

HIGH WINDS CAUSE DESTRUCTION--The Chappell and Long Building faced severe damage after high winds Tuesday and Wednesday. Staff Photo

High winds cause bricks to fall from downtown building

By Jennifer Moore
If you've been downtown to the corner of California and 5th you might have noticed a little change in the facade of the Chappell & Long Building. There is a huge pile of bricks lying in front and it is roped off. It houses Nick Long State Farm, Darla Chappell, CPA and KFLP. Nick Long and Darla Chappell, co-owners of the building, didn't decide to give it a makeover. Unfortunately, it was more of a construction project done out of necessity. "It was a combination of two factors," said Long, "the deterioration of the mortar on the brick and the high winds on Monday and Tuesday."

At the top of the building which is about 25 feet tall, on the west end towards American State Bank, the bricks were pulled 4 inches away from the wall. Only ten bricks actually fell but, "we're just glad no one got hurt," replied Long.

Gilbert Navarro Construction of Crosbyton is currently working on the wall. They are removing the brick which will be replaced by a different type of facing Long reported.

Long would like to express his appreciation to Daryl Gooch and the City for how cooperative they have been. Also thanks to Walter Davis and TxDot for providing different things.

Sign-up for local elections nears

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Brotherton; Dist. #2, currently held by Tina Graves; and Dist. #3, currently held by J.D. Copeland. LISD: The LISD office will be open Feb. 11 to pick up applications. On the ballot will be At-Large, currently held by John Quebe; and Pct. #5, held by Boyd Jackson.

Lockney Hospital District: Two At-Large positions, currently held by Bill Sherman and Embre Douglas, will be on the ballot. Applications can be picked up in the Administrative offices, Feb. 11.

Courtroom Activities

In County Court, January 22, 2008, the September 5, 2006 Theft case against Genevieve E. Sims was dismissed.

A September 6, 2006 charge of "Duty on Striking Fixture" against Joe Alexis Lopez was dismissed.

On January 25, the March 23, 2007 Official Oppression charge against Michelle Araujo was dismissed.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
We wish to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who worked so hard during the wildfire last Tuesday. If not for their courageous and prompt actions we would not have our home and possibly even our lives. To all the volunteer firemen who got here so fast and risked their lives and worked tirelessly in a very dangerous situation, we thank you. To our neighbors and county workers who brought tractors and graders to keep the fire from spreading, we thank you. You are heroes and one of the greatest blessings that this community has.

To all our friends and family who offered us their homes, their

RV's, and even one lake house to stay in until we can get back into our home, we thank you. To all the people who took the time to stop and say they have been thinking of us and praying for us when they saw us around town, we thank you. To the people who called and offered to help us any way they can, we thank you. To the people who left messages of concern and encouragement on our answering machine, we thank you. We are tired, but we are counting our blessings and we feel very lucky to be here. And by that we mean that we are lucky to be HERE in this wonderful community of Floydada, Texas!

Most sincerely,
Don and LaNell McCandless

Lions Pancake Breakfast to help Softball Team

The Floydada Lions will have a dual fundraiser, February 9th, with their annual Radio Day and a new Pancake Breakfast at the Massie.

While some of the Lions will be broadcasting over the airwaves on KFLP's 900 AM channel, other Lions will be cooking up pancakes at the Massie, from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will be split with the new Girls Softball Team to

help them get their first season started.

Dine-in or delivery will be available for the breakfast. Pancakes will be \$4.00 per plate.

Proceeds from Radio Day will go towards supporting Floydada charities and also: Lions Crippled Children's Camp, eyeglasses for local children, local scouting programs, local youth activities, the Lions Diabetes Camp, and the Lions Eye Bank.

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Let's Keep Paul Raissez As Our Floyd County Sheriff

We, the following members of Law Enforcement and First Responders in Floyd County appreciate the hard work and dedication Paul Raissez has demonstrated as our Sheriff. We ask that you support and vote for Paul on March 4, 2008.

<p>Darrell Gooch Reuben Ramon Trevor Mathis Jason Fry Ruben DeLeon</p>	<p>Lockney Police Dept. Casey Wallace (Lockney Police Chief) Jerry Edwards (Ex Lockney Police Chief & Now Deputy Sheriff) Jason Lancaster (Police Officer) Lennie Gilroy (Ex Lockney Police Chief & Reserve Police Officer)</p>	<p>Lockney Fire & EMS Joe Marks Rodney Hunt Abel Luna Lonny Hooten Bryan Thomas Casey Lambert Adrian Luna Sergio Solis Donnie McLaughlin</p>
<p>Gary Brown Randell Sims Chad Guthrie Larry Guthrie Jason Pyle Brett Turner Roel Cisneros Cowboy Wiley Clay Lowrance Billy DuBois Dinks Eckert Rhonda Guthrie</p>	<p>Floyd Co. Sheriff's Dept Cory Speed (Deputy) Daniel Spain (Chief Deputy) Regina Gonzales (Dispatcher) Alicia Turner (Office Deputy) Alyssa Bennett (Dispatcher) Heather Graham (Dispatcher)</p>	<p>Floyd Co. Constable Ray Macha</p>

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Lady Winds dominate on the road

By Mark Styles

The Lady Winds travelled to Lockney Tues. and played one of their best defensive games of the year. Holding Lockney to 9 points in the second half, the Lady Winds won 35-30. Floydada led 9-8 after the first quarter.

