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Ryan's Ropes offers challenges for young and old



ROPES CHALLENGE COURSE AT PLAINS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

The new Ropes Challenge Course at the Plains Baptist Assembly is proving to be a great way for groups to check out their teamwork, leadership and communication skills, trust, and coordination.

The course, named "Ryan's Ropes" was built in memory of Ryan Parrish, of Sundown, who died of leukemia in 1998.

The bulk of funds to build the ropes course has been given in Ryan's memory by area youth groups, churches, and individuals.

The ropes course experience is made up of several different types of activities which follow a designed sequence of games, stretching activities, initiatives, low elements, and high elements.

Games are used to help the group get to know each other better, to warm up, and to learn basic spotting techniques.

A "player" begins the course with "Initiatives". The Initiatives are used in testing and strengthening the ability of individuals and groups to communicate, their ability to follow instructions correctly and to solve mentally challenging problems through team cooperation. Initiatives are not physically difficult, but stress teamwork, communication and cooperation. After the group learns to work together, they move on to Low Elements.

Low Element activities use group spotting and are built near the ground. Some, such as the Wild Woozy, can be used to emphasize or teach skills necessary to accomplish the High Elements. On the Wild Woozy, two

group members depend on each other to travel as far as possible along two progressively widening cables.

In the Trust Fall a "player" falls backward from the platform into the arms of the group.

High Elements are built 15 feet or more above the ground. Most of these have a direct relationship to climbing skills, as they teach balance, coordination, and concentration.

The High Element Course includes the Climbing Wall, consisting of two climbing walls. One wall starts out inclined and then goes completely vertical. The other wall is completely vertical with two negative walls near the top, also creating a chimney.

There is also a rappelling wall, and the Power Pole. On the Power Pole, two participants climb a pole about 30 feet into the air. They then jump together for a trapeze bar which is about 7 feet out in front of them.

The Zip Line is a sure thriller for any age. The participant travels from the top of the canyon wall across the canyon about 1200 feet attached by a harness to a pulley on a cable. This is the longest Zip Line in the State of Texas.

Ryan's Ropes will be introduced to the public at the Texas Baptist Camps Appreciation Day, Sunday April 30th, from 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Demonstrations of the course can be viewed from 2:30-3:45 p.m. Later in the day, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., anyone wanting to fly through the air will be able to experience the Zip Line.

Visitors to the camp on that day will be treated to dinner and singing on the

grounds. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. You bring anything else you want, such as desserts, chips, dips, and soft drinks.

There will be no charge at the Open House, which also includes a dedication for the Jubilee Conference Center, however an offering will be taken for Ryan's Ropes.

"Because this is a Christian Camp the course includes Christian applications to life," said Paul Parker, the camp's Programs and Recreation Director. "We use the Elements to teach these applications."

Participants are guided through the course by 3-5 certified instructors. Groups of 15 or larger are preferred and the cost for a full day of activity is \$15.00 per person.

"This is a full day of activity with breaks for lunch and discussions," said Parker. All ages can work together in a group, however you must be at least a 6th grader to participate.

"I'm in the 50 plus group," said Parker. "If you feel up to it--then do it."

According to Parker, no one is forced to do anything they choose not to do.

"Our main goal is that the participant might enhance his or her relationship with the Lord," said Camp Director Steven Dean. "An additional benefit of the course is that it is also a gratifying, fun, and exciting experience."

The course is open for use any day of the week, however appointments are necessary. For more information call Debbie or Steven Dean at 983-3954.

Historic Hotel will soon be helping victims of domestic abuse with housing and counseling

By Chel Bearden
(Editor's note: Research for the following article, by Texas Tech Ag Communication student Chel Bearden, was made possible by a grant from the Reader's Digest Foundation.)

No longer can a person hear the clapping of horses' hooves as they draw travelers to its doors. No longer can the sound of salesmen wielding their wares to prospective buyers with

promises of great deals and good fortune be heard. However, the building that grew from one man's dream nearly a century ago is now yielding hope to another dream, a dream to give new life to a historic structure.

The Lamplighter Inn, as many in this area know it as, has seen its share of changes over the years. In its inception in 1913, the inn was originally called the Commercial Hotel before it was turned into a bed and breakfast.

Now, another change in the history of this building is taking shape. Michelle Ruddell, a teacher at the Alternative High School in Floydada, purchased the structure at an auction in December 1999 and plans to operate a women and children's center.

The Christian based center will be called The Maker's Mansion, providing transitional housing for women who suffer from domestic abuse after they leave a protective shelter, according to Ruddell.

"These women have been through a very difficult situation where they have been abused both verbally and physically," Ruddell said. "Most women need more than 30 days to establish new, good habits and to learn to live independently. We're providing that second step."

Ruddell emphasizes, however, that the center is not only for women recovering from domestic abuse. The center will also help divorced women, single moms and women who might be waiting for government housing.

The center will provide more than just housing for these women and their children. Parenting, nutrition, education and counseling classes will be offered.

With the assistance of the Christian Women's Job Corps, the women will work with mentors for up to one year to learn social and business skills.

"With the help of this organization and local Floydada women, we hope to educate and counsel the residents on how to perform job skills," said

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County prepares for Coronado

A large crowd is expected to convene in Floyd County on Monday and Tuesday, April 17th and 18th, when the Coronado Symposium gets underway.

A convoy driving from Las Vegas, New Mexico will arrive on Sunday evening along with other out-of-area visitors.

At 8:30 a.m. Monday John H. Madsen from the Arizona State Museum will be the opening speaker in the Plains Baptist Assembly's new Conference Center.

Papers will continue until 5:00 p.m. followed by a 7:00 p.m. dinner with keynote speaker, Dr. John Miller Morris, in the Assembly Dining Hall.

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Floydada and Lockney get ready for elections

As of April 4, the only contested races in the municipal elections were for two seats on the Lockney City Council, and one for Floydada City Council. The sign-up deadline for the municipal elections was March 22.

The contested races in Lockney will be for District 2 and District 3 Councilmembers. Incumbent Tina Graves is being challenged by Libby Delgado for District #2 Council position. Councilman J.C. Copeland is being challenged by Robert Luebano in District #3.

Councilman Junior Brotherton, who

is also up for re-election faces no challenger.

Lockney School Board incumbents Jim Bob Martin and Jessie Garza are both seeking re-election. Neither Martin or Garza faces a challenger, so LISD will cancel their election.

In Floydada, Councilman Albert Hill did not sign-up for reelection. The District 1 position is now being sought by Betty King and Martha Garza.

There are no contested races in the FISSD race. Incumbent Trustee, Bill Dean, will run again. Trustee Steve

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THE NEW MAKER'S MANSION--Michelle Ruddell, the new owner of the "Commercial Hotel/Lamplighter Inn, will soon be opening this historical landmark as a

Christian based transitional shelter for women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse.
Staff Photo

New Floyd County Library construction still on schedule

By Darwin Robinson

Since the ground breaking ceremony on January 11, 2000, the new Floyd County Library has been progressing at a rapid pace.

The utility lines and pipes were placed underground first. Then the foundation was poured in four sections within a two day period. The concrete block walls went up in just a couple of weeks. The roof was installed two weeks ago and almost beat the much needed rain we received.

The interior walls are now being installed and the sheetrock was delivered last week. One can see the layout for the new library floor plan. There is a large book room and reading room on the west side.

There will be a meeting room in the southwest corner that will be able to accommodate a fairly large group, along with the convenience of a nearby breakroom and the availability of restrooms.

A computer area is being reserved near the librarian station and there will be plenty of storage area.

An outside courtyard will be landscaped on the south side of the building

ing for sitting, reading and relaxing with a good book on pretty days.

Three elongated windows have been added to the west side of the building to add more interior lighting.

Building Supervisor Mac White told the Hesperian-Beacon, "The heating and air conditioning duct workers will be here Monday (March 27th) and everything is falling right in place."

"The only big snag we have had is with our bricks. They have been held up some. The last word we received is they should be here the last week

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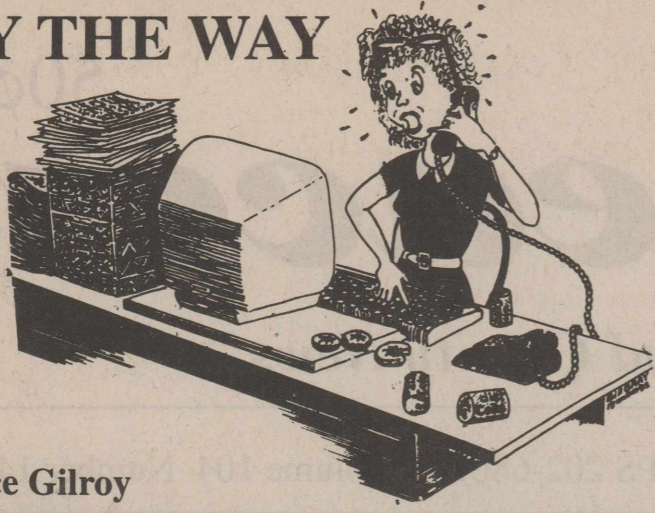
Beware of Con Artist Pavers

Police have notified this newspaper asking for help in warning county and city residents of "gypsy" scam artists traveling through the area offering quick paving jobs, for driveways and sidewalks.

The workers are currently in new white trucks that appear to have not been used very much. High pressure sales techniques are used which turn even more high pressure if the buyer expresses some concern about checking out credentials.

Beware of these pavers. The material will not hold up and will buckle and break up within a few weeks. Anyone being approached by these "gypsies" should contact law enforcement authorities immediately. Also if you have any questions about the material--BEFORE IT IS LAID DOWN--call the Highway Department at 983-3320.

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

Thank you God for the rain!
Smiling faces were getting pretty slim around these parts.

A fellow called me last week from out of town. He wanted to know what the weather was doing here. I said it was raining and we were very grateful for it.

He told me a story relating to the Bible verse that says something to the effect of "raining on the just and unjust".

I have always thought of that verse as a bad thing. I didn't think it was necessarily fair that the good people might get punished along with the bad. Anyway--this fellow put a different perspective on that whole verse.

He said, "It's a good thing that it rains on the Just and Unjust". If it didn't-- the 'Just' would be carrying their water around in a thimble!"

