, "Constant Japanese air reconnaissance kept us immobile during the day as we had no planes at all. We were continually being out-flanked and forced to fall back behind the retreating Australians. It got so rough that we were ordered to withdraw. We pulled out just ahead of the Nips and moved back east of Bandoeng. We sought refuge from the Nip planes under the branches of rubber trees on a plantation....There was a sense of uncertainty about the situation. It seemed that the native army had deserted and returned to their villages. Rumor had it that the Dutch were going to surrender, then they were going to fight to the last. It became very uncertain as to what was going to happen."

On March 8, 1942 the Dutch surrendered to the Japanese. Griffith says the Americans heard they were going to be picked up by an American cruiser. However, when they got to the port where the cruiser was supposed to be, it was not there.

"We did an about face and went to another location," said Griffith, "until we could decide what to do." (Griffith found out later the cruiser that was supposed to pick them up was the U.S.S. Houston. The ship had been sunk in the Sunda Straits on or about Feb. 28, 1942. Those that survived and made it to shore also became prisoners of war).

"Our officers told us that we could leave on our own," said Griffith, "but they believed it would be better to remain as a group because they didn't believe there was any way to escape."

Griffith wrote, "At first we had no Japanese guards but we got our orders from them through the Dutch. We were told to take our artillery pieces to a racetrack and leave them. We rendered our weapons useless by removing and burying the firing pins. I unloaded what few rounds that were left from our truck and buried them

in a nearby rice paddy."

Waiting for further orders the soldiers haggled with the natives over prices for bananas, eggs, and other items. Griffith says he was so good at this, other soldiers had him make their deals for them.

After about 3 weeks, according to Griffith, the soldiers were informed the Japanese were coming to take control. "We were lined up in ranks with the tallest man in front," wrote Griffith. "The Nip Colonel rode up in a jeep and when the driver saw these tall men he brought the jeep to an abrupt halt nearly throwing the Colonel into the windshield. Of course the driver got a bashing for this action. This, we learned, was a trait with the Japanese military. They disciplined their soldiers by bashing those who hold a lesser rank."

Griffith says the Colonel began his speech by degrading America. "He told us that we had lost the war to them and we could not go home to be disgraced. He further stated that the Japanese were so much superior to the Americans but we could go to Japan and become good citizens."

The men were marched to a train station five miles away. Crammed into the train the prisoners found the seats infested with lice that quickly attacked. "The more we scratched they more they dug into our skin. Some of the men had already come down with dysentery. There were no rest rooms so they soiled their clothing causing a horrible stench."

After stopping the soldiers marched for what Griffith says was a "long time". Their new home turned out to be the Praecock Concentration Camp located near a town of Tandjonk Priok, not far from Batavia, Java. The Americans were housed with the Dutch, British, and Australian troops.

This would be the first of several prison camps that would be Griffith's home over the years.

(Next week, life in prison camps and building the Burma Railroad).

Commissioners will take bids for Sheriff pickup

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20." Because Martinez had expressed her displeasure with the Commissioners over their choice for the new budget clerk, Gilroy asked Martinez if she was going to "help her (Griffin) and give her a chance."

Martinez responded that she would do what she could.

Commissioner Bill Quattlebaum said, "We must all bury the hatchet. Let's all get things together, if not, we will all go down with the same ship. We must cooperate together and we have 8 more days to pay the bills and we must do payroll."

"The Finance Clerk takes the place of an auditor. We would be derelict of our duty if checks and balances were not part of the county's financial business. Whatever it takes, lets get it done. Let's get the bills paid," concluded Quattlebaum.

In other matters and concerning the need for a pickup, Sheriff Paul Raisseze told the court, "A pickup is needed for my deputies to use on the county dirt roads. A car just does not hold up on those roads. It will be replacing a 1999 patrol vehicle with over 250,000 miles that uses a lot of oil. The money for a new vehicle is already in this year's budget."

Following discussion about the other vehicles, Commissioner Quattlebaum suggested, "We need to price the cost for a cage to be installed in the transport van for security reasons."

The commissioners also approved the hiring of a part-time bailiff, or bailiffs, at \$10 per hour, to haul prisoners to and from

Plainview to the courthouse for court appearances. Their salaries

will be taken from the Courthouse Security Account, according to Judge Golightly.

The commissioners heard a request by Kay Brotherton and Ron Trusler of the West Texas Community Coalition to support a request for and to be a part of the Texas Mental Health Transformation Grant already applied for.

Brotherton told the court, "This grant will be for use in technology and for the improvement of mental health in Floyd County and the surrounding counties. This will be a rural model in mental health."

Trusler added, "We thank you for your support. We have served 74 residents of Floyd County this past year."

The commissioners approved a bond for Sheriff Paul Raisseze and gave their support for the improvement of county roads in connection with the wind energy installations in the eastern part of the county.

The court transferred \$40,000 from the Road and Bridge Fund into the four precincts at \$10,000 each to be used in their regular expenses and they approved \$1,200 to be transferred to the Law Library.

The January, 2007 Financial Report presented to the court by Treasurer Martinez showed a Beginning Balance of \$937,667.69 and Receipts at \$302,475.26. It showed Transfers In and Out at \$144,585.49, Disbursed at \$244,083.52, leaving an Ending Balance of \$996,059.43.

A view from



The Lamplighter

By: Ken Towery

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Well so? We gird our loins and go forth. The President has said we must send more troops into Iraq. (This is to be known as the "surge"). And, if we really want to win in Iraq, according to the President, we must first find a way to stop the assistance to Iraqi guerrillas from Iran and Syria.

You are allowed, gentle reader, one guess as to how that will happen.

Once upon a time Lyndon Baines Johnson said the same thing about Vietnam. That was shortly before the U.S. undertook an ignoble retreat from South Asia, under another President (Nixon). For the first time in history an American President (Johnson) refused to run again simply because he had made so many wrong decisions his own Party would not re-nominate him. But Lyndon was like that. He won the Presidency, by hook or crook (mostly crook), and it was all his. While he was there it would be his to do with as he

chose.

Then there followed, again for the first time in history, the resignation of an American President (Nixon) who could not equate what he was doing with what the American people wanted, or what he thought the American people wanted. Nixon was followed, as far as elective politics is concerned, by Jimmy Carter, whose piety perfectly equipped him to follow the escapades of Nixon and pave the way for Bill Clinton, who, like John F. Kennedy, could never get over the idea that the White House was one giant Cat House.

We look upon the succession of presidents with mixed emotions. Some of them, we supported. Some we did not. Some of those we supported turned out well. Some did not. In a few cases the choice was so dismal there was no real choice at all. (The current president is a perfect example. For people like myself, there was no real choice...no

place to go. It was either throw away a vote on a scoundrel like John Kerry, or vote for George Bush and hope for the best. And, like most Americans, we voted our hopes.)

Now we have come full circle. The current president, after campaigning against "ethnic cleansing" in the Balkans, has turned

out to be the biggest ethnic cleanser of them all. And, after campaigning against "nation building", has turned out to be the biggest nation builder of them all. All done, of course, with the lives of our youngsters.

We can forgive any president for an occasional lie told in the nation's interest. Ike certainly did that when he prevaricated during the U2 incident. But that was while trying to save the life of an American serviceman, not cause more deaths. He probably misled many, many people during the war in Europe, again in an effort to save the lives of Americans. To me, there is a difference. At least with Ike, he did not promise one thing if he were elected, and then deliver something else entirely. George W. Bush cannot say that.

Nor can many Presidents. Lyndon Johnson had a well deserved reputation for being one of the biggest liars around. His entire personal and political his-

tory is built on lies, but that has not stopped a personal cult from being built around his Presidency simply because of the civil rights thing. Austin is literally full of

people who couldn't care less about Johnson's record on anything but civil rights, and on that they turn a blind eye to his earlier comments on the same thing.

Even on civil rights, Lyndon was all over the lot, lying like a rug. I guess, come to think about it, Lyndon didn't lie so much. He just changed his mind quiet frequently, like every time he addressed a different audience. Nixon's lies are well documented, as are Johnson's. George W. Bush, in my own opinion, approaches Johnson when it comes to misleading people, but he, like Lyndon, can always say he was prevaricating for the good of the people.

So, the war in Iraq goes on. And more young men (and women) get sucked into what is essentially a conflict (not of their doing) that began with Abraham and Sarah and Hagar back in Egypt a few thousand years ago. In the meantime, we hope someone who really knows, will explain to us just exactly why the conflict is any of our business. And we hope that happens before the next American youngster gets blown up.

Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report

By Tom Musser

Floyd County: On Saturday February 10, 2007 the Railroad Commission of Texas approved the amended drilling permit for the BASA Resources, Inc./ Tyner Texas Operating Company Joint Venture, Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1. This amendment to the original drilling permit filed October 19, 2005 changes the well location from the southeast corner of Section 50 to the southwest corner of Section 50. The amended well location of the Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1 will be 467 feet from the south line and 467 feet from the west line of Section 50, Abstract-2230, block 1, Adams, Beaty & Moulton Survey, 11 miles east of Floydada. This will place the Maurice Campbell Lease Well #1 3772 feet north-northwest (3767 feet north and 193 feet west) of the PetroGlobe Energy McIntosh Lese Well #1077 located in Section 77.

