

LARGE WIND TURBINE GENERATOR BEING MOVED THROUGH FLOYDADA-Several stems, bases, propellers and generators for the wind turbines to be installed at Vega, Texas, west of Amarillo, have been seen being hauled through Floydada for the past several weeks, according to Louis Bearden, Manager of Davis Farm Supply on the Matador Highway. "This generator in front **Staff Photo** of our store weighs 385,000 pounds, so I'm told," said Bearden.

Panhandle power project proposed

Giant transmission loop would connect energy sources to the state's main grid.

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Friday, February 16, 2007 An 800-mile, \$1.5 billion electric transmission project has been proposed for the Texas Panhandle, part of an effort to ship more power — wind, but also coal and natural gas-generated electricity - to the state's population centers.

A coalition led by Sharyland Utilities LP filed a proposal with state regulators Thursday to build a three-line transmission loop that would weave around a vast stretch of the Panhandle, including Amarillo and Lubbock, and connect to the state's main power

The Panhandle, for instance, is outside the grid run by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which delivers about 85 percent of Texas' overall power usage.

The transmission project will allow power generated in the Panhandle to more easily flow into the ERCOT grid.

Utilities can "take advantage of this new highway to the Panhandle" to secure more power for their customers, said Patrick Wood III, an adviser to Irish wind power concern Airtricity Inc., a member of the coalition. "Our thought is that this project is long overdue.'

Wood is a former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The coalition's filing came on the deadline day for parties to recommend competitive renewable energy zones to the PUC. The agency is scheduled to design the zones, and the transmission projects needed, by July 5.

Based on rules it adopted last year, the commission can expedite the hearings needed to issue a permit for transmission projects from the zones.

The Sharyland coalition's filing went beyond recommending zones to include plans for the transmission loop, which it said could be completed by the end of 2010. Besides Airtricity, partners include investment firm Babcock & Brown Renewable Holdings Inc., Occidental Energy Ventures Corp. and chemi-

The coalition said its loop could connect up to 8,000 megawatts of power into the ERCOT grid. The tentative mix, the companies said, is 4,200 megawatts of wind — enough to power 1 million homes - 2,000 megawatts of gas-fired generation and 1,800 megawatts from coal.

On a high-usage day, Wood said, the loop could put about 5,500 megawatts into the ERCOT grid, or about 10 percent of the amount of power currently used within the grid.

The mix of wind and polluting fuels such as natural gas and especially coal could be "a good template for the future," Wood said.

"We know we have to build and expand" our power supplies,

Griffin begins work as **Budget/Finance** Clerk

Gayla Griffin of Floydada is Floyd County's new Budget/Finance Director.

Griffin's first day on the job was Tuesday, February 20th.

"I am looking forward to helping the county and filling in the void of this position since Deb's (Burson) passing in October, 2006. I appreciate the commissioner's confidence in me," said Griffin.

Griffin and her family have lived in Floydada since 1988. Her husband, Randall, operated a successful dental business in Floydada before he volunteered to serve his country by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force after 9-11.

Randall is now serving his country as a Lieutenant Colonel in the USAF at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

They have three daughters. Rachel, 20, is attending Angelo State University. Emily, 17, is a student at Floydada High School dada.



and Hannah, 12, attends FJHS. Gayla attended elementary

and high school in Springhill, Lousiana. She received her B.A. degree in Education at the University of Lousiana in Monroe.

Gayla serves as backup for both the pianist and organist at the First Baptist Church in Floy-

FISD Board discusses Duncan expansion

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada ISD Board met Thursday, February 15, and heard a lengthy presentation by Grimes & Associates concerning future renovations at A.B. Duncan Elementary, including a new wing for classrooms and computer labs, doubling the size of the gym and providing better security.

Joe Grimes told the board, "We need approval from the board to advertise for bids on the asbestos abatement at Duncan and your approval for the goahead on the schematic drawings and design development of the project." The board unanimously approved both requests.

The preliminary schematic drawings of the Duncan project shows the new classroom wing will be extended north of the existing building, while the west entrance of Duncan will be extensively remodeled.

A written statement by Grimes stated all classroom sizes will be similar to the existing classrooms and there will be limited renovations to the existing wings by

grid.

The sale of wind-generated electricity has been constrained in Texas because of a lack of transmission lines from sparsely populated West Texas and the Panhandle, where the bulk of the state's wind power is produced.

The Legislature passed a bill in 2005 requiring that the commission designate zones and accompanying transmission projects to boost the flow of renewable power into more populated areas.

cal giant Celanese Corp.

Sharyland, controlled by the Hunt family of Dallas, is a privately owned transmission and distribution electric utility based in McAllen in the Rio Grande Valley.

he said. "But it would be nice to know if every kilowatt-hour of coal and gas were offset by wind," which generates no emissions

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leaving in place the ceilings, light fixtures and wall finishes.

"We are anticipating bidding the construction work in May of this year," stated Grimes.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn **Continued on Page 3**

Griffith survives years as P.O.W.



HUBERT GRIFFITH

Part 2 of 2 **By Alice Gilroy**

Hubert Griffith's first home during his 3 1/2 years as a Japanese Prisoner of War was the Praecock Concentration Camp, not far from Batavia, Java. Here he was housed with Dutch, British, and Australian troops.

His memory of his meals in this camp was rice cooked in 50 gallon oil drums. Even though it had been scrubbed clean Griffith says it still reeked of oil.

"There was no meat to add to the meal so we got some chili peppers and added them to it," said Griffith. "The peppers were ground on the concrete walk by rolling a bottle over them. Our first meal as prisoners of war was this mixture of rice, sand gravel, lube oil and ground pepper."

Prisoners slept on gritty concrete and continued the fight with mosquitoes, lice, and bed bugs.

Divided up for work detail, some prisoners went to the docks, some to the refinery, and some to clean up the town.

"We filled 55 gallon drums with oil and pushed them through the sand to the docks where they were loaded onto barges and taken to the ships," said Griffith. "Each man had a set number of barrels to push before he could quit. The healthier men worked for the ill men if he was unable to do his quota. The oil was shipped somewhere for use in the war effort."

Griffith says every chance the prisoners had they would take a few hands full of sand and put it in the drums, making it hard on whatever engines the oil eventually ended up in.

In May 1942, Griffith was moved to the 10th Battalion Bicycle Camp. Although treated harshly he remembers it as the best camp they were in as Prisoners. "It was made of concrete and tile and there was running water to drink, showers for bathing, shade trees, and room to walk around."

Griffith and the others met up of the men had dysentery and we with the survivors from the U.S.S. Houston. The same men that were supposed to pick up the Army men when the Dutch surrendered. The Navy men escaped with only what was on their back when their ship was sunk in the Sundra Straits.

gave the Navy men everything that they had two of. "We became almost inseparable pals forever, said Griffith. "The Navy men were treated very harshly.'

"Bashings" from the guards was frequent here. If you did not bow right, or stand rigid enough at attention the prisoners were "bashed".

Guard duty was eventually turned over to Koreans and Griffith remembers one guard re-

ferred to as "The Brown Bomber". "It was his duty to periodically come through the camp bashing people for no apparent reason other than keeping the moral low," said Griffith. "After he had bashed someone he usually came back, apologized and gave him a cigarette.'

October 2, 1942 Griffith and 190 men composed of Sailors and Marines from the U.S.S. Houston and the 131st Field Artillery were marched to the docks. They were loaded onto a rusty ship, "The Greenock", and kept in the hold of the ship. "We were put into the hold as long as there was standing room," said Griffith. "It was hot and sultry and we had to eat and sleep (if you could call it that) in these conditions.

"There was a makeshift latrine fastened to the railings overhanging the ocean. Only one man at a It was in this camp that time was allowed to use it. Many lived in this stench. We were so exhausted we would just slump down and sleep.

