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Missionaries' lives changed from work in Niger, Africa

By Jennifer Moore

She is a three year old girl but weighs only thirteen pounds. Her belly bulges out, her arms and legs are spindly and her hair is bright orange--indicative of kwashiorkor, a severe form of malnutrition.

But thanks to a missionary team from Floydada, and the help of others, this little girl was able to get help. She now sits in a hospital getting fed nutrient-enriched formula in an attempt to save her life.

On January 7, Lee Battey, Les Hall, Jerry Battey, Jim Covington, Laura Farris, and Elaine Magruder set off as missionaries from First United Methodist Church.

The voyage would end up changing their lives and the lives of many people some 6,300 miles away in Niger, Africa.

Leading up to their departure they met regularly to pray for each other and for the people they were going to see that they didn't even know.

"We learned how the Africans prayed and we wanted to live in their culture and not take our culture and do it our way," said Hall.

"The importance of the meetings were to develop a bond between the team members," said Lee.

"We all worked together when we were there," added Hall.

Upon arrival in Niamey, the capital of Niger, the group took a twelve hour bus ride into an isolated region where they would visit three different villages.

"One village we went to was so appreciative we were there they apparently took up a donation of whatever they had in the village and sent a man walking thirty miles to buy rice and black-eyed peas to feed us," said Covington.

"They don't eat that--that would be like us eating caviar,"

explained Covington. That meant they would possibly go without a meal that day or even longer.

Where they were their sole crop was millet, or bird seed. They'd cut the ends off to eat and use the straw to build huts. They wasted nothing.

The women would pound down the millet in old hollowed out tree stumps into a fine powder then it would be mixed with water to make a soup, gruel or paste to be eaten. The people ate only one meal a day and did not use forks or spoons.

In the village there were no real "jobs". According to Lee, the purpose of life was to survive and everyone works together to accomplish that.

"There, if you don't share you don't survive," said Lee.

Despite all this, "they were the happiest people you could possibly meet," said Jerry.

The group was provided with a translator, Samaila, a man from Nigeria who was reared Muslim but converted to Christianity.

According to Farris, it was not uncommon for Samalia to have many people living in his home after they converted to Christianity.

"If Samalia was ever to talk to someone about becoming a Christian then many times they were kicked out of their homes and would lose their jobs if they converted," said Farris.

"These villages we visited were so isolated," said Covington, "that their only hope of hearing the word of God is from the outside world. There is a desperate need for missionaries."

In only one village, out of the three they visited, did they find one person who could read or write. "That's why it is so important that the message continue to be brought from the outside," said Covington.

"They were like sponges. They were ready to listen to what you had to say and listen so intently," remembered Jerry.

The mission team held clinics to help the sick and as the word spread of their presence, the crowds multiplied. People would keep coming and coming, the lines never ended.

At one clinic, held at the house of Abdoulaye, a land manager (equivalent to a deputy sheriff) came and asked the host if he had gotten a permit to have a medical clinic at his house.

The group said it was a very intimidating situation. Abdoulaye spoke to the cleric at the Mosque to get permission to hold the clinic.

They did run out of medicine at one point but they went to the street pharmacies and bought drugs there for far less than in America. "We were able to treat almost everything we encountered," replied Lee. "Their pharmacies are often tin sheds which are locked up. The pharmacists, which are trained professionals, usually live out behind the shed."

In Maradi, a town about the size of Lubbock, they only saw one general hospital and a leprosy hospital (a hospital for lepers). The hospital was very clean but old with 3-4 doctors, usually running shifts with Doctors Without Borders.

According to the group, although the services were good, the hospital would be considered primitive by our standards.

Inside the hospital was 4 or 5 open wards (not private rooms) and people rested on cots instead of electric beds.

"Whether you got medical help depended on if you could afford it," stated Farris.

It was obvious this group was changed tremendously by their experiences abroad.

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FEASTING ON BANQUET--Money was raised among poor villagers to treat the Floydada missionaries to a banquet of rice and peas. Shown here enjoying the meal were: (l-r) Jerry Battey, Les Hall, Lee Battey, and Jim Covington. Courtesy Photo



LOOKING AT THE BIBLE--Although this villager in Dan Gobirawa could not read he was eager to look at the Bible. Courtesy Photo

Brag Page
Deadline is Today
January 31st

Lockney's Custom Framing closing shop

Although Laurie Hall will soon be closing her Main Street location for Laurie's Custom Framing, in Lockney, she will continue offering framing from home.

The business has been serving the Lockney area for 8 years and will officially close its store front the end of January.

"I've always had a huge interest in the medical field, and that coupled with my desire to do some short term mission work, or serve with disaster relief situations, made me realize that I needed to pursue a different career. Not much demand for custom framers in those situations" said Laurie. "So about a year ago, I made up my mind to pursue nursing so that I could one

day use that skill in mission work."

Laurie has been doing prerequisite work toward going through a 2nd Degree BSN program that is offered through Texas Tech University. If all goes according to plan, Laurie will finish in August 2009.

Laurie says she is very grateful to the community for their support through the years. "My framing business has been the perfect situation for me while my kids were in school," said Laurie. "But now I feel it's time to do something different."

Customers still needing Laurie's framing services can continue to reach her at 652-2021.



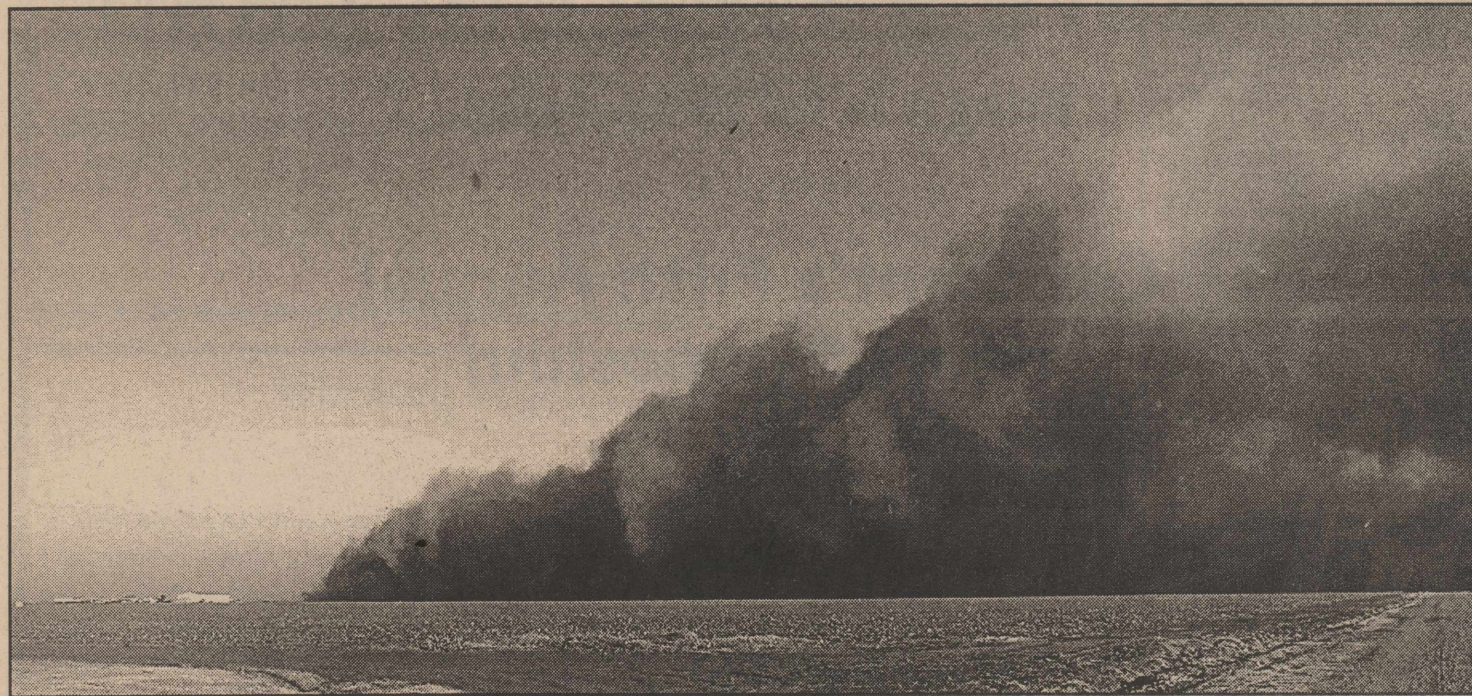
LAURIE HALL IN FRONT OF CUSTOM FRAMING

Fire Shower

A "fire" shower has been planned for Greg and Michelle Carthel who recently lost their home and belongings in a house fire.

The shower will be held at the First United Methodist Church, in Floydada, from 2:00-3:00 p.m., on February 10.

The Carthels lost everything so any household item would be appreciated.



A LARGE BURR FIRE on the Sandhill Highway, January 29, approximately 3 miles west of Floydada brought in firefighters around the area to try and keep sparks from spreading to grass and property. High winds carried thick smoke for miles and it was reported the home of Don and Lanell McCandless suffered smoke damage. Staff Photo



HIGH WINDS DOWNED POWER LINES in the Aiken area on Hwy. 2301, the morning of January 29. Peak gusts were registered at 59 mph at 5:20 a.m. Staff Photo



FLOYDADA FIRST NATIONAL BANK DONATES--David Patterson (right), FNB Board Member, presents a donation for \$2,500 to Lockney's former Police Chief Jerry Edwards, to be used for the Lockney Police Department. Staff Photo

A view from

The Lamplighter



By: Ken Towery

email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com

Bill Clinton has been accused of injecting race into the current presidential campaign. Heavenly day. Who, oh who, would have suggested such an outrageous thought?

Certainly, Bill Clinton might have had such thoughts go through his mind during the Democratic South Carolina primary of recent date, but to suggest that our first 'Black President' would resort to using race in politics, or gender, or religion, is completely ridiculous. How could anyone think such a thing of anyone so noble and pure as our former Democratic President.

And to suggest that Barack Obama, the offspring of a black Kenyan father and a white Kansas mother, might have motives less pure than the desire to "bring us all together" simply defies the imagination.

Still, there are those who think Clinton might have, in a moment of weakness, uttered something that might be construed by someone, somewhere, of being both political and racial.

But Bill Clinton is not the only person to have toyed with the racial issue in politics. Barack Obama is also guilty of saying something about race in politics. In fact, it is part and parcel of politics, along with economics. Those three issues, race, religion, and economics, are the reason for politics.

Race and religion are principle motivators in politics, and people who deny that are simply in a state of denial in their whole being. For as long as we can remember, and we have messed around with politics for a long time, the two subjects of race and religion have played principal roles in politics.

The role of race in black politics goes as far back in history as

money, with which it is tied closely. We can remember vividly when we tried to increase our black vote in Houston, Texas when we were running the Nixon effort years ago. Nixon had decided he was going after the black vote, which had a history of voting Democratic, as did the Jewish vote. His mother, after all, was a Quaker, and Nixon had been imbued with her Quaker philosophy. Probably one of the best kept secrets in all of politics was Nixon's love affair with blacks. He simply felt all people (except himself) ought to be treated the same, which cost him heavily within the black community, where many in leadership positions felt, or said, something special was owed.

At any rate, the Southern managers of Nixon's campaign met in South Carolina, at Callaway Gardens in the late 1970s, and tried to talk Nixon's people into our way of thinking. Quite frankly, we could see the race being lost, despite Humphrey's close association with the ax-handle-wielding Lester Maddox, Governor of Georgia. To no avail. Nixon would not even agree, his Washington managers said, (in the personage of one Fred LaRue, a former Louisiana operative who later went to prison in the Watergate mess) to letting up on the integration-segregation issue. Nixon had made his deal with Nelson Rockefeller of New York. All we got out of them was an agreement to support local schools, which were then the centers of activity for community life. We could, we were told, support the concept of using local schools as a means of reducing dependence on "busing" in furtherance of integration.

