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The Hesperian-Beacon sells

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon and Blanco Press were purchased by Blackburn Media Group, Inc., last week.

"I've been traveling through Floyd County for years and the economy seems to be improving," said Christopher Blackburn, owner, BMG. "I've enjoyed the friendly residents of both Floydada and Lockney. I know there is a huge rivalry here and we'll do our best to make sure both of these fine towns get the coverage they deserve."

Blackburn, who lives in Childress, said there are several reasons Floyd County stood out to him as a market. "The area has good schools and hard-working people. The economy is humming and there is both oil and wind energy in the area."

Long-time Floyd County Editor Alice Gilroy and her husband Lennie have agreed to stay on for a brief time until the transition is according complete, Blackburn.

man the press.

"There will be plenty of changes in the near future, but for now, we're going to ease into it," Blackburn continued.

Blackburn said it is a privilege to follow in the footsteps of Alice and her family.

"Alice and her father, Ken Towery are true journalists," Blackburn said. "What they've accomplished in their respective careers is impressive to say the

Blackburn said an announcement for a new editor is forth-

"I've selected a good one and hope to have him on board in a few weeks," said Blackburn. "Our readers and advertisers will be pleased with our product. We want The Hesperian-Beacon to be a positive reflection on the people of this county and a trusted news source."

Blackburn Media Group owns six newspapers including The

Herald, The Hollis News, Knox County News and The Post Dispatch.

Blackburn and his wife, Sharon, have two sons, Jackson, 5, and Sutton Hawk, 2. The family also owns and operates Blackburn's Family Clothier in

"I have mixed emotions about selling the newspaper and leaving the position as editor and publisher," said Gilroy, "but there is one thing I feel very good about and it is Chris Blackburn. I know he has the best interests of the community at heart. He did his research and came to the correct conclusion that Floyd County has a lot going for it. He has invested a lot of money and he wouldn't have done that without having a lot of confidence in Floyd County in general and this newspaper in particular. I'm excited about the changes in store for us."

The sale of the newspaper was handled through Rollie Hyde of Jim Huggins will continue to Childress Index, the Hall County W.B. Grimes and Company.



CHRIS BLACKBURN IN CHILDRESS INDEX OFFICE

Blackouts possible in County

By Alice Gilroy

Local electrical providers, Lighthouse Electric and the City of Floydada, are warning customers that the time may come this summer when a rolling blackout may affect their homes or work places.

SPS (Southwest Public Ser-High Plains of Texas, Oklahoma, and eastern New Mexico suffered a partial blackout on June 17. Floyd County was not affected, but we may not be so lucky next

"It's not the consumers fault," said Lighthouse Electric Manager Bill Harbin. "It is because of unexpected delays of generation facilities that SPS thought they would have on line by now. So, the projected load for the summer now exceeds the projected generation resources."

According to Harbin SPS planned to have their new generator in place before the summer peak. It appears now the generator will not be in place until

sometime this fall. "This may have an impact on all electric consumers whether served by SPS, the City of Floydada or Lighthouse," said

Harbin. "The electric grid itself conservation is necessary in orwill not have enough capacity. We are all inter connected on the electric grid and we all have compliance responsibility to keep the electric grid from going dark."

"Once the local entity (Lighthouse or the City) is notified that we have to shed loads then we vice) whose territory covers the have to make the decisions on who will go dark," said Harbin.

"We will have already been appealing to the public through media outlets to reduce the load."

Harbin and Brown said they already have a plan in place in who and what will be affected

According to them the rolling blackout could affect anybody.

"It will most likely happen in the afternoon," said Brown, "but it could happen anytime."

SPS will make the decision that a load must be shed and how much load must be shed.

The electric companies will try to stay away from emergency facilities and the duration of outages should be short lived. However, the shortage could last

"It could be minutes or hours," said Harbin.

Both Harbin and Brown say

der to prevent blackouts.

Customers can help by not being wasteful during high load conditions. Turn your air conditioner to warmer temperatures. Don't run your dishwasher, clothes washer, clothes dryer, and turn off lights and anything else that can be turned off. Also-leave your refrigerator and freezer

It is also a good idea to have water drawn up as you would in anticipation of a storm.

Brown said he is looking in to trying to find a place, such as the fellowship halls of First Baptist and First Methodist, where people can go to stay cool in case of a blackout.

"The churches would be some of the last circuits that we would shed," said Brown.

Harbin said hopefully there would be lead time to warn customers of an upcoming blackout. "But", said Harbin, "if there was an emergency the supply interruption could be instant.'

SPS serves all of the High Plains of Texas, eastern New Mexico, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, and southwestern Kansas.

Celebrate 4th locally

By Alice Gilroy

have to spend too much on gas p.m. There will also be children's or travel far to celebrate the 4th of July.

The traditional July 4th festivities will return to Floydada and Lockney this Friday.

In Floydada Lowe's Pay-N-Save will once again offer a full day of food, fun, and grocery store specials. The store will kick off the 4th with a free breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The breakfast will consist of eggs, sausage, gravy and biscuits, cof-

fee and orange juice. A live band, the "Texas 114",

will perform in the Lowe's park- feature many store specials--see activities and games throughout

11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and the prices are set for bargain hunters.

You will be able to get 4 hot dogs for \$1.00; 2 hamburgers for \$1.00; and 4 Pepsi's or Dr. Peppers for \$1.00.

While you're celebrating the 4th with food, music and games down Lockney's Main Street be sure and register for prizes inside the store. Lowe's will also ney Rehab and Care Center.

Floyd County residents won't ing lot from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 the Lowe's ad inside this edition.

Lockney 4th Parade

The traditional children's pa-Lunch will be served from rade will be held in Lockney the morning of July 4th on Main

Participants in the parade should gather at Main Street Church of Christ by 10:00 a.m.

Decorate your bike, or other mode of transportation, in patriotic colors. Show off your red white and blue as you travel from the church past the Lock-

Herrera surrenders

By Alice Gilroy

Daniel Jacob Herrera, 26, who was wanted for the killing of Israel Martinez, 27, of Floydada, and the shooting of Serapio Ovalle, 39, of Floydada, turrned himself in to authorities Tuesday, June 24th at 8:00 p.m.

According to Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch, Herrera walked in to the dispatcher office of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and told the dispatcher who he was and that he was there to turn himself in.

The dispatcher immediately called officers and Herrera was

Herrera has been charged with

Murder and Attempted Murder. Bond was set by a Plainview Justice of the Peace at \$45,000. Herrera will only be required to Continued On Page 5

Photo contest now underway

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon's photo contest is now

The rules of the contest are simple. Wherever your travels take you, include The Hesperian-Beacon along for the trip.

Take your picture (or someone elses--preferably home grown, but not a requirement) holding the Hesperian-Beacon. Tell us a little bit about the picture for our cutline.

If you bring us more than one picture of your vacation we will pick the one we like best. We reserve the right to publish or not publish any picture. There are no guarantees the picture will be published.

