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## Lockney Chamber will honor citizens on Saturday

By Alice Gilroy

Lockney's Chamber of Commerce will "Celebrate a Bountiful Year" at the annual Chamber Banquet, this Saturday, March 29th with well known entertainment from the Cactus Theatre and dinner music by well known area youth.

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.

Dinner music will be provided by piano students of Mrs. Lucy Dean Record.

Mrs. Record has been teaching piano in Lockney for 62

years.

Students who will play during dinner will include: Jake Moore, Nathan Caballero, Stephen Karlin, Haley Dunbar, Jianna Davenport, Scott Lass, Katie Bice, and Bryan Cooper.

The evening will also be dedicated to presenting awards, including the 2007 award for Citizen of the Year and a special award to the Lockney Senior Citizens organization.

The chamber will also give out gift certificates from 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."

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.

You can buy tickets at the door, but guaranteed seating comes only with pre-purchased tickets.

"If you want to be guaranteed a seat please buy a ticket in advance," said Denise Doucette.

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

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



CANAAN BOUND

## Canaan Bound and Heston Graves will entertain at Gala

Canaan Bound, a Southern Gospel Quartet from Neosho, Missouri will perform at the thirteenth annual Floyd County Friends Gala, April 5.

The quartet calls Neosho Missouri their home but regularly travels the four state area, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma as well as other travels over the U.S. as ministry opportunities arise.

Canaan Bound shares the gospel in song through original Southern Gospel music. Their lively songs and melodies are written by founder, Gary Crawford.

Crawford has been an essential part of keeping the group together through the 25 years of ministry. Gary started writing in 1982 and he says, "God has inspired a hundred plus songs since that time."

Currently Canaan Bound consists of four singers, including

lead singer Crawford, Keith Schneider, bass, Jon Harden, baritone and Justin Crawford, tenor.

Gary's wife, Peggy, takes care of all the bookings and finances. Their son, Justin, is the spokesperson for the group.

Each year the group travels to Council Bluffs, IA to perform during the East Side Christian Church's concert series held from March thru October.

Concert Promoter Kathleen Kachulis said, "As a Southern Gospel Promoter, I have had the opportunity to meet and hear many wonderful Southern Gospel music artists from across the United States though the years. Occasionally someone will particularly catch my attention because of a special talent that God has anointed them with in sharing the gospel through their music."

"Canaan Bound's great stage

appeal, energy, smooth harmonies and light hearted chuckles while sharing their talent, make them one of our favorite Southern Gospel groups to have in for a concert. Our audiences love uplifting, classic quartet singing, and appreciate their original songs."

Floydada's own fiddle player, Heston Graves, 10 year old son of Ron and Melinda Graves will perform the opening act. His mother, Melinda, will accompany him on the guitar.

Heston won his age division at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock as he performed in "Fiddler on the Loose." He has performed at the Bob Wills celebration held each year in Turkey, and numerous community events and activities.

Floyd County Friends promises another fun filled evening for this year's gala, "Celebrating  
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## Floydada selling generators Council has a contested race

By Alice Gilroy

In their regular meeting, March 18, the Floydada City Council approved accepting a proposal to sell the generators in the Power Plant and approved cancelling the city's at-large municipal elections.

However, because District #1 which is currently served by Betty King, has drawn an opponent the City will have an election to determine that winner.

The At-Large positions will automatically be filled by Sam Green and Sue Ward because they have no opponents.

Green and Ward will be replacing Monte Williams and Clar Schacht who chose not to run again.

Councilman Jon Nielson, of District #4, does not have an opponent and that election will also be cancelled.

City Manager Gary Brown presented a proposal of \$17,500 from Ward Industries for the 4 diesel generator units. After discussion the Council voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

Brown reviewed costs of upgrading the City's electrical system with the Council.

Although the City is without a Power Plant they are still in the business of selling electricity and are currently looking at upgrading the existing lines throughout the City.

"If the lines are totally rebuilt by a contractor, I estimate the cost at approximately 2 million dollars," said Brown.

"If the City crews do the entire project the total could be reduced to approximately 1 million. Of course there are still costs associated with the crew's work and their other duties will lag during the process."

Brown said the proposed voltage conversion and secondary clean-up should reduce the losses on the electric system from 25% to 15% or even as low as 10%.

"If the losses are reduced to 15%, the City will realize a \$185,000 year savings," said Brown. "If the losses are reduced

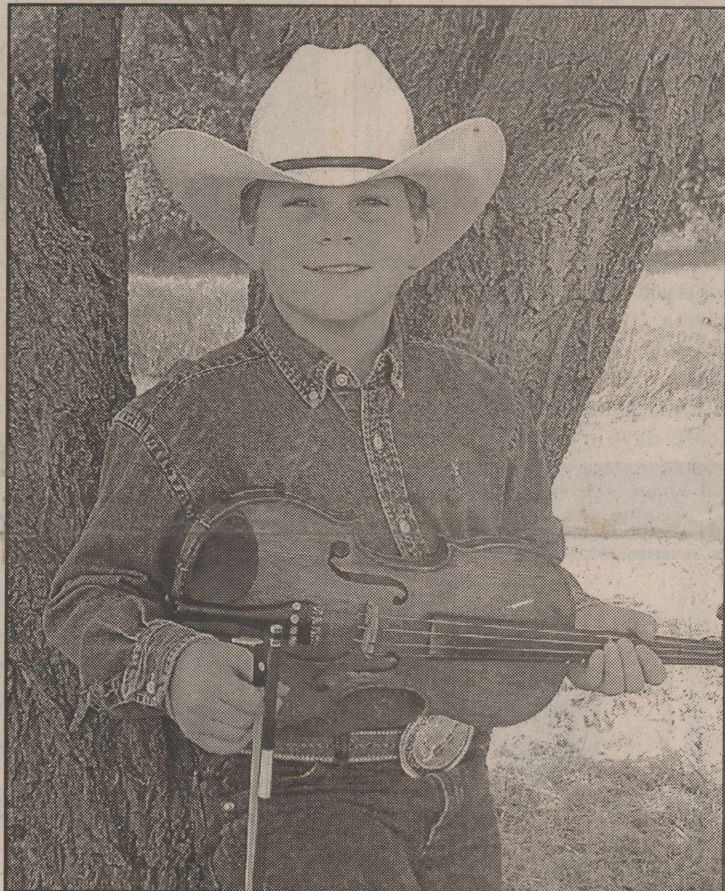
to 10% the City will realize a \$277,000 year savings. Using the worse case scenario of 15% the voltage conversion will have paid for itself in 11 years."

After discussion the Council voted unanimously to proceed with the project except on a small section by section scale.

"The Council wants to cash-flow it as much as possible," said Brown after the meeting.

The City has been approved again for 5-6 new houses to be built under the HOME grant program.

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HESTON GRAVES

## USO brings a part of home to military

Brenda Nelson Meyers, formerly of Floydada, has been a volunteer at the Dallas/ Fort Worth USO since 2005 when her son, Sgt Kris Clampitt of the United States Marines left for a tour in Iraq. When he left, she felt that if he could do something so honorable, then there had to be something she could do.

When Kris deployed or traveled between assignments, he would call her from various USO centers, telling her how kind and helpful the volunteers were to the soldiers. Since she lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, she emailed the USO headquarters in March of 2002 and has been volunteering at the DFW USO every week since.

Many people identify the USO with celebrity entertainment tours, but that is only 20 percent of USO activities. The USO has more than 130 centers both stateside and abroad, and the programs provide recreation and helpful services to the military and their families every single day. There are more than 26,000 volunteers around the world who

volunteer at the USO centers. The USO centers provide service members with benefits that include free Internet, e-mail access, prepaid long-distance phone cards, books, magazines, video game stations, a lounge with big-screen TV's, along with meals, snacks and toiletries. The most important thing the soldiers want is to stay in touch with their family and friends, so the USO centers provide a place to relax and be treated like family while their own families are miles away.

At the DFW airport, there are flights coming in and leaving every day, transporting soldiers to Southeast Asia, various places in the US and all over the World.

Brenda stated "I am so honored to be in the company of these brave soldiers. They are true heroes. We have such an outstanding USO. The soldiers are always surprised at what we offer, from food, to playing Xbox, to sleeping in the "quiet room". All food and services are free of charge to active and retired military."

One of our really special programs that the soldiers appreciate is the "Reading Room". They can pick out a children's book, read it into a camera and then the USO sends the recorded DVD and book to their children.

Brenda told of other experiences she has had while being a volunteer at the USO, such as meeting the Blue Angels and getting to spend the day visiting with them, going to a Toby Keith concert in Dallas where 250 tickets were given to the soldiers and USO volunteers, so they could attend, and of meeting numerous celebrities who come into the USO to visit with the soldiers. There are people who donate Cowboy tickets, Ranger tickets, etc., to the USO so the soldiers

are able to go to these events if they have to "stay over" for the next flight.

