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Plans finalized for Old Fashioned Day

Lockney's Chamber of Commerce Directors have lined up a full day of activities for Old Fashioned Saturday, September 15.

Main Street will fill up with vendors, including many new faces. "Many of the people who have set up booths from the past will be there," said Chamber President Denise Doucette, "but we will also have lots of new ones."

Besides food booths the Chamber will welcome vendors selling wood crafts, leather crafts, and hand crafted jewelry.

Afternoon entertainment in the "Old Theatre" area will include: The 4M Quartet southern gospel singers, The Hackett Boys fiddle players, The Graves Boys, Evan Johnson, Hannah Smith, Cheryl Edwards, Mrs. Carl Moman playing the Hammered Dulcimer, and Virginia Taylor reciting cowboy poetry.

The popular street dance will kick off at 9:00 p.m. and end at midnight.

The Custom Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show always brings a large crowd to Lockney's celebration and this year will be no

different. Set up for the custom vehicles will be from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., and judging will be at 11:00 a.m.

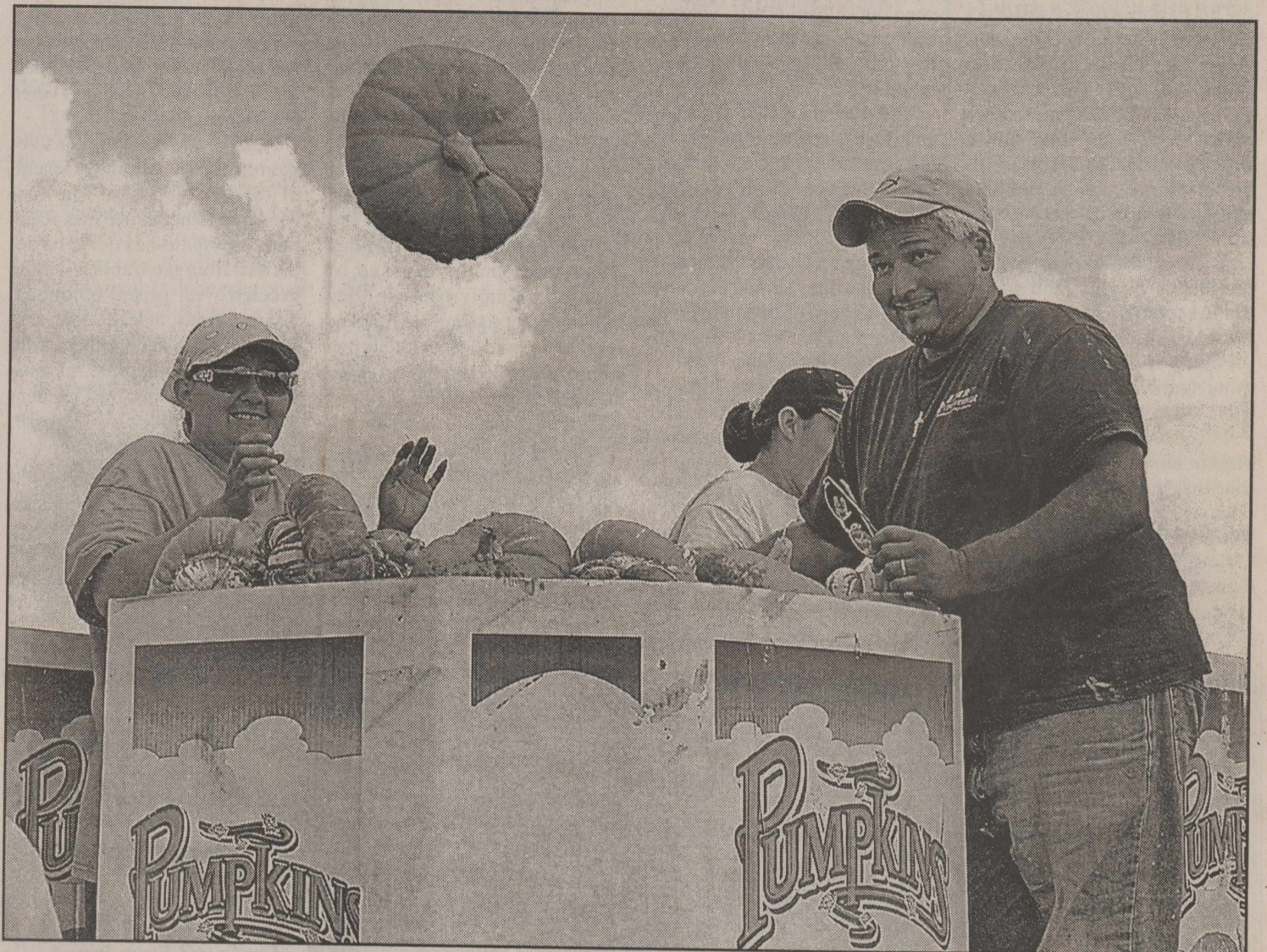
The day will also feature Texas Pedal Puller's, a Volleyball Tournament at the Methodist Church, and a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at the Dairy Queen.

The American Racing Mower Association, from Amarillo, will also bring fun competition in three classes: IMO, AP and CP. The races will be held at the lot next to City Bank.

Old Fashioned Saturday will celebrate Lockney's 100th birthday this year and will have an opening ceremony at 9:20 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Parade participants should line up at the park. The parade, with Mr. J.D. Copeland, as the grand marshal, begins at 10:00 a.m.

The parade route will begin at the Memorial Park, go south to Poplar Street, and west to Main Street and end at Davis Lumber.

The community is encouraged to participate in the parade to make it a special birthday celebration for Lockney.



PUMPKIN HARVEST UNDERWAY--Heptad Vegetable contract workers are now busy in the fields harvesting the orange gourds. Less acres of pumpkins have been planted in Floyd County this year, but the pumpkins coming out of the fields are in excellent shape. Staff Photo

LISD voters to decide tax rate in "roll back" election

By Alice Gilroy

After lengthy discussions the LISD Trustees voted August 28 to adopt a tax rate of \$1.14 which automatically set the district up for a Tax Rate Rollback Election on November 6.

This rate is 10 cents higher per \$100 valuation than the school district's rollback tax rate.

Voting for the rate were: John Quebe, Robbie Long, Lonnie Hooten, Cheryl Edwards, Jesse Garza, and Boyd Jackson. Voting against was Aaron Wilson.

Superintendent Phil Cotham presented each trustee with a handout laying out "the case" for a \$1.14 tax rate. He referred to the continual decline in LISD student enrollment.

"Each student enrolled earns about \$6,000 in state funding for LISD," wrote Cotham. "Enrollment has dropped by over 200 students in the last 20 years".

This is a loss of \$1,200,000 per year.

Cotham told the trustees the district has also lost funds due to local tax rates being lowered by state mandate. "In the 2005-06 school year our tax rate was \$1.50 per \$100 valuation," wrote Cotham. "In 2006-07 it was \$1.37. This year the mandated tax rate is \$1.04, which is a 31% tax cut for our citizens.

"The problem is that the state's contribution to the Lockney ISD is not sufficient for us to meet budget. The only alternative we have to replace these funds is to set a tax rate higher than \$1.04."

Cotham said \$1.14 would still be a 36-cent tax cut over a two-year period.

"A penny of tax generates about \$8,000 locally," said Cotham. "However for every penny above \$1.04, the state

kicks in an additional \$20,000 to \$22,000 in tier II funds."

Cotham told the trustees the school was in need of building maintenance, including carpeting and lighting. Athletic facilities were also in need of repair such as resurfacing of tennis courts and track and air conditioning/heating units in the elementary. Rising costs of fuel was also putting a strain on the budget.

Trustees discussed the need to "keep up in the areas of technology" such as the ITV classes at Lockney High School where students take dual credit college courses. The Board also discussed the need to expand the areas that would help students get college hours through on-line classes.

According to Cotham the dilemma being faced by the Lockney ISD in funding building and education needs was very com-

mon in this area. "Floydada has a bond indebtedness to pay for their building. Schools are either doing that or raising taxes."

"The District has not built any new buildings since 1993," said Cotham, "and there are no plans to do so." However, Cotham stated there were many pressing needs within the school.

According to Cotham if the tax rate was \$1.04 the year would begin with a deficit of \$180,000. "With the tax rate of \$1.14, we will be able to do some of the things we need to do," said Cotham.

"We need to do this for the future," said Trustee Robbie Long.

"We have to continue to improve or we'll lose kids," said Trustee Cheryl Edwards.

"Our enrollment is shrinking and the budget should be shrinking too," said Trustee Aaron Wil-

son.

"It did shrink from \$1.37," said Quebe. "We still have to maintain buildings and hire teachers."

"Our high school enrollment has stayed at around 200," said Cotham. "We have lost a lot at the elementary and we aren't losing teachers there. We do lose teachers at High School. When teachers leave the elementary we do not rehire. We can absorb those losses."

After the vote on the tax rate the trustees voted unanimously to adopt the budget. Total revenue for the budget was \$6,408,115.00 and expenditures were \$6,306,668.00.

In other business the Trustees voted to join the Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association and elected Boyd Jackson to be the voting delegate.

The TEA Accountability Rat-

ings for the campuses were reviewed. The District as a whole received an Academically Acceptable rating. The High School and Junior High were individually rated Academically Acceptable and the Elementary School was rated as "Recognized".

Principals reported on the first week of school. Mr. Thompson, the high school principal, reported 190 students: 52 freshmen, 39 sophomores, 47 juniors, and 52 seniors.

