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## 'Winds make basketball history

The Whirlwinds Regional Quarterfinal historic win, February 26, against the Idalou Wildcats, was just the beginning of history in the making for Floydada boy's basketball.

Although the Winds have advanced to Quarterfinal playoffs before, this win and the subsequent Regional semi-final and final playoff games were a first for the boys.

However, after their strong 2008 playoff run, the Floydada Whirlwind Basketball fell short of their quest for the State Tournament, held this weekend in Austin.

The Winds season came to a close on Saturday, March 1, in Midland. The defeat came in the final Region 1-2A Championship game at the hands of the Jim Ned Indians, 65-61.

The 2008 playoffs were filled with many wonderful memories for the Whirlwinds and their fans.

The Regional Quarterfinals, Feb. 26, featured the Idalou Wildcats who had beaten Spearman in the Area round of the playoffs. The Whirlwinds met the Wildcats at the Coronado Gymnasium in Lubbock. Floydada jumped out on Idalou quickly, outscoring them 36-16 at halftime.

The game never got closer as Floydada came away with a 74-51 victory.

Payte Beedy led all scorers with 28 points and had 8 rebounds. Titus Miller had 15 points and 11 rebounds. Kevin Smith had 13 points.

"The entire team contributed in this long awaited victory," said the Whirlwind's Coach, Brattain.

With the win over Idalou, Floydada next moved to the Region IAA Regional Tournament, against the Comfort Bobcats in Midland, February 29.

The whole community got behind their Whirlwinds as they anticipated their match-up with Comfort.

Again, Floydada jumped out to an early lead and took a 8 point lead to halftime. The game was tense during the second half with Comfort getting within striking distance to start the fourth quar-

ter. Floydada used a 20 point quarter to hold them off however and to take the 62-47 win.

Payte Beedy led all scorers with 17 points to go along with 9 rebounds. Kody Smith chipped in 11 points in the win. This victory set up a match-up for a trip to Austin with Jim Ned.

Jim Ned made it to the finals with a 69-59 victory over Shallowater the previous night. Floydada's overall record stood at 26-9 heading into the game with Jim Ned.

The Regional Final was another first for Floydada boy's basketball. The opponent was a team with a lot of basketball tradition that had previously been to the state tournament in 2005. Both teams came in excited and both team's had tremendous support in the stands.

Floydada jumped out to an early lead just like they had done with the past two games.

The first quarter was Floydada 25 and Jim Ned 13. Payte Beedy had an explosive 14 points in the first quarter alone. The game was far from over though as Jim Ned cut the lead during the second quarter to 4 as the Whirlwinds took a 32-28 lead into halftime.

The third quarter was very competitive and the Whirlwinds began the fourth quarter with a one point, 43-42 lead.

Jim Ned took over in the fourth winning this critical period, 23-18. Jim Ned hung on to win the game, 65-61.

The game was very exciting from start to finish, ending with Floydada falling short of their first trip to the State Tournament in Austin.

Payte Beedy led the Whirlwinds in scoring with 24 points. Titus Miller had 17 points and 13 rebounds in the loss. Kody Smith contributed 11 points while his brother Kevin added 9 points.

The Floydada Whirlwinds ended their 2007-2008 season with a 26-10 record.

"Overall, the season was exciting," said Brattain. "The district schedule was so tough; it seemed to make the team more prepared for the playoff sched-



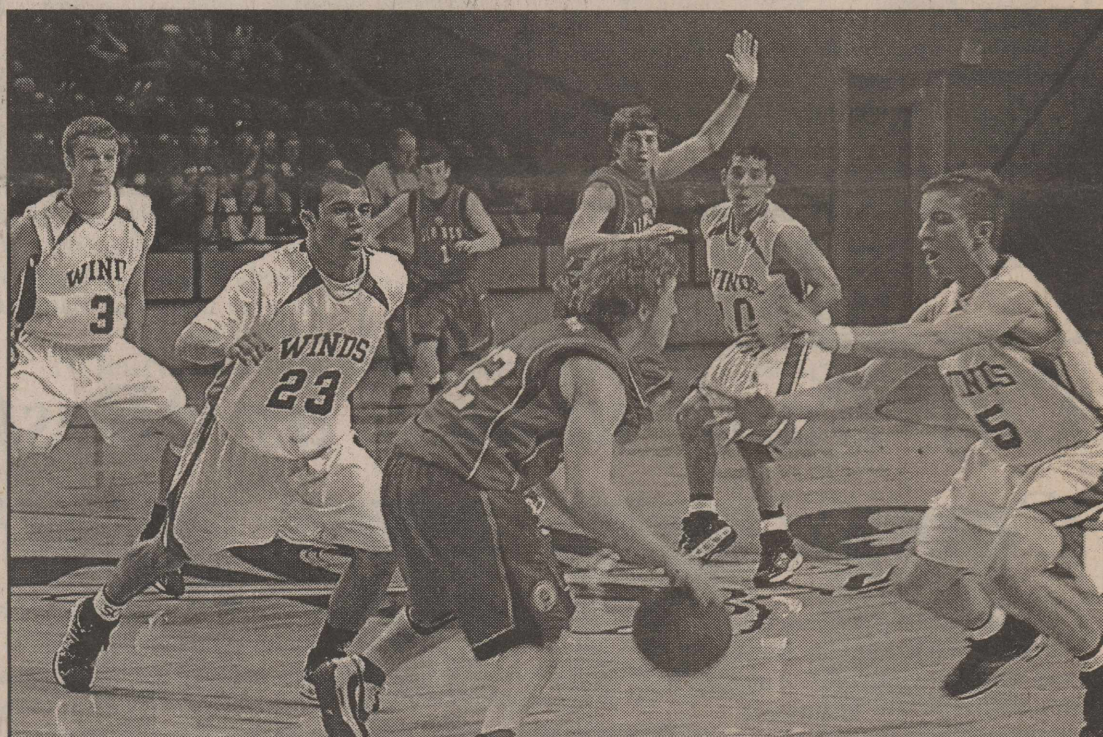
THE REGION 1-2A RUNNER-UP TROPHY is held by the Floydada Whirlwinds after their defeat to Jim Ned in the Regional Final Playoff Game, Saturday, March 1. Team members shown here are: (back, l-r) Troy Beedy; (middle, l-r) Greg Aleman, Teddy Summers, Bryson Session, Kody Smith, Mason Lipham, Brandon Basaldua, Blake Greer (front, l-r) Asst. Coach Tyler Helms, Payte Beedy, Joseph Segura, Aarrhon Flores, Eladio Saldana, Kevin Smith, Head Coach Chris Brattain; (kneeling, l-r) Jalen Brattain and Titus Miller.

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"We are very proud of this season and the accomplishments that were achieved. The seniors have set a standard for boy's basketball in Floydada and have set lofty goals for the younger grades to strive to achieve one day.

"We will miss each one and his contribution to the team both on and off the court.

"We also want to thank Tanner Sue, Charlie Beedy, J.C. Chappell, and Robert Finley for their hard work during the season as well. All of these young men were fun to work with and it was an honor to have them knowing the sacrifices they made for the team this year. We also appreciate the hard work put in by Tyler Helms who went above and beyond his job to contribute to the team. Arriving early and leaving late paid off for everyone involved. We also wanted to thank J.K. Hester and Desmond Ayala for all of their work during the basketball season as well."



WINDS DEFENSE FIGHT BACK AGAINST JIM NED INDIANS, March 1, in the Regional Finals Game. Winds are: #3, Payte Beedy; #23, Aarrhon Flores; #5, Titus Miller; #10, Joseph Segura.

## Paul Raissez wins Sheriff's Race

Anderson and Smith will face off in run-off

When all the votes were counted in Floyd County, Paul Raissez was elected Sheriff and a run-off race was called for in the Commissioner Pct. #1 Race on the Republican ticket.

None of the three candidates for Pct. #1 Commissioner on the Republican ticket received over 50% of the vote.

Mike Anderson received 180 votes, 42.06%; Jerry Finley received 102 votes, 23.83%; and Tanner Smith got 146 votes, 34.11%. A run-off election will be held April 8 between Ander-

son and Tanner Smith.

Early voting for the run-off will be held March 24-April 4.

The winner of the run-off will face off the Democrat winner, Cecil Jackson, who got 93 votes, 54.71. Jackson's democrat opponent, O.B. Smith, got 77 votes, 45.29%.

In the Republican primary, Raissez won the Sheriff's race easily with a total of 722 votes, 74.74%, against challenger Charles Dunn's total of 244, or 25.26%.

Raissez will not face a Demo-

crat challenger.

There are 4,391 registered voters in Floyd County. In the Republican Primary 996, or 22.68% of the registered voters cast their ballots.

In the Democrat primary, 600 voted, or 13.66% of the registered voters.

On the Democrat side, Hillary Clinton carried Floyd County with 345 votes, or 59.79% against Barack Obama's 213 votes, or 36.92%.

The Republican's in the County went with McCain-455,

or 49.03%, followed by Mike Huckabee's, 393, or 42.35%.

On the local scene the uncontested races were:

**Republican:**  
County Attorney: Lex

Herrington, 685, or 69.54%.