This was huge because they had been playing from behind in all the previous 8 district games. Lockney took the lead at halftime 21-19. After a tight, defensive struggle in the 3rd quarter the Lady Winds led 24-23 after three.

The Floydada Lady Winds outscored the Lady Horns 11-7 in the last quarter to claim the victory.

Leading Floydada in scoring was Megan Aleman with 18 points. Blanca Suarez had 5, Jennifer Leatherman 4, Morgan Norrell 3, Whitley Walker 3, and Laken Reedy 2. Tara Hughes and Whitley Beedy, and Brianna Weeks made some key defensive plays to enable the Lady Winds

to win on the road. This was the first time in 7 years that Floydada had beaten Lockney at Lockney. Great job ladies.

The Floydada Lady Winds hit the road again Friday to Littlefield.

This was a very physical game. The Lady Winds held their own and earned a hard fought 40-38 win over the Lady Wildcats. Leading the way for the Lady Winds was Jennifer Leatherman with 11 points. Brianna Weeks had 9, Whitley Walker 9, Megan Aleman 6, Blanca Suarez, and Whitley Beedy 2.

Morgan Norrell, Tara Hughes, and Laken Reedy led the defensive charge. The Lady Winds turned to the outside game as scoring inside was at a minimum. The Lady Winds connected on 4-3 pointers in the half to lead 16-12. The Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 26-24 lead after 3 quarters. The Lady Winds would not be denied in this game as they outscored Littlefield 16-12 in the timely rebounding and defensive

pressure on the basketball.

These last two games have been a total team effort. We have really grown as a basketball team this year. We are playing our best basketball at the end of the season and that is the ultimate goal - to improve every time you step on the floor. This had been a very enjoyable group to coach because they play hard every night. If you have not seen these girls play they have had some nail biters. The last 8 games have been 7 points or less with two overtime games and two 2 points games. This is how close and tough our district is. Great job Lady Winds. We are proud of you.

Our last game against Shallowater played on Tues, Feb. 5th, will be covered next week. fourth quarter. The Lady Winds had not shot a free throw in the first three quarters, but connected on 7 of 12 in the 4th. The Lady Winds victory was aided by some



THE LADY WINDS beat the Lady Horns in the Longhorn Gym, January 29, 35-30. Photo by Jim Covington

FJHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

By Sarah Hinsley

On Monday, January 28th the Floydada 7th grade girls travelled to Littlefield. The girls still have a lot of turnovers but they are playing better as a team. The final score was 39-15 with Littlefield winning.

Anna Delafente scored 3, Abby Vargas scored 4, Malorie Alaniz scored 3 and Kelsey Nutt scored 2.

The girls played their last game here at home February 4th and lost to Shallowater 41-7. Again turnovers were a factor. Kelsey Nutt had 2 points, Amelia Gonzales scored 2 and Emily Hall had 3 points.

Sale of land approved by FISD Trustees

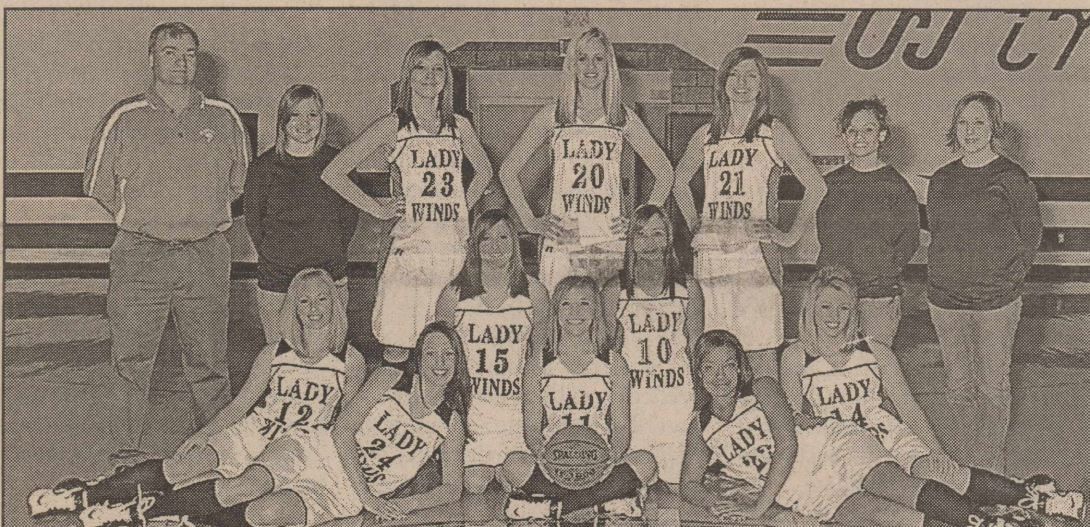
By Jennifer Moore

In a special meeting held January 23 the FISD Trustees voted on the sale of lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 133, adjacent to the Dairy Queen. The motion passed unanimously to sell the property to William Hall for \$350.