That was commonly called "school choice," in those days.

Race and religion, to repeat, are part and parcel of politics. Maybe they should not be, but they are. And as long as people are motivated in politics by what is important to them, race and religion will be part of the mix. Religion is part of why the Mid-East is in turmoil today, going all the way back to Abraham, who went down to Egypt and took an Egyptian concubine, only to cast her out, finally (in favor of his Jewish wife), with a promise that she would become the leader of a great nation. Bush has come down on the side of the Jews, as has Cheney, in the seemingly never-ending squabble between Jews and Muslims.

Evidently, in the current squabble over who is to become the Democratic nominee for President, the former President, Bill Clinton, has said some unkind things about the other front-runner, Barack Obama. What is supposedly at stake, in all the folderol, is where will the black vote go? Hillary, for whom the former President is campaigning, or Barack Obama, who is, at least visually, our first black potential Democratic nominee.

What is not so apparent, but which is nevertheless in the back of politicians' minds, is not the black vote at all, but what is now called the Hispanic vote. The so-called 'Hispanic' vote has long been the unknown in American politics. Traditionally Democratic, the vote of Hispanics has long been fought over by politicians of all stripes. It may come as a shock to many in today's politics, but there is very little love lost between those who vote

'black' and those who vote 'Hispanic'. My own involvement in the two racial groups had nothing to do, at all, with politics. It had to do with Christmas.

I had recently been promoted to Editor of the Cuero Daily Record. I thought, as a gesture to my hope that we would all have a harmonious relationship, that I would invite all staff members to our house for a Christmas party. It would be at my own expense. At that time we had an entirely 'Hispanic' makeup crew, an entirely black stereotyping crew, an entirely white Linotype crew, and a white front office and advertising crew. So, with great fanfare we made the arrangements. In the process, we ran into a snag.

Ben Hernandez, who was considered the leader of the 'makeup' crew informed me that if the blacks were invited, the Hispanics would not come. "We have to work with those people," he said of the blacks. "But we do not have to socialize with them." Much discussion followed, but they were adamant. We never had the Christmas party.

The episode at the Cuero Record of long ago is merely a microcosm of what goes on in life, and it will surface in politics.

Bill Clinton may fuss about it (he gets great t.v. out of it while deploring the entire subject), but he is as guilty as Barack Obama of using race in the affairs of people. He and Hillary have both used the racial thing as a means of political advancement, just as much as Theodore Bilbo or Lyndon Johnson. And that's saying a lot.

I, Ray Nell Bearden, endorse O.B. Smith for Commissioner of Pct. 1 in the March 4th election.

O.B. is a Christian and a member of Trinity Church. He is good to help people in their time of need.

O.B. knows all the roads and keeps machinery operating. He is familiar with commissioners court procedure and has studied county budget.

He is a family man that works hard to support his family. I have worked with O.B. the past 4 years. He is a valued employee.

March 4th vote for the honest man O.B. Smith.

Ray Nell Bearden
Commissioner Pct. I

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Missionary team returns

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Hall repeated often that it was an "Awesome trip!"

Jerry was a bit reflective stating, "You realize what you have at home--spiritual, physical and relationship."

Lee said simply, "Life changing!"

Farris said, "We received as much as we gave, if not more."

"From a farming stand point," said Covington, "when I miss a crop I cinch my belt up a little tighter. But they die when they miss a crop. If we do nothing, they die spiritually."

Lee put it eloquently when she quoted from her book, "My Home In Africa" by Isaac Denisen, (of which the movie "Out of Africa" was made) which said, "Anyone who goes to Africa leaves part of their heart there."

Her response to that... "I left my heart in Africa."

A presentation about the African trip will be held for the community at FUMC, Feb. 17th, at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited

Extension office plans diabetes classes

Diabetes is a serious illness. But the good news is, it doesn't have to be a life-threatening one.

Persons with diabetes can learn those good management practices at the Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes classes set for March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Classes are sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension in Floyd County at the County Extension Office meeting room. Two lessons will be taught each evening beginning at 5:30 with a 20 minute dinner break and classes end at 7:30. Registration for the classes is \$5 and is due February 22.

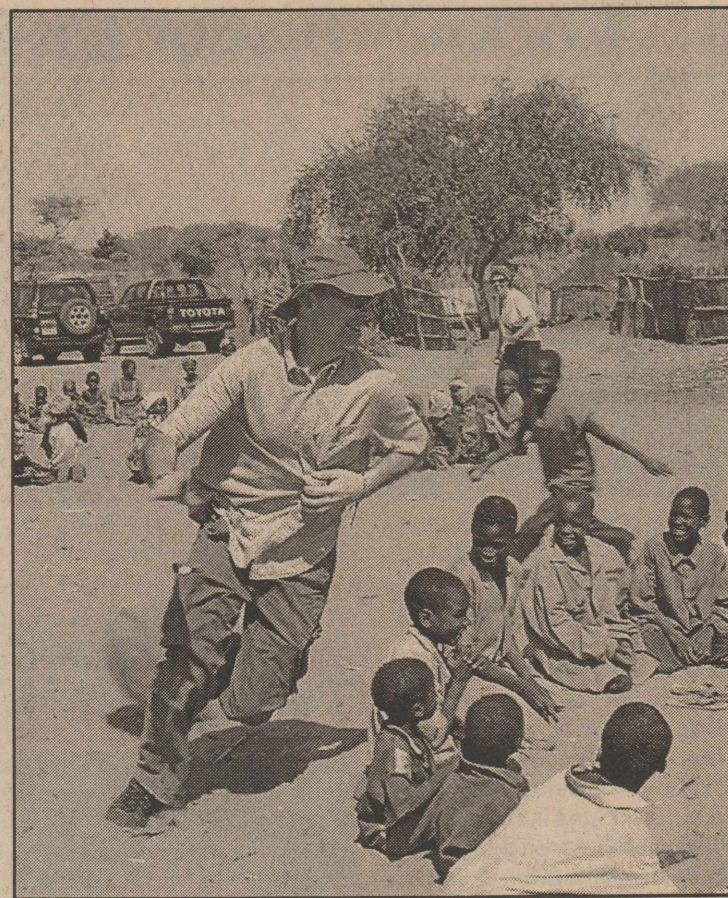
For information on the Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes program call 983-4912.



FLOYDADA MISSION TEAM--(l-r) Elaine Magruder, Jerry Battey, unidentified local driver, Les Hall, Laura Farris, and Lee Battey. Not pictured is Jim Covington who is taking the picture.



LEE BATTEY AND ELAINE MAGRUDER treat arm wound in clinic in Dan Kibiya. The walls of the clinic were made from millet stalks.



LES HALL (running) teaches local children in Dan Kibiya how to play "Duck, Duck, Goose." Courtesy Photo

Flu outbreak hits LISD

Washing hands often helps fight the spread of the flu

By Judy Macha

The flu bug has hit LISD. As of Monday morning, January 28, a total of 80 students were absent with the flu.

The Elementary campus reported 23 students out sick, the Junior High campus reported 18 out sick and the High School campus reported 39 out sick. More went home sick during the day.

Connie Barnett, LISD Health Provider, has the following advice for students and their parents: students should wash their hands often, cover their mouth

when they sneeze or cough and drink plenty of fluids.

Parents, if you suspect your child has the flu, please do not give him aspirin or medicine containing aspirin as this can lead to complications such as Reyes Syndrome. Check with your family physician.

Do not send your child to school if he is running a fever of 100 degrees or greater, has diarrhea or if he is vomiting.

Barnett said, "I cannot emphasize enough - wash your hands, wash, wash, wash!"

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DELIA SUAREZ
VOTER REGISTRAR AND
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Working Together To Fight Theft

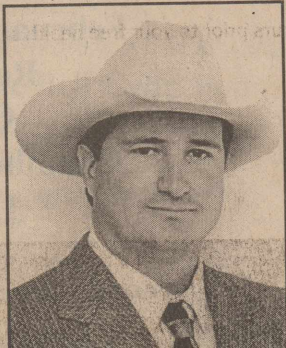
I have a plan to reduce crime in the county and to increase safety to the residents. This plan will implement and require policy change and not employee change in the beginning. The position of Sheriff requires a person with strong administrator skills; I will show that I have those skills to improve the quality of service in the county.

- If someone reports a theft, the Deputies will do a follow-up 30 days after the initial report with that person to let them know what is going on and how the investigation is going.
- Having a Sheriff's report in the newspaper every month listing total calls, and a break down of them.
- Working close with the Fire and EMS Dept in improving Dispatch.
- Having a Deputy available 24 hours to assist the Fire and EMS Dept.

Thank you for reading and I'll be listing more ways we can improve the county in the coming weeks.

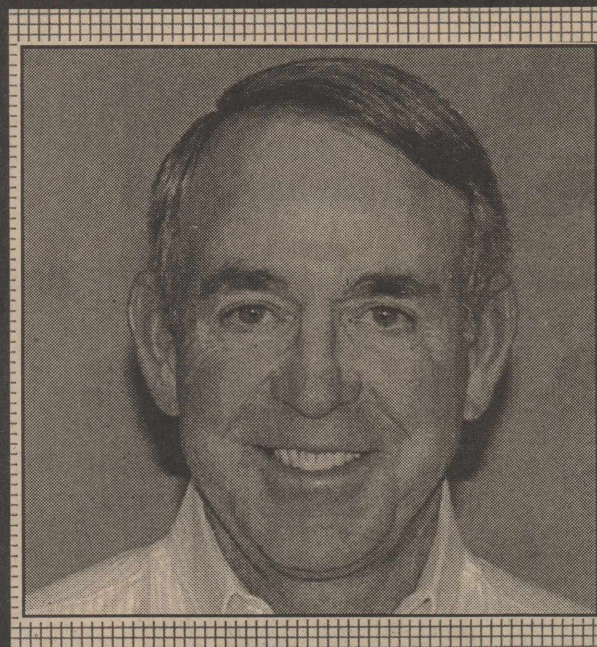
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Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

In the Senior Citizen's by laws it states that the Board Members will meet four times a year. The first board meeting for 2008 will be Friday February 1 at 4:00 at the Center.

Members of the board are President, Jr. and Gene Brotherton; Vice Pres. C.F. and Wanda Barber, Geneva Barclay, Gladys Bobbitt, Jerry Paul Cooper, Claude Brown and Walter Reves.

Wind, Wind and more Wind. Good Ole West Texas Weather. It was awful.

And would you believe I got out in this mess. I went to the Center to eat lunch today (Monday) cause Wanda cooked a great lunch with pecan pie for dessert that is to die for. So Yummy. Wanda wants me to thank Johnnie Mac and Denny Quisenberry for all the good pecans they have given to the Center. Wanda cooked for 52 today (Monday)

Be sure and check the menu for the week and make plans to eat at the center. You won't find any better food anywhere. Call 652-2745 by 9:30 a.m. if you plan on eating with her.

Monday our guest were Charles and Ailene Williams of Tulia. Ailene said they had to come to Plainview to get some potting soil to put out some onions and always if they are this close to Lockney they don't miss coming to the Center to visit.

Madonna Jack Schacht came over with her Mother Flora Lee Jack from Plainview to eat with

us, quilt a bit on Madonna's quilt that the quilters have up and to go out to Flora Lee's house and do a bit more cleaning. Flora Lee has moved to the Plainview to the Santa Fe House.

