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Bale count record breaker for some

For the 4th year in a row, Floyd County has been blessed with a bountiful cotton harvest, and this year was surpassed only by 2004's record crop.

Growers could thank plentiful rains and late warm dry months for helping bring in a county wide bale count of 259,630 bales.

Floydada Coop had the largest quantity of cotton bales ginned in Floyd County in 2007 at 69,574. That was up 15,788 bales from 2006. It was a record breaking year for them since 2004, when they ginned 60,150.

"This past year we had good rains and moisture in the summer," reported Office manager Arleen Nixon. "The fall could have made us or broke us. Because of the late freeze and the

warm temperatures it let the cotton mature."

Not only was the quality of cotton very good the prices were also better than last year.

"Prices were good this year," said Nixon, "selling for \$5-600 over loan."

Jody James at Blanco Gin said, "The cotton quality was exceptional and we ginned twice as much as last year--almost to the 'T'."

"The moisture had a huge impact on the 2007 yield," said Ag Extension Agent J.D. Ragland.

"Our average rainfall is usually 17-19 inches. We had 32.26 inches of moisture for the 2007 crop and 19.60 inches for the 2006 crop. This had a huge impact on the yield."

Ragland said the warm dry months later in the season were also very beneficial.

The cotton bolls were full and reportedly of great quality.

"On irrigated fields it was 900-1,200 lbs of lint per acre," said Ragland. "The dryland was 500-800 lbs. per acre."

Ragland says the County had a total of 120,923 harvested acres in 2007, and he sees the same amount of acreage being planted in 2008.

"It's been dry up to this point," said Ragland. "2008 is not off to a good start. We need rain."

Ragland says he also sees more sorghum this year. "We usually grow about 40,000 acres, but I predict that number will double."

GIN	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Barwise Gin	21,050	28,000	21,535	32,232	6,200
Blanco Gin	21,000	10,600	13,500	22,865	5,000
Darty Gin	27,345	15,246	21,820	21,491	4,597
D&J Gin	33,138	33,298	47,754	44,280	8,428
Floydada Co-op	69,574	53,786	37,500	60,150	12,479
Lockney Co-op	35,607	33,574	31,704	36,428	2,407
Mable Bros. Gin	5,772	6,051	7,426	7,361	1,158
McCoy Gin	20,914	16,726	8,939	14,514	5,500
Scott Gin	25,230	23,417	12,408	23,300	1,337
TOTALS	259,630	220,698	202,586	262,621	45,948

'Winds are Area Champs

For the 5th time in 6 years, the Floydada Whirlwind Basketball team finds itself in a familiar position, the Regional Quarterfinals. Floydada has never advanced past this round on the boys' side in team sports.

The girls have advanced, twice, with their last Regional Tournament appearance in 2001-2002 under Coach Shea Brattain and their first was in 1974 under coach Sally Miller.

This round of the playoffs has

always posed a problem for the Whirlwinds. In the past, Wichita Falls City View, Abernathy, Tahoka, and Shallowater have put the Whirlwinds out of the playoffs in this round. This year the Whirlwinds will face the Idalou Wildcats who come into the game 17-5 and proud owners of the District 4-2A championship trophy.

The 2008 playoffs began for the Whirlwinds, who finished as District 3-2A runner-up, with

Slaton in the Bi-District round. The Whirlwinds won this game by a score of 65-52. Slaton fought hard but never managed to get close enough for the win.

Floydada was led in scoring by senior Payte Beedy with 19 points, senior Kody Smith with 17 points, and senior Kevin Smith with 11 points. Every member of the team contributed in many ways.

The next round found the

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Lockney Chamber raising money for downtown lights

By Alice Gilroy

Thanks to the combined efforts of the City of Lockney, the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, and Lockney's Economic Development Corporation, downtown Lockney will have a clean new look soon.

Hopefully, beginning this weekend, work will begin on tearing up the old sidewalks on Main Street. Because of rising costs of concrete, only one block at a time will be done. Construction will start first at Main Street Pizza and go one block north.

Along with the new sidewalks

the Chamber of Commerce is also working towards replacing the old streetlights on Main Street with "antique style" street lights. The money for the lights will have to be raised through private donations. Each light will cost approximately \$1,200.

At the base of each light there will be plug receptacles for the convenience of downtown activities--such as Old Fashioned Saturday.

Approximately 12 lights are needed for the whole projects and the streetlights need to be purchased by the time the sidewalks

are finished.

"Lights can be purchased by individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses," said Chamber Director Denise Doucette. "Lights can also be placed in memory or honor of someone special."

Plaques will be placed on the lights with the name of who helped pay for that light.

For more information call: Denise Doucette, 983-3944; Renee Hrbacek, 652-3161; or Sherry McDonald, 652-2185.

Drawing of Lamp On Page 2

Trustees vote against renewing Athletic Director's contract

By Alice Gilroy

In spite of an emotional public forum in which supporters praised the work of LISD Athletic Director Joe Robertson, the District's Trustees voted 4-2 against renewing Robertson's contract.

Although Coach Robertson had submitted a letter requesting any discussion of his contract be made in open meeting, there was nothing to hear. The trustees voting against the renewal spoke not a word before the vote.

Because of the crowd, the regular meeting was held Thursday night, February 21 in the High School Library instead of the LISD Board Room.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phil Cotham the trustees voted unanimously to extend the contract for Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams and Junior High Principal Todd Hallmark. However, after

Cotham recommended the extension of Robertson's the motion by Trustee Lonnie Hooten to accept the recommendation failed to get a second.

Board President John Quebe said, "If we have no 2nd we need to make a decision on what we are going to do."

This statement was met with silence.

Quebe then said, "Does anyone else have another motion to make?"

Silence. Quebe then asked, "Do I have a motion to not extend the contract?"

Cotham then stated, "You can't make that motion. It's not on the agenda."

Trustee Cheryl Edwards then expressed her desire to enter into executive session, to which Quebe stated, "We can't do that. We have a letter here from Coach

Joe asking us to remain open."

At this point Hooten reiterated his original motion and Quebe made the second. When Quebe called for discussion there was none. Quebe then called for the vote and Aaron Wilson, Boyd Jackson, Cheryl Edwards, and Jesse Garza voted against.

Trustee Robbie Long was absent

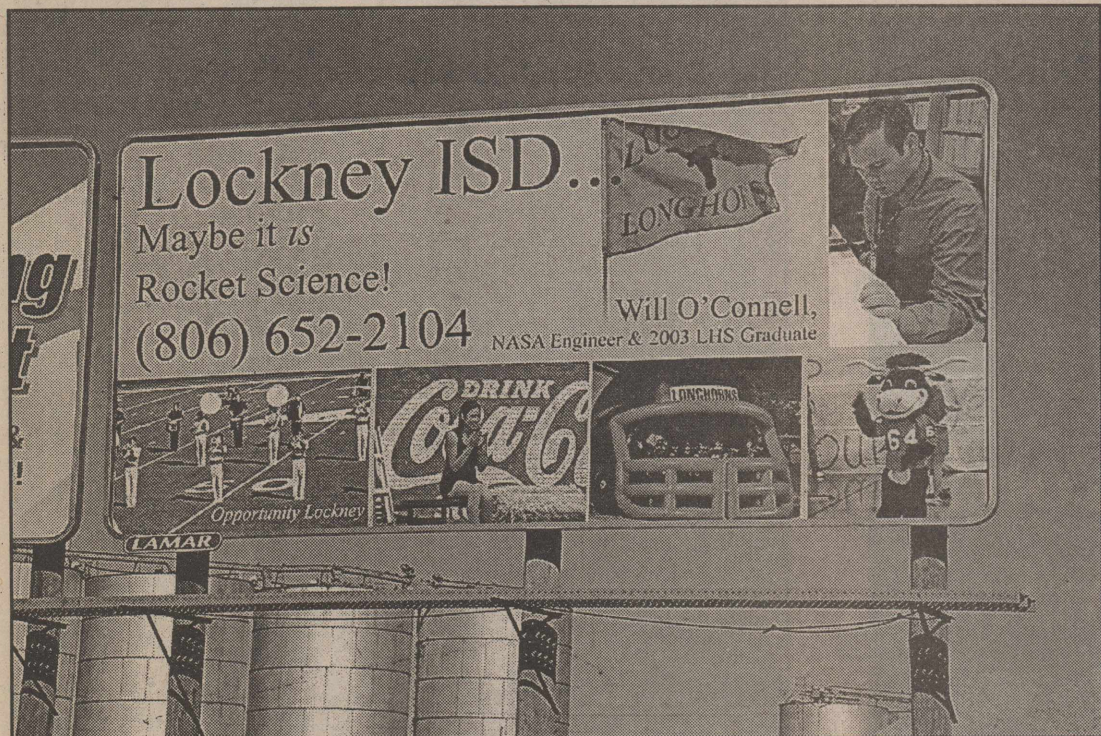
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East Lockney voters are reminded that if they want to vote in Lockney they must Early Vote at the J.P. office. On election day, March 4, East Lockney voters will have to vote in the Floyd County Courthouse. Early voting ends Feb. 29th.

The Hesperian-Beacon will have a board outside the Floydada office, March 4 to post election results.