2007-2008 WHIRLWIND VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--(Back row, l-r) Coach Brattain, Aarrhon Flores, Blake Greer, Titus Miller, Troy Reddy, Payte Beedy, Kody Smith, Coach Helms; (Front row, l-r) J. C. Chappell - Manager, Tanner Sue - Manager, Kevin Smith, Eladio Saldana, Joseph Segura, Charlie Beedy - Manager and Robert Finley - Manager.

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2007-2008 LADY WINDS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--(Back row, l-r) Coach Styles, Rylee Shurbet, Megan Aleman, Whitley Beedy, Laken Reddy, Samantha Flores - Manager, Laci Nixon - Manager; (Middle row, l-r) Tara Hughes, Blanca Suarez; (Front row, l-r) Whitley Walker, Jennifer Leatherman, Morgan Norrell, Brianna Weeks and Lexi Terrell.

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2007-2008 WHIRLWIND JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM--(Back row, l-r) J. C. Chappell - Manager, Carson Battey, Trey Casillas, Teddy Summers, Mason Lipham, Greg Aleman, Coach Helms; (Front row, l-r) Fred Williams, Bryson Session, Damion Pleasant, Anthony Segura, Eddy Rodriguez and Brandon Basaldua. (Not pictured: Byron Smith and Steve Caballero).

Photo Courtesy of Bobby's Photographic Memories

West Texas A&M graduates and honor roll

Area students who graduated West Texas A&M University during commencement exercises December 15, 2007 include:

Ragan Beedy, daughter of Randy and Carlene Beedy of Floydada, earned her bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, graduating Cum Laude.

Joe P. Jones, husband of Anne Jones of Floydada earned his Master of Education degree in Administration.

April N. Dorman, daughter of Julie and Johnny Dorman of Lockney, earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Degrees were officially conferred on 542 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 406 Baccalaureate degrees, 135 Masters' degrees and one Doctoral degree.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2006 included 17 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 21 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 40 with Cum Laude honors.

West Texas A&M University has released its Honors Lists for the fall 2007 semester. Included on them are the following local students:

Marlen G. Carmona, Freshman, (undeclared/No Major) was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Gabriela and Frederico Carmona of Floydada.

Jay D. McGaugh, Senior, Applied Arts & Sciences, was named to the Dean's List. He is the son of Jimmy and June McGaugh of Floydada.

Keyla A. Pesina, Freshman, Nursing Major, was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Israel and Maria Peresa Pesina of Floydada.

Amber D. Dorman, Junior,

Sports/Exercise Sciences Major was named to the President's List. She is the daughter of Julie and Johnny Dorman of Lockney.

April N. Dorman, Senior, Nursing Major, was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Julie and Johnny Dorman of Lockney.

Caleb J. McLean, Junior, Accounting Major, was named to the Dean's List. He is the son of Steve and Darla McLean of Lockney.

Krista D. Rasco, Sophomore, Agribusiness Major, was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Darrell and Marva Rasco of Lockney.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Floydada School Menu

February 11 - February 15

Monday
Breakfast-Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken fajitas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast-Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Pigs in a blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Pancakes with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

Thursday
Breakfast-Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Meat and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk

Friday
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

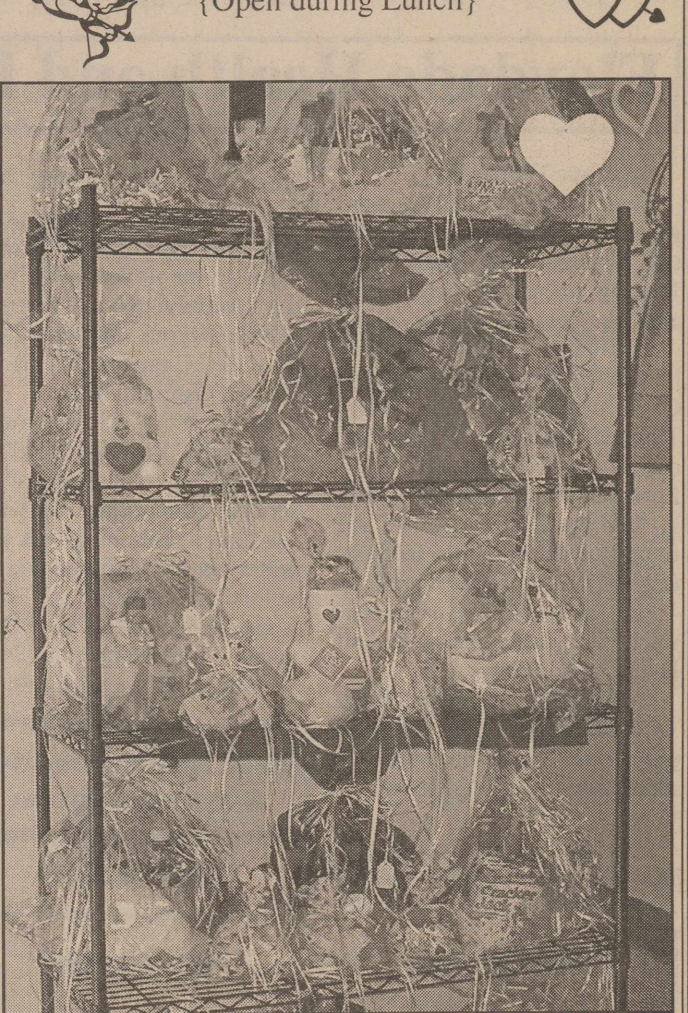
Lunch-Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/Ranch, brownie, milk

