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## County youth compete at stock show



**TYE WOOD**  
GRAND CHAMPION STEER  
BREED CHAMPION SIMMENTAL

Floydada and Lockney 4-H and FFA youth went head to head in stock show competition at the Unity Center, January 25-27.

Grand Champions were shown by Brady Ragland, Floydada; Tye Wood, Floydada; Desha Smith, Lockney; and Will Foster, Lockney.

Reserve Grand Champion honors went to: Mandi Wood, Floydada; Taylor Beedy, Floydada; Desha Smith, Lockney; and Tyler Bybee, of Lockney.

Brady Ragland's 265 pound Cross Breed was named the Grand Champion Swine, from 192 pigs competing.

The Reserve Grand Champion Swine was chosen out of the White OPB Class, with Mandi Wood's 220 pound OPB.

Tye Wood's Breed Champion Simmental was named the Grand Cham-

pion Steer.

Reserve Grand honors were given in the Cross Class to Taylor Beedy's Breed Champion.

Forty-nine steers were shown.

In the Lamb Show, Desha Smith and her Medium Wool Lamb won Grand Champion.

Reserve Grand honors also went to Desha with her Reserve Breed Lamb in the same class.

Thirty-six lambs were shown.

Will Foster's Chi-Angus won the Grand Champion Heifer title from 13 heifers who competed for the title.

Tyler Bybee's Angus Heifer was named the Reserve Grand Champion.

Showmanship titles in the Swine Division were given to Senior Showman Tye Wood and Junior Showman Kayla Kelley.

Steer Showmen honors were given to Scott Nixon, senior showman, and

Cynthia Martinez, junior showman. Lamb Showmanship buckles went to Tyler Phillips, senior showman, and Lee Fortenberry, junior showman.

Stock Show Results are as follows:

### LAMBS

#### Fine Wool

Class 1: Tyler Phillips, 1st; Tasha Powell, 2nd; Whitney Williams, 3rd. Class 2: Kayla Kelley, 1st.

**Breed Champion: Tyler Phillips**  
**Reserve Breed Champion: Kayla Kelley**

#### Finewool Cross

Class 1: Tyler Phillips, 1st; Dillon Chessir, 2nd; Krista Rasco, 3rd.

Class 2: Lee Fortenberry, 1st; Whitney Williams, 2nd.

Class 3: Tyler Chessir, 1st.

**Breed Champion: Lee Fortenberry**

**Reserve Breed Champion: Tyler Phillips**

#### Medium Wool

Class 1: Lee Fortenberry, 1st; Nathan Hancock, 2nd; Carlynn Taylor, 3rd; Jackson Taylor, 4th; Jackson Taylor, 5th.

Class 2: Krista Rasco, 1st; Krista Rasco, 2nd; Lee Fortenberry, 3rd; Laci Schumacher, 4th; Tyler Phillips, 5th; Jackson Taylor, 6th.

Class 3: Kellen Wyrick, 1st; Tasha Powell, 2nd; Lacy Austin, 3rd; Tasha Powell, 4th; Amanda Hancock, 5th.

Class 4: Desha Smith, 1st; Desha Smith, 2nd; Kellen Wyrick, 3rd; Desha Smith, 4th; Lacy Austin, 5th.

**Breed Champion: Desha Smith**  
**Reserve Breed Champion: Desha Smith**

#### Southdown

Class 1: Krista Rasco, 1st; Amanda Hancock, 2nd; Cheyann Powell, 3rd.

Class 2: Haley Cochran, 1st; Nathan Hancock, 2nd.

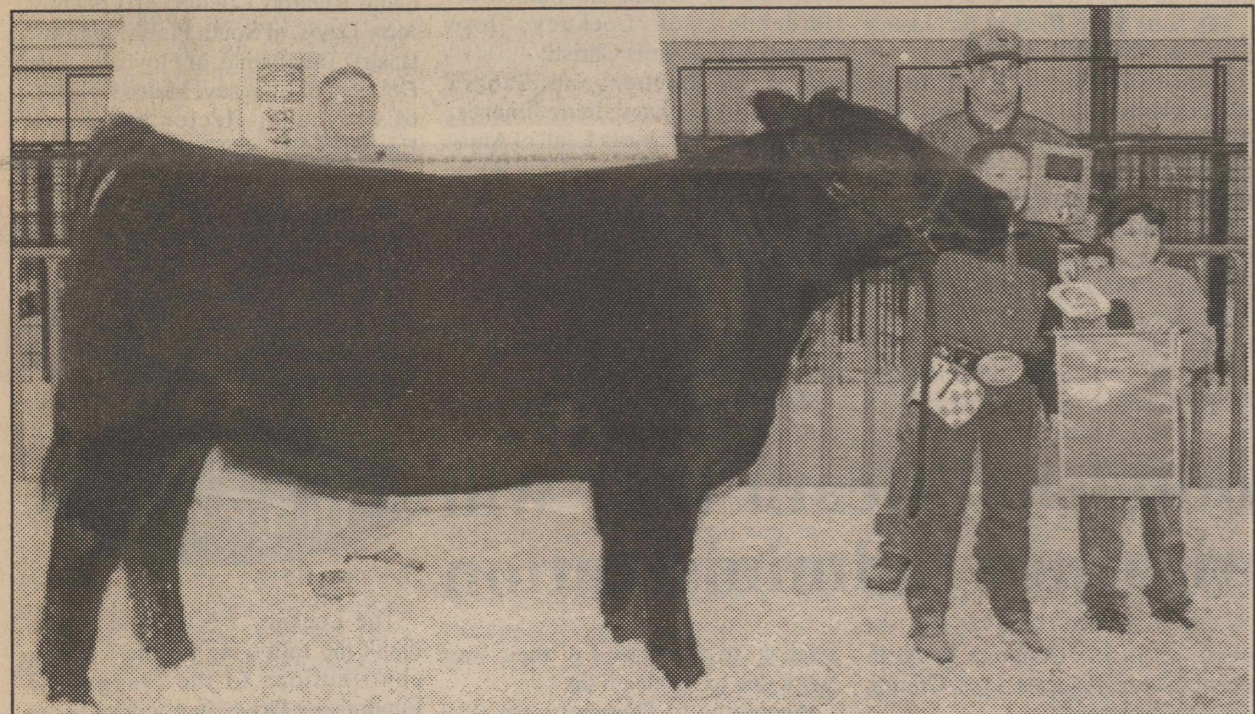
**Breed Champion: Krista Rasco**  
**Reserve Breed Champion: Haley Cochran**