I'm not sure what we have more of in this county--and I'm not going to claim to belong to one group or the other. I'm just glad we've got a lot of both.

My husband does not like me using internet jokes in this column. Too bad.

Tips for a Northerner Moving South

Just because you can drive on snow and ice does not mean we can. Stay home the two days of the year it snows.

If you do run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in the cab of a

four wheel drive with a 12-pack of beer and a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try and help them. Just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.

Remember: "Ya'll" is singular. "All ya'll" is plural. "All ya'lls" is plural possessive.

Get used to hearing, "You ain't from around here, are you?"

If you hear a Southerner exclaim, "Hey ya'll, watch this!" Stay out of his way. These are likely the last words he will ever say.

Most Southerners do not use turn signals, and they ignore those who do.

In fact, if you see a signal blinking on a car with a southern license plate, you may rest assured that it was on when the car was purchased.

If there is the prediction of the slightest chance of even the most minuscule accumulation of snow, your presence is required at the local grocery store. It does not matter if you need anything from the store, it is just something you're supposed to do.

As you are cursing the person driving 15 mph in a 55 mph, directly in the middle of the road, remember, many folks learned to drive on a vehicle known as a John Deere, and this is the proper speed and lane position for the vehicle.

You can ask a Southerner for directions, but unless you already know the positions of key hills, trees and rocks, you're better off trying to find it yourself.



A view from

The Lamplighter

By Ken Towery

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According to what we read in the Hesperian-Beacon (and a few other places), the American Civil Liberties Union, perhaps better known by its initials, the ACLU, has injected itself into the controversy over drug testing for students in Lockney. It figures.

Why they decided to pick this particular case to flex their muscle is something of a mystery. We suspect it has something to do with the relative size and wealth of the ACLU and the Lockney school district. One is large and rich. The other relatively small and not so rich. The usual route for these situations is for the smaller adversary to roll over and play dead, while the ACLU nails another scalp to the wall. From what we read in the Hesperian about the general mood of most folks in Lockney, that may not be the case this time. We would not be surprised to see this case end up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

If that does indeed become the case, it will be anyone's guess as to how it comes out. Logic would say that Lockney should win, but logic has little to do with how the High Court rules these days. A court that can say people have no right to prevent desecration of their flag under the guise of "free speech", but can rule that courts have the right to regulate the utterance of prayers on public property, despite our Constitution's guarantee of "free speech", can rule just about any way on anything. (Not to inject politics into this issue, but that is one good reason to vote for a President who will, we hope, appoint Supreme Court judges who have their heads screwed on right.)

We are great believers in our Constitution, including, we might add, the Fourth Amendment, which protects us against "unlawful" search and seizure. Most of our social ills can be traced directly to courts finding some sort of "right" in the Constitution that was never intended by our founding fathers when they wrote the document, and the people approved it, or to the discovery by liberal courts that the folks who wrote the Constitution didn't really understand the English language, so the Constitutional guarantee concerning the people's right "to keep and bear arms" is now an anachronism.

Personally, we hope Lockney prevails in this dispute. True, the LISD has prescribed strong medicine, but it is medicine the people asked for, and are willing to take. They would not have done so, we believe, if they did not care for their children.

In the meantime, we would suggest the ACLU spend its time running about the country, ferreting out dangerous things like Christmas scenes on public property. That seems to upset them even more than kids using drugs. Given the makeup of ACLU's leadership, we can understand why.

And also according to The Hesperian-Beacon, which we now read when it finally gets to Austin, or earlier if the editor finds enough time to put it on the internet, Floyd County

was recently blessed with a good, soaking, rain of some two to three inches.

We hear a lot about "million dollar" rains. No doubt, this was one of those million dollar rains. But what, really, is a good rain worth? And how do we figure its worth?

Anyhow, it got us thinking, again, about how many gallons of water it would take to cover Floyd County one inch deep, and what would it cost to pump that same amount of water out of the Ogallala. Probably every farmer in the county knows the answer to that question, but we didn't (and still don't). However, we have arrived at some preliminary figures that will allow someone else to arrive at the answer.

To begin with, there are 43,560 square feet in an acre of land. There are approximately 7.5 gallons (actually, the figure is 7.4805) in a cubic foot of water. That means, if our trusty computer is right, it would take about 325,851 gallons to cover one acre of land one foot deep or 12 acres of land one inch deep.

Through a lot of circuitous figuring, we come to the conclusion that it would take about 26,979,233 gallons of water to cover 100 acres of land with one inch of water. That seems like an awful lot of water on only 100 acres of land, so we've probably made some errors somewhere along the line. We would welcome a response from some of the mathematicians in our midst, maybe Leroy Burns (who is semi-retired now) telling us where we

went wrong. Leroy has always had a reputation of having a sharp pencil. He ought to be able to figure it out. On second thought, however, perhaps Leroy wouldn't be the best one to rely on in this case. True, he has a sharp pencil, but he also has a reputation of either having a faulty memory or a tendency toward exaggeration. There are folks in the county who think if Leroy had all the rainfall on his ranch that he consistently claims, the place would be under water.

Or maybe some of the science buffs at one of our local Junior High schools. Any way we figure it, an awful lot of rain has got to fall on Floyd County to equal one acre-inch over the whole county, let alone the two to three inches reported in the Hesperian.

And then we would have to figure out how much it would cost to pump that same amount of water. We'll leave that up to someone with a better handle on irrigation costs, maybe Hulon Carthel.

Then, on top of all that, we would still have to figure out how much it is worth to have a whole community going around saying "I've got mud on my boots and a smile on my face." Carl Lemmons ought to be able to conjure up that figure. He's bound to have time on his hands since he abandoned his previous position as chief scribe of Cedar Hill and thereabouts. We still miss his ruminations about people and events in that part of our County.

Floydada Volunteer Fire Department needing storm cellar locations

As the season for storms approach, the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department would like for citizens, city and country, who have a basement or storm cellar at their address to call 983-2834 and list their address with the fire department.

No, the fire department is not being nosey, just trying to update their

information. In the event of a disaster, firemen would have a list of addresses which would be searched to make sure no one was trapped within a basement or storm cellar.

With the cooperation of our citizens the firemen will be able to do a more efficient search and rescue.

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I lived in the Lockney area most of my life. I have many fond memories of the school and the people. I am amazed at the reaction of the community because my son dared to disagree with a popular opinion on the drug testing issue. I have always thought of Lockney as a friendly "live" and "let live" community.

From some of the letters in the local papers it seems some are ready to run him out of town. Some have invited him to leave. All because he disagrees with a decree sent out by the school board.

Will this make Lockney a better place to live if you invite all who disagree to leave? Everyone is not going to agree on everything, so your population would drop drastically.

I am proud of my son for not buckling under to the peer pressure that has been applied. Right or wrong he has opinion and he has the right to state it and stand up for it without being invited to leave town. Is there no room in Lockney for different opinions?

To make sure no one disagrees or dares to speak up if he does in your community perhaps you could place a sentinel at the city limits to monitor all who wish to enter. However I can see where you will have a problem choosing who gets to decide who may be admitted.

Patty Tannahill
Beeville, Texas

Dear Editor,

I want to take a moment to express how great it is to live in rural America. I am thankful every day that God has allowed me the privilege to live in Floydada. Many people around our great country seem to be concerned about the "unskilled" or "undereducated" persons who hold jobs in small towns. I want our area to know that we have an extremely

skilled set of "professional" volunteers. I was thoroughly impressed by the professionalism of our fire department, as well as the other fire departments from the area. I know that no other fire department from anywhere else could have responded quicker. I am convinced no other department could have done any better in fighting the fire that consumed our building. Every "professional" volunteer gave 100% of his or her effort that night. This includes our EMS personnel. I was pleased with the work and response of our EMS. They were there to help with oxygen, smoke inhalation, and various other problems from major to minor. It is great to live here with these dedicated individuals who do it because they care, not because they get paid.

Another set of persons who seem to be overlooked is our law enforcement officials. They too are to be commended. We had the DPS, County, and City working together. They were there "to protect and to serve." Each representative of each respective department was concerned about the safety of the citizens of Floydada, but they were also concerned about the structure that was burning. I am grateful to all the persons who gave us a helping hand on March 12th. I praise God that He has allowed my family and me the privilege of living in Floydada.

Once again, I say thank you to all who worked to save our building, who cared for the hurting, and who fed the hungry. A huge thank you goes to all who prayed for the church, the firefighters, and the other things lifted to the throne of God.

May our God bless Floydada in the days to come.

In Christ's Service,
Anthony D. Sisemore,
Pastor of First Baptist Church of Floydada.



LIBRARY BUILDING SUPERVISOR MAC WHITE says the new Floyd County Library construction is on schedule. Bricking should begin in May.
Staff Photo



The Country Preacher

By Pastor Darwin Robinson

THANK GOD FOR SHORT HORSES-When I was a kid, my dad would take me to all the rodeos in Lubbock and at Texas Tech. I sure have some fond memories of those days.

My dad, Burnett (R.B.), was a "real cowboy" before he married my mother. He worked on the Hank Smith Ranch near south of Floydada in his early years and then for several ranches in the area and in New Mexico.

He carried a six shooter and he could tell whether a man was a "real cowboy" just by the way he mounted and rode his horse.

We had a "cutting" horse on our farm near Ropesville. I learned how to ride on "Star," ...and how to fall off. Star could cut out from under you faster than you could get ready to hit the ground. MANY TIMES I WAS GLAD HE WAS A SHORT HORSE.

In the '70s in Southern Oaxaca, Mexico I bought a "mountain" horse to help me climb an 8,000+ foot mountain near the Pacific Ocean. Here we organized a church in the top of the mountains among the Chontal Indians.

The pastor of the church kept the horse and always had him ready for

me on each of my monthly trips into the mountain village. It was a three hour climb into "Las Cruces" (the crosses) from where we parked the pickup.

This one particular trip, I was riding my mountain horse. It was in the heat of the day and we were almost to the top of the mountains. I could tell my horse was struggling, but I thought we were just about over the worst part of the ride.

We were on a dangerous part of the mountain trail that overlooked a bluff. It was a long way down the mountain to the bottom.