Tax Assessor-Collector: Lori Morales, 596, or 60.75%.

County Commissioner, Pct. #3: Bill Quattlebaum, 53, or 61.63%.

County Chairman Kerry Pratt: 699, 71.40%.

U.S. Representative: Randy Neugebauer, 798.

State Senator, District 28:

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## Cactus entertainers will be part of Lockney Chamber Banquet

By Alice Gilroy

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will "Celebrate a Bountiful Year" at the annual Chamber Banquet, March 29th with well known entertainment from the Cactus Theatre.

Tickets can be purchased now from J&K Insurance and City Bank-Lockney. Also chamber directors, Denise Doucette, Donna McCarter, Sherry McDonald, Almadena Rendon, and Rise Ford, will have tickets to sell.

The banquet will start at 6:30 p.m. The menu will consist of: chopped steak, potato casserole, green beans, rolls, and cobblers.

The Banquet will be held in the Lockney Elementary Cafeterium and tickets are now on sale for \$10 each.

## Gala will celebrate "People Who Make a Difference"

By Alice Gilroy

On April 5, the Floyd County Gala will celebrate, "The People Who Make a Difference".

Organizers are excited about what will be offered at this year's Gala, including the brand new paved parking lot for guests.

The Gala's entertainment will be provided by "Canaan Bound", a gospel group from Neosho, Missouri.

This year instead of one large raffle, 8 different items will be raffled off. Raffle items, will be:

a Westinghouse 42" HDTV, a Dell Inspiron 1521 Laptop Computer, a Magnavox 26" HDTV with/ DVD player, an Apple 8 GB IPOD Touch, a Nintendo Wii, a Garmin Nuvi 200 GPS Navigation, a Sony Cybershot Digital Camera, and a Insignia Widescreen Portable DVD Player.

The raffle tickets will be sold for \$20 each or \$100 for six tickets.

Also returning this year is the crowd pleasing \$1,000 cash giveaway. This year the cash give-

away is sponsored by Providence Farm Supply.

The Gala will also have their silent and live auction.

The steak dinner will be courtesy of Lowe's Pay-N-Save from Floydada and Lockney, and Cargill Beef.

Tickets to the Gala and raffle tickets can be purchased at Nick Long's Insurance Office, D & J Gin, Jon LaBaume, or from any board member. Gala tickets are \$30 per ticket, or \$280 for a reserved table of eight.

This year's banquet entertainment will be provided by Jeff Bailey and Billy McClaran from the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock.

The two sing a wide variety of music from Elvis and Orbison to George Strait and Vince Gill.

The evening will also be dedicated to presenting awards, including the 2007 award for Citizen of the Year. The chamber will also give out gift certificates for local businesses.

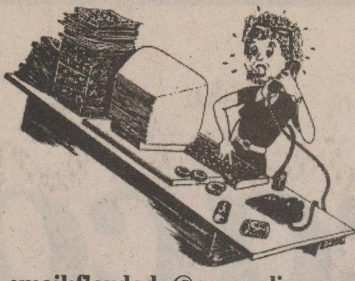
Artwork from Donna Webb's High School Art Department will be on display to celebrate the month of March as "Art Appreciation Month."

One hour Saturday at Midnight



## By The Way

By Alice Gilroy



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Wow--How about them Winds!

What an exciting season the Whirlwinds have given Floydada.

I'm sorry they had such a disappointing loss to Jim Ned. Four points away from State playoffs I'm sure is hard to take. But, the Winds have nothing to be ashamed of. They played great and represented Floydada well.

The Winds helped get Floydada on the map one more time in a positive way.

Thank-you very much!!! And--thank you Jim Covington for taking such great pictures of these boys. What a wonderful help that was to this newspaper. Also--thanks to Coach Brattain on the stories and getting it recorded for history!

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By the way--am I the only one that hates to sit in drive-up win-

dow lines behind someone who won't move up if their order isn't finished?

What happened to the clerk telling people to move forward and wait for the order to be brought out?

What happened to customers having the good sense and courtesy to not make people wait in the drive-up window line?

I've heard this complaint from several people and I've also heard them say they've quit patronizing places that keep you in the drive-thru for too long.

I asked a clerk recently why they didn't ask people to move forward and she told me, "When we do they get mad at us."

I've been asked before and I didn't get angry. I would have been too scared to get angry. You're not supposed to get angry at people who prepare your food. Everybody's mother should have taught you that!

## A view from

# The Lamplighter



By: Ken Towery

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By time this goes into print, on Wednesday, all the shouting and hoopla will be over, and either Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton will have nailed down the Democratic nomination. Primaries in both Texas and Ohio will give us some sort of decision. The Republican nomination is more or less a forgone conclusion, with the nominee all but certain to be John McCain, the maverick Senator from Arizona. All of them may have a few more practical purposes, the races are over. But we still would not be surprised to see Mike Huckabee do exceedingly well in Texas.

We still haven't made up our mind who we will vote for in the final analysis. It may very well be McCain, but time and circumstance may change that. The last time we went through this period

of indecision was several years ago, when we were agonizing over George W. Bush and John Kerry. Then, after much hemming and hawing, we went for Bush and have been sorry about it ever since, ever since the Iraq war, when Bush turned our Secretary of State's job over to the Israeli government. The only saving grace we have is that Kerry would have been even worse. We worry about McCain being President, but then we would worry about anyone being President.

We live in a nest of Obama supporters in Austin. There is a Hillary supporter a couple of doors down from us, but otherwise it is an Obama neighborhood. Even people who are otherwise sane are sporting Obama signs in their front yard. Our im-

mediate neighbor, the former wife of the guitarist Jimmy Vaughn, has an Obama sign in her yard, as does a rich doctor living in a huge estate a couple of houses the other way. Across the street, a couple of well-off realtors have signs indicating they are for Obama. Other than a few signs for Ron Paul, that's the way it goes. One lone Hillary sign graces the neighborhood. It's not that we live in such a rich neighborhood; it's just very, very

Democratic, and liberal. After all, until lately, we were represented in the Texas Legislature by Ann Richards' great and good friend, one Glen Maxey, the only openly queer member of the Texas House.

In our own immediate family, there is a division of opinion. (Imagine that.) My wife thinks Obama will be the Democratic nominee in Texas. I think it will be Hillary. She is probably right. I tend to be more practical in such matters, while she tends toward trends, I think, and right now the trend is toward Obama. We'll see

Wednesday morning. In the meantime, you may be interested to note that the Jerusalem Post reported today that Jews were the highest income racial group in America, (no surprises there), but that the Hindus were the highest racial educational group in America. We suspect those figures come from the Census Bureau. You will have three guesses as to where they got their education, and who paid for it. The first two don't count. Those folks did, after all, see the advantages of education, and took it, no matter who paid for it.

## Courtroom Activities

February 25, 2007, Rere Hinojosa II, was charged with resisting arrest.

A Theft charge of \$20 or more but less than \$500 against Linda Ratliff was dismissed.

In J.P. Pct. #1 & #4 the January Report showed: 24 traffic violations, 2 License and Weights violations, 1 Disorderly Conduct, 2 alcohol violations, and 1 Parks and Wildlife violations filed.

Civil cases were filed by LVNV Funding LLC. vs. Mary DeOchoa; Midland Credit Management, Inc., vs. Edward Sanchez; Palisades Collection, LLC. vs. Isaac Campos; LVNV Funding, LLC. vs. Joe and Noelia Barrientos.

The February report in J.P. Pct. #1 & #4 showed:

17 traffic violations, 2 License and Weights violations, 10 Parks & Wildlife violations, and 2 alcohol violations. Other Justice suits filed included: Capital One vs. Lori A. Morales; and Producers Coop suits against: Cory Speed, Tyler S. Boogeman, Artemio Diaz, and Marty and Nikki Oakes.

## Election results...

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Robert Duncan, 683. State Representative, District 85: Isaac Castro, 539.

**Democrat:** District Attorney: Becky McPherson, 437, or 74.32%.

Tax Assessor: Delia Suarez, 466, or 79.12%.

County Commissioner, Pct. #3: Nathan Johnson, 115, or 71.43%.

County Chairman: Jeffery Johnson, 406, 69.64%.

State Representative, District 85: Joe Heflin, 443.

**Other Contested Races on the Democrat Ticket:**

U.S. Senator: Noriega, 159; Ray McMurrey, 84; Gene Kelly,

105; and Rhett Smith, 72.

U.S. Representative: Dwight Fullingim, 291; Rufus Mark, 123.

Railroad Commissioner: Mark Thompson, 278; Art Hall, 46; and Dale Henry, 70.

Justice Supreme Ct. Place 7: Baltasar Cruz, 194; Sam Houston, 204.

Justice Supreme Ct. Place 8: Susan Criss, 214; Linda Yanez, 183.

**Other Contested Races on the Republican Ticket:**

United States Senate: John Cornyn, 641; Larry Kilgore, 126.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4: Paul Womack, 434; Robert Francis, 173.

**The Run-Off Election Will be Held April 8th. Early Voting Will be March 24-April 4**

## City Bank named as "Best Company to Work For"

(Editor's Note: We ran this story last week, but City Bank was spelled "Citibank". They are two separate businesses. We are running the story again to make sure everyone understands the award was for City Bank which has branches in Floydada and Lockney.)