> "The bottom of the ship had molded rice and the mold grew on our bodies. We wondered if we would survive this trip.'

After 6 days, the ship docked Griffith says the Army men in Singapore. Ten days later the men boarded another ship headed for Rangoon, Burma.

> "Five men that had died during the trip were unloaded," said Griffith. "Many of the men had come down with Beri Beri which causes people to swell up like toads. It is caused by malnutrition and lack of vitamins, especially Vitamin B. The body retains water and the kidneys cannot carry it off fast enough. Hard sweaty work helped rid the body

of some of the excess fluid."

Griffith described Burma as a large country with mountain ranges. "It rains for about 6 months and causes a lot of damage to bridges and roads. The other 6 months was very dry and humid. The ground became so dusty that it would stifle you when you walked.

"The mosquitoes drained a lot of blood from us. When we covered ourselves with blankets to keep them off we would sweat profusely.'

Loaded again onto a ship on October 23, 1942, the men were shipped to Moulamein where they shared an old English penitentiary with lepers. "We were in a different compound but could see the lepers walking back and forth all day along the paths they had worn in the ground."

Six days here and the men were loaded onto flat bed railroad cars. At the end of the line the men were marched to Thanbyuzayat, Burma.

It was here that Griffith became part of working on the "infamous" Burma-Thailand Railroad.

The Burma Railway is also known as the "Death Railway". It was a 258 mile railway between Bangkok, Thailand, and Rangoon, Burma (now Myanmar), built by the Imperial Japanese Army during WWII, to support its forces in the Burma campaign.

Forced labor was used in the construction. About 200,000 Asian laborers and 60,000 Allied POW's worked on the railway. According to the Wikipedia Encyclopedia, "of these, around 100,000 Asian laborers and

16,000 Allied POWs died as a direct result of the project. The Allied dead were comprised of: 6,318 British, 4,377 U.S., 2,815 Australians, and 2,490 Dutch personnel.

The Japanese started the project in June 1942, with the intent to connect Ban Pong with Thanbyuzayat, through the Three Pagoda Pass. Construction started on the Thai end on June 22, 1942 and in Burma at roughly the same time.

On October 17, 1943, the two lines met. While most POWs were then transferred to Japan, those left to maintain the line continued to suffer from appalling living conditions and Allied air raids.

Griffith's camp at Thanbyuzayat were bamboo huts. The men eventually seized burlap rice bags and made hammocks to sleep on. Getting off the bamboo floor made it more comfortable for sleeping and the men would disassemble their beds and carry their belongings in the hammocks when moved.

Griffith's first job in camp was to dig a well. "One man at a time would get into the hole, dig the earth up and put it into a pail," said Griffith. "When the pail was full we would haul it up and dump it." When finished the well was 10-12 feet deep.

After the well was dug, Griffith went to work on the railroad

"We usually worked in groups of ten or so," said Griffith. "We dug up the earth and moved it to the road bed where the tracks would eventually be lain. Our group dug and moved one cubic meter per man to the roadway.

The Japanese engineer would count us and then he drew off a plot where we were to dig. It had to be a meter deep. Some of the men picked a spot, then someone else shoveled the earth onto a rice bag. Wires were fastened to each end of the bag and a bamboo pole was inserted through the wires. Two men would hold the ends of the pole and carry it and dump the dirt onto the roadbed. At the beginning it was around midnight before we were finished for the day, but we soon learned ways in which to cheat and get through earlier.

One canteen could be carried. We sweated profusely and got very thirsty," said Griffith. "A couple of men were detailed to boil water for us. They had to carry a big cast iron pot and fill it with water. They gathered wood and built the fire to boil it. It was still hot but we drank it anyway. It made us sweat even more.

While working loading rails Griffith became very ill from an injury to his leg. A brake shoe on a rear car caught him on the calf of his leg pressing his leg against a crosstie underneath. The flesh was indented and the calf was badly bruised. The wound eventually turned into a Tropical Ulcer which ate a hole in the calf of the leg about 2 inches in diameter and all the way to the bone.

A request by Griffith to go the Hospital camp was reconsidered after he was told the POWs there were "dying like flies".

Griffith says he "cured" the hole by continuously pouring hot tea into the wound. "My buddies kept a fire going. Every now and

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Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report

By Tom Musser

Floyd County: The Apollo Energy Operating Company LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 has been reequipped to pump and is currently set on a percentage time pumping schedule.

Floyd County: The rods and tubing have been pulled from the wellbore of the BASA Resources, Inc. Foster Lease Well #1. The Foster #1 remains shutin since December 2006.

Floyd **County:** The PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Horizontal Well #176 was spudded on Friday February 16, 2007 and is currently drilling ahead.

Hale County: The PetroGlobe U.S.A. Ltd. Ramsower Lease Well #1113 reached total depth the first of last week. The drilling rig moved from the Ramsower location to the McIntosh location. No information has been released on this well.

Motley County: The Bankers Petroleum (U.S.) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 was spudded last week and is currently drilling ahead.

Swisher County: PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. has had a workover unit on the Young Lease Well #1032 last week.

Hubert Griffith survives

Continued From Page 1 then I would hop out and get a canteen cup full and pour it into my wound.

In the meantime Griffith also came down with Malaria. Previous to the ulcerated sore and Malaria, Griffith says he also suffered from Amoebic Dysentery, Pellagra (lips and tongue cracking open and bleeding), Beri Beri, and Hepatitis.

"My doctor put me on fried blood for the Hepatitis," said Griffith. "We caught the blood from cattle that we butchered, and then boiled it to congeal it. Then it was fried.'

Griffith credits a Dutchmen from Java with saving many of the men. "This doctor knew about herbs," said Griffith. "He would make tea from herbs and he lost less men than the other doctors.

"We found out though that a lot of it was psychological. He told us later that he would go out into the jungle to find the herbs, but he could only find bamboo shoots. So he would make the tea out of boiled bamboo shoots and tell us it was herbal.

"To treat the tropical ulcers he would get maggots out of the latrine and put them on the sores. The maggots would eat the bad flesh.

When the men's work was lone sometime in January, 1944.

Saigon.

On August 15, 1945 while in Saigon, Griffith heard from a Frenchman (riding by on a bicycle) that the war was over.

Eventually American officers arrived to bring them home.

On September 8th they were flown to Calcutta, India where they were put into the Army General Hospital. Several hospitalizations followed, and on April 6, 1946 Griffith was discharged.

Moving back to Lockney with his wife, Griffith found his weakened condition would not allow him to farm. Going back to school at Watson Business College in Plainview, Griffith learned a new trade in business. He got a job with the El Paso National Gas Company in El Paso and worked there for 23 1/ 2 years. He moved back to Plainview in 1998.

A brother, Elmer Griffith, still lives in Lockney, as well as a niece, Belinda Stapp and a nephew, Rickie Griffith. Another nephew, Larry Griffith, lives in Floydada

Griffith has served in many capacities with POW Associations and Disabled Veterans organizations.

He still serves as Chaplain for the Texas Department of Texas AXPOW. In 1985 he was appointed by Mark White to be on a ten man team as a POW advisor to the Texas Governor. Griffith has related his experiences in his memoirs, "For Freedom's Sake". Much of the information for this story was taken from these memoirs. "I hope my story is of interest to those who read it." says Griffith. "I hope I have shown that the cost of freedom is not free".

the other two ladies for the help County Judge could. they provided to me and the Commissioner Gilroy made County.