Floyd County: On Monday February 12, 2007 PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. filed an ap-

plication for a horizontal drilling permit for the McIntosh Lease Well #176 to be located in Section 76, Block 1, Adams, Beaty & Moulton Survey, 10 1/2 miles east of Floydada. The surface location will be 710 feet from the south line and 1980 feet from the east line of Section 76. The formation penetration point will be 1347 feet from the south line and 1765 feet from the east of Section 76. The terminus location will be 660 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line of Section 76. On Tuesday of this week the drilling rig was moving in on location to begin drilling operations on the McIntosh #176.

Courtroom Activities

In District Court, February 7, 2007, probation was revoked on Joe Anthony Garza, 21, of Floydada. Garza had previously been put on probation for 2 counts of forgery, occurring on January, 24, 2006 and January, 26, 2006.

He was sentenced to 22 months in the State Jail Facility of TDCJ, a \$250 fine, restitution, attorney's fees, and court costs in each case.

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Nixon named "Coach of the Year"

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Nixon moved to Floydada schools in 1992 and went to work as an assistant coach in basketball at the Junior High.

In 1994 she started teaching tennis at the Junior High and High School. She also teaches Elementary P.E. at Andrews.

"The first year we played we won 3rd place in District," said Nixon. "After that I started going up and down the halls begging kids to play. I'd stop them and say, 'You look like a tennis player--you want to be on the team?'"

"The first year I recruited 5 or 6 boys--we needed a boy for team tennis. Dane Sanders (who was a senior) paired up with Matthew Rainwater and they qualified for Regional UIL. Can you imagine what he could have done if he had been playing all along?"

Nixon humbly states that she might can take some credit for "driving and motivating the kids--but they do all the playing."

"If you surround yourself with good players they make you look good," said Nixon. "Maybe the love I have for the game has spilled over to them and maybe they will spread it around."

She also praises her assistant, Regina Smith. "She is a good coach," said Nixon. "She doesn't get the accolades and she should."

Nixon is also not shy about who else she leans on to help her with the program.

"When I have a big tournament coming up I call my mom and ask for prayer," said Robin. "She gets together with some of her prayer warriors and pray for us."

"Also--when things are getting tense, I'll be on the sidelines repeating over and over to myself, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me!'"

The tennis program may not have been much when Nixon came to Floydada, but the program has now grown to include even the elementary children.

"Regina teaches tennis to Pre-K through 2nd grade," said

Nixon. "I teach the 3rd-5th grade tennis."

Nixon and Smith put the smaller kids on smaller courts so the youngsters do not get discouraged.

"We have smaller rackets and smaller balls which is all supplied by the USTA," said Nixon. "The USTA also gives me the curriculum."

At the high school level the Team Tennis has been very successful.

"In smaller schools kids will play singles and doubles in Team Tennis," said Nixon. "We play 2 weekends--tournament style--and that's it. The kids play a lot of tennis at these tournaments. Our first weekend is in March."

Robin can't remember how many times her Team Tennis has qualified for Regional but they have won Regional and qualified for State (in Round Rock) 7 times.

After Team Tennis is over the tennis players work at UIL competition. "We have won District Team Championships at least 6 times," said Nixon.

Nixon serves on the Texas Section of the executive and schools committee of the USTA. She is one of the youngest on the committee.

Nixon still competes herself and plays in leagues in Lubbock. She also plays in tournaments in the summers.

"Tennis is a sport that kids can play all of their lives. They'll never get too old to play."

"It is also a great place to learn

valuable life lessons. Sometimes it is a lonely feeling out there on the court with all eyes on you and people yelling at you.

"You can be down and out and you have to fight and claw your way back to finish it."

"It is a gentlemanly and lady-like sport (at least it's supposed to be). You are supposed to behave that way."

"You learn self-confidence and honesty because you have to call your own lines."

Kerlin Butchee, staff member of the USTA Texas Section, nominated Nixon for the award.

"Robin has been very instrumental in implementing and furthering several USTA programs in that area," said Butchee. "She is a major influence in the NJTL (National Junior Tennis League) program, in her school coaching efforts, and is participating in a 'no-cut' coaching effort initiated by the USTA this year."

"She will also be starting some after school programs. She is a super star in the world of coaching and furthering tennis at all levels. We are very proud of her from the Texas Section."

When asked about her after school programs, Nixon said she will be having block parties in May to recruit small children. "One or 2 days a week we will play tennis with elementary kids. We will have ball, rackets, and courts that fit them."

In Robin's "spare time" she manages a household, and along with her husband, Gary, raises two sons, Kirby, 9, and Kennan, 7.



FHS YEARBOOK STAFF for the 2006 yearbook include: (back, l-r) Susie Flores, Jennifer Rainwater, and Hector Martinez; and (front, l-r) Editor Jeffri Vaughn, Photo Editor Tabi Barrientoz, Joann Caballero, Keyla Pesina, and Stephanie Carrasco. Courtesy Photo

Floydada Whirlwind 2006 Yearbook selected as national semi-finalist

The 2006 Whirlwind yearbook for the Floydada schools was selected out of more than 7,500 yearbooks as a national semi-finalist. For the second year in a row, the Whirlwind and its staff members received Honorable Mention in the selection process. Only 15 per cent of all yearbooks published by Taylor Publishing are favored with this distinguished honor.

A panel of judges from across the nation select the finalists for Yearbook Yearbook, an annual publication. The selected covers, endsheets, and spreads are then highlighted in the publication.

The theme for the yearbook was "Up," and the cover featured,

ghosted definitions of the word with bold green letters and an arrow. Throughout the book, the positive theme repeatedly reinforced the many successes of the students to reach higher goals, to surpass earlier accomplishments, and to raise the standards in the classroom and extra curricular activities. The theme was chosen to reflect the focus the students and staff have toward constantly improving.

The book was also judged by the Interscholastic League Press Conference, and was given Distinguished Merit honors for the advertising section, and Achievement honors for photography, as well as for the reader services,

and the organization section. Comments from the ILPC judges included, "Yours is one of the few books I've seen that ads emphasize service and products, and you include students in the ads. Kudos for an overall great job with business and personal ads!"

"I am so proud of the accomplishments of this staff of eight. The kids work so hard to take photos and get the stories to include, and they devote so much time to the production of the yearbook, so it is wonderful to see them honored for the great work they do," yearbook sponsor, Anne Carthel said.

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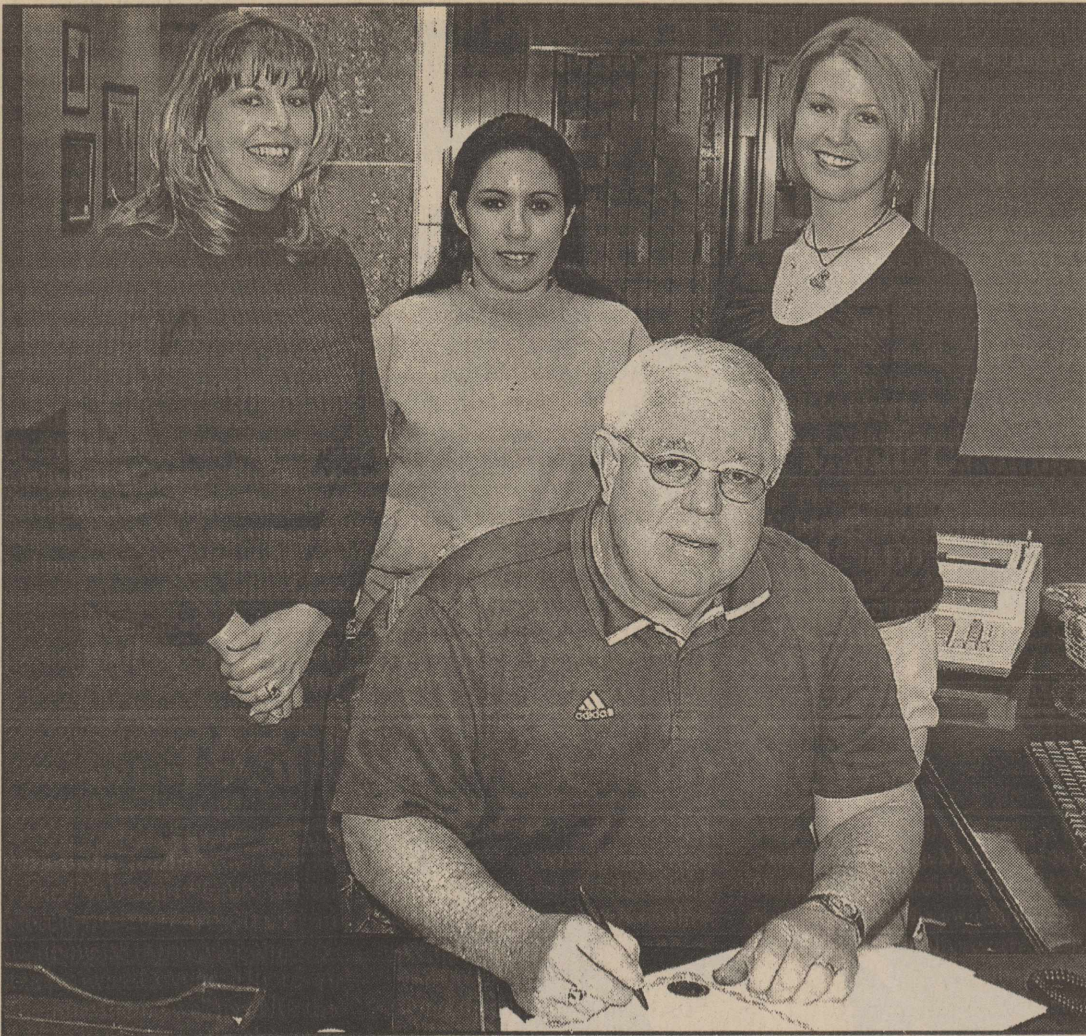
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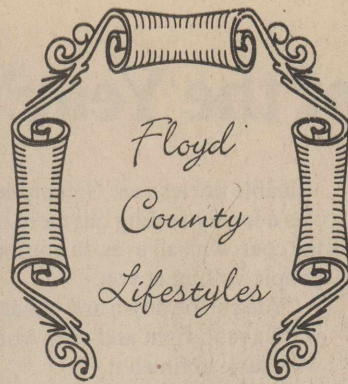
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CANCER AWARENESS PROCLAMATION-Relay for Life Committee Members are shown with Floydada Mayor Bobby Gilliland signing the proclamation Tuesday. This year's Relay will be held April 20, 2007. Shown are: (back row, l-r) Tracy Campbell, Sara Segura and Brianne Glasscock. Staff Photo