AUSTIN - City Bank, 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.

The awards were announced at an Austin luncheon hosted by the Texas Association of Business (TAB), publishers of *Texas Monthly* magazine, and the Society for Human Resource Management - Texas State Council (SHRM-TSC). Over 600 members of the business community attended the event to honor competition winners.

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

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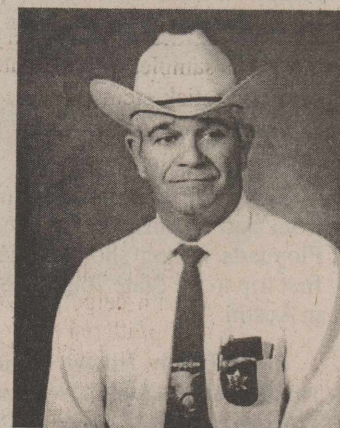
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SOUTH PLAINS HOBBY CLUB MEMBERS

## South Plains Hobby Club



MARY CARTER

By Sandra Lass

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the South Plains Baptist Church on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. Members present included Ann Hartman, Peggy Roberts, Margaret Kitchens, Kay Gilbert, Mary Carter, Virginia Taylor, Donnie Bowman, Mildred Smitherman, Carolyn Marble, Janis Julian and Sandra Lass. Carolyn Marble distributed the Hobby Club folders and we all cheered when we saw the great job she had done. She prepared each month's activities on regular notebook sized paper and used extra large type for which we were all grateful.

Donnie Bowman introduced Mary Carter, hostess and chocolate expert in making molded confections and Mary's husband, Dennis, who assisted Mary during her presentation. Mary said that she learned how to use molds to make seasonal figures such as Santa faces, reindeer, Christmas trees, candy canes, snowmen, Easter bunnies, Easter eggs as well as Ninja turtles, computers, musical instruments and notes, stars, bake sets, teacups, roses and leaves, to mention just a few.

Over the years Mary collected a variety of molds as well as inherited a few from the friend who had talked her into learning how to make molded confections, but later lost interest in continuing with them herself.

Mary said she learned that to make successful confections, only certain types of chocolate could be used, such as using only milk and white chocolate of good quality (good chocolate has less wax in it), is easier to work with and easier to remove the chocolate figures from the molds without having them stick. Mary said

Merken's chocolate comes in a variety of colors and that gold dust could be used as well.

She said most of her confections were entirely edible (including the gold dust!) and that there was no cooking involved in making molded chocolate confections. Mary said some of her molds had a place to put sticks so you could have a lollipop.

Mary said making the chocolate confections was a step-by-step process and the weather has a lot to do with her success. If it is too cold the chocolate hardens too fast and if it is too hot the chocolate gets runny. Mary had several colors of chocolate in plastic bowls on a warming plate to keep the chocolate pliable and warm but not too thick or too runny. Mary said in filling her molds she uses squirt bottles with several sized holes, toothpicks and several small sized spoons.

Mary then showed us how to make Santa faces by first using a toothpick to put his white eyebrows into the mold. Dennis put the mold into the refrigerator freezer and Mary set a timer for 15 minutes. Mary said Santa's eyebrows had to set first before she could put the next part of his face into the mold.

While Santa's eyebrows were hardening in the freezer, Mary showed us samples of chocolate roses with stick stems wrapped in green florist tape, a chocolate deviled egg, on which she had used yellow colored rice crispies for the yolk and white chocolate for the white, using an oval shaped mold. She also showed us a small plate with beige chocolate french fries (with red chocolate ketchup on them) and a chocolate hamburger in which the brown hamburger, yellow mustard, white mayonnaise, red tomato, white onion and green lettuce (all chocolate as well) could be seen between the beige chocolate bun.

After Santa's eyebrows were done, Mary proceeded step-by-step to complete his face: beard, eyes, nose and smile, after each, Dennis placed them in the freezer to set.

Mary said she used to sell her chocolate figures and shipped them all over the country as well as sold them to local customers.

But, the right kind of molds and plastic dishes to hold the chocolate were getting harder to find and other tools she needed were becoming scarce as well. The time and expense in preparation and cost of shipping were also deciding factors.

By the time Mary finished her presentation, all of our mouths were watering. Mary, Dennis and co-hostess Janis Julian gave each of us a chocolate red rose on a green florist tape wrapped stem and a slice of pizza that looked astonishingly like a real pepperoni pizza, with chocolate green and red peppers, beige chocolate mushrooms and red chocolate pepperoni.

Donnie thanked Mary for her presentation and we all began to eat our chocolate goodies. As we were eating, Carolyn said she noticed Mary had not once licked her fingers as she was preparing her chocolate figures, but most of the rest of us had as we were eating ours.

The next meeting will be held March 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the South Plains Baptist Church. Pat Nelson is going to show us how to make hooked rugs and boiled wool purses.

**Our Country and our leaders need your prayers**

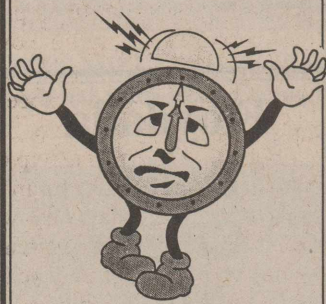
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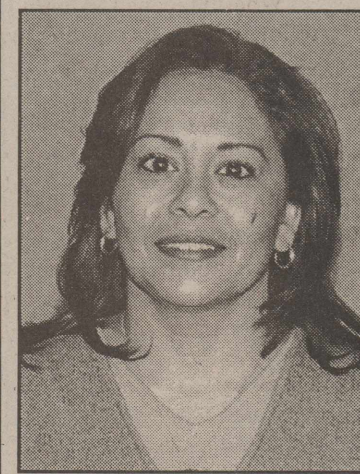
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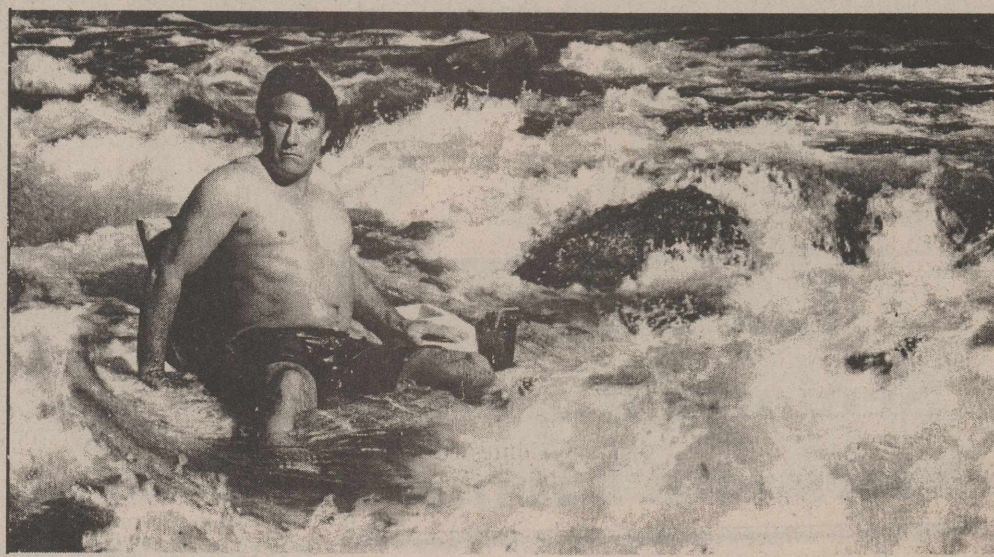


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**Lori Morales**

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NICHOLAS ANGERER AND SHONDA GUTHRIE

## Guthrie and Angerer

Larry and Rhonda Guthrie are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shonda Kay Guthrie to Nicholas Angerer, son of James and Vivian Angerer of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Floydada High School and Lubbock Covenant School of Nursing. She is currently employed as an RN with the Covenant Cardiothoracic Surgeons in Lubbock. Miss Guthrie is the granddaughter of LeRoy and Loretta Burns of Floydada and the late S.M. and Mary Guthrie and the late Helen Guthrie, all of Floydada.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Lubbock Cooper Schools and Texas Tech University. He is currently employed as a firefighter with the Lubbock Fire Department.

The couple plan a May 31, 2008 wedding at the Garden and Arts Center's Rose Garden in Lubbock.

Bridal selections Gift Cards at Sears in Lubbock.

## Lockney Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Vera Jo Bybee

Wanda and C.F. Barber have been cooking and delivering food, food, food.

That is so great.

However the board members may have to have a called meeting to discuss who is qualified for having the meals delivered. I was told the old rule for delivery was that one had to be a member of the Center and was a shut-in who could not come to the Center for their food.

Now there are quite a few who aren't members who would like to have their meals delivered. C.F. and Wanda said that would be fine with them and I am sure the board will okay it. We will just have to wait and see.

The Center wants to thank Paul and Zora Reecer for giving us boxes of puzzles and Double 9 dominoes. They have one of the puzzles set up now, so stop by and help put it together.