Letter to the Editor

It has been hard for me to work with my name being dragged thru the mud to make it look like all the problems a the Courthouse are my fault. First, I have no personal vendetta or displeasure against Gayla Griffin, my problem lies with the Commissioner's Court, with the exception of one commissioner, on how they conducted the interviews of the applicants for the Budget/Finance Officer's position. It was not the "who" but the "how" she was hired that I take offense to. Gayla Griffin was hired by Judge Golightly even before she took office. I brought it to the attention of the Court that the Personnel Policy of the County states that the Court must advertise for two weeks for the position take applications, interview all applicants and then appoint the most qualified person. There were three applicants interviewed on January 30, 2007. Gayla Griffin was hired as Budget/Finance Officer. Since I work with the Budget/Finance Officer so closely each day I believe that I should have been included in the interviewing of the applicants for that position, but I was not allowed. I felt that I could have explained

me. The County did compensate the job to the applicants better than the Commissioners and

> the comment that he was glad that Griffin had given her employer two weeks notice and I respect that. But it has been three weeks and the County still does not have a Budget/Finance Officer on the job. That brings me to the question of the bills not being paid on time. I prepared my part of the bills for the Court and they were in the Budget/Finance Officer's office on the morning of Friday, February 16. I do take offense to being blamed for the bills not paid on time. I did by my part where was the other part?

I believe that I have fulfilled the duties of my office along with duties of the Budget/Finance Officer to the best of my abilities and I will continue to do my best.

As for burying the hatchet, I am willing to work with everyone because it is necessary to keep the financial wheels turning and for the benefit of the County.

I would request however, that when the Hesperian reports the Commissioners' meetings that you would report the entire meeting and not pick and choose your topics

> **Elva Martinez** Floyd County Treasurer

(Editor's Note: This paper does not usually respond to Letters to the Editor in the same edition of the paper in which the letter appears, however we do make clarifications.

Ms. Martinez is commenting on her displeasure of a Feb. 15th story on the coverage of a Feb. 12 Commissioners meeting.

A problem arose in the Feb. 12 meeting over County bills not being presented to the **Commissioners by the County** Treasurer at their monthly meeting.

The County Treasurer had presented these bills since the October 2006 death of Debbie **Burson/Budget Finance Of**ficer.

Ms. Martinez failure to present January's bills was the subject of discussion.

It is true that Martinez had the bills prepared on Friday, Feb. 16, for the Commissioners Court, however that was 4 days after the Feb. 12 Commissioners meeting and the day after the story appeared in this newspaper.

The new Budget Finance Clerk was on the job Tuesday morning, Feb. 20 and working with Ms. Martinez. Martinez delivered her letter Tuesday afternoon.)

By Alice Gilroy

duties of both offices

LISD Trustees met February 15 and renewed contracts, reviewed the 2007 election calendar, and discussed wind generators and baseball lighting.

Trustees voted unanimously to extend the contracts of Elementary Principal Jean Ann Williams, Junior High Principal Todd Hallmark, and Athletic Director Joe Robertson.

High School Principal Dean Thompson announced his retirement effective June 30, 2008 (which would have been the end of his contract), so the School Board took no action on his contract.

May 12 will be election day for municipal and school board elections. The board reviewed the election calendar.

Feb. 10, 2007 was the first day

says new poles will not be needed.

"The poles were 70 feet tall," said Cotham. "No local equipment could reach that high to work on the lights. They can only reach as high as 60 feet.

"We had approved pulling down the old poles and putting up new ones, but when Excel went out there and cut off the top 10 feet (in order to pull it down) they found that the rest of the pole was still in good shape.

"The top part that was cut off was weathered and splintered." Cotham said the school district had been spending between \$5,000 and \$6,000 per year to repair the lights because of the bad wiring.

"Last year, 2 weeks after repairing one pole all the lights went out at the same time because of bad wiring. It looked like fireworks," said Cotham." New wiring will now be put

cost of replacing the dead bolt locking doors at the Junior High and High School with "panic bar" doors.

Board renews contracts

'When they are locked down, the panic bar doors allow people to exit the building," said Cotham, "but you can't get in the building.'

"Now our Junior High and High School have dead bolt doors and if we were to lock it up because someone suspicious was hanging around, we couldn't open it quickly in case of fire." The board and Cotham both agreed to continue to get more estimates before making the change. The price quoted to the board for the new doors and installation was \$8,000.

The board also considered an offer by the Floydada Country

The trustees also reviewed the to purchase club memberships for \$5,000 per 10 member slots," said Cotham. "The school would actually be the "voting member", and the employees would be nonvoting members but could use the swimming pool and golf course.

"The school would then pass the memberships on to the employees at \$42.00 a month. This would just be a service to the employees. They would have to pay it back. The school would not be out any money."

Trustees agreed in principle to purchase the membership, only if 10 employees signed up to start with.

"The Country Club will only sell the package in slots of 10 memberships," said Cotham.

In the Financial Report, the February bank balance showed a balance of \$415,696.77, with CD

hours with the help of Donna Keaton who also has a full time job with the Extension Office. She was gracious and willing to help and I thank her for it. Angie Weems also pitched in to help.

She is employed full time, too. We were able to keep up with the I have spent four months working all day and many late night hours and weekends trying to do both of our jobs. If our taxpayers are wondering, as an elected official there was no extra pay for

Re: The February 15, 2007 Hesperian's report of the Commissioners' Court Meeting on Monday February 12, 2007 regarding the problems over bill paying responsibilities.

I, Elva Martinez, County Trea-

surer of Floyd County would like

to clarify what happened during

the meeting. As you know there

are always two sides to every

story and I would like for the citi-

zens of Floyd County who put

me in office to hear my side. The

situation was that we lost our

friend and co-worker, Debra

Burson to a lengthy battle of

breast cancer. Deb passed away

on October 5, 2006 and since that

time I have not only done my job

as Treasurer, I have tried to main-

tain the responsibilities of the

Budget/Finance Officer after

Dear Editor,

Griffith had to be carried by "piggy back" to another box car for transport to Saigon. This camp brought more work details on docks and also dangerous air raids.

Griffith and other POW's continued to be moved to work on railroads, tunnels, and bridges. From Saigon they went to Dalat, -then Tuy Hoa, and then back to

Council considers street closure and annexation

By Judy Macha

The Lockney City Council met Thursday morning February 15, 2007 to consider a long list of Agenda items.

The Council considered a request to close the 100 block of N.E. Houston Street. City Administrator Ron Hall clarified, "That would be from the alley behind the Rehabilitation Center to Main Street." Discussion ensued and Council received advice from City Attorney Lanny Voss on what would be required to take further action.

Another discussion only agenda item involved the annexing of the McPherson Subdivision west of town.

To satisfy SPAG requirements concerning grants, the Council considered and passed unanimously: 1) Local Opportunity Plan; 2) Excessive Force Policy Resolution; 3) Deposit Authorization Form; and 4) Resolution authorizing all grant signatories (Rodger Stapp-Mayor, J.D. Copeland-Councilperson, and Ron Hall- City Administrator) pertaining to the Texas Community Development (TCDP) downtown revitalization program contract #726272.

In other business, the Council considered and passed unanimously a Resolution for Engi-- neering Service on seal coating with Oller Engineering, Inc.

Council tabled a Request for Car Port Variance by Gustavo Bejarano 117 SE 6th St. as he was not in attendance and had not

furnished the Council with the petition of signatures requested nor a map showing his intended

placement of the carport.

Regarding consideration of a Swimming Pool Manager, Council unanimously agreed to run an ad in the Hesperian-Beacon for two weeks.

Council received and unanimously accepted Chief of Police, Jerry Edwards' annual Racial Profiling and Statistics reports. The Racial Profiling report covering from February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007 read as follows:

Number of contacts 314 -Blacks, 14; Hispanics, 163; Whites, 137; Asians, 0; Other, 0; Male, 220; Female, 94.

Number of searches, 16 -Blacks, 2; Hispanics, 10; Whites. 4; Asians, 0; Other, 0; Male, 14; Female, 2.

With contraband, 5 - Blacks, 1; Hispanics, 4; Whites, 0; Asians, 0; Other, 0; Male, 5; Fe-**Continued On Page 3**

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to file and March 12 will be the last day to file intentions to seek office. March 19 will be the last day to file as a write-in.