Daughters of the American Revolution

By Pricilla Minter
The Buffalo Grass Chapter of the NSDAR met on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Electric Hospital-ity Room in Floydada with nine members and one guest present. The meeting was on our Annual Reports of 2006.

Presiding Regent, Margaret Berry, opened the meeting in ritualistic form. The President General's message was read from the NSDAR magazine, American Spirit, by Nancy Marble. One of the topics was a review of a brand-new book that examines American Homes from 1775 to 1840. Where We Lived: Discovering the Places We Once Called Home charts the course of architecture in the young republic, accented by more than 400 photographs from the invaluable resource of the Depression-era Historic American Building Survey. Another one of the features looks at the issue of slavery before it divided the country and sparked a civil war.

The National Defense Report was given by June Sherman. The Flag Minute was given by Margaret Berry. She asked the members which Flag Minute of the past year was their favorite. The unanimous decision was the Folding of the U.S. Flag.

The Constitutional Sidelight was given by Sherry Colston on Judicial Review.

The Indian Highlight was given by Debby McCarty on the Indian Territory.

The program was the Annual Reports for 2006 for our chapter. Minutes of the December 18, 2006 meeting was read by Pricilla Minter and approved by the members.

The officer's reports were given.

New Business: Regent, Margaret Berry, presided in the election of the new officers for the coming year 2007-2008. Officers elected are as follows: Regent, Debby McCarty; Vice-Regent, Pricilla Minter; Chaplain, Dorothy Hodges; Recording Secretary, Sherry Colston; Corresponding Secretary, Grace Ashley; Treasurer, Susan Dunavant; Registrar, June Sherman; Historian, Nancy Marble; Librarian, Carolyn Cunningham.

Regent, Margaret Berry, and the members thanked June Sherman for making the Mulligan Stew and for hosting the meeting. The members brought canned vegetables to be added to the stew. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Electric Hospital-ity Room in Floydada. The program will be the DAR Good Citizens from the area high schools.

Members present were: Margaret Berry, Debby McCarty, Dorothy Hodges, Susan Dunavant, Sherry Colston, June Sherman, Nancy Marble, Carolyn Cunningham and Pricilla Minter; our guest, Dana McCarty.



CONGRATULATIONS to Noe DeLosSantos, Sr. and wife, Belinda. They were voted Sweethearts of the Year at Rock of Salvation in the Valentine Banquet, February 10, 2007. HAPPY VALENTINE'S! Courtesy Photo

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Last Thursday night after the Center's pot luck supper we were entertained with live music presented by Betty Jones and son Cecil.

Also playing and singing with them were Molly Huffman, Dowell Brewer, Ed Marks and J.V. Martin. They all are so good. Every day at the Center they serve delicious meals. But last Friday was the best, smoked brisket, beans cooked with ham, potato and veggie salad. Best of all was the dessert coconut cream pie made by Wanda Barber who is the best of the best cooks.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the hostesses who gave my grandson Matt and his wife Megan a bridal shower Saturday morning at Cindy Cotham's house. I want to tell you there is no better place to live than in a small town. No where can you find friends who are so generous and loving. Thank all of you again for all the presents. I know they will be put to good use.

My other grandson, Clint Faries, who lives in Frisco was 28 on February 8. I called him

and wished him a Happy Birthday. He was raised in a small town too before he went to College in Mississippi and made an accountant. His wife Millie is also from a small town in Missouri. She is a registered nurse. They both are making a good income but Clint said, "Granny I do not like living in a big city. I do not want to raise my family here." They are expecting their first baby in April. My first granddaughter in 30 years. But he said, "This is where the money is. So do I settle for less money so my children can ride their bicycles without me being scared for them?" Well, I told him he has a little while yet before he has to make up his mind on what to do and where to live.

Ike Johnson's daughter Rita and husband Pat Pollard were here last week visiting relatives and friends in this area.

We have several people to keep in our prayers this week. Bob Gay and L.N. Johnson are recuperating from their surgeries. Guy Roberson of Lubbock is taking chemo treatments for his cancer. He and his wife the former Donna Lynn Record are former

Lockney residents. Please keep all these people and others in your thoughts and prayers.

A former Lockney resident Mrs. Andy "Bobbie" Jolly of Rockwall passed away February 6, 2007 at Austin, Texas. Her funeral services were at the Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo. Graveside services were held at the Plainview Memorial cemetery Friday Feb. 9th. She is survived by her daughter Lynn and two grandsons, and a cousin, Jimmy Stennett of Lockney.

Happiness keeps you sweet
Trials keep you strong
Sorrows keep you human
Failures keep you humble
Success keeps you glowing
But only God keeps you going.
You are so special
I hope you had a happy "Valentines Day"

Menu
February 19 - February 23
Mon: Chicken strips
Tues: Pork chops
Wed: Chicken fried steak
Thrs: Hamburger steak
Fri: Enchiladas

1950 Study Club News

By Billie Jordan

The 1950 Study Club met on February 6, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the home of Doris McLain. Co-hostess was Lovene Moore. A Valentine theme was used for the serving table and refreshments. Sixteen members and two guests were present. In the absence of the president, Margaret Jones, Shirley Morton, vice-president, presided.

Carolyn Cheek introduced the guest speaker, Kay Cage. Kay is a retired schoolteacher that has found a beautiful and useful way to serve with her church and community. Stitches of Love is a project of the First Baptist Church women. They meet once a week on Friday afternoons to sew for babies, children, homebound residents, hospital

patients and nursing home residents. Kay brought a selection of many of the articles the women have made.

Generous donations of fabric, sewing machines and other supplies provide them with the materials.

On the second Thursday of each month a group of women meet at the church kitchen to prepare soups, casseroles, cornbread and desserts that are packaged and frozen. This project is called Spoonfuls of Love. Once a week two of the ladies deliver meals to those who are ill.

Following the program Mary Quattlebaum led the group in the American Creed and gave the thought for the day. Roll call and reading of the previous meeting

were read by Jane McCulley. Sue Daniels gave the treasurer's report. Lovene Moore read an invitation from the Lorenzo Study Club inviting our members to a Valentine Program on February 14.

Members present were Joy Assiter, Carolyn Cheek, Sue Daniels, Geneile Evans, Fern Hartsell, Billie Jordan, Nancy Lawson, Martha Lotspeich, Sue Lovell, Jane McCulley, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore, Sue Moore, Shirley Morton, Mary Quattlebaum, and Joy Smitherman. Guests were Kay Cage and Delores Cannon.

The next meeting will be with Shirley Morton and Sue Lovell on March 6. Guest speaker will be Nancy Marble.

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.

