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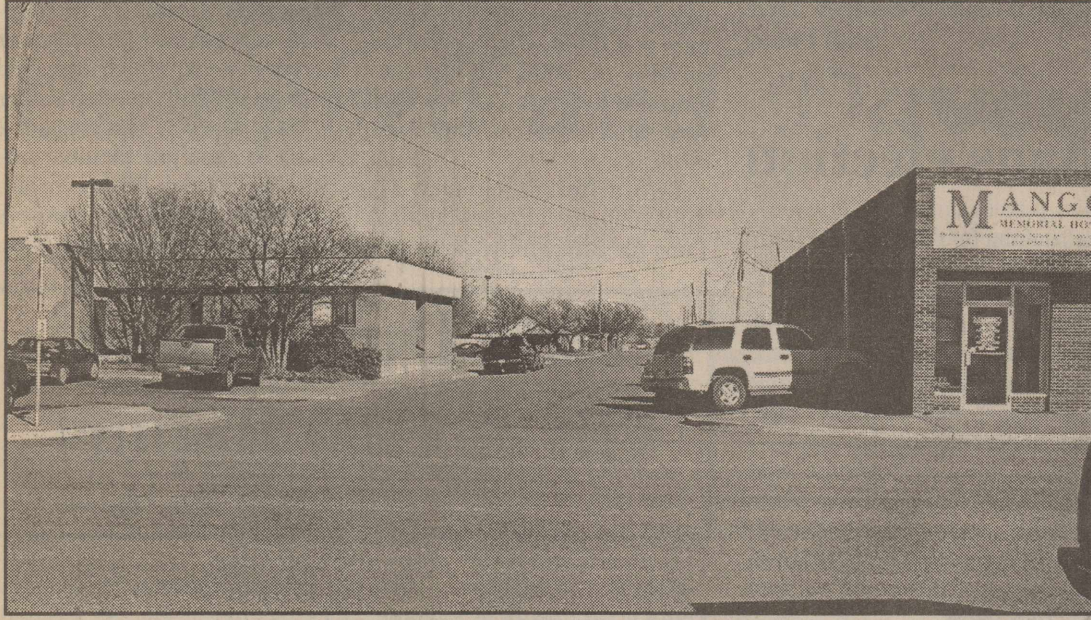
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Mangold Memorial expanding



W.J. MANGOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL is planning a building expansion to the south across the above section of what is now the 100 block of NE Houston Street, connecting the current hospital building to the Physical Therapy and Home Health services building. Staff Photo

By Judy Macha
W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital is in the beginning phase of a new building and expansion program.

Hospital Administrator Sharon Hunt said, "We have taken the first step of submitting a request to the City of Lockney for the closure of the 100 block of NE Houston Street.

"We are waiting on their official approval. This would allow us to build across the street to the south, connecting the hospital and the building that now houses our Physical Therapy and Home Health services. Once we have the approval from the City, we

will consult with an architect for building plans. Our primary objective is to enlarge the clinic to accommodate another Doctor in a couple of years."

According to Hunt, Dr. Cynthia Schlueter will be joining the staff upon completion of her residency at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. Dr. Schlueter is the daughter of Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney.

The hospital also plans to move their Home Health Service to the former Brown Department Store building downtown. Their administrative and business offices would then be moved into

the Home Health Service building, and the clinic would then be enlarged into the vacated space. In the newly built connection, they are planning for new features they hope to add to the hospital.

Hunt continued, "We have already formed a foundation for a fund raising campaign. We began it with an initial board and more board members will be added in the future. It will be known as the W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation. I am excited about the improved service the hospital will be able to offer our community and surrounding area."

Mangold Hospital opening Rural Clinic in Silverton

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital has announced it will expand its services with a rural health clinic in Silverton.

The future Cogdell Clinic Briscoe County, in Silverton, will serve the needs of the residents of Silverton and the surrounding communities.

"The need for health care in Briscoe County is growing," said Mangold Memorial Administrator Sharon Hunt. "The Clinic will be served by a Quitaque native, Dr. W.J. Cox. Linda O'Neal Moore, RN will assume clinic manager and nursing duties when the clinic opens."

According to Hunt, Briscoe County J.P. Connie Smith was instrumental in assisting her in recruiting Dr. Jamie Cox.

Dr. Cox was reared in Quitaque and graduated from Valley High School. He finished medical school in 2001 and has been practicing medicine in Eastland, TX.

Cox brings with him varied experiences in family practice medicine including obstetrics and dermatology.

Dr. Cox has been married to his wife, Cheryl, for 11 years. They have two daughters. The family will be living in Quitaque.

"Starting in May we hope to have the Silverton Clinic open one day a week," said Hunt.

"Krysta Williams PA-C will work there under the supervision of the current physicians at W.J. Mangold, until Dr. Cox starts scheduling appointments in late July."

Hunt says the decision to have the clinic open one day a week until Dr. Cox arrives was made based on the overwhelming need for healthcare in the area.

"This will also give the clinic a chance to get established before Dr. Cox arrives," said Hunt.

City to demolish houses

By Darwin Robinson
The Floydada City Council met Tuesday, February 20, and approved the demolition of five condemned houses in the city and approved an agreement to conduct joint elections with Floydada ISD and Caprock Hospital District.

The city's building code officer, Cloetta Shotts of Lubbock, presented pictures and an explanation of each of the five dilapidated houses "that are unfit for human habitation." The owners were contacted back in September, 2006, as reported in the Hesperian-Beacon, and again recently, according to Shotts.

"The owners will be given an-

other 30 days to repair or remove the houses before the City demolishes them and they have the right to appeal to the district court," said Shotts.

The houses proposed to be demolished are located at: 213 E. Marivena, 203 W. Jackson, 210 W. Jackson, 735 W. Price and 737 W. Ross.

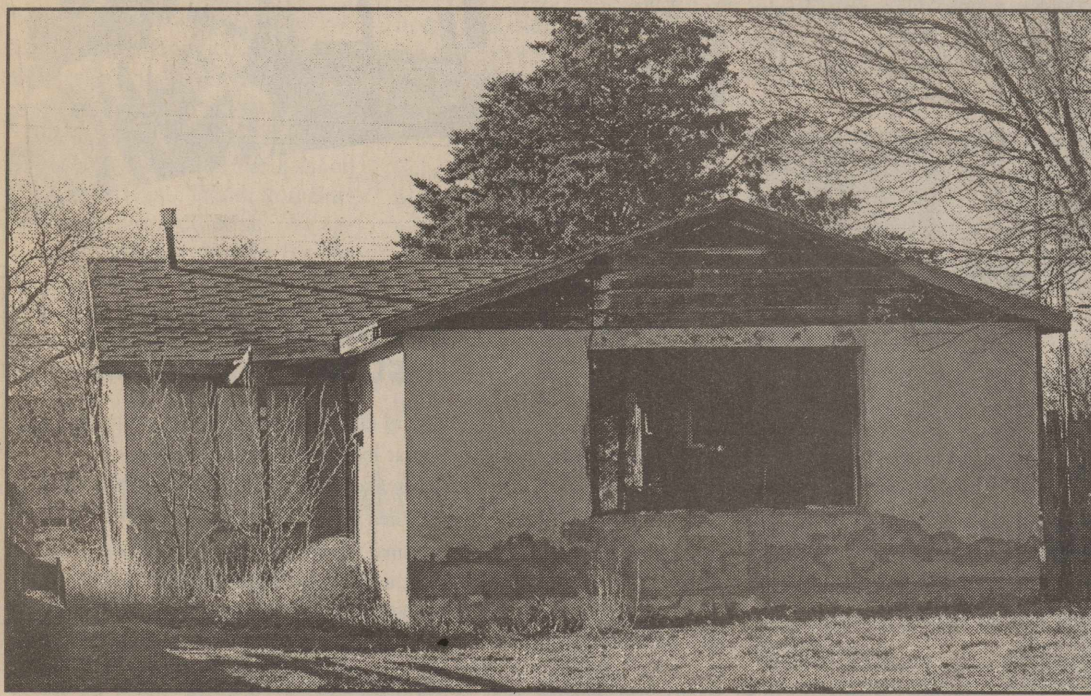
The City's joint election with FISD and CHD will be held May 12, 2007. Councilmembers up for re-election are: Mayor Bobby Gilliland, At Large; Ruben Barrientoz, District 2; and Sheldon Sue, District 3.

The last day for a candidate to file for place on the ballot is March 12, 2007, before 5 p.m.

Early voting in person at City Hall is April 30 - May 8, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday - Thursday; 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday. Election will be Saturday, May 12 at the Massie Activity Center, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In other matters, the council approved, 5 to 1, a recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a request by Lazaro Lopez for variance in the Zoning Code to place a travel trailer at 302 E. Georgia in R2 - Single Family Residential District 2, for a period not to exceed 6 months.