Congratulations goes out to former Lockney resident Betty Joan Handley Black now of Hale Center. Her granddaughter Texie Rae played on the State Winning Canyon Girl's Basketball team. Betty accompanied Texie's parents, Buffy and Jerry Schaffer of Canyon, to Austin to watch the Canyon girls play. Betty had a great time but was really tired when she got home.

My friend Shirley Holt Green called me and told me about her sister Margaret Holt Bartram and husband Jerry, former Lockney residents, who now live in East Wenatchee, Wa. being great grandparents to Kaylee Jo. Kaylee Jo has a brother Shane. Their parents are Matt and Danielle and their grandmother is Jody Bartram Moore also of East Wenatchee.

Joe Mack Holmes emailed me Sunday March 2 and told me he was recovering in Integra, a re-

hab hospital, after spending 9 days in Plano's Baylor Hospital for having open heart surgery to replace his bicuspid aortic valve, replace his ascending aorta (aneurism) and to repair the mitral valve.

His brother Jerry and wife Kay from Colorado Springs are still here with him. Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you Joe as you recover and will probably feel a lot better now after they did all that repairing on you.

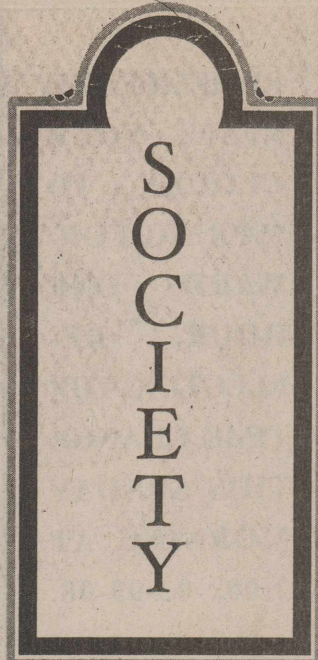
Others who are in the Lubbock hospitals at this time (Monday night) are Mary Louise McCarter, David Frizzell and Sonny Sutton. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Our sympathy is with the Thompson and Roberts families on the passing of Jewell Roberts Thompson Sunday at the Lockney Care Center.

Last week I wrote wanting each of you to pray for our servicemen. This week I heard from a former Lockney resident Carolyn Merrell Jones whose daughter LTC Jayme Jones Sutton is serving at the present time in Afghanistan. Please put her and her family on your prayer list.

Thought for the day comes from Rocky Knox: Watch your thoughts for they become words. Choose your words, for they become actions. Understand your actions for they become habits. Study your habits for they will become your character. Develop your character for it becomes your destiny.

**Menu**  
**March 10 - March 14**  
**Mon: Scrambled hamburger**  
**Tues: Nachos with cheese**  
**Wed: Pork roast**  
**Thrs: Chicken fried steak**  
**Fri: Meatloaf**



## Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

Sunday March 2, the Lovell's celebrated three birthdays in their home with a big birthday dinner. Family members having a birthday were James Lovell, daughter LuAnn Collins and grandson John Collins. Sue Lovell said they had a great time together.

As many of you know Irene King passed away Sunday, March 2 in Lubbock. She was our Center's Director for many years. She retired in 2006. The obituary in the Lubbock paper said 1986. They were wrong.

She kept our Center going during stressful times of finances being short. But her knowledge of making a meal taste good with little money to work with helped to keep our Center going. She was also a faithful bridge player. She loved playing games of all kinds. She loved to crochet and knit. She taught me how to make toboggans for adults, children and babies. She was a wonderful lady and I will miss her.

Our sympathy to the family of Irene King.

Our sympathy to the family of Angelitia Torrez.

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

In memory of **Elizabeth Shearer** - William and Faye Bertrand.

In memory of **Irene King** - William and Faye Bertrand, Margarette Word, Diana Glover, J.W. and Dolores Cannon, Wayland and Margaret Jones, James and Sue Lovell and Jo Lyles.

Thought for the Week - Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule - and both commonly succeed and are right.

-H.L. Mencken

**Menu**  
**March 10 - March 14**

**Monday**-Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, roll, fruit parfait

**Tuesday**-Hamburger on bun, tots, lettuce, tomato, onion, baked apples

**Wednesday**-Chicken fried steak, baked potato, green beans, roll, fruit

**Thursday**-Beef tostada, beans, rice, ambrosia fruit salad

**Friday**-Fish, beans, coleslaw, cornbread, cherry salad



ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S VALENTINE KINGS AND QUEENS

## St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church holds annual Valentine Coronation

By Olga Enriquez

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church held its annual Valentine Coronation on February 17.

Mistress of Ceremonies was Margaret Ponce who introduced our 2008 candidates. They were Emily Champion, Maria Casares, Myra Garcia, Roxann Chavarria, Rita Martinez, Marqui Morales, Chelsea Ibarra, Cassie Martinez, Elizabeth Ibarra, Eathan Ibarra and Tony Cervera.

Their parents escorted them in as Brian Cortinas played music. Maria Machado and Maria Ellena Cervera sang "Si Yo No Tengo Amor" (If I Have No Love).

The 2007 reigning Sweethearts were introduced as they were escorted in. They were Elizabeth Ibarra, escorted by her father, Jesse Ibarra, Raelene Martinez, escorted by her father, Andy Martinez, Cassandra Cervera, escorted by her father, Robert Cervera and Maria Casares, escorted by her father,

Richard Casares.

"My Valentine" was sung by Laura Ascencio and Irma Vasquez. The Valentine Sweethearts and Kings were crowned in the different age groups. (0-5) Tiny Sweetheart was Emily Champion, 4 year old daughter of John and Erica Champion. First runner-up was Maria Casares, 5 year old daughter of Richard and Shirley Casares.

(6-10) Sweetheart was Myra Garcia, 6 year old daughter of Efen and Yolanda Garcia. She was the Overall Sweetheart, raising the most amounts of votes. First runner-up was Marqui Morales, 9 year old daughter of Martin and Mary Morales. Second runner-up was Roxann Chavarria, 9 year old daughter of Victor and Joann Chavarria. Third runner-up was Rita Martinez, 9 year old daughter of Juan and Maria Martinez.

(11-14) Sweetheart was Chelsea Ibarra, 12 year old

daughter of Jesse and Cindy Ibarra. First runner-up was Cassie Martinez, 14 year old daughter of Juan and Maria Martinez.

(15-Plus) Valentine Sweetheart was Elizabeth Ibarra, 17 year old daughter of Jesse and Cindy Ibarra.

There were door prizes, refreshments and musical entertainment throughout the event. Ariel Peralez, daughter of Andy and Mary Peralez and Brian Cortinas, son of Abel and Cathy Cortinas, closed the program as they sang "I Can Only Imagine".

Victor Herrera, Lupe Stewart, Amado Morales and Mr. and Mrs. Rolando Cisneros sponsored the crowns. We would like to thank everyone that made this possible and it was such a great success. Thanks to the businesses that donated door prizes: Bib's, Floydada Chamber of Commerce, Cornelius Conoco, Dollar General, Norma's Hair Studio and Allure from Plainview.

## Road to Recovery Program looking for new volunteers

Cancer patients from your community need your help to get to their medical treatments and appointments.

Road to Recovery, an American Cancer Society program, needs kind people to volunteer their time and use their own cars to drive patients to and from their appointments.

Schedules are flexible. For more information, call Tracy Long at 652-1120 or email at long.tracy@lockney.isd.tenet.edu.

The next Road to Recovery Volunteer Driver Training will be held in late March or early April. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact Tracy Long by March 13 for a volunteer driver application.

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He is the son of Russell and Teresa Elsenbrock. His grandparents are Bill and Sharlie Elsenbrock of Kingwood, Texas and Travis and Geraldine Gentry of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Willie B. Gentry of Lubbock.

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## Whirlwind Baseball Report

By Sherese Covington

The Floydada Baseball team competed in the Sweetwater "Wood Bat Classic" February 28 & 29.

"This is a great tournament with tough teams. We are playing some young players and I am really proud of how our kids competed," head coach Jaime Seago said.

There were many big plays that were turned in during this tournament both offensively and defensively. The Whirlwinds let the first game slip away 7-4 to Brownwood. Junior, Colton Covington pitched all 5 innings. He struck out 7 batters and faced 27.

On offense doubles were recorded by Daneil Saldana and Brandon Monreal. Freshman, Troy Morales hit 2 doubles, while sophomore, Flo Cuba scored an infield homerun off of a double. Singles were recorded by Colton Covington, Trey Casillas and David Diaz.