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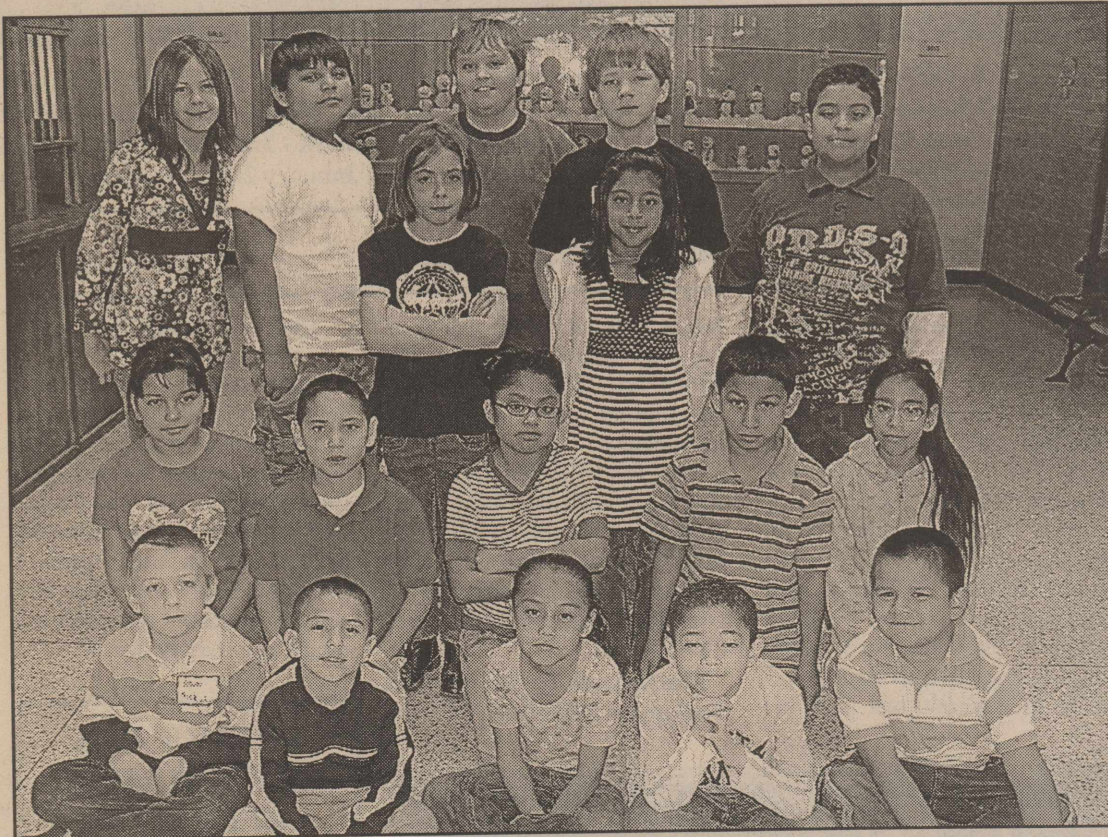


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The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year, Employer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the Extra Mile Award. You may submit your nominations to Patti at the Chamber Office at 125 East California or mail them to P.O. Box 147, Floydada. For more information please call Patti at 983-3434



CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL--Mrs. Hunter's and Mrs. Miller's kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school today, January 31, 2008. They made headbands with the number 100, they counted to 100 and they also made a chart of the numbers to 100. Almost every child in kindergarten brought 100 items to share with their class. Some of the items brought were 100 pretty craft rocks and marbles, toothpicks, sugar cubes, cereals, tabs, safety pins, rocks, and pinto beans.
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LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of February 4, 2008 (back, l-r) Esperanza Guerra, Paul Martinez, Christian Bursiago, Dylan Adams, Alex Rea, (third row, l-r) Kaitlyn Fowler and Nimsi Reyes, (second row, l-r) Alyssa Castro, Israel Cuellar, Star Naranjo, Austin Salazar, Mena Felan, (front, l-r) Nickalos Allen, Gunner Araujo, Reagan Nuncio, Tyrell Agnew and Austin Ascencio.
Staff Photo

Area Artists' work on display in the Abraham Art Gallery at Wayland Baptist University

More than 500 pieces from promising student artists from around the region, including Floydada and Lockney, are now on display at the Abraham Art Gallery on the campus of Wayland Baptist University as the top choices from the West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Competition.

On display through Feb. 23, the Scholastic show represents the most creative work from high school and junior high students around the region, which encompasses 14 counties. Wayland has hosted the West Texas Regional competition for about 11 years.