Trustee positions up for election are those of: Aaron Wilson, Pct. #3; Robbie Long, Pct. #4; and Lonny Hooten, At-Large.

The trustees and Superintendent Phil Cotham discussed the, wiring of the baseball field lights. New wiring has been approved and although new poles were initially approved, Cotham now

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on the 60 foot poles and lights will be re-installed.

During the Superintendents report Cotham briefed the board on the use of wind turbines by Shallowater ISD.

"Each wind turbine costs \$150,000, but produces \$15,000 of energy per year. Over a 10 year period they pay for themselves," said Cotham.

Caprock Cotton Conference

Tuesday, February 27th

Registration starts at 7 a.m. Meeting time 8 a.m.

Plains Baptist Assembly (South of Floydada)

7 CEU hours available

Club to sponsor golf memberships for the LISD staff. "The offer allows the District

investments of \$3,588,983.50, for a total balance of: \$4,004,680.27.



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We will also set up on March 1, 2007 at the Auction that will be held west of the Lockney Meat Co.

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FISD looks at Duncan expansion

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said, "Everything needed on both campuses for the students is in this (preliminary drawing). There will be three places to pickup the kids and a security command post will be at the front of the building. There will be covered canopies at all entrance points with security doors."

Following the lengthy discussion, Board President Bill Dean suggested, "I think we need to have several more work sessions apart from our regular board meeting so we may devote the entire evening to them. We need to be able to adequately discuss and evaluate the different phases of the planning and construction.

The trustees approved the leasing of 5 portable buildings, for 18 months at a cost of \$110,000, to be installed at R.C. Andrews Elementary for the purpose of housing the Duncan Elementary students, grades Kindergarten through Grade 5, during the projected time of construction at Duncan.

In other matters, the board approved the Order for a FISD School Election for May 12, 2007. Board Members coming up for re-election for three year terms this year are Marty Lucke, Bart Greer and Amado Morales.

The board appointed Laveta Morren, Early Ballot Clerk; Kelli Reddy, Deputy Early Ballot Clerk; Christina Chavarria, Bilingual Early Ballot Clerk; Roger Poage, Election Judge and Selia Arellano, Deputy Election Judge. In a related matter, the board

approved action on a resolution for a Joint Election Agreement with the City of Floydada as required by the Texas Education and Election Codes.

Board President Dean presented to the board a Board Member Meeting Attendance Record for 2006, as required by State law. It showed: Board President Dean, 100%; Board Members: Rachael Castillo, 79.19%; Amado Morales, 61.91%; Bart Greer, 90.48%; Kerry Pratt, 90.48%; Lyle Miller, 95.24% and Marty Lucke, 100%.

The board approved a new TASB Update 79 by a vote of 6 to 1. Board President Dean and Board Members Lucke, Greer, Castillo, Morales and Miller approved the update, while Board Member Pratt voted against the update. Pratt said he wanted clarification concerning one updated item. It seems to state the superintendent's possibility of purchasing supplies worth more

than \$10,000 without board approval. "This is not clear to me," said Pratt. Board President Dean said he would get clarification on that statement by next board meeting.

The board approved the new 2007-2008 School Calendar. It shows the first semester beginning August 27 and ending December 21, 2007. The second semester will begin January 4, 2008

and will end May 28, 2008.

The board approved a request by Superintendent Vaughn to change FISD's Special Education Program. Vaughn told the board, "All the old Coop's employee contracts are held by FISD. We need the Special Education program change declared before we can go forward on our own. We don't know how many employee contract's we will need. We will hire and put people where we need them. We must develop a new program for Special Ed."

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the January Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement. The Tax Report showed \$1,680,407.07 collected, or 85.29 percent. The Cash Flow Statement showed a Current Cash Balance of \$7,454,837.68, with a New Fund Balance of \$5,419,723.23.

The board employed Adrian Everett as a custodian at FJHS.

Following a closed session, the board extended the contracts, with salary increases, of the Administrative Staff. They were: Rex Holcombe, Administrative Assistant; Sharon Rainwater, Business Manager; Rusty Purser, Athletic Director; Gilbert Trevino, A. B. Duncan Elementary Principal; Fred Bush, R.C. Andrews Elementary Principal; Jim Bob Hobbs, FJHS Principal; and Wayne Morren, FHS Principal.



FEBRUARY FLAG DONATION--(L-R) Weldon and Gloria Fannon present a flag to 4-H'er Jordan Cornelius for the Veteran's Memorial. The flag was donated in memory of Gloria's father, Ralph Martin, WWII Veteran, and in honor of the Fannon's son, James Fannon, a Gulf War (Desert Storm) Veteran. The flag will be flown at the Veteran's Memorial. The flags are replaced every three months because of the wear and tear from 24 hour use. Individuals wishing to donate a flag for replacement should contact Jordan or Julianne Cornelius in Floydada. The flags are returned to the previous donor when replaced. Staff Photo

1934 Study Club

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, February 13, 2007 in the parlor of First Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by President, Diana Glover. Willie Mae Ferguson read the minutes and gave the roll call answered by the members with the names of their guests. Prayer was led by Wanda Turner.

The meeting was our annual "Guest Day." Refreshments of a delicious variety of snacks were prepared and hosted by our program committee; Marie Warren, Faye Bertrand, Betsy Dempsey and Wanda Turner.

The speaker of the day was retired History Teacher, Lou Burleson. Lou reviewed a book by Lydia Spencer Lane, "I Married a Soldier." It was a story o the joys and hardships of her life as the wife of a U.S. Military man during and after the Civil War and his service in the Forts of Texas and New Mexico. Lou is a very intriguing speaker and she brought to life for us, the women and soldiers in that war. We appreciated the wonderfully intelligent manner of her presentation.

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Police give report to Lockney Council

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Number of citations, 48 -Blacks, 5; Hispanics, 31; Whites, 12; Asians, 0; Other, 0; Male, 36; Female, 12.

Number of warnings, 252 -Blacks, 9; Hispanics, 123; Whites, 120; Asians, 0; Other, 0; Male, 178; Female, 74.

Number of arrests, 16 -Blacks, 2; Hispanics, 11; Whites, 3; Asians, 0; Other, 0; Male, 11; Female, 5.

Complaints filed on officers - Informal, 0 and Formal, 0. The Statistics for the Lockney Police Department for the year of 2006 read as follows:

Motor vehicle accidents -Lockney Police Department investigated 18 motor vehicle accidents in 2006. In 2005 we in-

vestigated 19. This indicates a decrease of 5.5 percent of accidents within the city.

Criminal offenses reported -Lockney Police Department investigated 78 criminal offenses that were either reported to the department, or were observed by

Neugebauer speaks in support of troops and their mission

on duty officers in 2006. In 2005 there were 100. This is a decrease of 22 percent.

Incidents reported - Incident reports are actions that took place either observed by the officers or reported to them. Incidents may have been criminal law violations or may not have been. However the reporting complainant did not want criminal charges pressed and the reports are actions taken by the Lockney Police Department in assisting other law enforcement agencies on their investigations, such as recovery of stolen motor vehicles, child welfare cases and mental commitments. In 2006

Study Club By Wilma Gowens The 1934 Study Club met Fuesday, February 13, 2007 in

Washington, DC - During debate on the House floor Thursday, February 15, Congressman Randy Neugebauer voiced his opposition to a Democratic-authored resolution that undermines the mission of American troops. The following are Neugebauer's remarks, as prepared for delivery:

"I rise today in strong opposition to this resolution and in strong support of our troops and their mission to fight and win the Global War on Terror.

"I am disappointed that this hollow resolution does not match the seriousness of the issue we are debating. It appears politics - not the safety of our nation - is leading the way. Not long ago, several of my Democratic colleagues were arguing we needed additional troops in Iraq. But now, when the President and the Iraq Study Group support sending in reinforcements, the Democrats are against it. Although they have the ability and the responsibility to govern, the Majority has no plan for success.