Councilmembers Ruben Barrientoz, Bettye King, Monte
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HOUSE TO BE DEMOLISHED-This dilapidated house at 735 W. Price is scheduled to be torn down by the City after 30 days. (see related story) Staff Photo



CLASS 2A AREA CHAMPIONS-The Floydada Whirlwinds beat Spearman, 52-45, Friday night at Canyon High School winning the Class 2A area game. The Whirlwinds will play Shallowater in Lubbock, Tuesday night, for the regional quarterfinals game. Photo by Jim Covington

Nine Floydada members of the FHS Business and Professionals of America Team qualified for the State Conference. The State Competition will be held in Corpus Christi, March 1-3.

Students who will be competing are: Jennifer Leatherman, in

Medical Office Procedures; Bailey Davenport, in Integrated Office; Kalli Ferguson, in Accounting; and Britnee Brotherton, in Admin Support Research Project.

Also competing will be the

Parliamentary Procedure Team, consisting of Britnee Brotherton, Tate Jones, Kalli Ferguson, Mary Warren, J.C. Simpson, Tyler Derryberry, and Johanna Dawdy.

BPA is sponsored by Tasha Hughes.



BPA STATE QUALIFIERS: (back, l-r) Jennifer Leatherman, J.C. Simpson, (up in tree) Tyler Derryberry, Tate Jones, Bailey Davenport, and Britnee Brotherton; (front, l-r) Johanna Dawdy, Mary Warren, and Kalli Ferguson. Staff Photo

Corrections on Hubert Griffith Story

In the feature story about Hubert Griffith being taken prisoner of war it was noted at one point that he was captured in Australia. It was later clarified in the story, but we should make it clear that Griffith was not captured in Australia. He was captured in Java.

Also, Griffith never got to the Phillipines. The attack on Pearl Harbor happened while Griffith's ship was en route.

By The Way

By Alice Gilroy



email:floydada@amaonline.com

With the "breaking" news of the "discovery" of Jesus' bones, I thought I might do a little research to help you out. You probably won't hear this stuff on the news.

Just to set the record straight, as a Christian I don't believe there are any bones of Jesus. He was bodily resurrected and took His bones with him. This is just another verse of the "Da Vinci Code" trying to confuse Christianity and spread the myth that Jesus was married, etc.

Kerby Anderson, guest columnist for OneNewsNow.com had a great rebuttal to this story and I encourage anyone with email to go there and check it out.

The first thing Anderson points out is that "we have known about this tomb since 1980".

The ten ossuaries found had the names: Jesua, son of Joseph, Mary, Mary, Mathew, Jofa, and Judah, son of Jesua.

Anderson points out that one of Israel's most prominent archeologists didn't associate the crypt with Jesus. "He rightly argued," said Anderson, "that the father of Jesus was a humble carpenter who couldn't afford a luxury crypt for his family."

And—the names on the crypt were very common Jewish names. They were so common, it would be similar to finding a grave now of "John Smith" and trying to figure out which "John Smith".

This old story is just being recirculated to create a "media phenomenon" to sell books and pull in an audience for the television special.

The supposed DNA from the woman (who they say is Mary Magdelene) and the DNA from

the so-called Jesus don't match. They say this proves they were married.

All it proves (if this is true), is that the two weren't related.

Anderson points out that Jesus was in Jerusalem as a pilgrim—not a resident of the city. His family did not have funds to buy such an elaborate burial site. Moreover, said Anderson, "they were from out of town and would need time to find this tomb location" all within a day's time (after stealing the body).

Anderson says, "If this is the 'family' tomb of Jesus, why do we have the name of Matthew listed with the rest of the family? If this is the Matthew that traveled with Jesus, then he certainly was not a family member. And you would have to wonder why James (who remained in Jerusalem) would allow these inscriptions as well as allow the family to move the body from Jerusalem to this tomb and then perpetrate a hoax that Jesus bodily rose from the grave. Also, the fourth-century church historian Eusebius writes that the body of James (the half-brother of Jesus) was buried alone near the temple mount and that his tomb was visited in the early centuries."

I just hope that people give no credence to these Hollywood "historians" by watching their movie or buying their books.

Doesn't it make you wonder if they really had proof of Jesus' mortality when they were making this movie (which usually takes more than a week or two to say the least), how were they able to keep this secret until the big announcement before it hit the airwaves.



LIONS DONATE TO FIRE DEPARTMENT—The Floydada Lions Club donated \$200.00 to the Floydada Fire Department to go towards the building of a new training facility. Shown here are: (l-r) Fireman Chad Guthrie and Lions President Alice Gilroy. **Staff Photo**

Farris seeking election to School Board
CHD Board plans election

By Darwin Robinson
The Caprock Hospital District Board met Tuesday, February 20, and approved a joint election agreement with Fisd and the City of Floydada for the upcoming General Election to be held on May 12, 2007.

The joint election agreement, and contract, included the common polling place at the Massie Activity Center. The CHD board approved both the Order of Election and the Notice of Election.

According to Board Member Tom Farris, there are three CHD At Large board seats open for this May 12th election and all three are for two year terms.

CHD Board Members Tom Farris and Kyle Smith are not running again for their seats, but Board Member Denice Payne is running again for her seat on the board.

Farris told the Hesperian-Beacon, "After serving on the CHD board for the past 20 years, I will

be running for the three year term of the At Large position on the Fisd Board on May 12th."

According to Fisd Central Office Secretary Laveta Morren, "Tom Farris has already officially signed up for the Fisd At Large seat in the May 12 election."

According to Cogdell Clinic Office Manager Maybelle Monreal, Hulon Carthel has officially signed up for the At Large seat on the CHD board vacated by Tom Farris.

In other matters, the CHD Board approved the financial audits for the CHD and the Floydada EMS for 2005-2006. The audits were done by Roger, Cross, Hanby & Co., CPA of Plainview.

The board approved the payment of a \$550 expense regarding an Emergency Medical Technician class.

In the PNS Cogdell Clinic update, it showed a profit for January, 2007 of \$31,833.90.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
This is to alert your citizens of some pretty neat kids who are on the Lockney High School basketball team. For the last two Saturdays they have come into the Spudnut shop in Plainview, removing their caps and being friendly and courteous. They are an asset to your school. This day and time, it is very rare to see such behavior in a public place or actually anywhere.
We thank you to have the example of good behavior. Congratulations to the school and to the students' parents. God bless.
Doug and Jo Lively

Courtroom Activities

In District Court, February 22, 2007, probation was revoked on Joe Daniel Luna, 22, of Lockney. He was on probation for Injury to a Child, which occurred on May 10, 2006. He was sentenced to 2 years in TDCJ, a \$500 fine, attorneys fees and court costs.
Two different January 31, 2007 County charges against Luna for Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon and Assault were dismissed.
In District Court, February 26, Esmeralda Ybarra, 23, of Floydada, was indicted for 2 cases of Forgery/check, which occurred on June 9, 2006, and September 1, 2006. She was sentenced to 2 years in state jail facility, probated for 5 years, 30 days in jail, \$500 fine, restitution, attorneys fee, and court costs in each case.

Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report

By Tom Musser

Floyd County: The PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #176 is currently drilling ahead.
Hale County: The PetroGlobe U.S.A. Ltd. Ramsower Lease Well #1113 is scheduled to have a workover unit rig up on location this week.
Motley County: The Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 is currently drilling ahead.
Swisher County: The workover unit rigged down off of the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. Young Lease Well #1032 on Thursday evening of last week.

City considers zoning ordinances

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(the zoning code restricting the parking of a travel trailer in the city limits for no more than 6 months). Nielson stated he is in favor of allowing travel trailers to park in the city limits as long as they want.

The council voted unanimously to allow George Basaldua and Richard Bradley to maintain the Anne Taylor Softball Park for the 2007 season.

In a written statement Basaldua and Bradley stated, "We would like to take this time to thank you for allowing us to run the park in the past. As before, we will do our best to make sure the conduct of our players and fans do not impose a problem. With your support and the support of the community, we can make it another successful year."

No action was taken by the council concerning the updating and cleaning of the water storage tank in Lockney. City Manager Gary Brown told the council, "I have no news on this and there is no final plan."

Councilmember Williams commented, "I believe we should explore all avenues for grants (for this project) by the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority before we make any decision."

The council appointed Kyle Smith and Kay Martin to the Floydada Economic Development Corporation Board for two year terms. Smith is filling a vacant seat and Martin is replacing retiring Charles Tyer. Martin was recommended to the board by Executive Director of FEDC Dora Ross.

Upon the recommendation of City Manager Brown, the council unanimously voted in favor of a resolution opposing House Bill 651 in Austin which supports the repeal of the Gas Reliability In-

fracture Program (GRIP) and joining cities for reasonable gas rates.

City Manager Brown told the council, "We are not for this bill. It takes away all supervision from the towns and gives all authority to the Railroad Commission."

According to the resolution, "House Bill 651 gives the gas utility the option of opting out of local control over natural gas rates and it takes away the ability of a City to initiate a rate investigation when the City has reason to believe that the monopoly utility is charging rates that are unfair and unreasonable."

In another utility matter, Brown suggested the City hire an electrical engineer to do an electric rebuild project study.

"According to an estimate, an electric rebuild of our plant will cost about \$2 million total. We need an engineer to do a study and a complete rebuild blueprint on this, which would cost around \$200,000, the material would cost about \$900,000 and labor will run around \$900,000. Maybe some our employees can do some of this work."