"I am so impressed with how humble and dedicated our service men and women are. Most are anxious to get back to the field from their R&R, because they "have work to do and others are counting on them".

This is the most incredible and rewarding organization I have ever been involved with. There are so many stories to tell and so many pictures I have taken, that I have put together a scrapbook so I can always go back and be reminded of these patriots and their dedication and sacrifice".

By supporting the USO, Americans have the opportunity to show their appreciation and

express their gratitude to the men and women who defend this great nation. The USO has been supporting the morale, recreation and welfare of the U.S. troops since 1941, and is dedicated to continue that charge "until every soldier comes home". The USO relies on donations from individuals, organizations and corporations to continue their programs and services. If you would like to contact the USO to find out more about what they do or to make a donation, just go to their website, [www.uso.org/dfw](http://www.uso.org/dfw), or call 1-888-USO-5566.

(Brenda is also the sister of Tim Lipam and Julianne Cornelius, both of Floydada.)



USO WORK--Brenda Meyers, formerly of Floydada, volunteers at the USO in the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. She is shown here with a group of soldiers leaving for a Southeast Asia Tour.

Courtesy Photo

## Early Voting for Run-off Election

Early voting for the Pct. #1 Commissioner Run-off, between Mike Anderson and Tanner Smith, begins March 31 and ends April 4th.

Cast your early vote in the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse. The Lockney J.P. office will also be open to vote in the Run-Off election for Railroad Commissioner

The election is April 8. On election day vote at the Massie Activity Center.

By The Way



By Alice Gilroy

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I received a story this week on Brenda Meyers work with USO. Brenda is a former Floydada resident and now volunteers at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport USO.

The story touched my heart because of a recent conversation I had with a young man who benefitted from the USO.

A friend of my son, Brandon, came to visit him recently for a few days. Tim Mullins is in the Coast Guard and flew in from Connecticut. He left in the wee hours of the morning and had a long layover in Dallas.

He said he slept several hours on the floor of the airport until the USO opened up around 8:00 a.m.

Tim said, "I sure was happy to see them. They were so nice and I had a comfortable place to sleep and they gave me good food too!"

I had forgotten all about the work of the USO until Tim reminded me with his stories. Then I got the news story about Brenda. So, it seemed like the perfect time to remind everyone else about the USO.

## Gala plans...

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People Who Make a Difference." Tickets are \$30.00 each or \$280.00 for a reserved table of 8. The Gala begins at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at Nick Long Insurance in Floydada, D & J Gin in Lockney or from Jon LaBaume, Unity Center Manager.

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**STUDENTS TAKING SWIMMING LESSONS FROM LESCA DURHAM**---shown are just a few of the children who are benefitting from the use of the swimming pool in Lockney. Lesca Durham (in center) has used the pool to give lessons for 35 years, averaging over one hundred children per summer. The pool is badly in need of some serious repair and Lesca Durham along with Kay Martin are working to raise the money needed. Pictured (back, l-r) Shelby Dunbar, Tabitha Bigham, Brett Moore, Clay Moore, (fifth row, l-r) Madai Chavira, Anson Rendon, Tuff Araujo, Gunner Araujo, Kayla Archer, Austen Rexrode, Lizzie Belt and Ryann Araujo, (fourth row, l-r) Javier Guerrero, Dixie Williams, Darby Long, Ashley Roberts, Haley Dunbar, Kennedy Hallmark, (third row, l-r) Tasha Schlueter, J.W. Jackson, Kalebh Cook, Lesca Durham, Tyann Phillips, Sarah Belt, (second row, l-r) Grip Fortenberry, Trip Fortenberry, Lusa Hernandez, Marisol Hernandez, (front row, l-r) Bryson Hallmark, Stetson Lane, Allyson Young, Anissa Guerrero, Jake Moore and Tristan Schlueter. (See related story.)

Staff Photo

## Courtroom Activities

In District Court, March 19, 2008, Floyd County Grand Jurors returned indictments against four individuals.

Indicted were: Delilah Jimenez, 38, of Lockney, for the January 23, 2008 offense of Burglary of a Habitation. This is a 2nd degree felony enhanced to a First.

Joshua Moreno, 27, of Floy-

dada, for the August 6, 2007 offense of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. This is a State Jail Felony.

Gabriela Carmona, 42, of Floydada, for the July 6, 2005 offense of Securing Execution of Document by Deception--a State Jail Felony.

Michael Neal Haddock, 43, of Pearland, for the October 7, 2007 offense of Driving While Intoxi-

cated/Felony. This is a 3rd Degree Felony.

In County Court, a July 17, 2003 DWI charge against Mike Bueno was dismissed on March 11, 2008.

March 24, Omar Garza was charged with Possession of Marijuana.

Also on March 24, Decisete Rosa, pled guilty to Possession of Marijuana and was sentenced to 99 days in jail and court costs.

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## Fundraiser in progress for Lockney's Swimming Pool

By Judy Macha

The swimming pool in Lockney is badly in need of repair and Kay Martin and Lesca Durham have taken it upon themselves, with the blessing of the City Council, to spearhead a fundraising campaign.

The two started by meeting with the Council to discuss the need and were told by Mayor Roger Stapp to make sure people understood any monies donated to the Swimming Pool Fund cannot be refunded.

"It is possible it will take over a year to collect the amount needed, but all monies will go to repair the pool," said Stapp.

The needed work includes: resurfacing the shallow end out to at least the five foot depth, sandblasting and repainting the whole pool and replacing or eliminating the decorative tile. According to Martin and Durham, it will require between \$35,000 and \$40,000 to pay for the needed repairs.

The pool has served for years as a safe place for the young and young at heart to enjoy as they cool off on a hot summer day. Although many birthday parties

have been held there, the pool serves an even more important purpose.

Lesca Durham has been giving swimming lessons at the pool for 35 years. Some of the kids she has taught are grown with children of their own who are also being taught how to swim. The students are taught the rules of water safety and more. (She has also taught adults.)

"Save The Pool-Save A Life" would make a good slogan for this fund-raising effort," suggested Durham. "I have taught, on the average, over one hundred children per summer - do the math!"

"My daughter was taught by Lesca and now her daughter and son are taking the lessons," said Martin. "If all past students gave even one dollar a piece, it would be a great start!"

The City is going to open an account at City Bank in Lockney for the Swimming Pool Fund. Money donated may be mailed to: Swimming Pool Fund, c/o City of Lockney, P.O. Box 387, Lockney, Texas 79241.

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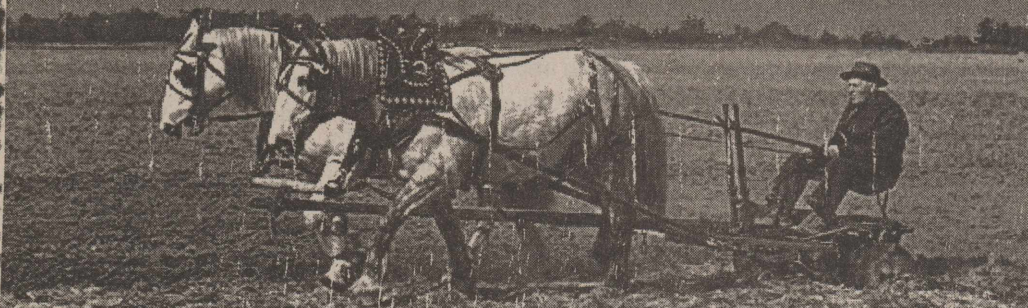
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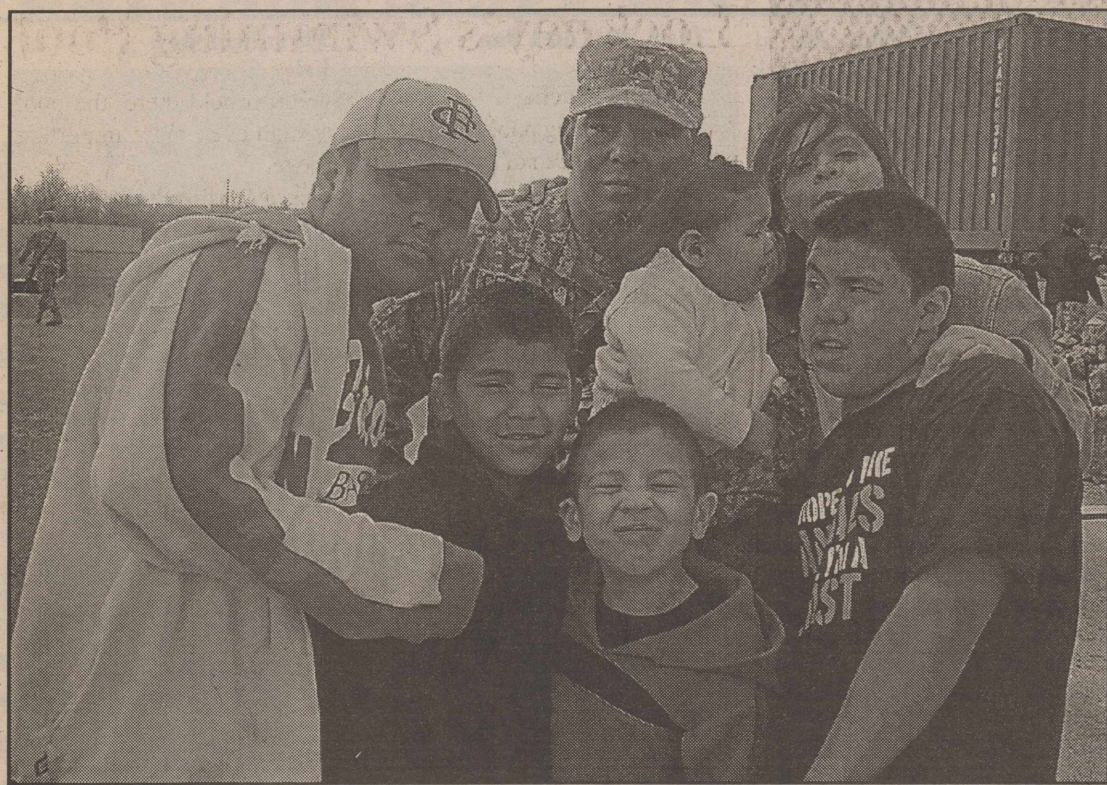
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## Salute to Our Military