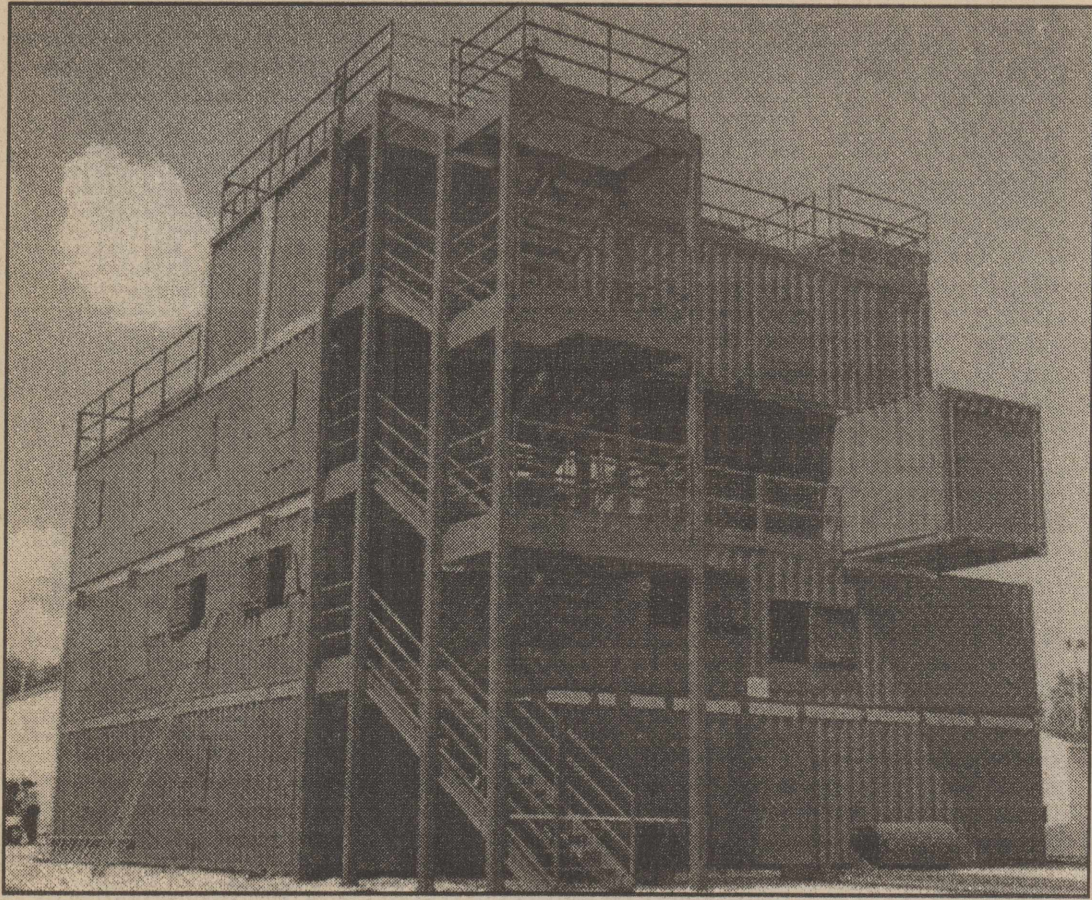
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Mandi Cranmer & Jake Cranmer
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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
In memory of Roxann Cavazos
Psalms 23





TRAINING FACILITY EXAMPLE

Donations being sought for new Fire, Police and EMS training field

Floydada Fire, Police, and EMS services are currently seeking donations for a new training structure at their training field.

The old structure used for rappelling training, etc., was been torn down and efforts are now underway to construct a new structure out of "Shipping Containers".

The picture included here depicts a larger facility than what Floydada is looking to build, but it does serve as a pattern for what the departments will build.

The training field is located at the S.E. corner of Floydada (behind the ASCS office).

The departments are looking for donations from individuals, organizations, and businesses to help with the purchase of shipping containers, placement of utilities, preparation of grounds, etc.

Sponsors names may be placed on billboards that will be erected at the site.

To begin the departments are looking at placing four containers, stacked, for basic rescue and

The department annually sponsors a "Rescue School" in August and is hoping to have construction completed by that time.

rappelling training. Confined space rescue will be done on the inside. The outside can be used for ladder training.

The facility could be expanded in later years.

Initial setup will cost approximately \$25,000 (four containers, \$12,000; site work, \$10,000; and utilities, \$3,000).

Topping trees can be deadly

By: Rod Santa Ana III r-santaana@tam.u.edu

Paul Johnson goes through a range of emotions when he sees trees being topped: anger, disgust, sorrow, frustration and worse. That's why he, as an urban forester with the Texas Forest Service in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, is spreading the word that topping does serious damage to trees, their value and the value of the entire urban forest.

"Topping is a kind word for the indiscriminate butchering of a tree," Johnson said. "It is the most harmful tree-pruning practice known, yet is very common."

In usually well-intentioned efforts to prune back or reduce the size of a tree, tree trimmers and homeowners sometimes go overboard, leaving nothing more than the tree trunk and a few stumps branching from it, Johnson said. The entire crown of a tree, the area that contains a tree's leaves, is chopped off and hauled away.

"Topping is bad," Johnson said. "Don't do it. It's tree mismanagement at its worst. When people indiscriminately cut large branches at mid-stream and leave a large stub of a branch behind, they are doing great harm to the tree that could lead to decay and eventually kill the tree." When a spring flush pushes tiny branches out of the ends of those stumps, they are very weakly attached to the branch, he explained. A strong wind, insects or disease can easily wipe them out, leaving the tree without a food source and susceptible to decay.

"Topping a tree reduces the value and longevity of that tree," Johnson said. "Valuable tree shade is gone, and the tree is just not going to live as long as it should."

Less is better when pruning a tree, Johnson said.

"Try to never remove more than 25 percent of the crown, the leafy area of the tree," he said. "And when you do trim off a branch, don't cut it flush to the trunk, but don't leave a big stump either."

With the weather improving and more people outdoors pruning trees, Johnson sees other "tree violations" that harm trees.

"Tree trimmers that use spikes to climb up a tree are leaving large wounds in the tree that serve as entry points for insects and diseases," he said. "Lion-tailing, or mule-tailing is another no-no.

This is when a homeowner will strip all the leaves off a limb except those at the very end. That leaves a branch looking like lion's tail. This is as bad as topping a tree."

Those leaves closer to the trunk are there for a reason and should not be removed, Johnson said. They serve as a second line of defense of a tree, protecting its trunk from sunburn. They also help strengthen the entire limb from wind damage and serve as a tree's food source.

"If a tree's outer leaves are removed by insects, ice or wind, the interior leaves become the food factory for the tree," he said. "Trees live off its inner leaves. They are important for the long-term life of the tree."

So, what is the proper way to trim a tree? Proper tree pruning is difficult to explain without using illustrations or photos, Johnson said. He suggested hiring a qualified tree trimmer certified by the International Soci-

ety of Arboriculture, or visiting ISA's Web site at <http://www.treesaregood.com>. The loss of a tree affects the entire community, Johnson said.

"The trees of a community or a city are considered an urban forest, and when even one tree is damaged or lost, it hurts everybody's property," he said. "Proper tree care is everybody's responsibility because we all benefit from healthy trees."

Johnson urges homeowners to turn away tree trimmers who offer tree topping.

"Find a qualified tree trimmer who knows what he or she is doing," he said. "It could mean the difference between a thriving, beautiful tree and a dead one."

For more information, contact Johnson at 956-969-5654, or e-mail pjohnson@tfs.tamu.edu.

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Entertainers needed for Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Floyd County is currently looking for local bands, singers, and entertainers to perform at their fund-raising event on April 20, 2007. Interested individuals should contact Brienne Glasscock at 983-3717.

Performers should be able to fill at least one 30-minute slot during the night, and may fill as many slots as they would like. Acts should be family-oriented (no adult language or attire).

"Relay For Life is a great forum for up-and-coming bands and musicians to get their name out there," said Kathy Oaks, Community Manager for Development for the American Cancer Society. More than 500 people are expected to participate in the event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and raise

money for the fight against cancer. Survivors and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations and the public are invited to form teams to take part in this exciting team event. Relay For Life takes place from 6:00 p.m. on April 20, 2007, until 12:00 a.m. on April 20, at Floydada Whirlwind Track.

Information about Relay For Life is available by calling Brienne Glasscock, event chair, at 983-3717, or Kathy Oaks at 792-7128. For more information on cancer, please call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
February 12, 2007

House to Debate Iraq Resolution

President Bush's new strategy for attaining victory in Iraq takes center stage this week in the House as we will devote three days to debating this important issue. At the end of the debate, the members of the House will vote on a non-binding resolution which states that "Congress disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush...to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq." Unfortunately, this hollow resolution does not match the seriousness of the issue we are debating. But it does send a demoralizing message to our troops.

Fighting and winning a war is serious business. It requires our President, our military leaders, and elected officials to make difficult decisions. However, making tough decisions is what the American people expect their representatives to do. The resolution we will vote on this week has no impact on policy and does not lay out a strategy for victory. Because it is non-binding, this resolution only serves to score political points and embarrass our Commander-in-Chief during a time of war. The realities of our current global conflict demand a more responsible approach.

We know that Iraq is not the beginning of this conflict, nor will it be the end. Our enemy is patient, calculating, and intent on attacking America. Therefore, the consequences of losing this important battle of the Global War on Terror could be catastrophic and far-reaching. If we leave Iraq without victory, terrorist groups will only be encouraged to expand their efforts. We must now stand 100 percent behind our troops and give them the tools and support necessary to get the job done.

USDA Secretary to Appear Before House Ag Committee

USDA Secretary Mike Johanns will appear before the House Agriculture Committee this week to discuss USDA's 2007 Farm Bill recommendations. Secretary Johanns also recently presented USDA's 2008 budget proposal. Both of these issues are of significant interest to our region. I have some real concerns about several of his proposals, and I look forward to discussing with him the impact they could have on the 19th District.