AREA CHAMPIONS--The Floydada Whirlwinds (24-9) celebrate after winning the Class 2-A Area Championship. They beat the Friona Chieftains 76-57 last Friday night in Levelland and will advance to play the Idalou Wildcats (17-5) in the Regional Quarterfinals. The game will be played at 7:00 p.m. in the Lubbock Coronado Gym on Tuesday, February 26. The Whirlwinds also received the Bi-District gold ball trophy after they beat the Slaton Tigers 65-52 in the Class 2A Bi-District round playoff last Tuesday, February 19 at the Lubbock Estacado High School Gym. Whirlwinds pictured are (back row, l-r) Troy Reedy, Mason Lipham, Teddy Summers; (3rd row, l-r) Aarrhon Flores, Greg Aleman, Kody Smith, Eladio Saldana, Titus Miller, Joseph Segura, Bryson Session; (2nd row, l-r) Blake Greer, Payte Beedy, Kevin Smith, Brandon Basaldua; (front row, l-r) Jalen Brattain and Bree Brattain, children of Coach Chris and Shea Brattain. Whirlwinds are holding Jersey #50 in memory of Cade Miller. Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington



LOCKNEY EDC PROMOTES LOCKNEY--The Lockney EDC has purchased advertising space on a billboard on the east side of Plainview, on Hwy. 70, inside the City limits, to promote the advantages of living in Lockney. The first sign will promote the excellent school system in Lockney and in a few months the sign will be changed and boast of Lockney's hospital. Staff Photo



LONGHORN BAND MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR STATE---(back, l-r) Lauren Stewart, Bryan Cooper, Martin Melendrez and Zach Montandon, (front, l-r) James Mercado, Stephana Villarreal and Patrick Doucette. These Longhorn Band members earned first-division ratings at the Region 16 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday. Clarinet Trio - Patrick Doucette, Stephana Villarreal and James Mercado. French Horn Quartet - Bryan Cooper, Lauren Stewart, Martin Melendrez and Zach Montandon. French Horn Solo - Zach Montandon. Piano Solo - Bryan Cooper. Staff Photo



COTTON BURR PILE belonging to Lockney Coop and located one mile north of the gin on Coop property, caught fire early in the afternoon Monday, February 25. Wind gusts up to 55 miles per hour made work hard on the volunteer firemen called to the scene. A plowed firebreak helped to contain the spread of the fire and a pit was dug to allow the burning burrs to be buried away from the rest of the pile.

Hospital Board discusses sale of hospital building

The Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular board meeting February 19 and discussed the possible sale of the vacant hospital building and the hiring of legal counsel to advise in the sale.

EMS had 30 calls in the month of December 2007 and 38 calls in the month of January 2008. Total expenses for EMS for January 2008 were \$22,249.00.

Caprock Hospital District had total expenses for the month of January 2008 of \$186,004.94. Cogdell clinic had a total of 1,174 visits showing a profit of \$58,407.00 for January 2008.

The Hesperian-Beacon will have their election board outside, March 4

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Student/parent grievance brought to Lockney Trustees

By Alice Gilroy

In their regular board meeting, February 21, LISD Trustees, accepted the resignation of coach and teacher, Mike Williams, called for an election, and listened to a parent grievance.

After an executive session for a due process hearing in a student/parent "level 3 grievance", trustees voted 5-1 to uphold administration's decision in the grievance.

Trustee Lonnie Hooten made the motion to "deny the grievance and uphold the administration's decision", and it was seconded by Boyd Jackson. Voting with Hooten and Jackson, were Aaron Wilson, John Quebe, and Jessie Garza. Voting against was Cheryl Edwards.

The trustees voted to hold an election on May 11. The seats coming open will be At-Large, currently held by John Quebe, and District #5, currently held by Boyd Jackson.

Superintendent Cotham announced that all trustees had completed the required training hours except for Jessie Garza

who has been ill and unable to attend some training.

The board considered and approved entering into an agreement with Lone Star Investment Pool.

Cotham requested approval to join Lone Star Investment Pool because of low interest rates with the district's long term investments.

"Any public institute can use an investment pool," said Cotham. "The interest rates here at this time are better than what we can get in our long term investments. Lots of schools do this. It is a very safe investment. We are not tied to any length of time. It is totally liquid."

Administrators gave their reports and all campuses are currently working hard on getting students ready for TAKS.

Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams also reported an enrollment of 259. Junior High Principal Hallmark reported 136, and High School is 182.

Cotham told the board that future projects for the district will have to include resurfacing the

track. He said the surface was getting brittle and pieces were breaking out to the point you could see the subsurface.

This project will cost the district approximately \$45,000-\$50,000.

Cotham said the material has been purchased to resurface the tennis courts. This project will be done by the district. "We will first have to clean the court with a power washer and then patch the cracks."

It was also reported that the Elementary Cafetorium is in need of speakers. The sound system will cost approximately \$1,100.

The architectural plans for the Field House were reviewed.

"The plan the architects submitted to the insurance agency was rejected," said Cotham. "They said we had too many doors, too many rooms, and too many bathrooms. A new plan has been submitted and a notice for bidders is in the paper. Bids are due by March 13 and then we can get to work. I hope we can move in this summer."

Floydada City Council vote to raise utility deposit rates

By Gary Brown

The Floydada City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, p.m. and increased deposit costs for opening utility accounts and closed a street in the 500 block of E. Mississippi.

The first item of business to be conducted was the awarding of a bid, to Lubbock Truck Sales, for a 2008 Freightliner Truck with a 33 cubic yard automated side load packer body. The total bid was \$133,392.

The council then voted to allow Javier and Martha Garza to operate the city owned swimming pool for the 2008 swimming season.

Council also passed ordinances clarifying and establishing the garbage rates for service provided outside the city limits.

The request of Amado Morales to close the 500 block of East Mississippi Street was discussed and approved. This part of East Mississippi Street has never been opened and used as a street.

Valerie Green was appointed to serve a one year term on the Housing Authority of Floydada board.

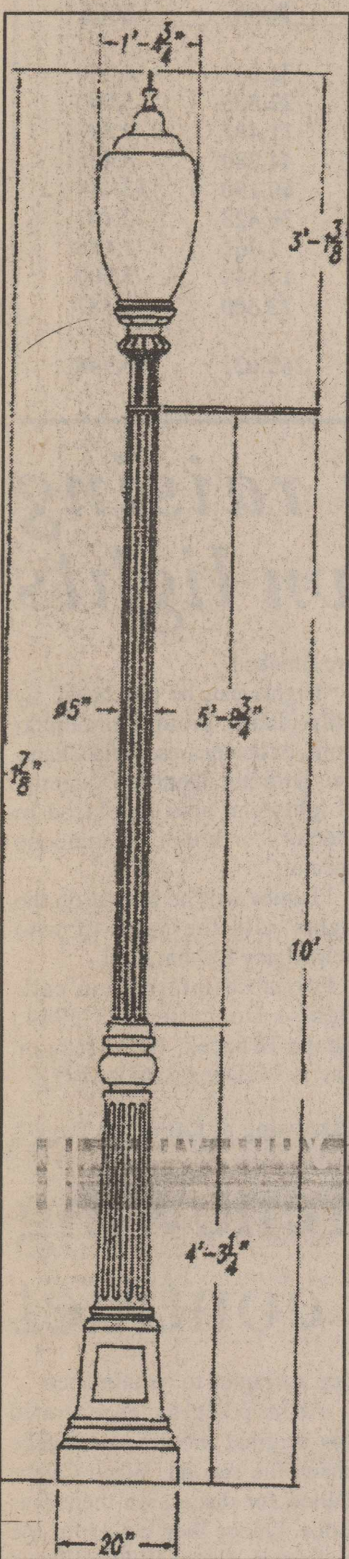
City manager Brown was authorized to meet with Mark Collins, local representative of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to work out an agreement on the grazing and public hunting of the grass on city owned property.

After much discussion between city council members and city staff, the council approved an increase of \$50.00 on the first utility account opened and an increase of \$100.00 on any additional deposits opened under the name of an active utility account. This will make all residential utility deposits \$150.00. The utility deposits for businesses and commercial accounts will continue to be set on a deposit by deposit basis, based on estimated water and electricity use.

Council members again discussed the parking of semi-trucks in residential neighborhoods. The council is trying to develop a plan

that is acceptable to both residents and truck operators. This subject will continue to be studied.

The bid from Elder Stanley B. Collier for Lot 1, Block 36, Originated On Page 3



STREET LIGHT FUND RAISER is in progress for these street lights to replace the old street lights in downtown Lockney.

Courtroom Activities

In County Court, January 31, 2008:

Linda Ratliff was charged with Theft of \$20 or more but less than \$500.

Early voting ends Friday, Feb. 29th.

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Trustees vote not to extend Athletic Director contract

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from the meeting.
The meeting was then adjourned.

Earlier in the meeting, during Open Forum, Coaches Young and Garrett spoke to the Trustees urging them to renew Robertson's contract. Also speaking on behalf of Robertson were Jimmy Kemp and LISD Band Director Rob Lovett.

Young said, "I coached with Robertson and against him. I've coached with people who cared more about wins and losses than they did the kids. If you didn't make the winning touchdown then they didn't even know your name. I knew that wasn't right..."
"There are lots of stories I could share...What he's done for young people is immeasurable. The void he would leave if he left would be unfillable. I hope ya'll take this into consideration."

Kemp told the board that although his own son wanted to win as much as anybody, the win

loss record had no influence on how he felt about Robertson. "He told me he wanted me to go to bat for Coach Joe."

"Even if he didn't win another game," said Kemp, "I'd want him here influencing my kid."

Lovett praised Robertson and his leadership with the other coaches, especially in the area of their support for the band program.

"I've worked with lots of coaches in 36 years," said Lovett. "These (Lockney) coaches have treated me as an equal. They come to the band contests and marching contests. They painted our marching field. I've never worked with such a wonderful coaching staff full of such caring people. It's not about wins or losses--its about our kids... What we have here in Lockney is a wonderful thing and we need to keep it."

Trustee Robby Long, who was absent for the vote, contacted this newspaper after the meeting to go

on record with support for Robertson.

"If I had been there I would have voted to extend Coach Joe's contract," said Long. "It wouldn't have made a difference in the way the vote turned out, but I want people to know how I would have voted. I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the meeting, but I had a very important meeting I had to be at for my job."

Robertson has worked with LISD for 7 years, having come to the District from Petersburg where he coached for 25 years.