With more than 1,200 pieces to see during a marathon one-day judging event, the panel of three had their work cut out for them, but in the end, 105 gained top honors as Gold Key winners, with five earning the American Vision Award, the best of the best in the national exhibit. Another 180 Silver Keys and 280 Honorable Mention pieces round out the exhibit.

Winners from Floyd County listed by school, including rank, grade, medium and title of piece, are as follows:

Floydada High School: Gold Key: Emily Griffin, 12, Painting,

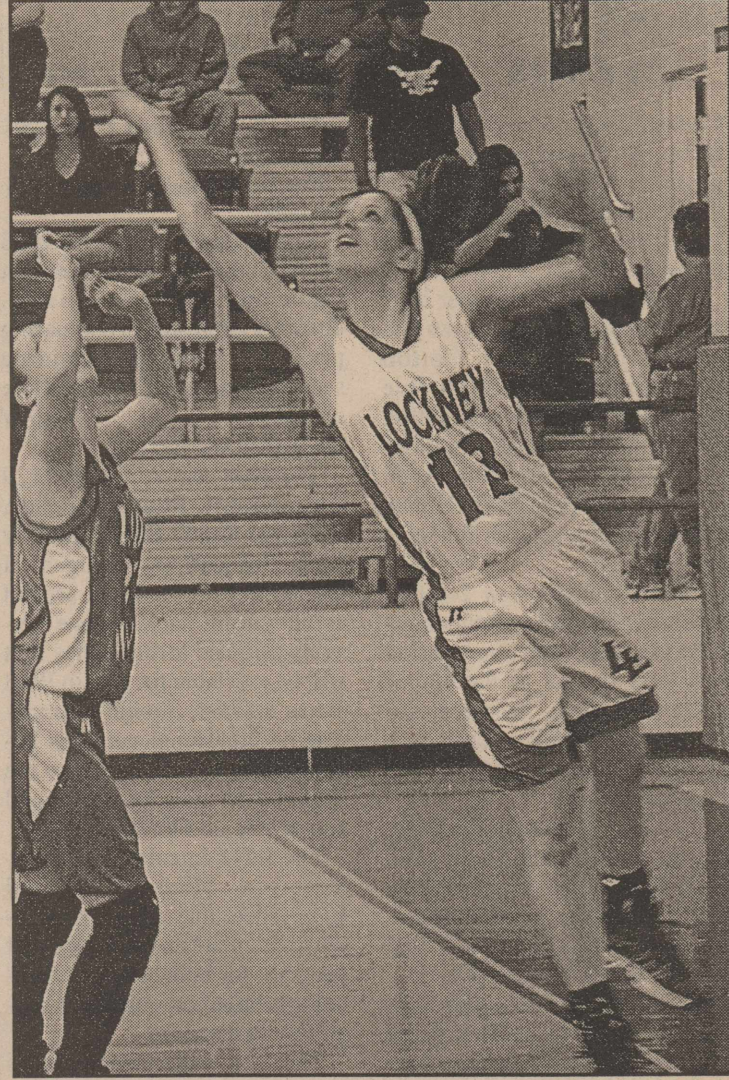
Submission; Silver Keys: Leslie Gonzales, 10, Printmaking, Scary Princess; Emily Griffin, 12, Drawing, Listen; Kelsey Williams, 12, Drawing, Self-Portrait; Kelsey Williams, 12, Ceramics/Glass, Wicked; Colby Turner, 12, Ceramics/Glass, Burned; Emily Griffin, 12, Ceramics/Glass, Twisted; Halie Swinney, 10, Sculpture, My Family Tree; Camaray Gooch, 12, Sculpture, Murte; Honorable Mentions: Simon Cantu, 12, Mixed Media, Bio-Hazard; Freddy Castillo, 10, Mixed Media, Green with Envy; Leslie Gonzales, 10, Ceramics/Glass, Flower House; James Potts, Printmaking, El Musico; Camaray Gooch, 12, Mixed Media, Giving a Hand; Brandon Monreal, 12, Ceramics; Emily Griffin, 12, Mixed Media, Old Friends.

Lockney High School: Gold Keys: Laura Fulton, 12, Photography, Broken; Alston Becker, 12, Sculpture, Inveigle Demise;

Lorenzo Salazar, 12, Sculpture, Guardian; Ernie Vasquez, 12, Drawing, Breaking Through; Laura Fulton, 12, Photography, Frozen In; Silver Keys: Ashley McCullock, 12, Painting, Feed Me Fashion; Laura Fulton, 12, Photography, L for Laura; Ernie

Vasquez, 12, Computer Art, Fused; Ashley McCullock, 12, Painting, In Focus; Michael Vasquez, 11, Painting, Tranquility; Alston Becker, 12, Painting, Escaping Calamity; Laura Fulton, 12, Photography, Ice Swirls; Ernie Vasquez, 12, Painting, Set Yourself Free; Honorable Mentions: Laura Fulton, 12, Sculpture, Fred; Ashley McCullock, 12, Drawing, Gigi's Eyes; Alston Becker, 12, Drawing, Ecstasy; Kortney Williams, 10, Digital Imagery, Hiding in Distortion; Laura Fulton, 12, Photography, Time Off; Aura Rodriguez, Drawing, Portrait; Laura Fulton, 12, Photography, Perspective; DJ Hernandez, Computer Art, Super + Man; Jennifer Rincones, Computer Art, Paires; Kortney Williams, Computer Art, Masked Behind Labels; Ashley McCullock, 12, Mixed Media, Forever & Two Days; Ashley McCullock, 12, Mixed Media, To Be Freed.