*Remember
to pray for our leaders
and for our soldiers*

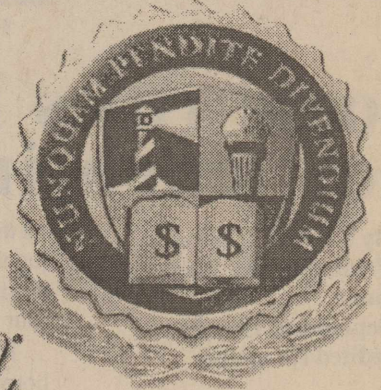
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For more information, call Steve McLean at 652-2668.

WHERE? West College and Third Church of Christ

312 W. College, Lockney, TX

WHEN? Thursday, February 22, 6:30 PM

Listen to Dave Ramsey's radio program daily from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM on KVOP 1090 AM!

Lockney ISD to administer TAKS tests during February 20 - 23

Lockney ISD will be administering the following TAKS tests during the week of February 20 - 23. Appropriate level SDA II tests will be given at the same time as the regular TAKS.

Thanks ahead of time for preparing your child by making sure they eat a nutritious breakfast and offering them some words of encouragement.

Feb. 20:

Grade 3 Reading
Grade 5 Reading

Grade 9 Reading
Grade 4 Writing
Grade 7 Writing
Grade 10 ELA
Exit Level ELA
Exit Level ELA (retest)
Feb. 21
Exit Level Mathematics (retest)
Feb. 22
Exit Level Science (retest)
Feb. 23
Exit Level Social Studies (retest)

COLLEGE NEWS

A.S.U. releases Fall 2006 Dean's List

Making the Dean's List at Angelo State University were: Lindsey D. Leatherman, daughter of John and Dee Leatherman of Floydada; Steven Cole Pierce, son of Steve Pierce and the late Brenda Pierce of Floydada; and Trinity S. Ford, daughter of Mike and Rise' Ford of Lockney.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

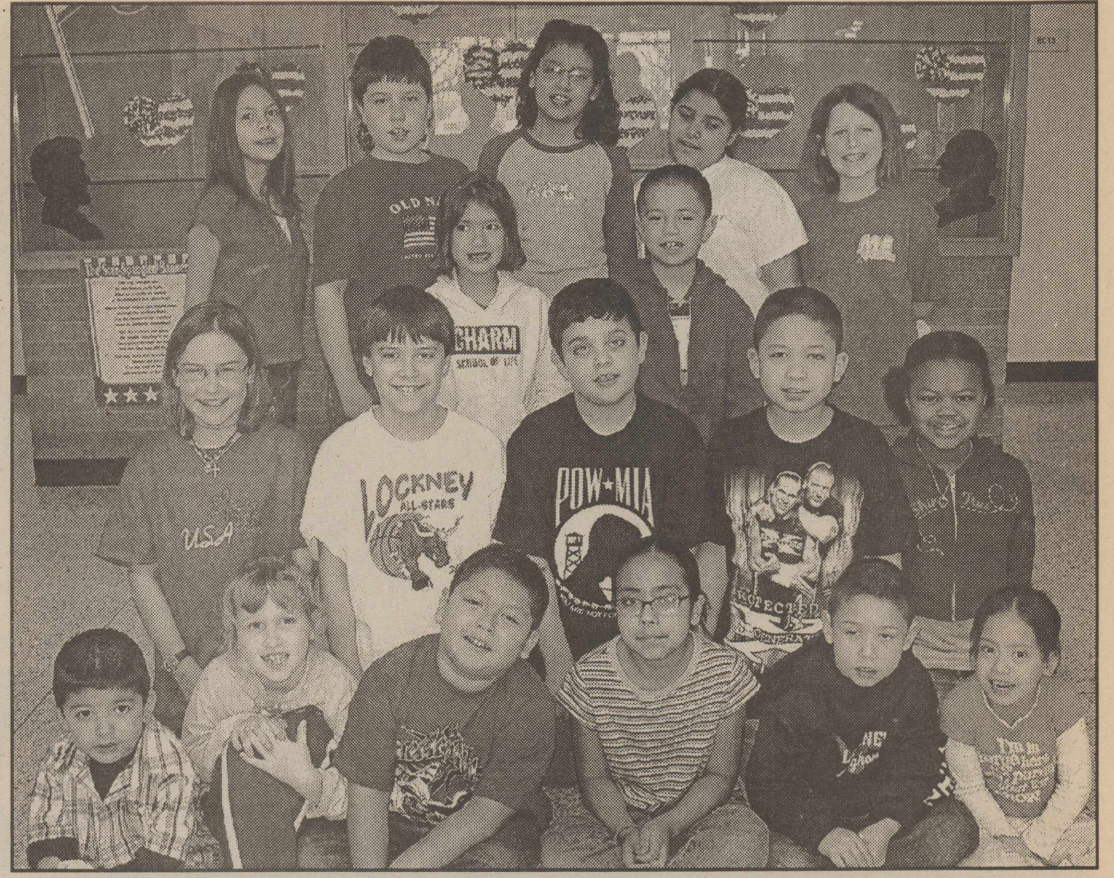
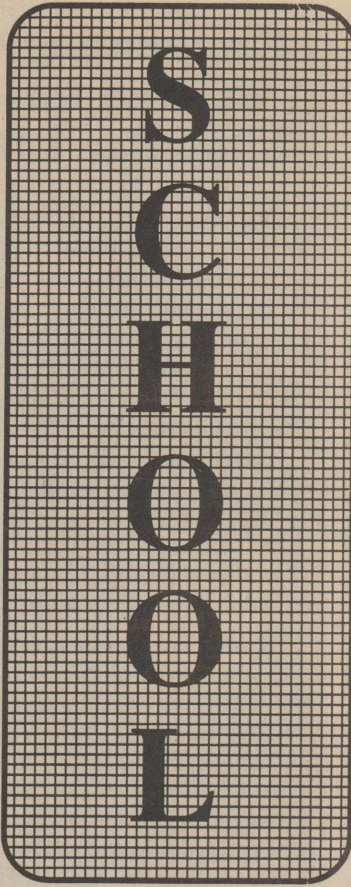
Lockney Junior High Honor Roll

Lockney Junior High has released its "A" Honor Roll for the third semester.

Eighth grade: Kelby Bice, Kimberly Castaneda, Jose Cazares, Erik Cortez, Rubina Cruz, Ryan Diaz, Esperanza Garcia, Rayann Race, Alyssa Tejada, Shayla Vasquez

Seventh grade: Courtney Edwards, SyAnn Foster, Christina Jackson, Landon Kidd

Sixth grade: McKenzie Kemp, Landry Kidd, Justin Roberts, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammamm, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart.



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONHORNS for the week of 2-12-07, (back, l-r) Esperanza Guerra, Jace Klein, Alexandra Lopez, Annabel Garza, Sarah Belt, (third row, l-r) Alyssa Guittierrez and J.J. Rodriguez, (second row, l-r) Niki Brown, Cameron Hunt, Brandon Crutchfield, Petie Hernandez, Haley Walker, (front row, l-r) Nick Castro, Allyson Young, Lupe Huerta, Alicia Jimenez, Daniel Palomin and Tiffany Nunez. Staff Photo

Comanche Trails District holds Pinewood Derby

By Curtis Emert

On February 3, 2007 at the Massie Activity Center, the Comanche Trails District held

their annual Pinewood Derby.

We had scouts from Post and Floydada racing in Tiger, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, Webelos and Outlaw Division.

The racers from Post were: Randy Britton, K.C. Britton, Austin Britton, Brandon Britton, Caellan Thuett, Michael Taylor

and Blake Boren.

Racers from Floydada were: Juan Nunez, Juan Ibarra, Mark McGowen, Chris Emert, Bryce Thomas, Hayden Oakes, J.C. Chappell, Seth Nielson, Vickie Emert, Ronnie Graham, Rachel Graham and Jacob Graham. The winners are:

Tigers - Chris Emert
2nd grade - Bryce Thomas, First; Austin Britton, Second; Brandon Britton, Third
Webelos - Caellan Thuett, First; Juan Ibarra, Second; Michael Taylor, Third
Outlaws - Jacob Graham, First; Ronnie Graham, Second; Rachel Graham, Third

I want to thank everyone who helped set and clean up and the judges. We hope everyone had a good time.



FLOYDADA SCOUT TROOP #357 DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY PARTICIPANTS

Lockney School Menu

Menu
February 19 - February 23
Monday

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

Lunch-Steak patty or ham, potatoes, green peas, fruit, roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Pizza or PBJ sandwich, salad, corn, fruit, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Cheeseburger pocket or corn dog, baby carrots, tossed salad, pears, milk

Thursday

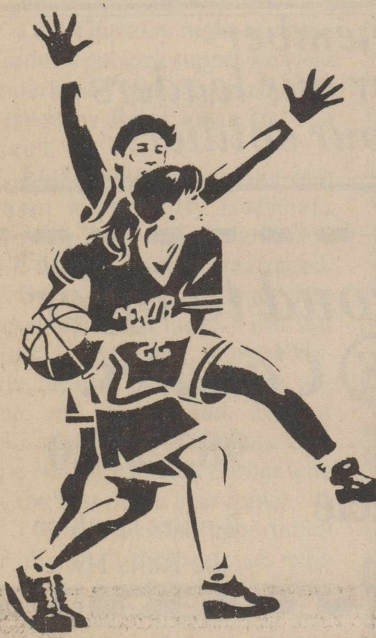
Breakfast-Eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken casserole or tuna sandwich, corn, salad, fruit, milk

Friday

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

Lunch-Hamburger or burrito, french fries, lettuce and tomato, fruited gelatin, milk



Some rules kids will not learn in school

By Charles J. Sykes
Printed in San Diego Union Tribune
September 19, 1996
(edited for space)

Unfortunately, there are some things that children should be learning in school, but don't. Not all of them have to do with academics. As a modest back-to-school offering, here are some basic rules that may not have found their way into the standard curriculum.