**Jr. Showmanship: Lee Fortenberry**

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**DESHA SMITH**  
GRAND CHAMPION LAMB  
BREED CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL



**WILL FOSTER**  
SUPREME HEIFER  
CHI-ANGUS BREED CHAMPION



**BRADY RAGLAND**  
GRAND CHAMPION PIG  
BREED CHAMPION CROSS

## Gold medal winner Brandon Slay to speak at Floydada Chamber Banquet Feb. 5th

Brandon Slay, U.S. Olympic Gold Medal wrestler, of Amarillo, will be the guest speaker for the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquet, February 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Unity Center.

Tickets are now on sale at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce office, for \$12.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children.

Local Special Olympians will be the honored guests for the evening and will be recognized along with the Extra Mile Award, Citizen of the Year, and Employer of the Year.

Slay will bring posters and other merchandise to sell. A percentage of the proceeds will go back to the local Special Olympics program.

Youth are being encouraged to come hear Slay's life story. There will be no charge for 6th-12th graders who only wish to hear Slay, but do not want to eat at the banquet. Youth who want to hear his story should arrive at the Unity Center at 7:00 p.m.

Nielson's Restaurant will cater the rib-eye steak meal.

Slay will share his Olympic Gold story, and his testimony of how his focus on Jesus Christ has changed his life.

Following an all-America wrestling career at the University of Pennsylvania, Slay moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., in the fall of 1998, where he began training for the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Colo-

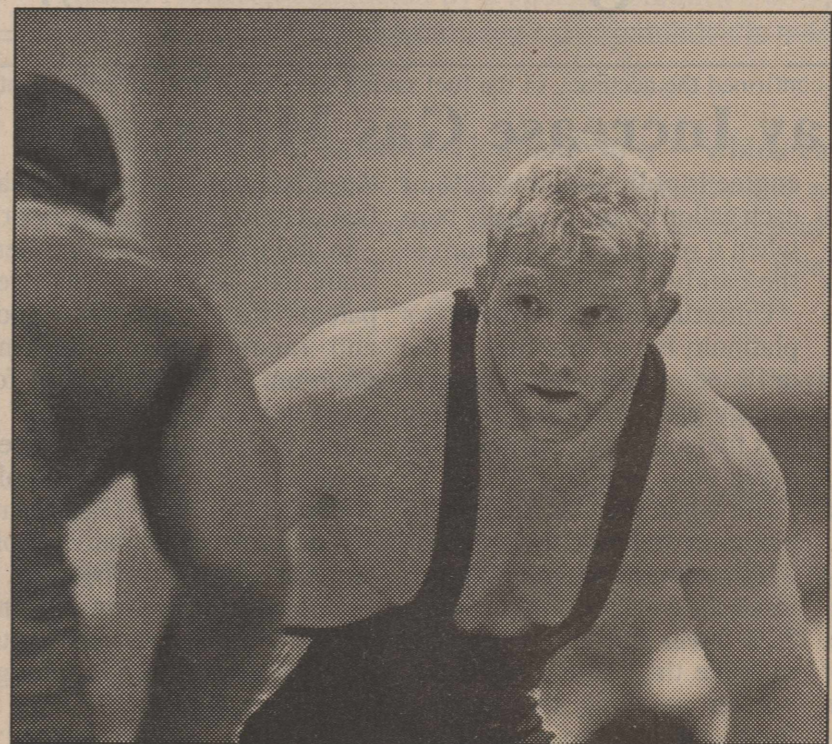
rado is where he began to find his higher calling.

Though not considered an Olympic medal contender, Slay surprised many with a preliminary-match victory over Russia's Bouvaissa Saitev, who is considered one of the world's best in the weight class.

Slay then won two more matches to qualify for the Olympic finals against Alexander Leipold of Germany. Slay lost the match on points, but his silver medal turned to gold

about a month later when Leipold tested positive for steroids that had been banned from the competition. Slay received the gold medal in ceremonies Nov. 15 in New York.

Since the Games ended four months ago, the 25-year-old Slay said he's been in Philadelphia, New York, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Salt Lake City, Hawaii, San Jose, Calif., San Francisco and multiple other communities, including many in the Panhandle, to talk about wrestling, success and God.



**BRANDON SLAY**

## Lockney PTO raising money for playground

The Lockney PTO is on their way toward a fundraising goal of \$35,000 for new playground equipment for Lockney Elementary. Community support will be necessary to complete the project.

The equipment, considered long overdue by many, will be purchased in two phases.

Phase I calls for new equipment for the front (east) play area. Unsafe or damaged old equipment will be removed, and half of the swings and seesaws will be moved to the northwest play area. The remaining equipment will be repaired and new playground equipment will be put in the cleared area.

The cost of Phase I is estimated at \$20,000.

"We have consulted with Jeff Popenoe, of PlayWell Group Inc., who has designed the equipment," said PTO President Victory Stewart.