Her address is 3404 S 5th St, Apt 118, Plainview, Tex 79072 Her telephone #806 291 0994.

Another dear friend of mine, Retha Wofford thought it was time for her to move to Lubbock to be closer to her children. Her address is 4601 71st Street, Apt # 214, Lubbock, Tex 79424. Her telephone# is 799 2440.

Please keep these ladies in your thoughts and prayers while they start a new and exciting time in their lives.

Herschel and Wanda Harston ate lunch at the Center Monday and said they were going out to Prairie Chapel to visit Molly and Charles Huffman. Molly is now at home under the care of hospice. So I followed the Harstons out there. Molly was asleep but I think she heard me telling her I was praying for her. Molly died Tuesday morning.

Since I was out that far I went on out to Providence to see Louie. I forgot my cell phone so I couldn't call him to see if he was home and sure enough he was in Lockney. I went on over and had the nicest visit with Otero Scheele. I had a good time out even though the wind was so bad. Then I stopped by the Lumber Yard and visited with Linda, Ricky and Jerry. I wonder if they miss Donnie as much as I do cause he was down there every day before he got sick.

Please put the following people on your prayer list. Florine and Hurl McCoy parents of Virginia Stapp. They both are having serious health problems. Boyce Mosley is having pain in his back and legs. Lonnie Hooten is having pain in his feet from rheumatoid arthritis. J.R. and Maye Belt are having various health issues. Roy Turley is recovering from hip surgery and is now in rehab, David Jackson is recovering from surgical procedures. Robert Daniels is having nerve and muscle problems with his right side.

Wanda Harston had a surgical biopsy is looking at having to take some chemo.

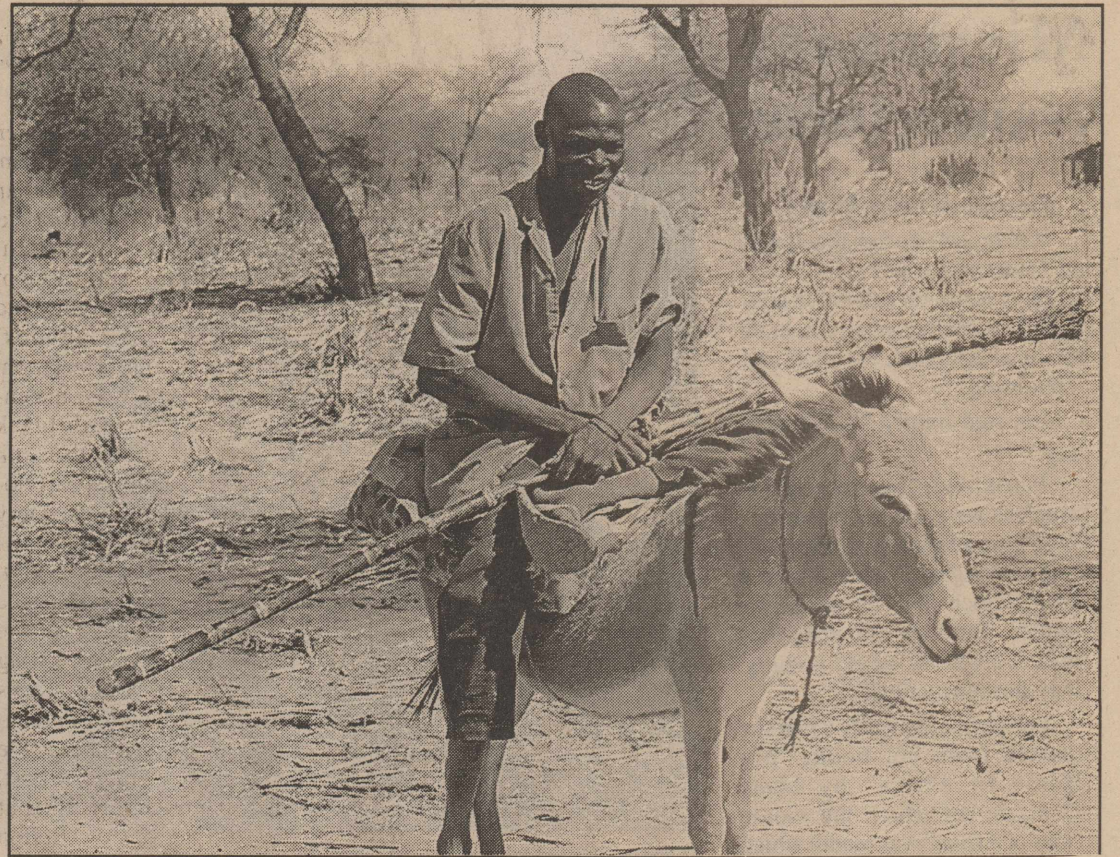
Others who are suffering from cancer related issues are Sandy Bailey, Judy Griffith, David Frizzell, Mary Louise McCarter, Freda Davis, Milton Schaeffer, Jr. Poole, Lahoma Rowell Clower, Mary Reves, My son-in-law Gary Faries will be going to M.D. Anderson in Houston on Friday for further evaluation on his melanoma cancer. He has a drain in his lung now all the time.

I know I am probably leaving some one off of the prayer list but please believe me when I say if I did it isn't intentional.

Thought for the day: Bad things happen to good people all the time.

Menu

February 4 - February 8
Mon: Soup and cornbread
Tues: Chicken strips
Wed: Turkey and dressing
Thrs: Hamburger steak
Fri: Nachos



VILLAGER OF DAN GOBIRAWA TRANSPORTING SUGAR CANE
 Courtesy Photo

Floydada Rehab Birthdays

February 10-17 is the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week and Jill and Jake Bramlet are using the occasion for their 4-H Community Service Project.

The goal is to deliver a Valentine Card to every U.S. Veteran that is hospitalized.

Jill and Jake are asking teachers, scout leaders and parents to encourage their kids to get creative and make Veteran Valentines Cards a group project.

The cards that are made will be delivered Saturday, February 9th, to the patients at the Amarillo VA Care Center.

When you have finished making your Valentines please contact Jill or Jake Bramlet at 652-2322 and they will pick them up so that they can deliver them Saturday, February 9th.

They have chosen to deliver the Valentine Cards to the Amarillo VA Care Center because it is providing the special care their Papa needs because of his dementia. He is a veteran of the Korean War.

More than 5.4 million veterans received care in 2007 at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliary, and nursing homes.

There are more than 900 VA outpatient clinics.

There are more than 98,000 veterans who are cared for every day.

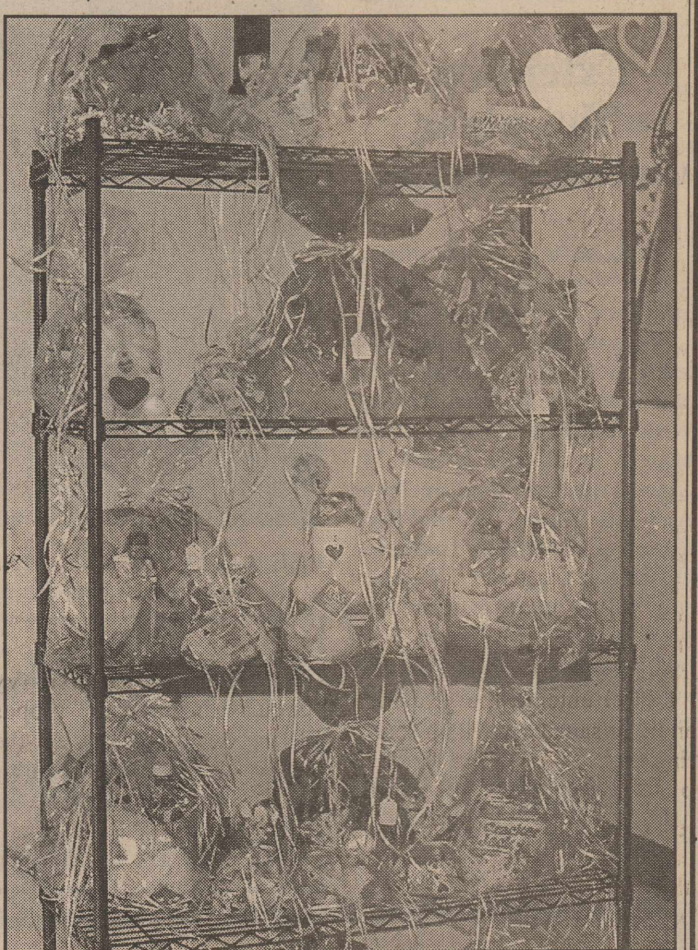
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Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margaret Word

Breakfast served Saturday morning at the Center, January 26, was a success. We appreciate your support in this fund raiser for the Center. We hope to do this every month.

Tuesday, January 22, my Sunday School Class gave our teacher, Wanda Turner an 80th birthday luncheon in the home of Willie Mae Ferguson. Everyone brought a birthday card and a salad. We had very good salads and good fellowship. Those present were Wilma Colston, Wilma Gowens, Dorothy Turner, Gleva Smith, Ardis Daniel, Charlene Alldredge, Charlene Brown, Ferne Anderson, Mary Quattlebaum, Willie Mae Ferguson, Margaret Word and Wanda Turner. A beautiful crocheted table runner with "Turner" was given to Wanda Turner.

Evelene Goodnight is home after spending a couple of months in Nevada with her daughter.

James and Sue Lovell have just returned home from a trip to Yuma, Arizona to visit James' sister Gladys Fritch. After a few

days there they drove on to California to visit Sue's sister, Lu Artz. After that visit they returned to Yuma for a few more days of visiting then drove home and were at the Center Monday, January 28.

Visitors Monday January 28 at the Center were Herman Taylor and Emagene Stansell of Lubbock. They enjoyed seeing and visiting with friends.

Happy birthday to those who have a February birthday:

Feb. 2 - Jackie Gregory; Feb. 9 - Jean Kendrick and Maria Bueno; Feb. 10 - Sue Sewell; Feb. 12 - Margaret Soudilier, Frances Weathersbee, Dr. Charles Craig, Buck Johnson and Gordon Hambricht; Feb. 13 - Martha Farris; Feb. 14 - Edd Henderson; Feb. 19 - Wayland Fortenberry; Feb. 20 - Lida Smithey; Feb. 23 - Cleo Whittle; and Feb. 26 - Oleta Wilson.

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

In memory of Billy Don Colston - Vonceil Colston.

In memory of Kay Crabtree - Jane Pruitt, Genelle breed.

In memory of Wiley Griggs - Jane Pruitt.

In memory of Sally Galloway - Jane Pruitt.

In memory of Audrey Spence - Genelle Breed.

Thought for the week - With age, I have aches and pains, but I'm alive and not bitter, especially when the alternative I stop to consider. - Bob McDowell.

Menu

February 4 - February 8

Monday-Ham with pineapple, black-eyed peas, tossed salad, roll, brownies

Tuesday-Hot turkey sandwich, ranch potatoes, spinach salad, fruit.

Wednesday-King ranch chicken, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit salad

Thursday-Beef stir-fry, steamed rice, Chinese vegetables, roll, sugar cookies

Friday-Oven roasted brisket, au gratin potatoes, steamed squash, roll, peach cake

Please remember to pray for our country, its leaders and the soldiers who so bravely fight and sacrifice for us all.

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital congratulates Mary Suarez for being selected as **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.**



Mary Suarez, pictured on the right, is receiving her award from her manager, Shelda Rogers. Mary is the supervisor of the medical records department.