Mr. Hallmark, the junior high principal, said there were 138 students at this time: 51 6th graders, 42 7th graders, and 45 8th graders.

At the elementary school, Principal Williams said there were 264 students, including 14 enrolled in the 3 year old Pre-K.

The trustees reviewed a new travel policy, and the August bills and financial report.

Alyssa Poindexter gives time to Russian ministry



ALYSSA POINDEXTER sings with Lyooba, a homeless woman, living in a Russian Homeless Shelter. Courtesy Photo

By Alice Gilroy

While many of her classmates continued their education in college or the work force, Alyssa Poindexter, went from her 2005 graduation from Lockney High School, into missionary training and work.

Alyssa recently returned home from a year of mission work in Russia and says she hopes she can go back to Russia for many visits.

After graduation, Alyssa trained at the Sunset International Bible Institute for 8 months. "We were able to pick our top 5 places we would like to go serve and then the "Adventure in Mission, (AIM) program picks the place we will serve from our choices," said Alyssa.

In June of 2006 Alyssa set out for Tomsk, in Siberia.

"I stayed in an apartment with 4 other girls who were also part of the AIM team," said Alyssa.

"By American standards the apartment would not be considered nice. The walls and floors were concrete and the whole city is run by the same heating. You don't have individual thermostats in the building. When the city decides to turn on the heat then everyone gets the same heat at the same time. You don't have

any regulation except to open or close the windows."

Alyssa says in the fall she was sitting in her living room with her parka on.

In the summer there is no air conditioning.

"The low in the summer is about 88 degrees and at night it is 98 degrees and very humid," said Alyssa.

According to Alyssa, the city of 500,000 people is isolated and the scenery is "very bland". The buildings are all grey and the sky is grey. "Everything looks the same. But outside the city it is very pretty. There are beautiful forests."

Alyssa loved her mission work and the Russian people. "They don't have a lot of hope as a nation," said Alyssa. Their careers are chosen for them.

"When Hope is introduced-something beyond this life-they were transformed."

Alyssa says her days began with personal prayer, and preparation for her studies with other people. "The rest of the day was spent meeting with other people," said Alyssa. "Some are Christians and some are not. When we knew we were going to need an interpreter we would have one."

Alyssa said the group was in-

vided to English classes in three different universities. "We spoke to them in English and told them about America. We told them we were there for mission work and that we teach the Bible.

"That brought some of them to our studies. Some of them wanting to learn more English and then they became interested what we had to say about Jesus.

"Many have heard about Jesus, but they didn't really know him. The idea of God being personal and wanting a relationship with them interested them."

Alyssa said she was never really afraid while she was there, but on more than one occasion drunk men tried to force her to come with them. "There are a lot of alcoholics and drunks there," said Alyssa. "People tried to take me home by force. The women came to my rescue. The men didn't care."

Alyssa says she missed America but she did not miss the materialism of the States.

"They focus more on relationships there," said Alyssa. "They go for long walks with families. It took a long time to earn their trust because I had gone a long way from my family. They wondered what kind of person could do that.

"They generally admire Americans because of our wealth. They think we have no problems-that there is no end to our money. They almost viewed me as some kind of super star."

Alyssa says the Russians are trying to create the same economic system as America. "They are becoming more materialistic.

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Workers Needed At Veteran's Memorial on Saturday

A work day has been planned at the Veteran's Memorial in Lockney, this Saturday, September 8th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

"Any time you can give would be appreciated," said Ed Marks.

"If you would like to help us and have never been asked, then this is your chance.

"Bring your yard equipment and broom if you have it. We'll need edgers, sweepers, and mowers.

"This will help us get it ready for Old Fashioned Saturday."

For more information call Ed Marks at 652-3157 or 518-8448.

A view from

The Lamplighter



By: Ken Towery

email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com

So, Alberto Gonzales has resigned as America's Attorney General. All the requisite poems and condemnations have been written or spoken. The President has said his piece. Our Senator, John Cornyn, has made the obligatory sounds for various political reasons, and the Senior Senator, Kay Bailey Huteson, has, uncharacteristically, remained quiet.

This has been one of those occasions, where, for reasons known only to him, the President spoke the truth. The Attorney General's name has indeed been drawn through the mud. But it was not through no fault of his own. He could have, and should have, said early on that his own staff of Assistant Attorney Generals serve at his own (and the President's) pleasure, and may be dismissed at his (and the President's) pleasure. Period.

Failure to do that one simple thing, which was the absolute truth, led to the dissimulation that followed. And obviously, in the present atmosphere in Washington, that gave an opening, any opening, for the badgering that followed by Democrats.

Both Republicans and Democrats have long known that most Assistant AG's are, and have been, flaming liberals. It has been

that way ever since Bobby Kennedy was Attorney General. Bobby had absolutely no experience that would qualify him to be Attorney General, but his brother, who was President, named him anyway. The President, John Kennedy, wanted someone there he could trust, and he is quoted as saying, laughingly, that "a guy's got to start somewhere." There was not a peep out of Democrats, who ran things then as they do now, or Republicans either, that we remember.

The very fact that Gonzales and Bush have been so close over the years attests to Gonzales loyalty to Bush and Bush's desire to move more Hispanics into the Republican Party, where common sense and common interests dictate that they should be, rather than in their traditional home among the Democrats. Republicans have been trying for years to make inroads among Hispanic voters. John Tower got a sizeable vote among Mexican-Americans many years ago, but it was not without trying. To many of us, it was, at that time, a natural. Mexican-Americans, left to their own devices, were naturally conservative individuals. They are naturally family oriented. They care about things close to home. They

care, or cared, about the kind of neighborhood they lived in...the potholes, the streets. In earlier days they wanted respect, but they understood that one had to earn that respect for it to be meaningful.

Enter the politician. Anytime there is something that can be made into an issue, there will be politicians to take advantage of it. We see it locally, we see it statewide, and we see it nationally. Sometimes there is not even an issue present, but the problem can be made one by skillful manipulation of facts. Alberto Gonzales fit into that picture, although it is doubtful that he ever saw the big picture. Perhaps he did. Perhaps that was his big problem on the national scene. Democrats made an issue of Gonzales simply because they did not want to see Republicans gain a foothold among their own constituency, or what they regard as their own constituency. In this case they may have overstepped. It could well be that the manner in which Democrats hounded Gonzales into resigning will make more Republicans of otherwise Democrats that any Republican Attorney General Gonzales would have made.

Senator Charles Schumer, the

Jewish Democratic Senator from New York, has been particularly obnoxious toward Gonzales. Almost the same could be said of Senator Specter, the liberal Jewish Republican Senator from Pennsylvania. In his case, it could be said that Bush got what he deserved. He (Bush) went to bat for Specter during the last election, when many conservatives were supporting his opponent. But both Senators had a club they could use over Bush on the Middle East thing, and neither was fearful of using it when the occasion demanded.

At any rate, Alberto Gonzales has resigned as Attorney General of the United States. The first Mexican-American to ever reach that lofty status has quit. His departure from the Cabinet will be greeted with mixed emotions. Some will say, indeed some have said, good riddance. Others, who hate Bush for multiple reasons, will be happy to see the President lose another one. In this case, they reason, the President was hoist on his own petard. Still others, like myself, will be unhappy that an essentially good man saw his chances for greatness go glimmering because of ineptness in a world into which he was thrust.

Alyssa Poindexter gives time to mission work

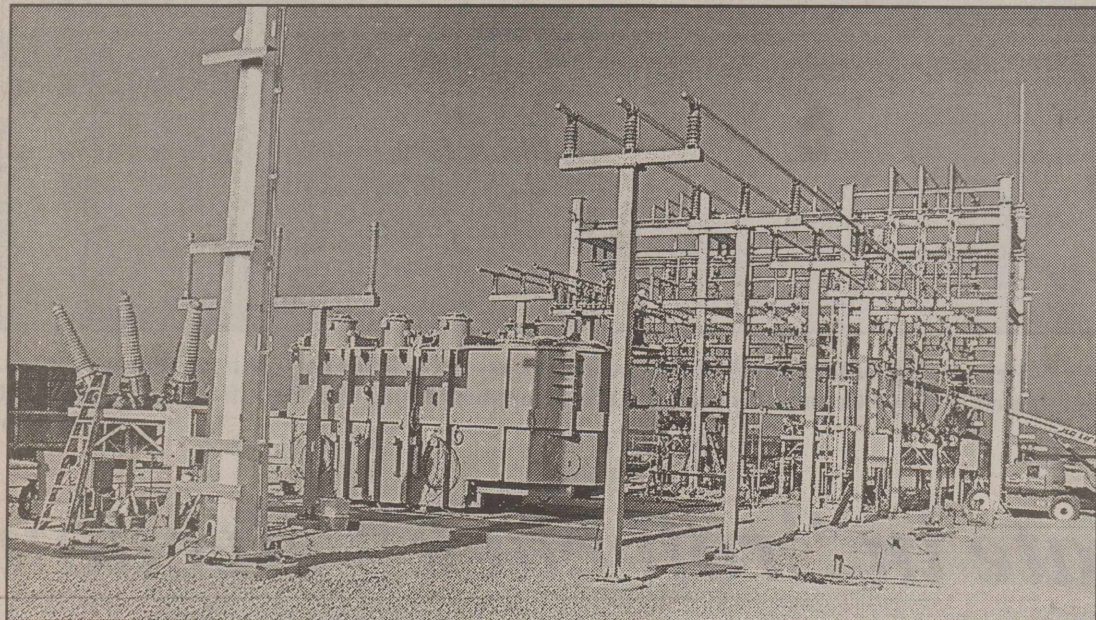
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It makes me sad because I thought some of their greatest qualities were to place relationships above everything else. That is disappearing with the materialism."