The series of new equipment includes a 9 foot squiggle tube slide, rock climbing wall, balance beam, monkey bars, lightening slide, mono-rail, several climbing ladders and a covered climbing bridge. The design can facilitate around 50 children at once.

Phase II will add new equipment for the northwest and southwest playgrounds which will include new slides and climbing equipment for the Pre-K and Kindergarten area, and several new pieces of equipment including soccer and basketball goals for the older kids.

Unsafe or damaged equipment will be removed.

The cost of Phase II has been estimated at \$15,000.

Fundraisers have already been started for this project and \$4,902 has already been raised.

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**Valentine Brag Page Deadline**  
February 2--Small Frames \$15.00  
Large Frames \$20.00





ICE ACCUMULATION from the ice storm Saturday and Sunday brought down the overhang porch at the Lockney office of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon. The storm was responsible for accidents and power outages, including a brief outage at the Stock Show on Saturday. Staff Photo

### BBB Report

The Better Business Bureau of the South Plains (BBB) reports a surge in calls from consumers reporting that they had received suspicious telephone calls soliciting personal credit card account information. Although the scenario of these calls varied, they shared a common attribute: the caller was attempting to catch the consumer off guard and gain their credit card number.

A woman reported that she received a telephone call from someone posing as an employee of her credit card issuing company. She was asked to read her credit card number to the caller in order to supposedly update account information. When she refused, the caller relayed the first 12 digits of the card and asked the consumer to provide the last four digits and the card's expiration date, which she did. Within a few days, the consumer discovered an unauthorized charge on her credit card bill totaling \$295.00.

The BBB reminds consumers never to provide credit card numbers or other credit card account information, or provide any private financial or personal information (such as your checking account number or social security number) to anyone who contacts you by phone. Your credit card company or other financial institution will never ask you to provide your account number over the telephone if they are initiating a call to you regarding your account.

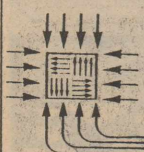
If the caller claims to be from your bank, credit card company, government agency or other organization, ask that they put their request in writing and send it to you. And, ask for a name, physical location and telephone

number. Then call the BBB to report your experience. The BBB has joined with government agencies and consumer organizations to raise public awareness of common telemarketing and mail order fraud techniques. Helpful prevention information is available at the following web site: [www.consumer.gov/know/fraud](http://www.consumer.gov/know/fraud).

If you have divulged personal financial information to unknown callers, contact your credit card company or bank immediately. The Better Business Bureau system is partnering with the Federal Trade Commission to distribute helpful information on how to prevent identity theft. For tips and advice on protecting your personal financial information, visit the FTC web site at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>.

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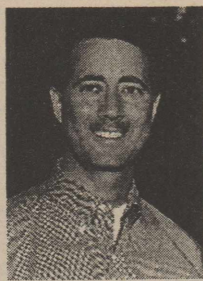
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## ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry

*Mac*

### Better Schools and Lower Taxes Are Two Top Priorities of the New President and Congress

The crowds have gone home. The balls are over, and the bleachers along the parade route are coming down. Now we have a new President and a new Administration ready to go to work with the new Congress. But work on what?

Education was President Bush's top issue during the campaign, and he has already sent Congress his proposals to strengthen schools. His proposals involve giving local schools more flexibility in how they spend the 7 percent of education spending that comes from Washington. And the proposals involve holding schools accountable for doing a better job.

Worries about the country's economy are growing, however, and even leading Democrats now acknowledge that we need tax relief to give it a boost. I believe that tax relief will — and certainly should — be one of the top priorities for the new Congress and new President.

Not only do we need it to help spur the slowing economy, but also to reduce the strain that federal taxes place on family budgets. The federal government now takes more out of the economy in taxes than at

any time since World War II. With substantial budget surpluses, even after we protect Social Security, now is the time for real tax relief.

While a majority in Congress agree that tax relief is needed, there will be differences on what kind of tax relief is best. Eliminating the death tax and the marriage penalty, both of which passed the last Congress by large margins, certainly ought to be approved. But I believe that broad, across the board tax relief is essential. If we do nothing more than pass a few more credits and deductions, most people will not benefit and the economic benefits will be disappointing.

I also believe that something more fundamental is at stake. The more of your money that Washington reaches in and pulls out of your pocket, the less free you are to make decisions for yourself and to provide for your family. The more money Washington takes, the bigger government grows and the more it controls our lives.

With all of the economic arguments, it is important to remember that tax relief also means more freedom.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 131 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515, or through his website at [www.house.gov/thornberry](http://www.house.gov/thornberry)

### Valentine Brag Page



## Congratulations!

City Bank  
Proudly Announces  
The Promotion  
of Phillip Glasson  
To Branch President  
City Bank - Lockney



Phillip was raised in Lockney and graduated from Lockney High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Economics from Lubbock Christian University and graduated from the Texas Tech School of Community Bank Management. After spending almost four years with City Bank - Lockney (formerly First National Bank in Lockney), he was promoted to Vice President in 1998. He lives in Lockney with his wife, Rayanna, and is a member of Lions International, Rotary International and a director for the Lockney Chamber of Commerce.



## PTO raising money for playground

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As of January 30, the following projects have been undertaken:  
Cookie Dough Sales: \$3,800  
Santa's Secret Shop: \$920.00  
Jackpot Drawing Game: \$182.24  
Total Funds Raised: \$4902.24.

The PTO will continue with their previously successful fundraisers, and of course are also encouraging private donations, or making a contribution in memory or in honor of someone else.

Stewart and PTO Vice President Michelle Stennett say the jackpot drawing has been a successful fund raiser. "We will have the jackpot drawing set up at different school func-

tions," said Stennett.