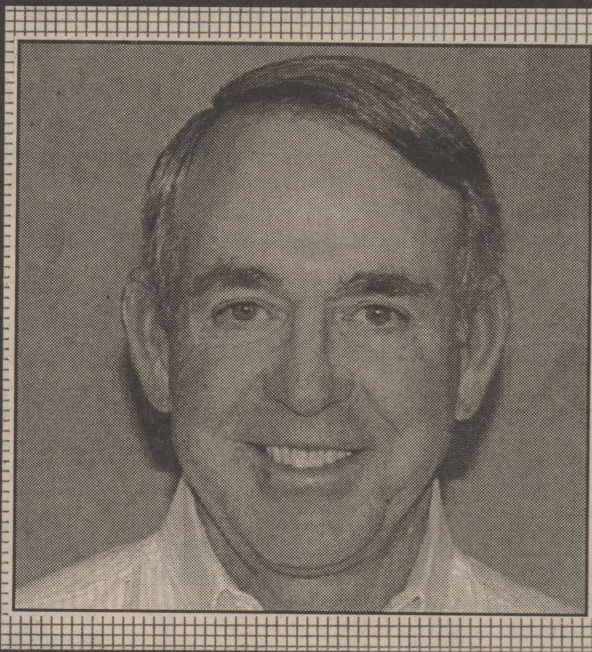
His record in Lockney includes winning District four years in a row, the Floyd County Championship three times, and Bi-District Champ twice.

However Robertson has recently been faced with 20 losses many have blamed on the redistricting woes that placed Lockney in the 2A district with larger schools. Lockney will be part of 1A next year.

The Floydada office of the Hesperian-Beacon will have an election board placed outside the office the evening of March 4 to monitor the results of the locally contested races.

Elect Mike Anderson

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FISD to hire curriculum director

In their regular meeting, February 21, Floydada ISD Trustees voted to extend administrative contracts, hire a curriculum director, and called for an election.

After an executive session to discuss administrator's contracts the board voted unanimously to extend the contracts of: Administrative Assistant Rex Holcombe, Business Manager Sharon Rainwater, Special Ed Director Alicia Bice, Elementary Principal Gilbert Trevino, Junior High Principal Fred Bush, and High School Principal Wayne Morren.

The Board also voted 5-1 to extend the contract of Athletic Director Rusty Purser. Trustee Lyle Miller cast the dissenting vote. Voting in favor were: Kerry Pratt, Marty Lucke, Amado Morales, William Dean, and Bart Greer.

Trustees voted unanimously to hire a curriculum director and also accepted the resignation of math teacher, Ashley Cartwright.

The Board voted to approve the Order of Election for May 10 and agreed to hold the election jointly with the City of Floydada and Caprock Hospital District.

Positions coming open on the Board are Pct. #3, currently held by Rachael Castillo, and At-Large, currently held by Lyle Miller.

The board appointed Laveta

Morren as the Early Ballot Election Clerk and Kelli Reddy as the Deputy Early Ballot Election Clerk.

Roger Poage was appointed the Early Ballot/Election Judge and Selia Arellano will be the alternate judge.

During public comments Jeanette Flores, Tim Lipham, Gerry Summers, and Tom Farris, spoke and encouraged the district to continue supporting the basketball program.

Lex Herrington spoke on his support of a smaller student/teacher ratio in class rooms.

Joe Grimes of Grimes & Associates gave a report of the progress of the construction at Duncan Elementary. The color committee was due to meet Feb. 22 and the board requested a spread sheet on the amount of construction spent be made available at the next meeting. There will be a 6:00 p.m. walk-through on March 11.

A discussion was held by the board concerning corporate membership to the Floydada Country Club, but the item was moved to the March 11 meeting.

The board approved a bid by Elder Stanley Collier for 428 E. Lee for \$305.25, and voted to reimburse Superintendent Jerry Vaughn for travel to AASA Conference.

Board president Kerry Pratt announced that all trustees had completed their mandatory continuing education hours.

Students of the month introduced to the board were: Destany Rosales, 2nd grade; Delaney Lucke, 4th grade; Ileana Morena, 6th grade; Sean Miller, 11th grade. Maria Peralez, a pre-kindergarten teacher, was named Educator of the Month. Mary Martinez, a 5th grade teacher's assistant, was named Support Staff of the Month.

Principals gave their campus reports and Athletic Director Rusty Purser also updated the trustees on athletic activities.

Sharon Rainwater gave the tax report: M & O current tax role is \$1,659,546.56; net collections are \$1,465,139.51; I & S current tax rolls: \$184,394.07; net collections are \$162,793.26; percent of roll collected is 88.29% compared to 85.29% one year ago.

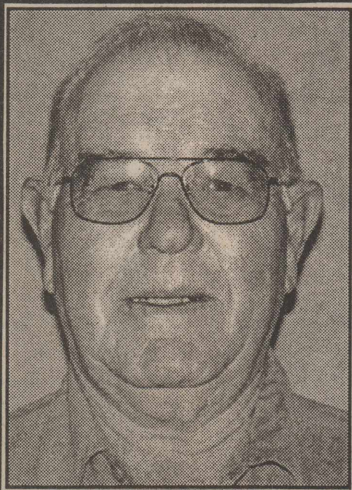
Floydada City Council...

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nal Town of Floydada was approved by the council.

City Manager Brown reported to the council that the electrical engineer hired to inspect the electricity deliver system had been in town to look at the city's system. He will provide the city with a

written plan of action.

Attending the meeting were Council members Sue, Williams, Barrientoz, Schacht, Nielson and Mayor Gilliland, along with City Manager Brown, City Secretary Karen Lawson, Sanitation Superintendent Alaniz and Javier and Martha Garza.



I will be running as a Democratic candidate for Floyd County Commissioner, Precinct #1, in the March 2008 Democratic Primary. I would appreciate your support and vote.

Cecil Jackson

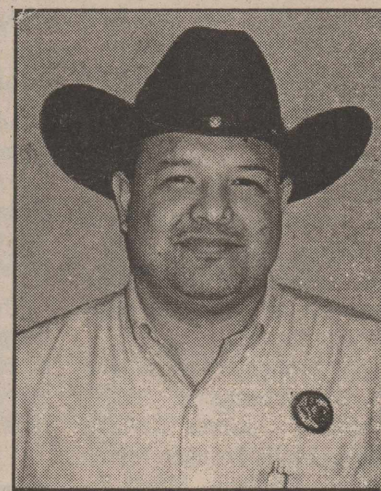
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Cowboy Wiley
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Billy DuBois
Dinks Eckert
Rhonda Guthrie

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Jerry Edwards
(Ex Lockney Police Chief & Now Deputy Sheriff)
Jason Lancaster
(Police Officer)
Lennie Gilroy
(Ex Lockney Police Chief & Reserve Police Officer)

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Regina Gonzales
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Alicia Turner
(Office Deputy)
Alyssa Bennett
(Dispatcher)
Heather Graham
(Dispatcher)

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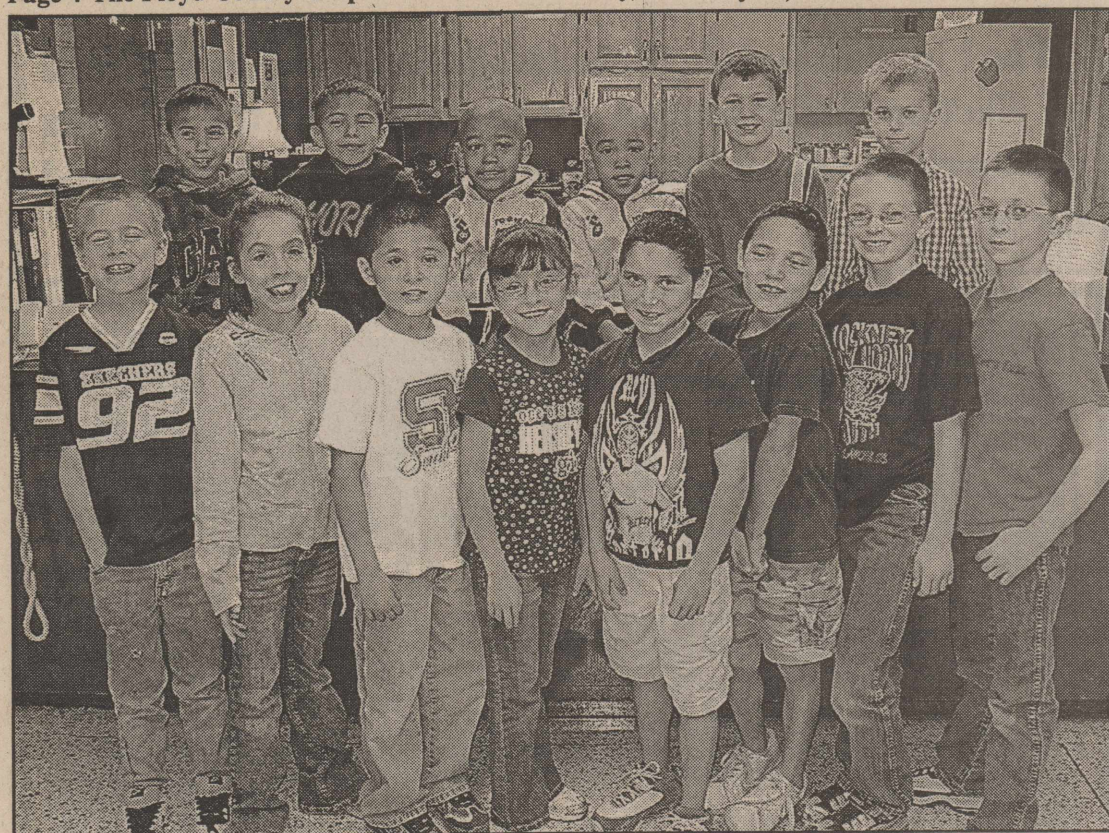
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SEEING DOUBLE---Lockney Elementary School has seven sets of twins this year in Pre-Kindergarten through Third grade. (Back row, l-r) Tuff and Gunnyr Araujo, sons of Romeo and Michelle Araujo; Alex and Andru Williams, sons of Sonia Mendoza and Abry Williams; Brett and Clay Moore, sons of Sam and Dr. Sharie Moore; (front row, l-r) James and Kaitlyn Fowler, children of Delisa Fowler; Raymundo and Angelica Alvarado, children of Maria and Rufino Solis; Israel and Ricky Cuellar, sons of Rick and Ruby Cuellar; and Trip and Grip Fortenberry, sons of Sam and Becky Fortenberry.