SGT. JULIO CERVERA

SGT. JULIO CERVERA was deployed for the 3rd time to Iraq, March 21, 2008. The Cervera family is from Floydada but are now stationed in Ft. Campbell, KY. Shown above are: Gabina, Julio St., Julio Jr., Xavier Renee, Rikardo, Rigo, and Raquel Cervera. The photos were sent by the Cervera family.

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## 1956 Study Club News

By Terri Bush

This month we were treated to a great program presented by Lou Burlson. She portrayed a young girl from Waynoka, Oklahoma and her career as a Harvey Girl.

Fred Harvey organized the Harvey Girls in 1870. Each and every girl was trained in Topeka, Kansas and they were not to be called waitresses. Many Harvey houses were created along the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway with a very high standard of food service.

The 1900-1930's were the golden years of these icons along the railway. The advent of airplane and auto travel lessened our dependence on the railway and other factors closed a chapter on the Harvey Girls.

Lou's characterization brought all of the history to life. Her story-telling skills had us all enthralled and taught us some very interesting facts.

After Lou's presentation, hostesses Rozanne Bishop and Jan Willson served a buffet of food befitting the Harvey Girls. The assortment of goodies had many coming back for seconds.

Jan Willson opened the business meeting and Judy Dunlap read the minutes from the February meeting.

The time is here to begin considering young women as recipients of our annual scholarships. These scholarships will help them with their college expenses and ensure a good start for these

students. A scholarship selection committee was selected and they will present the applications at a future meeting.

A committee to nominate new officers for 2008-2010 was organized. The new slate of officers

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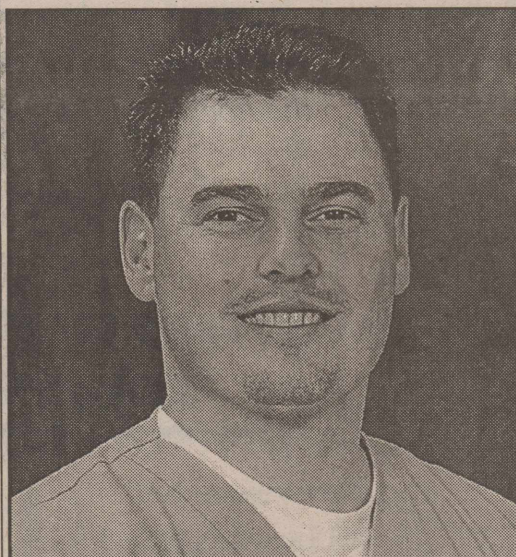
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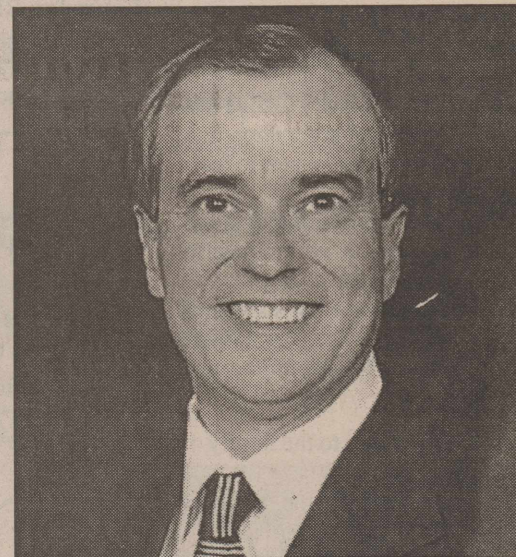
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## Doctor Appreciation Day March 30th

We would like to express our appreciation to our medical staff for all they do for our hospital, our patients and our community. Your expertise, commitment and dedication are second to none.



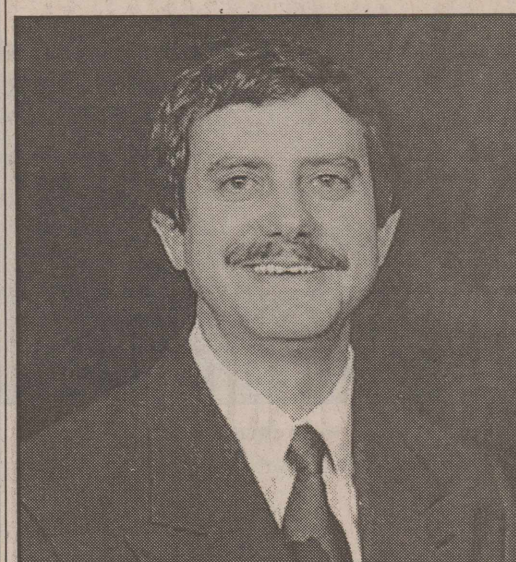
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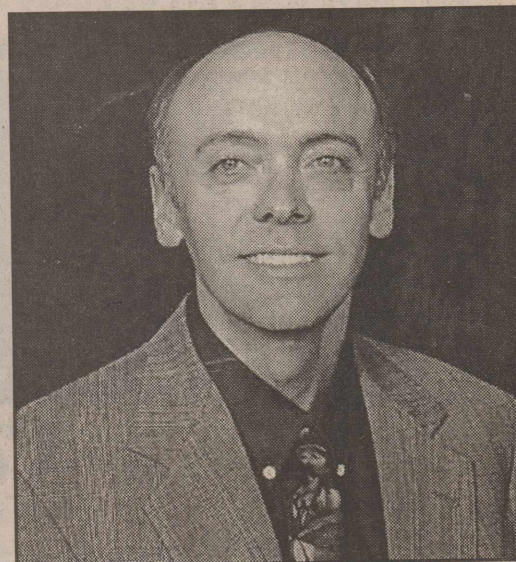
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## Vote MIKE ANDERSON Floyd County Commissioner Pct. 1

- 31 years service to Floyd County. 11 years as Roadway Maintenance Supervisor for Texas Department of Transportation.
- Oversaw and managed over 800 lane miles of highways in Floyd County.
- Experience in operation within a tight budget, as I have been responsible for employee salaries, equipment and supply purchases, contracts and rising fuel costs.
- Voting member of Lubbock District Equipment Committee for TxDOT from 2001-2004.
- Prior working relations with all County Commissioners and City Officials.
- Planned and helped distribute \$198,545 of surplus road materials to the 4 Floyd County precincts from TxDOT's County Assistance Program from 1998-2004.
- Training and many years experience in Emergency Management.

I drive the county roads on a regular basis and one of my top priorities will be improving the condition of them.

Republican Runoff April 8th - Massie Activity Center  
Early Voting March 31st thru April 4th - at the courthouse

## EXPERIENCE DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pol. ad paid for by friends of Mike Anderson

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# City of Floydada gets Housing Grant

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The new homes will be built for qualified individuals/families. The process to apply can be found in this week's paper in the legal advertisements.

The Council voted unanimously to discontinue allowing discounted deposits for someone with multiple utility accounts.

Each consumer will now put up a \$150 deposit for water and electricity, or \$150 for water only, or \$150 for electric only.

The Council also voted unanimously to close the street known as the 500 block of E. Mississippi between N. 10th St. and N. 11th Street.

As they have for the past 2 years the Council voted unanimously to continue paying the

utility bill for the Senior Citizens Center.

The Council voted unanimously to appoint Jeffrey Johnson to another 2 year term on the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board.

In a letter to the Council Brown outlined different projects the city is involved in, including: demolition of a house on the corner of E. Main and Crockett, and the future demolition of a house on East Georgia.