Remember--content and origi-

nality get our attention. We are not interested in your whole family standing in front of what we really want to see in the first place.

Be creative. Share your trip with our readers.

At the end of the contest we will announce our favorite picture. The winning photographer Continued On Page 5



CONTEST PHOTO--The Lockney Varsity Cheerleaders recently attended cheerleading camp at South Padre Island. While at camp the girls learned new cheers, chants and dances to prepare them for the new school year. Both the Varsity squad and Toni Morales the mascot received the award for most improved. Heather Brock was chosen as an All-American Cheerleader. They found time in their busy schedule to enjoy reading the Hesperian Beacon. (L-R standing): Carrol Chavez, Melissa DeLuna, Lezlie Jackson, Segayle Foster, Malory Johnson, Mercedes Aday, Catey Davis and Robbie Reyes. (Seated, I-r): Heather Brock, Toni Morales(mascot), and Tessa Saul.

LISD TAKS scores above State average

scored above the State Average in the majority of the subjects tested. Preliminary results showed that LISD scored higher or equal to the state average in 20 of the 27 tests taken during the Spring 2008 test administra-

LISD Curriculum Director Marva Rasco says that she is very pleased with the 2008 preliminary results but there is always room for improvement in some

Once again, the elementary and junior high campuses scored above the state average in most areas while the high school campus scored above or equal to the state average in a majority of the subjects tested.

All levels of science (grades 5, 8, 10 & 11) and 9th grade math remain an area of concern in the

Once again Lockney ISD has state and Lockney ISD was not immune to this either.

"We continue to look into instructional strategies to help improve our TAKS scores across the district," said Rasco. "We will be focusing on various programs, teacher training, and vertical alignment.

"One of the highlights of the 2007/2008 TAKS year included having 100% of our seniors pass the TAKS. Another highlight came when Lockney Elementary was recognized as one of the 'Best Public Schools' in the area of Math (TAKS) by Texas Monthly Magazine."

The schools identified by NCEA for Texas Monthly's Best Practice Schools Lists are those that exhibit outstanding perfor-

mance in comparison to similar Continued On Page 5

Editor's Note — The following is a column by Christopher Blackburn, President of Blackburn Media Group, which purchased Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon last week. He resides in Childress with his wife Sharon and sons Jackson and Sutton Hawk.

Don't look now, but countries are investing in Iraq. Many countries, including several who stayed out of the war, have firms taking a chance on a country many said was in civil war.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, in Washington on an official visit, said Monday more firms were waiting for more security before entering the market.

Many of the companies active in Iraq now are from countries, including France, Russia and Turkey, who did not send combat troops to back the U.S.-led invasion.

At first it crossed my mind that we should ban these countries, but that's not really capitalism, which is what democracies subscribe to.

The news about Iraq is huge. Firms would not be spending hundreds of millions of dollars there on a bad investment.

Many European and Asian countries are now beating American companies out when it comes to territory. "It's starting to turn ... and the people who are getting in on the ground floor are not American," said Paul Brinkley, the Pentagon official who is leading U.S. efforts to help Iraq rebuild its economy. "It's ironic."

There are no reliable historic numbers, but the deals this year are among the first major investment opportunities outside U.S.funded reconstruction projects and they signal new confidence in Iraq's economy, according to officials

The activity by non-U.S. companies is not a cause for concern, said Charles Reis, the U.S. counselor for economic transition in Iraq. "This is a normalization of Iraq's relationship with the rest of the world," he said.

Officials are now saying American companies risk losing opportunities to establish longterm strategic ties with Iraq. Not to mention make a lot of money.

The following are the top investors (by country) in Iraq:

TOP EXPORTERS TO IRAQ January through April (in mil-

United States: \$737 Turkey: \$648 China: \$358 Thailand: \$110 South Korea: \$102

Speaking of Iraq ... if I were running for president and someone asked me the question, "How long will you stay in Iraq?" I would answer, "Until we are repaid our war expenses in oil."

Security would determine the number of troops and we would maintain some presence in that country forever. In other words, we'd end up with a military base over there of some sort.

I know some of you are against any U.S. presence. Let's just agree to disagree. Simply put, I would refuse the notion that

our troops fought this war in vain. Besides, Iraq is perfect for a

A view from

The Lamplighter ?

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I suppose it is no secret in Floyd County that we have sold the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. In fact, by the time this appears in print, the new owners are likely to be in place. Alice Gilroy, your long-time editor and publisher, will remain in place, temporarily. She has for years written this paper's "By the Way" column, and has estab-

I suppose it is also no secret that we look to the transfer with a great deal of mixed emotions.

lished herself as the voice of the

Hesperian throughout the state.

On the one hand, we are happy that the folks here will have a new owner of the Hesperian-Beacon. We do not know, as of this writing, exactly who will be the new Editor.

On the other hand, we are extremely sad to see our own relationship come to an end. All things must end, we are told, and that includes the good as well as the bad. Our relationship with this community has, from our standpoint, been exceedingly

good. We have owned this newspaper, and have been a part of this community, for a quarter of a century, beginning back in 1983, before many of our readers were even born. We purchased it from a media concern that wanted to get out of West Texas as badly as we wanted to get in. In fact, if you are ever in Austin, and want to see some manifestation of who used to own this publication, you will have no farther to look than the huge bank building at the northwest corner of Congress and 6th Streets. At one time that was the old Woolworth building, until some guy bought it, tore it down, built the new bank building, and ran into financial difficulties in the 1980's before he got through. He, we are told, is doing just fine now. He is, or was, in the cable television business.

And before that operation, there was Wendell Tooley, and before that was the Steens, who owned and edited the paper for many years, and before that was a succession of partners and the early-day founder of the paper, a semi-school teacher and full-time political activist named Claude Hall before he decided to make more money by teaching school full time. We shall forever be indebted to Jaunita Stepp for penning the history of this newspaper in the Centennial Edition, and to Claude Hall for beginning the Hesperian (more than 100 years ago) and naming it after a star (Hesperus, or Venus) found primarily in the evening sky. We believe that, many years from now, there will still be a town here and we still believe there will be a Hesperian reporting on community events.

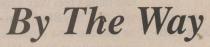
There may be some interest in the name of this column, "The Lamplighter." It is not at all what we originally intended. Originally, it was supposed to be "A View" from wherever I happened to be. At that time, I was traveling a great deal, and staying at the old Lamplighter Inn when in

Floydada, run by Johnny and Dorothy Hotchkiss. Johnny was an employee of a Mr. Sam Spence, a County Commissioner and Insurance agent. We became good friends. So the first columns were written from the Lamplighter and the name quickly stuck. It was supposed to be a column outlining my own view of politics, written from wherever I happened to be. Rather quickly it became the voice of this newspaper, more's

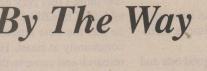
We have no idea what the politics of the new owners will be. As far as we were concerned, we were, by and large, conservative by nature. That led us to occasionally differ from those who called themselves conservatives.