4-H inspires new ice cream from Blue Bell

BRENHAM - In honor of the Texas 4-H organization's 100th birthday, Blue Bell Creameries is introducing Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream. To sweeten the deal, the Little Creamery is donating a portion of the sales to promote 4-H educational programs.

blem. Cream will be available in local Centennial Cupcake Ice stores in mid-February.

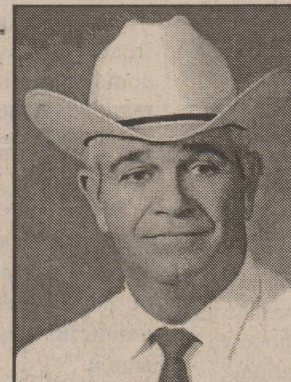
4-H is a national organization which prides itself on teaching young people across America leadership, citizenship and life skills. There are more than 7 million members from eight to 18 years of age involved in 4-H.

Centennial Cupcake Ice Cream will be sold in Texas and across the company's 17-state distribution area. "4-H is a national organization that benefits so many young people," Kruse said. "Our inspiration for the flavor came from the Texas organization's 100th birthday, but we felt it was important to recognize all 4-H groups."

Blue Bell has also created a unique carton for this new flavor. It features four children in 4-H T-shirts and the organization's widely recognized four-leaf em-

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2008 list of best companies to work for in Texas

AUSTIN - Citibank, Texas was recently named to the list of the "Best Companies to Work For", in the large company category.

Texas Governor Rick Perry recently honored winners of the 2008 Best Companies to Work for in Texas competition, a program in its third year that recognizes companies rated by their employees as the best companies to work for in Texas.

Managed by Best Companies Group, the program is a multi-year initiative to motivate companies in the state to focus, mea-

sure, and move their workplace environments toward excellence.

The goal of "Best Companies to Work for in Texas" is to raise the bar among the state's employers and create excellence and employee satisfaction in the workplace.

The selection process was based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey. The Assessment Findings Report that all participating companies receive enables them to develop plans and implement steps nec-

essary to create a great workplace and continue to improve the performance of their business.

A new feature of the "Best Companies to Work for in Texas" in 2008 is the addition of business categories, which ranks each company against companies of similar sizes. Small businesses are those with 25-74 employees; medium-sized businesses have 75-249 employees; large businesses employ 250 and more.

Winners are featured in the February edition of *Texas Monthly*.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margaret Word

I didn't have an article in last week's Hesperian-Beacon due to having Corpal Tunnel surgery on my right hand. I have not been out of the house for several days.

I do know that Genelle Breed's daughter Shirley has been here several days visiting her mom.

Our sympathy to Frances Weathersbee on the loss of her son Charles Harrell.

Our sympathy to the family of Rosalio Rincon Cabello.

Our sympathy to the family of Zoie Hardee Newsome.

Our sympathy to Vonceil Colston on the loss of her sister Elizabeth Shearer.

Happy birthday to those who have a March birthday.

March 3 - James Lovell; March 4 - Molly Stringer; March 6 - Wanda Williams; March 7 - Keith Patzer; March 24 - Mildred Smitherman; March 26 - Louis Lloyd; March 28 - Beth Tye and Louis Pyle; March 31 - Shorty Turner.

Vonceil Colston recently had a visitor Kit (Martin) Reynolds of Rovonia, South Africa visiting her and other relatives and friends in the area.

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

In memory of **Charles Harrell** - Sue Daniels, Dallas and Gale Ramsey.

In memory of **Audrey Spence** - Joe Wester.

In memory of **Elizabeth Shearer** - Vonceil Colston, Euna

Bradford, Ferne Anderson, Geraldine Gentry, Barbara Willis, Dorothy Anderson, Wilma Colston, Teresa and Mark Whittle and family, Dan and Lisa Colston of Victoria.

Thought for the week - One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors. -Plato

Menu

March 3 - March 7
Monday-Smothered pork chops, squash, tossed salad, roll, gelatin and fruit

Tuesday-Roast beef sandwich, wheat toast, ranch potatoes, tomato, lettuce, onion, apricot cobbler

Wednesday-Meatloaf, black eyed peas, steamed carrots, snickerdoodle bars, roll

Thursday-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, mixed fruit

Friday-Salmon croquettes, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, banana pudding

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Floydada Rehab birthdays

By Joyce Williams

Mrs. Sam Baker hosted the City Park Church of Christ monthly birthday party Thursday, February 21 at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center. Mrs. Baker hosted in memory of her mother-in-law the late Mrs. Mary H. Baker, Sam's mother.

Birthday honorees included Mrs. Verna Sewell (Feb. 10) and Woodrow Edwards (Feb. 17).

Cathy's Floral presented a beautiful red carnation corsage to Mrs. Sewell and a red carnation boutonniere to Mr. Edwards.

After the picture talking and birthday song, Sylvia Luna read a poem, "Laughter" encouraging

us all to practice good medicine by smiling and bringing joy to one another. Mrs. Doris Snodgrass presented personally made greeting cards to the honorees.

Ardis and Bill Daniels visited with all the residents and gave birthday cards to the honorees. Gift bags were presented to both birthday honorees by Mrs. Baker and stuffed Valentine toys were given.

Refreshments of ice cream and cookie sandwiches, with fruit punch were served to all. Guests are always welcome at the parties each third Thursday at 3:30 in the afternoon.

SOCIETY



BLOOD DRIVE BENEFITS McCARTER---Monday, February 25, United Blood Services conducted a blood drive in the Lockney High School gym. According to Stephanie Pointer of U.B.S., this is a "Credit to patient" blood drive. For every four units of blood donated, the costs of one unit will be alleviated for Mary Louise McCarter. "This drive was scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. By 1:30 p.m. we were having to turn away willing donors as we had expended all our supplies. We had no idea we would have this great a response. McCarter, a much beloved, retired school teacher in Lockney is battling cancer. Her husband Bill and daughter Karla Flowers, are shown next to Linda Kidd as she gives blood. Flowers said, "This great community has shown its love and support for my parents with an outpouring of cards, food, visits, many kind deeds and prayer. It's been fantastic to see their outpouring of concern. And now, so many are still coming to try to donate blood and are being turned away. We are blessed mom and dad live in a place where we know they are loved and cared for." Staff Photo

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Last week I wrote that Lockney's All School Reunion or Homecoming will be September 19, 2008.

The Homecoming Committee headed by Kyle Brock the President of the Ex-Student Association met Tuesday Feb. 19 with nine members present.

Kay Martin, on behalf of Denise Doucette, Lockney Chamber President, said, "The Chamber would like to have their 'Old Fashioned Saturday' on September 19 to coincide with Homecoming."

Also after much discussion, the decision to have all Homecoming activities in Lockney was made. It was also decided to have the dinner catered by local people.

Next meeting for further planning and to get the first information on the Homecoming mailed out to the Exes will be Tuesday March 4, at 7 p.m. in the Main Street Church of Christ. Joyce Carthel Wilson has been good enough to prepare the mailing addresses. She needs to hear from a representative from each class to update their mailing list and to give her all the email addresses they have. It would save on postage if the information on what is planned for homecoming could be emailed. A representative from every class is invited to attend and help.

Happy Birthday goes out to Almeda Workman Phillips who will be 90 years young on February 28. Coming in from College Station to help her celebrate was her daughter June and husband Ron Laceywell and their daughter Ashley; their daughter

Dana and her children Megan and Cody Ponce of Copperas Cove; Almeda's son, Keith, and wife Marcia and their children Tyler and wife Lacy and children Tyann and Austin, all of Lockney; her daughter DeLinda and husband Dr. Paul Glasson of Lockney; their sons, Jared of Dallas, and Phillip and wife Rayanna and children Layton and Hope Glasson of Forney.

Friday they all ate lunch at the Center and Saturday night ate at Leal's in Plainview.

What a wonderful time Almeda and her family had celebrating her 90th birthday!

Each week we ask for prayers for all the ones who are ill and for the families of the ones who have passed away. This week I would like for you to remember our servicemen protecting us and our country.

The ones in the Air Force: In USA- John Lopez, Tim Mitchell, David Perez, and Jared Lambert. In Iraq- Matthew Reay.

In the Armed Forces-Jacob Ortegon in Guam.

In the Army in the USA-Ryan Graves, A.J. Rosales, and Monty Lass. In Iraq-Shannon Veal, Ron Morgan, Ryker Cabler and Daniel Moman. Wesley Hunter continues recovery at Fort Drum, New York.

If I have not mentioned someone you know who is in the service, please let me know.

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March 3 - March 7
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Wed: Frito pie
Thrs: Hamburger steak
Fri: Enchiladas

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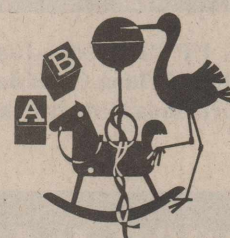
Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Hunter of Lubbock, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Holly Renee' Hunter to Tim Leroy Bratland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Bratland of WillowLake, South Dakota.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Garden City High School, Garden City, Kansas and Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a B.S. in Agricultural Communications. She served the past ten years as Communications Director for the Texas Corn Producers Board and the Texas Peanut Producers Board.