"We have also been in contact with the owner of a house in the 100 block of W. Kentucky," wrote Brown. "We have been working with him since 2003 to get him to do something but have not seen much headway....It is time to take a stand and make him do something."

# Fish fry to benefit Veterans Memorial Park in Lockney

The Lockney Veteran's Association will hold a Fish Fry, April 6, to raise money for the Veteran's Memorial Park and for the Association.

The Fish Fry will start at 11:00

a.m., in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$7.50 for Adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12 years; and free for children under 5 years.

# Lockney Senior Citizens News and Menu

By Vera Jo Bybee

I hope everyone had a great Easter. I know I did.

I went to visit my daughter Dara and husband Gary in Plano last Thursday. They met me in Decatur where my granddaughter Kara and husband, Robert Womble, and my grandson Kitson live. We then went on to Dara's home in Plano. Sunday we came back to Kara's for Easter and met Luke and Kelly to make the trip back to Lockney. (God's Country). I rode down there with Robert and Kara's friends, Kelly and Luke from Plainview. They were all students together at Tarleton in Stephenville.

Sherrey (Carthel) Price has recently returned home to Plainview from a 2 1/2 week visit in Plano with her son Lance Price and wife Misty, daughter Leigh-Anne and baby boy Landon Chase who was born February 22.

She had a great time and was home a week when she and husband Jim had their granddaughters from Canyon, Brook and Bree Castleberry, come and stay a week with them. Even though she has had a great time with the grandchildren I think she just might be feeling her age just a tad.

Bobby and Mervean Carthel didn't have all their children home for Easter but had several of them here, enough to have a great time: Jackie from Lawton; Sherrey and Jim Price from Plainview, and their children Lana, Cory, Brook and Bree Castleberry of Canyon; Tammy Mitchell and sons Beau and Matt of Farwell.

Marjorie and Mel Holcomb's guests for Easter Church services and lunch were their daughter Charlotte Rhoderick, her daughters Kendra, Charla and son Chance and grandson Cynch who is the son of Kendra, all of Canyon. Granddaughter Kimmie Pegg also of Canyon came for lunch.

Nina Teuton is now recuperating in the home of her sister-

in-law Mary Williams. Her address is 4307 52nd St, Lubbock, Tex 79413, and phone number is: 792-1313. Nina's first heart surgery was March 7. Then on March 15 she returned to the Heart Hospital for her second surgery. Nina says she is recuperating nicely now and is taking therapy and hopes it won't be long before she will be back at home in Lockney.

Please keep Nina, Robert Daniels, David Frizzell, Mary Reves and all the other ill ones on your prayer list.

Here is a continued list of the memorials that were given to the Center. The Center appreciates each and everyone of them:

EDYTHE CLARKE: Lynn Ray and Wanda Smith, Gladys Bobbitt, May and J.R. Belt, Dub and Doyle Dipprey, Claude and Wilma Brown, Annabelle Bramlet, Bobby and Ann McCormick, Paul and DeLynda Glasson, Tommy and Freda Davis, Jr and Gene Brotherton, Dart and Joann Carthel, L.N. and Carlene Johnson, Charles Huffman, Lon and Lois Colvin, Joe and Peggy Nance, Sol and Geneva Barclay, Don and Carolyn Hardy.

CHRISTINE BYERLY: Jonita Huffman, Claude and Wilma Brown, Gladys Bobbitt, Judy and Ray Macha.

BILL JOHNSON: Dorothy Stapp, Vera Jo Bybee, Johnnie and Denny Quisenberry, Jr. and Gene Brotherton.

Next week I will continue the memorials for Donnie, Molly Huffman, Mary Louise McCarter, and June Pigg Visage. I think next week I will get all caught up.

I want to thank everyone again for remembering your friends and loved ones with memorials to the Center. Not only have people been generous with memorials but they have given monetary gifts to the Center honoring their living loved ones.

Menu

March 31 - April 4  
Mon: Baked potato

Tues: BBQ on a bun  
Wed: Roast

Thrs: Beef Stew  
Fri: Tacos

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## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Geraldine Callaway has been in the Lockney Hospital recently, but she is at home and getting stronger each day.

Kathy Johnson spent 5 months in the hospital. She is at home now and feeling much better.

James and Ophelia Wade have not been at the Center for some time due to illness. Hope they are feeling better and can come to the Center for lunch soon.

We are sorry Rudy Ochoa has had to close his barber shop due to illness. We hope he gets to feeling better soon.

I too, am feeling better since my refrigerator is working again after being out for 11 days.

Sue Daniels and her sister and a niece drove to Decatur to visit their brother and grandfather recently.

Our sympathy to the family of Lida Smithey.

Our sympathy to the family of Jesusa Rodriguez.

Our sympathy to the family of Robert Christian.

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

In memory of Irene King - Floydada Livestock, Inc.

In memory of Helen Hallmark - Adrain Helms and family.

In memory of Robert Christian - Doyle Walls.

Thought for the week - "Being in politics is like coaching football. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it's important."

Eugene J. McCarthy, former United States Congressman and Senator

Menu

March 31 - April 4

Monday-Chili, beans, bread and crackers, pineapple cake

Tuesday-Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, strawberry gelatin

Wednesday-Turkey sandwich, ranch potatoes, lettuce, tomato, onion, pea salad, peach cobbler

Thursday-BBQ chicken, broccoli, potato salad, roll, applesauce cake

Friday-Lemon chicken, beans, tossed salad, cornbread, lemon pudding

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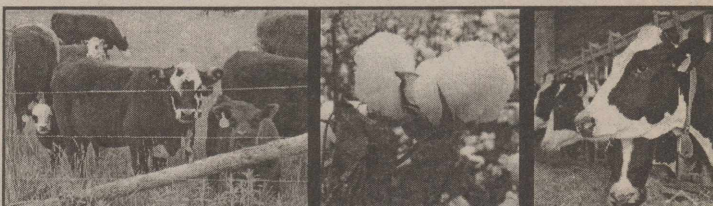
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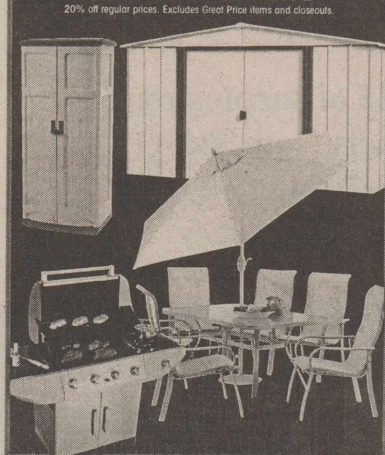


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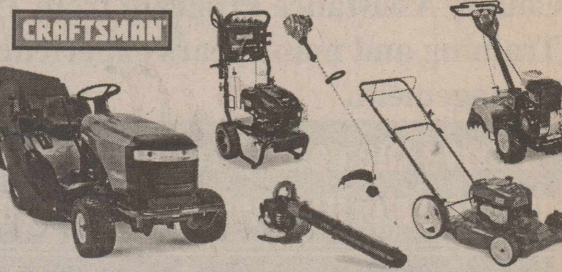
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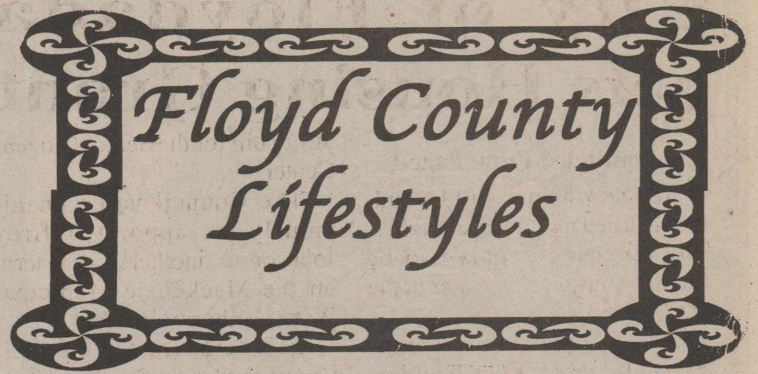
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# Cave and Stapp exchange wedding vows