The exhibit is open to the public during regular gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 2-5 p.m. For more information or to schedule school group tours, contact the gallery at (806) 291-3710.



THE LADY HORNS lost a hard fought game to the Lady Winds, 35-30, in the Lockney Gym, January 29.
Photo by Jim Covington

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Monday

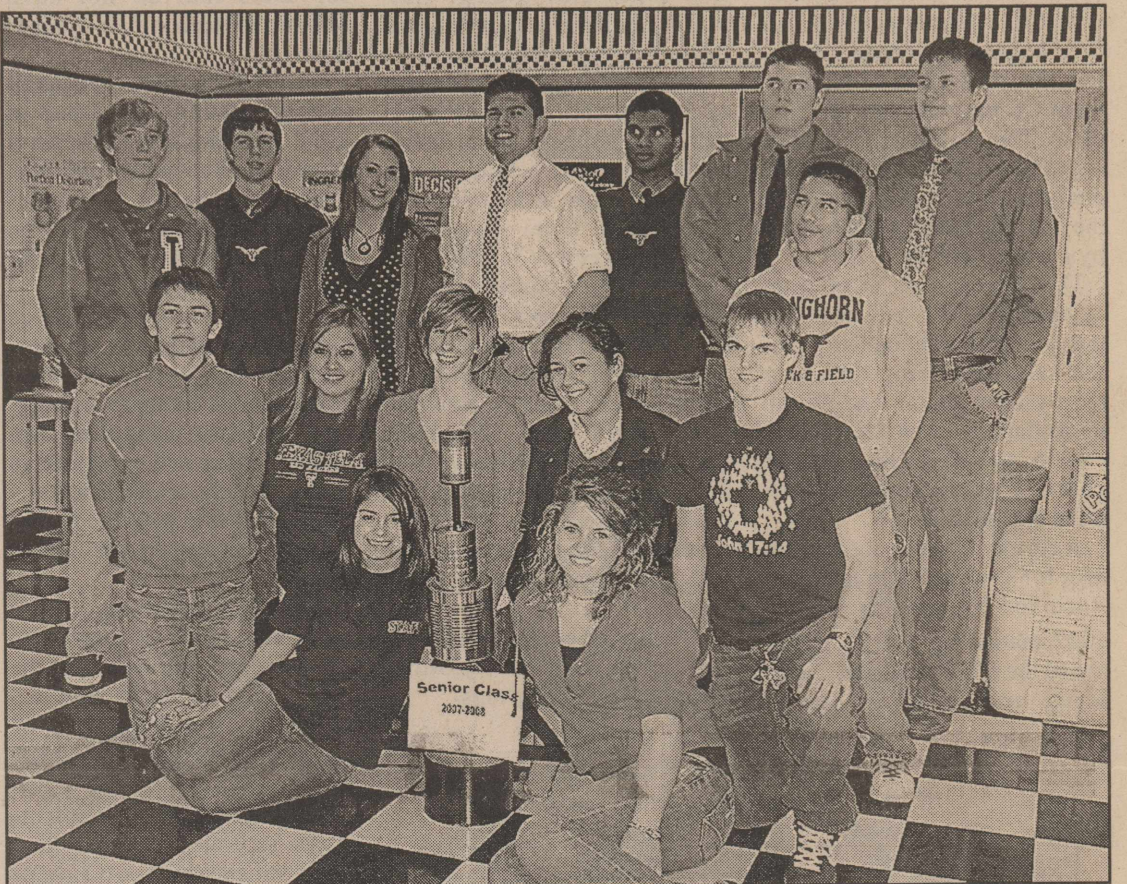
Breakfast-Banana bread or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Grilled cheese or tuna sandwich, vegetable soup, applesauce, crackers, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-steak fingers or chicken patty, potatoes, broccoli, pears, wheat roll, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Fish sticks or ham, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk

Thursday
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets or corndog, potatoes, green peas, peaches, wheat roll, milk

Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or chicken patty on bun, baked fries, salad, oranges, milk



NHS CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE--The Lockney National Honor Society provided a way for Lockney High School students to give a little by sponsoring a canned food drive. The drive was a chance to help out those less fortunate in our community by donating the food to the Salvation Army. A goal was set in recognition of this year's graduating class: 2008 cans. To help the school reach this goal, NHS made the drive into a competition between freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Whichever class brought the most cans as a class would win a long lunch and a "can trophy" made by NHS members. The drive proved very beneficial. Surpassing the 2008 goal by 745 cans, the total came out to 2753 cans. Seniors won the competition with a huge total of 893 cans. The NHS should be commended for their efforts. Shown here are: (top, l to r) Zach Montandon, Tyler Ellison, Lauren Stewart, Adrian Cortez, Jonathan Coleman, Tanner Morris, Caleb Schumacher. (Middle, l-r) James Mercado, Brendi Morales, Audrey Collins, Stephana Villarreal, Patrick Doucette. Bottom, l-r) Desiree DeLeon and Leah Ford.
Courtesy Photo

Bramlet 4H project to collect cards for Veterans

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 US 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.