The Jackpot drawing consist of a large poster board sectioned off into small squares with numbers inside—much like a large Bingo Game. If you choose to participate, a number is drawn from a hat and you deposit the amount of pennies chosen from the hat. For instance if 835 is picked—the player drops in 835 pennies, or \$8.35. Your name and number are left in the hat for a drawing after all 1,000 squares are sold.

"We have a chance to raise \$5,000 with this Jackpot game," said Stewart. "We will give away a bike, a Playstation I and other donated items."

A new fundraiser was recently started with honorariums being given

by Ed & Joyce Marks, in memory of Effie Sherman and Eric Humphries.

"We hope we can also encourage honorariums," said Stennett. "We are excited about the chance to improve the playground. We know we have a type of playground near the swimming pool, but that is off a highway. This will be safer and closer to neighborhoods."

"When it comes time to install the equipment we will also need help to keep the costs down," said Stewart. "It has also been suggested that we resurface all play areas with wood chips. This would be an additional cost."

The PTO is also checking into grants and corporate donations to help ease the burden on the community.

Thanks for reading  
The Hesperian-Beacon

## Government can help pay energy bills

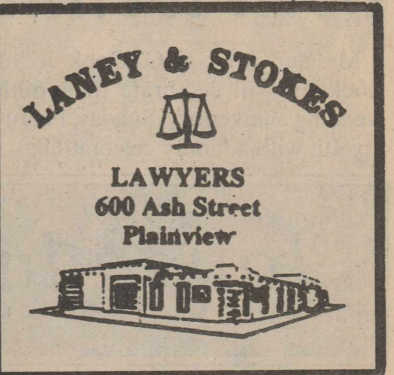
Is your heating bill too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Financial Assistance network in Washington, DC has just published a booklet, "How To Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills.

"The federal government has budgeted over one billion dollars to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills. Many people do not know that this money is available or how to get it," says Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "We've published a booklet that explains the program and tells consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Finan-

cial Assistance Network, Government Help For Energy Bills Dept GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: [www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org](http://www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org).



## Medicare Supplement Insurance...

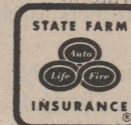
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## Internet access growing faster, easier for Texans

It took 38 years for radio to reach 50 million American homes; 12 years for television. The Web took only four — and with it have come unprecedented entertainment, educational and economic opportunities.

Today, with the help of a new generation of communications technologies, what used to be the "World Wide Wait" is quickly becoming a new, wide-open window to the world. High-speed Internet access is the wave of the future, and companies are hurrying to upgrade and extend their networks worldwide.

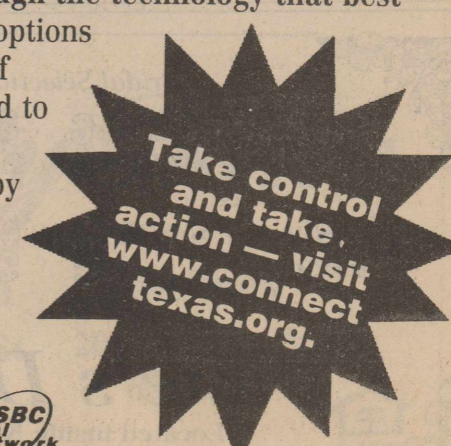
But as we speed into this Information Age, we must make sure Texas' rural communities don't get left behind.

Until now, low population density and expansive geographic distances have made it difficult to provide some types of services to some areas. And if technology is to meet the needs of an economically diverse state like ours, then a "one-size-fits-all" approach simply may not work.

The good news is we don't have to depend upon a single option. Initial research conducted by a special committee of the Texas House suggests that a broad variety of technological capabilities is available out in the marketplace — today.

In addition to existing telephone lines — which can readily accommodate most e-transactions — a new breed of satellite and wireless systems are eliminating the geographic constraints of land-based networks. These advanced communications technologies are delivering swift, affordable alternatives to traditional telephone and cable Internet connections.

Texans deserve high-speed Internet access through the technology that best meets their individual needs. Luckily, with so many options available, it's clear that technology is becoming one of rural America's best allies. Southwestern Bell is proud to be working with Texas policymakers to ensure technology is converted into new services accessible by all Texans.

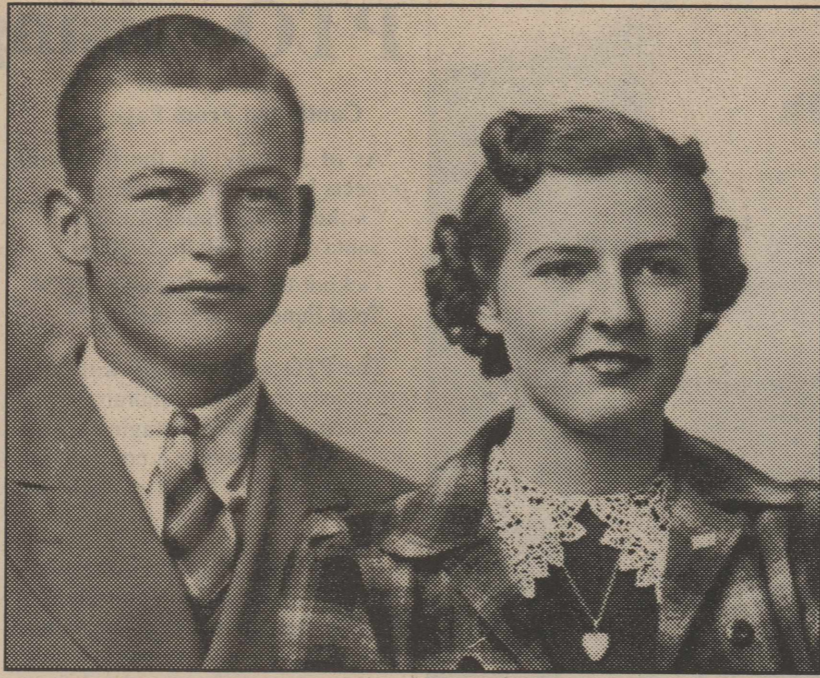


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Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Cook, Jr.  
February 2001



Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Cook, Jr.  
February 1941

## 60th wedding anniversary celebrated by Cooks

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Cook Jr. of Lockney will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, Sunday, February 4th with a family celebration.