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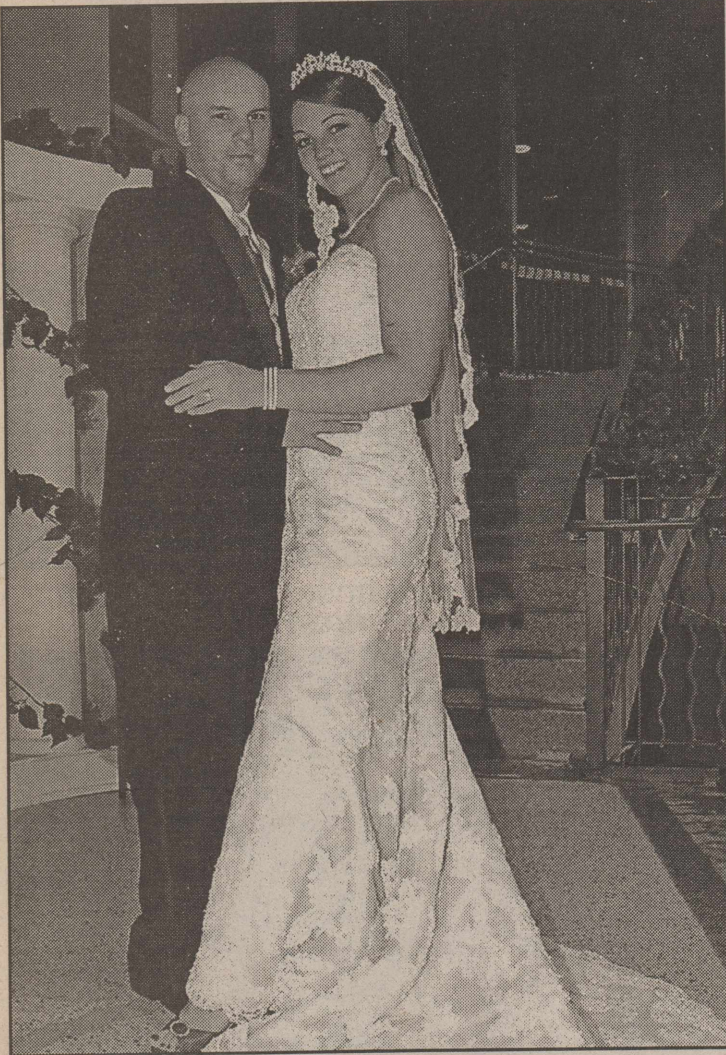
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**MR. AND MRS. LOUIS SCOTT STAPP**  
Nee Amanda Kellen Cave

Amanda Kellen Cave and Louis Scott Stapp were united in marriage 6:30 p.m. December 15, 2007 at the Texas Tech Animal and Health Science Atrium in Lubbock. Reverend Kyle Brock officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Pam Cave and the late Donnie Cave of Ennis, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Ruth Pritchette, also of Ennis.

The groom is the son of Lyndall Ray Stapp of Lockney

and Karla Sherman of Plainview. He is the grandson of Dorothy Stapp and the late Louis Ray Stapp and Bill and Mary Sherman, all of Lockney.

The bride was escorted and given away by her brother Cody Cave.

Maid of honor was Whitney Trojacek.

Bridesmaids were Mickey Spicer, Kenzie Stapp Fairchild and Anna Leis Hunter.

The ringbearers were Wyatt Cave and Cooper Fairchild. The scrollbearers were Lane Cave and Cason Fairchild.

Ushers were Todd Cotham and Matt McPherson.

Serving as bestmen were Ben Sherman and Justin Stoerner. Groomsmen were Andy Stapp and Jeremy Stapp.

The Atrium was decorated with red and silver. The ceremony took place on the second level stair case under a white pillar archway.

Phil Cotham sang a song by Brian Adams (Everything I Do).

After the wedding, a reception for the couple was also held at the Atrium.

The tables were decorated in red with white and silver candles. The dance floor in the middle was highlighted by white draped tulle with white lights hanging overhead.

The bride's cake was a red velvet cake featuring the words, "I will love you more today than yesterday, but not as much as tomorrow."

The groom's cake, made in the

shape of a baseball glove and baseball, featured the words "Great Catch!" written in white.

The couple enjoyed their first dance to the sound of "Standing Right Next To Me" by Karla Bonoff.

The bride is a graduate of Ennis High School. She also attended Texas Tech University and is currently attending Abilene Christian University.

The groom is a graduate of Lockney High School. He attended South Plains College and will finish at Abilene Christian University.

The bride and groom are making their home in Albany, Texas. She works at a day care center while attending ACU. The groom is working at an oil field supply company in Albany.

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Atrium hosted by the groom's parent, Lyndall Stapp. A barbecue was catered and served by the bride and groom's friends, Lawny and Kim Cannon of Frenship.

The couple was honored with two bridal showers; one in the home of Susan Pritchett of Waxahachie, hosted by Susan Pritchett, Lorraine Colston and Nita Madison. The other shower was in Lockney at the West Third and College Church of Christ, hosted by Karen Hooten, Kim Lambert, Tina Graves, Robin Stoerner, Cynthia Bybee, Julie Griffith, Annabel Bramlet, Lisa Schumacher and Wanda Smith.

**Upcoming events...**  
**Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet**  
3-29-08  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**Floyd County Friends Gala**  
4-5-08  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquet**  
4-14-08

## Look Who's New

### HUGHES

Tara and Reagan Hughes would like to announce the birth of their brother, Brody Wayne Hughes. Brody was born March 7, 2008 at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Roger and Tiffany Hughes of Floydada.

Grandparents are Gary and Pam Bennett of Floydada and Butch and Janice Hughes of Flomot.

Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada.

## 1934 Study Club

### By Wilma Gowens

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, March 11, 2008 in the home of Margaret Word. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and Faye Bertrand.

The meeting was called to order by President, Diana Glover. Betsy Dempsey led the members in the Club Collect. Minutes and Roll call was given by Willie Mae Ferguson.

A very inspiring program was given by Lee Battey on the African mission trip which she and members of the Methodist

### Church made.

Members present were: Faye Bertrand, Wilma Colston, Betsy Dempsey, Willie Mae Ferguson, Diana Glover, Wilma Gowens, Emagene Haenisch, Jo Lyles, Nell McClung, Wanda Turner, Marie Warren and Margaret Word.

Two of our members absent were Ila White and Flora McNeill. We wish to extend our care and concern to Ila White in her recent surgery and hope that she and Flora will be able to be back with us at our next meeting.

## 1956 Study Club News

### Continued from page 3

ficers will be presented and installed in May. The membership also voted to make a donation to the Christian Women's Job Corp

to help further their education program. The meeting was concluded and members continued to visit together.

**Have a nice week!**

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### Bridal Selections:

**Whitney Peil & Adam Jones**  
**Alissa Poindexter & Rance Schumacher**  
**Ashley Traylor & Adam Cummings**

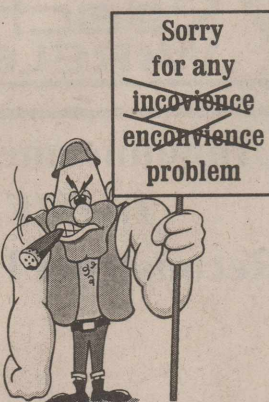


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**Saturday, April 12, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Continental Breakfast 8:30 a.m.**

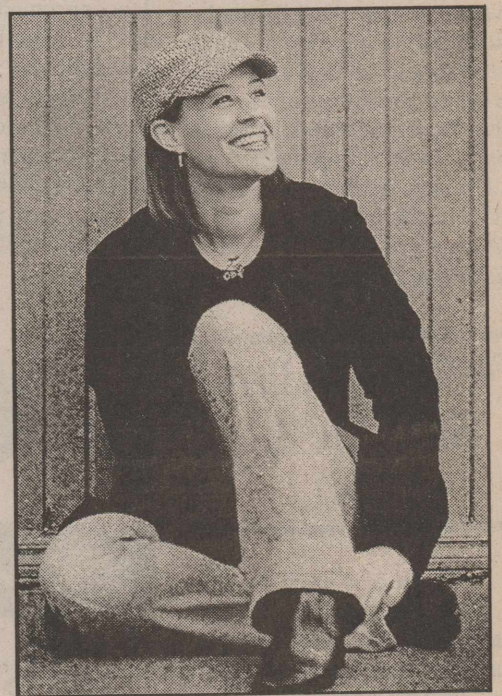
**Location:**

## The Covey

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### Ticket Information:

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First Baptist Church, Lockney  
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### Other Guest:

## Jen Hatmaker

**Author & Bible Study Leader**

Jen Hatmaker is a popular speaker at retreats, conferences, and seminars for women from all denominations and backgrounds. She is the author of five books and Bible studies, including A Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study. Her latest book, Ms. Understood, comes out July 2008. Get ready to hear from a Real Girl! You're going to enjoy Jen Hatmaker! (www.jenhatmaker.com) Jen and her husband, Brandon, have been in full-time ministry for eleven years, and are currently planting a missional church in south Austin, Texas where she has lived for seven years.

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## Bill Lamb

Friday, March 28, 2008  
3:30 to 5:00 P.M.