Alyssa says she misses the Russians. "I had to get close and I love them very much."

"I really appreciated how people back home sent me random cards. It meant a lot to me."

Alyssa is the daughter of Jay Don and Deborah Poindexter, of Lockney.



THE MAIN TRANSFORMER at the RES site has arrived and been put in place. Twenty six smaller ones will be arriving soon. The transformers will be used to step up the voltage from 34,500 volts to 68,000 volts. Wind turbines should begin arriving on September 24th. Visitors are asked to not arrive unannounced at the site because of heavy equipment being used. Tours may be scheduled at a later date.

Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. vs PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd.: On Friday August 31, 2007 PetroGlobe Inc. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada announced that the lawsuit between Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. and PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. had been amicably resolved, with both companies agreeing to drop their respective claims against each other.

Floyd County: PetroGlobe Inc.: On Thursday August 30, 2007 PetroGlobe Inc. issued their 2007 second quarter report including statements on the McIntosh Lease Wells #1077 and #176. PetroGlobe Inc. stated the gas processing plant for the McIntosh Wells is currently be-

ing manufactured and should be delivered to the McIntosh location in the early fourth quarter of 2007. It has been previously reported that the four mile pipeline connection from the McIntosh location to the Atmos Pipeline had been completed. PetroGlobe Inc. also reported they have completed stimulation of five target zones in the Pennsylvania Shale of the McIntosh #176 Wellbore.

Motley County: Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. has begun horizontal recompletion work on the Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1.

Motley County: Completion work continues on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Black 4 Lease Well #1.

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September 10-September 14
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
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

FHS 2007 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	SITE
Sept. 15	Lubbock I	Mae Simmons Park
Sept. 22	Open	Open
Sept 29	Lubbock II	Mae Simmons Park
Oct. 06	Spur	Spur
Oct. 13	Abernathy	Abernathy
Oct. 22	District	Mae Simmons Park Lubbock - (start 1:30)
Nov. 03	Regional	Mae Simmons Park Round Rock -
Nov. 10	State	Old Settlers Park

Head Coach - Mark Styles
Asst. Coach - Randall Eddleman

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
This letter is being written in response to several phone calls and questions that I have received after an article in the Hesperian (8/30/07) regarding the presentation of the school board budget and particularly about issues relating to PAC and how it affects the school district. In the interest of being able to answer these questions adequately I have spent quite a bit of time speaking with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission's Education Liaison and representatives of the Texas Education Agency in order to find out information relevant to these questions.

One of the controversial issues seems to be that PAC TAKS scores and drop out rate are hurting FISD. According to Ed Miller with TEA and Diane Hernandez in the Performance Report Division of TEA, the PAC campus scores and drop out rate do not count against Floydada because we are considered a "Not Rated" campus. Ms. Hernandez went on to say that even if they had counted, they would not have hurt FISD because they were not bad percentages. She stated that our completion rate (avoidance of drop outs) was at 95.7 per cent where anything above 75% is considered acceptable, so in this case, we might possibly have helped the district. Either way, our scores do not reflect on the district since we are a "Not Rated" campus.

The financial division of TEA also indicated that they felt the administration's estimate of income generated by the PAC program was significantly underestimated and did not include campus-specific funds received for Special Ed or Federal funds and grants for which we would be eligible. At this time, it is difficult for us to know how justifiable the budgeted total for our campus is for this year since no breakdown has been given. We are unable to address specific income or budgeted items until we receive this information which has been requested but has not been forthcoming from the FISD administration.

In addressing the issue of the contract residents from other counties outside the 110th Judicial district, it needs to be mentioned that the revenue from these contract residents allows us to be able to serve Floydada families at no cost to Floydada or Floyd County. This revenue allows us to provide a whole

range of services to our families that we would not be able to have otherwise. While the contract youth are here, they are residents of Floydada, a lot of money is spent in Floydada on their behalf, they do a lot of community service here, and the least we should provide them is an education that is not substandard. It is my understanding that for the past years that FISD has been providing education services that they have actually made a profit from the revenue brought in by our program. Perhaps these profits should carry over to help with the finances that are now being incurred since TEA has required that the district provide a quality program to PAC. It should also be noted that the district would be required to provide this same level of service whether we have contract residents or only residents from the district.

PAC provides employment for about 20 people who live, pay taxes and spend money in Floydada. With the economic trends we are seeing, can we afford to cost 20 people their jobs in our already difficult economy?

It is also significant that PAC spends thousands of dollars with Floydada merchants and utilities every year and saves city, county and civic entities many hours and dollars by performing countless hours of community service. Having our own placement facility saved Floyd County about \$156,000 in placement costs alone in the last fiscal year. The Juvenile Board and I often come in contact with judges, lawyers, parents and others from out of District that have knowledge of our PAC program and they frequently state what a good program it is and how proud Floydada should be to have it. Their assessment is correct. The program does a lot of good and effective work for the community, saves the taxpayers money, and certainly is deserving of funding for a reasonable educational program.

If any of your readers would like to visit with me, see our program, or discuss any of the specific information that I have received from TEA regarding financing and other areas of concern, I would welcome them to come by my office at any time.

Reba L. Moore, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and Juvenile Board of the 110th Judicial District: Judge Penny Golightly, Judge Wayne Nance, District Judge Bill Smith, Judge Lesa Arnold and Judge Ed Smith

Dear Editor:
This is in response to the article that appeared in the August 30, Hesperian-Beacon.

The PAC program has helped hundreds of children change their lives.

The costs cited by Superintendent Vaughn are questionable at best. Be that as it may, the positive impact on the lives of our children should not be measured in simple costs. The cost of a prisoner in jail is in excess of \$30,000 per year.

It does not take many changed lives to pay for the PAC program.

I do not think we have to justify turning a child onto a path towards a productive life.

I hope we do not become a community that "knows the cost of everything, and the value of nothing."

Sincerely,
Jim Doucette

Vendor's Wanted

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has Arts & Crafts, Food, and Commercial vendor's spaces available for their 2007 PUNKIN DAYS on Saturday, October 13. For more information, you may contact Patti at the Chamber office at 806-983-3434.

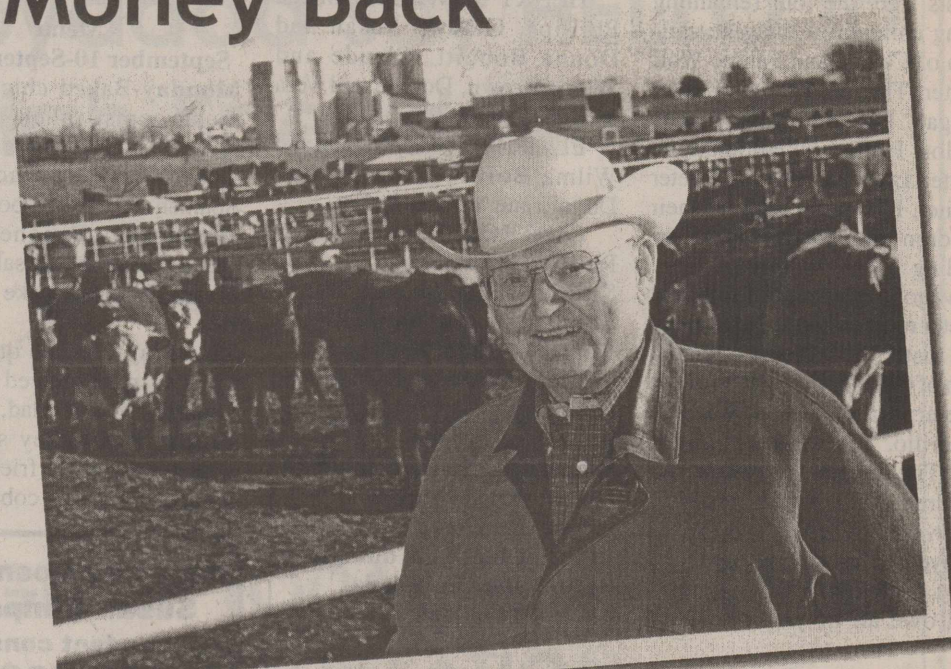
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Thank You
The Lockney Chamber of Commerce would like to thank those who worked at the "Old Theatre" downtown to get the area ready for Old Fashioned Saturday's entertainment:

Taylor Brock	Leah Ford
Tyler Kidd	Senee' Foster
Asa Cole	Sam Moore
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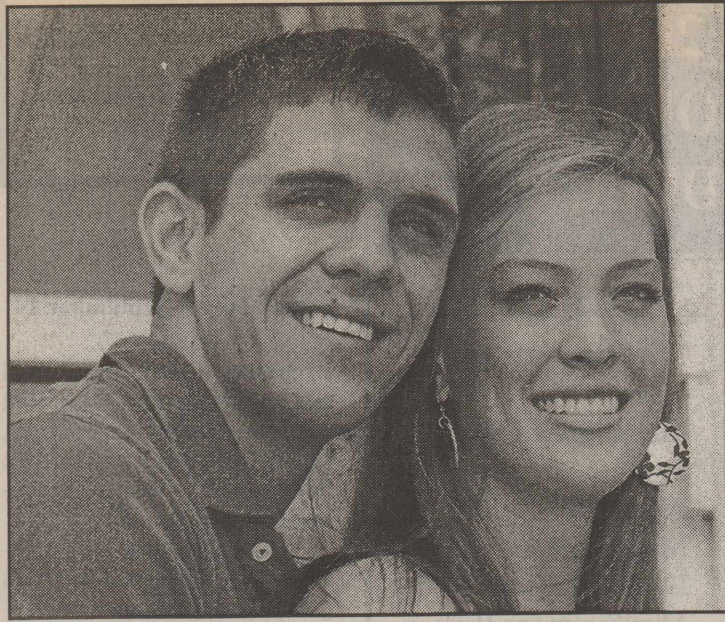
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Tatum and Helms

Kary and Jeanine Helms of Floydada are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Jordan Trey Helms to Laurel Whitney Tatum, daughter of Tim and Leslie Tatum of Post.