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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

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By Shawn Wade

With USDA on the verge of making its decision to offer an advance 2007 Upland Cotton Counter-cyclical (CC) payment, the big question on the minds of many cotton growers is how much the current trend toward higher prices will impact that decision. At first glance that answer seems to be a lot.

With a preliminary mid-month price of 61.40 cents per pound reported for January 2008, continuing the recent upward trend in cotton prices, it appears likely that when USDA officials sit-down to make their decision it will require the use of a much sharper pencil than they have had to use in recent years.

With the first five months of the 2007 Upland Cotton marketing year now past, the calculated 2007 Weighted Average Price Received by growers through December 2007 stands at 53.46 cents per pound.

The good news is that this is only 1.46 cents above the 52-cent threshold where the Upland Cotton CC payment rate begins to shrink, leaving the door open for USDA to offer an advance on a final projected 2007 Counter-cyclical program payment.

The bad news for anyone counting on an advance payment is that all signs are pointing to a final projected payment rate below the 2002 Farm Bills maximum CC payment rate of 13.73 cents. The challenge for USDA is predicting how the rest of the marketing year will go and what the final Average Price Received by growers will be.

USDA's decision to offer an advance 2007 CC payment will hinge on their confidence in cotton sales remaining relatively steady through the end of the marketing year, which is less than certain, and where they believe cotton's recent upward price trend will plateau.

A cursory look at what it would take for the final Average Price Received by growers for the 2007 marketing year to finish above the 65.73 cents per pound level, and result in a zero

Counter-cyclical payment calculation, shows that such a result is possible, even though it is just as likely that the Average Price Received calculation will fall short of that mark.

Looking at the December 2007 numbers more closely shows that cumulative Upland Cotton marketings for the first five months of the 2007-marketing year have totaled 6.077 million-bales according to information released January 31 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

That figure is now 248,000 bales behind the amount marketed through the same period last year thanks to December 2007 marketings that were estimated at 1.529 million bales with an average selling price of 59.2 cents per pound.

The December marketing figure reflects the significant slow down in sales that occurred when prices started to increase and is 25 percent less than the 2.062 million bales marketed in December 2006. From this point an additional 9.675 million bales will need to be marketed to match last year's total marketings of 15.75 million bales.

To reach that level, sales of U.S. cotton must average 1.38 million bales per month from January through July 2008.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through December 31, 2007.

The 2007 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2002 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2007 marketing year. The 2007 cotton marketing year began August 1, 2007 and ends July 31, 2008.

Average Price Received For 2007-crop Upland Cotton (Weighted by Marketings)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,762	1,762	44.90	44.90
September	373	2,135	52.00	46.14
October	949	3,084	55.20	48.93
November	1,464	4,548	57.00	51.53
December	1,529	6,077	59.20	53.46
January	n/a	n/a	61.40*	n/a

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

2007-CROP HIGH PLAINS COTTON QUALITY SUMMARY

Week Ending January 31, 2008:

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	83,611	21+	2.62	35.68
Lubbock	128,455	21+	2.77	35.95
	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark
Lamesa	4.17	29.14	80.59	14.3%
Lubbock	4.04	29.33	80.69	8.3%

Season Totals To Date:

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	1,207,590	21+	2.38	36.03
Lubbock	3,392,895	21+	2.46	36.01
	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark
Lamesa	4.20	29.79	80.85	6.3%
Lubbock	4.06	29.57	80.62	2.9%

Source: USDA AMS Cotton Division

PCG's 2008 Seed Cost Calculator Ready For Download; Includes 128 Varieties

An updated version of the 2008 Plains Cotton Growers Seed Cost Calculator is now available. Growers interested in comparing prices for their 2008 planting seed options can download the calculator at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

The 2008 version includes 129 conventional, Roundup Ready, Roundup Ready FLEX, Liberty Link, Bollgard and Bollgard II and Widestrike varieties, as well as numerous stacked gene versions of these technologies that will be available for sale in West Texas in 2008. Should information on additional varieties become available, an update to the spreadsheet will be developed and posted on PCG's website.

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

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

The PCG calculator retains all of the functionality it had in 2007, including the ability for a grower to select up to nine varieties, from the list companies have said will be available in the West Texas market in 2008, for side by side comparison.