"In fact, their only plan is to cut funding for our troops on the ground in Iraq. Statement after statement from members on the other side of the aisle paint a clear picture: this week's debate is merely paving the way to cut funding down the road. The realities of our current global conflict demand a more responsible approach.

"We know that our terrorist enemies are patient, calculating, and intent on attacking us. They have stated that Iraq is the central front in their global jihad. Yet, expelling Americans from Iraq is merely the first step in their strategy. We also know that leaders of terrorist organizations have ordered their followers to extend their jihad throughout the region and the world. So it is clear that the attacks on our country and our citizens will not stop if our troops pack up their bags and return home from Iraq. The terrorist attacks took place before our troops entered Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

"I, like everyone else, want our troops to come home as soon as possible. However, if short-sighted, political calculations made in this body cause us to lose this war, terrorist groups will only be encouraged to expand their efforts. In addition to the terrorist groups who are watching this debate and our actions in Iraq, we also know that Iran is seeing how America and its political leaders react. Not only does Iran stand to benefit from increased instability in the region, but seeing America retreat in the face of military obstacles will only embolden this rogue regime to question America's resolve.

"While we can disagree on whether to send in reinforcements, we must all agree that the consequences of losing this important battle of the Global War on Terror would be catastrophic and far-reaching. America must not become a nation where our school buses, our malls, and our neighborhoods become battlefields in the War on Terror.

"Therefore, we should be saying that we will not retreat from this fight. And, we should stand 100 percent behind our troops and give them the tools and support necessary to get the job done. Our security depends on it. Unfortunately, this resolution fails on each front. This resolution does not put forth a successful strategy for victory. And this resolution does not show our troops that they have our full support. To the contrary, this resolution only serves to score political points and embarrass our Commander-in-Chief during a time of war. It does all of this, while at the same time weakening the morale of our troops.

"Fighting and winning a war is serious business. It requires our President, our military leaders, and elected officials to make difficult decisions. Yet, making tough decisions is what the American people expect their representatives to do. Therefore, I call on all of my colleagues to reject this resolution, end the political stunts, and take seriously our responsibility to govern and to ensure the security of the United States of America."

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there were 71 incidents. In 2005 there were 64. This is a increase of 10.5 percent.

Adult arrests - During 2006 the Lockney Police Department arrested 14 adults and placed them in jail. In 2005, 35 adults were arrested and jailed. This is a decrease of 60 percent.

Juvenile detentions - During 2006 the Lockney Police Department detained 4 juveniles and placed them in either the PAC Center or turned them over to the Juvenile Probation Office. In 2005 there were 7. This is a decrease of 42 percent.

Council approved the LEDC Quarterly Report given by Kelly Prayor.

Relay for Life looking for entertainment

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Floyd County is currently looking for localbands, singers, and entertainers to perform at their fund-raising event on April 20, 2007. Interested individuals should contact Brianne 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).

Information about Relay For Life is available by calling Brianne 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.

Caprock Cotton Conference February 27th Registration starts at 7 a.m. Meeting time 8 a.m. Plains Baptist Assembly (South of Floydada) 7 CEU hours available

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No.726272.

Exempt Activities Administration

Planning and Engineering

Environmental Assessment Activities Sidewalk and ADA Improvements in Lockney, Texas

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Lockney has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City that documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall, City of Lockney, 218 E. Locust, Lockney, TX 79241, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the following address: SPAG, Attn: Kelli McElhone, 1323 58th St., Lubbock, TX 79412. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Lockney will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2006 under grant numbered 726272 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City is certifying to TDA that Mr. Rodger Stapp, in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Lockney may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, PO Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDA.

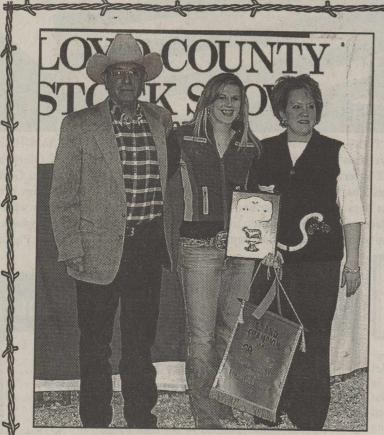
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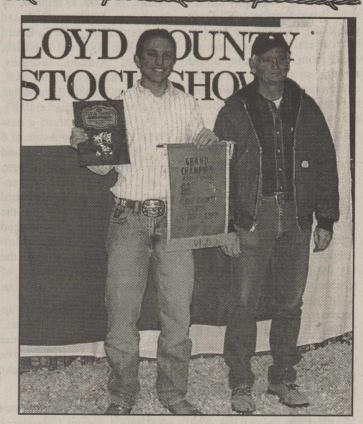
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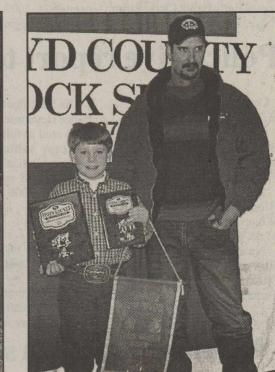
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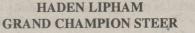
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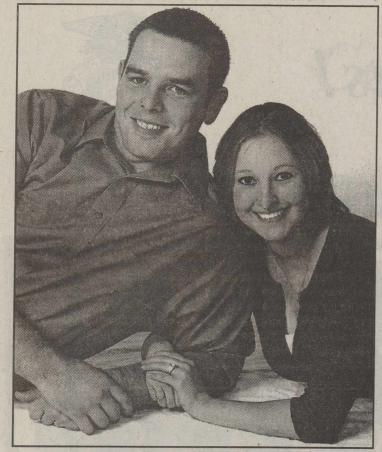
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ZANE LOGAN AND CAMMY LASS

Lass and Logan

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lass of Lockney announce the engagement of their daughter, Cammy to Zane Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Shuping of Hale Center and Mr. and Mrs. David Logan of Canyon.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Lockney High School. She is currently studying Elementary Education at West Texas A&M and is employed as Floral Manager at United in Canyon. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lass of South Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Schear of Alexander, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Craighton of LaGrange.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Hale Center. He is a 2006 graduate of West Texas A&M and is currently employed as a Loss Prevention Manager at Sears in Amarillo. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Don Chesshir of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Watson of Lubbock, and Mrs. Connie Shuping of Hale Center. The couple will be married May 28, 2007 at Country Home Weddings in Canyon.

Texas First Lady to visit Spur

By Debbi Head

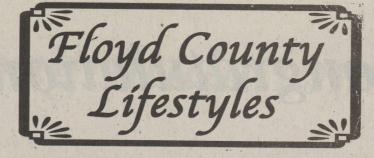
Spur, Texas will be visited by Texas First Lady Anita Perry, Wednesday, February 28, from 2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

The First Lady's Tour is part of the Texas Historical Commission Texas Main Street Program. The tour celebrates the designation of the 2007 Official Texas Main Street Cities and includes the stop in Spur.

"Growing up in a small town, I know the vital role downtown plays in a community," said Perry. "Being a Main street city

downtown area. The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) sponsors the 2007 First Lady's Tour.

The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted more than 140 communities throughout the state and is one of the most successful in the nation. The program has resulted in the private reinvestment of more than \$1.2 billion in Texas downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts, the creation of more than 22,000 jobs and the establishment of more than 5,600 new businesses. Last year the program celebrated its 25th anniversary



Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

The weather man said our temperature was in the 70's today. However with the wind blowing like it was I think the chill factor was a lot lower. I will be glad for warm spring time to get here.

Spring reminds me of the song "Take me out to the Ballgame." I like baseball season. When my grandsons were home I liked to see them play in every sport. That was such a fun time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank some men folks for all the work they did on the Center's rest rooms last week. It was appreciated so much.