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative  
Community Room  
Floydada, Texas



**LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS** for the week of March 24, 2008: (back row, l-r) Deion Mollette, Miguel Rodriguez, Julian Jimenez, Nacona Hill, Michael Guerrero, Joshua Guerrero, (middle row) Justin Suarez, Julian Medellin, Anissa Guerrero, John Cleto, Bryson Hallmark, Chasity Mendoza, (front row, l-r) Jesse Hall, Tabitha Hernandez, Makayla Ponce, Marie Alvarado, and Ryann Araujo. Staff Photo

## Floydada Whirlwind's Baseball team beat Childress 10-4 in district opener

**By Sheres Covington**  
The Floydada Whirlwind baseball team won their first district game against Childress at home 10-4. "This was a total team victory," Coach Seago said. "We pitched, fielded and hit today."  
Senior, Daniel Saldana, the Whirlwind first baseman led the offensive attack by crushing a 2-run homer and then his next at bat belted another impressive 1-run homer to put the game out of reach in the 4th inning. Junior, Titus Miller turned in a solid

pitching performance. He lasted 5 innings, surrendering 4 runs on 6 hits, while walking 1 and striking out 4. Sophomore, Joseph Segura, came in relief and pitched the last 2 innings. He faced 9, walked 1 and struck out 1. Childress did rally in the 5th with a 2-run homerun by senior, Chase Campbell, but the rest was history as the Winds took care of Childress by adding 2 more runs in the bottom of the 5th and doing a good job defensively to put the game away.  
Joseph Segura led Floydada's

5 run explosion in the 3rd inning with his triple to right center field that scored 1. Daniel Saldana and Brandon Monreal had 2 RBI's apiece. Joseph Segura and Joe Luis Suarez each had 1 RBI. Joseph Segura, Brandon Monreal and Joe Luis Suarez each hit triples, while Colton Covington and Joseph Segura also recorded the games only singles.  
The Whirlwinds will play Lockney at home Saturday at 12:00.  
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## SPC awarded grant to train health care professionals

LEVELLAND - South Plains College recently was awarded a \$1,625,313 grant through the U.S. Department of Labor's Community-Based Job Training Grants Initiative for a broad partnership to train, graduate and place health care professionals in a 15-county area of West Texas.  
"The need for health professionals is at a critical point in the South Plains region," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "I hope this grant will help SPC address some of the needs in this area."  
"These funds will allow us to advance in area clinical simulation on the cutting edge of health care training," Sharp said. "We are very appreciative of the U.S. Labor Department and the agreement with this initiative."  
Through the three-year grant, SPC's Training for Excellence in Nursing program will train, graduate and prepare students for

licensure and the workforce. A Center for Clinical Excellence will be developed, and an effort will be made to improve student retention and skill mastery in Vocational Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing Programs.  
"There are several clinical simulation centers available in Texas and at other college," said Marla Cottenoir, dean of Health Occupations at SPC. "This represents a new way of preparing students to excel in the clinical areas."  
"Presently, there are not abundant opportunities for students to get clinical experience," Cottenoir said. "Through the center, students will be able to get more advanced training and develop stronger skills before entering the clinical areas."  
For more information, call Cottenoir at 806-894-9611, ext. 2332.

### Lockney School Menu

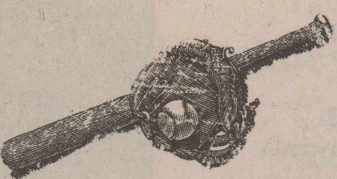
Menu  
March 31 - April 4  
Monday

- Breakfast**-Blueberry muffin, cereal, toast, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Burrito or corn dog, salad, corn, pineapple, milk
- Tuesday**
- Breakfast**-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Popcorn chicken or corn dog, potatoes, broccoli, peaches, roll, milk
- Wednesday**
- Breakfast**-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Pepperoni pizza or tuna sandwich, corn, rosy applesauce, milk
- Thursday**
- Breakfast**-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Steak patty or ham and cheese, potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, milk
- Friday**
- Breakfast**-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Hamburger or grilled cheese, salad, baked fries, orange, milk

### FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

March 31 - April 4  
Monday

- Breakfast**-Scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk
- Tuesday**
- Breakfast**-Mini banana loaf or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/Ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk
- Wednesday**
- Breakfast**-Pancake and sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fancy gelatin, milk
- Thursday**
- Breakfast**-English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Nachos grande, lettuce and tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk
- Friday**
- Breakfast**-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch**-Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/Ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk



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## Announcement of the Application Period for the HOME Owner Occupied Program to Reconstruct Homes for Low-Income Homeowners

The City of Floydada has received funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to administer a HOME Owner-Occupied Reconstruction program in the City of Floydada. This program is designed to reconstruct homes for eligible low-income homeowners who occupy their homes.

Applications may be picked up beginning March 28, 2008 from Floydada City Hall and completed applications must be received in Floydada City Hall from March 28 - April 28, 2008. The first five households to (1) complete and return the application information, (2) provide all requested information to verify eligibility, (3) meet all eligibility requirements and (4) agree to participate in the program will be served.


The city will host an Application Workshop to provide program information and to assist homeowners with the completion of application materials. Applicants are encouraged to attend this workshop but are not required to participate in this workshop as an eligibility requirement.

Time: 9:00 A.M.  
Date: April 7, 2008  
Place: City Hall, 114 W Virginia, Floydada, TX

Special advance arrangements can be made for persons with special needs, language interpretation needs of for persons needing alternative times or locations by calling Gary Brown at 806/983-2834

Application packets and additional information regarding eligibility documentation may be obtained from City Hall prior to the workshop.

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**Cotton Market Weekly** A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Recent disruptions in U.S. agriculture markets have prompted the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to schedule a public meeting of market stakeholders - including exchanges, traders, merchandisers and producers - on April 22, 2008. The meeting will be held at the CFTC's Washington, DC headquarters beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the turbulent events of the last few weeks and their ongoing impact on agriculture markets. Topics to be discussed include the lack of convergence between the futures and cash prices, higher margin requirements and their impact on market participants, and the role of speculators and commodity index traders.

The forum is a welcome response from the CFTC says Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"Recent events have caused a significant upheaval in the cotton marketing system that needs to be addressed to insure the future viability of the futures market as a functioning price discovery tool for buyers and sellers," explains Verett. "Our request to the CFTC, which echoed the concerns of other segments of the cotton industry, was that the CFTC look into the situation and do what it can to insure the functionality of these markets in the future."

In describing the need for the forum, CFTC Chairman Walter Lukken said, "These historic market conditions, particularly in wheat and cotton, require the CFTC to hear firsthand from participants to ensure that the exchanges are functioning properly to discover prices and manage risk."

The 51st Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting has been set for April 4, 2008 in conjunction with the 2008 Texas Cotton Ginners Association Convention and Trade Show, April 3-4, in Lubbock. PCG's Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Congressman Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock highlights this year's Annual meeting line-up. Rep. Neugebauer, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, will provide the PCG membership with his thoughts on the farm bill and discuss key issues important to the High Plains agriculture industry.

Joining Rep. Neugebauer from Washington is PCG's keynote speaker Jerry Hagstrom. Hagstrom, a Washington, DC-based political and agricultural analyst, is a Special Correspondent for the National Journal's Congress Daily and will present his thoughts on the political landscape heading into the 2008 presidential election and the potential impact of these results on future U.S. agriculture and trade policy, including the new farm bill.

PCG's third featured speaker is John Miller, founder of Southwest Agribusiness Consulting, Inc. in Caldwell, Texas. Miller will discuss the outlook for commodity and energy prices and the market forces that are at work shaping producer decisions heading into the 2008 production season.

Rounding out the program will be reports from PCG President Mike Hughes, of Lamesa, PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett and Plains Cotton

Improvement Program Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn of Tulia.

Three other special events will bookend this year's PCG Annual meeting. Kicking things off April 4 will be a Buffet Breakfast from 7:00-8:30 a.m. in the Civic Center Banquet Hall sponsored by Monsanto and Delta & Pine Land Company.

Breakfast will be provided free to all PCG Annual Meeting participants as well as cotton producers and industry people interested in attending the day's second special event - the April 4th Ag Market Network conference call that will broadcast live from the Civic Center Banquet Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Completing the day's special activities will be the annual Fibermax Cottonseed luncheon for PCG Annual meeting participants and members of the Fibermax "One Ton Club" immediately following the conclusion of the PCG meeting. Lunch will be served in the Civic Center Banquet Hall.

**NASS Extends Deadline For Ag Census Forms**

The deadline for farmers to turn in 2007 Census of Agriculture forms has been extended until June 1, according to National Agricultural Statistics Service Deputy Administrator Carol House. She says the extension from February 4 is because a large number of the census forms have not been returned.

"We are sending another form out there again with encouragement to fill it out," House said. "We'll give a little bit of time and then we're going to start calling people. Of course calling costs money, it's taxpayer dollars, so hopefully producers out there will go ahead and fill it out before we have to make a phone call."

Responding to the census - conducted every five years - is required by law and the privacy of answers given is protected.

"If a producer is not filling it out because they have a question, they're not quite sure how to go about it, they're not sure whether they're required to fill it out or not, please call," House says. "We've received 130,000 calls since census forms were sent out."