Of all places, my mountain horse stumbled forward and fell to his knees. In a split second, I decided walking was better than plunging over the bluff to my death.

So I bailed out head first into a prickly bush. The horse stayed down and never fell over the bluff, but he won out in the end. I never rode him again!

Mr. Mountain Horse became Mr. Pack Horse. From that day forward he only carried Bibles, Gospel tracts and my sleeping bag.

MORAL OF THE STORY: "Always thank the Lord for everything, but especially for short horses."

Construction on schedule

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of April or the first week of May.

"We've had to work around that, but so far we haven't slowed down a bit.

"Every interior wall will be insulated and sound proofed. The block

exterior walls already have been filled full of pressure treated insulation.

"The east side of the building has already been sealed and painted before the electrical meter boxes were installed," White stated.

Primary run-off elections will be held April 11th

Early voting will be underway April 3-7, in the Floyd County Courthouse, for Democrat and Republican primary run-off races.

Regular voting will take place April 11.

Voters can find their voting boxes in April 11th's run-off elections through their Commissioner's Precinct numbers.

Democrats living in Pct. #1 should vote at the Massie Activity Center; Pct. #4, in Courthouse; Pct. #3 at Lockney City Hall; and Pct. #3 at the Methodist Church in Lockney.

Republican voting on April 11 will be at the Ag. Extension Building (east side of courthouse). Dougherty voters will also vote here.

In Lockney, Republican voting will be at the New Gym (includes South Plains voters).

The only race to be decided in the Democrat primary is in the U.S. Senate race between Charles Gandy and Gene Kelly.

On the Republican ticket are run-offs for:

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: Sharon Keller and Tom Price; Court of Appeals, Place 1, Charles Holcomb and Guy Williams; and Place 2, between Jim Wallace and Barbara Parker Hervey.

Floyd County prepares for Coronado symposium

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Texas State Speaker of the House Pete Laney and Mrs. Nelda Laney will attend the Monday night dinner. Speaker Laney has expressed a special interest in the ongoing quest for Coronado's route through this area.

Frank Gagne and Dr. Donald Blakeslee of Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, will present papers Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon they will conduct a tour of the Jimmy

Owens Site and the Floyd County Historical Museum where the artifacts are displayed. Reservations for Monday's noon meal and evening dinner should be made immediately.

The Floyd County Historical Museum will provide snacks on Monday and Tuesday during conference breaks and requests anyone who would like to help provide finger food to contact the Museum.

Ruddell plans new direction for historic Commercial Hotel

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Brenda Parker, a close friend of Ruddell's who is helping start the center. "Given the difficulties these women have been through, it's important that they develop new, positive habits and learn what is and is not acceptable in society."

These women deserve the chance to have a proper home life while they are busy working and raising a family said Parker, who is a licensed professional counselor.

According to Ruddell, the women and children will pay to live at the center for up to six months to establish new habits.

"We want our residents to make choices for themselves," Ruddell said. "It's important that they feel confident about making their own decisions."

Before the facility opens, extensive renovations are necessary on the 26 bedrooms and 13 and one half bathrooms. A large kitchen and living areas also need improvements.

To assist in the cost of repairs and

modifications, Ruddell is looking for support from different areas. Monetary donations are welcomed and grants from private foundations and Christian missions are possibilities.

"I'm really going on faith right now," Ruddell said. "There's so much to be done before we can open."

Another plan for Ruddell includes encouraging organizations, businesses and families to "adopt" a room at the center. The adopter would be responsible for renovating the room, providing the furnishings and other necessities such as bed linens and bath towels.

"There is a lot yet to be determined," Ruddell said. "From basic improvements to locating a facility director to manage the center daily, we have a long way to go."

Ruddell's goal is to officially open the center in less than two years.

"I've learned that nothing is impossible in life," Ruddell said. "My faith in God will make this dream a reality."

Cities plan May elections

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Lloyd chose not to seek re-election. Kerry Pratt was the only person to sign up for Lloyd's position. Because there are no challengers there will be no Fisd election.

The sign-up deadline for the hospital district elections is April 7th for Caprock Hospital and April 11th for Lockney Hospital District.

On the Floydada Hospital Board,

incumbents Jeffrey Johnson and Lee Battey will run again. There were no challengers at this time.

On the Lockney Hospital Board, incumbents Jerry Johnson and Claude Brown will run again. They face no challengers at this time.

City and elections will be held in Floydada and Lockney May 6, 2000. Early voting will be held from April 19-May 2.

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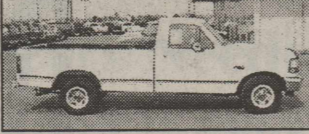






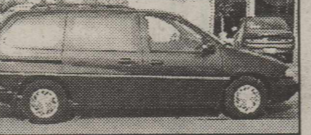


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Proclamation Child Abuse Prevention Month



JUDGE HARDIN AND MARY ANN REYES

Judge Bill Hardin (left) has proclaimed April 2000 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Texas. The proclamation states: Whereas, Thousands of cases of child abuse and neglect are confirmed in Texas and Whereas, Child Abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people. "Y2K" means "Yes to Kids". Children are our leaders of tomorrow, but we are their future today," said D'Lyn Morris. In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Floyd County Welfare Board will sponsor a Y2K section in the paper during the month of April. This section will give helpful tips on parenting. "We believe preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every caring community member. It's up to all of us to make Texas a better place to raise children," said Morris.

Colston celebrates eightieth birthday

Raymond Colston celebrated his 80th birthday on March 28, 2000. Vonceil Colston, his wife honored him with a party on Sunday, March 26th at their home. Refreshments of punch, birthday cake, nuts and mints were served. Those helping with the occasion were his two nieces, Teresa Whittle and Doris Wilcox, Euna Bradford and Dorothy Anderson. Relatives and friends dropping in

were: Mark Whittle, Edwin Wilcox, Billy and Sherry Colston, G.L. and Thelma Fawver, Sue Guthrie, Kay Zimmerman, Floyd Bradford, Leona Neff, Dolly Emert, Kenneth and Barbara Willis, Travis and Geraldine Gentry, Lorraine Harrison, Bill and Elorene Holladay, Louis and Ferne Anderson, and Betsy Dempsey. Out of town guests were: James Elza of Amarillo and Fred and Pat Zimmerman of Lubbock.

Lockney Senior Citizen Memorials for March

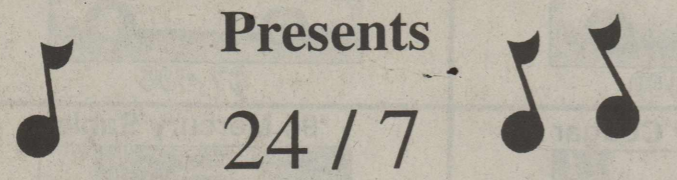
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- George Taylor: Mr. and Mrs. James Morris.
- Larry Hammitt: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown.
- Terry Griffith: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown.
- Arla Copeland: Gladys Bobbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ray Smith, Gladys Ragle, Mr. and Mrs. James Morris, Flora Lee Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Quisenberry, Almeda Phillips.
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Child Abuse Prevention Month announced for April

By Melissa Long, CEA, FCS
Child abuse is a growing concern in this country. Every year one million children fall victim to abuse or neglect. Maltreatment is the sixth largest cause of death for children under the age of fourteen. The parents or any other adult's behavior need not have already caused serious injury to a child for it to be considered "abusive" or "neglectful" and for it to be grounds for a report.

What should you look for? This is a good question, states Melissa Long, County Extension Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It is important to distinguish between abuse and accident. It is a good rule of thumb, however, if you are not sure, call someone, anyway. A person should look for bruises that have distinct shapes, such as belt buckles, coat hangers or whips. Look for multiple bruising, suggesting repeated abuse and always look at the location of the

Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival planned

Flomot, Texas will be alive with the sound of bluegrass music on April 14 and 15, 2000. Washington Cattle Co. Bluegrass Festival will begin at 11:00 AM on both Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15. Music will play on the stage until 11:00 PM both nights. The festival will take place on the grounds of the Flomot Community Center. The main stage will be outside on the west end of the Community Center gym. In the event of bad weather, the festival will move into the gym. Spectators are asked to bring their lawn chairs for the most comfortable seating.

Groups playing and jamming at all hours. Everyone that plays an instrument is welcome to come and join in the music. Even if you just like to listen, you are welcome to wander the grounds and listen to the various groups. The bands that will be playing on both days include Pecos Valley Bluegrass from Mayhill, New Mexico, Penasco from Artesia, New Mexico, Neal Prock and Sugarloaf Mountain from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, The Keener Family and the Mogus Brothers from Oklahoma, Sundown from Odessa, Texas, and Buddy and Tina Wright and Co. from Lubbock. The South Plains College Bluegrass bands will play on Friday only. On Saturday, Shortgrass from Fritch, Texas and Katy Skinner and & Stoney Creek from Silverton, Texas will join the Festival.



CLASS OF 1948---(Back row L to R) Inez Dunavant Mosley, Margaret Weathers Turpin, Betty Myers Threadgill, Glynn Earle Norman Cummings, Vera Jo Rogers Bybee. (Front row L to R) Rita Mullins Webster, Bobbye Casey Bean and Elna Sanderson Bloys.

Class of 1948 planning for Homecoming 2000

Class of 1948 Local Graduates are working on the all school. "Year 2 Kindie Memories" Homecoming. It will be September 22-23, 2000. Friday September 23rd we will have registration and visiting in the Old High School Gym. Saturday the 23rd every thing will be moved to the Unity Center at Muncy. All the Homecoming committees are working hard to get the first invitations out in April. The next work meeting will be in the High School Library April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone interested in helping please make plans to attend!!