Donations are appreciated too. Sometimes we think how are we going to keep the doors open next week and lo and behold here comes a big donation. The Center is not helped in any way by the government. It is completely on it's own and so far people have been so generous that the Center's doors have remained open for morning coffee drinkers, morning exercisers, noon lunches, afternoon domino and bridge games. The members would love to have you come and join them in all the activities.

There is a new Lockney resident in town. Recently Annabelle Bramlet moved from her country home to a house on Spruce street. Guest in her home this weekend and for lunch at the Center Monday was Leo Maudie Montandon a former Lockney resident. Other guest for lunch Monday at the Center was Bob and Dorothy Jarrett also former Lockney residents.

This week there are a lot of people we must keep in our thought and prayers. They are Nita Marble in Mangold Memorial Hospital. Nina Tueton and Anna Dell Quebe and Danny Durham recovering from surgeries. Also Alice Mitchell in her new home. The Santa Fe House in Planview.

I received word recently about Gene Collis a former Lockney

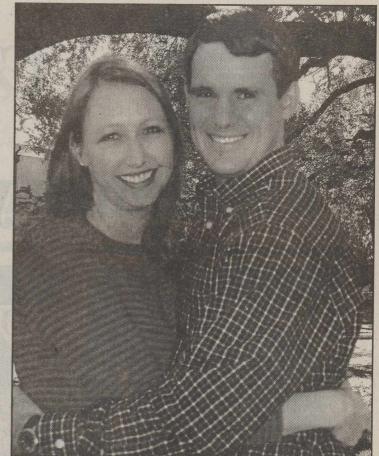
memories for me. I was born and raised on a farm 2 miles north west of Lockney.

Within four miles of each other were four families. Street, Collis, Caylor, and my family, Rogers. In these families were fourteen children. Streets had 1 girl Beatrice. Rogers had 2 girls Vera Jo and Oddie Mae, Caylors had 2 girls Patricia and Rosemary & 4 boys Dan Jerry, Donald. and J.L. and the Collis' had 2 girls Francis and Joyce (Joyce was my age) and 3 boys Randall, Glen, and Gene.

These 4 families were together every Saturday night for supper and always had 4 gallons of home made ice cream. The adults had 2 tables of 42 while we kids ran wild. I'll never forget those wonderful days of growing up with those three families.

Also out of these 14 children two of them married each other. Randall Collis and Beatrice Street. They are both deceased now but their daughter Barbara is The First Lady of Floydada.

Menu February 26 - March 2 Mon: Fried chicken Tues: Soup and Cornbread Wed: Chicken fried steak Thrs: Meatloaf Fri: Fish



AMY WAIDE AND JOSHUA MCDONALD Waide and McDonald

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rowan of Floydada and Bob Waide of Tulia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Renee Waide to Joshua Davis McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Floydada High School and a 1999 Cum Laude graduate of Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Entomology. She is a 2003 graduate of University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas where she earned her Masters degree in Physician Assistant Studies. She is currently employed as a Family Practice Physician Assistant in Dallas.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Lubbock High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree at Dallas Theological Seminary studying Biblical Counseling and Education.

The couple plan a June 1, 2007 wedding at Northwest Bible Church in Dallas.



means citizens recognize that downtown is still the heart and soul of their community."

Mrs. Perry will give a keynote address in Spur and unveil the first architectural rendering for the downtown renovation. A reception follows a tour of Spur's

Floydada Senior Citizens

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older come join us. Lunch starts at 12:00 noon. If you plan on eating please call 983-2032 and let us know.

Last week I was sick most of the time and was unable to go to the Center so I really do not have much news this week.

Friday, February 16, I drove to Amarillo to help my sister celebrate her 92nd birthday. Several family members were also there. The Care Center where she lives also gave residents who had a February birthday a party. So I got to attend two parties with her. It was a bad day for driving because of the wind. I was glad to get home safely.

Our sympathy to the family of Fred Lloyd Marr, Jr.

We do appreciate you remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

We also accept donations that will help us pay bills and to continue to serve home delivery meals and the seniors of this community who need the fellowship and a hot meal.

Thought for the week - There is a wonderful, mystical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life, (happiness, freedom and peace of mind) are always attained by giving them to someone else.

> -author unknown Menu

February 26 - March 2 Monday-Fried fish, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, cornbread, baked apples

Tuesday-Beef tostada, buracho beans, Mexican rice, ambrosia fruit salad, cornbread Wednesday-Chicken fried steak with gravy, baked potato, green beans, wheat roll, apricots Thursday-Friday-

1951 graduate passing away February 6 and his memorial and burial services were held Feb 16 at the National Cemetery in Dal-

Gene was the son of Lloyd and Ora Collis. He is the father of 3 children, one daughter and two sons. Daughter Mitzie of Bedford, son Monty of Forney and son Colt student at UT of Dallas. Also three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Several relatives and numerous friends here in Floyd County. Please keep the Collis family in you prayers.

Talking about Collis friends brings back so many wonderful



WELLS

Oklahoma.

Miller

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Members present and their guests were: Faye Bertrand, husband William and Josephine Lyles; Wilma Gowens and husband Donnell; Wilma Colston and Vonciel Colston; Betsy Dempsey and Dixie Harris; Willie Mae Ferguson, Sue Jones and Nell Swinson; Diana Glover and Ruth Hammonds; Wanda Turner and husband J.R.; LaNell Tardy and Shirley Varner; Emagene Haenisch and husband Charles; Nell McClung, Estelle Carthel and Geraldine Calloway; Flora McNeill, Ila White and Marie Warren; Margarette Word was unable to attend because of illness. We hope she will be well and able to be with us at our next meeting in March in the home of Willie Mae Ferguson.

Come see Stacie

at Scott Gin

FLOYDADA CARE CENTER VALENTINES--King and Queen Sweethearts at the Floydada

Rehab Center from "Western Star-Rosewood Lane" were: (l-r) Woodrow Edwards and Catherine Henderson; and from "Cottage Acres", Jack Moreman and Deana Meador.



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Floydada High School UIL places Second Overall at Lockney Meet

Academic Team participated in the Lockney Invitational Meet on Saturday, February 17. Not only did students experience a great deal of success individually and in team events at this meet, FHS was also awarded the runner-up sweepstakes trophy.

In Number Sense, Kenya Pesina placed 3rd in the 9th Grade. The Calculator Applications team placed first. Jennifer Rainwater placed 4th overall in Calculator and 1st in 10th Grade; Charlie Beedy was 5th overall and 2nd in 11th Grade. Titus Miller placed 6th overall and 2nd in 10th Grade, and Brooke Sansom was 3rd in 10th Grade.

The Mathematics team placed first. J. C. Simpson placed 2nd and was 1st place in 11th Grade. Abel Cortinas placed 3rd overall and was 2nd in 11th Grade. Charlie Beedy placed 6th overall and was 4th in 11th Grade. Robert Buening was 5th in 11th Grade.

In Computer Applications,

Floydada High School's UIL Morgan Norrell placed 3rd, while Bailey Davenport placed 4th. Kalli Ferguson placed 2nd in Accounting.

> The Current Events team was the 1st place team. Britnee Brotherton was 2nd place, Mary Warren was 4th place, and Randa Shurbet is also a member of the team.

Sean Miller was the 1st place finisher in Ready Writing; he also placed 3rd in Social Studies and is a member of the 2nd place team. The other team members are Juliann Runnels and Randa Shurbet.

The Spelling team came in 2nd place with Melinda Ramos placing 6th overall. The other members of the team are Landon Lackey and Anthony Herrera.

The Science team had a 2nd, place overall finish. Abel Cortinas was 2nd overall, 2nd in is preparing for the District meet 11th Grade, and the Top Chemistry student. J. G. Simpson was 4th place overall and 3rd in 11th Grade. Charlie Beedy placed 6th

overall and was 4th in 11th Grade. Sean Miller was 1st in 10th Grade.