The new owners will define themselves, and their view of matters, after they assume control. As far as we are concerned we have always been pleased to be a part of this community, and its people.

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By Alice Gilroy





Letters to the Editor

Dear Alice:

Please allow me to express my admiration for the efforts of you, Lennie, your parents and staff for producing a superb weekly newspaper for Floydada, Lockney and other Floyd County residents. People who have not been involved in producing a newspaper fail to realize the time, energy and dedication which must go into a quality product.

It is my sincere opinion that a good newspaper is totally beneficial to any small town. Contest results through the years bear out the fact that the Hesperian-Beacon is among top weekly newspapers in this area.

You have been dedicated to covering city council and school board meetings in both towns, county government and general news. Students in county schools have received strong recognition for their academic, athletic, music, agricultural and other successes.

Having been there and done that. I realize that all too often events and deadlines must take precedence over family and personal life of a newspaper publisher/editor.

Please know that I, for one, have totally appreciated your efforts through the years.

> Warmest personal regards, . Jim Reynolds

Dear Editor,

As a volunteer at Spirit of Sharing (SOS) I have long wondered why the people of Floydada are not given the opportunity to purchase those many huge plastic bags of clothing, junk, etc. that are given to out-of-town agencies who come and pick them up. Why not offer them to Floydada people for one dollar a

bag, grab bag style unopened, take what you get?

This would pay for the plastic bag and bring in some money to cover our utility bills and mainly keep the contents here in Floydada, as the donors intended. I have seen the work room stacked high with filled bags to be sent to resale shops in Lubbock and Plainview where the contents are displayed and sold, often for twice what SOS asks in Floydada. When I asked why not offer them to people here I was told to not touch those bags.

for the needy people in Floydada and provides free clothing to qualified people. It also provides good low cost clothing to families with low incomes, and people drop in to shop nearly every day the doors are opened. We outfit families for school, and cold weather brings in many who need coats and shoes. People going into the nursing home often need extra robes and slippers.

School children need clean underwear. SOS offers it, for free to qualified people, or at very low cost to others.

I say, let's offer those big plastic bags full of clothing, toys, household items, whatever, to the Floydada people. Give them the chance to use the contents or decide to discard in their homes.

We truly do need volunteers to help serve on Mondays and Thursdays. If you can give even one afternoon a month to help the needy people of Floydada you will be obeying God's command to help do His work, be His ser-

Sincerely, Joyce Williams, Floydada

By now you've either heard the rumor or you read the front page and you know the Hesperian-Beacon has sold. The newspaper has a new owner and publisher and will soon have a new editor. The newspaper was sold to Chris Blackburn, of Childress, Thursday, June 26. I'm not sure who the new editor is going to be yet, but I'm sure Chris is searching for the right

I've often wondered what my last column would sound like and now that I'm at that point I have no idea how to express everything I want to say.

The decision to sell was not an easy one to make. My dad, Ken Towery, didn't want to sell at all and he still isn't comfortable with the decision. I basically made him do it, so if anyone wants to be mad about the decision I guess I'm the one you need to be mad at.

Lennie and I will be moving SOS is a much needed service to the Austin area as soon as we can get away from the paper and as soon as our house sells. I'll probably be at the paper for at least another month.

I guess in a nutshell the biggest reason we are leaving is because I want to be closer to my parents. I have not lived near them since I was 18 years old and at this chapter in our lives I feel very strongly that my place is close to them.

My responsibilities at the paper kept me from feeling like I could get away if and when I needed to. I used to tell my parents if anyone in my family, including me, were to get seriously sick they would have to get sick on a Thursday or Friday (after the paper is out) and they would have to get well by the following Monday (before deadline). Actually all the staff at the newspaper lives like that.

This is not a decision that was

made lightly. A lot of prayer has gone into it and lots and lots of tears on my part.

When we moved here from Houston I never looked back. I practically ran out of that town. I don't have very many fond memories of my time in Hous-

Moving to West Texas was a breath of fresh air.

Lennie and I laugh about one of our first experiences with the wonderful people around here. Within a couple of weeks of living in our first house in Lockney we came home to vegetables on our front porch. We never knew who left them. One time someone left us a watermelon and Lennie wouldn't let us eat it because he didn't know where it came from. (You have to remember we moved here as cops from Houston, where we worried about eating out in uniform for fear someone would do some-

thing to our food). It wasn't long before we went from locking our car doors (in Houston) for fear something would get stolen-to locking our car doors (in Lockney) for fear it would fill up with squash!

We may have not lived as high on the hog in West Texas, but I have never regretted our move

I honestly love it here and there are truly no finer people anywhere in Texas.

We have lived here for 23 years and made more friends than I've ever had in my life. They are good friends. True friends. Forever friends.

I'm going to miss the newspaper work-but not near as much as I'm going to miss the people. I'm going to miss my friends, my church, and the Emmaus Community. I've learned all about what really good people there are in the world from the folks around here and we have both

grown in our Walk with God through the help and encouragement of our Christian friends. Those are the memories that will sustain us a lifetime and I hope that at some point we were able to do the same for someone else.

I hope we can be remembered as encouragers-not just in church but through the newspaper too. I hope that in some way we made the community better while we were here. After all, that's what the newspaper was supposed to do. I know the community has

made us better. There are so many people to thank. I can't put names to everyone, because there are too many. In fact in just the last few days as I've run into people my heart starts a whole new ache when I think about what that one particular person has meant to us as a family or to me as an indi-

The school is full of those people. You helped us raise our son into a honest, kind, loving and tenderhearted young man. You spanked him when he needed it and hugged him even more. We always prayed for our teachers and administrators and thanked God for blessing us with

There were times at the newspaper when I would get so discouraged, either from being stretched too thin or just being tired, and someone would walk in with an encouraging word or a funny joke to make me laugh. When I thought the whole world was mad at me I would get an "Atta boy" letter in the mail. To all those people who took the time to care-"Thank-you" from the bottom of my heart. You'll never know the times you pulled me through.

To all the people who helped out with the newspaper by calling me with news, emailing pictures and stories, and for covering sporting events or meetings for me when I couldn't go-"Thank-you!" I hope you'll do the same for the new editor. He will need lots and lots of help and encouragement to get started. He won't automatically know something is going on, so please call him and let him know.

And last, but certainly not least, I thank my staff over the years who have put up with me and pulled me through week after week. They were "married to the paper" too and were loyal and dedicated to me and to the community. They sure didn't work here for the pay-they worked here because they felt like they were making a difference.

I can't think of another business where people in the community feel like it is their business. They refer to the newspaper as "my newspaper"--because it really is theirs. It is their story-their history--their town.

The Hesperian-Beacon can't exist anywhere else in the world--except Floyd County. We can't pack up and move our business. It exists here and only here. It is this community.