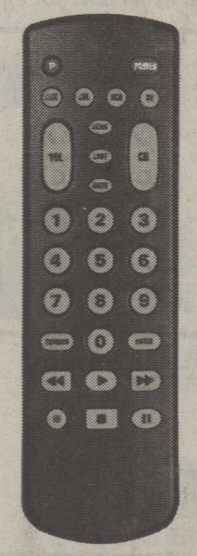
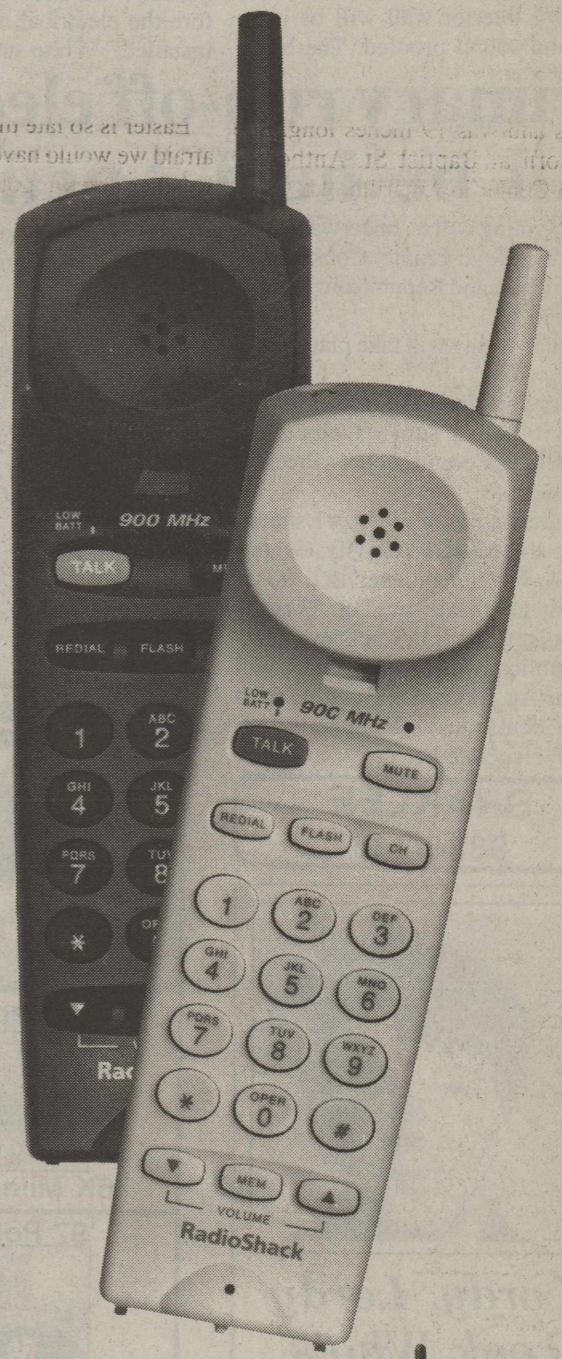


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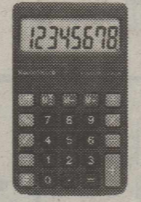
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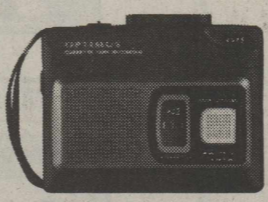
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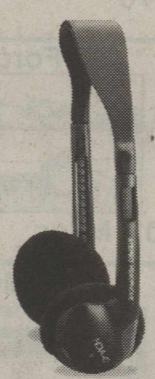
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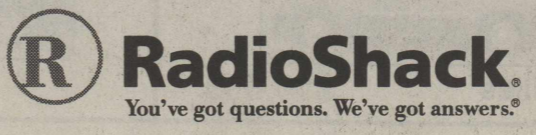


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MRS. TERRY LEE HARRIS
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Christian and Harris united in marriage

Laci Alyne Christian and Terry Lee Harris were married at 3:00 p.m., Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Rev. Howell Farnsworth officiated.

Honor attendants were Lori Merket of Friona, sister of the bride; and Victor Smith of Floydada.

Parents of the bride are Joe Edwin Christian and Vickie Darlene Christian of Floydada. Parents of the bride

groom are Phyllis Annette Smith of Floydada and the late Johnny Lee Harris Jr. of Floydada.

The bride is a graduate of Floydada High School and is a student at Texas Tech University and employed by American State Bank of Lubbock.

The bridegroom, is also a graduate of Floydada High School, is employed by Texas Department of Transportation of Lubbock.

Floyd County Lifestyles

Walk across Texas to begin April 9th

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
Floyd County residents will once again be making their way across Texas to South Padre Island in the eight week Walk Across Texas program. Teams of seven plus one team captain will log weekly miles of walking, jogging, cycling, swimming, cycling or aerobic exercise. Conversion charts of various types of exercise are available at the County Extension Office if you wish to incorporate them into your exercise plan.

Last year, 18 teams involving 136 individuals and 356 school children exercised their way to better health with close to 13,000 miles.

Walking is one of the easiest and best ways to work fitness in to your daily and weekly schedule.

If you're interested in participating, call or come by the County Extension Office and pick up a team registration form. There is no cost to participate in the Walk Across Texas program. For more information call 983-4912.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion. Disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. 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.



MR. AND MRS. TURNER HUNTER

Hunter's celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hunter will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a Family Dinner. Their children will host the event.

They are the parents of Larry and Ruth Ann Hunter of Lubbock, Barbara McCormick of Lubbock and the late Audrey McCormick. They have six grandchildren, Jeffrey and Amy McCormick of San Angelo, Gordon and Jerri Ann Havens of Abernathy, Holly and Laura Hunter of Lubbock and six great grandchildren.

Hunter and the former Sarah Eilon Campbell were married April 7, 1940 in Jayton. The couple began their married life in Motley County, moving to Floyd County in 1950 where they formed in the McCoy Community until their retirement. They then moved into Floydada where they currently reside.

Don't mess with Texas "Trash Off" scheduled

By Penny Mason
More than 2,000 Lubbock volunteers will clean city streets, county road and parks on Saturday, April 1st during the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) 15th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off.

Lubbock adopt-a-highway groups and keep Lubbock Beautiful volunteers will be out in numbers that weekend to participate in the massive cleanup that draws close to 185,000 people statewide.

In Floyd County, there are 12 adopt-a-highway groups who keep 24 miles of highway clean. Several of these groups are participating in this year's trash off.

"Litter can ruin our highways and cities," said Penny Mason, public information officer for TxDOT. "Every year thousand of Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work to clean up after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities."

Texas is the home of the first adopted highway. According to state records, nearly 4,100 volunteer groups have adopted 8,200 miles of highway in Texas.

TxDOT's litter prevention programs include the Don't Mess with Texas

public education campaign, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Together, these programs have reversed a trend in the increase in the amount of litter on Texas highways, resulting in a 72 percent reduction in litter and a cost savings to taxpayers of \$2 to \$4 million per year.

However, according to a 1998 study conducted for TxDOT by NuStats International, even though 96 percent of Texans are aware of the Don't Mess with Texas slogan, one in three admit they continue to litter.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is also part of keep America Beautiful's National "Great American Cleanup" event that runs march through May in 12 states.

Floyd County groups participating in Adopt-A-Highway are: Cargill Hybrid Seeds of Lockney, Employees of FNB Lockney, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids of Lockney, Floydada FHA Chapter, Floydada Masonic Lodge #712, Lockney Chamber of Commerce, Paymaster Cottonseed of Aiken, Prod. Research and Seedstock Employees of Lockney, Trinity Lutheran Church of Lockney and Truck and Maint. (Cargill Hybrid Seeds) of Lockney.

Addresses needed for Lockney Class of 1996

The Lockney High School Class of 1996 are needing the following addresses for Homecoming 2000: Francis Arevalo, Lorenzo Arevalo Rosales, Mark Arismendez, Matilda Banda, Rosa Banda, Rowdy Boggs, Marissa Comacho, Jamie Cruz, Kim Cumbie, Sara Duenes, Rosalinda Felan, Corny Garcia, Viola Hernandez, Chris Mathis, Marcos

Ochoa, David Padilla, Josie Palomin, Kalpesh Patel, Peggy Rendon, Alex Reyes, Michael Reynaga, Joshua Robnett, Jeanie Rodriguez Adraian, Christi Thompson, Mary Vasquez.

Please call Randi Jo Henderson at 794-0643 or Nancy Henderson at 652-3737 if know the addresses of people.

Look Who's New!



FLIPPIN

Ty and Brandi Flippin of Amarillo are proud parents of a baby daughter, Abigail Renee. She was born March 9, 2000, and weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was born at Baptist St. Anthony's Health Center in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ricky and Susan Flippin of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Herman and Bonnie Graham and Mary and Elvie Henderson all of Floydada, Faye Walker and the late John Walker of Leveland, C.E. (Flip) and Wanda Flippin of Claytonville.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Gladys Ragle

We had some more wonderful rain and it really has changed a lot of the farmers faces from frowns to smiles. Maybe this will be the year of good crops and hopefully better prices for farm products.

Easter is so late this year that I was afraid we would have some more cold weather and we got up this morning (Monday) to wind chills down in the teens. Oh, well, this is West Texas. If you don't like the weather wait about 30 minutes and it may be different.

J.M. Tye passed from this life last week. He was formerly a well known business man in Lockney, having established "The Tye Company." We extend our sympathy to his family.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to the families of Agnes Jones who passed away last week.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"

If we fill our hours with regrets of yesterday and with the worries of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful.

MENU

April 10-14

Monday-Chicken Strips, vegetables, salad, dessert.

Tuesday-Salmon Patties, vegetables, salad, dessert.

Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak, vegetables, salad, dessert.

Thursday-Beef Tips and Rice, vegetables, salad, dessert.

Friday-Hamburger Steaks, vegetables, salad, dessert.

Floyd Data

A Barbecue was held at Barwise Gin Domino Hall on California Street, March 29, 2000.

The barbecue was held to show appreciation to Barwise Gin for making it possible to have a place for Farmers, Business Men and Retired men to come visit, relax, and a place to play Dominos. More than 50 men were served at the noon meal.



SHANI JO ROSS was crowned Miss San Angelo Model and Entertainer 2000 on April 1st. She also won Best Sportswear and Most Photogenic.

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Mangold Memorial is Proud to Announce their New Arrivals !!

Dorian RoShay Coleman, son of Sandra Coleman, of Floydada, was born March 10, 2000 at 1:10 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. Grandparents are Kenneth and Dorothy Coleman, of Floydada.