In Journalism, Keyla Pesina placed 4th in News Writing and 3rd in Headline Writing. In Editorial Writing, Harvey Garza placed 3rd, Lindsey Beedy placed 4th, and Makenzie Schwertner placed 5th. In Feature Writing, Makenzie Schwertner placed 5th and Keyla Pesina placed 6th.

The Speech team received a trophy as the top Speech team of the meet. Evan Johnson placed 4th in Prose, and Crystal Alvarez placed 5th in Poetry. In Informative Speaking, Britnee Brotherton and Elizabeth Bertrand tied for 2nd place. In Persuasive Speaking, Katie Beth Crossland placed 1st, Mary Warren 2nd, and Hallie Bertrand 4th.

The FHS UIL Academic team to be held in Floydada on March 26 and 29. The One-Act Play District competition is scheduled for March 23 in Shallowater.



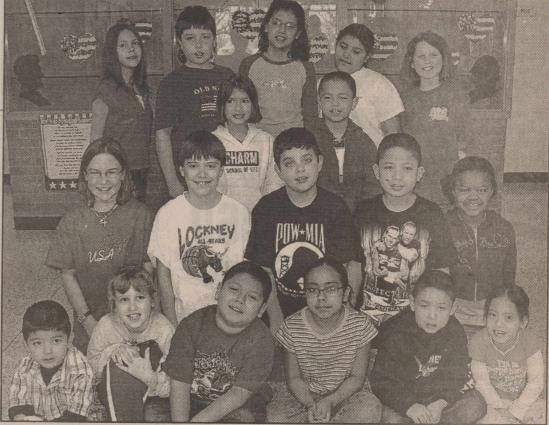
FISD STUDENTS/EDUCATORS OF MONTH-(backrow, l-r) Keyla Pesina, Gr. 12, FHS; Michael Salazar, Gr. 7, FJHS; Maria Lopez-Martinez, Educator ESL/Bilingual, A.B. Duncan & R.C. Andrews; (front row, I-r) Alyson Perez, Gr. 3, R.C. Andrews Elementary; Robert Segura, Gr. 1, A.B. Duncan Elementary. **Staff Photo**



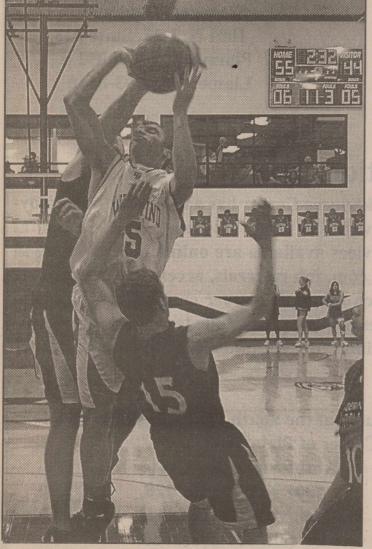


LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA MANAGER JOYCE MARKS is shown with students (back row, l-r) Alejandro Martinez, Joel Dolloff, Collin Fulton, Joyce Marks, Paul Martinez, (front row, l-r) Celestina Rodriguez, Samantha Salas, Cristian Bejarano, Tyelor Holloway and Lisa Hernandez. Mrs. Marks wants to remind parents and students that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Students who do not get at least eight hours of sleep and who have no food from the evening meal till noon the next day do not do as well in school. Growing bodies need food and rest. Please encourage your child to eat breakfast, whether it be at home or at school.

Staff Photc



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 2-10-07, (back row, l-r) Alejandro Martinez, Joel Dolloff, Collin Fulton, Paul Martinez, Tyelor Holloway, (third row, I-r)Richard Luna, Litzy Reyes, Fernando Valdez, (second row, l-r) Celestina Rodriquez, Samantha Salas, Cristian Bejarano,



FIGHTING FOR THE BALL-Whirlwind Titus Miller is shown fighting for the ball in their last district game last week against Photo by Jim Covington Abernathy. Floydada won 61-47.

Efren Nunez, Lisa Hernandez, (front row, l-r) Ricky Cuellar, Robert Idrogo, Aylin Chavana, Lizzie **Belt and Grip Fortenberry. Staff Photo**



LOCKNEY GIRL SCOUTS made patriotic Valentines for the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center. The girls put these Valentines on the residents' doors to celebrate Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. **Courtesy Photo**

Floydada School Menu

February 26 - March 2 Monday

Breakfast - French toast, cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/Ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sausage, toast/jelly, graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Golden fish strips, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, hot roll, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lockney School Menu

February 26 - March 2 Monday

Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken nuggets or corndog, potatoes, peas, fruit, wheat roll, milk

Tuesday Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Lasagne or ham, salad, fruit, bread, milk

Wednesday

Friday real, toast, juice, milk

milk

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

Lunch - Carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk Thursday

Breakfast - Breakfast sausage roll, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Chicken and noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

Friday Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk

Thursday

Lunch-Baked chicken or hoagie, potatoes, broccoli, fruit, roll,

Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Beef taco or corndog, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or ce-Lunch-Hamburger or chicken on bun, baked fries, salad, fruit,

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An updated version of the 2007 Plains Cotton Growers Seed Cost Calculator is now available. Growers interested in comparing prices for their 2007 planting seed options can download the calculator at http:// www.plainscotton.org.

The 2007 version includes 143 conventional, Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready FLEX, Liberty Link, Bollgard and Bollgard II and Widestrike varieties, as well as numerous stacked gene versions of these technologies that will be available for sale in West Texas in 2007. Should information on additional varieties become available, an update to the spreadsheet will be developed and posted on PCG's website.

The PCG calculator is an interactive Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that allows producers to calculate an estimated cost per acre, for both seed and technology, based on published suggested retail prices.

The web page also includes links to the free program Open Office. Open Office can open and run Microsoft Excel spreadsheets for users that do not have Microsoft Excel on their computers.

The PCG calculator retains all of the functionality it had in 2006, including the ability for a grower to select up to nine varieties, from the list companies have said will be available in the West Texas market in 2007, for side by side comparison.

The calculator also gives growers the ability to see how various seed and technology combinations compare on a per acre cost basis using their own target seeding rate expressed in plants per-acre or calculated as a function of row width and number of seed planted per foot of row.

The PCG spreadsheet will also show how much of a grower's per-acre cost is attributable to the cost of seed and technology, respectively and the amount of change that occurred from 2006 levels.

It should be noted that Monsanto has already announced that 2007 seed drop rates and technology fees for Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready FLEX, Bollgard and Bollgard II will remain at 2006 levels in the West Texas region. Phytogen cotton seed has also left its Widestrike technology fee at the 2006 level Cost program puts an upper limit on the per acre technology cost of Monsanto traits when per acre planting rates exceed approximately 56,000 seed per acre.

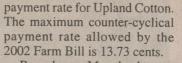
Additionally, the calculator includes separate worksheets that group varieties by type (Conventional; Roundup Ready, Liberty Link & Liberty Link/Bollgard II; Roundup Ready FLEX; Roundup Ready FLEX with Bollgard II or Widestrike; Bollgard/Bollgard II, Roundup Ready with Bollgard/Bollgard II technology, and Roundup ready with Widestrike technology).

Details about 2007 Replant and Drought Relief programs from seed providers will be posted on the PCG website as soon as they are made available to us. Several companies have not yet announced their 2007 programs as of the release date for the calculator.

A comprehensive overview of these programs will also be incorporated into the PCG calculator as soon as it all becomes available. Growers are encouraged to check the PCG website regularly for future updates. Second 2006 partial CC payment announced

The USDA Farm Service Agency announced the second 2006 Advance Counter-cyclical payment rates for Upland cotton and Peanuts on February 12.