The newspaper has given us the unique opportunity to get to know a lot of people in a short time. Every week we were part of sharing your celebrations, births, marriages, etc., and also sharing your grief. The paper has made the community part of our family and I hope it has done the same for your family. It is going to be very hard to say good-bye.

My grandmother used to say through tears, as we were loading up in the car in Knippa, Texas to go back home to McLean, Virginia-"I'm not going to say goodbye. I'm just going to say 'So long and see you later'.

I can't say good-bye. It hurts too much. I'm just saying, "So long-see ya later"

Courtroom Activities

In County Court June 3, 2008 Jose F. DeLeon, 23, of Floydada, was charged with DWI;

Josephine Garza Perez, 48, of Floydada, was charged with Unlawful Carrying a Weapon;

Adam Lee Leal, of Floydada, was charged with DWI; June 9, 2008: Vicente E. Guzman, 29, of

Floydada, was charged with

Beatrice Luna, 50, of Floydada, was charged with DWI; Jesus G. Vira, was charged

with DWI: Ezekiel G. Wiggins Jr., 29, of

Plainview, was charged with

June 13, 2008:

Terry Pardue was charged with Theft of More than 20 days but less than \$50;

June 23, 2008: Jerry Melton Powell, of Floy-

dada, was charged with Assault. In J.P. Court, Pct. #1 & #4 for the month of April, there were 21 traffic violations, 3 License and Weights violations, and 1 Parks

and Wildlife violation filed. Civil cases filed were: Producers Coop vs. Erica G. and Clifton Durham, Producers Coop vs. Lydia Garza, and LVNV Funding vs. Dalia Sanchez.

For the month of May, the J.P. Court, Pct. #1 & #4, had 12 traffic violations and justice suits were filed by LVNV funding, LLC against Ismael Arebalo.

Lockney **Police** Report

April 19, Jacob Gloria, 20, was charged with evading arrest with vehicle.

a burglary of a vehicle in the 400 block of SE 2nd. May 22, police took a report

May 11, a report was taken for

of a theft in the 500 block of E. May 27, a report was taken for a Burglary of a building in the

700 block of E. Shurbet June 1, Simon A. Martinez III, 29, was arrested for Hale County

June 10, police took a report of a Burglary of a vehicle in the 200 block SW 5th.

June 16, a report taken of graffiti in the alley of the 400 block

June 17, police took a report of a Criminal Mischief in the 500 block NE 2nd.

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Local Conditions

Obituary

VIRGINIA G. CAMACHO Virginia G. Camacho, 75, of Floydada passed away Thursday, June 26, 2008 at Mangold Memorial of Lockney.

Virginia was born on May 22, 1933 in San Diego, Texas to the late Manuel Gonzalez and Rafaela (Polacka) Gonzalez. She was a lifelong resident of Floydada.

Local survivors include her husband, Monserrate Camacho of Floydada; sons, Pepe Perez and Juan Perez and daughter, Josephine Garza, all of Floydada.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church in Floydada. Burial was held at the Floydada Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Light the Cross Donation

Donations to Light the Cross Fund have been made as follows: In Memory of Ann Reddy by Sue Daniels.

Donations to the Light the Cross Fund may be deposited to the Ministerial Alliance Fund at American State Bank.

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Texas A&M University Crop and Ag Report

By: Robert Burns, 903-834-6191, rd-burns@tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION ^ Corn for grain varied from fair to good condition to a total loss from hail in some fields, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/

AgriLife Extension agriculture agents in many western counties reported all dryland corn a total loss. In other areas and under irrigation, corn was doing better.

"Recent rains have helped the 2008 crop tremendously. However, many of these rains were preceded by a very detrimental hail storm," said Benji Henderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Parmer County http://parmer-tx.tamu.edu/, southwest of Amarillo. "Much of the mature wheat crop was knocked out, while corn and cotton crops were completely taken out."

"The county received about 1 inch of rain over the weekend. Most of the cotton producers are wrapping up planting cotton," said Wes Utley, AgriLife Extension agent in Haskell County http://haskell-tx.tamu.edu/, southwest of Wichita Falls. "Peanuts in the county are looking good as is the corn and sorghum."

"Corn fields have also been adversely affected by the dry and windy weather patterns," said Gary Clayton, AgriLife Extension agent in Wise County http://wise-tx.tamu.edu/, northwest of Fort Worth.

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"Most corn producers are salvaging their crop by haying or silage," said David Winkler, AgriLife Extension agent in Bosque County http://bosquetx.tamu.edu/, northwest of Waco.

Waco.

"The last few days have been very hot with temps in the mid 90s and high humidity; typical weather for North Central Texas," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension in Collin County http://collintx.tamu.edu/>. "Our crop conditions at this time are very good. Corn looks extremely good as does our grain sorghum and our

few soybeans."

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service reports, which are compiled from AgriLife Extension county reports, Texas producers planted 2.45 million acres of corn for grain in 2008, up from 2.15 million acres in 2007.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters this

week:
SOUTH PLAINS: http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ Several showers occurred with accumulations ranging from 0.5 to 2 inches. Where there was rain, some producers replanted cotton fields lost to the hail storms last week, but most producers have opted to replant to grain sorghum

and sunflowers. Soil moisture was short to adequate. Wheat harvest continued as weather allowed. Cotton was from very poor to good depending on whether it rained or hailed. Grain sorghum was fair to good, with fields in a steady (hyphen) growth pattern. Pumpkins progressed well as irrigation and fungicide applications continued. Corn was in fair to good condition. Irrigation wells were running non-stop to keep up with dry conditions. Pastures and ranges

were in poor to fair condition. Range conditions improved where it rained. Cattle were mostly fair to good. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued.

PANHANDLE: <http:// amarillo.tamu.edu/> Temperatures were near to slightly above average all week. Soil moisture varied from surplus to very short, with most areas reporting short to adequate. Corn was mostly fair. Cotton was rated from very poor to excellent, with most areas reporting fair to poor. Peanuts, sorghum and soybeans were rated mostly fair. Wheat was poor to fair as the harvest continued. Oats were rated good. Range conditions were very poor to excellent, with most counties reporting poor to fair. Cattle were in fair condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: http:/ /vernon.tamu.edu/> The northwest part of the region received thunderstorms with high winds, hail and tornados. Childress, Hardeman and Wilbarger counties were hit hardest. Homes and other structures were damaged. Some cotton, corn, sorghum and peanut fields were totally wiped out. There were 100 farms affected in Childress County. Some alfalfa cuttings were lost as were some meadows. But despite the storms, many stock tanks were dry or nearly so. In the eastern part of the district, hot dry conditions continued to hurt hay production. Corn fields were also adversely affected by the dry and

windy weather. Some ranchers

said they expect to be feeding hay

into mid-July if conditions don't

change. Livestock remained in

good condition.

FAR WEST: http://ftstockton.tamu.edu/ Some areas received rain, but for most counties the drought continued. Livestock conditions declined from lack of vegetation. Some ranchers reduced herd size until grazing situations improve. The region remained under extreme fire hazard with lightning causing more fires. Most crops were poor to average. All crops needed moisture.