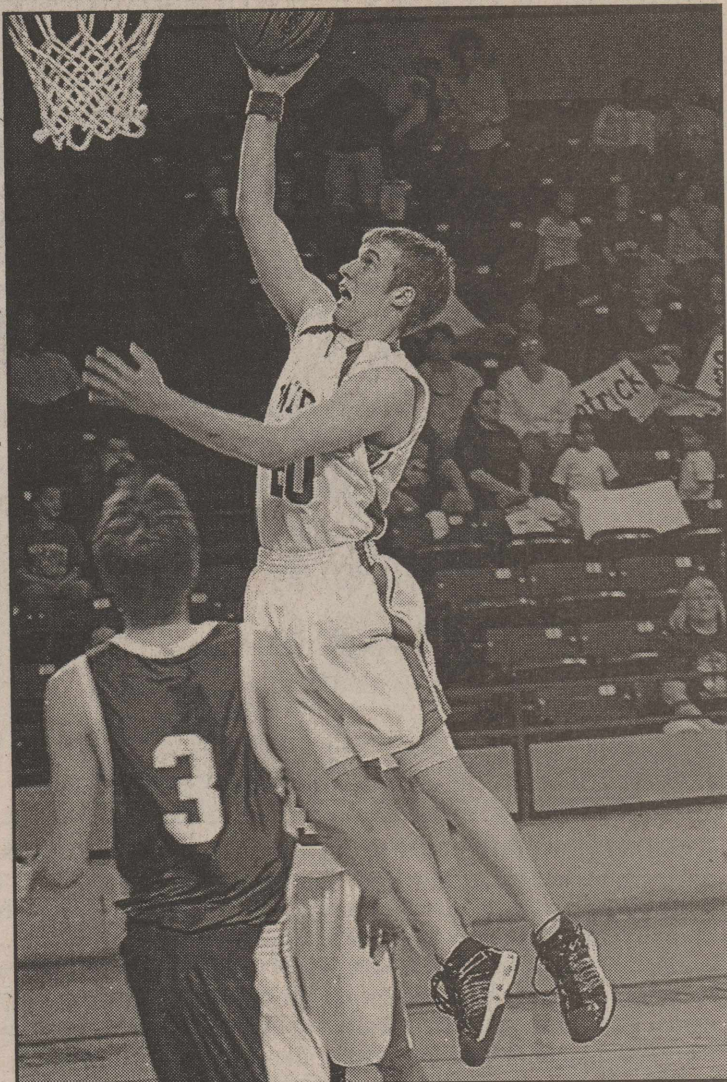
The Whirlwinds came back that same afternoon and beat Ft. Stockton, 9-7. Senior Daniel Saldana got the win at the mound. He faced 25 batters and struck out 4. Sophomore Anthony Segura closed the games out facing 3 batters and allowing no runs.

RBI's during this game were recorded by: Daniel Saldana with 3, Troy Morales, Dusty Hicks and Trey Casillas, had 1 each. Brandon Monreal hit a triple and Daniel Saldana hit a lazer shot over the left field fence for an impressive and rare wood bat homerun.

The Whirlwinds faced Seminole in the 3rd game of the tournament. The Whirlwinds lost a hard fought battle 7-2. The Whirlwinds were tied 2-2 going into the 3rd inning when Seminole brought in their ace pitcher.

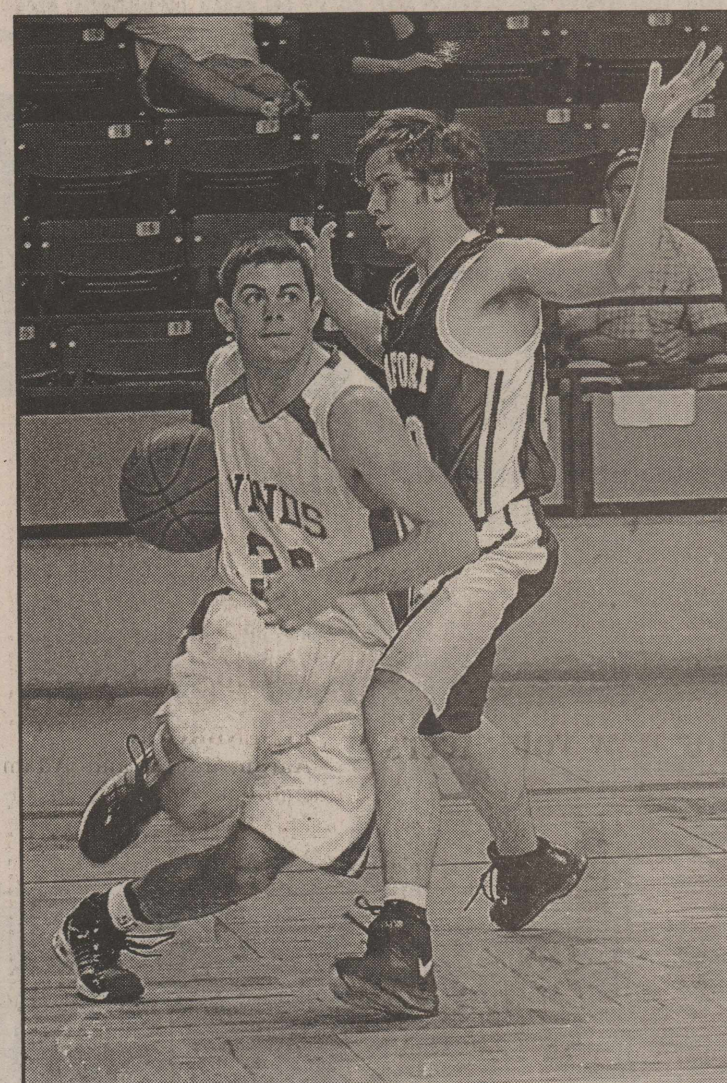
Senior Brandon Monreal got the start at the mound. He pitched 5 innings, struck out 5 and faced 25 Seminole Indians when the 2-hour time limit was called.

Daniel Saldana recorded the game's only RBI. Saldana and Colton Covington both hit doubles, while Brandon Monreal and Trey Casillas each hit a single. The Whirlwinds will face New Deal in a doubleheader at home this Saturday at 12 noon.



KODY SMITH GOES UP FOR "2" AGAINST COMFORT, in the Regional Semi-Final Game, Friday, February 29.

Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington



BLAKE GREER GOES AROUND A COMFORT BOBCAT IN the Regional Semi-Final Game, Friday, February 29.

Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington

## Floydada School Menu

Menu  
March 10 - March 14  
Monday

**Breakfast**-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast**-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Barbequed chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast**-Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, milk  
**Lunch**-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk

Thursday

**Breakfast**-English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli and cheese, seasoned corn, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk

Friday

**Breakfast**-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**- Pizza, tossed salad, fresh banana, chocolate cake, milk



## FHS Honor Roll

Floydada High School has released its Fourth Six-weeks "A" Honor Roll.

**Twelfth grade:** Charles Rex Beedy, Elizabeth Marie Bertrand, Kimberly Marizol Bueno, Abel Bryan Cortinas, Cassidy Ann Gooch, Blake Ellis Greer, Emily Ruth Griffin, Ryan Christopher Hayter, Jennifer Lynn Leatherman, Morgan Nicole Norrell, Jimmy Clayton Simpson, Amber Delynn Smith, Kody John Smith and Mary Beth Warren.

**Eleventh grade:** Sean Robert Miller and Titus Lyle Miller.

**Ninth grade:** Whitley Joy Beedy and Juan Carlos Olvera.

Floydada High School has released its Fourth Six-weeks "AB" Honor Roll.

**Twelfth grade:** Magdiel Alvarado, William Payte Beedy, Linda Maria Deochoa, Michael Tomas Flores, Camaray Lea Gooch, Joseph Ismael Martinez, Brandon Ray Monreal, Victoria Ann Perez, Adam Craig Rainwater, Melinda Marie Ramos, Martika Shane Rando, Tucker Jack Ross, Daniel Saldana, Eladio Saldana, Randa Lee

Shurbet and Kevin Wesley Smith.

**Eleventh grade:** Crystal Linda Alvarez, Bailey Michelle Davenport, Chad Lewis Davis, Johanna Caitlin Dawdy, Richard Gonzalez, Adrianna Danielle Hernandez, Nikki Danielle Nino, Valerie Ann Perez, Jennifer

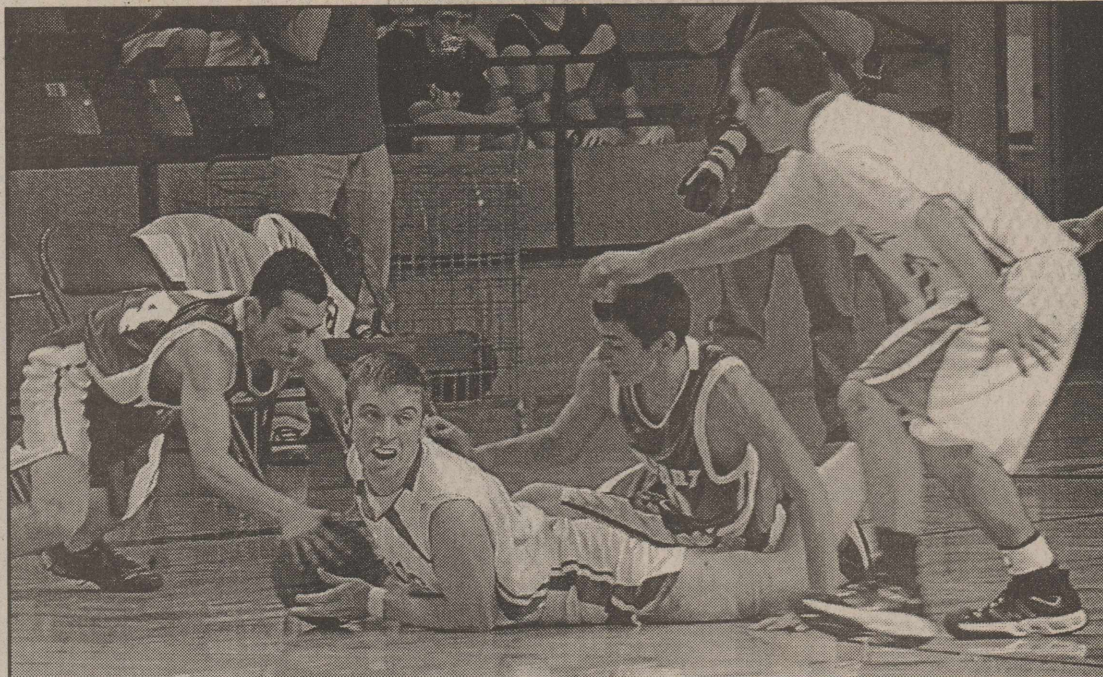
Elizabeth Rainwater, Whitley Brianne Walker and Lindsey Dyane Wells.