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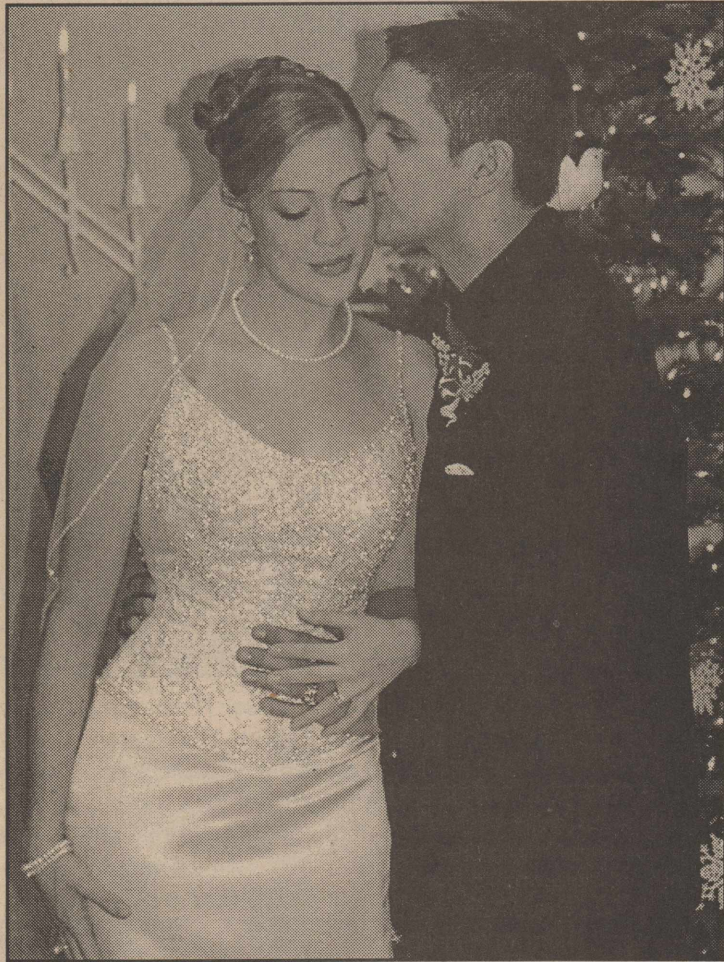
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Tatum and Helms exchange wedding vows



MR. AND MRS. TREY HELMS
Nee Laurel Tatum

Laurel Whitney Tatum and Jordan Trey Helms were united in marriage 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2007, at Graham Chapel Church of Christ, Post, Texas. The double ring ceremony was performed and officiated by Graham Chapel Preacher David Joyner of Lubbock.

Laurel is the daughter of Tim and Leslie Tatum of Post. She is the granddaughter of Ted and Barbara Tatum of Post, Charles and Mary Mannis of Lake Brownwood and great-granddaughter of Imogene Stone of Post.

Trey is the son of Kary and Jeanine Helms of Floydada. He is the grandson of Adrain Helms (and the late Ann Helms) and Bill and Dell Gray, all of Floydada, Alan and Donna Ulrich of Lake Brownwood and the great-grandson of Gene Anderson of Salem, Oregon.

Laurel entered the glowing candle lit sanctuary with a sparkling smile. As she made her way up the aisle on the arm of her father, the "Wedding March" was beautifully performed acoustically by Bill and Steven Short of Post, friends of the bride.

Appearing as a "starlet" from past Hollywood days, Laurel was a striking bride. She selected an elegant gown of café Italian silver satin from the collection of Allure Couture. Bejeweled with Swarovski crystal and silver beaded straps, the bodice featured a scoop neckline in front while swooping into a V-neckline in back and was embellished with a swirling floral filigree motif further embellished with Swarovski crystal and silver beading. The soft Basque waistline allowed the mermaid skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a chapel length train finished with satin covered buttons with beading intermittently placed, cascading into a delicately beaded design to echo the look of the bodice. Complementing the dress was a finger tip length veil of café Italian silver tulle edged with Swarovski crystals which she wore in her gorgeously sculpted upswept curls in a French knot secured at the back with pearl hairpins. She wore pearl drop earrings, a bridal gift from her parents, a double-strand pearl bracelet belonging to her mother, and a choker style pearl necklace, a wedding gift from the groom, completing her elegant attire. Laurel carried a spectacular full arm bouquet of silk long stemmed antique pearl floribunda roses accented with deep indigo ranunculus and azure baptisia stems, along with pearl sprigs and silvery green foliage hand tied with satin ivory ribbon and adorned with a crystal and pearl brooch. The bride's father handmade all of the beautiful bouquets, corsages and bouton-

nieres for this festive occasion. In the bridal tradition, she chose the brooch carried in her bouquet as something old, her wedding gown and veil as something new, something borrowed was her mother's pearl bracelet, and something blue was her garter, handmade by Jane Mason, a family friend.

As her father and mother gave her hand in marriage, Laurel and Trey were joined under a glistening lighted arch adorned with white doves, holiday greenery, strands of pearls, peacock feathers and snowflakes. Adding to the illusion of the winter theme, the front of the sanctuary was ornamented with various sized Christmas trees swagged with twinkling clear lights, white doves, strands of pearls and white tulle along with tall candelabras draped with white tulle, while the pews were adorned with festive isle markers of English ivy topped with hurricane globes glowing with candles. As the guests were being seated, they were treated to a slide show of the bride, groom and their families and a memorial presentation of loved ones was also viewed.

As the grandparents and parents were being seated, the music of "Edelweiss" was heard in the background. The couples' mothers, Leslie and Jeanine, embraced one another at the front of the aisle to light the two side unity candles, signifying the joining of the two families. A special memorial candle was lit for the groom's late grandmother, Ann Helms, by the groom along with his brother Tyler, his father Kary, and his grandfather Adrain.

Escorted by groomsmen, the bridesmaids entered the sanctuary to beautiful acoustical music of "Pachelbel's Canon in D", also performed by Bill and Steven Short. Laurel's attendants included matron of honor Lindsey Tatum of Lubbock, sister-in-law of the bride, Cassie Boskas of Lubbock, friend of the bride, Kylie Easterling of Post, friend of the bride, Brityn Helms of Floydada and Halie Helms of Canadian, sisters of the groom, and Katelynn Short of Post, friend of the bride. They were outfitted in various styles of black cocktail length dresses, pearl earrings, a gift from the bride, and carried arm bouquets of long stem silk flowers of antique pearl floribunda roses matching the bridal bouquet.

Joining Trey as his groomsmen were his brother and best man, Tyler Helms of Floydada, Jordan and Cass Tatum of Lubbock, brothers of the bride, Paul Marmolejo of Floydada, friend of the groom, Nathan Young and Trent Weesner of Lubbock, friends of the groom. The groom and his attendants wore matching black tuxedos with black shirts, vest and ties with a silk boutonniere of antique pearl floribunda rosebuds with greenery sprigs on their lapels. Ushers included Jacob Reddy, Jason Nutt, Lionel Garza, and Adam Zepeda of Floydada, friends of the groom. They wore black long sleeved shirts, ties and slacks with a silk boutonniere of greenery sprigs. Serving as the candle lighter was Alex Miller of Post, cousin of the bride. Presiding at the guest registry was Tori Barton of Lubbock, friend of the bride and groom.

A prayer was offered for the couple by the bride's brother, Jordan Tatum followed with music by Bill Short. "Annie's Song" was performed with his son, Steven, also accompanying him on his acoustical guitar. Following the marriage vows, the unity candle was lit by the bride and groom as Jason Nutt performed "Just like that...", a song he wrote for the couple. Following the exchanging of rings, the couple was pronounced husband and wife. They happily left down the aisle to the tune "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash, performed by Steven Short, accompanied by Bill Short, which cheerfully garnered chuckles from the many guests. The couple invited everyone to the reception at the Post Community Center, hosted by the bride's parents.

The festive holiday ambiance was complimented by various twinkling lighted Christmas trees and hanging icicle snowflakes. The tables were adorned with silky ice blue and black table runners (hand-made by the bride's mother, Leslie) along with crystal vases filled with glass beads, tall white birch branches, and various sizes of crystal candlesticks.

The fabulous four-tiered bridal cake of cream and pearlized silver confections resembled vintage hat boxes with detailed scroll work adorned with seed pearls and roses, ivory satin ribbon and an antique silver, pearl and crystal brooch. The top was crowned with a delicate array of antique pearlized silk roses. The dazzling bride's table glistened with lighted Christmas trees, crystal candleholders, hanging white tulle with scrolled iron mini chandeliers and a beaded crystal star along with sparkling mosaic glass adornments. Honor attendants for the bride's table included Shannon Rasbeary, Ashley Bufo, and Dionn Heckaman, friends of the bride.

Delectably appearing at the groom's table was a whimsical three-tiered black and white harlequin confection with one layer resembling tuxedo shirts. The topper was an assortment of black silk flowers with silver luminous stars springing out of the top. The groom's table was complimented by a black iron scrolled candelabra, a picture of the bride and groom, along with coffee and cream puffs, while being handsomely adorned by a black Ralph Lauren embossed table cloth. Hanging above the table was a display of black iron scrolled mini chandeliers accented with candles and mosaic glass adornments. Honor attendants for the groom's table were Kendra Covington and Reagan

Heflin, friends of the groom. The guests were also treated to tables of food including meat, cheese, fruit, vegetable and bread trays along with fresh strawberries with melted white chocolate flowing from a chocolate fountain. Sparkling glass apothecary jars were filled with various candies and marshmallows to enjoy, while bubbling ginger ale with cider flowed from a punch fountain. Iced snowflake sugar cookies and cinnamon hot wassail was also enjoyed.

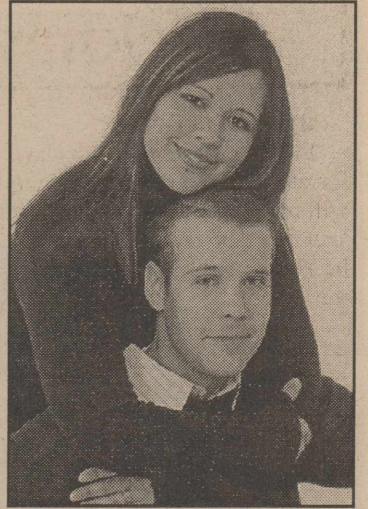
Honor attendants for the appetizer tables included co-workers and friends of the bride's family. Highlights of the reception included a song by the bride's sorority, Christliche Damen, and groom's fraternity, Koinonia (sister and brother social clubs) where they sing a ritual song and drink milk and chocolate milk in mugs, then the bride has to "Drink, drink, drink" her milk as they cheer her on. It was a delight to see the fellowship of these young Christian adults. At the traditional throwing of the bridal bouquet, the bouquet was caught by Katelynn Short and the bridal garter was caught by Tyler Helms. The bride and groom then changed into their going away attire. Then they left the reception through a glowing display of silver sparklers, enjoyed by the couple and guests.

On Sunday evening, December 30, 2007, the groom's family hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Historic Hotel Garza in Post. The guests were treated to a delicious dinner of pork loin, chicken breast with wild rice and all the trimmings. The toast was given by the groom's brother, Tyler. For the special occasion, sparkling green apple wine with a picture of the couple on the bottle was enjoyed, a gift from the groom's grandparents, Alan and Donna Ulrich.

Other Pre-Nuptial courtesies extended to the couple included a household shower in the home of Amy Easterling of Post; a household shower in the home of Sherese Covington of Floydada; a Christmas ornament shower in the home of Jeanine and Brityn Helms of Floydada; a lingerie shower given by Laurel's sorority, The CD's in Lubbock; and a Bridal Brunch at the Historic Hotel Garza in Post, hosted by Jeanine, Halie and Brityn Helms, Donna Ulrich and Tori Barton.