"Our electric system was built in 1939 and the poles and cross arms all need to be up-to-speed. I know this seems like a large amount of money, but if we are going to stay in the business of selling electricity, we must upgrade our system," said Brown.

According to Brown, "If we could save 20 percent (from updated lines), it would mean we would see about a \$500 to \$600 per day of savings in the cost of electricity. I think we need to move ahead and get things ready to ask for engineer services."

Williams asked if any funds were put aside for this project and Brown responded that there may be about \$60,000 could be taken

out of the budget.

"We need to make this a budget item. This is a large expenditure just for the engineer," said Williams

Brown suggested, "Maybe we could hire an engineer in a coop with other towns. We plan to attend a electric tour on March 13 at Hereford, where wind generators are used on houses. A Major electric transmission line is going to be put in between Floyd and Crosby counties soon at a cost of one and one-half billion dollars."

No action was taken on this matter.

In Public Forum, Dora Ross addressed the council concerning the need for someone "to take a proactive stance on supplying housing for the oil and gas workers coming into our county. Right now the wind people are staying in Plainview. We are letting this opportunity pass us by."

HOUSE TO BE DEMOLISHED BY CITY—This dilapidated house at 203 W. Jackson will be one of five house scheduled to be demolished by the City after 30 days. **Staff Photo**



NEW LOOK FOR CITY UTILITY BILLS—Shown above is the City of Floydada's current bill (left) and the future utility bill (right). The new bill will provide for more confidentiality, more space to provide customer information and will be much easier for postal workers to handle. The new bill format will be sent February 28, Wednesday. Shown is Head Utility Billing Clerk Patti Lowrance. For questions or more information call the city at 983-2834.

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DORIAN DAVEY AND JESSICA CAMPBELL

Campbell and Davey

Gary and Nancy Campbell of Gonzales, Louisiana are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica Campbell of Austin to Dorian Davey, also of Austin. Dorian is the son of Donatella Davey of Trieste, Italy.

The bride elect is a 2003 graduate of the University of Texas School of Engineering and is employed by Cirrus Logic in Austin. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy and Bert Schweitzer of Lubbock, the late David Campbell of Floydada and James and Eva Lee Nichols of Breckenridge, Texas. Mrs. Schweitzer and Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are formerly long time residents of Floydada.

The prospective bridegroom is a Certified Arborist and is employed with They Might Be Monkeys, a tree and land care company in Austin. He is the grandson of Sidney Pirona and the late Maria Concetta Pirona of Trieste, Italy and Addie and Andy Davey of Stratford, Connecticut.

The couple will be married on March 9, 2007, at the Palazzo Cavalli in Venice, Italy with a reception following at the Gran Caffee Ristorante Quadri. They will honeymoon in the Tuscany region of Italy. On April 21, 2007 they will be honored by family and friends at a post-wedding reception at their home in Austin.

Society



TIOFILLO AND DOMINGA JUAREZ celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married February 21, 1957 in Floydada, Texas by the Justice of the Peace. They are celebrating by taking a trip.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarete Word

The Center has a post office box number that the post office would like for anyone to use when they mail a letter, memorials, or seeking information.

Our mailing address is Floydada Senior Citizens, P. O. 573, Floydada, Texas 79235. We do not have a mail box at the Center 301 E. Georgia so your mail will be safer if you send it to P.O. Box 573. Thank you.

Larry and Donna Brand of Lafayette, Colorado spent four days recently visiting Donna's mother Betty Baker.

Greg and Mona Bond were suppose to come to Floydada from Granbury Saturday but due to such bad weather, they came Sunday and spent a couple of days with me.

Happy birthday to those who have a March birthday.

March 3- James Lovell; March 4- Molly Stringer; March 6- Wanda Williams; March 7- Keith Patzer; March 13- Queen Annie Lawson; March 17- Ruth Aleman; March 24- Mildred Smitherman; March 26- Louis Lloyd; March 27- Beth Tye; March 28- Louis Pyle; March 29- Evelyn Gilmore; and March 31- Shorty Turner.

Our sympathy to the family of Agapito "Chico" Martinez.

Our sympathy to the family of Oliver Keith Emert.

Our sympathy to the family of C.N. "Dude" Walding.

We do accept memorials in memory of loved ones.

Thought for the week - Give thanks in everything.

- I Thessalonians 5:18

Menu

March 5 - March 9

Monday- Green chili chicken, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit salad
 Tuesday-Baked ham with pineapple, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, roll, ginger cookies
 Wednesday-Oven roasted brisket, au gratin potatoes, pickles, rolls, carrot cake
 Thursday-Sheppard's pie, tossed salad/1000 Island, roll, pears
 Friday-Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, stewed okra and tomatoes, tossed salad, fresh fruit

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bye

Snow and windy dust storms all within a few hours of each other. What a day last Saturday was.

We had several calls from down Dallas way about the weather. One was from our friend Harold Hall from Bedford, former Lockney resident and a 1948 graduate from Lockney High School. He said it had been many a year since he had been in a good ole West Texas dust storm. Then Donnie's sister Betty Lu called from Lake Whitney asking if we had any dirt left up here cause she thought they had got it all down there. I will tell you one thing about the man who said if you don't like Texas weather just hang around cause in about 1 hour it will change. I believe him.

I want to take this opportunity to thank C.F. and Wanda Barber, the Center's new Vice Presidents, for scrubbing the kitchen. I used the word scrub cause that is what it took to get all that grease off the stove and to get the kitchen squeaky clean. Thank you Barbers for a job well done. We appreciate all that you do for the Center.

Former Lockney residents my sister Oddie Rogers Probasco of Lubbock and her friend Peggy Livesay Rascoe of Levelland were supper guest with the Bar-

bers last Wednesday night. They then came on over to our house and spent the night.

Thursday morning we started the day off with breakfast burritos from Lisa's that Donnie brought home to us. Then we spent the rest of the morning driving all over town and checking out where everyone used to live. We had such fun cause every other word was remember ole so and so lived there. Next we drove out in the country northwest of town where Oddie and I were born and raised. All the houses and barns are gone.

Nothing out there at all clear down to where the Collis' lived. Then we came back to Lockney by the feed lot and went to the cemetery and drove all over it. It was such an enjoyable day recalling old times. I think I tired them out cause they went on home and didn't stay the rest of the afternoon.

They promised to come back someday soon.

A lady from California called our newspaper office in Lockney and wanted some information on a Mr. Phineas. Judy referred her on to me. She told me she was going home to California from seeing her Mom in Oklahoma on Route 66 through Amarillo. She stopped at an antique shop and bought a little train set made out of tin cans by a Mr. Phineas of

Lockney. She wanted to know more about him.

We had a nice visit with me telling her I would send her a packet in a few days telling her all about him. He and his little wife have been deceased for several years. They ran a bakery here and lived on the corner of 4th and Locust.

Ruby Kiser has been ill this week and Christine Byerly has been back in the Olton Hospital. Please keep these ladies in your thoughts and prayers.

Word was received here that Doyle Casey a former Lockney resident passed away Friday in Amarillo. He was buried in the cemetery at Washburn a little community just east of Amarillo where he lived. Doyle is survived by his wife Clea May, one son W.L. of Port Lavaca.

We also read Emory Huggins', another former Lockney resident, obituary in the paper. He passed away Sunday and was buried Tuesday, in the Plainview Cemetery. He is survived by one son and one daughter.

Please keep the Casey and Huggins families in your prayers this week.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.

Menu

March 5 - March 9

Mon: Soft tacos
 Tues: Ham
 Wed: Chicken fried steak
 Thrs: Mexican chicken
 Fri: Brisket

Please remember

to pray

for our President

and troops.

Bridal Selections For:

Kathryn LaGasse & Lonny Nelson

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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 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).

"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 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.

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.

Bridal Selections for:

Kathryn LaGasse & Lonny Nelson

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Floydada Rehab Birthdays

By Joyce Williams

Mrs. Sam Baker, of the City Park Church of Christ, hosted the February 15 birthday party at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center at 3:30 p.m. for the regular monthly celebration. Honorees having birthday in February included Mary Eakin (February 7) and Inez Bailey (February 26). Each received a red and white corsage from Cathy's Floral.

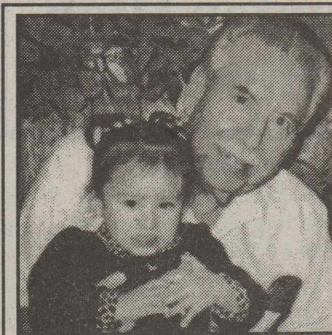
Mr. Woodrow Edwards (February 17) received a boutonniere.

Mr. Edwards had been declared the Valentine King the day before on February 14 and Mrs. Catherine Henderson was designated Valentine Queen the same day.

Mrs. Baker handed out birthday gift bags to the three honorees. Sylvia Meza, Community Life Coordinator, led the Birthday Song, and read a poem "I'm Fine", about a positive attitude. Specially created birthday greeting cards were made for each honoree by Mrs. Doris Snodgrass. She also gave a card to each employee who has a February birthday including Dora De La Cerda, and Angela Hernandez.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments of cake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream and fruit punch.