**Tenth grade:** Joe Angel Avila, Joshua Cody Chappell, Kelble Lyn Gonzales, Jesse James Ibarra, Laci Kay Nixon, Kaylie Leshay Nut, Makenzie Paige Schwertner, Joseph Segura and Halie Nicole Swinney.

**Ninth grade:** Gregory Seth Aleman, Lydia Alece Annunziato, Carson Blaide Battey, Albert Blake Chavarria, Lexi Paige Covington, Sonia Garcia, Alma Delia Abigail, Breann Taylor Gooch, Huntyr Brityn Helms, Libby Kay Hicks, Christi Lynn Hill, Mercedes Lerma, Joseph Salvarado Martinez, Lucia Olvera, Adrian Leon Pleasant, Kacy DNae Powell, Rylee Shurbet, Lynnde Brooke Smith and Dylan Sloan Thomas.

### 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](mailto:jdwilson@windrushhomes.com). Richard can be reached at (806) 239-0638 and [ibrich2@yahoo.com](mailto:ibrich2@yahoo.com). And Damion can be reached at (806)438-2964 and [damionpleasant@yahoo.com](mailto:damionpleasant@yahoo.com).



TITUS MILLER (on the floor) struggles to keep the ball away from the Comfort Bobcats, in the Regional Semi-Final Game, February 29. Coming in to help Miller is Aarrhon Flores (right).

Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington



KEVIN SMITH (left) faces down a Comfort Bobcat, February 29, in the Regional Semi-Final Game, February 29.

Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington



DUNCAN EDUCATORS & STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR FEB. 25--(Back, l-r) Kay Miller, Annette Pena, Yanira Paz, and Tammie Shuping; (2nd row, l-r) Damon Monroe, James Ponce, Hannah Morales; (front, l-r) Ethan Ibarra and Angel Fipps.

Courtesy Photo

## Congratulations Whirlwinds!

We want to thank the boys and girls Basketball Teams and their coaches for a great year!

Congratulations also to the boys for making it to Regional Finals.

Debbie Bertrand  
Hagen & Kelli Hinsley  
Glen Bertrand







LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 3-3-08: (back, l-r) Austen Rexrode, Kara Edwards, Ashley Roberts, Ruben Ascencio, Yesenia Garcia, (third row, l-r) Armando Reyes, Tabetha Bigham, Tavien Walrath, Kaitlyn Gross, (second row, l-r) Jonathan Rodriguez, Samantha Salas, Lani Vanlandingham, Andrew Castro, John Salas, (front row, l-r) Daniel Palomin, Alexa Poole, Nehemiah Ascencio, Sayler Catlett and Madai Chavira. Staff Photo



GOOD DAY BLIMPS CONDUCTED A DEMONSTRATION for Lockney Third, Fourth and Fifth grade elementary students Thursday, February 28 inside the elementary gym. Randy Doss, of Good Day Blimps Incorporated, Normal, Illinois, gave instruction on the inner workings of blimp flight to one class at a time and answered their questions. Doss told the students the remote controlled blimp, which is 1/3 the size of the Goodyear blimp, was purchased used for \$20,000 and he had then done restoration work on it. "My job is to be a flying billboard," Doss told the students. "The blimp is more readily seen by many more people as it flies approximately 300 feet in the air than a billboard fastened to the ground in one location." Large interchangeable signs attach to either side. Currently the Syngenta Company has hired Good Day Blimps to advertise their AVICTA complete cotton seed. "This trip, the blimp will fly from Muleshoe to Stanton," Doss told his young audience. "The amount of extra weight the blimp can carry varies with how far above sea level it is at any given location. For instance, back home in Normal, Illinois, which is 860 feet above sea level, it can carry an extra 15 pounds. Here in Lockney, 3,800 feet above sea level, the blimp can only carry 8 pounds of extra weight." Randy and his brother, Dennis Doss work together, with Dennis being the cameraman and navigator. Staff Photo

## 2008 WHIRLWIND/LADY WIND TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	PLACE	TIME
Feb 29	Friona Meet	TBA
March 7	Snyder Meet	TBA
March 14	Dimmitt Meet	TBA
March 28	New Deal Meet	TBA
April 14	Lockney Meet	TBA
April 11	TBA	TBA
April 25-26	Abilene	TBA
May 9-10	Austin	TBA

## 2008 WHIRLWIND TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
Feb 29-March 1	Amarillo Small School	TBA
March 7-8	Regional Team	Plv.
March 14-15	State Team	Round Rock
March 20-21	Reagan Co. Tourn	Big Lake
March 28-29	Mason Tourn.	Amarillo Small School
April 2-3	District Tourn	Plv.
April 23-24	Regional Tourn	TBA
May 5-6	State Tourn	TBA

\* Robin Nixon - Head Coach

## 2008 WHIRLWIND JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
3-4	Slaton	T	6:30
3-8	Abernathy Tourn	T	TBA
3-10	Ralls	T	7:00
3-13 - 3-15	District Tourn	TBA	TBA
3-20	Childress *	H	7:00
3-24	Abernathy *	T	5:00
3-29	Lockney *	H	2:30
4-1	Littlefield *	H	7:00
4-5	Shallowater *	T	2:30
4-8	Childress *	T	7:00
4-12	Abernathy *	H	2:30
4-15	Lockney *	T	5:00
4-19	Littlefield *	T	2:30
4-22	Shallowater *	H	7:00

\* Denotes District Games Head Coach - Jamie Seago

## Stoerner graduates Magna Cum Laude

Justin Stoerner, son of Martin and Robin Stoerner of Lockney, graduated Magna Cum Laude, from Tarleton State University. He earned a bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. Graduation Ceremonies took place December 15, 2007.



## 2008 LONGHORN VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
02-28	Thursday	AMCS Trn.	There	TBA
03-1	Saturday			
03-8	Saturday	Alumni Classic	Here	TBA
03-8	Saturday	San Jacinto	Here	3:00
03-8	Saturday	Post	Here	6:00
03-10	Monday	Seminole	There	7:00
03-13	Thursday	Field of Dreams	Here	TBA
03-15	Saturday			
03-17	Monday	San Jacinto	There	4:30
03-20	Thursday	*Abernathy	There	12:00
03-25	Tuesday	*Shallowater	Here	7:30
03-29	Saturday	*Floydada	There	12:00
04-1	Tuesday	*Childress	Here	7:30
04-5	Saturday	*Littlefield	There	12:00
04-8	Tuesday	*Abernathy	Here	7:30
04-12	Saturday	*Shallowater	There	12:00
04-15	Tuesday	*Floydada	Here	7:30
04-19	Saturday	*Childress	There	12:00
04-22	Tuesday	*Littlefield	Here	7:30

\* Denotes District Games

## Lockney Menu

**March 10 - March 14**  
**Monday**  
 Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
 Lunch-Chicken nuggets or corn dog, potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced pears, roll, milk  
**Tuesday**  
 Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
 Lunch-Fish sticks or ham, pinto beans, spinach, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk  
**Wednesday**  
 Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Thursday**  
 Breakfast-Mini corn dogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
 Lunch-Nacho grande or burrito, corn, applesauce, milk  
**Friday**  
 Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
 Lunch-Hamburger or grilled cheese, baked fries, salad, peaches, milk

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## Lockney High School

### Softball Schedule 2008 Inaugural Year

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Feb. 26	Shallowater	There	4:30
Mar. 3	Ralls	Here	5:00
Mar. 6-8	Slaton Tourn.		TBA
Mar. 17-21	Spring Break		
Mar. 28	Ralls	There	5:00
Mar. 29	LCHS	There	12:00
April 1	Borden County	There	
April 8	LCHS	Here	4:00
April 12	JV & Var.	There	10:00
April 15	New Deal	There	10:00
April 15	LCHS	Here	4:00
April 18	JV & Var.	There	4:00
April 18	Floydada	There	4:00

## Lockney JV Baseball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
03-08	Saturday	Ralls JV	There	12:00
03-10	Monday	Seminole JV	There	5:00
03-17	Monday	Ralls JV	Here	12:00
03-20	Thursday	*Abernathy JV	There	3:00
03-25	Tuesday	*Shallowater	Here	5:00
03-29	Saturday	*Floydada JV	There	3:00
04-1	Tuesday	*Childress JV	Here	5:00
04-05	Saturday	*Littlefield JV	There	3:00
04-08	Tuesday	*Abernathy JV	Here	5:00
04-12	Saturday	*Shallowater JV	There	3:00
04-15	Tuesday	*Floydada JV	Here	5:00
04-10	Saturday	*Childress JV	There	3:00
04-22	Tuesday	*Littlefield JV	Here	5:00

\*Denotes District play

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February 28, 2008

A meeting of high level Democratic leadership from the House of Representatives and Senate early this week ended with a tentative agreement to seek an additional \$10 billion for the farm bill and instructions to the Chairmen of the Agriculture, Ways and Means, and Finance Committees to "get it done."