The bride-elect is attending Lubbock Christian University. She is the granddaughter of Ted and Barbara Tatum of Post and Charles and Mary Mannis of Lake Brownwood. Her great-grandmother is Imogene Stone of Post.

The prospective groom is attending Lubbock Christian University. He is the grandson of Adrain Helms and the late Ann Helms, Bill and Dell Gray, all of Floydada, and Alan and Donna Ulrich of Lake Brownwood. His great-grandmother is Gene Anderson of Salem, Oregon.

The couple plan a December 31, 2007 wedding at Grahams Chapel in Post.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

The Center would like to thank everyone who has been so kind as to donate fresh vegetables and fruit for all of us to enjoy.

It is truly nice of all of you who have extra veggies and fruit to share them. They are really appreciated. The Center is still in need of another freezer. If you have one that you are not using please call us. Thank you.

Guest at the Center for lunch today (Mon) was Sandra Moody Tygart of Seligman, Missouri. Sandra was raised here in Lockney and was a hairdresser and at one time or another did every ladies hair in Lockney. After lunch Sandra visited with the quilters and also quilted with them all afternoon. It was so good to see Sandra. She is staying with Lynn Ray and Wanda Smith.

I received word last week about The Keeter Clan having a family reunion in Amarillo and Canyon recently. The honored guests were the four remaining living children of the nine children of Claude and Fannie Wolf Keeter. They are Mildred Keeter Reagan, Lockney; Jean Keeter Taylor, Hollis, Oklahoma; Joe Keeter, Lockney; and Joy Keeter Assiter, Floydada, with all their children and grandchildren attending.

Major organizers of this first Keeter reunion were: Jack Keeter and sister Jill Keeter Fawcett, both of California, children of Joe Keeter; Darla Assiter Carthel, Amarillo, Tom Assiter, Canyon and Tim Assiter, Floydada, all children of Joy Keeter Assiter.

Over 90 relatives and friends enjoyed being together and having a great time

I owe all of you who have

given memorials to the Center an apology for not printing them in the paper for the last four months. You know how much they are appreciated. I promise to do better. Time just got away from me and I did not realize it had been that long since I had thanked all of you. I'm so sorry.

N.H. GAMMAGE: Dorothy Stapp.

F.L. MONTANDON: Annabel Bramlet, Tommy and Freda Davis, Sunny and Larry Hammit

VICKIE FORD: Paul and Delinda Glasson.

CARMEN DODSON: Almeda Phillips, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

CECIL CARTEL: Paul and Delinda Glasson, Tracy and Laura Turner, Almeda Phillips, Claude and Wilma Brown, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee

SUE CHESSHIR: Paul and Delinda Glasson, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

HENRY ROWELL: Almeda Phillips, Gladys, Susan and Donna Bobbitt, Claude and Wilma Brown, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee, Jodie Baccus.

ELVIRA MUNIZ: Claude and Wilma Brown, Jodie Baccus, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

GUY ROBERSON: Almeda Phillips, Ray and Virginia Sissney, Claude and Wilma Brown, C.F. and Wanda Barber, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

More memorials to be printed next week.

Menu
September 10-September 14
Mon: Fried chicken
Tues: Beef soup
Wed: Chicken & dumplings
Thrs: Beef Enchiladas
Fri: Meatloaf

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The O.F. Battey family reunion was held this past Labor Day weekend at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 1 with 55 plus attending from Amarillo, Lubbock and New Mexico. The caterer was Triple T Restaurant.

I do appreciate the Boy Scouts and their leaders that work so hard to put up U.S. flags all over town on special holidays. I wish everyone would support this project. It is a beautiful site to drive up and down the streets and see all those beautiful flags flying.

My company over the Labor Day holiday consisted of my sons, Greg and Gordon Bond and friend Nathan Hurst all of Granbury (Mona, Bethany and Michael were in Lubbock visiting relatives) and Lane Kirk of Amarillo and his son Jared Kirk, a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock. They had a great time out dove hunting. Sunday evening we had a great meal of dove.

Happy birthday to those who have a September birthday!

Sept. 3 Mary Ferguson; Sept. 7 Jane McCulley; Sept. 9 Wilma Colston and Aaron Rendon; Sept. 10 Myrtle Minner; Sept. 11 Vivian Snell; Sept. 16 Dub Holt, Cobb Gilly and Jessie Pernell; Sept. 17 Doris Gilmore; Sept. 18 Myria Dade; Sept. 19 Sue Lovell; Sept. 22 Jerry Bradford and

Sylvia Bueno; Sept. 23 Jo Lyles and Kent Covington; Sept. 24 Durrel Fortenberry; Sept. 27 Carolyn Smith and Sue Daniels; Sept. 28 Joyce Williams; and Sept. 29 Ronald Evans.

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

In memory of June Patzer - Randy and Judy Payne, Ruth Hammonds, John and Judy Dunlap, Sue Daniels, J.R. and Wanda Turner, Gary and Emma Pate, Clint and Gina Edmiston, Dinks and Beth Eckert.

In memory of Sally Galloway - Dale and Carolyn Smith, Ruth Hammonds.

In memory of Pernie Leatherman - Dale and Carolyn Smith.

Thought for the week - Love is a circle that goes on and on.

Menu

September 10-September 14
Monday-Baked chicken with mushrooms, ranch potatoes, broccoli, roll, peaches

Tuesday-Taco salad, beans, Spanish rice, fruit, cookies

Wednesday-Spaghetti, meat sauce, Italian blend salad, garlic bread, chocolate cake with berries

Thursday-Chicken quesadillas, Spanish rice, stewed okra and tomatoes, tossed salad, fresh fruit
Friday-Hot turkey sandwich, wheat toast, oven fries, tomato, lettuce and onion, cobbler

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FHS 1973 CLASS AT AUGUST 25, 2007 REUNION

Class of 1973 honors classmate

By Donna Anderson

The 1973 class of Floydada High School honored classmate Randy Quisenberry with a class reunion at his home in Lubbock on Saturday August 25th.

Randy was diagnosed with aggressive cancer on April 10th of this year and is now homebound. Randy's wife Melodi, told Zahn Turner that one of Randy's wishes was he would love to see and visit his High School classmates.

Zahn sprung into action with the help of a couple of other classmates to make this happen and see Randy's wish become a reality. It was impossible to contact some classmates on such short notice, but still, there was a good turnout to honor Randy.

In a message on Randy's CarePage Melodi stated, "What a great gift to Randy. Thank You Class Of '73. Thank you doesn't seem anywhere near adequate. I really don't know what else to

say. Randy had the greatest time on Saturday at the reunion. He was able to visit the entire time. He hasn't stopped talking about all the fabulous people he graduated with 34 years ago. You guys are remarkable. It was an amazing lift for us both. God always seems to know when and what we need. And he certainly fulfilled many things through you guys. Saturday was just what Randy needed. Dr. Barker does wonders but you guys were the best medicine. Thank you again for all the love and concern you have shown us."

Randy and Melodi were presented a generous monetary gift from the class. The class would like to take the opportunity to remind friends and family of the love fund set up for Randy at the First National Bank of Floydada.

Cards can be mailed to Randy at 6401 93rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79424

Attending were: Zahn (Daniels) Turner, Floydada; Janie (Hagood) Campbell, Matador; Steve and Donna (Woolsey) Anderson, Floydada; David and Terry Marricle, Muleshoe; Wayne and Lynette (Payne) Crump, Ralls; Lisa (Gregory) Mosley, Lubbock; Karen (Willis) Sage, Graham; Jerry and Darla Chappell, Gary Sanders, Shallowater; Beverly (Snider) Harrison, Floydada; Carla (Bean) Davis, Slaton; Jimmy Cervantes, Floydada; Mark Vinson, Lubbock; Tony Goen, Scottsdale, Az.; David Whitley, Floydada; Mike and Mitzi Hale, Denton; Steve and Karen Hale, Richardson; Cindy (Moore) Fuller, Amarillo; Joyce (Warren) Owens, Floydada.

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Battey family holds reunion

By Marie Warren

Descendants of the O.F. Battey family met Saturday, September 1, 2007 in First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for their family reunion.

The group meets every two years. A catered meal by Triple T was served at noon by Jerry Battey Jr. and Tyanne. Fifty-five family members were present.

Those present from Floydada were: Marie Warren, Don and

Hope Warren, Becky and Mary Warren, Joyce Owens, Bob and Charlene Alldredge, William and Faye Bertrand, Randy and Connie Bertrand, Martin and Jill Warren, Jerry and Pat Battey, Scotty Battey, David and Lee Battey, A.C. and Beth Pratt; also Jerry Battey, Jr. and Tyanne.