Visitors are always invited to attend on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TATA

I love you so much as an angel. Tata I have a picture of you and me that I hold every night.

I cry for you because I love and miss you so much because you are in heaven.

An angel took you up to heaven and took your pain away.

I wish you were here so I could give you a big bear hug and lots of kisses.

Love Always,
 Brianna

New Arrivals

CASTRO

Andrew and Bonnie Castro of Lockney are proud to announce the birth of their son, Connor Alexander Castro. He was born 6:30, February 9, 2007 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. He weighed 5 pounds 15 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Estella and Joe Castro of Lockney and Gil and Patsy McNaughton of Ames, Iowa.

Great-grandparents are Richard Castro of Lockney; Robert Wilson of Van Horne, Iowa; and Gloria McNaughton of Key-stone, Iowa.

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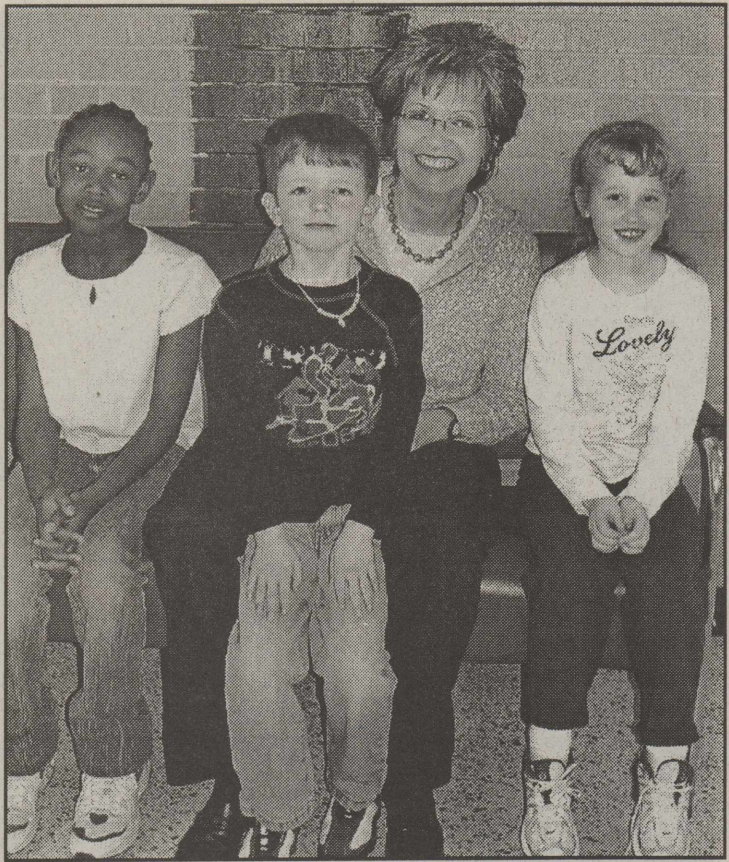
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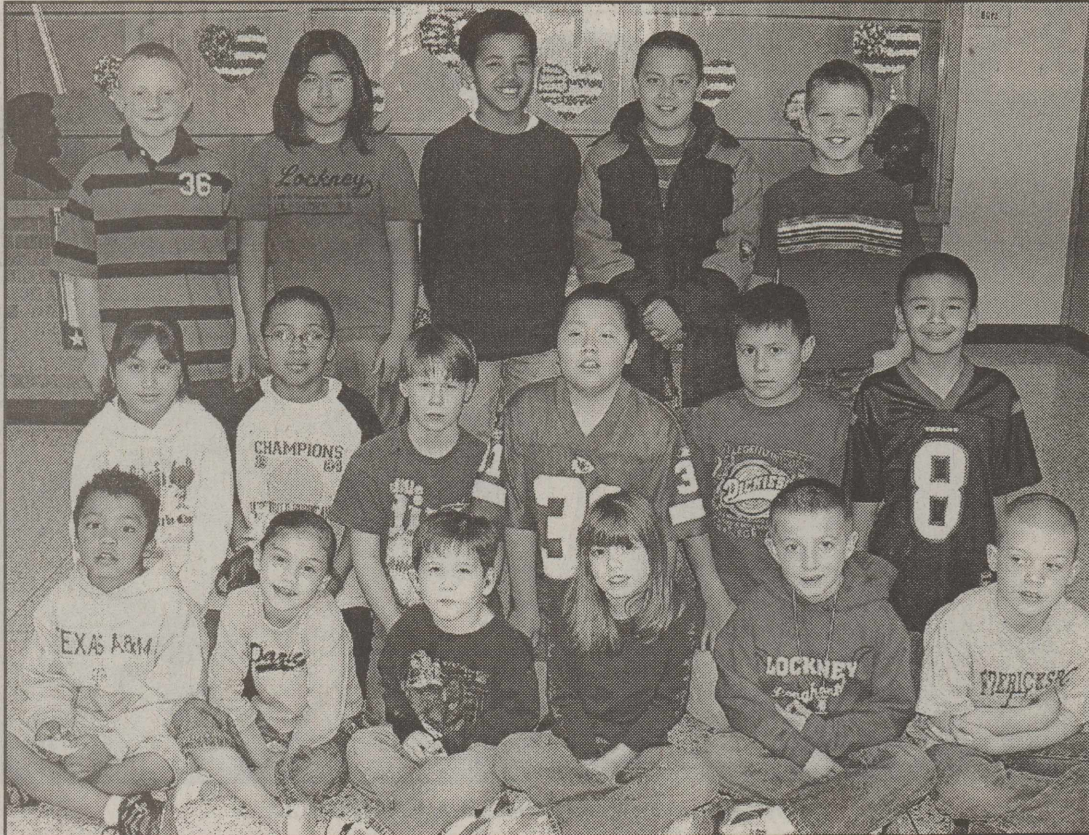


"THE POWER OF MUSIC" was presented on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 by the First Graders of Lockney Elementary. Each grade does an annual program directed by Amy Thornton. Mrs. Thornton has taught music at Lockney Elementary for 32 years. Pictured with Mrs. Thornton (l-r) are students LaJontae English, Ryder Race and Allyson Young. Staff Photo

SCHOOL

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

March 5 - March 9
Monday
Breakfast-Pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Popcorn chicken or PBJ, potatoes, broccoli, fruit, roll, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast-Eggs and sausage or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Fish sticks or corn dog, mac and cheese, pinto beans, fruit, cornbread, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Turkey or ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk
Thursday
Breakfast-Mini corn dogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or burrito, salad, corn, fruit, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or tuna sandwich, fries, salad, fruit, milk



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 2-26-07, (back, l-r) Jaden Butler, Valerie Fernandez, Denario Means, Andrew Nuez, Dylan Adams, (center, l-r) Leslye Flores, Corey Mathis, Stetson Lane, Nathaniel Sustiat, Darin DeLeon, Ethan Fernandez, (front, l-r) Bryson Walker, Alexa Poole, Caleb Pritchard, Mandy Hall, Joseph Allen and Austen Rexrode. Staff Photo



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 2-19-07, (back row, l-r) Alejandro Martinez, Joel Dolloff, Collin Fulton, Paul Martinez, Tylor Holloway, (third row, l-r) Richard Luna, Litz Reyes, Fernando Valdez, (second row, l-r) Celestina Rodriguez, Samantha Salas, Cristian Bejarano, Efrén Nunez, Lisa Hernandez, (front row, l-r) Ricky Cuellar, Robert Idrogo, Aylin Chavana, Lizzie Belt and Grip Fortenberry. Staff Photo