The celebration were be held in the couples home. They are the parents of Jack and Vickie Ford of Pontiac, Illinois; David

and Carol Cook of Lockney and Robert and Peggy Cook of Meadows. M.C. and the former, Billie R. Dixon were married February 1, 1941

in Pilot Grove, Texas. (Grayson County. They have 9 grandchildren and 6 1/2 great-grandchildren.

## Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Gene Newton  
Another icy week, but we need the moisture:

We pray for all the ill. We do hope W.L. Carthel, Ruby Hartman and Theta Brotherton are still improving.

Sonny Sutton, Gene and Geneva's brother had a heart attack Saturday night and was taken by ambulance to Plainview Hospital. He spent Sunday in ICU and was due to be transferred

to Lubbock around noon Monday.

### MENU

**February 5-9**  
**Monday**-Chicken Enchiladas, vegetables, salad, dessert.  
**Tuesday**-Spaghetti, garlic toast, vegetables, salad, dessert.  
**Wednesday**-Chicken Fried Steak, vegetables, salad, dessert.  
**Thursday**-Salmon Patties, vegetables, salad, dessert.

## Floyd Data

January 18th, Euna Bradford of Floydada flew to Raleigh Durham, North Carolina.

Her son Danny Bradford met her and they drove to Thomasville, North Carolina where she spent the week-end with Danny, Diane and Justin Bradford. Other visitors were Jaymi Bradford and Josh Regal of Charleston, South Carolina and Lindsey Eanes of Thomasville, North Carolina. Sunday evening Danny took

her to High Point to the Four Star Hosiery Factory. They have 44 knitting machines. They make three thousand dozen pair a week.

They run three 8 hour shifts 5 days a week. Danny is head technician and they market highly specialized hosiery. You can see it on the internet www.topsox.com

Euna returned home Monday and reported a wonderful trip and saw rain everyday except Sunday.

## Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. If you plan on eating lunch please call the center at 983-2032 by 10:00 a.m.

Ernestine Gilly attended the funeral of Asale Noland at McKinney, Thursday January 25th.

Glenna Orman's son Larry of Amarillo spent Saturday January 20th visiting his mothers.

Congratulations to Bill and Estelle Gilbreath who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday January 27th at Wall Street Parlor. They were married January 28th, 1951.

If you are like me you have been at home all weekend due to the ice storm we had. So glad it started melting today (Monday) so I could go to the center and eat a very good hot meal and to visit with friends.

Our sympathy to the family of Ivola B. Walters.

Our sympathy to the family of Bob Covington.

Our sympathy to the family of Robert Shuping.

Our sympathy to the family of Maria Garza.

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

In memory of **Ivolda Walters**: Edna Patton.

In memory of **Glenna Miller**: Edna Patton, Delmas and Pauline McCormick.

In memory of **Frank Breed**: Joel and Ann Evans.

Delmas and Pauline McCormick made a memorial donation in memory of the following: Claude Weathersbee, Grace Grundy, R.G. Dunlap and Linda Helfin, Tinnie Galoway, J.N. Richardson, Mae Muncy, T.L. Holland and Floyd Anderson.

### Thought For The Week:

There is a time in the life of every problem when it is big enough to see yet small enough to solve.

Mike Leavitt

### MENU

#### February 5-9

**Monday**-Chicken Fried Steak, baked potato, green beans, white gravy, wheat roll, apricots.

**Tuesday**-Green Chili Chicken, red beans, lettuce tomato salad or onions, tomatoes, peppers, cornbread or tortillas, fruit salad.

**Wednesday**-Sauerkraut or cabbage, corn, pickles, cornbread, pumpkin crunch.

**Thursday**-Chicken Pot Pie, tossed salad, ranch dressing, cornbread or roll, purple plums, cookies.

**Friday**-Beef Stroganoff Noodles, rice, broccoli, celery sticks, wheat roll, strawberry or peach shortcake.

## Always read the fine print

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS

The most important four words for a consumer to remember are: "Read the fine print!"

"Fine print" usually explains warranties, return policies, liability waivers, services fees, charges and other obligations for both the buyer and the seller, according to Melissa Long, Family and Consumer Science agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"It may be at the bottom of a contract or on the back of an invoice, but it's there," she said. "And it's important because it outlines the limitations and conditions that affect your rights and responsibilities."

But fine print isn't always considered when making a purchase. "Unfortunately, we tend to read the advertising and the big print and we often miss the legal disclosures. Because of the size of the print and the way it's written, it may also be very confusing for many people to understand. As a result, you may not get the deal you thought you were getting."

Consumers should be cautious about the following:

- Memberships in mail-order clubs or health clubs. The incentives may sound good - and so are the intentions - but canceling may be impossible.
- "Free" computer offers that include fee-based Internet services. The cost of the service may be much greater than the value of the computer, and charges may be associated with disconnecting the service.

Limited time offers with little or no interest. In some cases, very high interest rates from the date of purchase may be charged if the buyer doesn't pay off the entire balance by the time the offer ends.

Unsolicited invoices from magazine companies. Subscription may be started automatically if consumers do not respond and cancel the order.