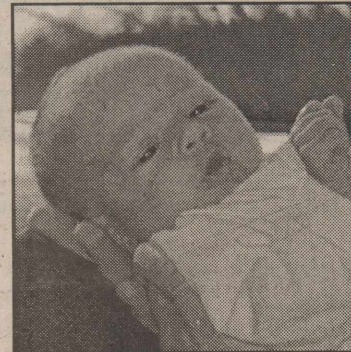
The prospective groom is a graduate of WillowLake High School and attended Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. He is part owner of Bratland Seed and Product Manager for Legend Seed, Inc. in DeSmet, South Dakota.

A wedding is planned for July 19, 2008 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

Look who's



New



KIRK

Cory and Cori Kirk of Ft. Lewis, Washington are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kynleigh Paige. She was born 6:31 p.m. January 28, 2008 at Madigan Army Medical Center of Ft. Lewis, Washington. She weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Larry and Nancy Kirk of Levelland and Bill and Judy Davis of Plainview.

Great-grandparents are Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Betty Motley of Olton and Edna Davis of Plainview.

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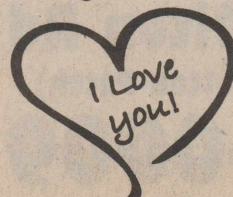
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P.S. My mom made this picture,
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Dear Tia Roxann,
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Whirlwinds beat Friona, claim 2A Area Championship

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Whirlwinds up against a tough Friona team that came in with a record of 26-5 on the year and were the District 2-2A champions. This game went back and forth for 3 quarters until the Whirlwinds pressure defense took over, leading to a 32-8 fourth quarter.

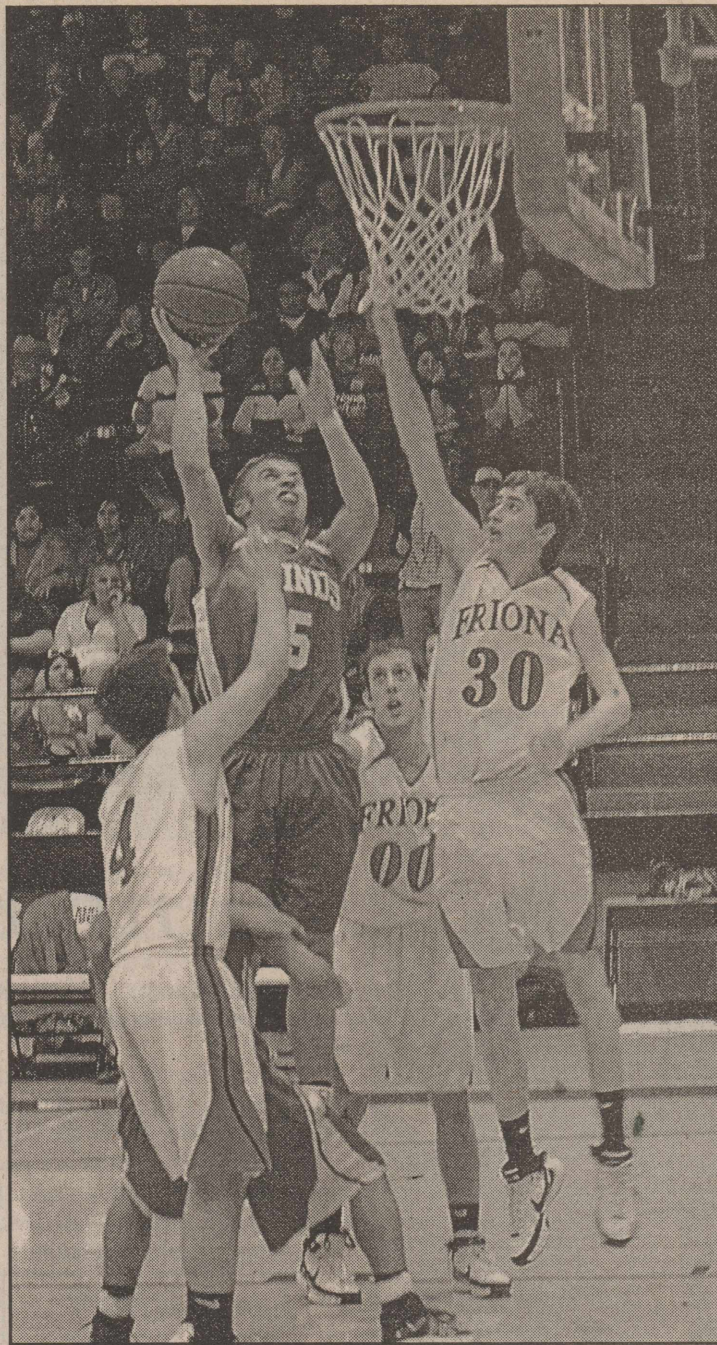
The final was Floydada 76 and Friona 57. Junior Titus Miller, who had 23 points and 16 rebounds, led the Whirlwinds in this game. Payte Beedy and Kody Smith both contributed 18 points apiece. Also in double figures was Kevin Smith who had 10 points. A team defensive effort to stop Friona's high scoring guard Sawyer Reed, who came in averaging 19 points a game,

was the Whirlwind goal. This team defensive effort was led by junior guard, Aarrhon Flores who held Reed to one basket and finished the night with 8 points after free-throws.

This exciting game pushed the Whirlwinds overall record to 24-9 and on to the Regional Quarterfinals.

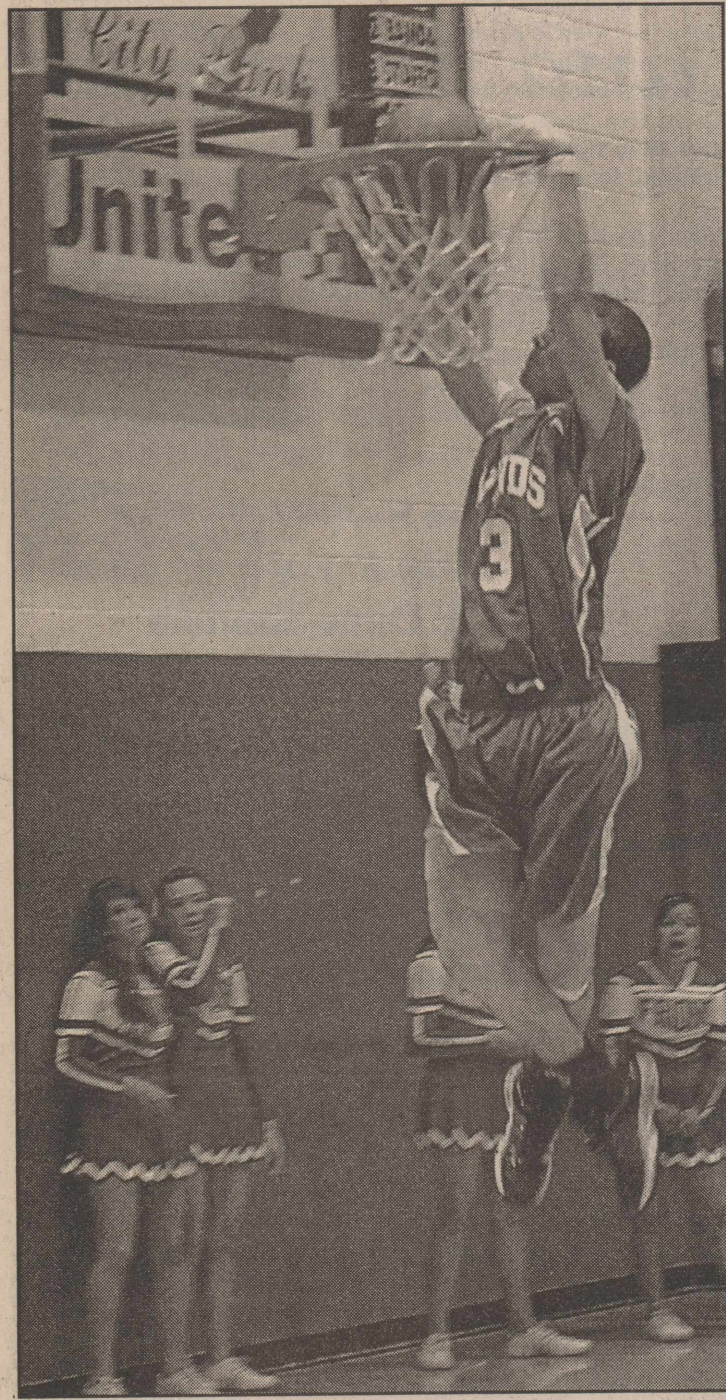
"The Whirlwinds are led by a combination of a strong group of seniors and underclassmen with great attitudes and work ethic," said Coach Brattain. "Hopefully, this season will be a record breaking year for the Whirlwinds."

With a win over Idalou, Floydada would face the winner of the Comfort and Ballinger game in the Regional Tournament, in Midland.



GOING UP STRONG--Junior Titus Miller goes up strong between three Friona Chief defenders to score two points as he led the Whirlwinds to their Class 2A Area Championship.

Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington



SLAMMING IT IN--Senior Payte Beedy goes up to slam it for two points as he gets the ball off a fast break pass. The Whirlwinds won over Friona to claim the Class 2A Area Championship.

Photos Courtesy of Jim Covington

COLLEGE NEWS

Britnee Kay Brotherton's outstanding scholarship at Texas A&M University has earned her the designation of being named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. This is reserved only for those students who achieve a GPA of 3.75 or better. She has also been selected for the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and will be formally inducted on April 9, 2008.

In addition, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS) recognizes several selected individual outstanding stu-

dents each spring. Britnee has been nominated for the Outstanding COALS Alpha Zeta Freshman. One freshman is selected among the 5,000 plus COALS students each year, recognizing early academic, leadership and service accomplishments.

Britnee is a 2007 graduate of Floydada High School and is the daughter of David and Kay Brotherton. She is the granddaughter of Wendell and Bobbie Howell of Dalhart and Mike and Merle Mooney of Lockney.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jurahee Jones, daughter of Anne and Joe Jones of Floydada, graduated Texas Tech University December 15, 2007 with a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education.