NORTH: <http:// dallas.tamu.edu/> Soil moisture ranged from short to adequate. Days were hot and humid with the temperatures in the mid 90s. Scattered showers helped crops. Corn, sorghum and soybeans all looked very good, as did the peach crop. Most wheat yields ranged from average to above average, with some really highyielding fields. The oat harvest neared completion. Cotton planting was completed and the crop was in good condition. Hay producers were only harvesting hay as needed due to production costs and carryover from 2007. Some producers made their second hay cutting. Warm-season forages were in good shape. Hay meadows and pastures looked good. Cattle were still doing quite well. Milk production level in milking herds was up. Range and pasture conditions were good.

WEST CENTRAL: http:// sanangelo.tamu.edu/> Very hot, dry and windy conditions continued this week in most areas. A few areas reported scattered showers. The potential for wildfires was extremely high, and burn bans remained in effect throughout the region. All crops showed signs of heat and moisture stress. The wheat harvest wrapped up with above-normal yields. Cutting and baling hay and some field preparations continued where it rained. Range and pasture grasses were in poor condition and continued to decline. Stock tank levels were in bad shape, with some completely dry. Livestock feeding picked up. Livestock were in good body condition. Pecan orchard irrigation was under way.

CENTRAL: <http://stephenville.tamu.edu/~TAEX/>
Dry and hot conditions prevailed.
Because of the drought, aflatoxin was expected in grain corn, and yields could be cut in half. Grain sorghum midge was reported, and a few fields were sprayed. Cotton was also stressed by dry and hot conditions. The pecan crop was light to medium. Pastures were dry and growing slowly.



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The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Lockney High School. She is currently employed as a Histology Technician for Covenant Health System. She is the granddaughter of Jerrold and Belle Vinson of

The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Monterey High School. He is currently self-employed as a carpenter in Lubbock.

The couple will wed 7:30 p.m. August 9, 2008 at Lake Mackenzie. They have a July 20 bridal shower in Shallowater. Selections are at Payne's Pharmacy and Target.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

The Center will be closed Fri-

This past week Boone Adams' brother-in-law of Tucson, Arizona ate at the Center on Thursday June 26. His name is Gary Scholton.

I always look forward to July 4, because Lowe's Grocery Store has a free breakfast on their parking lot. They have entertainment and they serve hamburgers and hot dogs at noon for a very reasonable price. Lots of people enjoy the activities.

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Our sympathy to the family of Virginia Camacho.

Happy Birthday to those who have a birthday in July.

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Dorothy Reeves; July 3-Dolores Cannon, Tommy McIntosh and Bell Vinson; July 8-Opal Kratzer and Sam Spence; July 12-Virginia Pyle; July 13-Nancy Mayo and Genielle Breed; July 18-Kendis Julian and Margie Fowler; July 20-Joan Smith; July 24-Marie Warren; and July 31-Ruby Weems.

July 1-Jerry Galloway and

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

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Thought for the week - Enjoy the 4th of July and be safe.

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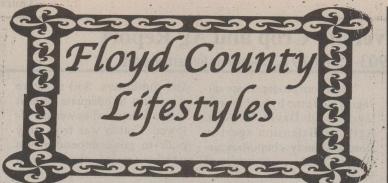
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By Vera Jo Bybee The Center will be closed Friday, July 4.

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Be sure and pay your 2008-09 dues in July. They are still \$20.00 a person.

Monday Louie, Cynthia and I took Dara to Lubbock to catch the plane back home to Plano. We enjoyed having her home so much even if it wasn't long enough. She and Becky spent a few days in Ruidosa. Then last Friday we had lunch with Sherrey Carthel Price in Plainview at Furrs. Enjoyed being with her so much we went home with her and spent the rest of the afternoon visiting. I hope Dara comes back soon.

Received a call from my nephew Monty Bybee of Eldorado the other day telling me I was going to have to change the name of this column to the hospital and obituary column. He is so true. Seems like sickness and death is about the news I have to write about.

This week there are several to be on your prayer list.

Joyce Carthel Wilson is in Lubbock Covenant Hospital's ICU recovering from a stroke. If

you would like to keep up with her condition go the Blog www.caringbridge.org/visit/ joycerwilson

Freda Davis is still in critical condition in the Lubbock Covenant Hospital.

Sally Shaw is in intensive care in Lubbock Covenant hospital recuperating for colon surgery. Margie Cypert is still in Lub-

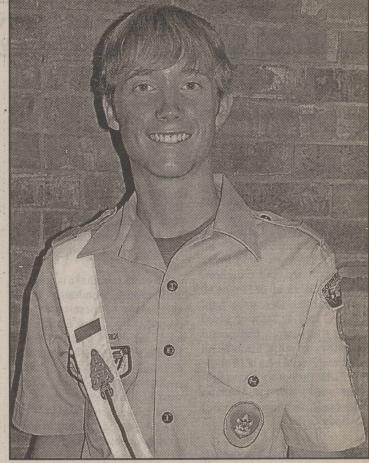
bock Covenant Hospital recuperating from Colon Surgery

Virginia Sissney and Kathleen Thornton are both in Lockney's Mangold Memorial Hospital. Virginia is recuperating from hip surgery. Kathleen fell and broke several ribs.

W.L. Thomas is at home in Canyon now recuperating from his hip surgery. He told me this morning his hip is doing good but he is having a lot of side effects from some of the medicine they gave him. So maybe now that his is home he will get over all the side effects.

Nephew Monty Bybee was so right about what I write about. We do have so much illness in our community at this time so please keep all these people on your prayer list. Goodbye till

Menu **July 7 - July 11** Mon: Chicken strips Tues: Beef & cheese nachos Wed: Chicken & dumplings Thrs: Hamburger steak Fri: Meatloaf



ZACH MONTANDON will be presented with his Eagle Scout badge at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Monday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney. The public is invited. Zach is the son of Francis and Debbie Montandon, of Lockney, and grandson of Mary Lois and the late F.L. Montandon, of Aiken, and Teresa and the late Tommy Ford, of

Blood Center holds drive in Lockney

Lockney's next blood drive, sponsored by Mangold Memorial Hospital, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 10th in the mobile coach which will be parked at the hospital.

Lockney has numerous active blood donors and about 5% participate in local blood drives. "Our goal is to build the local group of active donors to so that they will donate at least three times a year," said Connie Hollinshead, Donors Recruitment Representative with United

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17 and be in good health. All donors receive a free cholesterol check with every do-

nation. Donors must have a picture ID. For an appointment to donate, please call Shedia Benton at the hospital at 652-3373, ext. 229. All donors who donate in

July will have a chance to win a iPod Nano. All donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt, cap, canvas bag, etc. as a thank you for donating

Dunlap graduates **Schreiner University**

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Dunlap, daughter of John and Judy Dunlap, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry. Dunlap was a Peer Advisor and a member of the Honors Program, the Judicial Board, the Medical Careers Club, the Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society, the Order of

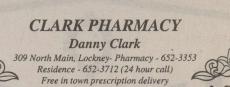
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Thank-you & Welcome Home

By Bailey Davenport

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(Written out of respect for the men and women serving our country and dedicated to my cousin, Anthony Paul LoBianco III, who just completed his sixth tour of duty in Afghanistan and to my uncle, Michael Chapman, who served in Vietnam and is the soldier. currently serving his second tour of duty in Iraq.)