Nickolas Trey Rendon, Son of Randy and Sandra Rendon, of Lockney, was born March 22, 2000 at 6:35 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces. Grandparents are Ascencion and Rosie Rendon, of Lockney, and Elba Pyle, of Ada Oklahoma, and Everett Pyle (deceased).

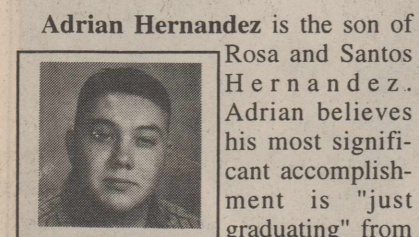
Jammie Rachelle Castillo, Daughter of Roland Castillo and Shon Derry Berry, of Quitaque, was born March 22, 2000 at 4:11 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces. Grandparents are Arnold and Rose Castillo, of Quitaque, and Sharon Cantrell, of Floydada.

Ethan Floyd Ibarra, son of Jesse and Cindy Ibarra, of Floydada, was born March 23, 2000 at 2:13 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces. Grandparents are Servando and Luzmaria Charles, of Slaton and Jesse Sr. and Irma Ibarra, of Floydada.

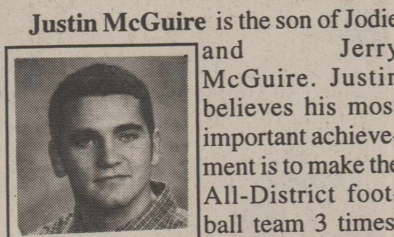
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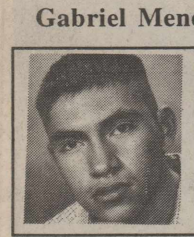
Fire Up with FHS Seniors 2000



Adrian Hernandez is the son of Rosa and Santos Hernandez. Adrian believes his most significant accomplishment is "just graduating" from FHS. His favorite television show is WWF wrestling, his favorite subject in school is Spanish and his favorite musical groups are metallica, Slayer, and Megadeath. When Adrian graduates, he plans to join the United States Marines.



Justin McGuire is the son of Jodie and Jerry McGuire. Justin believes his most important achievement is to make the All-District football team 3 times. His favorite movie is "Forrest Gump," his favorite hobbies are sports, and his favorite song is "Time of your Life" by Green Day. After graduation from FHS, Justin plans to attend Texas Tech University and pursue a career in business.



Gabriel Mendoza is the son of Anita and Paulo Mendoza. Gabriel feels his most important achievement is "making it this far." His favorite television show is "The Springer Show," his favorite subject in school is Algebra, and his favorite hobby is racing his truck. When Gabriel graduates, he hopes to go to South Plains College in Levelland.



Aurora Soliz is the daughter of Elizabeth and John Soliz. Aurora feels her most significant accomplishment is "graduating high school." Her favorite television show is "Will and Grace," her favorite movie is "Braveheart," and her favorite hobbies are reading, listening to music and going out. Aurora plans to attend the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg and major in criminal and minor in English.

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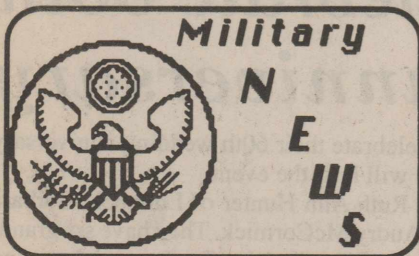
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Have a nice day!



FLOYD COUNTY 4-H FASHION SHOW-The Floyd County 4-H'ers that participated in the District 4-H Show on April 4th are: (l-r) Cienna Carthel - Buying Casual; Tasha Powell - Buying Dressy; Katie Kelley - Construction Formal; Rusty Keaton - Buying Specialty; Laura Miller - Construction Dressy; Erika Miller - Construction Casual; Bonnie Dunlap - Construction Formal. Staff Photo

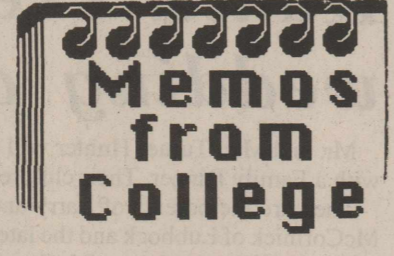


Bishop completes military training

Army Pvt. David R. Bishop has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Bishop is the son of Mike L. Bishop of 815 W. California, Floydada, Texas. He is a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School.

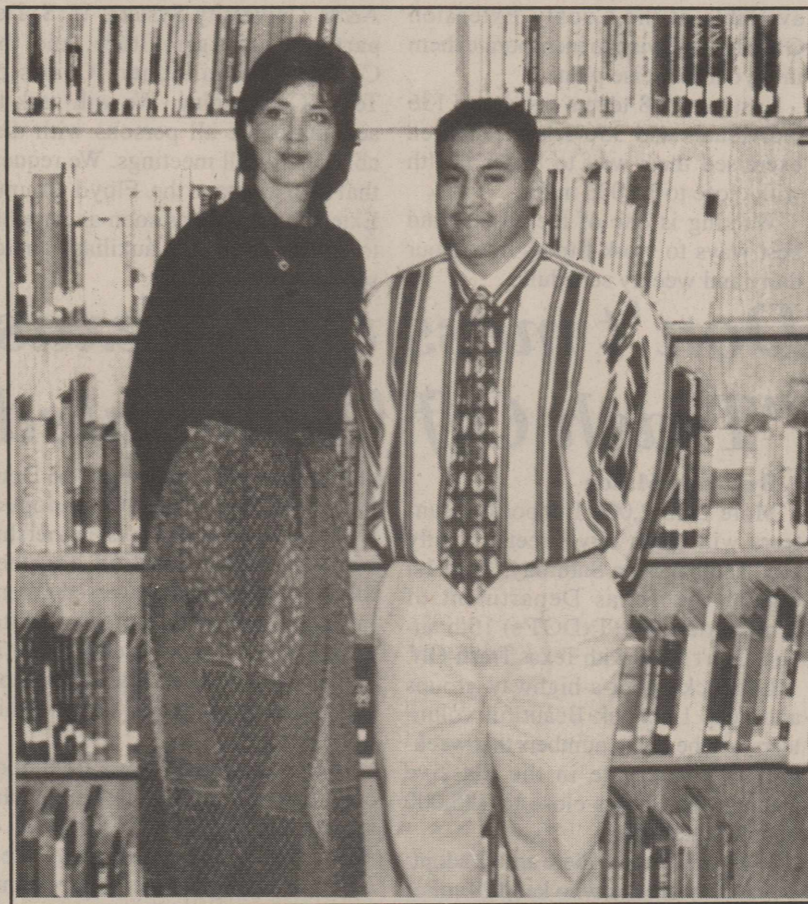


Hernandez named to Dean's list at WTC

Jeremy A. Hernandez has been recognized for academic achievement and named to the Dean's List, for the 1999 fall semester at Western Texas College. To qualify for the Dean's List students must have a 3.5 GPA and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Jeremy is the son of John and Irene Hernandez, of Floydada.

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HISPANIC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD-Lockney Senior Jesse LeDesma was granted a \$500 Hispanic Academic scholarship to West Texas University in Canyon by the Highland Medical Center. LeDesma was selected from 42 other student candidates at the Civic Center in Lubbock on April 2. Mrs. Kelley (in picture) and Mrs. Ulmer were the two behind the choice of LeDesma. Staff Photo

TAAS testing dates for grades 3 - 8

TUESDAY, April 11 - Grade 3-8 Math Test
WEDNESDAY, April 12 - Grade 3-8 Reading Test
THURSDAY, April 13 - Grade 8 Social Studies Test
FRIDAY, April 14 - Grade 8 Science Test

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Local teachers attend state teacher's meeting

By Sue Daniels
 The Floydada Local Unit of Texas State Teachers Association met at Floydada Junior High School on March 21, 2000.

Sherry Colston, president, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Colston reported on the West Texas Leadership Conference which she attended in Odessa on February 18-19, 2000. She also stated that the ballots for the NEA election of officers and the petition seeking state funded insurance for educators had been sent to their respective places.

Upcoming events include the House of Delegates, which will be held at Bailey's Bookstore in Lubbock on April 15, 2000 and Summer Leadership 2000 which will be June 14-16 in Austin.

The next meeting has been scheduled for 4:15 p.m. April 18, 2000, at the Floydada Junior High School faculty workroom. Members in attendance were: Sherry Colston, Margaret Jones, Sandra Robinson, Aimee Teeple, Linda Crader and Sue Daniels.

Daniels earns spot on President's list

Trent Brandon Daniels of Austin earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the Winter Quarter at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Daniels, a student in the Biomedical Equipment Technology program, is the son of Sue M Daniels of Floydada.

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Floydada results at Plainview tennis meet

GIRLS SINGLES: Laci Martinez defeated Rowe (Fort Elliot) 8-3; Martinez lost to Perez (Friona) 4-6, 6-2, 4-6.
 Brenna Dawdy lost to Gerber (Nazareth) 3-8; Dawdy defeated George (Hart) B-5; Dawdy lost to Roberts (Shallowater) 6-8.
 Laura Reddy lost to Haney (Cotton Center) 6-8; Reddy lost to Perales (Hart) 1-8.

BOYS SINGLES: Scot Holster defeated Barnes (Hart) 8-4; Scot Holster lost to Lirrutia (Memphis) 0-6, 1-6.
 Sean Holster lost to Bhakta (Friona) 4-8; Sean Holster lost to Shank (Memphis) 3-8.
 Matthew Rainwater lost to Bennett (Hart) 8-10; Matthew Rainwater lost to Dagley (Memphis) 6-8.

Bonnie Dunlap/NaLyn Simpson defeated Cassel/Robison (Memphis) 8-2; Dunlap/Simpson lost to Ingram/Wyly(Friona) 4-6, 6-2, 4-6.
 Jenna Payne/Rebecca Warren defeated Moore/Johnson(Canadian) 8-4; Payne/Warren defeated Barrett/Wood(Muleshoe) 6-2, 6-2; Payne/Warren defeated Hoelting/Huseman(Nazareth) 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; Payne/Warren defeated Ingram/White(Wellington) 6-3, 6-3. Lost in the Championship to Johnson/Rodriquez (Memphis) 4-6, 4-6.