Rule No. 1: Life is not fair. Get used to it. The average teenager uses the phrase, "It's not fair" 8.6 times a day. You got it from your parents, who said it so often you decided they must be the most idealistic generation ever. When they started hearing it from their own kids, they realized Rule No. 1.

Rule No. 2: The real world won't care as much about your self-esteem as much as your school does. It'll expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.

Rule No. 3: Sorry, you won't make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. And you won't be a vice president or have a car phone either. You may even have to wear a uniform that doesn't have a Gap label.

Rule No. 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait 'til you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure, so he tends to be a bit edgier. When you screw up, he's not going to ask you how you feel about it.

Rule No. 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grand-parents had a different word of burger flipping. They weren't embarrassed making minimum wage either.

Rule No. 6: It's not your parents' fault. If you screw up, you are responsible. This is the flip side of "It's my life," and "You're

not the boss of me," and other eloquent proclamations of your generation. When you turn 18, it's on your dime.

Rule No. 7: Before you were born your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying your bills, cleaning up your room and listening to you tell them how idealistic you are.

Rule No. 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers. Life hasn't. In some schools, they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. Failing grades have been abolished and class valedictorians scrapped, lest anyone's feelings be hurt. Effort is as important as results. This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life. (See Rule No. 1, Rule No. 2 and Rule No. 4)

Rule No. 9: Life is not divided into semesters, and you don't get summers off. Rule No. 1 and Rule No. 2.

Rule No. 10: Television is not real life. Your life is not a sitcom. Your problems will not all be solved in 30 minutes, minus time for commercials. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop to go to jobs.

Rule No. 11: Be nice to nerds. You may end up working for them.

Rule No. 12: Smoking does not make you look cool. It makes you look moronic. Next time you're out cruising, watch an 11-year-old with a butt in his mouth. That's what you look like to anyone over 20. Ditto for "expressing yourself" with purple hair and/or pierced body parts.

Rule No. 13: You are not immortal. (See Rule No. 12.) If you are under the impression that living fast, dying young and leaving a beautiful corpse is romantic, you obviously haven't seen one of your peers at room temperature lately.

Lady Winds Basketball Report

By Coach Eddleman

LADY WINDS JV - 29
LOCKNEY JV - 30

The Floydada Lady Winds traveled to Lockney on January 12, 2007 and played the Lady Horns and came up one point short at the end of overtime.

Scoring results are as follows: Brooke Sansom - 10 points; Abigail Miller - 9 points; Tara Hughes - 5 points; Randa Shurbet - 3 points; Crystal Alvarez - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Lady Winds JV - 10 5 4 7 3
Lockney JV - 8 2 7 9 4

LADY WINDS JV - 32
LITTLEFIELD JV - 48

The Lady Winds JV team traveled to Littlefield on January 16, 2007 and took on the Lady Cats and lost by a score of 48-32.

Scoring results are as follows: Randa Shurbet - 8 points; Abigail Miller - 8 points; Tara Hughes - 6 points; Crystal Alvarez - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Lady Winds JV - 9 5 4 14
Littlefield JV - 13 14 14 7

LADY WINDS JV - 45
CHILDRESS JV - 35

The Lady Winds JV played host to Childress JV on January 23, 2007 and won by a score of 45-35.

Scoring results are as follows: Tara Hughes - 10 points; Brooke Sansom - 9 points; Kortney Williams - 9 points; Abigail Miller - 9 points; Randa Shurbet - 8 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Lady Winds JV - 10 11 12 12
Childress JV - 11 6 9 9

LADY WINDS JV - 36
ABERNATHY JV - 30

The Lady Winds traveled to Abernathy and took on the Lady Lopes JV team and won by a score of 36-30.

Scoring results are as follows: Brooke Sansom - 10 points; Randa Shurbet - 8 points; Abigail Miller - 7 points; Kortney Williams - 7 points; Tara Hughes - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Lady Winds JV - 8 16 6 6
Abernathy JV - 6 7 7 10

LADY WINDS JV - 29
LOCKNEY JV - 24

The Lady Winds JV team hosted the Lady Horns JV team and won by a score of 29-24.

Scoring results are as follows: Kortney Williams - 9 points; Randa Shurbet - 7 points; Abigail Miller - 5 points; Tara Hughes - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Lady Winds JV - 7 5 10 7
Lockney JV - 6 4 5 9

LADY WINDS JV - 32
LITTLEFIELD JV - 33

The Lady Winds JV basketball team hosted the Lady Cats JV on February 2, 2007 and lost a hard fought game by one point.

Scoring results are as follows: Brianna Weeks - 19 points; Tara Hughes - 5 points; Abigail Miller - 4 points; Randa Shurbet - 2 points; Kortney Williams - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Lady Winds JV - 9 4 7 12
Littlefield JV - 9 7 8 9

LADY WINDS JV - 41
SHALLOWATER JV - 48

The Lady Winds JV team traveled to Shallowater on February 6, 2007 to take on the Fillies JV team and lost by a score of 48-41.

Scoring results are as follows: Brianna Weeks - 13 points; Randa Shurbet - 9 points; Brooke Sansom - 6 points; Abigail Miller - 6 points; Kortney Williams - 4 points; Tara Hughes - 2 points; Laken Reedy - 1 point.

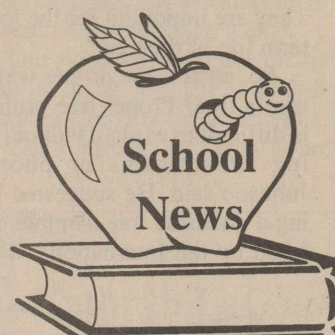
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

Lady Winds JV - 10 11 10 10
Shallowater JV - 12 12 10 14

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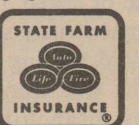


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THURSDAY NITE LIVE ENSEMBLE--Tate Greer, of Floydada, is part of the Spring 2007 Thursday Nite Live Ensemble, from South Plains College in Levelland. The Ensemble includes: (l-r) Penny Clark, of Kilgore; Tate Greer, of Floydada; Preston Wait, of Campo, CO.; Kassidi Smith, of Boise City, OK.; Bethany Phipps, of Welch; Jason Kuhn, of Blaine, WASH.; Michael Shields, of Farmington, NM; Landon Scoggins, of Lubbock; Edward Salgado, of Sweetwater; and Katy Clark, of Kilgore.

Courtesy Photo

Lady Winds Basketball Report

**LADY WINDS - 37
ABERNATHY - 45**

The Lady Winds traveled to Abernathy on January 26, 2007 and took on the Lady Lopes and came up short at the final buzzer by a score of 45-37.

Scoring results are as follows: Megan Aleman - 11 points; Magan Flores - 8 points; Blanca Suarez - 6 points; Whitley Walker - 5 points; Jennifer Leatherman - 4 points; Kelsey Ross - 2 points; Marlen Carmona - 1 point.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds - 8 11 22 37
Abernathy - 9 22 27 45

**LADY WINDS - 53
LOCKNEY - 59**

The Lady Winds played host to the Lockney Lady Horns on January 30, 2007 and lost in a hard fought game by a score of 59-53.

Scoring results are as follows: Kelsey Ross - 14 points; Magan Flores - 12 points; Whitley Walker - 9 points; Jennifer Leatherman - 7 points; Lexie Terrell - 7 points; Megan Aleman - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds - 10 27 38 53
Lockney - 17 23 32 59

**LADY WINDS - 44
LITTLEFIELD - 53**

The Lady Winds hosted the Littlefield Lady Cats on February 2, 2007 and lost by a score of 53-44.

Scoring results are as follows: Kelsey Ross - 20 points; Magan Flores - 7 points; Megan Aleman - 7 points; Whitley Walker - 6 points; Marlen Carmona - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds - 11 24 29 44
Littlefield - 8 23 35 53

**LADY WINDS - 45
SHALLOWATER - 68**

The Lady Winds traveled to Shallowater on February 6, 2007 to take on the Fillies in a district game and lost by a score of 68-45.

Scoring results are as follows: Kelsey Ross - 20 points; Megan Aleman - 8 points; Jenni-

fer Leatherman - 6 points; Whitley Walker - 5 points; Marlen Carmona - 4 points; Magan Flores - 1 point; Lexi Terrell - 1 point.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds - 15 24 32 45
Shallowater - 15 36 50 68



UP AND IN-- Whirlwind Payte Beedy #3 goes up and lays the ball in over a Childress defender. The Whirlwinds played Childress last Friday night, February 9th and won by a score of 56-46.