Everyone must make choices in life. Some choices can be as uncomplicated as a choice between french fries or tater tots. Others can be as substantial and life altering as choosing to leave your family for a life in the military. Most decisions that are made in the military involve life or death situations such as choosing to leave the dying behind and are still alive.

When a person joins, the government pays for them to be trained is most eminently a dangerous their contract has expired. side to being in the military. Many are dying everyday in the in the service because they bewars that are waging in this lieve that it is God's mission for come home!

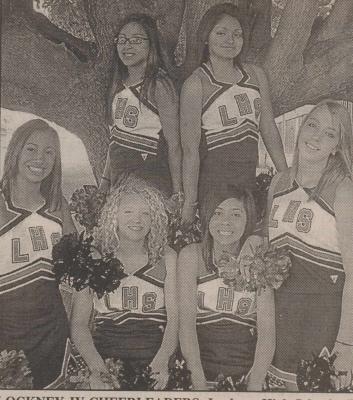
world; still many more come home to trouble with their families, their friends and their jobs: Life has gone on as usual while the soldier has been away, and it is hard for those who have not been through combat to understand the emotional toll taken on

The sacrifices that are made by a soldier are probably the most extensive. A few of the many sacrifices that they make every day include having to leave family, children, and loved ones for many months at a time and risking the likelihood of never coming home again. A soldier never knows what will happen next.

Many often ask questions like: Will I make it back to camp? Will rescue the healthy or trying to my 9-month-old child remember save the dying and hoping to my face or remain distanced and came back and find many who scared of me? Most of the major decisions are not determined by The military is a life career. the soldier. The military makes most of the decisions in the soldiers, lives. When the military in whatever they choose. Other administration tells a soldier to benefits may include funding for move his family to a new locacollege and the opportunity to tion, all a soldier can ask is travel outside of the area where where? Despite these costly sacthey were raised. However good rifices, many soldiers choose to must remember that its because these benefits may sound, there stay in the military even after of these brave and patriotic

their lives. They stand up for people who can't stand up for themselves everyday. Those simple luxuries that are often taken for granted, such as choosing the music that is playing on the radio, picking out clothes, or even choosing a life partner, are not available to some people in this world. A soldier takes on the responsibility of putting words into actions. Most people will talk the talk but never walk the walk. They think that there is always someone else who will stand up for the rights of the people so that they wont have to. They speak about change and reform, but a soldier is the one who puts those words into progress. Just think that if there were no soldiers to fight for what is right, then how could the world go on without war, disease, death, and total destruction?

Our veterans make choices that not only affect their lives, but the lives of every citizen of these United States. So whether a choice is being made of what kind of bread to eat, school to attend, or music to listen to, one Most soldiers choose to stay make choices. To these soldiers we must say thank you and wel-



LOCKNEY JV CHEERLEADERS--Lockney High School will have a Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad for 2008-2009. (Front, 1-r) Katalina Araujo, Sunny Williams, Tanya Hernandez, Logan Edwards; (back, l-r): Jennifer Ybarra and Dolores Luna. They will be sponsored by Cailey Stoerner.

Continued From Page 1 pay 15% of the bond, or \$6,750,

to be released. The shooting occurred in the early morning hours of June 21 in Floydada.

According to police reports Israel Martinez, 27, of Floydada, was at the home of Erika Eguia, 25, and her boyfriend Serapio Ovalle, 39. The three were sitting on the porch when Daniel Jacob Herrera, 26, approached.

A disagreement broke out and Herrera left. He returned a short time later and shot Martinez in the arm. The bullet traveled up into his heart and killed him instantly.

Serapio was hit in the left hip and the bullet exited in the buttocks area. He was treated at the hospital and released.

According to witnesses stated Herrera walked away after the shooting but then turned around and came back and kicked Serapio and Martinez in the head.

Herrera fled the scene and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Jones and of these brave and patriotic people that we are able to freely Hernandez to play Greenbelt

Bowl All-Star Football Classic.

The game was played Saturday, June 14, 2008 at Fair Park Stadium in Childress. The boys played for the North. Final score was South - 14, North - 10.

Attending the game were Bryce's parents, Larry and Jill Jones and Travis, of Paducah, along with grandparents Babe and Nell Jones of Floydada.

A love fund has been established for the Israel Martinez family at First National Bank in Floydada.

Continued From Page 1 schools across multiple grades and years.

Photo contest

now underway

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The last photo will be published in the August 28th paper. The final deadline for entries is August 25th. The winner will be announced in the September 4 pa-

TAKS above

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Rasco said, "Overall, we are pleased with our TAKS scores throughout the school system and the district's goal will be to focus on improving the weaker areas while maintaining the successful areas.

"In many instances we have managed to remain above the state level so we cannot show a large margin of growth for multiple years. That is a good prob-

"We will continue to stress the importance of teamwork, strategic planning, and teacher/student rapport."

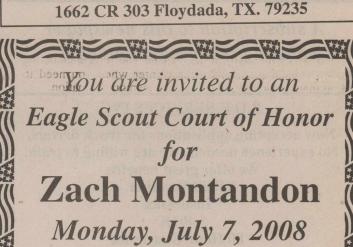
Patty and Bailey Davenport want to put together a Power Point presentation for the 4- & 4

H Achievement Banquet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of 4-H in Texas.

The Davenports are asking for Floyd County 4-H Photos with captions by July 31. Please send an self addressed envelope so they can return your photos. You may drop your pho-

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Bryce Jones and Chris Hernandez, both 2008 graduates of Paducah High School, were chosen to play in the Greenbelt



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Seth J. McLean, a Junior majoring in Speech Communication, was named to the President's List. He is the son of Steve and Darla McLean of Lockney.

Krista D. Rasco, a Sophomore majoring in Agribusiness, was named to the President's List. She is the daughter of Darrell and Marva Rasco of Lockney.

Amber D. Dorman, a Junior majoring in Sports/Exercise Sciences, was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Johnny and Julie Dorman of

Keyla A. Pesina, a Sophomore



majoring in Nursing, was named to the President's List. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Pesina of Floydada.