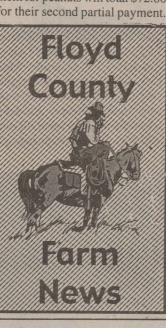
The announcement maintained USDA's projection for a maximum 2006 Counter-cyclical payment rate for Upland Cotton. The maximum counter-cyclical payment rate for Upland Cotton. The maximum counter-cyclical



Based on Monday's announcement, cotton producers requesting the second partial payment will be eligible to receive 70 percent of the estimated 2006 payment rate, or 9.61 cents per pound, if they did not request the first partial Counter-cyclical payment in October 2006.

Producers who received the first partial Upland Cotton Counter-cyclical payment of 4.81 cents will be limited to an additional 4.8 cents for their second partial payment.

Also on February 12, USDA announced the second Advance payment rate for Peanuts at the same time as the announcement for cotton. According to USDA the second Advance partial payment for peanuts will total \$72.80 for their second partial payment.



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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 !

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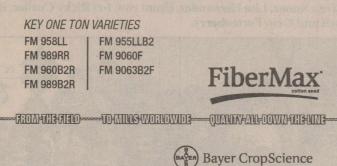
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Any variations in technology, pricing between 2006 and 2007 are likely to be the result of differences in the number of seed per pound reported for varieties packaged in 50 pound bags. Varieties sold in standard seed count packaging will show no change in technology costs from 2006 to 2007.

As it did in 2006, PCG's 2007 Seed Cost Calculator will also show the effect of Monsanto's 2007 Cap Cost Program for its technology products. The Cap



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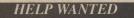
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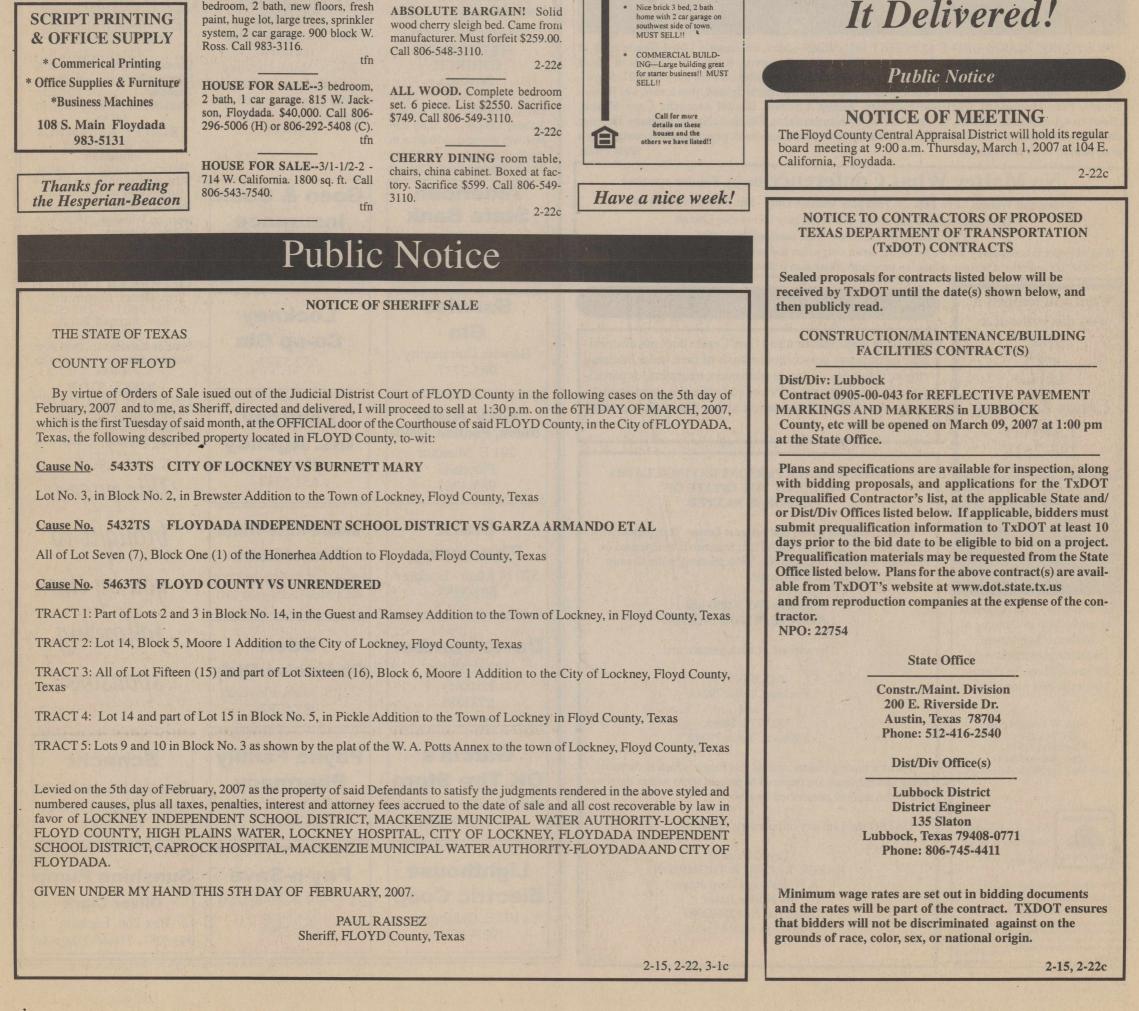
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Obituary

Ellene Guilianette, 88, passed

Mass was celebrated at 10:00

She is survived by a sister,

Laverne McIntosh of Floydada

a.m., February 16, 2007 at St.

Donaturs in Chicago, Illinois.

ELLENE GUILIANETTE

away February 14, 2007.

and a son, Charles.

No Matter What Conference

Becky Fender speaker

Men and Women - Friday, Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m. Women Only - Saturday, Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. (Come for muffins and coffee at 9:00) **Trinity Fellowship Church**

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PROCLAMATION--Craig Dubois (left) and Dinks Eckert (right) watch while Floydada Mayor Bobby Gilliland (center) signs a Proclamation proclaiming March 4-10 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the City of Floydada. The three met in Floydada's Emergency Management Center to sign the proclamation. The Center is the hub of Floydada's "Storm Preparedness" work and was helpful in earning Floydada a Storm Ready Community designation. Floydada is one of only 60 StormReady designations in the State. Of these 60, 45 are communities, 12 are Counties, 2 are Universities, and one is a government site. The proclamation urges all citizens to prepare for severe weather events and to educate themselves on safety strategies.

Staff Photo



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. 6:00 p.m. Bible Study .. Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

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

West College & Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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 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

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. EveningService 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. *****

SALEM

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

TEMPLO BAUTISTA Lockney Pedro Reyes, Pastor

"BE A HERO" BLOOD DRIVE CONTEST WINNERS---Mrs. Shipman's Third Grade class at Lockney Elementary won by having the most blood donors - seven. A total of 42 pints of blood was collected by the blood drive held at Mangold Memorial Hospital on February 2, 2007. Shown are Mrs. Shipman (standing in the back) and her students who participated, (back row, l-r) Daylen Gatica, Petie Hernandez, Christian Varsiaga, Ruben Ascensio, Brandi Ascencio, Cory Mathis, (front row, l-r) Joshua Molina, Taleah Perelez, Samantha Salas, Elizabeth Salas, Brittany Jimenez and Ozzy Mondragon. Each Third Grade student received a notebook pencil pounch containing a **Staff Photo** pen, pencil, ruler and eraser.

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> NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF **CLYDE W. BAXTER**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CLYDE W. BAXTER, Deceased, were issued on February 13, 2007 in Cause No. 5766 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

> LINDA FAY KIDD and LAVONNE PRIDDY BAXTER

> The address of such persons are:

P.O. Box 773 Lockney, Texas 79241

and 3902 77th Street Lubbock, Texas 79423

Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 14th day of February, 2007.

Law Offices of **BAKER, BROWN & THOMPSON** A Professional Corporation By Norton Baker State Bar No. 01602000 Attorneys for the Estate

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