Todd Cotham, son of Phil and Cindy Cotham of Lockney, graduated Cum Laude from

Texas Tech University, December 15, 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

Texas Tech University presented degrees to approximately 1,800 graduated students the fall 2007 commencement in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

2008 WHIRLWIND VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
2-28 - 3-1	Sweetwater Tournament	T	TBA
3-4	Slaton	T	4:30
3-8	New Deal (DH)	H	12:00
3-10	Ralls	T	5:00
3-13 - 3-15	Roosevelt Tournament	T	TBA
3-20	Childress *	H	5:00
3-25	Abernathy *	T	5:00
3-29	Lockney *	H	12:00
4-1	Littlefield *	H	5:00
4-5	Shallowater *	T	12:00
4-8	Childress *	T	5:00
4-12	Abernathy *	H	12:00
4-15	Lockney *	T	7:30
4-19	Littlefield *	T	12:00
4-22	Shallowater *	H	5:00

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FHS Class Of 1986 Reunion

The 20 year reunion for the Class of 1986 will be held in Lubbock, TX on Saturday, May 24th. Please call or email J.D. Wilson, Richard Rendon, or Damion Pleasant for details. J.D. can be reached at (972)742-8632 and jdwilson@windrushhomes.com. Richard can be reached at (806) 239-0638 and ibrich2@yahoo.com. And Damion can be reached at (806)438-2964 and damionpleasant@yahoo.com.

2008 LADY WINDS VARSITY/JV SOFTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
2-28 - 3-1	Prairie Dog Tourn (V)	Lubbock	TBA
3-4	Slaton	H	4:00/6:00
3-6-3-8	Slaton Tourn. (V)	T	TBA
3-11	Abernathy	H	4:30/6:30
3-15	Mulshoe	T	12:00/2:00
3-17	Shallowater	H	12:00/2:00
3-21	Lubbock Christian (V)	T	1:00
3-25	Littlefield	T	4:30/6:30
3-29	Dimmitt	H	12:00/2:00
4-1	Abernathy	T	4:30/6:30
4-5	Littlefield	H	12:00/2:00
4-8	Mulshoe	H	4:30/6:30
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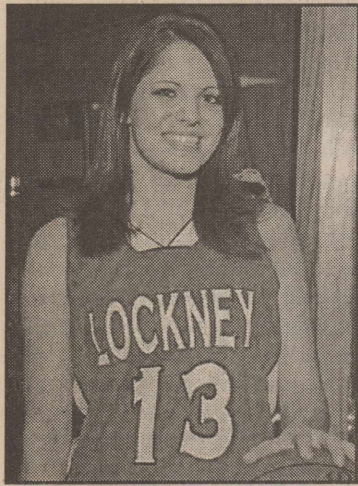
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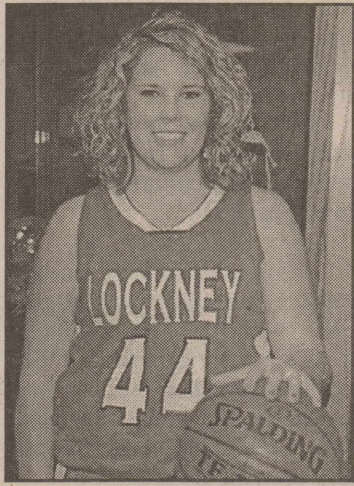
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Lady Horns Named to 3-2A All District Team



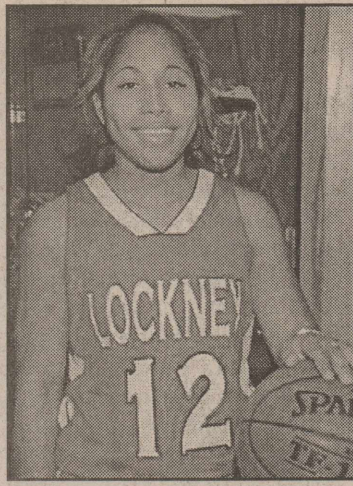
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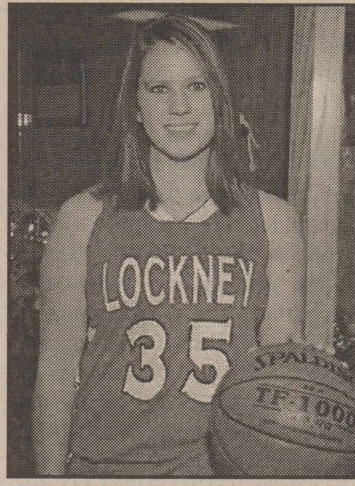
COURTYN LONG
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3-2A All-District



HEATHER BROCK
Lockney-Junior
3-2A All-District



ASHLEY VALDEZ
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Honorable Mention



SEGAYLE FOSTER
Lockney-Junior
3-2A All-District
Honorable Mention



BRITTANY MATHIS
Lockney-Junior
3-2A All District
Honorable Mention

Lockney loses hard fought battle to end season

The Lockney Lady Horns took on the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs last Tuesday in a Class 2A Bi-District race. The defensive battle saw the Lady Horns come up a disappointing two points short as the buzzer went off.

In a very competitive game, the 2 schools that will drop to 1A next year, played hard from the very minute of tipoff.

Both teams, although playing very aggressive, struggled from the offensive end resulting in a score at the end of the first quarter of Tahoka 4 and Lockney 2. The next quarter was just about equal as both teams managed 11 more points each, resulting in a halftime score, of Tahoka 15, Lockney 13. The third quarter didn't get rid of the lid that seemed to be over the goal. Tahoka managed only 10 points for the quarter as Lockney chipped in 8. In the fourth quarter the Lady Horns fought back from a 6 point deficit to tie the game at 30-all. With a swap of

score, and 41 seconds left on the clock, Tahoka's Helm got fouled.

She missed both opportunities from the free throw stripe opening the door for Lockney. In a fast break situation a pass landed out of bounds putting the ball back in Tahoka's hands. Tahoka managed to get a shot off and missed and the scramble for the rebound resulted in a tie ball. The possession arrow favored Tahoka. On an inbounds play, the ball found Tahoka's Greene, and as she put the ball up she was fouled. Greene missed the first attempt and made the second giving Tahoka a 1 point lead. Lockney pushed the ball up the floor and called timeout with 5.39 seconds left in the game. The Lockney Lady Horns had been in many tight situations, such as this, throughout the year. Relying on the experience of playing 4 overtime games, 1 double overtime game, and winning a game on free throws after time had run off the clock, the Lady Horns

knew they were in situation that they had experienced before. The timeout produced a play that just wouldn't go the Lady Horns way.

The Lady Bulldogs got the ball back with 2.2 seconds left. A foul before the ball was thrown in resulted in Tahoka scoring one more point. Malory Johnson managed to get the ball to halfcourt and put up a shot but it bounced off to the right of the goal, ending a hard fought battle, that saw Lockney come up short 32-34.

Lockney has four seniors on that team that will be greatly missed. "Courtlyn Long, Ashley Valdez, Laura Fulton, and Senee Foster have been great leaders for our team and we will miss them dearly," said Coach Schumacher. "Those four seniors have helped establish a playoff level of play and helped lay the groundwork for what's to come next year and we appreciate all they have done."



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 2-25-08 were (back, l-r) Nival Gomez, Sarah Belt, Jace Klein, Javier Guerrero, Ignacio Tapia, (third row, l-r) Anson Rendon and Jadrian Ascencio, (second row, l-r) Joseph Allen, Raymundo Alvarado, Camryn Diaz, Trevor Ascencio, Coy Baird, Trip Fortenberry, (front, l-r) Adrianna Palomin, Tuff Araujo, Nickolas Castro, Jakevon Arjona, Nathan Salazar and Jesalynn Arjona. Staff Photo

Blimp to fly in Lockney

On Thursday, February 28, Lockney Elementary students will have the distinct honor of watching a blimp take flight.

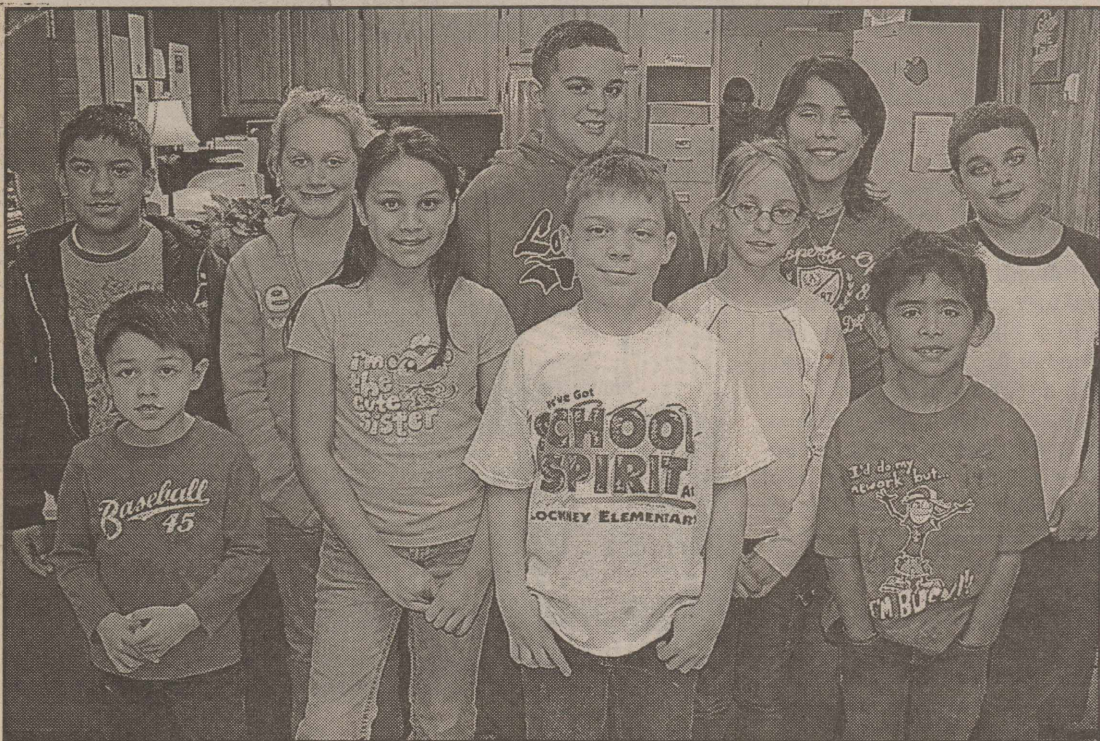
Syngenta Seed Care sales representative Robbie Long arranged for students to have this great educational experience. Along with the blimp presentation and flight, students in the 3rd and 4th and 5th grades will receive lessons and instructions about the inner workings of blimp flight.