BOYS DOUBLES: Jacob Morales/David Rodriguez defeated (Hart) 6-0, 6-1; Morales/Rodriquez lost to (Memphis) 4-6, 6-4, 6-7; Morales/Rodriquez defeated (Boys Ranch) 8-3; Morales/Rodriquez lost to (Spearman) 3-8.

GIRLS DOUBLES: Kylan Sanders/Jessica Castaneda defeated Benham/Gartin(Muleshoe)8-3; Sanders/Castaneda lost to Hoelting/Brockman(Nazareth) 2-6, 6-3, 4-6.

Floydada results at Nazareth tennis tourney

BOYS SINGLES: Scot Holster lost to Barnes (Hart) 6-8; Scot Holster defeated Demester (Dimmitt) 8-2; Scot Holster defeated Burson (Lockhey) 8-3; Scot Holster won the Consolation trophy by defeating Deleon (S-E) 9-7. Sean Holster defeated Wright (Dimmitt) 8-3; Sean Holster lost to Tiffin(S-E) 6-8.
 Matthew Rainwater defeated Deleon (S-E) 8-1; Matthew Rainwater lost to George (Hart) 0-8.

BOYS DOUBLES: Jacob Morales/David Rodriguez defeated King/Flores (Ralls) 8-2; Morales/Rodriquez lost to Grieve/Arellano (Tulia) 4-6, 6-2, 6-7.

GIRLS DOUBLES: Kylan Sanders/Brenna Dawdy defeated Torres/Rueda(Dimmitt) 8-1; Sanders/Dawdy lost to Hoelting/Huseman(Nazareth) 3-6, 6-4, 2-6.
 Bonnie Dunlap/NaLyn Simpson lost Hoelting/Brockman (Nazareth) 2-8; Dunlap/Simpson defeated Flores/Melendez (S-E) 8-0; Dunlap/Simpson defeated (Dimmitt) 12-10; Duniap/Simpson defeated (Tulia) 8-0; Dunlap/Simpson defected (Dimmitt) 8-2 to win the Consolation trophy.
 Jenna Payne/Rebecca Warren defeated Stahl/Welch(Dimmitt) 6-0, 6-1; Payne/Warren defeated Gerber/Schulte (Nazareth) 6-4, 6-1; Payne/Warren defeated Hoelting/Brockman(Nazareth) 6-3, 7-5; Payne/Warren Lost to Birkenfield/Schulte(Nazareth) in the championship finals 2-6, 3-6.

S P O R T S

Floydada School Menu

Monday
Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, cinnamon rolls, yogurt, milk, juice.
Lunch-Pepperoni Pizza/PBJ Sandwich, green salad, corn, fresh fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, breakfast pizza, milk, juice.
Lunch-Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese/Chef Salad, Spanish rice, cinnamon crispies, orange quarters, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, biscuits, peanut butter, jelly, milk, juice.
Lunch-Chicken Nuggets/PBJ Sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, jello with whipped topping, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, French toast, sausage, syrup, milk, juice.
Lunch-Stuffed Baked Potato with Ham/Chef Salad, steamed broccoli with cheese, soft pretzel, fruit cobbler, milk.

Friday
Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, breakfast burritos, salsa, milk, juice.
Lunch-Corndog/PBJ Sandwich, waffle fries, baked beans, orange, candy treat, milk.

Lockney School Menu

April 10-14
Monday
Breakfast-Biscuit, gravy/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Chicken Noodle Soup/Ham and Cheese on Bun, lettuce and tomato salad, applesauce, crackers, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast-Rice/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Nacho Grande/Grilled Cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, peaches, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast-Apple Turnover/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Fish Sticks/Corndog, pinto beans, cole slaw, pears, cornbread, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast-Ham/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Chicken Fried Steak/Burrito, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, apple cobbler, hot rolls, milk.

Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon Roll/ Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Cheeseburger Pocket/PBJ Sandwich, potato rounds, carrot sticks, orange half, milk, cake.

Collins named to coaches All Region girls 2nd team

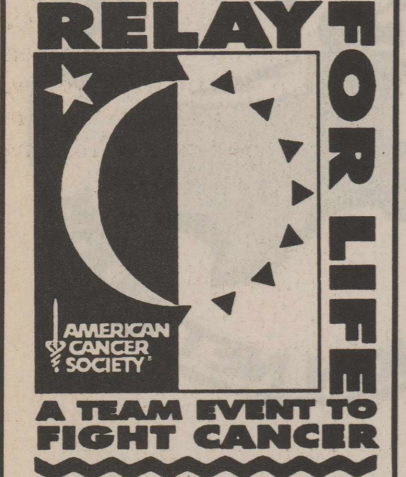


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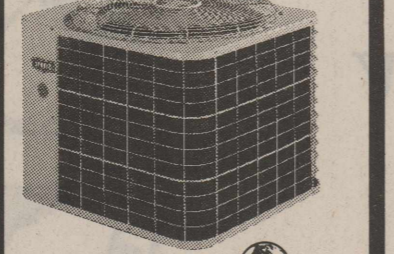
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Floydada to host district track meet Thursday and Friday

Floydada High School plays the role of host Thursday and Friday as the six District 7-2A schools descend on newly resurfaced Whirlwind Track for the 2000 Track and Field Championships.

Host Floydada attempts to defend the boys' championships and county rival Lockney is the reigning queen in the girls' division. The FHS girls claimed the runner-up spot last year. Both the Whirlwinds and Lady 'Horns are pre-meet favorites to defend their team titles. However, the real battles will be for the top two spots in each of the 32 events and the corresponding tickets to the regional meet in Abilene.

Thursday's events get under way at 10 a. m. with the field events, which continue until about 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., the only running final of the day, the 3,200-meter run, will be contested. Preliminary heats in all individual competitions of 400 meters or less will follow those races.

Friday's session begins at 2 p. m. with the 400-meter relay. Floydada's boys should be in good

shape to defend their team title with all eight of their gold medal winners from last year returning. Senior Brandon Wickware won both the shot put and discus, Justin McGuire won the triple jump and high jump, Daryl Henderson won the long jump, Edward Porter won the 100, Tyrel Fuller won the 200, and all four members of the winning sprint relay return. In addition, the Whirlwinds can count on returning regional qualifiers Corey Clemens (shot put) and Rocky Reyes (3,200). However, there may be some storm clouds behind the silver lining for FHS.

McGuire, a four-event qualifier for the 1999 regional meet, is expected to compete only in the high jump due to a strained muscle that continues to linger. Also, Porter may be unable to run at all due to a cracked bone in his foot suffered when a vehicle ran over his foot a week and a half ago. Last year as a freshman, Porter was a regional finalist in the 100 meters, and he is considered one of the premiere sprinters in the region in both the 100 and 200.

Although a double individual regional qualifier in the 100 and 200 last year, Fuller will step up to the 400 this week to take part in what might well be the best race of the meet. He will go against two-time regional qualifier and defending champion Josh Quebe of Lockney and Abernathy speedster Michael Johnson in a race that might find one of the fastest runners in the region finishing no better than third at district.

On the girls' side, Lana McCandless and Jenna Payne will defend their individual titles. McCandless, a junior, won the 400 in last year's meet and Payne claimed the 3,200. McCandless also ran a key leg on the Lady Winds' regional qualifying 1,600-meter relay last year. Payne should be favored again in the metric two-mile and is one of the favorites in the 1,600-meter run as well.

Hurdler Tara Williams also will be trying to reach the regional meet for the second year in a row. The sophomore speedster finished second at district last year in the 300-meter hurdles

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Floydada Junior High School girls track results at Breezer Relays

Congratulations to the Junior High Girls Track Team. The following girls placed at the Breezer Relays in Floydada, Thursday March 30th.

8th Grade: Shot Put: 3rd, Sandra Sanchez; 4th, Amanda Dachant; Discus: 2nd, Sandra Sanchez; Long Jump: 6th, Kimber Bennett; High Jump: 2nd Kimber Bennett; 100 Hurdles: 5th, Veronica Garcia; 6th,

Courtney Campbell; 300 Hurdles: 5th, Veronica Garcia; 800 Relay: 6th, Jennifer Dudley, Veronica Garcia, Brittany Jones, Kimber Bennett.

Team was 7th over all with 34 points.

7th Grade: Shot Put: 3rd, Lauren Powell, Discus: 4th, Mandi Wood; Triple Jump: 4th, Kia Baker; High Jump: 1st, Katya Vega; 800 Meter

Run: 3rd, Priscilla Balherra; 6th, Katy Gooch; 100 Hurdles: 5th, Whitney Williams; 400 Meter Dash: 5th, Felisha Lunor; 300 Hurdles: 5th, Jessie Horn; 200 Meter Dash: 3rd, Kia Baker; 1600 Meter Run: 2nd, Katy Gooch.

The 7th grade placed 5th overall with 51 points.

Floyd County 4-H'ers compete WTA&M horse judging show

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
 Ten Floyd County 4-H'ers excelled in the Traveling Trophy 4-H Horse Judging Contest held on the West Texas A&M Campus in Friday, March 31.

The Senior team made up of Tasha Powell, Laura Miller and Tyler Phillips placed second Overall, second in Performance and third in Halter. In individual honors, Tasha Powell took fourth Overall and third in Per-

formance. Laura Miller placed fifth in the Halter class and Tyler Phillips placed ninth Overall and seventh in Performance.

Two junior teams from Floyd County participated. Team A consisting of Ashley Brock, Hagen Johnson, Lee Fortenberry and Rachel Miller placed fourth Overall and first in Halter. In individual honors, Ashley Brock placed third in Halter and tenth Overall. Hagen Johnson placed tenth

in Halter.

Junior Team B was made up of Mathew Miller, Taylor Brock and Patrick Doucette. Mathew Miller took individual honors of ninth Overall and ninth in Performance.

This competition was in preparation for the district 4-H Horse Judging Contest set for Saturday, April 15 in Canyon.

The group is coached by 4-H Horse Leader Marcia Phillips of Lockney.

LOCKNEY SUMMER LEAGUE BASEBALL

Organizational Meeting

Monday, April 10, 7:30 P.M.
 FNB Community Room

T - Ball
 Little League
 Teenage League
 Pitching Machine

Everyone interested in these programs is encouraged to attend, especially those interested in coaching or helping with a team.