Laurel, a 2006 graduate of Post High School, is currently attending Lubbock Christian University pursuing a degree in Visual Communications toward a career in Interior Design. Trey, a 2006 graduate of Floydada High School, is currently attending Lubbock Christian University pursuing a Business degree toward a career in Culinary Arts.

Following a honeymoon cruise to Florida and Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will be making their home in Lubbock.



LACI MARTINEZ AND ZACHARY HAYS

Martinez and Hays

Thelma and Joe Martinez of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Laci, to Zachary Taylor Hays.

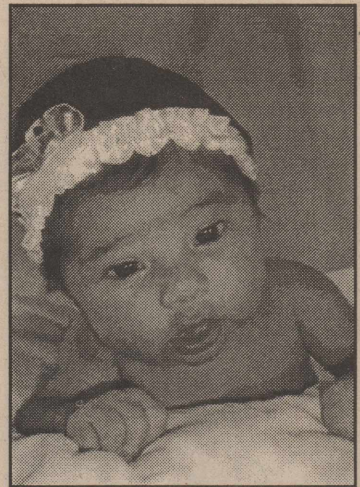
Hays is the son of Thelma and David Hays of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Floydada High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance and will be receiving a degree in Management. She is employed at B&W Pantex.

The prospective groom graduated in 2001 from Palo

High School. He received a Bachelor degree in General Studies from West Texas A&M University and was awarded Outstanding Marketing student and Outstanding Economics Student. He is employed at Amarillo National Bank.

The couple plan to wed March 22, 2008 at South Georgia Baptist Church.



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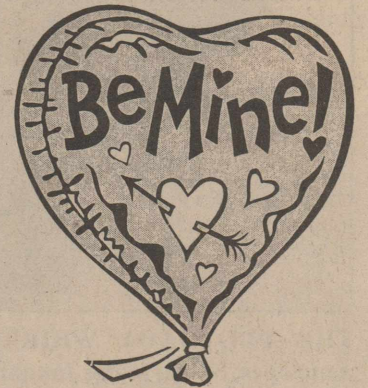
Diego is very proud and excited to announce the birth of his baby sister Alejandra Isabel!

Proud parents are Juan and Elizabeth Martinez. Alejandra was born 6:40 a.m. December 27, 2007 in Plainview, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds 8.4 ounces and was 19 inches.

Diego Ismael is her big brother. Grandparents are Jaime and Maria Cuellar and Juan Martinez, all of Floydada.

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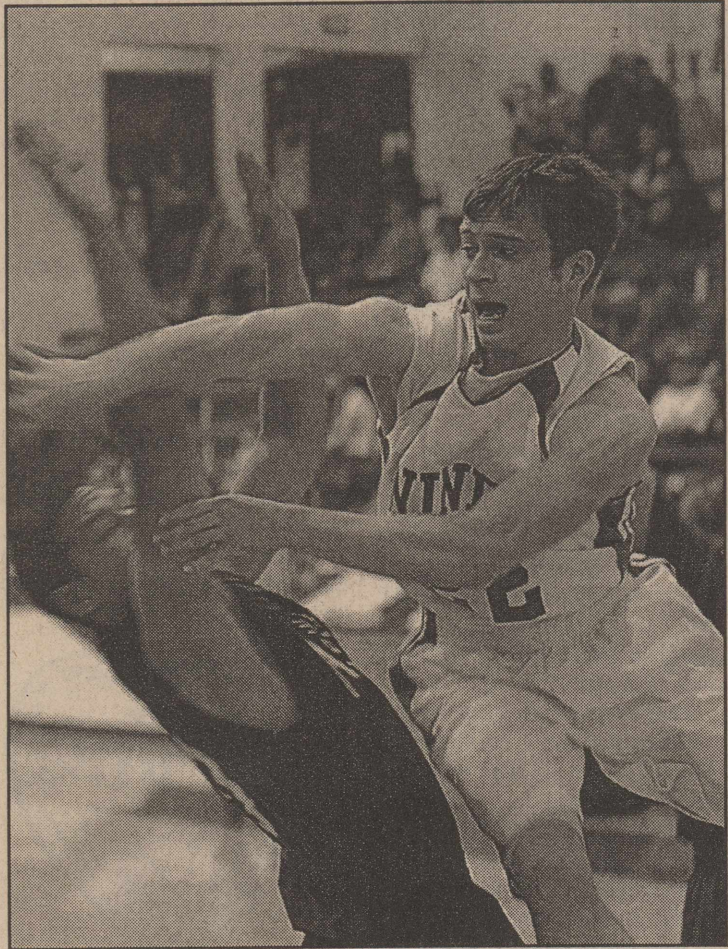
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PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS: (Back, l-r) Matthew McGowen, Emery Herrington, Rachel Graham, Stephanie Chavarria, Destry Faulkenberry; (front, l-r) Mark McGowen, Eddie Dunn, and Jacob Chavarria. The Floydada Scouts had their Pinewood Derby, January 26 at the Massie. There were 20 cars racing.

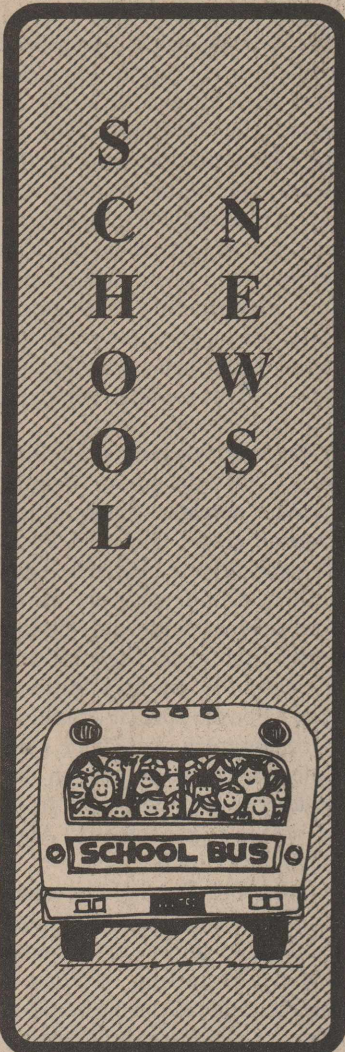


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THE FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS beat the Abernathy Antelopes, 38-33, in the January 25 game.

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Floydada School Menu

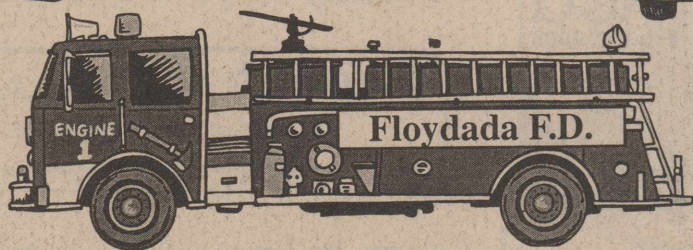
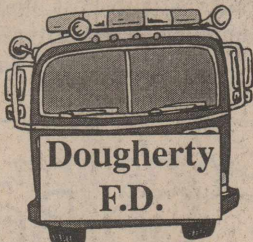
- February 4 - February 8**
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Lunch-Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple and orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk
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Breakfast-Sausage, toast/jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
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Breakfast-Waffles with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk
Thursday
Breakfast-Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, quick baked potatoes, baby carrots w/Ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk



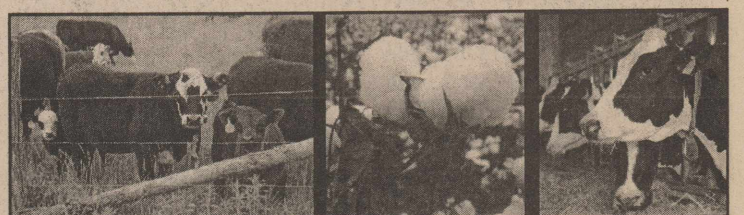
THE LADY WINDS lost to Abernathy in overtime, 55-57, January 25th.

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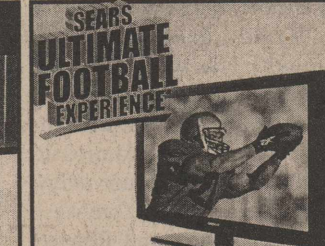
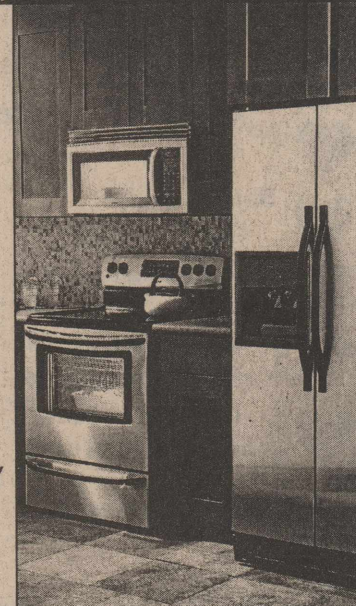
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2007-2008 FJHS WHIRLWIND 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM--(Back row, l-r) Coach Ayala, Hector Martinez, R. J. Gomez, Anderson Weeks, Coach Hester; (front row, l-r) Andrew Perez, Trey Keese, Ben Alvarez, Jose Martinez, Haden Lipham, A. J. Lopez, Cole Covington.
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LOCKNEY SHORTHORNS 7th grade girls basketball team--- (back, l-r) Esperanza Garcia, Shayla Vasquez, Mary Sammann, Lindsay Stewart, McKenzie Kemp, Rayann Race, Gabby Peralez and Coach Young, (front, l-r) Stacey Jimenez, Taylor Rose, Rubina Cruz, Susie Salas, Kelsie Stennett, Kimberly Castaneda and Kelli Guerra.
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LOCKNEY SHORTHORNS 8th grade girls basketball--- (back, l-r) Coach Young, Katalina Araujo, Syann Foster, Logan Edwards, Quinn Jackson, Anissa Reyna and Cassandra Ascencio (front, l-r) Stacey Rodriguez, Delores Luna, Jennifer Ybarra, Tanya Hernandez, Cassandra Jimenez and Sunny Williams.
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LOCKNEY SHORTHORNS 8th grade boys basketball team--- (back, l-r) Jonathan Sustaita, Steven Fernandez, Rex Mathis, Chris Hinojosa and Marcus Bernal, (front, l-r) Landon Kidd, Dylan Afill, Riley Teeter, Alejandro Salazar and Jonathon Molina.
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LOCKNEY LADY HORNS Junior Varsity girls basketball team--- (back, l-r) Shialo Huerta, Kaci Armstrong, Devin Caballero, Janie Martinez, Tessa Saul, Mercedes Aday, Robbie Reyes and Abigale Garza, (front, l-r) Coach Schumacher, Daniella Morales, Valerie Cuellar, Kortny Williams, Shaneque Wilson, Maria Castorena and Coach Schumacher, (front, center) Toni Morales, manager.
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LHS does well at UIL meet

By D'Lyn Morris
Thirty-one Lockney High School students competed in the Red Raider Invitational Academic meet Jan. 19 on the Tech campus and earned several first place team and individual awards.

In Accounting, the team of Leah Ford, Caleb Schumacher, Angel Cruz, Daryn McCarter and Senee Foster placed 3rd, with Senee earning 6th place with her individual score.

The Calculator Applications team of Saray Flores, Anna Sherman and Jonathan Coleman finished 3rd with Jonathan receiving a 5th place individual medal.