The public is invited to attend after 10:30 and weather permitting.

Starting Lineup program to involve elementary age students in baseball

"Starting Lineup" is the brainchild of Lockney Coach Garrett Heard. The purpose of the "Starting Lineup" program is to get the Lockney Elementary School students involved in the baseball program.

The members are chosen based on their grades, attitude and citizenship. The members get to attend home games as honorary guests, are introduced and take the field along with the varsity players.



LOCKNEY'S STARTING LINEUP for the week of 2-25-08, (back, l-r) Alejandro Martinez, Dixie Williams, Tyler Crutchfield, Tea Lopez, Brandon Crutchfield, (front, l-r) Cole Poole, Yesenia Garcia, Austen Rexrode, Hannah Kidd and Joshua Pena. Staff Photo

Lockney Menu

- March 3 - March 7**
Monday
Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Popcorn chicken or burrito, mashed potatoes, broccoli, peaches, wheat roll, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pepperoni pizza or corndog, corn, salad, apple wedge, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast-Waffle or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak patty or chicken patty, potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Spaghetti or ham and cheese, salad, bread stick, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or tuna sandwich, baked fries, salad, orange, milk



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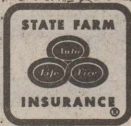
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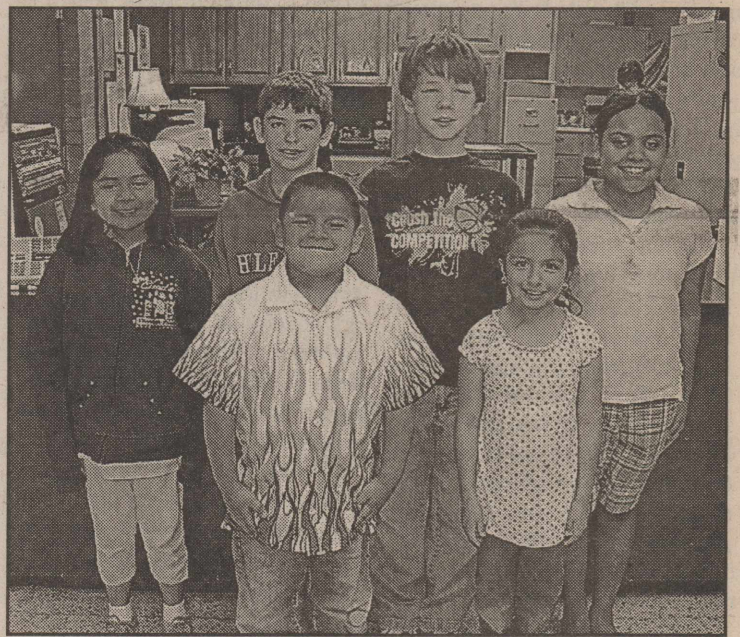


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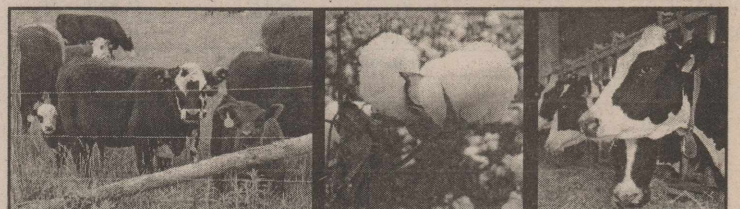


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By Shawn Wade

Farm Bill Negotiations Seem To Have Moved Forward During President's Day Recess

It may not seem like much has been accomplished, but over the course of the last week key Congressional leaders have kept working in hopes of hammering out a compromise budget framework within which a new farm bill can be developed.

Although no public announcements have been made, indications from Capitol Hill are that House and Senate leaders are zeroing in on a compromise budget agreement.

The agreement that appears to be taking shape would provide some \$9 billion over the projected 10-year baseline funding level for the farm bill and allow Congress to take another step toward completing the legislation.

While nothing is yet cast in stone regarding a budget agreement, many Washington observers are hopeful that an announcement could come early next week. If an agreement is completed it should pave the way for the Farm Bill Conference Committee to begin hammering out the final version of this "must-pass" legislation.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Announces 51st Annual Meeting Speaker Line-up

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., is pleased to announce it will conduct the organization's 51st Annual Meeting on Friday, April 4, 2008. PCG's meeting will be held in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Convention and Trade Show April 3-4, 2008 in Lubbock.

PCG's Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. Primary topics of discussion at the PCG meeting will include an overview of the current political climate and the potential impact this year's presidential election will have on agriculture and trade policy; a farm bill issues update; and a 2008 commodity price and energy outlook.

Keynote speaker for this year's PCG meeting is Washington, DC-based political and agricultural analyst Jerry Hagstrom. Hagstrom, who is a Special Correspondent for the National Journal's Congress Daily, has been asked to present his thoughts on the political landscape heading into the 2008 presidential election, what direction agriculture and trade policy might take under a new president

and how these changes might impact implementation of a new farm bill.

"We are extremely pleased to have secured the participation of Jerry Hagstrom for this year's annual meeting," notes PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Having been involved in the reporting of agriculture and legislative issues in Washington, DC for over two decades, we are looking forward to hearing his thoughts about the upcoming presidential election and how a changing political landscape could impact agricultural issues in the future."

Joining Hagstrom on the program will be John Miller, founder of Southwest Agribusiness Consulting of College Station, Texas. Miller will present his thoughts on the outlook for commodity and energy prices and the market forces that will shape the 2008 production season. Rounding out the meat of the PCG annual meeting program will be an update on the farm bill.

Current PCG president Mike Hughes, of Lamesa, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn will review the activities of the Plains Cotton Improvement Program.

Additional information about the PCG Annual Meeting and a final program will be available to attendees prior to the meeting.

Cotton Inc To Offer Free Cotton Marketing Workshop; Reserve Your Spot Today!

Get your calendars out and pencil in your plans to attend this year's "Cotton Price Risk Management and Pricing Strategies Seminar" sponsored by Cotton Incorporated, in cooperation with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The free seminar is designed to help producers develop and sharpen their individual cotton marketing skills and develop market-based strategies for managing price risk for the 2008 marketing season.

This year's workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, located at 801 Avenue Q in Lubbock. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all workshop participants.

Workshop topics include: "Why are options on cotton futures critical to your business?"; "What can options do for you and how?"; and, "Actionable hedging

strategies."

Instructors for this year's seminar will be retired Texas A&M Extension Economist Dr. Carl Anderson and Mr. Mike Stevens of Swiss Financial.

The program will also include a 2008 Production Cost Outlook by Dr. John Robinson of Texas A&M University; a Market Outlook by Cotton Marketing Specialist Dr. O.A. Cleveland; a presentation on hedging Counter-cyclical payments by Kelli Merritt, from CropMark, Inc., in Lamesa; and a session on practical application of the skills and information provided during the workshop by Cotton Specialist Mike Stevens.

For information about the conference contact Jeanne Reeves at Cotton Incorporated (919-678-2370) or Shawn Wade at Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (806-792-4904).

Registration is required for the conference and participants can register by telephone or email. Telephone registrations should be directed to Kay Wriedt (919-678-2271). Email registrations should be addressed to: kwriedt@cottoninc.com

PCG's 2008 Seed Cost Calculator

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.

Two state Ag agencies receive new names

COLLEGE STATION - Two state agricultural agencies that have served Texans for a combined 224 years are beginning 2008 with new names and renewed missions.

Texas AgriLife Research is the new name for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

"We are making these changes to better communicate the life-sustaining and life-changing impacts that both AgriLife Research and AgriLife Extension deliver to the people of Texas and beyond," said Dr. Mark Hussey, director of AgriLife Research.

Both agencies remain members of The Texas A&M University System.

The name changes are part of a re-branding initiative launching this year after two years of study and planning. These efforts were

led by former vice chancellor Dr. Elsa Murano, who was named president of Texas A&M University on Jan. 3.

"The re-branding efforts are centered on one foundational message: 'Agriculture is Life!'" Hussey said.

"This is more than a name change, or even a new logo design," said Dr. Ed Smith, director of AgriLife Extension. "It is vitally important to tell our story and that people connect our agencies to the tremendous impacts they have on the state."

One of the drivers of the re-branding initiative was a market study that showed that the work of the research and extension agencies was not widely known across the state of Texas.

"We hope to help people better understand the vital role that

agriculture and life sciences still play in improving the prosperity of their lives," said Smith.

AgriLife Extension, established in 1915, provides Texans with continuing education programs and services. More than 900 professional educators team with some 90,000 volunteers to serve families, youth, communities and businesses throughout the state. Some 600,000 children annually participate in Extension's 4-H and youth development programs.

Agriculture economy remains very strong

AMARILLO--Panhandle-Plains Land Bank CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. issued the association's 2007 report following delivery of the Farm Credit System financial reports this week.

Williams' report includes end of year volume numbers which were again significantly above projections for the year. He explained, "2007 has been another very strong year for the association as we close the books at \$353.7 million in total volume. The driving force this past year has been retail volume, or real estate loans we make in the panhandle and south plains.