Those present from Lubbock were: Lee and Mary Battey, Spencer and Mary Lou Stubbs, Evalene Castleberry, Ronald

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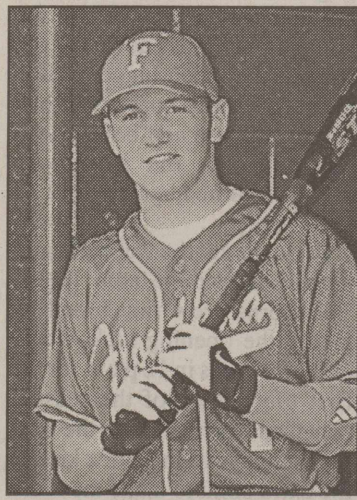
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Whirlwinds named to 2007 3-2A All-District Teams

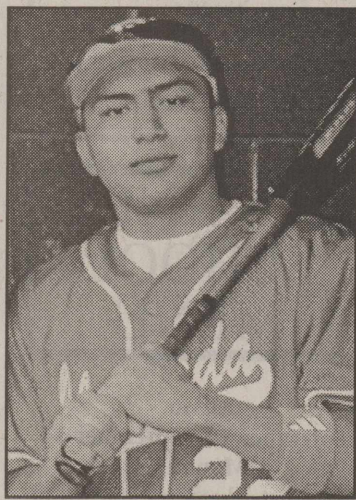
Segura named Co-Newcomer of the Year



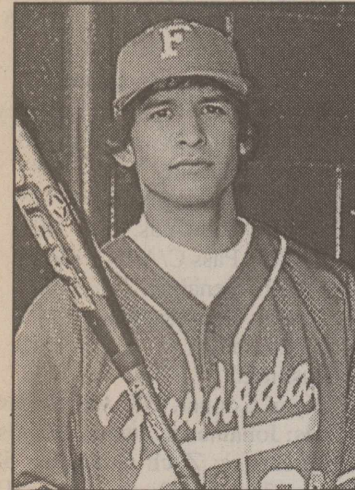
JOSEPH SEGURA
Freshman FHS
Co-Newcomer of the Year



TAYLOR BEEDY
Senior FHS
2nd Team-All District
Outfielder



PAUL MARMOLEJO
Senior FHS
Honorable Mention
Outfielder



BRANDON MONREAL
Junior FHS
2nd Team-All District
Pitcher



ELADIO SALDANA
Junior FHS
2nd Team-All District
Outfielder



RYAN MONREAL
Senior FHS
Honorable Mention
Utility Player

Come out and support our Floydada Whirlwinds

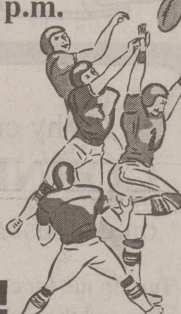
as they travel to Slaton.

Friday - Kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Beat the Tigers

Pep Rally at 8:00 a.m.

in the Whirlwind Gym.
This weeks theme 80s



GO WHIRLWINDS!

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FHS Cross Country News

By Coach Styles

The Floydada High School cross-country girls finished 2nd at the Seminole meet out of 11 teams. They finished 1st the week before at the Brownfield meet.

The JV girls and boys have not had enough runners to have a team to this point. They should have enough next week at Plainview.

The Floydada Junior High girls and boys run their first meet of the season at Plainview this Saturday starting at 8:00 a.m.

The high school teams will start at 9:00 a.m. with JV girls and Varsity girls at 10:00 a.m. The Varsity boys will start at 11:30 a.m.

I hope everyone will come out and support these athletes. These runners are doing great things.

Results are as follows:

Brownfield Meet: Morgan Norrell - 1st - 14:11; Blanca Suarez - 2nd - 14:36; Megan Aleman - 4th - 14:52; Breann Gooch - 5th - 14:53; Jennifer Leatherman - 9th - 15:56; Whitley Walker - 11th - 16:41; Laken Reddy - 15th - 17:17; Crystal Martinez - 16th - 17:18; Rylee Shurbet - 25th - 16:10; Lexi Covington - 28th - 16:35.

Leslie Alvarado - 8th (JV) - 16:22; James Espinoza - 10th - 20:43; Abel Cortinas - 13th - 21:16; Eric Perez - 25:20; Reggie Martinez - 22nd - 26:54.

Seminole Meet - Morgan Norrell - 2nd - 10:59; Blanca Suarez - 8th - 14:36; Breann Gooch - 15th - 11:30; Megan Aleman - 25th - 11:59; Rylee Shurbet - 38th - 12:24; Leslie Alvarado - 42nd - 12:44; Jennifer Leatherman - 49th - 12:47; Whitley Walker - 4th (JV) - 12:26; Lexi Covington - 29th (JV) - 12:57; Laken Reddy - 24th (JV) - 13:37; Crystal Martinez - 20th (JV) - 13:21.

James Espinoza - 9th - 16:22; Abel Cortinas - 29th - 17:32; Eric Perez - 67th - 25:36; Reggie Martinez - 76th - 22:01.

Idalou surges past 'Winds

By Tyler Helms

The Floydada Whirlwinds opened the 2007 football season against the Idalou Wildcats last Friday night.

The excitement of Floydada's first game quickly escalated on the third play from scrimmage when running back Aarrhon Flores took an option pitch from Quarterback Payte Beedy and streaked down Floydada's sideline for a ninety-four yard touchdown run.

"Pickles" Alvarado added the extra point for the Whirlwinds, and a stunned Idalou Wildcat team found themselves down by seven less than a minute into the game.

Idalou turned the ball over on downs deep in Whirlwind territory on their first possession, but Floydada was unable to capitalize on the turnover, punting the ball back to the Wildcats.

Idalou then began a methodical, 12 play, 65 yard drive capped off by a one yard touchdown run by Quarterback Sean Reagan.

Floydada began the ensuing drive on their own sixteen yard line and drove eighty four yards in thirteen plays, capped off by a four yard touchdown pass from Beedy to Kevin Smith. The drive was highlighted by Beedy's twenty-one yard pass to Daniel Saldana on a second and long play from midfield.

After Alvarado's extra point, Floydada led 14-7. A seasoned Idalou ball club, including seventeen seniors, quickly answered the Whirlwinds. Traveling sixty yards in ten plays, Reagan bullied his way forward for his second touchdown of the night. A botched snap on the extra point attempt allowed the Whirlwinds to hold a 14-13 advantage at half-time.

Coming out of halftime the Wildcat's drove deep into Whirlwind territory, but were stuffed on third and long. Facing fourth and 11 on Floydada's thirty yard line, Reagan scrambled to his right and rifled a touchdown pass to Omar Arguello in the corner of the end zone. The two-point conversion failed, and Idalou led 19-14. It was Idalou's first lead of the night, and they would

never look back.

The teams had traded punches for the first two and a half quarters, but Idalou's Tanner Cook would soon deliver the knockout blow. On Floydada's first possession of the second half, Cook snared a Payte Beedy pass out of mid-air, giving Idalou the ball at midfield. Three minutes later Cook finished what he started, darting through Whirlwind defenders for a twenty-five yard touchdown run. Cook finished the game with 149 yards on the ground and two scores. Idalou's second attempt at a two-point

conversion failed, and they led 25-14 with three minutes to go in the third quarter. Sean Reagan, who finished the game with seventy five passing yards, found Blair McGee for a thirty yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter pushing Idalou's cushion to 32-14.

Floydada's last drive of the night included Beedy connecting on passes to Eladio Saldana, Kevin Smith, and Adam Rainwater. The drive was halted at midfield as time expired, leaving the final score 32-14. Coach Purser commented, "Losing the battle of field position really hurt our chances to score points and win the game." Coach Purser was pleased with the effort from the kids in the opener however, saying, "We played extremely hard against a really good football team."

Returning exactly half of thirty-four letterman from last year's school quarterfinalist team, Idalou's experience surfaced in the second half against

the Whirlwinds. There were plenty of bright spots for Floydada including the combination of Beedy and Flores accounting for over 300 yards of total offense between the two of them. Other Whirlwinds that had big games on the defensive side of the ball included Daniel Saldana, Kevin Smith, "Pickles" Alvarado, and Blake Greer. The Whirlwinds look forward to seeing their fans Friday night as they travel to Slaton to take on the Tigers.

	Idalou	Floydada
First Downs	19	12
Rushes/Yards	44-226	31-200
Passing Yards	110	131
C/A/I	5/12/0	10/17/2
Punts/Avg	4/24.5	2/38.5
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	5/45	5/35

Individual Stats

Floydada: Rushing
Flores 22 carries, 151 yds, 1 TD;
Beevy 8 carries, 50 yds;
Alvarado 1 carry, -1 yds

Passing
Beedy 10/17 131 yds, 1 TD/2 INT

Receiving

Alvarado 1 reception, 40 yds; E. Saldana 2 receptions, 21 yds; Kevin Smith 2 receptions, 10 yds, 1 TD; D. Saldana 1 reception, 21 yds; Rainwater 1 reception, 7 yds; Turner 1 reception, 6 yds; Flores 2 receptions, 26 yds.

FHS JV loses to Wildcats

By Jaime Seago

The 2007 JV football team took on the Idalou Wildcats last Thursday night here at home. The final outcome of the game was Idalou 7 and the Whirlwinds 0.

It was a hard fought game that was about field position and defense all night long.

The lone touchdown came late in the second quarter when the Winds failed to drive the ball and then had a short punt.

Offensively the Winds were lead by sophomore QB Jordan Cornelius who was 3 of 5 passing for 47 yards.

Making catches for the Whirlwinds was Damion Pleasant with two, and Manuel Delafuente. Joe Louis Suarez and Troy Morales carried the ball for the Winds and did a great job all night.

The JV will play again here on Thursday night starting at 6:00 p.m. against the Slaton Tigers.