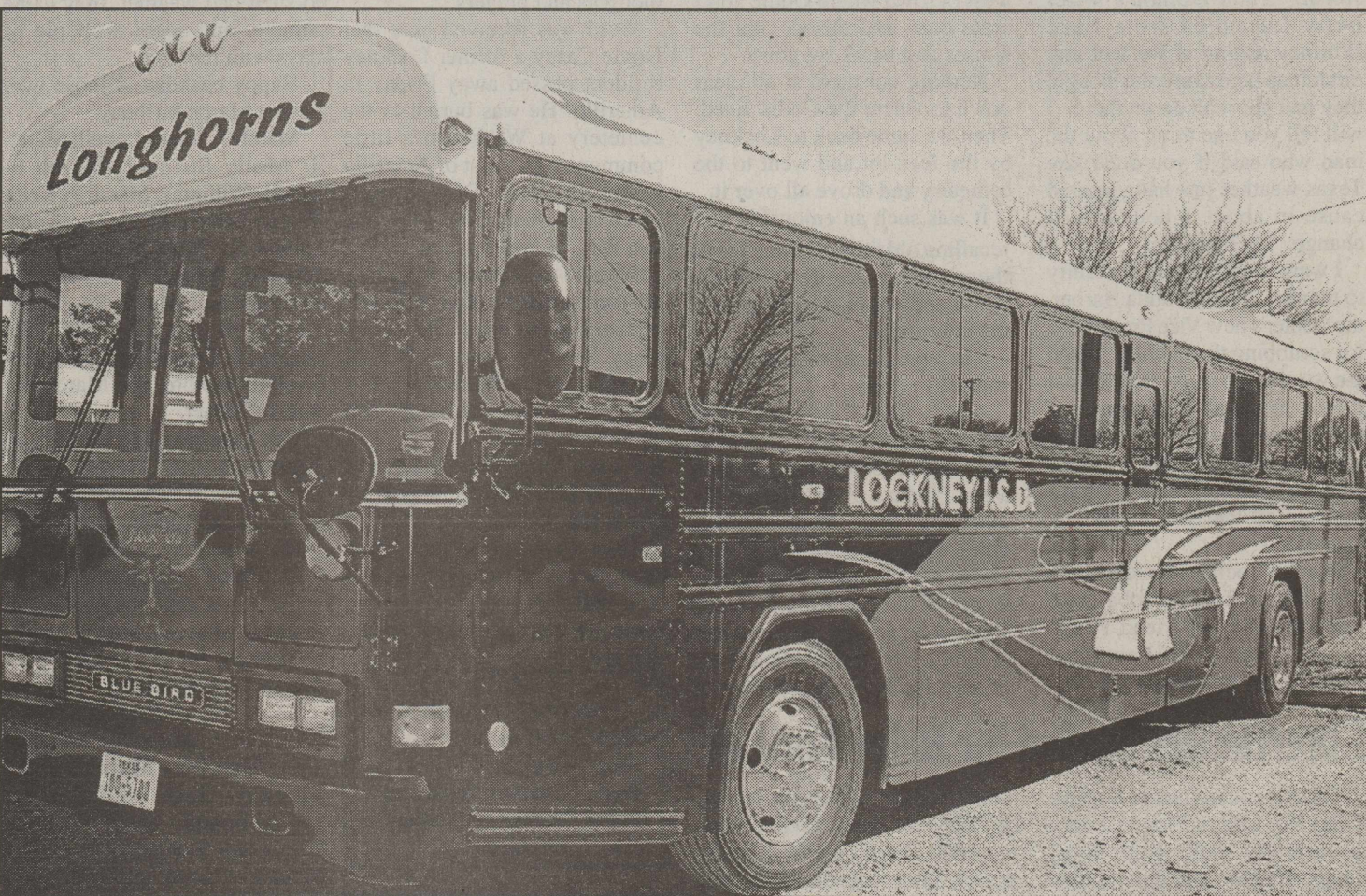
Lockney Junior High School "A" Honor Roll

Lockney Junior High has released its "A" Honor Roll for the Fourth Six-week period:
Eighth grade Maria Castorena, Molly Cazares, Sabrina Guerrero, Kami Hunt, Judith Mangum, Antonia Morales, Juanita Villarreal
Seventh grade Brandi Brown, Courtney Edwards, SyAnn Foster, Christina Jackson, Landon Kidd, Samantha Richey, Stacey Rodriguez, Amber Segovia, Sunny Williams
Sixth grade Kelby Bice, Erik Cortez, Esperanza Garcia, McKenzie Kemp, Landry Kidd, Rayann Race, Candy Rea, Justin Roberts, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman, Kelsie Stennett, Lindsay Stewart

2007 LONGHORN VARSITY AND JV BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TEAM
Mar. 1-3	AMCS Trny.	Holliday	TBA	V
Mar. 6	Post	Lockney	4:30	V
Mar. 6	Post JV	Lockney	7:00	JV
Mar. 8	3-2A JV Trny.	Lockney		
	Lockney vs Floydada		2:00	JV
	Childress vs Lockney		7:00	JV
Mar. 10	Alumni Classic	Lockney	TBA	JV, V
Mar. 10	Slaton	Wayland	4:00	V
Mar. 10	3-2A JV Trny.	Shallowater	TBA	JV
Mar. 15 & 17	Abernathy JV Trny.	Abernathy	TBA	JV
Mar. 15-17	Field of Dreams	Lockney	TBA	V
Mar. 20	Seminole	LCHS	6:30	V
Mar. 20	Seminole JV	LCHS	4:00	JV
Mar. 24	*Abernathy	Lockney	12:00	V
Mar. 24	*Abernathy JV	Lockney	3:00	JV
Mar. 27	*Shallowater	Shallowater	4:30	JV
Mar. 27	*Shallowater	Shallowater	7:00	V
Mar. 31	*Floydada	Lockney	12:00	V
Mar. 31	*Floydada JV	Lockney	3:00	JV
Apr. 2	*Childress JV	Childress	5:00	JV
Apr. 3	*Childress	Childress	5:00	V
Apr. 6	*Littlefield	Lockney	4:30	V
Apr. 6	*Littlefield JV	Lockney	7:00	JV
Apr. 9	*Abernathy JV	Abernathy	4:30	JV
Apr. 10	*Abernathy	Abernathy	4:30	V
Apr. 14	*Shallowater	Lockney	12:00	V
Apr. 14	*Shallowater JV	Lockney	3:00	JV
Apr. 16	*Floydada	Floydada	7:00	V
Apr. 16	*Floydada JV	Floydada	4:30	JV
Apr. 21	*Childress	Lockney	12:00	V
Apr. 21	*Childress JV	Lockney	3:00	JV
Apr. 21	*Littlefield JV	Littlefield	4:30	JV
Apr. 24	*Littlefield	Littlefield	7:00	V

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LONGHORN BUS READY TO ROLL.. Lockney's new school bus has been painted by Andy Stapp and put into service. Staff Photo

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Ann Long

Ann is an LVN on the night shift at the hospital and has worked here since September 2003. The things she likes most about her job are the new experiences, helping patients and their families feel comfortable and her friends at work. Ann enjoys reading, doing puzzles, making quilts for her family and taking care of her grandkids.

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Whirlwind baseball opens season with first win, 22-10

The Floydada Whirlwind baseball team opened its season with new head coach, Jaime Seago, and his assistant, Sam Skidmore, at Tahoka on February 20, 2007.

The Whirlwinds won the game with a monumental 6th inning. The Winds were tied 9-9 entering the 6th inning. The Whirlwind offense heated up, despite the cold temperatures, to give its pitchers a huge cushion by racking up an unprecedented 13 runs in the 6th inning. The Winds delivered a solid performance and got their first win with a final score of 22-10.

Awesome performances were put in by seniors Ryan Monreal and Taylor Beedy. Monreal hit a triple in the 4th inning and earned 4 RBI's as the Winds clutch cleanup batter. Beedy hit a double in the 1st and earned 2 RBI's, scoring 5 runs for the Whirlwinds. Sophomore Colton Covington had 3 hits and 2 RBI's. Earning one RBI apiece were sophomore Manuel Delafuente and freshman Florencio Cuba.

Senior, right-hander Ryan Monreal pitched the first 3 innings, faced 16 batters and had 6 strikeouts. Taylor Beedy, senior,

pitched the last 3 innings. He also faced 16 batters and had 5 strikeouts.

Summing it up: The Whirlwinds had 28 hits, 12 walks and struck out 4 times. Whirlwinds scoring runs: Paul Marmolejo 3, Taylor Beedy 5, Pinch Runner for catcher Colton Covington, Ricky Suarez 5, Josh Price 3, Ryan Monreal 2 and Manuel Delafuente, Dusty Hicks, Cam Battey and Florencio Cuba, 1 each.

The Winds also had a beautifully turned 1-2-3 double play to get out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the 5th by Beedy, Covington and Battey.

"Inexperience showed at first," Seago said. "But our older guys took a huge leadership role and got everyone settled down." Seago commented that all of Tahoka's runs came off of errors. "We want to work on having fewer errors and continue to grow and improve as a team. The one thing you focus on early in the year is getting better every outing."

SCORES BY INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Final
Floydada	1	3	0	5	0	13	22
Tahoka	3	4	0	1	1	1	10

S P O R T S



WHIRLWINDS WIN CLASS 2A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF GAME-The Floydada Whirlwinds won their playoff game, 57-48, against Tahoka last Wednesday. The Whirlwinds defeated Spearman Friday night for the Class 2A Area Championship. They will play Shallowater Tuesday for the regional quarterfinals. Photo by Jim Covington

Local students graduate at Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University has announced the Fall 2006 Semester honor students and graduates.

Students on the President's List must carry at least 12 qualifying hours and maintain a GPA of 4.0.

Students on the Dean's List must carry at least 12 qualifying hours and maintain a GPA of 3.5-3.9.

Students from Floydada are: Maria E. Rangel, a senior, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. She is the daughter of Miguel and JoAnn Rangel.

April M. Arevalo, a senior, majoring in Political Science, was listed on the President's List. She is the daughter of Ismael and Tina Arevalo.

Meghan Lynn Graham, a sophomore, majoring in Agricultural Communications, was listed on the President's List. She is the daughter of Scott and Debra Graham.

Jeffrey Tyler Helms, a senior, majoring in History, was listed on the Dean's List. He is the son of Kary and Jeanine Helms.