Courtesy of Jim Covington



DUNCAN EDUCATOR AND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: (L-R) Educator Eleah Garrett, Speech Therapist; Anastasia Santos, PK2; Sydney Bishop, K3; Jeremiah Johnston, 1C; Faithe Hambright, 2C.

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DUNCAN STARS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 5TH ARE: (L-R) Educator Robbie Odom, Music; Michael Perez, PK; Avery Silva, K; Stefanni Chavarria, 1st; and Karley Weems, 2nd.

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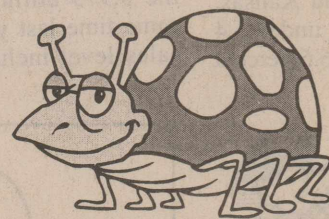


DUNCAN EDUCATOR AND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK OF FEB. 12--(L-R) Educator, Katy Mulder, Librarian; Zachariah Gonzales, K; LaMychal Henderson, PK; Cristina Olvera, 1st; and Joe Michael Johnston, 2nd.

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Come and join the fun and see what's going on at FJHS!



February 15th 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Open House

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Floydada School Menu

February 19 - February 23
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Breakfast--Scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch--Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast--Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch--Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/Ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast--Pancake and sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch--Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, mik

Thursday

Breakfast--English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch--Nachos grande, lettuce and tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk

Friday

Breakfast--Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch--Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/Ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

COLLEGE NEWS

Dunlap of Floydada named to President's List

Schreiner University has named Melissa Dunlap of Floydada to its President's List. Dunlap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap, was named to the roster of high-achieving students for the fall 2006 term.

To qualify for the President's List, full-time students must have passing grades in all classes, must earn at least a 3.7 grade point average, and have at least 12 hours' credit for the term.

FJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Report

By Coach Miller

Floydada Jr. High 7th grade Girls "A" team lost to Shallowater 24-26.

Top Scorers: Sarah Sanders - 7 points; Avery Miller - 6 points.

Floydada Jr. High 7th grade Girls "B" team lost to Shallowater.

Top Scorers: Kristan Sanchez - 3 points.

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DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
2-20	Tahoka	T	7:30
2-27	Slaton	T	4:00
3-06	Idalou	H	6:30
3-10	3-2A JV Dist. Tourn	T	TBA
3-15 - 3-17	Abernathy JV Tourn	T	TBA
3-20	Slaton	H	4:00
3-24	Childress *	T	3:00
3-27	Abernathy *	H	4:30
3-31	Lockney *	T	3:00
4-03	Littlefield *	T	4:30
4-06	Shallowater *	H	4:30
4-10	Childress *	H	4:30
4-14	Abernathy * (DH)	T	3:00
4-16	Lockney *	H	4:30
4-21	Littlefield *	H	3:00
4-24	Shallowater *	T	4:30

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 By Shawn Wade

A whirlwind pace, and the assistance of the Washington-based agriculture lobbying firm Combest Sell and Associates, allowed representatives from the Southwest Council of Agribusiness (SWCA) to make the organization's inaugural Washington, DC visit one to remember.

Representing the SWCA were President Mark Williams of Farwell; Vice President Dee Vaughan of Dumas; Secretary-Treasurer Steve Verett of Lubbock; and SWCA Board members Mitchell Harris of Lubbock, Bud Holmes of Lubbock, Matt Huie of Beeville and Tag Webb of Kansas City, Missouri.

Former Congressman Larry Combest of Lubbock, along with Combest Sell associates Tom Sell and Jeff Harrison, joined the SWCA contingent as they made their Washington rounds.

The SWCA is an alliance of nearly 50 farm and ranch organizations, implement dealers, bankers, farm credit associations and other main street businesses in and around Texas that was formed to advocate maintenance of a strong U.S. farm policy, which is critically important to rural communities.

Introducing the organization and driving home the organization's premise that farm policy affects more than just producers was a primary goal for SWCA leaders as they met key members and staff from the House of Representatives, Senate and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) February 7-9.

In addition to highlighting the broad impact of current farm policy, a main focus for SWCA members was the budget and encouraging the authorization of added budget resources for development of the 2007 Farm Bill.

While in Washington the group met with Texas Senator John Cornyn; House Agriculture Committee (HAC) Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN); Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND); Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking member Saxby Chambliss (R-GA); HAC Subcommittee on

General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Chairman Bob Etheridge (D-NC); Hunter Moorehead, Special Assistant to the President for Agriculture; Dr. Mark Keenum, USDA Undersecretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service; Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-TX); Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX); Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX); Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX); Rep. Jerry Moran (R-KS); and Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK).

SWCA leaders also met with Congressional staff representing Rep. Chet Edwards (D-TX), Rep. Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX) and Rep. Rubeen Hinojosa (D-TX) and with professional staff from the House Agriculture Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Getting credit where credit is due

The SWCA's budget message was particularly timely in light of the recent release of the Bush Administration's FY08 Budget recommendation earlier in the week and the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) 2007 Farm Bill recommendation January 31.

SWCA Secretary Steve Verett said there was considerable interest in the SWCA and its makeup among Congressional staff and Legislators. He adds, however, that it is the need to capture current farm program savings to fully fund the safety net provisions of the Commodity title and seek out new spending authority to create a permanent disaster program and expand programs in the Conservation and Energy titles that garnered the most attention.

Verett said that there were also discussions with those in Congress who will soon craft the 2007 Farm Bill about the Administration's farm bill proposal. SWCA leaders noted that while the proposal is much closer to the current farm program than many expected, the reality is that overall the program still misses the mark with both producers and members of Congress.

Among the key points SWCA reiterated were the current Farm Bill's fiscally responsible mecha-

nisms, that trigger payments only when market conditions warrant them, and the fact that the current bill will spend more than \$21 billion less than initial estimates.

SWCA encouraged the Congressional leaders they met with to build upon the current program's success by using the savings it has generated to improve and expand the safety net it provides farmers against uncertain market conditions and weather related disasters.

"While no one is predicting easy solutions to the challenges that face us during the development of the 2007 Farm Bill, we have been gratified by the warm reception that the Southwest Council and its message has received so far," says SWCA President Mark Williams. "It is clear from everyone we have visited with that the people ultimately responsible for writing the next farm bill do understand the broader impact this legislation has on our communities and our country. Their enthusiasm for the task is encouraging and we look forward to working with them to craft a bill that protects the interests of U.S. agriculture."

Two opportunities remain for producers to attend High Plains Production Conferences

Helping farmers stay up on the latest trends in crop production, marketing, and management ideas is the number one goal of High Plains Crop Production Conferences. Sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, the Conferences offer production information for producers entering the 2007 growing season.

By attending the conferences producers can also earn continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to maintain private and commercial applicator licenses.

February 27: Caprock Cotton Conference - For more information contact J.D. Ragland, Floyd CEA-AG, at 806-983-4912

March 2: West Plains Cotton Conference - For more information contact Chris Edens, Hockley CEA-AG at 806-894-2406.



CODY WARE of Floydada and **Trey Rusk** of San Jon, New Mexico teamed up to win the United States Team Roping in Waco. Both boys are members of the Clarendon College Rodeo Team.



THE GRAND CHAMPION BULL in the Chianina Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show was **FBF Ragin Cajun**, owned by Foster Brothers Farms in Lockney.

Photo by Peri Barron



THE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE in the Chianina Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show was **BACC Patience**, owned by Syann Foster in Lockney.

Photo by Peri Barron

Cotton Market Weekly A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

The absence of any significant bullish news and slow export business continued to pressure cotton prices this week. The only exception to the recent pattern was February 5 when futures prices closed higher following a moderately bullish plantings estimate released by the National Cotton Council (NCC) the previous Friday afternoon.

Based on a survey conducted several weeks earlier, NCC predicted U.S. cotton producers will plant 13.2 million acres in 2007, a 13.6 percent decline from last year due to higher grain and soybean prices. Plantings in the Southwest, which includes Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, were pegged at just under 6.4 million acres, down 6.6 percent

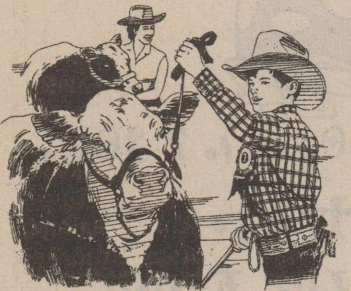
from 2006. Texas, alone, accounted for 5.6 million acres, 6.3 percent less than the previous year.

The one-day rally in cotton futures prices was followed by three consecutive days in the loss column as technical selling pushed the market down through key moving average support levels, sources said. Meanwhile, export sales of U.S. cotton continue to lag behind last year's pace.

Through Feb. 1, cumulative export sales for the 2006-07 marketing year totaled 3.861 million bales, down 35.4 percent from the 5.975 million sold by the same time last year. The total sales level included the latest

export report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The department reported net upland export sales of 234,800 bales in the week ended Feb. 1, a 32 percent improvement from both the previous week and the four-week average. South Korea and China were the featured buyers. Export shipments for the week totaled 160,200 bales, up 18 percent from the previous week and 4 percent more than the four-week average. The primary destinations were Turkey and Mexico. The data, however, failed to generate any enthusiasm in the market as traders awaited the release of USDA's February supply/demand reports the following day.