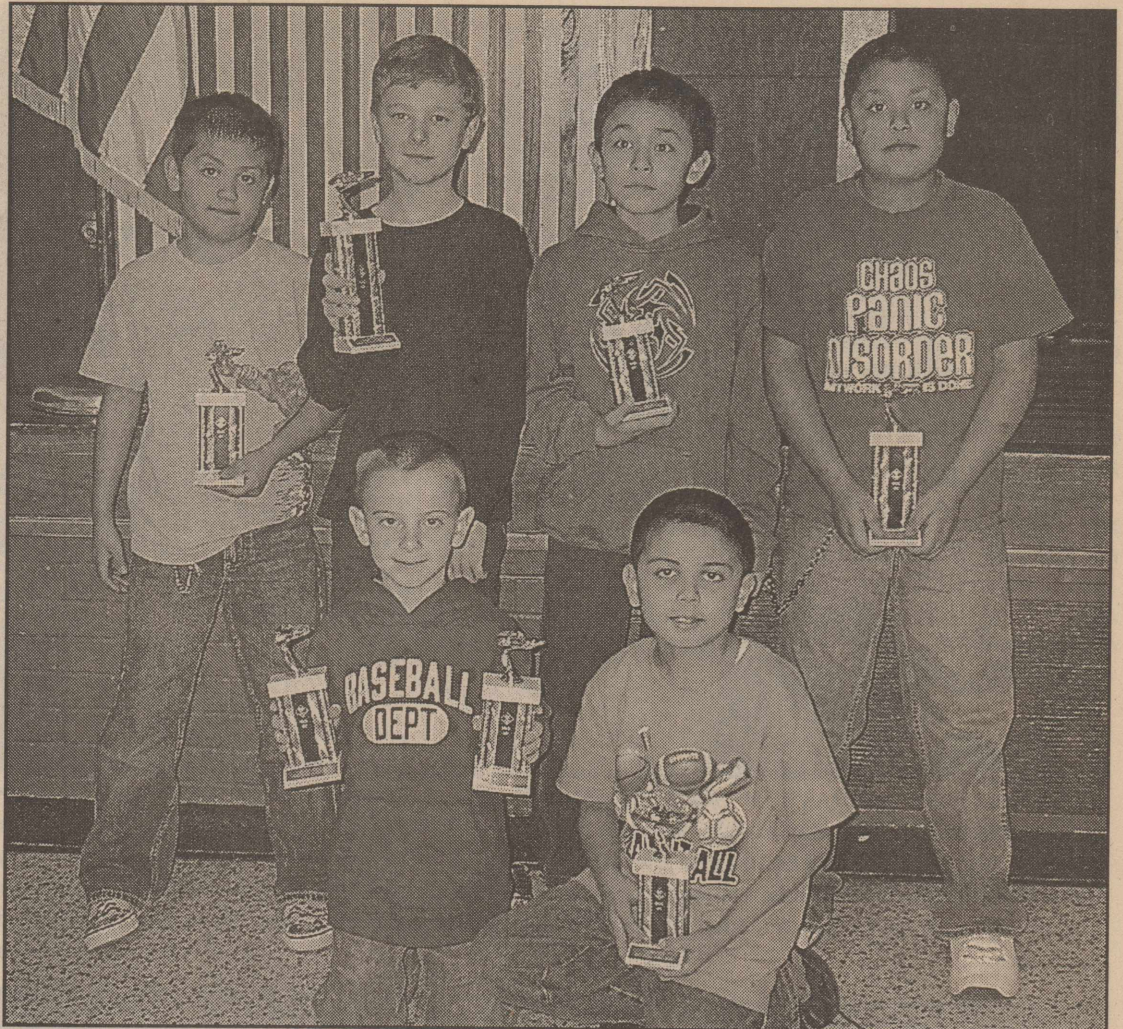
The calculator also gives growers the ability to see how various seed and technology combinations compare on a per-acre cost basis using their own target seeding rate expressed in plants per acre or calculated as a function of row width and number of seed planted per foot of row.

The PCG spreadsheet will also show how much of a grower's per-acre cost is attributable to the cost of seed and technology, respectively, and the amount of change that occurred from 2007 levels.

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

Details about 2008 Replant and Drought Relief programs from seed providers will be posted on the PCG website as soon as they are made available to us. Several companies have not yet published details of their 2008 programs as of the release date for the calculator. Growers are encouraged to check the PCG website regularly for future updates to this information.

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Palo Duro Basin - Oil and Gas Update By: Tom Musser

Briscoe County: Leasing is ongoing in the area around Quitaque.

Floyd County: The work on the PetroGlobe Energy U.S.A. Ltd. McIntosh Lease Well #176 has concluded for now.

Floyd County: The Texcel Exploration, Inc. Bill Sherman Lease Well #1 drilling permit expired on February 6, 2008 without the Wellbore being drilled. The Bill Sherman #1 was to be located 660 feet from the

North Line and 1600 feet from the West Line of Section 26, Block B4, Adams, Beaty and Moulton Survey, 11 miles North of Lockney.

The Texcel Exploration, Inc. Bill Sherman Lease Well #1 is the tenth Floyd County drilling permit to expire without being drilled during this current Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Activity (2005-2008).

Motley County: The work on the Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc.

Cogdell "64" Lease Well #1 has concluded for now.

Editor's note: With the slow-down of oil and gas exploration and development activity within the six counties of the Palo Duro Basin, the Oil and Gas Update will be changed from a weekly update to a monthly update. When the Palo Duro Basin field activity increases again we will return to a weekly update.

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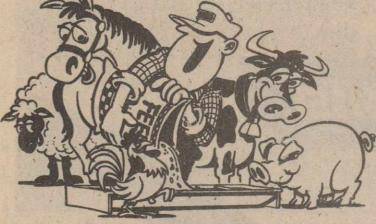


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