A toll-free help line is available at (888) 424-7828. The census also can be submitted online at the following address: <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>

**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.

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

Get your calendars out and plan 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

After two weeks of extreme volatility, the cotton market returned to some degree of normalcy. Earlier in the week, speculative funds were selling cotton, along with other commodities, as uncertainty caused by the rock-bottom sale of fifth-largest U.S. investment bank Bear Stearns prompted a panic move to the safety of cash.

On Friday, March 14, a \$2-per-share fire sale of Bear Stearns Company, Inc, stunned Wall Street and pummeled global financial stocks on Monday on fears that few banks were safe from deepening market turmoil.

"After eight sessions of limit moves one way or the other, cotton prices started to stabilize," a market observer said. "But when prices started slipping and the news about Bear Stearns hit, it hurt everything. It was really a depressant to the market."

Cotton futures finished modestly lower on Thursday as demand from textile mills picked up, mitigating the impact of continued selling by speculative funds looking to take profits before quarter-end. Cotton brokers said cotton futures were able to

pull up from six-week lows early in the day when players from the physical market came in to price cotton that had been on hold amid acute market instability in recent weeks.

"As futures prices decline to levels that are closer to the cash cotton market, buyers tentatively have been coming back to the market from the sidelines where many were parked for two weeks," an analyst said. "From a physical point of view, cotton prices have started becoming attractive again as the cash market and futures market are no longer completely divorced from one another."

A stronger than expected export sales report from USDA also provided some underpinning for the cotton market on Thursday. The department reported net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended March 13 totaled 184,900 bales. The figure was more than four times the volume sold the previous week when mayhem in the market sent most players to the sidelines. Featured buyers for the week were China, Indonesia, Turkey, and Japan. Net sales of 11,000 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were primarily

for Indonesia and Mexico.

Export shipments of 230,600 bales were up 10 percent from the previous week and nine percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas were steady as 4,172 bales were sold in the week ended March 20 compared to 4,581 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 58.65 to 65.87 cents per pound versus 61.81 to 65.09 cents per pound one week earlier.

Cotton trading was closed on Friday for the Easter holiday but will resume normal trading on Monday. Traders then will be concentrating on USDA's planting intentions report due for release March 31.

"For a long while we have expected U.S. farmers to plant 8.6 million acres this year," a trader commented. "But given the dryness in West Texas, and recent run-up in cotton prices, we now expect the acreage to increase to 8.9 million acres."

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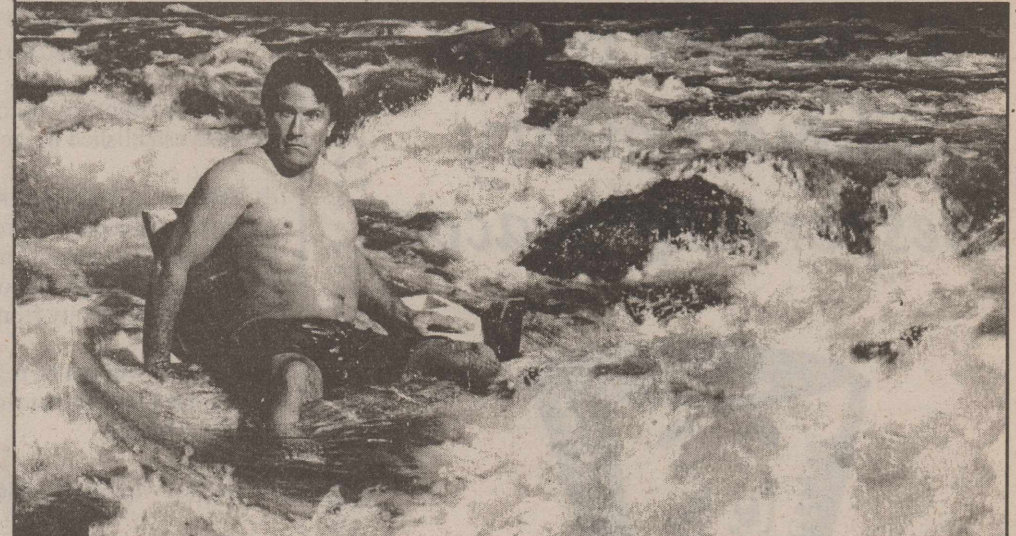
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**2007-CROP HIGH PLAINS COTTON QUALITY SUMMARY**

Week Ending March 20, 2008:

Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	22,153	11-21	2.79	35.49
Lubbock	15,879	11-21	3.18	35.54
Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark	
Lamesa	3.97	29.89	80.30	48.4%
Lubbock	3.96	28.66	80.30	27.2%

Season Totals To Date:


Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	1,545,961	21+	2.46	35.97
Lubbock	3,801,638	21+	2.50	36.01
Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark	
Lamesa	4.18	29.63	80.76	9.9%
Lubbock	4.05	29.53	80.61	3.8%

Source: USDA AMS Cotton Division

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April 6, 2008  
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Lockney Elementary Cafeteria

Cost:  
 Adulth 12 & older \$7.50  
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 Children 5 & under free

All proceeds go to support the Lockney Veterans Assn. & the Veterans Memorial Park



# Mac Thornberry to host Service Academy Forums

Amarillo—Congressman Mac Thornberry will host Service Academy Forums in Amarillo and Wichita Falls to provide information to interested students and their parents about attending the United States service academies. The Wichita Falls Forum will take place on Saturday, April 5 and the Amarillo Forum will take place on Saturday, April 19.

Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy will give presentations and answer questions. Staff members from Thornberry's office will also be on hand to explain the application process. The Forum is designed for potential nominees in their junior or senior year of high school, but all students, parents, and counselors are invited to attend.

"Graduates of the service academies are essential to the continued strength of our Armed Services. As we fight terror at home and abroad, we must remember that the officers produced by the academies will be the future leaders of our troops. This is one of the reasons I consider nominating young people to our service academies to be a

very important part of my job," Thornberry said.

As a member of Congress, Thornberry is allowed to nominate a limited number of students for each service academy. Applications for nomination must be submitted to Thornberry's office by December 1 of a student's senior year. After reviewing Congressional nominations, final selections and offers of acceptance are made by the service academies. Nominees who are accepted by the academies receive a free education. In return, they agree to serve in the military for a minimum of five years after graduation.

The schedule for the Forums is as follows:

Saturday, April 5, 2008  
Saturday, April 19, 2008:  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Midwestern State University  
Amarillo Public Library - South-west Branch.

J.S. Bridewell Hall - Rm 108  
6801 Southwest 45th Avenue,  
Wichita Falls.

For more information please call Amarillo 806-371-8844 or Wichita Falls 940-692-1700.

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 104 E. California, Floydada.

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### Public Notice

#### NOTICE TO ACCEPT BIDS

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

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

801 West Crockett  
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And

802 Menefee  
Floydada, Texas 79235

Bids are due to FISD Central Office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2008. DISD Board of Trustees will consider the bids at the regular April 15, 2008 Board meeting.

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

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

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

FISD Central Office  
226 W. California, Floydada, Texas 79235  
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### ORDINANCE NO. 08-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, AMENDING THE FLOYDADA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED "UTILITIES," ARTICLE 13.1200 UTILITY DEPOSITS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Floydada has determined that a larger utility deposit is required in order to cover the increasingly higher dollar amount of customer utility bills; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Floydada deletes Section (c) of Article 13.1200 Utility Deposits which eliminates a discounted deposit amount for each additional account in their name:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA:

#### SECTION 1. Enacted

(a) It shall hereafter be established that all water, electric, or any utility consumer shall be required to make a deposit in advance of receiving any city services.

(b) Each consumer shall put up a deposit at the city office in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) \$150.00 deposit for water and electric service
- (2) \$150.00 deposit for water service only
- (3) \$150.00 deposit for electric service only

(c) There shall be no discounted deposit amounts for additional accounts established in the same name.

(d) Whenever it appears that a larger deposit is reasonably necessary to protect the city from loss for nonpayment of utility services by any consumer, such consumer may be required to deposit such additional sum of money as may be reasonably necessary to protect the city from such loss.

(e) Deposits will not be refundable until an account or service is discontinued and at that time, the unused portion of the deposit shall be refunded.

(f) Interest will not be paid on deposits.

#### SECTION 2. Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

#### SECTION 3. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct and independent provision and such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

#### SECTION 4. Publication

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of this ordinance in accordance with law.

#### SECTION 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in force and effect commencing April 1, 2008.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2008.

CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC  
City Secretary

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 40695

**APPLICATION** Darty Gin, Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 40695, which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at 315 Motley, Dougherty, Floyd County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter, organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 4, 2008. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Floyd County Courthouse, 100 South Main, Floydada, Floyd County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

**INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from Darty Gin, Inc., P.O. Box 51, Dougherty, Texas 79231-0051 or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners Association at (512) 615-1102.