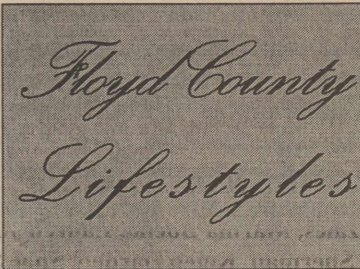
"These are just a few of the situations we can get into if we fail to read things carefully before we sign. We may be able to go to court and recover our money, but that can be expensive and timeconsuming. It's much better if we prevent the problem before it starts."

**Even Small Ads Are Read! Get Your Message Out!**

## Valentine Brag Pages

The deadline to have your pictures submitted for the Valentine Brag Pages is February 2. The special edition will be printed February 8th.

The cost for a small picture in a heart frame will be \$15.00. The cost for a larger heart frame will be \$20.00. Any photo with 4 or more people will have to be put inside a larger heart frame.



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## New Arrivals

### CISNEROS

Lionso and Sharri Cisneros would like to announce the birth of their new son, Alexander David Lee.

He was born on January 23, 2001, at 5:26 p.m. at Mangold Memorial Hospital.

He has two older brothers Michael 12, and Justin, 9.

Grandparents are Lionso and Maria Cisneros of Floydada, Grady David and Doria Lee White of Arlington and great-grandmother, Leandra Barrientos of Floydada.

"Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13: 7-8



ENJOYING WINTER--(L-R) Riley and Hannah Harris enjoyed a sled ride, courtesy of their mother, after snow and ice fell in Lockney over the week-end. Staff Photo

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Krystal Wilson & Roger Kimbrill  
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Tamarah Burson & Skeeter Smith  
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**Bridal Selections for:**  
Tamarah Burson & Skeeter Smith  
Kristal Wilson & Roger Kimbrill  
**Duke's Dodads**  
Located inside Kirk & Sons  
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**Bridal Selections For**  
Tamarah Burson & Skeeter Smith  
Kristal Wilson & Roger Kimbrill  
**Schacht FLOWERS, JEWELRY & GIFTS**  
112 W. Poplar, Lockney  
8:30-5:30, Mon.-Sat., 652-2385

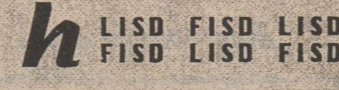
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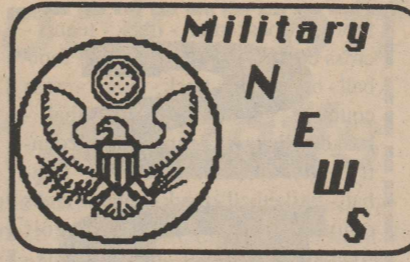
**Clearance SALE Continues**  
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**FIRST STOCK SHOW**--Two foreign exchange students enjoyed their first stock show experience, Thursday, at the Floyd County Stock Show. The Plainview students were visiting their Lockney friends Tasha Powell. Shown here are: (l-r) Cheyann Powell, Mari Sakano, of Japan, Shirley Hon, of Hong Kong, China, Cameron Kemp, and Tasha Powell. Staff Photo

  
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**Cantrell graduates from Coast Guard Training Center**

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Donnie R. Cantrell, son of Mary E. and Delton E. Cantrell of Floydada recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey, and was promoted to his present rank.

During the eight-week training program, Cantrell completed a curriculum consisting of classroom academics and practical instruction on military custom and courtesies, water safety and survival, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness and health.

Cantrell and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values -- honor, respect and devotion to duty -- and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct.

To reinforce the team concept, Cantrell, and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management. Cantrell is now among 36,000 men and women who comprise the Coast Guard's force.

Cantrell joined the Coast Guard in May 2000.

**Girls Summit scheduled for February 10th**

The American Association of University Women, will sponsor a summit for and about girls for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls, on Saturday, February 10, 2001, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

The summit will be held at Estacado Junior High School, 2200 West 20th Street, Plainview, and meant to help girls identify their hopes, dreams, ideas, frustrations and fears. These ideas will then be translated into a platform for action with the assistance of trained and caring leaders. Action plans will be reported to the respective schools in order to bring change.

Chat room sessions will be facilitated by local school counselors and counselors from Hale Center and Lockney.

**Lockney students attend Lubbock drug conference**

Five Lockney High School students participated in a conference on drug free schools on January 25th at the Region 17 Service Center in Lubbock.

of theatrics, informative presentations, and community involvement as key tools in the fight against drugs.

Students from six other schools in the region, police officers, motivational speakers, and teachers joined Lockney students in the conference.

The students attended workshops teaching different ways to promote a drug free school environment, and heard keynote speakers who shared their stories and personal experiences about the negative affects of drug use. The conference focused on the use

Those participating were Lexi Jones, Kelsey Schumacher, Jeffrey Hunter, Jenna Ford, Aaron Blanco, and Sponsor, Patsy Ulmer.



**LITTLE LONGHORNS NAMED**--This week's Little Longhorns are: (back row, l-r) Jacob Luna, Andrew Raissez, James Rockwell, Zachary Montandon, Taylor Hill, Kyler Ellison; (middle, l-r) Allison Poole, Bridget O'Connell, Valerie Luna, Valerie Gonzales, Marina Bueno, Lauren Johnson, Jasmine Penia, Taylor Nutt, Joe Perez; (front, l-r) Ignacio Tapia, Luke Sherman, Kaleb Darden, Shae Segura, Devin Caballero, Bobby Nunez. Staff Photo