Following the meeting House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson, (D-MN) said he will continue working closely with the Agriculture Committee's ranking member, Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), and the Administration to find agreement on how the \$10 billion in additional funds could be secured.

The pending March 15 expiration of farm bill funding authority and the release of new budget projections from the Congressional Budget Office were key motivators and the primary reason for the meeting earlier this week.

The meeting was attended by House Speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Peterson (D-MN) and Senate Agriculture Chairmen Tom Harkin (D-IA), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT).

Since that time Rep. Goodlatte has reaffirmed his willingness to work with Chairman Peterson to develop a bill that both Congress and the Administration can agree to support.

Unfortunately for Congressional leaders and Agriculture Committee members wanting to develop a compromise with the Bush Administration on farm bill funding issues, USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Chuck Conner failed to provide much hope that compromise was possible when he reiterated the Administration's position that only program cuts would be deemed acceptable to pay for increases elsewhere.

Such a hard line stance probably will not set to well with High Plains members of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Randy Neugebauer (Lubbock) and Rep. Mike Conaway (Midland) who have both issued statements in recent weeks noting the importance of getting the farm bill completed.

Equally comforting to High Plains agriculture interests is the strong language both area Congressmen have used regarding the importance of the Administration getting on board with the bipartisan compromise that Congress will ultimately develop once the funding details are finalized.

Both Neugebauer and Conaway have clearly indicated that if the Administration carries out the veto threat, despite the bipartisan efforts of Congress, they would ultimately act in the interest of their district and their agriculture constituents.

In regard to how the extra funding would be used, it is important to note that commodity program participants aren't expected to directly benefit from the additional funding. Instead the main benefit of the additional funds will be paving the way toward a final agreement and passage of the bill.

**NCC Chairman: WTO Negotiations Could Undermine Farm Bill Efforts**  
Friday, February 29, 2008  
National Cotton Council Chairman Larry McClendon reiterated the NCC's commitment to continue working closely with Congress to ensure final passage and implementation of the farm bill and a successful conclusion to the World Trade Organization (WTO) Doha negotiations.

However, McClendon warned that WTO negotiations could still overshadow the U.S. cotton industry's two-year effort to deliver sound policy in the new U.S. farm legislation.

He noted the U.S. agricultural

community has been largely supportive of its trade negotiators' aggressiveness in the WTO Doha Round - including gong along with significant proposed cuts in domestic agricultural support programs put forward by the U.S. - as long as the resulting gains in market access are at least as large as the sacrifices in the safety net for U.S. producers.

The NCC chairman called on USDA to provide U.S. agriculture with a clear analysis of exactly what gains U.S. agriculture can expect in market access under the current draft negotiating texts under consideration by the WTO.

On the farm bill, McClendon said the farm bills in the House and Senate largely reflect the provisions sought by the cotton industry and that the Council has urged Conferees to include reforms that are part of the House or Senate bills in the final bill.

The Arkansas ginner said the Council also has strongly urged Conferees to continue to reject proposals by the Administration and others for more extreme changes to Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) means tests and to gradually phase-in the changes that will be made in these areas to allow growers, land owners and lenders to adjust to the new rules and regulations.

**Upland Cotton Average Price Received by Growers Through January 2008**

Cumulative Upland cotton marketings for the first six months of the 2007-marketing year totaled 7.916 million bales according to information released February 29 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

According to USDA estimates January 2008 cotton marketings totaled 1.839 million bales with an average selling price of 60.7 cents per pound. So far the 2007 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price calculated through January 2008 stands at 55.14 cents per pound.

January prices continued to reinforce the fact that prices are steadily moving upward, although no one has yet been able to determine where the move is likely to end or how much of an effect it might have on the final 2007 Counter-cyclical Program payment rate.

With the first six months of the marketing year now past, the calculated 2007 Weighted Average Price is 3.14 cents above the 52-cent threshold where 2007-crop Counter-cyclical payment rates begin to drop. The preliminary mid-month price reported for February 2008 was 60.7 cents per pound.

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 January 31, 2008.

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.

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

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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](mailto:kwriedt@cottoninc.com)

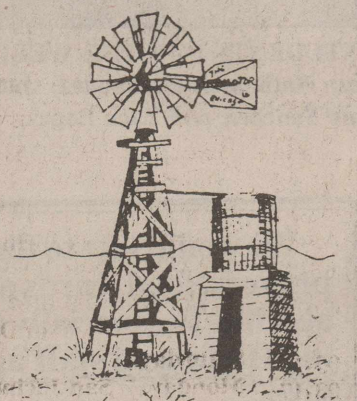
**PCG's 2008 Seed Cost Calculator**

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 ad-

ditional 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.

**2007-CROP HIGH PLAINS COTTON QUALITY SUMMARY**

Office	Week Ending February 28, 2008:			
	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	50,688	21-31	2.91	35.85
Lubbock	53,710	21-31	2.81	36.08
Office	Mike Strength Uniformity Bark			
	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	4.11	29.09	80.66	22.7%
Lubbock	4.05	29.28	80.71	10.1%

Office	Season Totals To Date:			
	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	1,443,820	21+	2.44	35.99
Lubbock	3,722,758	21+	2.49	36.01
Office	Mike Strength Uniformity Bark			
	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	4.19	29.66	80.79	8.3%
Lubbock	4.06	29.54	80.62	3.5%

Source: USDA AMS Cotton Division

**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	1,839	7,916	60.70	55.14
February	n/a	n/a	60.70*	n/a

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; \* = preliminary

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**Obituaries**



**ANGELITA H. TORREZ**

Angelita H. Torrez, 85, of Floydada passed away on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center in Floydada, Texas.

Angelita was born on April 6, 1922 in Kennedy, Texas to Jesus Hinojosa and Augustina (Trevino) Hinojosa. She was married to her first husband, Antonio Cavazos in February 14, 1938 and he preceded her in death on December of 1942. She later married her second husband Fabian Torres on May 5, 1945, who preceded her in death on February 17, 1992.

She is preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, four sons, three brothers and a sister.

Angelita's favorite past time was spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved to cook her favorite dishes of homemade tamales and homemade tortillas and during Easter she loved making confetti eggs. She spent a lot of time in her beautiful garden with her plants making everything just right.

Angelita is survived by three sons, Roberto Cavazos, Guadalupe Torrez and Joe Angel Torrez, all of Floydada; three daughters, Maria Anna Espinosa of Robstown, Angelita Gonzales of Levelland and Ofelia Salazar of Hereford; two brothers, Heriberto Hinojosa of Kress and Guadalupe Hinojosa of San Antonio; twenty-nine grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

Rosary services were held Saturday, March 1, 2008 and Sunday, March 2, 2008 from 6-7 p.m. at the Moore Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary Magdalen Church at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008. Father Joe Relente officiated. Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

**Obituaries continued on page 10**

**THIS WEEK'S**

Accolade Home Care will present an educational seminar on Post-Herpetic Neuralgia or post-shingles pain, March 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Hale Center Senior Citizens Center, 1107 Smythe.

For more information call: Debbie Martin, 806-292-8087, or Martin Dackett, 806-296-5201.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

*Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon*

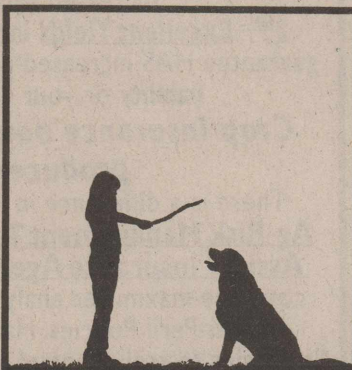


**FLOYDADA FANS GO WILD--**Floydada supporters yell and hold up signs in support of the Whirlwinds as they take on the Comfort Bobcats Friday night at the Regional Semi-Final playoff game held in Midland. Photo Courtesy of Jim Covington



(DUNCAN EDUCATOR AND STUDENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3 ARE: (back, l-r) Maria Martinez, Max Nunez, Nathaniel Hernandez, Jacob Gibbens; (front, l-r) Luke Holcombe, Myra Garcia, Caitlynn Sanchez, and Zach Lopez. Courtesy Photo

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**We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food, cards and flowers. We would also like to especially thank EMS, the Nursing Home and staff and City Auto for their help.**

**The Torrez and Cavazos Family**

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Lockney is taking bids on the following property:

Lots 14-16, Block 3, Byars Addition

The location of this property is 720 W. Locust Street. You may bring your bids to City Hall, 218 E. Locust Street, Lockney, TX. 79241.