In Computer Applications, A.J. Jimenez, Tessa Saul, Billy Lee, and Alisha Damron finished 1st as a team. Alisha placed 4th, A.J. finished 5th, and Tessa earned 6th place.

The Lockney Computer Science team of D.J. Hernandez, Chris Rodriguez, Chase Thompson, and Bryan Cooper won 2nd place in the written contest with Bryan placing 5th with his individual score.

The Journalism team earned 1st place honors overall and had several top finishes in each contest. Lauren Stewart won first in Editorial Writing, Audrey Collins placed 3rd and Saray Flores finished 6th. Lauren also took first in Feature Writing, Audrey 2nd, Sarah Garza 4th and Saray Flores 5th. In Headline Writing Lauren earned another 1st place finish, Audrey 4th and Saray 6th. In News Writing, Lauren earned 2nd place, Audrey 3rd, Saray Flores 5th and Sarah Garza 6th.

The Literary Criticism team of Desiree DeLeon, Emily Prayor, Anna Sherman and Alisha Damron, placed 1st and Alisha's individual score was the top score of all school divisions.

In Mathematics, Zach Montandon, Bryan Cooper, Caleb Schumacher, and Lezlie Jackson earned 3rd as a team and Lezlie was the 5th place individual.

The Number Sense team placed 1st and consists of Caleb Schumacher, Angel Cruz. Lezlie placed 1st overall and Caleb was 2nd as individuals.

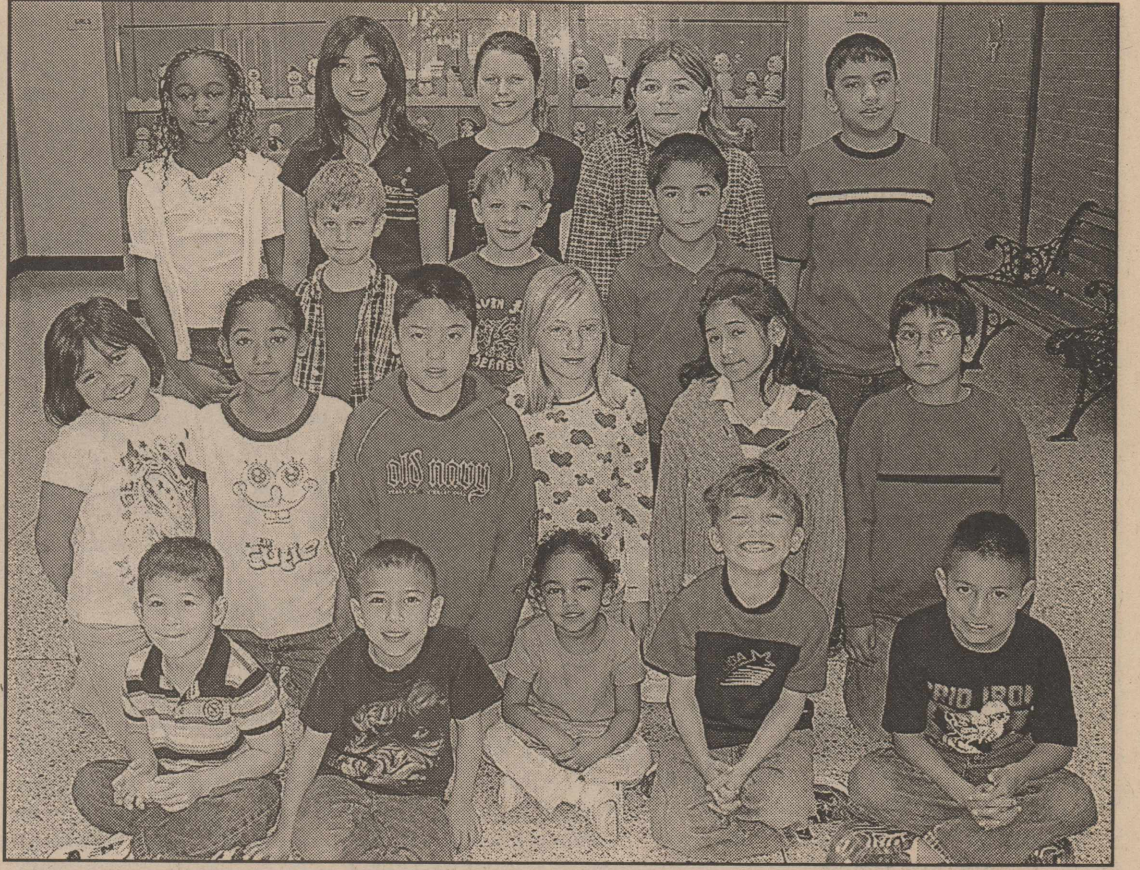
In Ready Writing, Bridgit

O'Connell placed 2nd and Haven King placed 4th.

Lockney's Science team won 2nd place with Lezlie Jackson, Adrian Cortez, and Bridgit O'Connell as the top scorers. Chase Thompson, Chris Rodriguez, Renee Cruz, Kami Hunt, Billy Lee, Joshua Silva, and Patrick Doucette also competed in the science contest.

Patricia Rios took the Social Studies test.

Pam Fulton coaches Accounting and Number Sense. Danny Huggins coaches Calculator Applications, Mathematics, and Computer Science. JC King is the Journalism and Ready Writing Coach. Jolee Dietrich coaches Computer Applications, Leshia Woodward is the Literary Criticism coach and D'Lyn Morris coaches Science. This was the first meet for many of these students and they competed exceptionally well. We are very proud of their efforts and look for great improvements and continued success at future meets and in district competition March 25 and 26 in Lockney.



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 1-28-08, (back, l-r) Lajohntae English, Merrie Lamas, Sarah Belt, MARRISA CLINE, Alejandro Martinez, (third row, l-r) Clay Moore, Jonathan Sammann, Monte Mendoza, (second row, l-r) Mariza Alonzo, Kiara Williams, Trey Lucero, Rachel Sammann, Marisol Hernandez, Rolando Guerrero, (front row, l-r) Caleb Pritchard, Tuff Araujo, K-Ci Williams, Fernando Valdez and Lee Jimenez. Staff Photo



Fifth grade holds annual economic fair

By Judy Macha
Lockney fifth graders lined the interior of the elementary gym with their booths for the Elementary Economic Fair Thursday, January 24.

The young entrepreneurs determined what they would sell in their booths and how much to charge, then set to work baking,

creating, setting up or ordering the goods to display their ingenuity at the Fair.

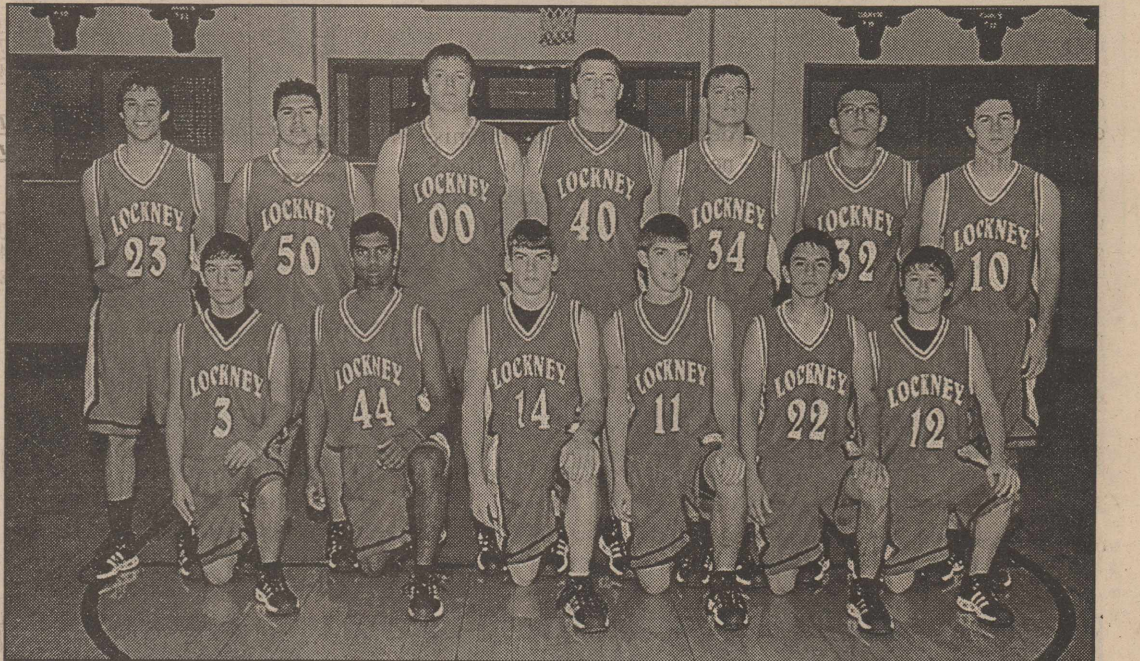
Other students, teachers and the general public were treated to a wide variety from which to choose. Booths included such things as hand made crafts; "Bomb the Fifth Grader" (pie in the face); time playing the inter-

active computer game, Guitar Hero; many different baked goods and drinks; small school supplies such as pencils; and one booth offered hand crafted "marshmallow pop guns".

All in all the Fair was a success and the students involved enjoyed learning a lesson in American Capitalism.

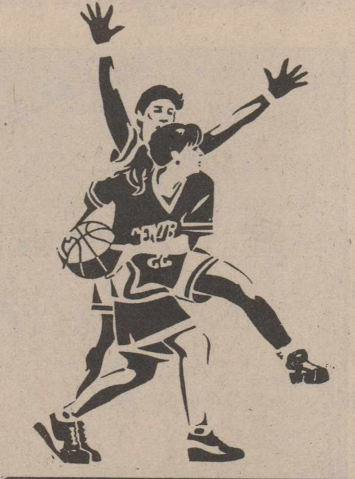


LOCKNEY LADY HORNS Varsity girls basketball team--- (back, l-r) Carol Chavez, Mallory Johnson, Segayle Foster, Brittany Mathis, Melissa DeLuna, Coach Schmucker, Jennifer Ricones, Ashley Valdez, Toni Morales and Laura Fulton, (middle, seated, l-r) Senee Foster, Coach Schumacher and Courtney Long, (front, seated, l-r) Lezlie Jackson, Heather Brock and Bethany Wilson. Photo by Hall Photography



LOCKNEY LONGHORNS Varsity boys basketball team--- (back, l-r) Alston Becker, Adrian Cortez, Caleb Schumacher, Tanner Morris, Brett Johnson, Chris Castorena and Konner Ellison, (front, l-r) Angel Cortez, Jonathan Coleman, Nolan Armstrong, Daryn McCarter, James Mercado and Matthew Rendon. Photo by Hall Photography

Lockney Menu	
February 4 - February 8	Lunch -Steak patty or chicken patty, potatoes, green beans, fruited gelatin, wheat roll, milk
Monday	Thursday
Breakfast -Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk	Breakfast -Oatmeal or cereal, Toast, juice, milk
Lunch -Baked chicken or ham, potatoes, green peas, pears, wheat roll, milk	Lunch -Chicken noodle soup or grilled cheese, salad, peaches, crackers, milk
Tuesday	Friday
Breakfast -Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk	Breakfast -Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch -Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk	Lunch -Hamburger or tuna sandwich, baked fries, salad, apple slices, milk
Wednesday	
Breakfast -Waffle or cereal, toast, juice, milk	



Lockney Powerlifting Schedule		
February	7	Sudan
February	23	Roosevelt
March	8	Regionals, Levelland
March	29	State, Abilene

'Horns fight against antelopes

By Lisa Becker
The Lockney Longhorns took on the Abernathy Antelopes Tuesday, January 22nd. Lockney came out strong the first quarter and jumped to an early 13-9 lead. The Antelope quickly recovered and took the lead at half time 31-23. Post Caleb Schumacher put in 6 points in the third but Abernathy came out strong in the fourth to take a commanding

lead. The final score gave Abernathy the win 59-42. High scorer for Lockney was Caleb Schumacher with 10 points followed by Angel Cortez-8, Alston Becker-7, Chris Castorena-6, Brett Johnson-5, Jonathan Colman and Matt Rendon with 3 each. Friday, January 25th, the Longhorns traveled to Shallowater. The Mustangs

made four 3 point baskets in the 1st quarter to take the lead 17-9. Shallowater controlled the boards the whole game and collected a 64-37 win over the Longhorns. Scoring for Lockney were Chris Castorena-11, Brett Johnson, Jonathan Colman and Angel Cortez- 6 each, Alston Becker-4, Tanner Morris-2, Caleb Schumacher and Matt Rendon- 1 each.