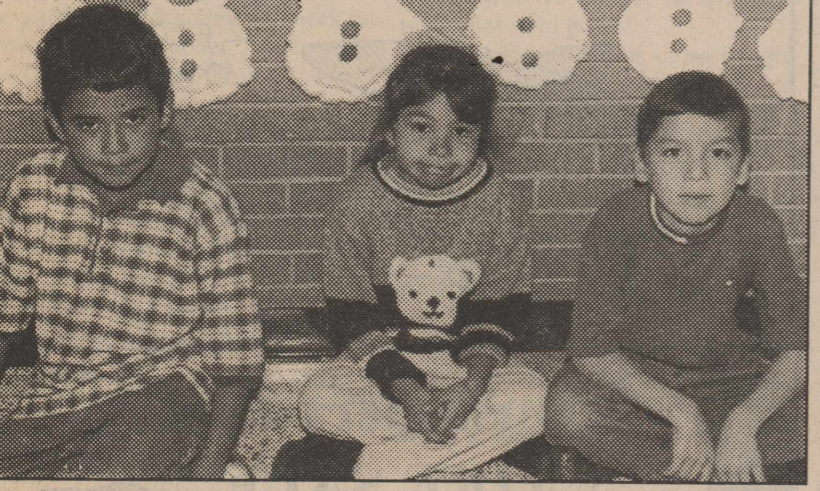
**PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS**--Lockney Boy Scout Troop 259 enjoyed their annual Pinewood Derby recently. The winners were: (L-R) Dylan Afill, 1st; Zack Montandon, 2nd; and Landon Kidd, 3rd. Courtesy Photo

*Drugs are bad!  
No drugs are good!*

**Ten Commandments for Parents of Youth Showing Livestock**

1. Thou shalt not feed, train and care for the animal, for thou are trying to teach you child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive thy child for making mistakes in the show ring, for thou hast made mistakes too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when your child forgets items in the showbox for one day you may forget the showbox.
4. Thou shalt help the show management, for they are doing a job they would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show ring activities, for thou would not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.
7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt not forget that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money making projects.
10. Thou shalt remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.

*This is a good reminder of what the youth livestock projects are all about.*



**LAB PALS NAMED**--ELS Computer Lab Pals for the month of February are: (l-r) Raul Salazar, Isabel Solis, Amos Luna, and (not pictured) Patricia Rios. Staff Photo

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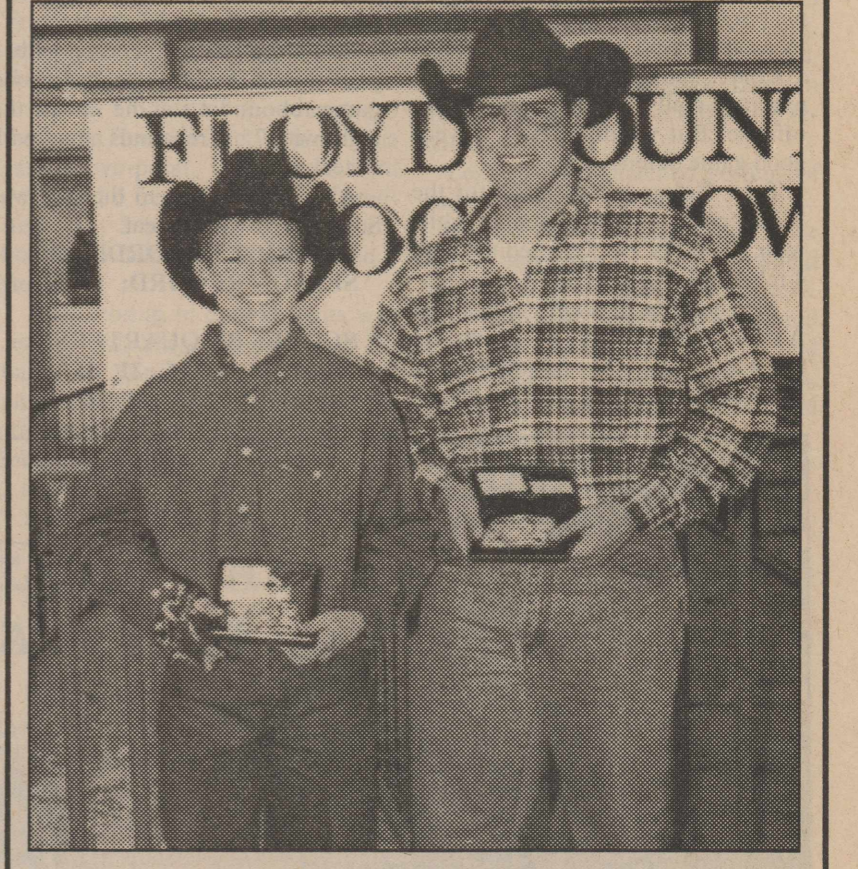
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**Lockney School Menu**