3-6, 3-13c

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Lockney Independent School District, in Lockney, Texas is accepting bids for individual trades for the following:

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Bids will be received through 5:00 p.m. local time, Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and addressed to or faxed to:

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Plans, Bid Packages and Specifications are available and may be acquired from the Construction Manager:

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**It is intended to award complete bid packages, and breakdowns are included only to verify that pricing for the complete package has been included.**

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., local time, Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

2:00 p.m. - March 6, 2008

Lighthouse Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Headquarters  
East U.S. Highway 70  
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 24, 2008. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 1, District 3 and District 4, will be elected in 2008. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

**SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:**

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among other, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

**SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS**

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS**

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee (s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee (s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee (s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2008**

**District 1**

Robin Robertson 1742 CR 174 Crosbyton, Texas 79322	Jim Wheeless 2381 CR 136 Crosbyton, Texas 79322
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**District 3**

Adrain Helms RR 4, Box 75 Floydada, Texas 79235	Jay Lackey 906 West Mississippi Floydada, Texas 79235
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For the taxes that I pay because it means that I am employed.  
For the mess to clean after a party because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.  
For the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.  
For my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.  
For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.  
For all the complaining I hear about the government because it means that we have freedom of speech.  
For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.  
For my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.  
For the lady behind me in church that sings off key because it means that I can hear.  
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# Obituaries

**ROBERT JUNIOR ELLIS**  
Robert Junior Ellis, 80, of Floydada, died Sunday, March 2, 2008 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Robert was born on July 26, 1927 in Cullman, Ala. to the late Alvin Owen Ellis and Annie (Stewart) Ellis. Robert moved to Floydada in 1948 from Cullman, Ala. He married Elvern Thompson on June 26, 1950 in Hale County, TX. She preceded him in death on June 18, 2002. He delivered diesel fuel for Producers Coop for thirty six years until he retired in 2000. His favorite pastime was to spend time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a very responsible man and loved to work.

Robert was a very loving and caring father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, an infant daughter, Patricia Ellis, three brothers, James Ellis, Ray Ellis, and Bill Powell and a sister, Aileen Thompson.

He is survived by a son, Eddie Ellis of Lubbock; a daughter, Janice Mc Murrian of Floydada; three brothers, Jack Powell of Hanceville, Ala; Ronald Powell and Sonny Powell both of Cullman, Ala; and Pee Wee Ellis of Ala; a sister Marie Kelso of Cullman, Ala; four grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and close friends.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 2 p.m., at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Anthony D. Sisemore officiating. Burial will follow at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

**VELVALANE HILDRETH**

Graveside services for Velvalane Hildreth, 71, of Lubbock were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 28, 2008 at Petersburg Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

She passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2008 in Lubbock. She was born October 12, 1936 in Hale County near Petersburg to James E. Black and Delia (Odell) Black. She graduated from Petersburg High School.

Local survivors include a daughter, Carla Miller and husband, Jack of Floydada.



**IRENE KING**

Mary Irene King, 86, of Floydada, died on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Vista Care Carillon Hospice House in Lubbock.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the Trinity Church with Rev. Henry Russell officiating and Rev. Vance Mitchell assisting. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. King was born May 1, 1921 in Denton, TX to the late Jim and Vera (Payne) Owens. She was married to Leonard "Tuffy" King who preceded her in death on January 24, 1981. Irene King was the owner of Kings Restaurant from 1965 to 1985. She worked and later was the director of the Floydada Senior Citizens Center until she retired in 1986. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Bridge Club. She was an active member of the Trinity Church and enjoyed playing guitar and singing on Sunday mornings. She was a very caring and loving person to all who knew her. In her spare time Irene would make and donate handmade hats to needy cancer patients and baby blankets and hats to babies in neonatal ICU.

Mrs. King is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two daughters, Joy Claudette Fewell Jones, and Jimmie Jo West.

She is survived by four brothers, George Owens and wife Velma of Yuma, AZ; Dale Owens and wife Brenda of Pasagula, MS; Billy Fred Owens and wife Kathy of Abilene; and Chick Owens and

wife Vickey of Dallas; two sisters, Evelyn Pollan of Floydada; and Johnnie Ward Barton and husband Chuck of Lubbock; an aunt, Ruby Gooch of Floydada; six grandchildren, Kim Gallop and husband Larry of Amarillo; Ricky West and wife Vivian of Dickens; Craig Fewell and wife Sherry of Midland; Bobby West of Lubbock; Tonya Bentley of Idalou; Jane Leigh Stanford of Amarillo; and fifteen great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Family suggest memorials be made in lieu of flowers to Floydada Senior Citizens.



**PEGGY ANN TRICE MCCLURE**

Funeral services for Peggy Ann Trice McClure, 82, of Kress were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Ninth & Columbia Church of Christ in Plainview. Colquitt Nash, former pastor, officiated.

Burial was held in the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. McClure died Monday, February 25, 2008 at Covenant Special Hospital in Lubbock. She was born January 30, 1926 in Floydada. Peggy Ann Trice McClure was a devoted mother and wife whose meaningful life has influenced four generations. Her quiet determination and unselfish life choices will long inspire all of those whom she knew and loved. The gratitude she felt for her family remained steadily apparent and served as a guiding light throughout all of her days.

Peggy was raised in Floyd County. She loved to reminisce and enjoyed sharing memories of her youth. For her grandchildren, stories of riding horseback with her brother several miles each day to school struck a chord of lasting impression. She managed to maintain a pioneer spirit throughout her life.

After high school graduation and during the Second World War, she attended business school, then began clerical work for the Army Air Field administration offices located in Dalhart, Texas. From there she traveled to California where she undertook responsibilities at Maywood Army Air Force Base. As the war came to an end, she returned to Floydada where she met R. W. McClure and the two married on December 27, 1946. R. W. and Peggy began raising their family as they embarked on a farm and ranch venture that has spanned the course of sixty-one years.

Peggy experienced first-hand the challenges of raising children with limited electrical and water resources in the early years of marriage. As a result, she began a letter-writing campaign in the late 1940's with the hope of bringing electricity to the surrounding area's more isolated rural homes. It was her vision and unyielding resolve that focused these efforts, and Peggy's aspiration of ensuring a better way of life for the families of Swisher County came to fruition.

Peggy's mid-life decision to seek and preserve her family's history resulted in thirty years of genealogical research. This passion led her to many points of interest across her native state and country and she enjoyed piecing

together the puzzles she encountered along the way.

In 2006, Peggy's work as Family Historian brought about the completion of her fourth and final book. This labor of love will continue to inform and inspire generations to come, and no doubt prove invaluable to their sense of purpose and familial belonging.

In addition to her varied interests, Peggy was an accomplished seamstress and cook, and in recent years particularly enjoyed planting and tending roses in her garden. The countless blessings brought forth by her life will forever enrich the lives of those whom she held so dear.

She is preceded in death by a brother, Loy Lee Trice and her parents.

Survivors include her husband, R. W. "Weaver" McClure of Kress; a daughter, Linet McClure and husband, Gary of Cedar Park, Texas; three sons, Richard McClure and wife, Kandi of Plainview, Weaver McClure II and wife, Jan of Denton, Texas and Jeff McClure and wife, Yvette of Edmonson, Texas.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Ninth & Columbia church of Christ, 808 N. Columbia, Plainview, TX. 79072.



**JEWELL BENSON ROBERTS THOMPSON**

Jewell Benson Roberts Thompson, 98, of Lockney, died Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Lockney Rehab and Care Center.

Mrs. Thompson was born August 5, 1909 in Roby, TX to the late Thomas Benson and Addie Bell (Allen) Benson. Mrs. Thompson graduated from Roby High School in 1928. Jewell married W.D. Roberts on June 20, 1927 in Sweetwater, TX who preceded her in death on November 8, 1975. She moved to Lockney from Shallowater, TX in 1957. Mrs. Thompson later married Ivan Thompson on September 9, 1982 in Amarillo, TX who also preceded her in death in November of 1982. Jewell's favorite pastime was traveling around the world. She also loved to do needlework and read. When she wasn't traveling, she loved to spend time with family and friends.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, two sons, Billy and Lanny Roberts, a daughter Joan Roberts, four brothers, Clarence, Ben, Joe, and Earl Benson, a sister, Eula Mae Benson, and a grandson, Mitchell Jay Merrill.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Merrill and husband Ben of Sherman, TX; Jeny Carter and husband Tom of Arlington, TX; Jill Rogers and husband Ronny of Amarillo, TX; a sister, Naomi Rogers of El Paso, TX; two granddaughters, Lisa Merrill Tripp and husband Bryan of Grapevine, TX; and Brandy Rogers Wilson and husband Russell of Lubbock; and two great grandchildren, Sydney and Jackson Wilson both of Lubbock.

The family greeted friends at the Moore Rose Funeral Home from 7-8 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2008.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney with Rev. Brian Adams officiating. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.



# 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 Worship ....8:30 am.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m

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652-3353

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983-3524

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Brian Adams  
Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service .... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister  
Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m.

**NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
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Sunday Singing .... 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

**POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 N. Main, Lockney  
Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m.

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Lockney  
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**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**  
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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 p.m.  
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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Floydada  
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Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Burnell Lund, Minister  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.

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