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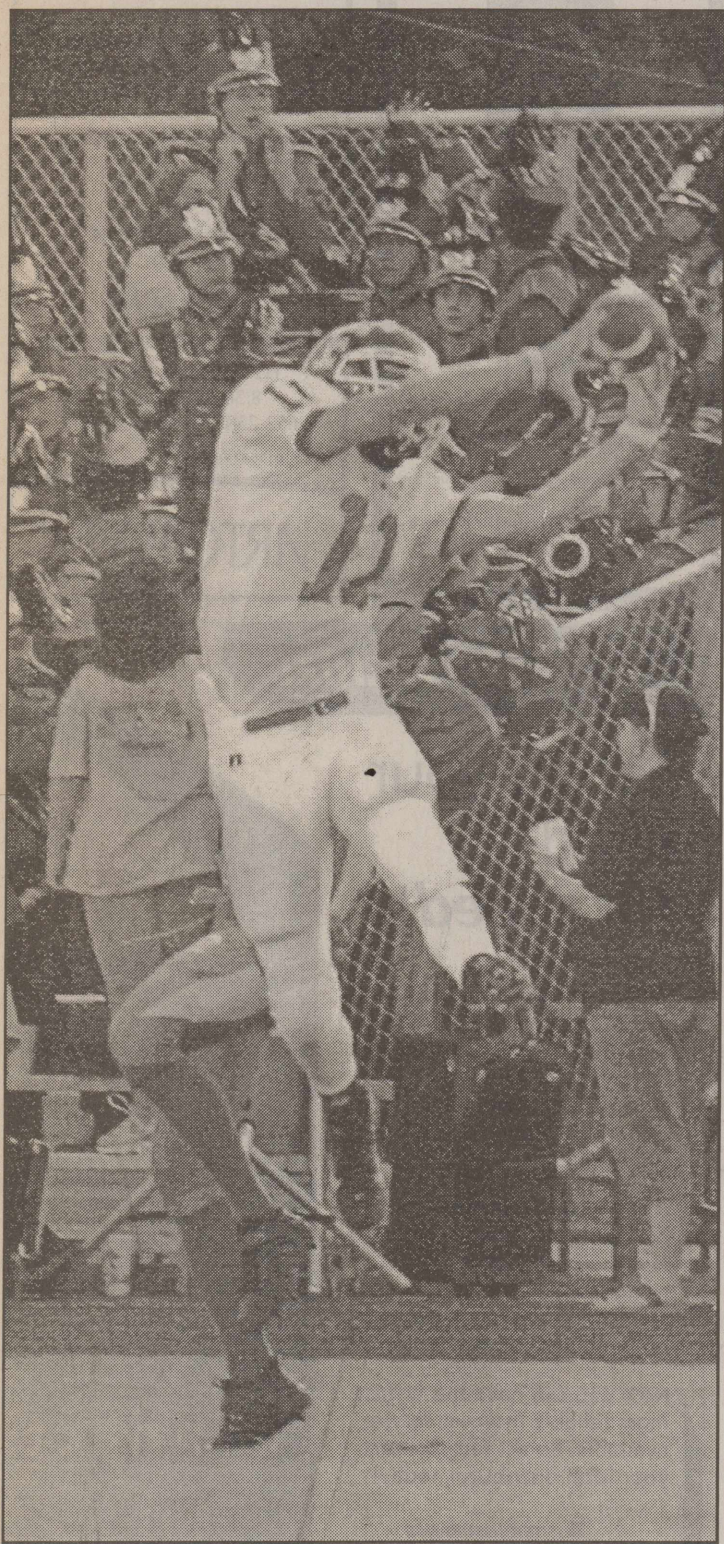
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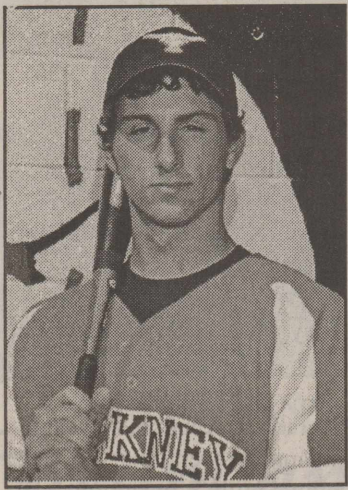


PAYTE BEEDY tries for an interception on defense against the Idalou Wildcats. Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington

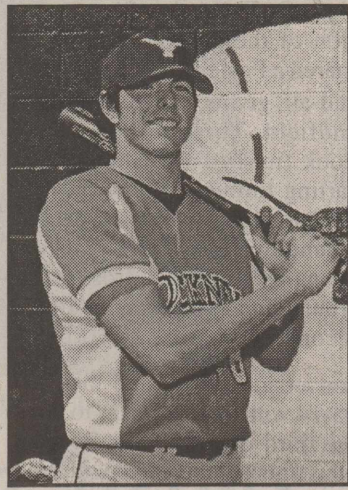
Remember to pray for our soldiers

Longhorns named to 2007 3-2A All-District Teams

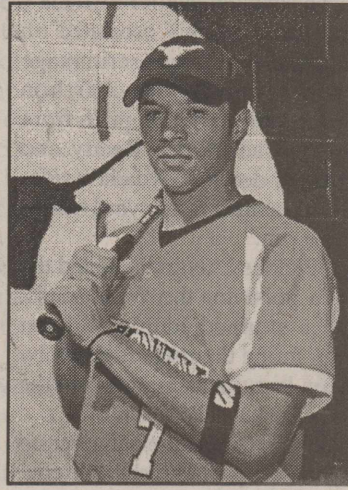
Davis named Co-Pitcher of the Year



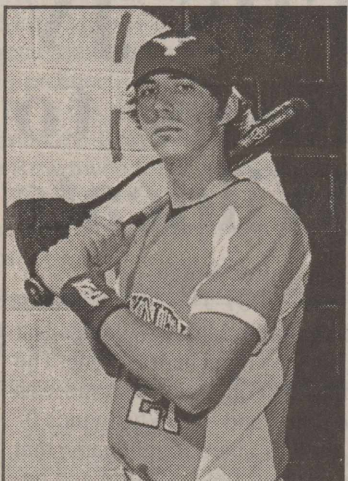
WES DAVIS
Senior LHS
Co-Pitcher of the Year
All-State Pitcher/Shortstop
Nominee



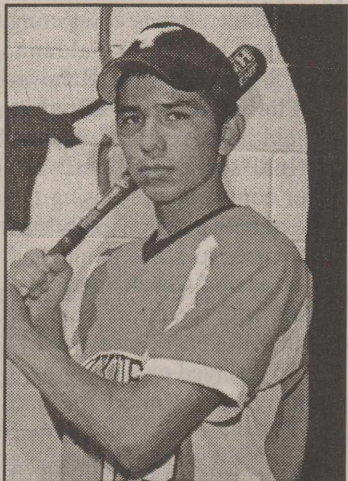
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Senior LHS
First Baseman