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Memories of Floydada's First Baptist Church

Many have said, "It was just a building." In my mind it was much more. Blood, sweat and tears built that building. People found the Lord there. They spoke their vows that started their new lives there. They spoke words of sadness and encouragement in a time of deep sorrow there. They ran with the freedom of a child up and down the aisles there. Memories. The memory of nameless people who passed a part of their lives there. All of these things go into the essence of this building that went out in a blaze of glory on March 12, 2000.

I watched from a distance as this great old building passed into history. Many watched up close. We all watched as a part of our personal history went up in flames. It started as a small fire in one of the small Sunday School rooms on the first floor, northeast side. The firefighters had thought it out. Fire being fire, it sneaked to another place. It later broke out even bigger than before. This time it would not be stopped until it had consumed all of the original brick building and the oldest standing auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

It was old. There is no question about that. This building had really begun to show it's age. We all knew that this 'grand dame' had deteriorated but she had not outlived her usefulness. Children still ran in her halls. Adults still met in her rooms. Where to put these people when we would remodel? This question and many more taken out of our hands that Sunday night. God took control. He knew that memories were keeping us from confronting the problems of when and what to do. Thank you Lord for making that decision.

We will rebuild. Many will say "It is just a building." To me it will be much more than that. New memories will be made. Children will run through those new halls and adults will meet in new classrooms. We will pour our blood, sweat and tears into it. We may even clean those same brick that were cleaned so long ago. Each building project that our church has undertaken was a struggle but it forged the membership together. They are our witnesses. Let us strive to be like them. They looked for God's leadership in every step of the way. Let us be like them.

Rosemary Hardin Finley

First Baptist Church burns!! My how memories flood my soul. As I think back I realize my youth and most of my life has been centered around this Church. My earliest remembrance is of the sanctuary shaped like a fan. It was there I spent alot of Sundays tripping up and down those stairs. It was there that I gave my heart to the Lord and was baptized in a tank in the basement. It was there my friends and I enjoyed fellowships. I remember the piano and how it was located. Of all the pianos that burned I had played on half of them during Sunday School.

On occasion we had violin music. I remember having a slumber party. We stayed up all night what fun - until my mother took us to Sunday School and Church. I never tried as hard in my life to stay awake.

The first I ever drove a car to town by myself I had a fender bender in front of the church. This was during the war and my Dad was most unhappy with me.

In the summer we would have our revivals outdoors. I was leaving church the day Pearl Harbor was bombed.

In the late 40's we built another sanctuary. This is where I married Lane Deckes on June 2, 1949. We were one of the earliest couples married there. After the wedding the wedding party rushed to cars to go out to the family home for the reception. One of the bridesmaids was left on the Church steps. Everyone thought she was in another car.

This is where my two daughters Charlotte and Sharon were saved and baptized. We started an organized children's choir about this time. My children enjoyed growing up in this church. Edell's girls, Janet and Jenis were raised and married in this church.

Then it came time to build a new sanctuary. How great it was. I remember our first Sunday in the new building. The years have gone fast.

Both sets of my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Jones, and my parents Lovell and Alice Jones had their funerals there.

I married Edell Moore in 1975 and now we are enjoying our later years being a part of First Baptist.

And so - the building burned, but I think of all the wonderful memories that I have of this building. We know the building is not the church but the

people are. We will build again. I want to say Thanks First Baptist Church for being a part of my life.

Lovene Jones Moore

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! As we sadly watched one of the symbols of our faith slowly burn, we were grateful for the foundation that it had so ably given to many. It was only a building, but oh, the sacrifice and vision of those who had made that building a reality.

I remember as a pre-teen, working with my mother, Mrs. Robert Garrett, sisters, Edith and Frances Ruth, and other ladies in the church clean the bricks that came from the East Ward School. It was not an easy task and the rough edges of the bricks and mortar brought blood to delicate fingers. Brother L.A. Doyle spent days on the scaffolding driving nails, placing beams and reinforcing. It was all a labor of love.

That chapter has closed on the history of First Baptist Church of Floydada. Though the building will no longer stand, memories of all that it stood for in the past will encourage us as we once again begin to write a new chapter and build a new foundation for those who follow. We pray for wisdom and a vision to accomplish the task that lies before us.

Roberta Garrett Hardin

My fondest memories of the First Baptist Church were the summer revivals. Every summer we had a visiting minister and song director. We could always count on the song director to have a junior choir.

One summer we held the services out doors in front of the church.

Nature took care of cooling us off with soft, gentle breezes. The people driving down the street would stop and listen to the beautiful singing and preaching.

There was a Tabernacle in the City Park. Many of the Churches held their revivals over there. You could hear the singing for blocks away.

One summer our church held our revival there. I became a Christian. I was twelve years of age. Precious Memories!

Wanda Withers

The fire at First Baptist Church destroyed only buildings. The spirit of our church and its "stay ability" is alive and well.

I can remember as far back, as Bro. O'Brien, and for each of the men who have led us over the years, has been a wonderful time, some sad, and some wonderful memories.

The depression was lived through by so many times of only having 1 penny or so for our envelopes, but we were glad to get to give that.

Times began to get better when Bro. and Mrs. L.A. Doyle, who came here, and a wonderful family, and the man had the will to work, and he looked and thought and he had vision, for us to have a new sanctuary, a kitchen, and dining hall. And he had not completed this until he wanted to talk to Mrs. Will Massie about land in the Canyon. He wanted to build a Camp.

He got the Baptist Association to agree and soon after we got our church, Plains Baptist Assembly became reality. It was rather crude at first, but we didn't have to go to Ceta Glen anymore.

Bro. and Mrs. Bradley came as our pastors and he wanted a new and our present Sanctuary. And such a beautiful one it is, we were so proud of it then and we still have pride in it. And the wonderful men and their wives who have led us through the years. The memories for each of them is special to each of us in our own special way.

When we get our new buildings we will be equally proud, and we can again sing "To God Be The Glory."

Midget Whitley

I recall my parents, sister, and other FBC members cleaning bricks for the church building when the sanctuary was in the northeast part. Who could forget Bro. L.A. and Mrs. Doyle and the time he announced prior to a fellowship that he only liked two kinds of pie. That got the attention of the good cooks of the congregation. "Yes," he said, "I like hot pie and I like cold pie!"

Mrs. Shirey, (Jerry Finley's grandmother) was one of my Sunday School teachers that was influential in leading me to accept Christ as my Saviour.

After the addition of another sanctuary, I recall there was a room at the back of the pews called the "cry room"

where parents with their small children could go sit, and rock their babies while listening and watching the service through glass windows. This was during Dr. Earl Allen's ministry.

Fellowship hall is also memorable where G.A.'s and B.T.W. met. Also the fine meals served by Mrs. Leatherman and other excellent cooks.

I could not overlook a few of the many outstanding members of FBC. For instance, I always was inspired when Mrs. Lon Smith was asked to lead in prayer. She could make one feel as though you were truly in the presence of the Lord. It was as though she and the congregation were standing in His presence and He truly was listening to her petition.

Another dedicated member was Bro. Mize. He also had adverse abilities of communicating with our heavenly Father through his prayers and amens.

The first Sunday that Dr. Floyd Bradley and his family came to be our pastor is another portion of FBC to not be forgotten. He ministered to all of us in joy, happiness and sorrow.

Our family has truly been blessed through the years by the Christian leadership of pastors past and present. For that, we give God the glory.

Darlynn Hambright

Our family has a lot of memories of the part of First Baptist Church that was destroyed by fire. Thomas was saved and baptized in the northeast part in 1939. He was baptized in the first baptistry by the pastor, Vernon Shaw. I joined by letter from Lakeview Baptist Church, the Sunday after we married. We were married in July 1948 in the Fellowship Hall by L. A. Doyle. There were four different pastors during the time we were in that sanctuary from 1946-1966.

They were L.A. Doyle, Earl Allen, Ed Boyles, and Floyd Bradley. Thomas was ordained as a deacon there in 1951 by Earl Allen. We have both been members here ever since and taught Sunday School classes in there for many years in the past.

Our four children grew up in this church and were a part of it until college or marriage. The three oldest, Elaine Stout, Ed and Joyce Owens were all saved and baptized in that sanctuary. Joyce has been a member ever since. Don was baptized the first Sunday we were in the south sanctu-

ary. I served as Financial Secretary from 1985 through 1997 in the office that was torn apart to save the rest of the church.

This has always been our church home and loving family through sickness and deaths. Even though we must meet other places, the people are the same and we are still serving God. There seems to be so much love and concern among everyone.

The staff we have now is great and in need of our prayers. We will make it together through faith, love and prayers.

Thomas and Marie Warren

We moved to Floydada when I was two years old. I remember going to the little white Baptist church on the north side of the block. Bro. Dick O'Brien was the pastor. There was no baptistry in the church, so they brought in a stock tank for baptisms. Dr. Hicks was the dentist then. His daughter was baptized one day. I guess the reason I remember this is because she was wearing a red raincoat. I attended school two years at the East Ward School.

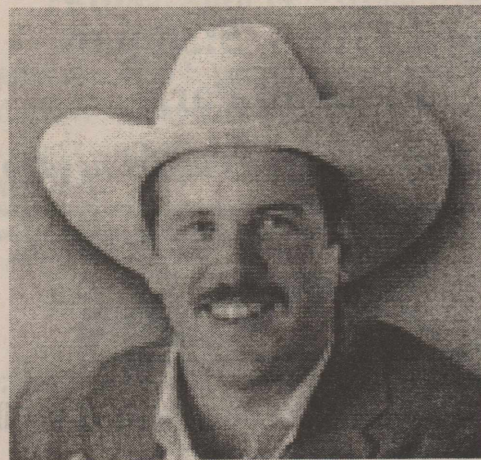
We moved to Kerrville in 1932 because of the Great Depression. When I returned to Floydada in 1944 to teach, they were building a new auditorium, using the bricks from the East Ward School. Bro. Doyle was the pastor.