Margaret Rose Hilburn, a senior, majoring in Visual studies (certification), was listed on the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Scott and Dawna Hilburn.

Jarrett D. Kirk, a freshman, majoring in Chemistry, was listed on the President's List. He is the son of Layne and Susan Kirk.

Kristan Janette Lackey, a sophomore, majoring in Adver-

tising, was listed on the President's List. She is the daughter of Jay and Julie Lackey.

Luke Steve Miller, a sophomore, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was listed on the Dean's List. He is the son of Mark and Patti Miller.

Ashley N. Norrell, a senior, majoring in Early Childhood, was listed on the President's List. She is the daughter of Gerry and Vickie Norrell.

Jon Jacob Reddy, a freshman, majoring in Agricultural and Applied Economics, was listed on the Dean's List. He is the son of Mark and Kelli Reddy.

Jeffi Vaughn, a freshman, majoring in Business Administration, was listed on the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Jerry and Sandy Vaughn.

Lindsey Hope Whitten, a senior, majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies, was listed on the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Randy and Brenda Whitten.

Students from Lockney are: Michael Garrett Mathis, a senior, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness. He is the son of Mike and Ginger Mathis.

David Todd Cotham, a senior, majoring in History, was listed on the Dean's List. He is the son of Phil and Cindy Cotham.

Matthew S. Whittington, a sophomore, majoring in Interdisciplinary Agriculture, was listed on the Dean's List.



A.B. DUNCAN EDUCATOR AND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ARE: (back) Tammie Shuping, nurse; (front, l-r) Shayleigh Bradley, PK1; Cutter Smith, K2; Hunter Smith, 1B; and Marcelino Ornelas, 2B.

Through The Halls

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

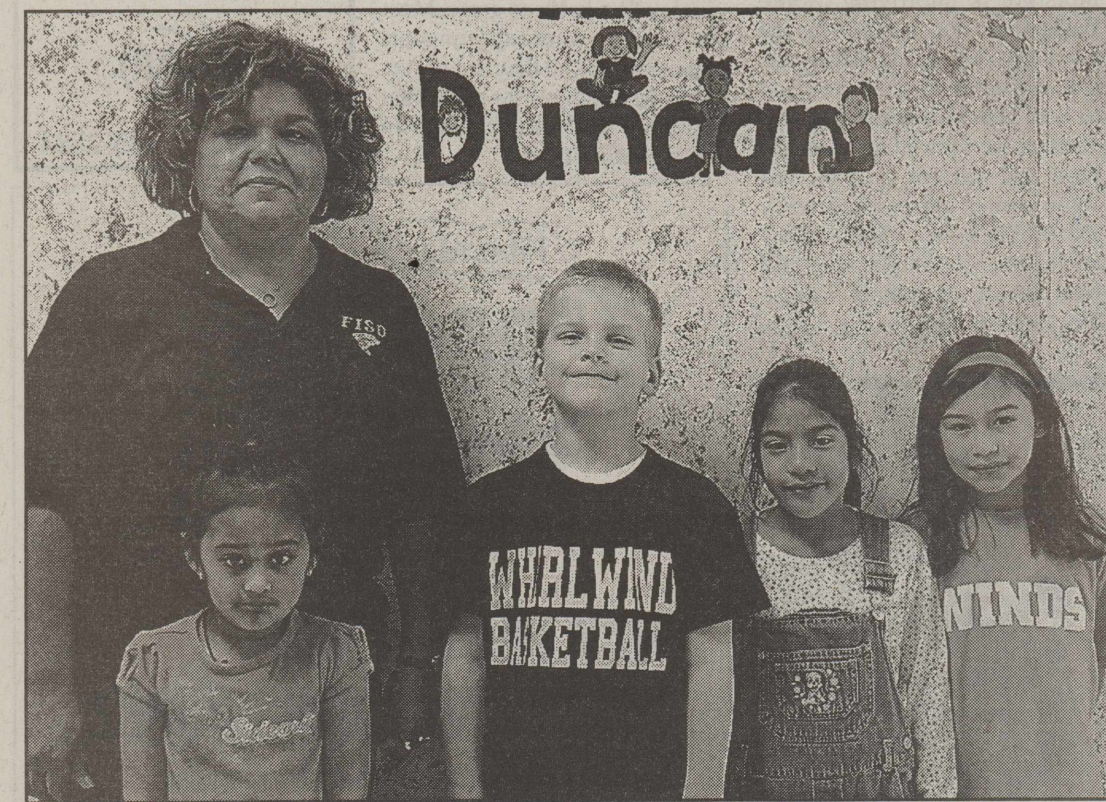
- March 5 - March 9 Monday**
Breakfast - Cheese pizza or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew, fresh broccoli w/Ranch, strawberries and bananas, saltine crackers, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French bread stick, sliced peaches, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk

THIS WEEK'S

RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING
 We will have a committee meeting on March 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room at First National Bank of Floydada. A Team Captain's meeting will follow at 5:30. Don't forget your registration forms and money. If you have any questions, call Brianne at 983-3717.

FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE
 Floydada High School is sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, March 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the foyer of the high school gym. Call Jan Willson for an appointment.

FUNDRAISING MEAL FOR RELAY FOR LIFE
 The South Plains Community will have a fundraising meal for Relay for Life at the South Plains Community Center, Saturday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 a plate.



DUNCAN EDUCATOR AND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK: (L-R) Maria Martinez, Bil/ESL; Shaina Bhakta, PK2; Jalen Brattain, K3; Sandie Flores, 1C; and Damaris Mendoza, 2C.

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School News

Whirlwind Varsity Basketball Playoff Stats

Boys Bi-District Playoff Feb. 21 @ Frenship H.S.

Floydada	13	13	6	25	-
Tahoka	11	12	13	9	- 45

(F) Williams-18, Beedy-15, Ke.Smith-5, Saldana-3, Everett-3, Miller-3, Ko.Smith-2, Flores-2
 Records: Floydada 17-13, Tahoka 22-8

Area Playoff Feb. 23 @ Canyon H.S.

Floydada	13	12	9	18	- 52
Spearman	13	11	10	11	- 45

(F) Williams-21, Miller-10, Beedy-9, Ko. Smith-8, Everett-4
 Records: Floydada 18-13, Spearman 18-6

Region Quarterfinal Feb. 27 @ Lubbock Monterey H.S.

Floydada (18-13)	vs.	Shallowater (24-3)
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By Shawn Wade

Calls for a 2005/2006 agriculture disaster assistance package are still being heard and Congress seems to be hard at work figuring out exactly how to move the process forward.

The obvious question for growers who suffered losses in 2005, 2006 or both is just what a new crop disaster assistance program might include and how the program would be structured.

In remarks presented during the Texas Ag Forum in Austin earlier this week, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) said that the House is still working on its proposal for a 2005/2006 Crop Disaster Program (CDP), but assured those in attendance that the effort was moving forward.

Peterson was able to provide few details about the evolving House proposal other than to say that things seem to be moving toward a recommendation that would provide growers the choice of receiving disaster benefits in either 2005 or 2006, but not both, and to govern the program in the same manner as the 2003/2004 CDP program to simplify administration and speed implementation.

Peterson also said that the House was not currently contemplating any additional payments, such as a supplemental direct payment, in conjunction with its 2005/2006 disaster proposal.

Timing is the next big unknown, but both the House and Senate appear to be targeting the Iraq supplemental spending bill, which could come up for consideration within the next few weeks, as the vehicle to carry a disaster program. As always any differences that exist between the House and Senate would be worked out in conference committee between representatives from the two bodies.

Some compromises will no doubt have to be made before any program is finally approved since the most recent version of disaster assistance under consideration in the Senate is different from what Chairman Peterson indicates is being drafted in the House.

In the Senate the latest proposal comes from Senate Budget

Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) who has been working to gain passage of disaster assistance since early last year.

The Senate proposal is titled the "Emergency Farm Relief Act of 2007." As currently envisioned, the Senate plan would provide growers the ability to receive crop loss assistance for losses incurred in 2005, 2006 or both.

Senator Conrad's proposal would provide growers a traditional disaster assistance package, almost identical to what is being talked about in the House, with a 35 percent eligibility threshold.

The obvious difference that currently exists between the House approach and the Senate proposal is the Senate's scaled down payment formula that would allow growers to receive benefits for qualified losses incurred in both 2005 and 2006 instead of making them choose only one year or the other.

The other difference is that the House is targeting the 2003/2004 administrative model to speed implementation, while the Senate is proposing the administrative rules that governed the 2000 crop Crop Disaster Program (CDP) program.

The major difference between the two administrative models is primarily a difference in how payments are ultimately calculated and benefits capped. The 2006 CDP included a 95 percent payment cap on benefits and an overall \$80,000 payment limitation. The 2000 CDP model that the Senate version is proposing does not have an arbitrary benefit cap and would allow growers to receive all calculated benefits up to an \$80,000 per person payment limitation.

Considerable work still has to be done before either of the two approaches is voted on and the process of rolling the two versions into a single program can begin.

The good news for growers that lost crops during the 2005 and 2006 growing seasons is that help appears to be on the way even if its final form is still unclear.