Kallie G. Ferguson, a Sophomore majoring in EC-4 Generalist/Education, was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Larry and Cathy Ferguson of

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NOTICE OF MEETING

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SHERIFF SALE

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office will be holding a Sheriff's sale on July 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the southwest corner of Missouri and Sunset in Floydada, Texas. The auction will in-

- 1. One Eleven-year-old mare, colored brown with white
- 2. One three-year-old mare, colored brown with white
- 3. One four-year-old mare, colored brown with white
- 4. One four-year-old mare, colored brown with white

Sheriff's Office reserves the right to accept of reject any or all

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Blanco Offset Printing sells

Jim Huggins will continue to manage printing plant

Blanco Offset Printing is now under the new ownership of Blackburn Media Group, but the management will stay the same.

Manager Jim Huggins now only knows the printing business, but is well qualified to do anything in anybody's newspaper.

Blanco President Wendell Tooley says, "Jim has worked for The Hesperian, The Beacon, and Blanco a total of 38 years and did a great job in every capacity.

"He was out of high school and a clerk at Beall's Department Store in Floydada when I hired him as a reporter and photographer. He was already an excellent photographer and dark room developer, as that was his hobby.

"We experienced some exciting years when he was reporting the Lockney football games and I was covering the Floydada games. Back then we were a twice weekly and publishing right along with the dailies Friday night football.

"On Saturday morning we

ing action shots and writing stories for our Sunday edition."

After Tooley bought the Tulia Herald and moved to Tulia, Huggins became assistant to Terry Reeves at Blanco Printing. When Reeves was moved to manage the sister printing plant (Brazos Offset) in Slaton, Huggins became manager of

Blanco Founded in 1965

Blanco. His assistant is George

In 1965 the publishers of Floydada, Lockney, Crosbyton and Slaton formed the Blanco Corporation and not only printed their newspapers but also several in the area. At one time Blanco printed 18 weekly newspapers. Today the number is 10.

For six years Blanco printed the Texas Tech University Daily

still alive, Jim Reynolds of Tulia, and Tooley, of Plainview. Other stock holders are Ken Towery, of

were at The Hesperian, develop- Austin, and Joe Harrison, of

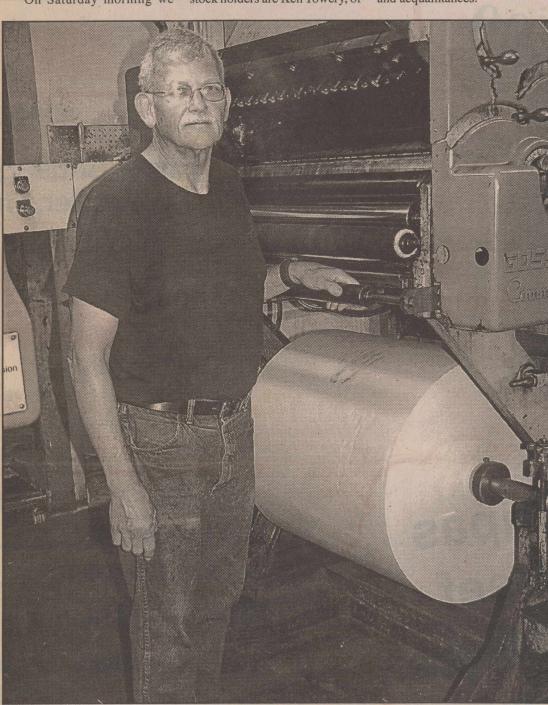
Reynolds and Tooley remain partners in the Slaton plant.

They look back on the days of publishing the Floydada and Lockney newspapers in "hot type" with lead. Tooley was running an eight page flat bed press in Floydada, Reynolds, a four pager in Lockney. The old Floydada press was sold to a publisher

"It was a complete new ball game, when offset presses were invented," Tooley continued. "The process was so clean, so much photography, so much computer typesetting that took the place of the old linotype machines."

Today weekly newspapers are right up with the dailies with four color process pictures.

"The people of Floyd and sur-Only two of the founders are rounding counties have been good to me," said Tooley. "I cherish the memory of many friends and acquaintances.'



JIM HUGGINS



CANAAN BOUND, of Neosho, Missouri will return to Floydada for a free concert, July 19th, 7:00 p.m., at the Fellowship Center of First Baptist Church. Canaan Bound was the southern gospel group that entertained at the Floyd County Friends Gala in March. They are considered one of the premier Southern Gospel quartets in Southern Missouri. **Courtesy Photo**





Patty and Bailey Davenport want to put together a Power Point presentation for the 4-H Achievement Banquet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of 4-H in Texas.

The Davenports are asking for Floyd County 4-H Photos with captions by July 31. Please send an self addressed envelope so they can return your photos. You may drop your photos of at the Floyd County Extension Office.

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By Shawn Wade

June 27, 2008 By Mike Stevens

Texas Tech University's International Textile Center (ITC) is a unique part of the cotton research infrastructure in Texas. This will continue, but under a new name. Effective immediately, the new institutional name is the Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute (FBRI)

The name was vetted over a period of months by agricultural groups and approved by CASNR Dean John Burns, University Provost William Marcy and other Texas Tech University officials.

"The name was chosen to better communicate our research mission," said Dean Ethridge, FBRI's Managing Director. "Our efforts to enhance the economic value of cotton as an industrial raw material have increasingly involved research at the structural and molecular levels. From a structural/molecular viewpoint, cotton is an iconic example of a

"We believe that the decisive technological advances of the future will come from such research and we are determined to help achieve breakthroughs that will secure cotton's future as a dominant global fiber, as well as Texas' position as a major supplier to the global market."

Admittedly, the name is rather long and does not 'roll off the tongue," Ethridge says. "We're encouraging everyone to feel free to simply say 'Fiber Institute."

The FBRI building has undergone recent renovation—enlarging the Materials Evaluation Laboratory (MEL) and creating the Institute's new Biopolymer Research Laboratory (BRL). The BRL is fundamental to the FBRI's longstanding mission to

Ranching workshop aimed at improving wildlife habitat

Kay Ledbetter

MIAMI--All the tools may be in place for ranchers to make more money off their land, they just need to learn how to diversify and utilize what is there, said Texas AgriLife Extension Ser-

A workshop, Ranching Aimed at Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Diversification of Enterprises, known as the RAWHIDE program, will be held on July 17 in the Miami School Cafeteria in Miami. It is co-sponsored by AgriLife Extension in Roberts and Hemphill counties.

The event is to help producers see the value of diversifying their operations while keeping their primary focus on ranching, said Brandon Dukes, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Roberts County.

"It will identify strategies producers can utilize in an effort to tap all available resources on their ranch," Dukes said.

There is no registration fee, and a free lunch will be provided. Participants will have the opportunity to earn two general and one integrated pest management continuing education units, he

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, explaining the RAW-HIDE program. Dukes will follow him with a discussion on rangeland health.

Other speakers during the morning session will talk about habitat requirements pertaining to livestock, deer, quail and turkey and habitat management tools such as brush sculpting, chemical brush management, grazing, prescribed burning and rainwater harvesting.

The afternoon session will look at economic considerations, such as stocking rates and conservation programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Dukes said the group also will do some strategic planning and look at decision-making aids designed for enterprise diversifica-

The program will wrap up at 330 p.m.