Our participation portfolio continues to be a good income source and provides portfolio diversity; however, retail growth is a better indicator of how our local agriculture economy is doing." Williams said, "Each of our offices enjoyed an excellent year reflecting a good crop and overall strong commodity prices. These factors are pushing up land

values and keeping credit quality very good."

Reflecting the good year, the board of directors announced the 2008 patronage at their January meeting. This year's cash payment to stockholders will total \$2.835 million. Checks will be available at regional customer appreciation meetings being held the week of March 3rd through the 7th at the 4 credit office locations of the association. Customers should contact their loan officer for meeting details.

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Edward Jones ranked no.8 in second annual BusinessWeek Customer Service ranking

By Gary Massingill

For the second year in a row, the global financial services firm Edward Jones is the highest-ranking brokerage firm on Business Week Magazine's second annual ranking of "Customer Service Champs," according to the four Plainview Edward Jones financial advisors.

Edward Jones ranked number 8 among 25 national and international companies according to the magazine's March 3 edition.

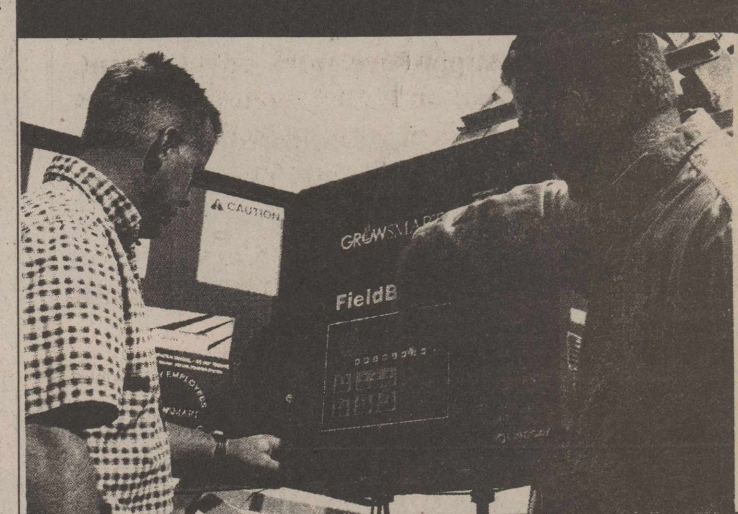
The BusinessWeek list ranks the best providers of customer service and digs into the techniques, strategies and tools they use to deliver great service, ac-

ording to the magazine.

The Plainview financial advisors include: Don Book & Gary Massingill at 2101 West 5th Street, Paul Garcia at 5th and Baltimore and J Pat Manning at 2203 Edgemere Drive.

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Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	60,092	21+	2.76	35.74	
Lubbock	73,168	21+	2.78	36.02	
	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark	
Lamesa	4.12	29.02	80.54	20.6%	
Lubbock	4.00	29.06	80.51	11.9%	
Season Totals To Date:					
Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple	
Lamesa	1,393,189	21+	2.42	36.00	
Lubbock	3,669,219	21+	2.48	36.01	
	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark	
Lamesa	4.19	29.68	80.80	7.8%	
Lubbock	4.06	29.55	80.62	3.4%	

Source: USDA AMS Cotton Division

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS UNITY CENTER HWY 70 AND FM 786, MUNCY, TX.

For residents of High Plains Water District Directors' Precinct Five, which includes the portion of Floyd County within the district of Hale County.

Recent legislation requires groundwater conservation districts within a groundwater management area (GMA) to set desired future conditions (DFCs) for the aquifer(s) they manage by Sept. 1, 2010.

The public is invited to learn more about the DFC process, as established by House Bill 1763 (2005), and codified as Chapter 36.108 of the Texas Water Code. The public is also encouraged to offer comments to the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Board of Directors about the setting of desired future conditions for the Ogallala aquifer within GMAs 1 & 2.

This meeting is for informational and discussion purpose only. No board action will be taken at this meeting and any item ultimately warranting board action will be revisited at a future regularly-scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

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ORDINANCE NO. 08-1
AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING AND CLARIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 06-15 WHICH ESTABLISHED GARBAGE RATES AS FOLLOWS:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 13.1000 GARBAGE RATES EFFECTIVE FOR THE UTILITY BILLS MAILED JUNE 30, 2005.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 13, Article 13.1001 Garbage Rates of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Floydada is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 13.1000 SECTION 13.1001	GARBAGE RATES Garbage Collection and Disposal Rates Established
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The monthly service rates or charges for garbage collection and disposal service furnished by the City of Floydada shall be as follows:

Inside City Limits	Outside City Limit	(Originally approved 9-19-06)
Residential Rate	\$17.00 per month	\$25.00 per month 1 container; 1 pickup per week
Business Rate	\$21.00 per month	\$27.50 per month 1 container; 1 pickup per week
	\$35.00 per month	1 container; 2 pickups per week
	\$49.00 per month	1 container; 3 pickups per week

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective for the utility bills mailed June 30, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas on this 26th day of February, 2008.

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

ATTEST:
Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary

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Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 13.1000 GARBAGE RATES EFFECTIVE FOR THE UTILITY BILLS MAILED FEBRUARY 29, 2008.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 13, Article 13.1001 Garbage Rates of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Floydada is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Business Rate	\$21.00 per month	\$30.50 per month 1 container; 1 pickup per week
	\$35.00 per month	1 container; 2 pickups per week
	\$49.00 per month	1 container; 3 pickups per week

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective for the utility bills mailed February 29, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas on this 26th day of February, 2008.

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

ATTEST:
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Obituaries

CHUCK HUTCHINSON
Services for Chuck Hutchinson, 59, were held in Abilene Saturday.

He was the husband of Floydada High School graduate, Karla Tooley. He is also survived by three sons.

Chuck had been fighting cancer for almost three years. Karla is the daughter of Wendell and Mary Tom Tooley of Plainview.

WILLIAM JOHNSON
William "Bill" Johnson, 68, of Plainview and formerly of Amarillo, died February 24, 2008 in Prairie House Living Center in Plainview.

He donated his body to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. No services are planned at this time. Local arrangements were under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

He was born January 23, 1939 in Garvin County, Oklahoma to Lee and Geniva Johnson. He was a resident of Amarillo and a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his sister, Wanda Smith and her husband, Lynn of Lockney and several nieces and nephews.

ELIZABETH WOOLSEY SHEARER

Elizabeth Woolsey Shearer passed away on February 17, 2008 at the Nursing Home of Custer, South Dakota at the age of 97-1/2 years old.

Services were held at the Methodist Church at Wall, South Dakota on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

She was born on August 18, 1910 to Luther and Zora Woolsey at Vernon, Texas. Elizabeth and Orvus Shearer were married December 14, 1931 in Floyd County at her sister's home. He preceded her in death on January 17, 1987.

Survivors include a daughter, Juanita and husband, Gladwin Paulsen; one son, Lavon and wife, Dorothy Shearer; eight grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; three great-great-granddaughters, all from South Dakota area and one sister, Vonceil Colston of Floydada.

It is nice to live in a small town where people are concerned for each other. I appreciate the love, concern and thoughtfulness for me in the loss of my sister, Elizabeth Shearer of South Dakota by: Betsy Dempsey, Floyd and Euna Bradford and Wilma Coston who took me out to eat on different days and Janice Lloyd for the food brought to me.

Thank you all for the many prayers, cards and calls that I received. I was unable to attend the funeral so my sister-in-law, Wilma Colston, sat with me at my house during the time of the funeral service.

*In appreciation,
Vonceil Colston*

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, words of comfort, wonderful food, beautiful flowers and your open arms of kindness and love during our time of loss.

Grandmother expressed to us often her love for her many friends, neighbors, church family and doctors and nurses in Lockney.

Thank you all for being such an inspiration and blessing to her and to us.

*God bless each of you,
The Christine Byerly Family*

The Floydada Lions Club would like to thank the community for supporting our Pancake Breakfast and Radio Days.

We would also like to thank the FHS Girl's softball team for helping us sell tickets to the meal. Your support helps us support local charities and youth activities.

Floydada Lions

THIS WEEK'S

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.

More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

FHS CLASS OF 1986 REUNION

The FHS Class of 1986 is planning their 20 year reunion. Call J. D. Wilson at 972-742-8632.

LHS HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

The Lockney High School Homecoming committee will meet Tuesday, March 4 at the Main Street Church of Christ. The first mail-out will be planned.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 104 E. California, Floydada.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., local time, Thursday March 6th, 2008. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, 416 W. Willow, Lockney, Texas.

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

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Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Jay Simpson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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

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

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Levi Sisemore - Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Anthony D. Sisemore,
Pastor
Bill Swinney,
Minister of Ed./Music
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study .. 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 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m

American State Bank
Member FDIC
217 W. California
983-3725

Goen & Goen Insurance
102 E. California
983-3524

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
983-2737

Lockney Co-op Gin
652-3377

City Auto Buick, Pontiac, GMC
201 E. Missouri
Floydada
983-3767

Lockney Ins. Agency
105 N. Main
652-3347

Clark Pharmacy
320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

Oden Chevrolet Inc.
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

Davis Lumber
102 E. Shubet
Lockney
6523385

Payne Family Pharmacy
200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

Garcia's OK Tire Store
306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370
511 1st Olton, TX 2657796

Pay-n-Save
210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

Lighthouse Electric Coop
983-3524

Schacht
Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts
112 W. Poplar, Lockney
652-2385

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Rev. Ray Gonzales
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Jose Relente
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Mon./Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee,
Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service ... 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Burnell Lund,
Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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Floydada School Menu

Menu

February 3 - February 7
Monday

Breakfast - Cheese pizza or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew, fresh broccoli w/Ranch, strawberries and bananas, saltine crackers, milk

Thursday

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

Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French bread stick, sliced peaches, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk

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