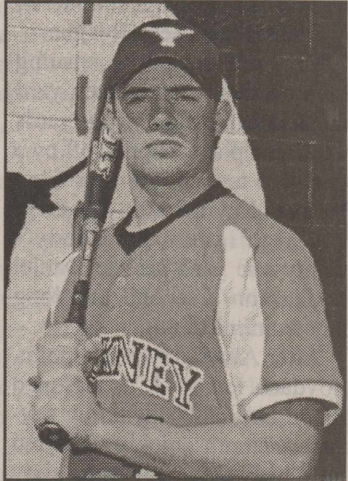
ADRAIN LUNA
Senior LHS
Outfielder



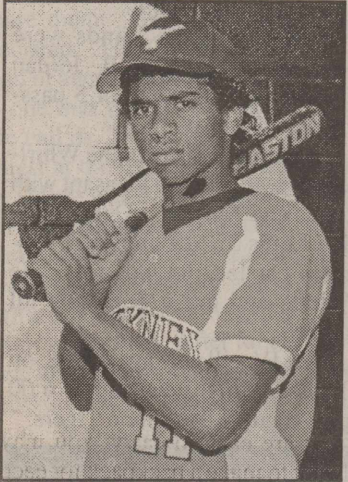
KY REAGAN
Senior LHS
Catcher



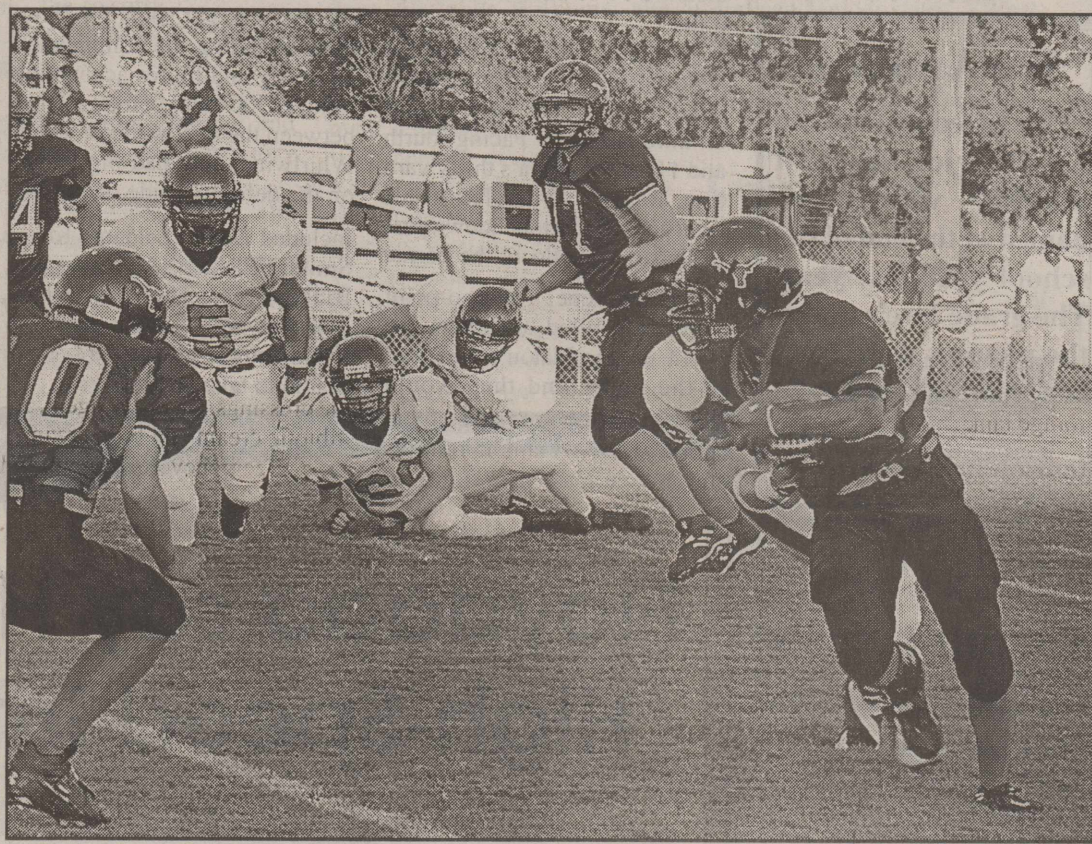
ANGEL CRUZ
Sophomore LHS
2nd Team-All District
Middle Infield



JON SHERMAN
Senior LHS
2nd Team-All District
Outfield



JONATHAN COLEMAN
Sophomore LHS
Honorable Mention



LONGHORN CARRIES THE BALL during the Horns vs. Slaton game Friday night.

Staff Photo

Ascencio, Cannon, and Beedy win first week of Football Contest

Ricky Ascencio, Sheree Cannon and Melanie Beedy are winners in the first week of the Hesperian-Beacon football contest.

The first game on the contest this week between Coronado and Midland High was an error and

was not counted.

To determine first, second and third place this week we had to use the tie-breaker game between Floydada and Idalou. The final total score of that game was 41.

Ricky Ascencio of Lockney and Sheree Cannon and Melanie Beedy, both of Floydada, all missed 5 games each.

Ascencio picked Idalou to win over Floydada with a total score of 41 (only 5 points off). Cannon and Beedy both picked Floydada to win but Cannon's total score was 30 (16 points off) while Beedy's total score was 21 (25 points off).

Ascencio will be receiving the first place check of \$25. The second place check of \$15 will go to Cannon. Beedy garnered the third place check of \$10.

Honorable Mention goes to the 5 entries that missed only 6 games this week. They were: Brent Sanders, Stanley Sanders and Max Yeary, all of Floydada, Keith Marricle of Muncy and Lanny Barnett of Silvertown.

Also Honorable Mention goes to the 4 entries that missed 7 games. They were: Franklin Harris of Floydada, Pam Fulton, Vera Jo Bybee and Nathan Caballero, all of Lockney.

We had 6 entries that missed 8 games and 4 entries that missed 9 games.

We received a total of 42 entries this week. Please be sure and circle the winning team in each game and in the tie-breaker games. If these are not circled, it could keep you from winning the contest.

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

Menu
September 10-September 14
Monday
Breakfast-Blueberry muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pig in a blanket or PBJ sandwich, corn, fruit, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Beef enchiladas or ham, pinto beans, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Biscuit and gravy or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak patty or corn dog, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk
Thursday
Breakfast-Eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or burrito, salad, fruit, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice
Lunch-Hamburger or tuna sandwich, oven fries, salad, fruit, milk

Horn's fall short in game against Slaton Tigers

By Coach Joe Robertson

The Lockney Longhorns began the 2007 football season with their Junior Varsity team traveling to Slaton last Thursday. It did not take much time before the young Longhorns had totally destroyed the much bigger Slaton team. After four quarters of ball control offense and bone crushing defense, the Longhorn J.V.'ers returned home with a 34 to 0 victory.

Friday night the varsity Longhorns hosted the Slaton Tigers. The Horns drew first blood by taking the opening kickoff and going 74 yards in 12 plays for the first touchdown of the season. Jonathan Coleman went the final 1 yard and Adrian Cortez kicked the extra point to make the score 7 to 0.

Slaton answered quickly with 7 points of their own to even the score. The Horns had a fumble on the next drive and Slaton took advantage of the turnover to make the score 13 to 7. With 6:36 in the second quarter, Slaton turned a very well executed screen pass into a touchdown, making the score 20 to 7.

The Longhorns had one drive left before half to cut into the Slaton Tigers' lead. The Lockney offense put together a 6 minute drive that resulted in Coleman going in for the score as the clock showed 0:00.

The Longhorns had a great third quarter start as they kicked to the Tigers and held them to 3 and out. On their first possession of the second half the Horns drove 62 yards and scored to make the score 20 to 19. Going

for two and the lead, the Horns were turned back by Slaton's defense and the score stood at 20 to 19.

Slaton scored on a 55 yard drive, ending as the Tiger quarterback went in for the touchdown. The kick was good and the scoreboard read 27 to 19. Lockney made two more driving attempts to even the score but were turned back on downs by the Slaton defense. The clock ran down and the Slaton Tigers claimed the opening game victory 27 to 19.

The Longhorn play was much improved and lead the Slaton Tigers in most all of the stats. The Longhorns varsity will travel to Sundown Friday night for a 7:30 contest, while the Horns JV will host the Sundown JV 6:00 Thursday here in Lockney.

We are in need of people to help us call Junior High and Junior Varsity games. Give me a call at 652-4946 or 652-3325. Thanks.

Game at a glance

Slaton	Lockney
10 First Downs	20
98 Rushing Yds.	281
79 Passing Yds.	28
177 Total Yds.	309
4/10/0 Pass C/A/I	3/6/0
2/10 Penalties	5/45
4/0 Fumbles/lost	4/2
3/29 Punt	1/15

Rushing:

Bryan Cooper, 100 yds/19 carries; Jonathan Coleman, 90 yds/22 carries; Zach Gonzales, 58 yds/13 carries; Dimitri Cortez, 18 yds/3 carries; Tyler Ellison, 18 yds/4 carries; Dru Carthel, 1 rec. 6 yds; Ruben Pesina, 1 rec. 5 yds.



The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has Arts & Crafts, Food, and Commercial vendor's spaces available for their 2007 PUNKIN DAYS on Saturday, October 13. For more information, you may contact Patti at the Chamber office at 806-983-3434.

Lockney Athletic Booster Club News

Meetings on Mondays - 7:00pm
Longhorn Gymnasium Lobby

The Cheerleaders will be serving \$5 meal deals from 6-7pm

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JV here Thurs @ 6pm
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Floyd Co. Extension helps in disaster preparedness

Following the recent mailing of 2007 boll weevil eradication assessment letters to cotton producers in the six eradication zones across Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.'s 41-county area, officials from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) are encouraging growers to take advantage of the early payment discount option and earn a two percent discount on 2007 eradication assessments.

The assessment due date for 2007 payments is September 29. Producers who submit their payment in full by September 14 will earn the two percent discount on their 2007 assessment bill.

Boll weevil assessments are calculated using assessment rates recommended by individual zone grower committees and approved by the TBWEF Board of Directors, and using the information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when certifying their crop acreage.

Growers that happen to find errors in the information on their billing statement are advised to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

The TBWEF also has a program designed to assist growers that are unable to pay their assessment by the due date because of adverse weather or other circumstances.

To aid these growers, the TBWEF offers payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current. Growers interested in entering into a payment extension agreement should contact the TBWEF Assessments Department for information on arranging an extension agreement.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their assessment. Producers who do not enter into extension agreements and do not pay their assessment by the due date are considered delinquent and are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

The following is a run-down of

2007 assessment rates and failed acreage rules in each of the six high Plains zones.

Northern High Plains - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the NHP zone are \$3.50 per land acre for non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$4.00 per land acre for irrigated cotton. Acres failed at any time during the growing season will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Northwest Plains - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the NWP zone are \$2.00 per land acre for non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$4.00 per land acre for irrigated cotton. Acres failed at any time during the growing season will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Panhandle - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the PH zone are \$3.00 per land acre for non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$3.00 per land acre for irrigated cotton. Acres failed prior to the final Farm Service Agency certification date will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Southern High Plains/Caprock - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the SHP/C zone are \$3.00 per land acre for non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$6.00 per land acre for irrigated cotton. Acres failed at any time during the growing season will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Western High Plains - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the WHP zone are \$6.00 per land acre for non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$12.00 per land acre for irrigated cotton. Acres failed prior to the final Farm Service Agency certification date will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Permian Basin - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the PB zone are \$6.00 per land acre for non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$12.00 per land acre for irrigated cotton. Acres failed prior to the final Farm Service Agency certification date will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

For more information contact the Foundation's Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

TCEQ clarifying rule changes to State's Petroleum Storage Tank Program

Earlier this month the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality mailed a letter to owners and operators of petroleum stor-

age tanks covered by the State's Petroleum Storage Tank Program.

The letter was designed primarily to let both aboveground and underground tank owners and operators know about rule changes approved by the Texas Legislature that will go into effect September 1, 2007.

Following the initial mailing TCEQ officials report that the information that was mailed to all Petroleum Storage Tank Program participants generated quite a few calls from concerned storage tank owners and operators.