Alice Baker

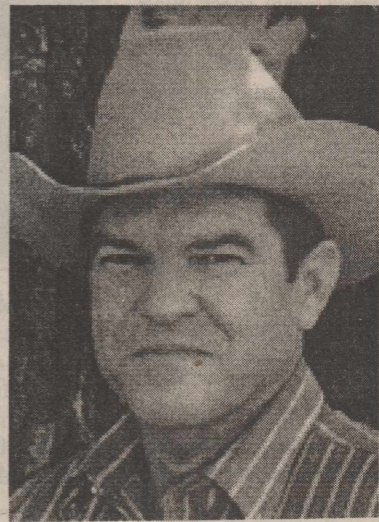
My husband and I have fond memories of the First Baptist Church, specifically the old part which burned. Because the addition to R.C. Andrews had not been completed when school began, Charles attended third grade in the basement of the Baptist church. We both remember going during a school day to Thanksgiving services, taking canned goods for the less fortunate. On Girl Scout Sunday our troop often went to Sunday morning services at the church. The Baptist Church has always been a prominent part of the town, and we are saddened to see the remnants of the fire. We have no doubt that the people will rise above the ashes as did the mythical phoenix bird, becoming stronger than they were before the fire. Our prayers are with the congregation.

Ann Carr

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Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone Committee request referendum by Combs

At a meeting held in Plainview, Tuesday, the Northern High Plains (NHP) Boll Weevil Eradication Zone Grower Committee deliberated over the proposed operating plan and cost estimates prepared by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) for the six county zone.

The NHP zone consists of approximately 550,000 acres of cotton in Armstrong, Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Randall and Swisher counties.

Weldon Melton, chairman of the NHP zone committee commented "I am proud of the men on this committee. Boll weevils have been a contentious issue in this zone in the past. These local growers are working to make certain our future plans meet with strong local grower support."

"The budget plans represent a worst case scenario for planning purposes" said Melton. "To make this the best program possible our grower committee is committed to working with the Foundation to explore every cost-saving opportunity."

The committee is to meet again April 12 to finalize its recommendation for a growers assessment structure to fund the eradication efforts.

In the meantime, committee chairman Weldon Melton was authorized by unanimous vote to request Ag Commissioner Susan Combs to conduct a referendum by mail ballot. Ballots would be mailed out in early September by TDA to eligible voters in the zone with a return postmark deadline of September 26.

The referendum will entail a for or against vote on two issues: 1) establishment of a boll weevil eradication program in the Northern High Plains boll weevil eradication zone. 2) setting the maximum annual assessment for boll weevil eradication in the zone.

Both these issues require a two-thirds majority of those voting in order to pass. Either issue could also pass on a vote in favor by a majority of the total cotton acreage in the zone.

The ballot will also call for a Board Member election. The ONE candidate who receives the most votes shall serve a four year term representing the NHP boll weevil eradication zone on the TBWEF board of directors.

Marketing workshop focuses on pricing

By Tim W. McAlavy

Cotton producers can learn how pricing strategies affect profitability and get help in developing pricing strategies tailored to fit their own operation at two cotton marketing workshops slated in April, said a Texas A&M agricultural economist.

"We can't control prices, but we can control how all or part of our crop is priced and when to take a price," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Agricultural Extension Service ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "Producers who know how to evaluate pricing alternatives can formulate pricing strategies that will help them maximize profit."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives and de-

veloping pricing strategies. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market. So, we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options."

The workshops are set on April 11 in Littlefield, and on April 12 at the Swisher County Extension meeting room in Tulia.

Workshop speakers include Smith and Dr. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M Extension economist and cotton marketing specialist. They will cover:

- * Developing a Marketing Plan
- * Estimating Production Costs
- * Break Even Prices
- * Localizing the Futures Market with Basis
- * Introduction to Options
- * Marketing Alternatives

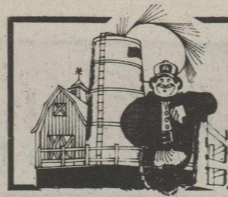
* Developing a Marketing Plan

* Current Pricing Strategies

* Cotton Market Situation & Outlook

* Marketing Clubs
 "Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration costs \$30 per person, payable at the door. The fee includes a noon meal and an extensive set of materials," Smith said. "If possible, spouses should also attend - couples can register for \$30, too, if they share a set of course materials."

Producers can register for these workshops, or get more information, by calling Smith at 806-746-6101; Michael Clawson, Swisher County Extension agent, at 806-995-3726; or Dirk Aaron, Lamb County Extension agent, at 806-385-4222.



Floyd County Farm News

Central High Plains Precipitation Enhancement program begins fourth season on April 11, 2000

April 1 marks the beginning of the fourth season of precipitation enhancement activities within a 11,864,619 acre target area in the Texas High Plains and southeastern New Mexico.

Precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, is an attempt to stimulate clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by adding silver iodide as a seeding agent. The silver iodide provides additional condensation nuclei that can allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large enough raindrops to survive the

fall through the dry sub-cloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall.

The 2000 precipitation enhancement program begins April 1 and continues through September 15. The target area for the project includes Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Terry, and Yoakum Counties, as well as portions of Armstrong,

Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Potter, and Randall Counties. In addition, Curry, Roosevelt, and southwestern Quay Counties of New Mexico continue to participate in the program.

Program sponsors include the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District, Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, South Plains Underground Water Conservation District, and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in central Curry, Roosevelt, and southwest Quay Counties of New Mexico.

Each agency pays its pro-rata share of the fixed and reimbursable costs, based upon the total number of acres in the target area. The State of Texas reimburses 50 percent of the operating costs within the Texas target area through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin.

"Several changes have been made in the operation of the precipitation enhancement program as we begin the

2000 season. These include the addition of another county to the target area and the purchase of equipment by two underground water conservation districts for use in the program," said High Plains Water District manager A. Wayne Wyatt.

Gaines County has been added to the target area at the request of the Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District. A 15-mile strip in adjacent northern Andrews County has been added to the operations area as well.

Weather Modification Incorporated (WMI) of Fargo, North Dakota returns as the project contractor. WMI is providing two Cessna 340 aircraft, a project meteorologist, three pilots, and some of the cloud seeding materials. The other two Cessna 340 aircraft used in the project were bought by the High Plains Water District and the Sandy Land Water District. The aircraft and their pilots will be located in Amarillo, Plains, Plainview, and Portales.

Beneficial Rains Improve 2000 crop outlook

By Shawn Wade

Widespread rainfall on the Texas High Plains has been more of a missing link than a regular occurrence since about this same time in 1999.

Beneficial rains over the last few days have been a rare and wonderful experience for all of High Plains agriculture. At the very least the rains make forecasts for the 2000 cotton crop look more achievable.

Prior to the 1"-3"-plus rainfall

amounts tallied across most of the area this week, growers were stuck in a state of limbo between needing to complete important pre-plant cultural practices and wondering whether or not it was going to worth the effort in the face of excessively dry conditions.

Even now prospects can be termed little better than marginal over much of the area, but at least there is something to work with and a feeling that maybe this crop has a chance to get

off to a fairly decent start with the arrival of couple more inches over the next 6-8 weeks

Dry conditions are no stranger to the Texas High Plains, but growers will no doubt be ready to stick seed in the ground when the time comes.

The House-Senate Conference Committee is scheduled to begin deliberations very soon. House conferees will probably be selected early next week and the committee could begin meeting immediately afterward.

Senate passes Crop Insurance Reform

By Shawn Wade

Senate passage of crop insurance reform sets the stage for a conference committee report that should provide for sweeping changes to Federal Crop Insurance program.

Over the past decade there have been several attempts to pick around the edges of the program without any

real benefits making their way to growers.

The contents of the House approved "Agricultural Risk Management Act of 1999" and the Senate's "Risk Management for the 21st Century Act" should see agreement on several important changes that will directly benefit growers.

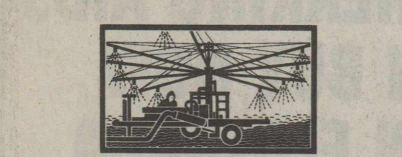
Among the changes that will likely

be part of any conference report are increased subsidy levels for all levels of coverage, some modification to the manner in which Actual Production History (APH) yields are calculated and improvements in management and program integrity with more coordinated record-keeping procedures and increased penalties for program abuses.



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Managing Cover Crops in No-Till

A burndown herbicide remains the best method for weed control when preparing cotton, soybean, rice, corn and peanut no-till fields.

Beginning with a clean field makes for easier planting and enables the crop to get a head start on weeds.

A preplant burndown application helps eliminate weeds and grasses, which allows area growers to work their no-till fields in the most cost-effective manner. Producers also can piggyback various jobs such as preemergence herbicide or liquid fertilizer applications along with the burndown.

A number of burndown herbicides exist, but make certain to choose a product that:

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Billy Campbell

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Time: 8:00 a.m. (Coffee and Doughnuts)

Place: Floyd County Friends Unity Center Muncy, Texas.

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Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 17th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1999. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2000.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2000 renditions is April 17. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 17 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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¿Quien debe hacer una rendición?

Debe hacer una rendición si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio.

¿Que ventaja me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:

- Ud. registra su opinion sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es mas grande, deber avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
Registra su dirección correcta para que le pueden mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuída" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en 1999. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en 2000.

¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

17° de abril es la última fecha para mandar sus rendiciones para 2000. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su redición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si los pide por escrito antes de la hora de cierre.

¿Donde hago mi rendición?

Haga su rendición con su distrito local de valoraciones en: Floyd County Appraisal District
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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1999, you won't need to reapply for 2000 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2000. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1999, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by May 1 at your appraisal district office. If Floyd County Appraisal District
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¡Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$50,000 y Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000, sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera \$35,000.

¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o si tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años, también tiene derecho a un "cielo máximo" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (El cielo máximo no tiene que ver con impuestos de propiedad de los condados o municipios, y esas entidades pueden ofrecer otras exenciones.) La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años y el cielo máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede trasladar un porcentaje de cielo máximo del los impuestos escolares que le tocaron en su domicilio vieja.

¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 1999, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en 2000—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para 2000. Si Ud. cumplirá los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumplió los 65 años o resultó incapacitado en 1999, tendrá que solicitar las exenciones adicionales.

¿Donde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Su solicitud debe llegar en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 1° de mayo. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

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