NCC says proposed WTO Cotton Session prior to conclusion of Brazil challenge unfair

National Cotton Council leaders say WTO Director General Pascal Lamy's recently announced scheduling of a "high profile session" to discuss cotton issues on March 15-16 could influence the outcome of the Brazil-United States Cotton Compliance Dispute.

In comments provided February 22, NCC spokesmen noted that the proposed session would come right on the heels of the oral arguments in the Cotton Compliance Dispute, which are scheduled for next week, and could unfairly influence the deliberations of the Compliance Panel.

Noting that U.S. cotton producers and the U.S. cotton program are already being unfairly targeted within the framework of the stalled Doha round of negotiations by Oxfam, and other non-governmental organizations, as well as several African countries, the NCC said that the publicity accompanying a dedicated cotton session outside of the broader framework of the agricultural negotiations would exacerbate the inequitable treatment of U.S. cotton within the WTO.

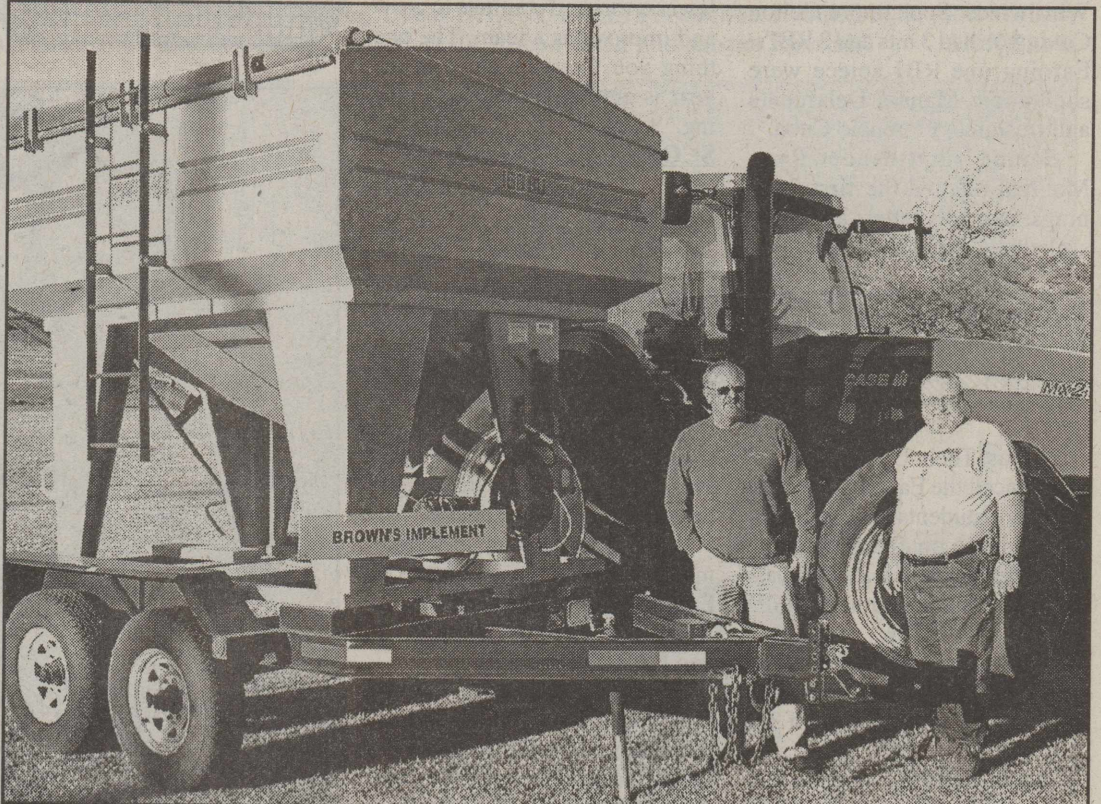
The NCC said that even though significant changes have been made in the U.S. cotton program as mandated by the WTO Dispute Panel findings in the initial Brazil Cotton Case, the world price for cotton has remained essentially static.

To fully address the plight of African cotton farmers the NCC renewed its assertion that the WTO must commit to addressing the true causes of world cotton price suppression instead of targeting the U.S. cotton program.

The NCC pointed to issues such as competition from man-made fibers, monopolistic state trading entities that keep African producers from direct participation in the world market, the inability to create a viable domestic spinning and textile complex in the African region and the readiness of cotton producers in China, India and Brazil to fill any shortfall that might come about from reduced U.S. cotton production as much more contributory to the current cotton price situation.



CAPROCK CONFERENCE ATTENDEES-Shown is Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland (left) with a couple of producers attending the Annual Caprock Cotton Conference held Tuesday at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada. Staff Photo



EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY AT THE CAPROCK COTTON CONFERENCE-Producers attending the Caprock Cotton Conference Tuesday morning were able to look over some Brown Implement equipment on display at the Plains Baptist Assembly camp ground south of Floydada. Staff Photo

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Texas Crop and Weather Report

COLLEGE STATION-- Cold fronts continued to push across Texas, thwarting growth of wheat and native pastures, according to Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Agriculture producers are looking forward to warm weather, said Tony Douglas, North district director. Heavy feeding of livestock is in progress and producers are worried about running out of hay.

"Right now there seems to be a great need for sun and milder temperatures for winter pastures and livestock," Douglas said. "We've had so many cold-days and rainy days, we just need some sunshine."

Rebecca Parker, Extension regional program director for agriculture and natural resources in East Region, said, "We're needing some warm temperatures for the small grains and of course some more moisture."

This year, because of the shortage of forage put up last year, a lot of those small grains will be used for a forage-base, as baled hay or pasture, Parker said.

Extension agriculture agents across the state said hay supplies are running low for many producers, who are hoping for an early Spring and green-up of crops and pastures.

The following are reports from Extension districts around the state:

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were above average before a mid-week cold front plunged caused them to zero. Two to 3 inches of snow fell across the area. Land preparation for spring planting is limited at this time. Soil moisture is rated mostly adequate to surplus. Cotton ginning continues to be active. Wheat is rated mostly fair to good with excellent moisture. Range conditions range from very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair. Cattle are in fair to good condition, but stressed by cold and wet conditions. Supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture is adequate. The early part of the week had mild temperatures and wind, followed by a cold front that brought rain and

snow. About 1-3 inches of snow fell; the temperatures dropped to 10 F. Field activities were hampered by the snowfall. Wheat is in fair to good condition. Pastures and ranges are in fair to good condition. Extreme cold caused stress to area livestock. Supplemental feeding continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: Cold temperatures returned to the area, lowering forage growth and increasing supplemental feeding. Lice infestation on cattle continued to affect weight gains and thriftiness. In some area, winter wheat has been grazed heavily due to poor range conditions. Hay is in short supply and the unpredictable weather has been hard on livestock. In other counties, ranges and pastures are in good condition and livestock are gaining well and are in good condition.

NORTH: Soil moisture is adequate, although conditions are still too wet for spring seed and bed preparation. Winter wheat is in good condition. Top dressing

wheat and other winter pasture is under way. Temperatures have been very cold; therefore, little or no farming activity has taken place this week. The extended cold weather slowed pasture and crop growth slightly, and damaged some pastures. Heavy feeding of livestock is in progress and producers are concerned about enough hay to finish the winter. The price of hay is \$125 a roll. Range and pasture conditions are fair. Winter pastures need more rainfall, along with sun and milder temperatures.

EAST: Humid, wet conditions caused some disease problems on wheat, as well as freeze damage in early planted vegetables. Producers cannot top dress wheat because conditions are too wet. Ryegrass and clovers are growing well and should improve with warmer temperatures and sunshine. Cattle demand is strong, with prices on calves steady to \$1.50 per hundred-weight higher. Cattle are in good to fair condition. Lice are a prob-

lem in some herds. Winter pasture growth has slowed due to cold weather. Cattle supplementation continues, as does the calving season.

FAR WEST: Soil moisture ranges from very short to surplus, and crops and pastures are in very poor to good condition. Winter wheat varies from very poor to excellent conditions. Oats are in poor to good condition. No significant moisture reported.

WEST CENTRAL: Cold temperatures were back this week. Some areas reported small amounts of snow and rain. Soil moisture is improving. Some field preparation is under way for hay crops this spring. Most outside activities have slowed due to cold conditions. Cold winter weather has slowed most rangeland and pasture growth, but some winter grasses and forbs are starting to show. Supplemental feeding continues. Hay and feed are in very short supply. Stock tanks need water. Live-

stock are in fair condition.

CENTRAL: Very cold temperatures last week increased livestock producers' need to keep up adequate supplemental feeding programs for livestock herds. Some rust and powdery mildew are showing up in wheat stands and may reduce yields.

SOUTHEAST: Cold overcast conditions stressed hay supplies and stopped winter annual growth. The ground is still wet and temperatures dropped to 25 F. Rain has fallen every week this winter, making conditions hard for ranchers, who are having to feed hay because pastures are too wet to allow cattle to graze. Most ranchers were not expecting this much rainfall, so they did not set aside the hay they now need. That hay was sold to producers in drought conditions.