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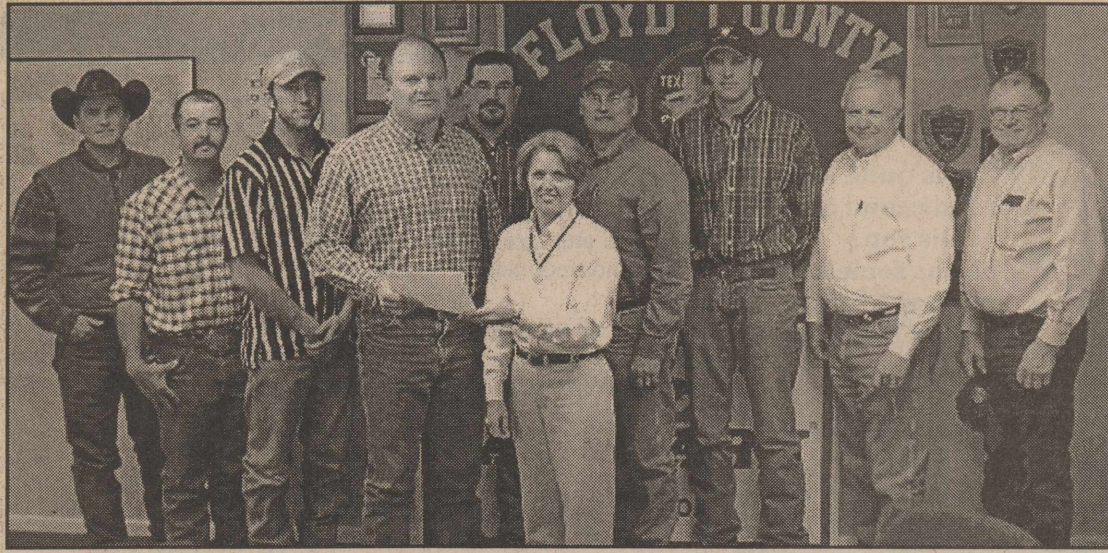
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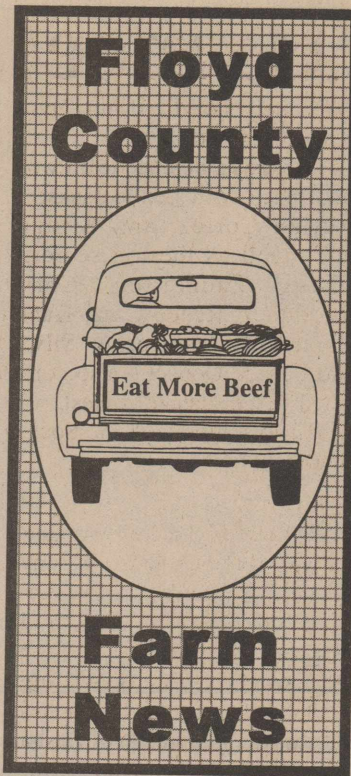
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We are asking the Lockney community to please nominate candidates for Citizen of the Year, (Individuals, couples, families or business). Please do so by the February 12 deadline. You may bring your nomination to : J&K Insurance Office or Chamber President Denise Doucette or mail to Lockney Chamber of Commerce - P.O. Box 477 Lockney, TX. 79241

Lockney Track Schedule		
Date	Junior High	Varsity
March 6	Hale Center	
7		Hale Center
13	Dimmitt	
14		Dimmitt
17-21	Spring Break	Spring Break
27	Roosevelt	
28		New Deal
April 4		District, Lockney
5	District Abernathy	
25, 26		Regionals, Abilene
May 9, 10		State, Austin



FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK--County Judge Penny Golightly (center right) signed a proclamation declaring February 3 through February 9 as Food Check-out Week in Floyd County. The proclamation was brought to the Judge from the Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau. The proclamation is based on Agriculture Department statistics, Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week marks the date when average Americans will have earned enough income to pay for their entire year's food supply. In recognition of this Floyd-Briscoe County Farm Bureau is commemorating the fact that America's food supply is the safest and most affordable in the world.



CALF SCRAMBLE WIN--Tylee Jo Williams of Lockney, a Floyd County 4-H member, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the January 26, 2008 evening performance of the Rodeo at the 112th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. Parents of the winner are Ty and Nikolyn Williams. Tylee is shown here with Calf Scramble Committeeman and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Edward P. Bass. Courtesy Photo

By Shawn Wade



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By Shawn Wade

Now that Congress has returned to Washington, the next stage of the farm bill development process is also on the verge of getting started as the House and Senate Agriculture Committees begin the process of "confereing" the two different versions of the 2007 farm bill passed by those bodies.

Looking back at how we arrived at the last leg of the 2007 Farm Bill's marathon development process shows that at this time last year the Bush Administration was just about to unveil its' vision of future farm policy.

A year later the finish line is finally in sight as House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders press forward to complete the legislation and send it to President Bush's desk before a current funding extension expires in mid-March.

Despite not having many of their specific ideas incorporated into the bills that were passed in House of Representatives and United States Senate, the Administration has continued to voice its concern and work to make changes in certain areas of the developing legislation.

As Congress moves forward with the process of working out differences between the House and Senate bills, the Bush Administration is still pushing for significantly stricter program payment eligibility provisions.

Also high on the Administration's list of things it wants to see changed are the "pay-for" provisions that will provide additional money to fund important new programs benefiting specialty crops, conservation and nutrition programs.

The Administration's position on these issues has been voiced repeatedly since Congress adjourned just before Christmas and includes an ongoing threat of

a Presidential veto if these items are not fully addressed in the confereing report.

Outside of Washington the message emanating from agriculture organizations is that the Administration needs to think carefully before vetoing the reconciled version of the 2007 Farm Bill. When complete, the final bill will have passed both Houses of Congress and include many significant reforms in program eligibility and payment limitations as well as making historic new investments in other areas.

On the Senate side of the equation Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA), and Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D-ND) have both noted the importance of continuing to have a dialogue with the Administration on these issues in hopes of developing a bill that everyone can support.

Conrad, who was in Lubbock, Texas, January 25 participating in the 1st Annual Meeting of the Southwest Council of Agribusiness, said earlier this week that Administration officials are "very inflexible" in their demands when compromise is needed. He added that the Senate Finance Committee was looking at alternative revenue proposals that he hoped would ultimately prove acceptable to the Administration.

The farm Bill was an obvious source of discussion during the January 24 confirmation hearing for Agriculture Secretary nominee Edward Schafer of North Dakota as well.

Schafer is a former two-term governor of North Dakota and could be confirmed as secretary as early as next week.

If confirmed, Schafer will become head of the Agriculture Department in the midst of contentious negotiations on the \$286

billion bill passed by both the House and Senate last year. Schafer also said that he hoped he could help "narrow the differences" on the Farm Bill.

"I know the President wants to sign a new farm bill this year," said Schafer, who offered to work with Congress to resolve the impasse over tax increases and tighter subsidy rules for the farm bill.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN), who has met on several occasions with Administration representatives to discuss their concerns, says that an Administration veto would do nothing but set the stage for U.S. farm policy to revert back to the underlying permanent law embodied in the Agriculture Act of 1949.

During a January 22 conference call with reporters, Peterson

said, "If the House-Senate conference committee reconciles the House and Senate bills by March 15, we would send the farm bill to the White House and the president would sign it or we would go to permanent law. It would be as simple as that."

Peterson also noted that, "All three of us — the House, the Senate and the Administration want to get this done." He summed up the situation by saying, "The White House says it wants a bill 'sooner rather than later. But it has not been willing to move on these key issues."

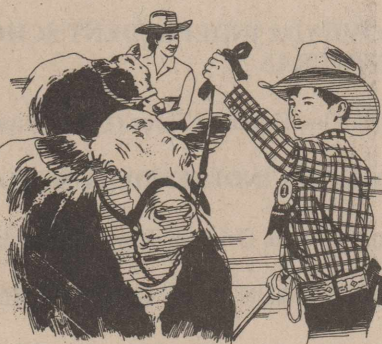
At the end of the day, the final product of the conference committee will in large part determine whether or not the Administration will soften its position and sign this very important legislation.

2007-CROP HIGH PLAINS COTTON QUALITY SUMMARY

Week Ending January 24, 2008:					
Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	90,520	21+	2.54	35.86	
Lubbock	146,617	21+	2.68	35.95	
Mike					
Strength					
Uniformity					
Bark					
Lamesa	4.20	29.47	80.72	7.6%	
Lubbock	4.03	29.34	80.62	6.9%	

Season Totals To Date:					
Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	1,124,021	21+	2.36	36.05	
Lubbock	3,264,864	21+	2.45	36.01	
Mike					
Strength					
Uniformity					
Bark					
Lamesa	4.20	29.84	80.87	5.7%	
Lubbock	4.06	29.58	80.62	2.7%	

Source: USDA AMS Cotton Division



Cotton Market Weekly A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade settled higher Thursday on consumer and speculative buying as fiber contracts rebounded strongly from a fall to a five-week low. The market decline was in reaction to concerns of an economic recession earlier in the week.

"Implied is that consumption will decline due to a slowing U.S. economy, but I feel that the decline will be vastly outweighed by the coming drop in planted cotton acreage," an analyst explained. "While emotions can guide equity markets for weeks, and sometimes months, commodity markets only trade on emotion as long as supply/demand fundamentals allow it. Reality sinks in quickly when raw material prices reach levels where they can profitably be bought and converted into goods whose prices have yet to fall apart," he concluded.

The number of acres planted to cotton in the United States has dropped sharply in the past three seasons with government reports forecasting further declines in 2008. The eastern and far western portions of the Cotton Belt still are in a major drought <http://drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>, and the south central region is experiencing a relatively dry winter. If the dryness persists, it could influence whether winter wheat is kept until harvest, adjust spring crop planting decisions, and ultimately erode crop yield potential. Texas, often the maker of trends rather than the follower, could be the exception to the rule of lower

cotton plantings in the upcoming season.

"I expect approximately 9.2 million acres to be planted to cotton in the U.S. this season," a Texas-based market observer said. "Cotton prices will have to either rally this winter to defend acres, or they'll have to rally this summer to buy them back. I'm sure we'll still lose a substantial number of cotton acres in the United States, but Texas acreage will remain stable."

Meanwhile, cotton acreage in Oklahoma is not expected to match the 320,000 acres planted in 2006. Many Oklahoma cotton producers lost their crops in a crippling drought that year as only 180,000 acres were harvested. Producers planted wheat once the damaged cotton had been plowed under, and many have found it difficult to switch back to the fiber crop. USDA reported in January that 165,000

acres of Oklahoma cotton was harvested in 2007. According to observers, early indications are that Oklahoma will recover some cotton acreage, and at the very least will match the acreage planted last year.