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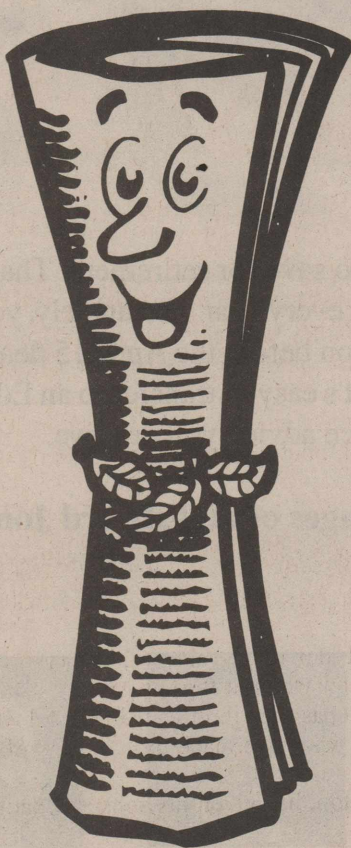
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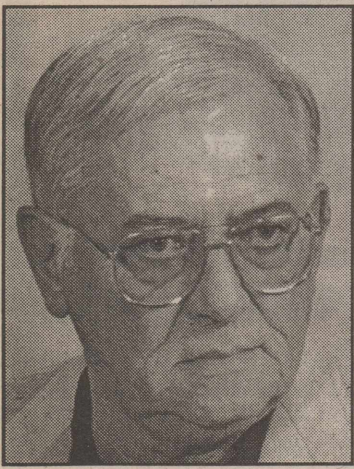
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\* The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton, field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.  
In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.  
1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.  
2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.  
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.  
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.  
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."  
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.  
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.  
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.  
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women, who have made this country great, have been molded.  
10. The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.  
11. The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.  
12. The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.  
When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."  
After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

# Obituaries



## ROBERT GREER CHRISTIAN

Robert Greer Christian, 66, of Amarillo formally of Floydada passed away on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Odyssey Hospice Unit in Amarillo.

Robert was born December 8, 1941 in Lubbock, TX to the late Harry Greer Christian and Ruth Margaret (Troutman) Christian. He attended high school in Floydada and graduated in 1960. He served his nation by serving in the US Army.

Robert worked hard as a farmer all his life. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada. He was a caring and friendly person to all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Robert is survived by his daughter Shannon Christian Bailey of Amarillo; a grandchild, Thomas Greer Bailey of Amarillo; two brothers, Charles Christian and Joe Christian both of Lubbock; one sister, Billie Campbell of Floydada; three nephews and three nieces and a host of other relatives.

On Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, there was a gathering of family and friends with the Rev. Les Hall officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

The family suggest memorials be made to the local Hospice Unit or the charity of your choice.



In our world today, words can be extremely powerful and yet we seem to lack the ability to use these words to adequately express our deepest gratitude to this community which showered our family with so much love during our mom's and wife's illness. We are eternally grateful for the cards, the food, the gifts and your precious words of encouragement.

Our hearts were deeply touched by those willing to donate blood during the blood drive. Even though our mom and wife did not benefit, personally, by those donations we are comforted by knowing that others will reap the rewards from your generosity.

For every prayer that was said for our family, we say thank you. We believe that through your prayers we are blessed. May all your days be filled with joy and content and may the face of God shine upon you.

With heartfelt gratitude  
The McCarter Family

It seems to me a lot can happen in a week. You can start out a week in shock and finish at the same place in the end. Both for "Different" reasons.

Not expecting anything unusual, maybe the flu, I went to the doctor. In an hour I was in a hospital bed being treated for a "Heart arrhythmia." This is how I started the week. The next day I get the news I may have a brain aneurysm. Hey, this is going from bad to worse! I found myself with a few emotions. First, I was wondering what was this all about, and what was the good that would come from it? Second, would I see it? Third, why was I the one who was chosen for the honor of watching my Heavenly Father work close at hand in only His glorious way? The only word to describe it is "Awesome!" When the wind blew and then the dust settled, God had worked a miracle for me.

You know He does this all the time. But quite often, unless it is life stopping or attention getting, we don't notice it. Well, shame on me during those times. I just want - no - need to give glory and thanks to a wondrous and magnificent Holy God the Father of Jesus Christ my Saviour.

I wanted to thank the friends that tried to keep up with my journeys to both hospitals. Every call came at just the right time. It was like a "Hug" through the phone. The prayers can only be described as warriors on the attack. I needed, felt, and treasured everyone. You can be very sensitive in times like these. I know medicine takes time to prove out things it finds, but friends didn't wait to pray against what it could be.

Lastly, the one I leaned on the heaviest on this earth, my husband Dennis. My clear mountain stream on a hot day.

I know this was long, but thank you for allowing me to express what I needed to and just couldn't hold back.

In Christ's love and joy,  
Mary M. Carter



## LIDA JOSEPHINE SMITHEY

Funeral services for Lida Smithey, 85, of Floydada, were at 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Floydada with Rev. Wendell Horn officiating and Rev. Les Hall assisting. Burial will follow at the Floyd County Memorial Park of Floydada. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Family greeted friends Monday, March 24, 2008 from 5-7 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Lida Smithey passed away Sunday, March 23, 2008, at Prairie House Living Center of Plainview. Lida was born February 20, 1923, in Wolfe City, Texas to John Barker and Pearl (Shadden) Barker. Lida married J.W. Smithey on January 4, 1941 in Wolfe City. In 1957, they moved to Harmony Community, Floydada, Texas. J.W. preceded her in death on November 6, 1988. Lida owned and operated the Colonial Beauty Shop for approximately thirty years. Besides enjoying styling hair, Lida loved raising her three daughters, cooking, sewing, and dancing. Her grand and great grandchildren were the joy of her life.

Mrs. Smithey is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, six brothers, and five sisters, and a grandchild.

Mrs. Smithey is survived by three daughters, Martha Williams and husband Elmer Dean of Floydada; Beverly Teague and husband Keith of McKinney; Iwana Boggs and husband Greg of Midland; eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Family suggest memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, TX 79490; Floydada EMS, 109 N. Main, Floydada, TX 79235; Floydada Senior Citizens, 301 E. Georgia, Floydada, TX 79235 or favorite charity of choice.

## Walk Across Texas to kickoff May 5th

Floyd County Residents have the opportunity to join with residents all around the state to participate in the Walk Across Texas program promoting physical activity and better health.

Walk Across Texas is an eight week program encouraging participants to form groups of 8, walk individually or as a group, and log their weekly miles in an effort to walk the 830 miles across the state of Texas.

Walk Across Texas dates will be May 5 - June 27. There will be a Kick Off Event on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Floyd County AgriLife Extension Office at 5:30 p.m. A light supper will be served. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Participants may walk, jog or bicycle their way to accumulating their miles. Regular physical activity can improve health and reduce the risk for many chronic diseases.

Walk Across Texas sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension is a fun fitness program designed to encourage participants to adopt the habit of regular, moderate intensity exercise. Participants will be recognized for their achievements and special recognition will be given to the team walking the most miles and the team reaching the "destination" first.

To sign your team of 8 up or for more information, contact the Floyd County Extension Office at 983-4912. Please sign up by Friday April 20.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

## MY DAD

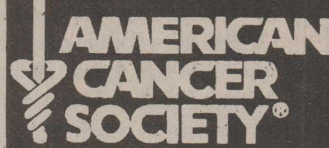
By Edward Marks

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

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

Small in size but big in heart,  
This grand old man of mine.  
I just think he's pretty smart,  
and men like him are hard to find.

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



To Coach Garrett and all who had a part in the donation that we received last week for the demolition of our house. A great big hug and thank you go out to each of those who helped.

May the Good Lord bestow his many blessings on each and every one of you. It was greatly appreciated.

The Rosales Family

## Floyd County Church Directory

<b>AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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. *****	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 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. *****	<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> 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. *****
<b>BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-5278 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday ..... 7:30 p.m. *****	<b>GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> 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. *****	<b>PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA</b> 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. *****
<b>CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP</b> 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. *****	<b>MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 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. *****	<b>SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass ..... 11:30 a.m. *****
<b>CARR'S CHAPEL</b> Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship .... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m. *****	<b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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. *****	<b>SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Joe Weldon, Pastor Sunday School .... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m. *****
<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 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. *****	<b>NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing .... 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. *****	<b>TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 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. *****
<b>CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 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. *****	<b>OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> 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. *****	<b>ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 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. *****
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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. *****	<b>POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH</b> 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. *****	<b>TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM</b> 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. *****
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney</b> 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 *****	<b>TRINITY ASSEMBLY</b> 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. *****	<b>TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA</b> 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. *****
<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 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	<b>Lockney Co-op Gin</b> 652-3377	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Burnell Lund, Minister Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m. *****
<b>American State Bank</b> Member FDIC 217 W. California 983-3725	<b>Lockney Ins. Agency</b> 105 N. Main 652-3347	<b>WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship .... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m. *****
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