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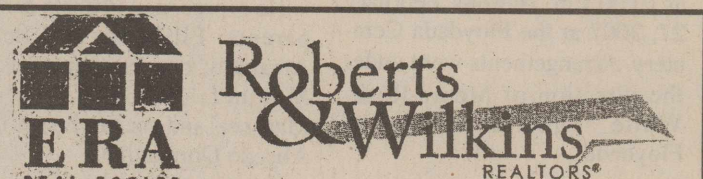
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COUNTY OF FLOYD

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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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lockney is now taking applications for swimming pool manager. Applications are due April 10, 2007.

Come pick up an application at Lockney City Hall, 218 E. Locust, Lockney.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Floydada Independent School District, Floydada, Texas is accepting bids for the following:

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All bids must be submitted by 3:00 P.M local time, Thursday, March 15th, 2007 and addressed to or faxed to:

Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent
Floydada ISD
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Wolforth, Texas 79382
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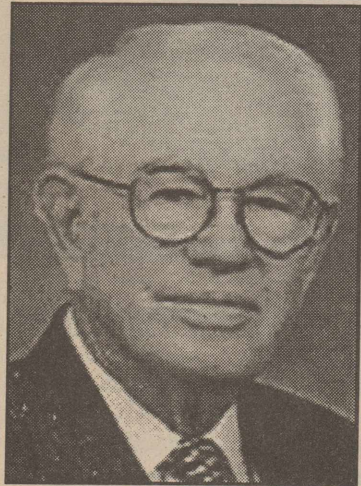
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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 P.M., local time, Thursday, March 8th, 2007. All interested parties should meet at the A.B. Duncan Elementary Office, 1101 S. 8th, Floydada, TX 79235

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.

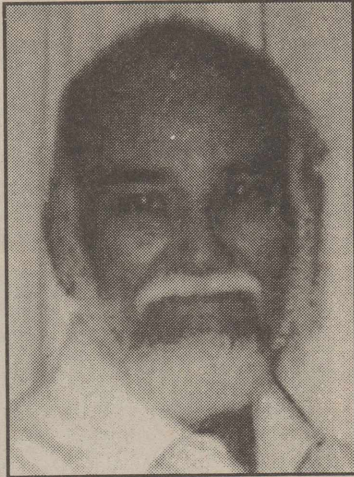
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Obituaries



BRAC BIGGERS
Brac Biggers was born September 12, 1925 in Lockney, Texas to William Dawson (Billy) Biggers and Winnie Floyd Biggers. His parents met at West Texas College around 1912. His father was Superintendent of Schools in Lockney when the current Lockney High School was built and later worked for the Lockney Chamber of Commerce in the thirties. His mother was related to Dolphin Ward Floyd for whom Floyd County is named. This fact was discovered in recent years and was a pleasant coincidence that the family was unaware of when they lived in Floyd County. Brac grew up in McLean, Sudan, and finally Lubbock where he graduated from Lubbock High School and became an Eagle Scout. He joined the Navy and returned to Texas Tech to receive his BSEE degree in 1948. He joined Southwestern Public Service as an electrical engineer and moved to Plainview where he married Dorothy McVicker in 1952.

He returned to Floyd County in 1953 when he became district manager in Floydada where their first 2 sons Curt and Blair were born. He transferred to Borger where they had a third son Brac, Jr., and he finished his 31 year career with SWPS in Amarillo. He then spent 10 years overseas for NRECA International and retired in Terrell, Texas in 1990. He was always proud and fond of his Texas Panhandle background. He died quietly at his home on February 11, 2007 and was interred at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.



AGAPITO MARTINEZ
Agapito (Chico) Martinez, 74, of Floydada died on February 21, 2007 in Lubbock at Texas Tech University Medical Center. Mr. Martinez was born on March 24, 1932 in Realitos, TX to the late Filiberto Martinez and Petra Alvarado. Mr. Martinez, enjoyed working. He worked for Floydada Coop Gin for 20 years. He is preceded in death by his parents: Filiberto, and Petra Alvarado; one brother Agustina Martinez; one Sister Josefina Martinez; and one brother-in-law Alfredo Quintanilla. He is survived by his wife, Elvira; two brothers, Paz Martinez, and Castulo Martinez, both of Corpus Christi; three sisters, Felicitia and husband Nick Fonseca of Delta, OH., Luz Quintanilla of Kingsville, and Maria and husband Juan Martinez of Corpus Christi. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 26, 2007 at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church, with Reverend Ray Gonzales officiating. Burial will be in Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

OLIVER KEITH EMERT
Oliver Keith Emert, 85, of Floydada died Friday, February 23, 2007 at Plainview Health Care Center. Emert was born November 5, 1922 to the late Albert T. Emert and Audrey Miller Emert. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

EMORY HUGGINS
Emory Huggins, 94, of Plainview passed away Sunday, February 25, 2007 in Covenant Hospital Plainview. He was born July 25, 1912 in Carrollton to John D. and Leota Walter Huggins. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, 2007 in the First United Methodist Church Chapel in Plainview. Burial was held in the Plainview Memorial Park by Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

We wish to express our gratitude to everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and meals and for sharing memories with us of Jerohme in our time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
Widener and Settle Families



ST. MARY MAGDALEN SWEETHEARTS: (standing, l-r) Damaris Mendoza, 3rd Runner-up; Amanda Hernandez, 5th Runner-up; Tiffany Vasquez, 1st Runner-up; Alyssa Rios, 1st Runner-up; Marqui Morales, 2nd Runner-up; Maria Casares, Tiny Miss Valentine; (front, sitting, l-r) Sweethearts Cassandra Cervera, Elizabeth Ibarra, Amelia Gonzalez (last year's winner), and Overall Winner Raelene Martinez. Not pictured are Rita and Cassie Martinez. Staff Photo

St. Mary Magdalen Church crowns Sweethearts

The St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church held their annual Valentine Fundraiser Coronation at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 18, 2007. This year there were 11 young ladies and one young man that participated in the fundraiser. Each participant held different fundraisers which consisted of meals, bake sales, containers at businesses, dances, raffles and sponsorships to see who would raise the most penny votes. All together a total of \$5,832.44 was raised for their parish. There were four Sweetheart age groups and one King. The crownings were done by past Sweethearts, Maria Casares, Amelia Gonzalez and Elena DeOchoa. Sweetheart for the 1-5 year old group was Maria Casares. She is the 4 year old daughter of Richard and Shirley Casares. Cassandra Cervera was crowned the 6-10 year old group Sweetheart. Cassandra is the 7 year old daughter of Robert and Elena Cervera. Alyssa Rios, 9 year old daughter of Martin and Helen Perez, was 1st Runnerup. Marqui Morales, 8 year old daughter of Martin and Mary

Morales, was 2nd Runnerup. Damaris Mendoza, 8 year old daughter of Jose and Laura Mendoza, was 3rd Runnerup. Rita Martinez, 8 year old daughter of Juan P. and Maria Martinez, was 4th Runnerup. Amanda Hernandez, 6 year old daughter of Benny and Mary Hernandez, was 5th Runnerup. In the 11-14 year old group, Raelene Martinez, 11 year old daughter of Andy and Olga Martinez, was crowned Sweetheart, as well as being crowned the over-all Sweetheart. She raised the most amount with 167,115 votes. Tiffany Vasquez, 12-1/2 year old daughter of Lucio and Irma Vasquez, was 1st Runnerup. Cassie Martinez, 13 year old daughter of Juan P. and Maria Martinez, was 2nd Runnerup. Elizabeth Ibarra, 16 year old daughter of Jesse and Cindy Ibarra was crowned Sweetheart in the 15-18 year old group. Emilio DeOcho, 11 year old son of Luis and Mary DeOchoa, was crowned King. Master of Ceremonies was Olga Enriquez. The Welcome was given by Fr. Jose Relente. The participants were escorted by their fathers as the music "Eres Muy Especial" was being played.

Entertainment was "Heart of Worship" by Ariel Peralez and Raymond Everett. "Still the One" was sang by Irama Vasquez and Laura Asencio. Irma and Laura also sang "Valentine". Elena Cervera, Maria Machado and Manuel Moreno sang "Amigo". Drawings for door prizes was given as businesses and individuals had donated items to be drawn. We would like to thank all the business and individuals who made all of this possible and such a great success. Special thanks to Suddenlink Cable, Floydada Chamber of Commerce, Floyd County Hesperian, Cornelius Conoco, Dollar General, Azteca, Garcia OK Tire, T & J Burritos, Tina's Donut Shop, Rudy's Barber Shop, Molinar Roofing, Maria DeLeon, Yolanda Trevino, Selma Mendoza, Rosa Duran, Abel and Kathy Cortinas, Margaret Ponce, Gloria Mendoza, Carmen Rodriguez, Mary DeOchoa and Knights of Columbus. Father Jose and Olga would like to again thank everyone and may God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

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.

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Ken Free- Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Bill Swinney,
Minister of Ed./Music
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney**
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth)....7:15 pm

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

- 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
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Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

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Floydada
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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.

- 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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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.

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Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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