TCEQ officials explained that the majority of the confusion generated by the first letter involved individuals that were unclear about their responsibilities under the new rules or, in the case of an aboveground tank operators, which part of the new rules actually applied to their particular situation. Agency officials say they are now in the process of sending a second letter that will more clearly answer these and other questions.

The first change noted by the Agency about the rules approved by the 80th Texas Legislature are that beginning September 1, 2007 all underground and aboveground storage tank owners will no longer be assessed an annual registration fee. However, TCEQ officials note that any fee for registrations required for fiscal 2007 or prior years with a due date before September 1, 2007 will still be the responsibility of the tank owner to pay, including fees owed for tanks that were not properly registered by September 1, 2007.

Registration fee payments that would have been due after September 1 fall under the new rules and will not be owed by the tank owner according to TCEQ.

The other major change implemented by the Legislature on September 1 is the addition of a new Proof of Financial Assurance provision to the annual registration program. Among the clarifications, TCEQ's new requirement applies only to owners/operators of underground storage tanks.

The new Proof of Financial Assurance rule requires all underground storage tank owners or operators to provide proof of financial assurance with their annual self-certification forms. TCEQ officials note that self-certification forms submitted without newly required proof of fi-

ancial assurance documentation would not be processed.

According to TCEQ, proof of financial assurance is most commonly provided in the form of a liability insurance policy or meeting the requirements of the program's financial test showing they have sufficient net worth to meet the liability requirement.

TCEQ officials note that tank owners or operators opting to utilize the financial test as proof of financial assurance must be able to document a tangible net worth of at least \$10 million. Also required is the completion and submission of the Chief Financial Officer's letter found in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 37, Subchapter 1.

Proof of Financial Assurance provided through insurance must be documented with a Certificate of Insurance that correctly indicates the following: Insured's name, exactly matching the name of either the registered tank owner or operator; location address and number of tanks exactly matching the information contained in TCEQ's database records; amount of coverage, as required by Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, 37.815; and, lastly a statement that certifies that the wording of the Certificate of Insurance instrument is identical to the wording in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, 37.835(b)(2) and that the insurance provider is licensed to transact the business of insurance in Texas.

TCEQ officials advise underground storage tank owners and operators that the financial assurance provider must report cancellation, termination or non-renewal of their financial assurance to TCEQ. Tank owners and operators are also required to report any changes in financial assurance information.

Tank owner/operators without financial assurance will be required to dispose of any regulated substance in storage. Owner/operators that fail to provide acceptable evidence of financial assurance may be ordered to place the tank out of service according to the current requirements of temporary or permanent removal from service rules.

Additional questions and requests for information about the new rules can be directed to the Petroleum Storage Tank Registration Team at (512) 239-2160. Questions concerning financial assurance should be directed to Teresa Nemeck at (512) 239-0325.

2007 Floyd County Ag Tour set for September 18, 2007

The 2007 Floyd County Ag Tour will be held on Tuesday, September 18. Registration will get underway at 8 a.m. at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy. Buses will be loaded at 8:20 a.m. This year's tour will feature three stops.

Tour Stop 1: will be held at the Randy Henderson Farm (from Lockney go 5 miles north on FM 378, look for flat top house). The stop will focus on "Sorghum Under Drip Irrigation."

Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas Cooperative Extension Agronomist, will present sorghum production and management strategies for both high and low input systems.

Tour Stop 2: will be on the Jeff Don Terrell Farm and will feature "Demonstration Using Dual Fuel on Irrigation Wells" (1 mile west of Aiken on north side of Hwy 70). Producers will have an opportunity to view a Demonstration of Converting an Irrigation Engine to Dual Fuel to reduce pumping cost.

Leon New, Texas Cooperative Extension Engineer, along with Don Hardy, with Don Hardy Fuel Efficient Engines, will demonstrate and explain the process.

Tour Stop 3: will be the White Energy Ethanol Plant - Plainview (located just on the east side of Plainview on Hwy 70). Mr.

Glenn See, project plant manager will give us a complete tour of the ethanol processing facility.

A 12:00 noon lunch and awards presentation will be provided at the Unity Center. We should conclude at 1:00 p.m. Following lunch, from 1:30 - 3:30 Ag Programs will be presented to both Floydada and Lockney 3rd thru 5th grade students.

All producers planning to attend must RSVP through the Extension Office by 5 p.m., September 14 at (806) 983-4912. Producers will also be able to receive 3 CEU's as well as door prizes throughout the day. Please don't forget to RSVP. Meals will only be guaranteed for those that RSVP. For more information contact the Floyd County Extension Office.

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Battey family holds reunion

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Bertrand, Heath and Charice Broadway and Ashton Allen.

Present from Albuquerque were Lewis and Sue Battey and Darrell and Sandra Barton.

Also in attendance were: Rex Beatty of Ruidoso, New Mexico; Laverne Harrell of Hobbs, New Mexico; Tommy and Betty Beatty of Roswell, New Mexico; Mike Cook and Judy York of Longview; Frances Graves and

Kathy Burley of Lockney; C.W. Battey, James and Patsy Langdon and James Langdon, Jr. of Victoria; E.W. and Janice Davidson of Amarillo; Tom and Barbara Mason of Friona; Orvel Lamb of Ralls; Alvin Battey of Paris; Ed Warren of Levelland and Barbie Grimes of Shallowater.

The next reunion will be the Saturday before Labor Day in 2009.

Floyd County 2007 Ag Tour
Tuesday, Sept. 18th ^{3 CEU'S Provided}
Registration: 8 a.m. at
Floyd County Friends Unity Center {Muncy}

Busses will depart at 8:20 a.m.

9:00 - 9:45 Tour Stop 1

"Sorghum Under Drip Irrigation"

Randy Henderson Farm
5 1/2 miles north of Lockney on FM 378

9:50 10:35 Tour Stop 2

"Demonstration using Dual Fuel Irrigation Wells"

Jeff Don Terrell Farm

1 mile west of Aiken on Hwy 70

10:40 - 11:25 Tour Stop 3

"Tour of the New Ethanol Plant"

White Energy Ethanol Plant

Hwy. 70 - East of Plainview

12:00 Noon LUNCH and Awards Presentation at the Unity Center

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Obituary

ALVIN JOYCE SCOTT
 Funeral services for Alvin Joyce Scott, 72, of Lockney were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at Bartley Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.
 He died September 1, 2007 in Lockney.
 He was born June 21, 1936 to William C. Scott and Lula Marie Lesperance in Gary, Oklahoma.



THIS WEEK'S

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 A new Women's Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 10th in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Lockney, at 7:00 p.m. "Wising Up.... a study in Proverbs will be taught on video by Beth Moore. All women of the community are invited!

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
 The Whirlwind Booster Club Meetings will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS cafeteria. Everyone welcome!

Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Lockney General Hospital District Board of Directors will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room of W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital at 320 North Main Street in Lockney, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2008.

The proposed tax rate is \$0.41206 per \$100 of value and would result in no increase in total taxes.

*** Taxes collected from Lockney General Hospital District are used to help pay for hospital operations and indigent and charity care. These taxes do not fund the clinic.**

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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on September 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., at the Administrative Offices of MMWA. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Jeffery Johnson, Edward Marks, Phillip Smitherman, Joe Adams and Gordon Lowrey.
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Jeffrey Johnson, Jimmy Kemp, Cory Hoelting and Dwight Ramsey.

The following table compares on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes on an average homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.2405/\$100 Adopted	0.2476/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0071/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+ / -)		+1.029%
Average appraised value	\$ 31,042	\$ 30,256
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizens or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 31,042	\$ 30,256
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 74.66	\$ 74.92
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+ / -)		+ \$ 0.26
and percentage of increase (+ / -)		+ \$ 1.003%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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Floyd County Church Directory

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<p>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. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>	<p>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening 6:00 p.m. *****</p>
<p>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. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>	<p>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. *****</p>
<p>CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>
<p>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. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>
<p>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 ... 6:30 p.m. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>
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<p>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. *****</p>	<p>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. *****</p>	<p>TEMPLO SALEM BAUTISTA Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez 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. *****</p>
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47. Broncos
48. Bills

**Hammond Sheet
Metal**
49. Texans
50. Chiefs

**Producer's
Coop Elevator**
51. Steelers
52. Browns

**Floyd County
Hesperian-Beacon**
53. Dolphins
54. Redskins

**DeBruce Ag
Services**
55. Jets
56. Patriots

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Official Entry Form

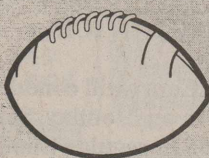
Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest

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Tie Breakers

circle winner and write total combined score in football

Lockney vs Sundown

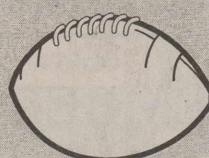


Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Floydada vs Slaton



Contest Rules

Any subscriber or purchaser age 7 or older is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week per person.

To play, circle the number of the teams you believe will win on the official entry form. To indicate a tie, circle the numbers of both teams playing the game. Also, write a guess of the combined total points to be scored by the two teams listed in each of the tie-breaker games.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 5 p.m. on Friday will be accepted. Photocopies and mail entries will not be accepted.

Three cash prizes are awarded each week. In the event of ties (the same number of correct games and equal scores on the tie breakers), prizes will be combined and shared equally by those tied. The tie-breaker scores will be used only to break a tie on the number of games correct.

Print your name and address plainly on the official entry form and double check your choices before clipping out the entry form and depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

Entries are limited to one per person per week. Weekly winners are limited to one per household.