Advanced reservations are reqested by July 10 for mealplanning purposes, he said. Reservations can be made by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Roberts County at 806-868-3191 or in Hemphill County at 806-323-9114.

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As always, the knowledge gleaned in the newly improved fiber and biopolymer research laboratories is verified and augmented by the yarn spinning and other processing laboratories at the FBRI.

and biotechnologists.

Vital guidance comes to the FBRI through three entities firmly rooted in the cotton industry: One, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Fibers Research Program; another, the Plains Cotton Improvement Program, funded with check-off funds from Texas Plains Cotton producers and administered through their Plains Cotton Growers Association. The third source of guidance, international in scope, is Cotton Incorporated, funded with check-off funds from U.S. cotton producers and importers, with the mission "to increase the demand for and profitability of cotton through research and promotion." Substantial additional funding for research projects come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and from a wide array of private sector entities.

2007 High Plains Cotton **Crop Comes Close To Setting** New All-time Production

By Shawn Wade

The 2007 production season was book-ended by two weather extremes, but fortunately for High Plains cotton producers they combined perfectly and resulted in a near-record crop totaling 5.376 million bales.

According to final county production figures released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) on June 20, the Plains Cotton Growers 41-county service area accounted for 65.2 percent of the 8.25 million bales of Upland cotton pro-

duced in Texas last season. On a national basis the High Plains accounted for 29.3 percent of the 18.355 million Upland bales produced in the United States in 2007.

A complete run-down of 2007-crop statistics for planted and harvested acreage, yield per harvested acre and total bales produced in PCG's 41-county service area is included in the table that accompanies this ar-

To reach the 5.376 million bale mark, High Plains producers had to deal with a variety of issues. Abundant early rainfall and cool soil temperatures seemed to put the crop on a rocky road at the beginning of the season. Those tough early conditions gave way to a hot and dry close that was tailor made for maturing the bountiful yields that the early rainfall helped support.

Even though the area's 3.21 million planted cotton acres were well below what has been planted in the region in recent years, the High Plains tallied only 182,000 lost acres for a minimal abandonment rate of just 5.67 percent.

This meant a significant boost to the 2007 crop came from the region's dryland acreage, which responded to the plentiful moisture situation with exceptional

The top producing High Plains County in 2007 was Gaines County, which produced 487,000 bales of cotton and averaged 905 pounds per harvested

The 2007-crop's Top Ten cotton producing counties in the High Plains region (reported in 480-lb bales) were: Gaines, 487,000; Lubbock, 482,000; Hockley, 450,000; Lynn, 443,000; Dawson, 393,000; Hale, 389,000; Terry, 371,000; Crosby, 342,000; Floyd, 293,200; and, Martin, 233,000.

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Each of the High Plains' top four cotton counties (Gaines, Lubbock, Hockley and Lynn) accounted for more cotton individually than was grown in 7 of the 17 States that recorded cotton production in the United States in 2007

On a straight yield per acre basis the High Plains' run-away top performer in 2007 was Parmer County with an average yield of 1,307 pounds

Ranking second and third in yield per acre were Castro County (1,225 pounds), and Moore County (1,200 pounds). Hutchinson and Floyd counties rounded out the top five High Plains counties. Each of these

counties averaged more than 1,100 pounds per acre in 2007.

Altogether, 10 High Plains counties managed to average more than 1,000 pounds per harvested acre in 2007. Overall the area averaged 852 pounds per harvested acre for the 2007 grow-

A complete listing of the 2007 Upland cotton production totals for Texas and other states is available on the NASS website (www.usda.gov.nass/). Just click on the "Quick Stats" link to search for the data you want to

The table below shows the final USDA NASS production numbers for the 41-county PCG

Roberts 15,800 14,000 1,063 31,000 Sherman 109,400 Swisher 54,300 48,700 1,078 234,900 229,600 Terry 125,500 118,700 736 182,000 Yoakum 844 56,600 Combined Co. 32,200 33,400

2007-crop Upland Cotton Production

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. 41-County Service Area

Harvested

(Acres)

46,800

29,000

23,000

24,600

23,900

115,700

191,500

271,300

11,200

21,800

126,800

258,200

41,400

172,700

3,100

244,500

105,300

116,900

233,900

291,000

146,600

27,000

10,800

21,500

5,300

16,900

1,600

Planted

(Acres)

55,600

29,000

24,900

25,000

26,500

122,400

200,200

283,100

-13,100

21,900

147,000

263,900

41,400

205,400

4,000

256,200

105,900

3,000

129,400

247,100

301,600

148,700

27,000

11,400

21,500

6,100

23,800

1,700

3,210,700

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Yield per

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1,023

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664

857

695

900

793

1,110

684

1,081

883

830

1,120

944

989

731

763

693

1,200

692

598

1,307

720

852

Production

(Bales)

59,000

40,000

49,000

61,000

160,000

342,000

393,000

21,000

36,000

293,200

487,000

59,000

389,000

4,500

450,000

182,000

230,000

482,000

443,000

233,000

39,000

27,000

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Cotton Market Weekly A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association June 26, 2008

Cotton pulled higher Thursday as futures prices on the New York Board of Trade drifted upward in concert with strong gains in outside commodities. Analysts pointed to continued weather concerns in West Texas and the anticipation of Monday's acreage report from USDA as influenc-

reflect recent abandonment. Adverse weather in West support to the market, as observers watch with interest to see of the projected 9.38-millionacre crop is expected to be grown Indonesia. in West Texas, and continued further damage from heavy storms, hail, or sand and high

tions of how beneficial the hitand-miss West Texas thunderstorms have been, it is difficult to assess the condition of the crop

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accompanied it, an observer explained.

Meanwhile, net export sales of U.S. cotton fell to a marketing year low in the week ended June 19 as only 19,100 bales were sold. The figure was down 54 percent from the previous week and 93 percent from the fourweek average. Indonesia puring factors in recent market gains chased 9,200 bales, with Vietnam even though the survey will not and Thailand rounding out the list of top three buyers for the week.

Export shipments of 282,200 Texas over the past month added bales were down three percent from the previous week but up four percent from the four-week what will happen next. One-third average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico, and

On the spot cotton scene, concern over cotton development online trading by producers in in the state hinges on the need for Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas additional precipitation and no totaled 2,821 bales in the week ended June 26 compared to 15,861 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers Given the varied interpreta- ranged from 61.59 to 68.10 cents per pound versus 63.59 to 68.45 cents per pound one week ago.

In other news, the National Cotton Council reported domesthere. After many days of tem- tic cotton consumption in May peratures over the 100-degree was pegged by the National Agmark, the rain had to bring much ricultural Statistics Service at a needed relief to the crop despite seasonally adjusted annualized all the hail and high winds that rate of 4.52 million bales. The

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figure was down from the previous month's 4.59 million and last year's 4.92 million bales.



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