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Fosters place well at Chianina Show

The Chianina Show at the 111th Annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show concluded with Judge Steve Patton of Milton, Indiana declaring winners. Of the 236 entries in the Chianina competition, the following were presented championship honors.

Grand Champion male entry was **FBF Ragin Cajun**, owned by Foster Brothers Farms and Reserve Champion male was **FBF**

Prodigal Son owned by Foster Brothers Farms. Overall Grand Champion female entry was **BACC Patience** owned by Syann Foster and Reserve Champion female honors went to **WCC Miss Rattle 362S** owned by Kayla Howell.

The Stock Show provides educational opportunities for young people, and showcases the livestock industry in the growing Metroplex. The hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend

the Show will include many people from nations outside the United States. Last year the show hosted over 955,000 visitors which included guests representing 89 other countries.

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THE FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S Department will be accepting applications for the position of DEPUTY SHERIFF. The applicant must currently be certified as a basic peace officer and in good standing with TCLEOSE. Applications will be taken from February 7, 2007 thru February 21, 2007. Applications can be picked up at 120 E. Missouri, Floydada, TX. 79235. For more information on the position call 806-983-4901. 2-15c

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The following vehicles will be sold at 10 am on February 20th. Vehicles can be seen at City Auto in Floydada, Texas.

1. 1979 Ford 2 Dr., VIN #9J87F187214
2. 1994 Ford Van, VIN #1FMDA31X6R4816173
3. 1990 Buick 4-Dr., VIN #1G4CW54C4L1622303
4. 1982 Olds, 2-Dr. VIN #1G3AN37Y5CM205412

Sheriff's Office Reserves the Right to Accept or Reject Any or All Bids.

Paul Raissez
Sheriff, Floyd County

2-8, 2-15c

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FLOYD

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of FLOYD County in the following cases on the 5th day of February, 2007 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 1:30 p.m. on the 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said FLOYD County, in the City of FLOYDADA, Texas, the following described property located in FLOYD County, to-wit:

Cause No. 5433TS CITY OF LOCKNEY VS BURNETT MARY

Lot No. 3, in Block No. 2, in Brewster Addition to the Town of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5432TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS GARZA ARMANDO ET AL

All of Lot Seven (7), Block One (1) of the Honerhea Addition to Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5463TS FLOYD COUNTY VS UNRENDERED

TRACT 1: Part of Lots 2 and 3 in Block No. 14, in the Guest and Ramsey Addition to the Town of Lockney, in Floyd County, Texas

TRACT 2: Lot 14, Block 5, Moore 1 Addition to the City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas

TRACT 3: All of Lot Fifteen (15) and part of Lot Sixteen (16), Block 6, Moore 1 Addition to the City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas

TRACT 4: Lot 14 and part of Lot 15 in Block No. 5, in Pickle Addition to the Town of Lockney in Floyd County, Texas

TRACT 5: Lots 9 and 10 in Block No. 3 as shown by the plat of the W. A. Potts Annex to the town of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas

Levied on the 5th day of February, 2007 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all cost recoverable by law in favor of LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY-LOCKNEY, FLOYD COUNTY, HIGH PLAINS WATER, LOCKNEY HOSPITAL, CITY OF LOCKNEY, FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CAPROCK HOSPITAL, MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY-FLOYDADA AND CITY OF FLOYDADA.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007.

PAUL RAISSEZ
Sheriff, FLOYD County, Texas

2-15, 2-22, 3-1c

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

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 0905-00-043 for REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND MARKERS in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on March 09, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 22754

State Office

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

Dist/Div Office(s)

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

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

2-15, 2-22c

Obituaries

FRED LOYD MARR JR.
Fred Loyd Marr, Jr., 77, of Floydada, TX, died Sunday, February 11, 2007 at his residence. No services are scheduled. Arrangement are under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada, TX.



LATRICIA STEPHENS
Services for Latricia Stephens, 61, of Spur, formerly of Floydada, passed away on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 after a brief bout with cancer. Latricia was born on November 18, 1945 in Matador, Texas to Ferrell Frank and Cordie Mae Amonett Stephens. She attended Floydada High School.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Doyce Stephens and a sister, Deloyce Eubanks.

She is survived by three daughters, Vicki Beaty of Burleson, Debbie Allen of Spur and Tonya Smith of Burleson; one sister, Bobbie Claunch of Crosbyton; two brothers, Cloyd Stephens of Mathis and Duane Stephens of Lubbock; nine grandchildren, Nikki, Courtney, Meagan, Joel, Keith, Bryan, Caitlyn, Bradey and Julie; two great-grandchildren, Ashton and Jordan.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 10, 2007 at the First Baptist Church. Reverend Vance Mitchell of Floydada officiated. Burial was held in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Family suggest memorials be made to Vista Care at Carillon Senior LifeCare Community in Lubbock, Texas.



JEROHME D. WIDENER
Jerohme Dale Widener, 37, of Charleston, South Carolina died Saturday, February 10, 2007. He was born December 6, 1969 in Las Cruces, NM to Ernie Dale Widener and Phyllis Roberts. He grew up in Lockney and graduated high school and also attended South Plains College. He served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Sierra. He was a truck driver since 1990. He was a very loving and devoted father.

Jerohme was preceded in death by grandparents, Dale and Ashby Widener and Elmer Roberts.

He is survived by his children, James Dale and Kelsey Leann Widener and their mother, Traci, of Goose Creek, SC; his parents, father, Ernie Dale Widener and step-mom, Cindy of Lockney; his mother, Phyllis Settle and stepdad, Ricky, of Tulia; grandparents, Bettie Smith of Tulia and Joe and Roberta Settle of Plainview; four brothers, Daron Widener of Ramstein, Germany, Joseph T. Widener of Clovis, NM, Michael Douglass of Canton, Ohio and Aaron Graham of Plainview; two sisters, Elizabeth Hogan of Fountain Valley, CA and Heather Graham of Lockney; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney with Dr. Carl Moman officiating. Funeral services are under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Love Fund for his children at First National Bank of Lockney.

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Financial Peace University is a 13 week life-changing program on personal finance. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt, and build wealth.

All material is biblically based and taught via entertaining video by Dave Ramsey.

The Church is offering a free preview on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m., 321 W. College, Lockney.

Subjects covered in the class include: importance of saving money, cash flow planning, buying big bargains, dumping debt, understanding investments, retirement and college planning, real estate and mortgages, collection practices and credit bureaus.

Dave Ramsey has written the book, "Financial Peace", and the bestseller, "The Money Game". He also has a nationally syndicated radio call-in show called "The Money Game".

Ramsey says by the time he was 26 years old he had a net worth of a little over a million dollars and was making \$250,000 a year. But he had a lot of short term debt which over a course of two years caused him to lose everything.

Ramsey writes, "After losing everything, I went on a quest to find out how money really works, how I could get control of it, and how I could have confidence in handling it. I read everything I could get my hands on. I interviewed older rich people, people who made money and kept it. That quest lead me to a really, really, uncomfortable place--my mirror. I came to realize that my money problems, worries, and shortages largely began and ended with the person in the mirror."

Ramsey went back into real estate "to eat", and formed his own company in 1988 to counsel folks hurting from the results of financial stress.

"Our company now has more than 100 team members and a variety of products and services to help you reach your financial goals," said Ramsey.

THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTERS MEETING
There will NOT be a Lockney Band Boosters meeting in February.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH VALENTINE CORONATION
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church will be holding their Valentine Coronation on Sunday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. There will be entertainment, door prizes and refreshments. Everyone is invited!

Public Notice

TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 12th day of February, 2007 and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$ 937,667.69. First National Bank Certificate of Deposits \$ 428,000.00.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 12th day of February, 2007.

Penny Golightly, County Judge
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Leonard C. Gilroy, Commissioner, Precinct #2
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Jon Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #4

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 7:30 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.

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 Worship10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

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Member FDIC
217 W. California
983-3725

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
983-2737

City Auto
Buick, Pontiac, GMC
201 E. Missouri
Floydada
983-3767

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320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

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102 E. Shubet
Lockney
6523385

Garcia's OK Tire Store
306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370
511 1st Olton, TX 2657796

Lighthouse Electric Coop
102 E. California
983-3524

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Brian Adams
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.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 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.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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983-3725

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983-3524

Lockney Co-op Gin
652-3377

Lockney Ins. Agency
105 N. Main
652-3347

Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home
329 W. Calif. Floydada 983-2525
402 S. Main Lockney 652-2211

Oden Chevrolet-Olds
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

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

Pay-n-Save
210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

Sunshine Pump
Oliver Clark
Box 266, Lockney
983-5087 - 774-4412 (Mobile)

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
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.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Jose Relente
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.

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Community to unite at Blood Drive

Floydada residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the Floydada Community blood drive from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, Friday, February 23rd at the First Baptist Church. It takes 155 blood donations every day to meet the needs of area patients and to be ready for emergencies.

Each blood donation can help several patients. Every unit of donated blood is sent to United Blood Services' laboratory for testing and processing. Trained laboratory technicians separate the whole blood into components (including red blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate).

Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. People who wish to donate may schedule an appointment by calling Jean Appling at 697-2648. Donors must have a picture ID and a list of any medications that they are on.

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