Further north, USDA's January crop production report forecast Kansas farmers will harvest approximately 43,000 acres of 2007-crop cotton, less than half of the 110,000 acres harvested the previous year. The amount of cotton that will be planted in 2008 is, at this point in the season, highly uncertain. Ginners are confident that many farmers will return to planting cotton, especially in arid western Kansas, because input costs such as fertilizer and irrigation are much higher for grain crops. Observers in Oklahoma say producers probably will plant approximately 50,000 or 60,000 total acres to cotton.

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BRINGING IN THE HARVEST--Maradi women carrying in millet stalks. The heads of the millet stalks will be cut off and eaten while the straw will be used to build huts. If anything remains it will be burned for cooking. Courtesy Photo



TREATING THE ILL--Lee Battey is checking a lady with an eye infection. They are very common in Africa because of the flies, lack of hygiene and constant exposure to the sun. Courtesy Photo

MY DAD

By Edward Marks

My dad is quite a guy,
And I'm proud to be his son.
For he has something gold can't buy,
A love as bright as the sun.

A better man I never knew,
And guess I never will.
Because men like him are few,
And I think he's pretty swell.

Small in size but big in heart,
This grand old man of mine.

I just think he's pretty smart,
and men like him are hard to find.

He fought life's battles with dignity and grace,
And sometimes life was no fun.
But always with a smiling face,
Yes, I'm proud to be his son.

Love Fund

A Love Fund for Helen Coleman has been set up at FNB in Floydada to help with the funeral expenses of her husband, T.J. Coleman Jr.

Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon

Public Notice

NOTICE TO ACCEPT BIDS

Floydada ISD will accept bids for two (2) houses to be moved. Bidders may bid on both houses or bid individually on a house separate and apart from each other. Bids must clearly indicate which house(s) the bid applies to.

These houses must be moved from the property within 45 days of the bid acceptance and the lot must be cleaned to the surface where the house was located. These houses are located on the properties of:

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Bids are due to FISD Central Office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. FISD Board of Trustees will consider the bids at the regular February 21, 2008 Board meeting.

Terms of settlement will be on a cash basis only and payment in full will be due upon acceptance of the bid by the FISD Board of Trustees.

FISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

For more information, please contact Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent, during regular business hours at:

FISD Central Office
226 W. California, Floydada, Texas 79235
806-983-3498

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF FLOYD

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of FLOYD County in the following cases on the 28th day of December, 2007 and on the 8th day of January, 2008 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11:00 a.m. on the 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said FLOYD County, in the City of FLOYDADA, Texas, the following described property located in FLOYD County, to-wit:

Cause No. 5296-TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CERVERA JULIO & GAVINA

All of Lot Number Fourteen (14) in Block Number Twenty-five (25), in the Town of Floydada, in Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5471-TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS DELGADO MATEO & JESSIE DELGADO

All of Lots Seven (7) through Eleven (11), both inclusive, all in Block Number One (1), in Morris Subdivision, an addition to the Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5494-TS FLOYD COUNTY VS FLORENCIO JOSE A & BLANCO ELVIA

1.0 acre tract out of the West part of the West One-Half of the Southwest Quarter of Survey Forty-two (42), Block D-6, Certificate No. 74, D & P Railroad Company, Abstract No. 1661, situated in Floyd County, Texas (CONTRACT FLOYD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR ADDITIONAL METES & BOUNDS)

Cause No. 5431-TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. GARZA MARGIE & RICHARD CONTRERAS

All of Lot Thirteen (13), Block One Hundred Three (103), Original Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5448-TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS GARZA TROY

All of Lot No. 5 in Block No. 13 of the Original Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5464-TS FLOYD COUNTY VS GOEN GARNET

TRACT 1: Part of Lot Number Ten (10), in Block No. One Hundred (100), in the Original Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

TRACT 2: Lot Number 10, Block Number 12, Original Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5481-TS LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS GREEN MARGIE N S & LINDA SHUGART

All of Lots Numbers 14, 15 and 16 in Block No. 3, in A. J. Byars Addition to the Town of Lockney, in Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5483-TS FLOYD COUNTY VS HERNANDEZ FRANK

All of Lots Numbers One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), all in Block Number Seventy-six (76), in the Town of Floydada (Floyd City), in Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5460-TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS MENDOZA RAUL & DIANA

All of Lots Ten (10), in Block "A", in Andrews Addition to the Town of Floydada, in Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5496 FLOYD COUNTY VS NICHOLS EDD MRS

Lot No. 4 in Block No. 122, Original Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5489-TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS NUNEZ LUCIA

All of Lot Nine (9), in Block One (1), Honorhea Addition to the Town of Floydada, in Floyd County, Texas

Cause Nos. 5530-TS AND 4677-TS CITY OF FLOYDADA VS PORTER ROBERT

All of Lot Ten (10), Block Thirteen (13), Original Town of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas

Cause No. 5428-TS FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS ZAVALA CRUZ

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Sheriff, FLOYD County, Texas

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 104 E. California, Floydada.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Caprock Community Action is taking applications for the 2008 CEAP Year. Applications will be taken at 701 East Lee in Floydada.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EDYTHE CLARKE, Deceased, were issued on January 22, 2008 in Cause 5792 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

W. O. CLARKE

The address of such person is:

P.O. Box 158
Lockney, Texas 79241

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

DATED the 22nd day of January, 2008.

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For the taxes that I pay because it means that I am employed.
For the mess to clean after a party because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.
For the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
For my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
For all the complaining I hear about the government because it means that we have freedom of speech.
For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.
For my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
For the lady behind me in church that sings off key because it means that I can hear.
For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.
For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.
For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.

Obituaries

MOLLY JEAN HUFFMAN
Services for Molly Jean Huffman, 72, of Lockney is pending with Bartley Funeral Home in Plainview. She died Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at her residence. She was under hospice care.

TOM MELVIS LOWRANCE
Mel died peacefully at his home on January 12, 2008.

He was born January 8, 1938 in Floydada, Texas. He graduated from Floydada High School and attended the University of Texas then graduated from Wayland Baptist College.

In 1962 he followed his twin brother, Jack to Menlo Park, Ca. where he found employment with Bank of America. He then went on to become the editor for Social Sciences Text Book with Addison-Wesley Publishing Company in Palo Alto, Ca. In 1972, after assisting his brother Jack who had started an interior design studio, Mel decided to open his own business as an interior designer.

In 1988 he moved to Los Angeles where his residential projects included works in Rancho Mirage, Ca., Los Angeles, Ca., Rancho Sante Fe, Ca., London, England, New York, NY., and Houston, Texas. He was a member of ASID and for several years a Co-Chairman of the Divine Design Charity event for DIFFA, LA and Project Angel Food. He received awards from DIFFA and Project Angel Food for outstanding service.

Mel will always be in the hearts of his family, dearly loved friends and respected colleagues.

He is survived by his twin brother, Jack of Los Angeles, Ca., his older brother, Olon of Chino, Ca., Tiny Lowrance, (widow of Gene Lowrance), his niece, Kim, his nephew, Van, his nephew, Clay and his loving companion of 42 years, Sidney Otto.

Interment will be at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. A memorial of life celebration is pending. Donations may be made to Tower Cancer Research Center, 9229 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Ca., 90210.

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THIS WEEK'S

LOCKNEY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Lockney Beautification Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church. Anyone interested in the new decorative street lights for downtown is encouraged to attend this meeting.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Whirlwind Booster Club will meet Monday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FHS HOMECOMING/ REUNION 2008

Plans are now underway for the 2008 FHS homecoming. Look for a late Sept./Oct date to be announced. Check our website at: www.floydadawhirlwinds.org (You can even see your class picture).

We need your help in updating and notifying all FHS graduates. So please send an email to: frankpotts@hughes.net with your name (include maiden name), address, phone number, graduation year, and tentative number attending the reunion.

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NORMA LINDA REA

Our beloved wife, mother, and sister, Norma Linda Rea, 47, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

Norma Linda Rea was born April 21, 1960 to the late Santana and Modesta (Rodriguez) Perales in Alice, TX. Norma was a life long residence of Lockney; she attended public schools and graduated from Lockney High Schools. She married Neptalie Rea on January 28, 1983 in Lockney, TX.

She loved to cook; she also loved being involved with her daughter and sons school activities. She also enjoyed going with her husband while he was out in the farm driving the tractor or just being outdoors. Norma also enjoyed her job as a part time caretaker. She was a full time wife and mother; and a member of the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Always busy with a mission, Norma was never tired of giving to her loved ones. From tending to the garden and preparing her loved ones favorite dishes.

Mrs. Rea is survived by her husband of 24 years, Neptalie Rea; her son, Alejandro Rea; a daughter, Candelaria Rea, all of Lockney; six brothers, Juan Perales and wife Maria and Daniel Perales, all of Lockney, Jose Perales and wife, Maria of Maxwell, NM, Cruz Perales and wife, Maggie of Victoria, TX; Arnoldo Perales and wife, Adelina of Plainview and Rene Perales of Palestine, TX; four sisters, Angie Zapata and husband, Genaro, Maria Huerta and husband, Lupe, and Anita Lopez, all of Lockney and Joann Rangel and her husband, Miguel of Floydada.

Mrs. Rea is preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Graciela Perales.

Rosary services were from 6-8 p.m., Sunday, January 27, 2008 at San Jose Catholic Church with

Father Jim McCartney officiating service.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 2 p.m. at San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney with father Jim McCartney officiating. Christian burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

GERTRUDE SUMMERS

Funeral services for Gertrude "Grandma" Summers, 90, of Plainview were held Monday January 28, 2008 at Lemons Memorial Chapel. Rev. Don Robertson officiated. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

She died January 23, 2008 in Plainview. She was born to Walter and Myrtle Pierce July 21, 1917 in Thomasville, Missouri.

Local survivors include daughter and son-in-law Wanda and Herbert Dudley of Lockney.

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THIS WEEK'S

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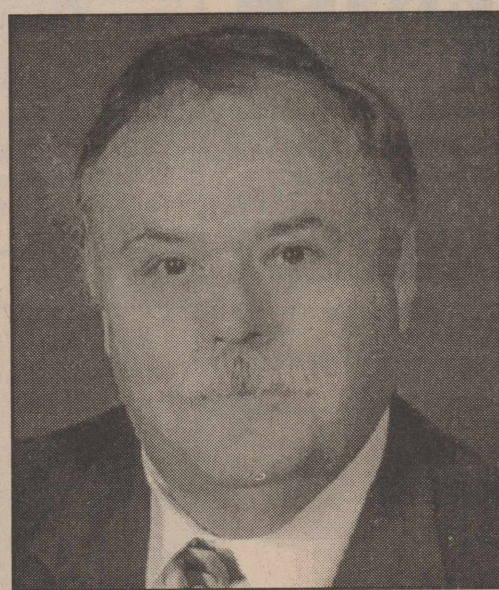
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1 Corinthians 13:7-8

The first, second and third grade Cub Scouts would like to thank officers Jason Fry and Trevor Mathis for giving them a law enforcement demo last week. The demo on finger printing and police equipment will fulfill requirements for advancement. Thank you very much.

Curtis Emert



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A Gospel Meeting

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Location: Main Street Church of Christ, Lockney

Date: Sunday thru Wednesday, February 10th thru 13th

Meeting Times:

Sunday 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM
Monday 7:00 PM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

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.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
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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
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Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
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Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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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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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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