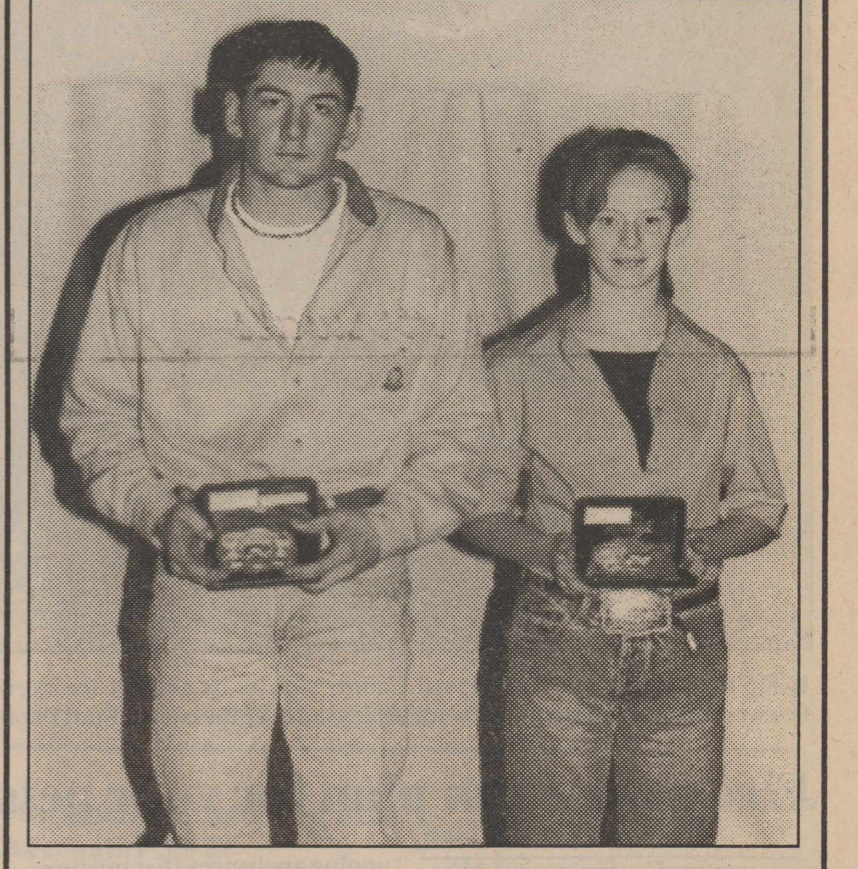
- February 5-9**  
**Monday**  
 Breakfast-Scrambled Eggs/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch-Lasagne/Ham, green beans, mixed fruit, salad, Italian bread, milk.  
**Tuesday**  
 Breakfast-Rice/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch-Cheeseburger pocket/Tuna Sandwich, corn, carrot sticks, apple halves, milk.  
**Wednesday**  
 Breakfast-Ham/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch-Turkey and Gravy/Ham and Cheese, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, peaches, hot rolls, milk.  
**Thursday**  
 Breakfast-Breakfast Burrito/ Cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch-Beef and Macaroni/Grilled Cheese, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, pears, Italian bread, milk.  
**Friday**  
 Breakfast-Cinnamon Roll/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
 Lunch-Hamburger/PBJ Sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, peach cobbler, milk.

**Floydada School Menu**

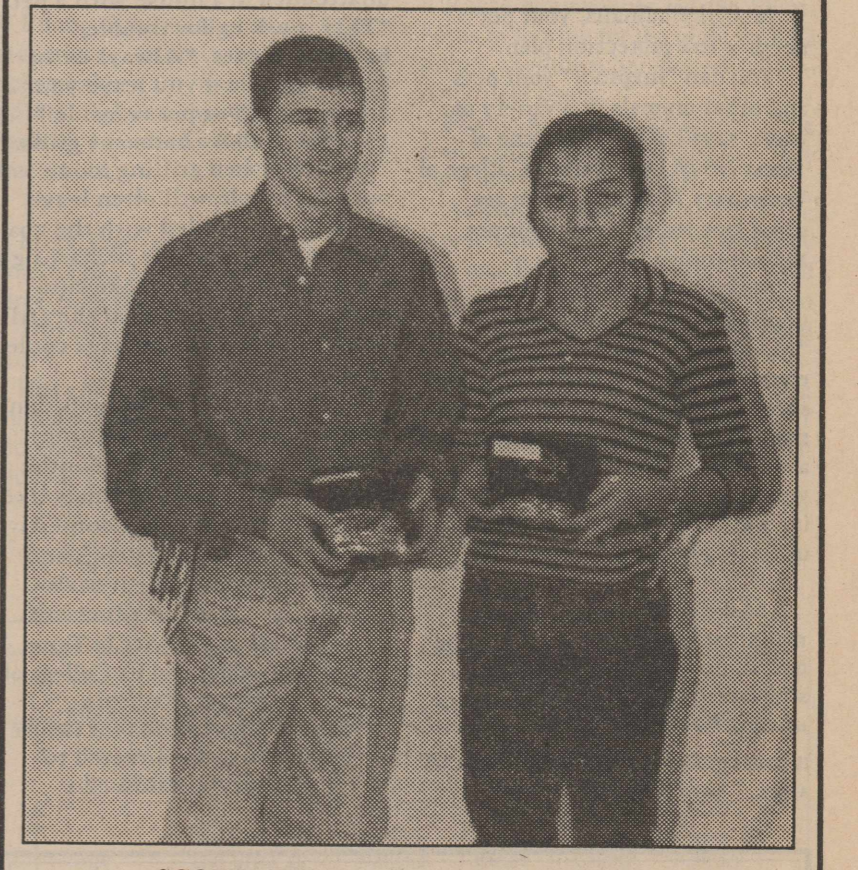
- Monday**  
 Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, cheese toast, milk, juice.  
 Lunch-Pigs in a Blanket, corn, pineapple/mandarin orange salad.  
**Tuesday**  
 Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, oatmeal, sausage, milk, juice.  
 Lunch-Beef and Cheese Chalupas, refried beans, spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, milk.  
**Wednesday**  
 Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, cherry or blueberry muffins, yogurt, milk, juice.  
 Lunch-Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, strawberry shortcake, milk.  
**Thursday**  
 Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, pancakes, syrup, milk, juice.  
 Lunch-Frito Pie, pinto beans, spinach, picante sauce, fruit cup milk.  
**Friday**  
 Breakfast-Cereal, late risers, milk, juice.  
 Lunch-Submarine Sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle, French fries, carrot sticks, brownie, milk.



**LEE FORTENBERRY & TYLER PHILLIPS**  
Junior & Senior Showmanship-Lambs





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Senior & Junior Showmanship-Swine



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## Whirlwinds top Olton Mustangs 68-60

**WHIRLWINDS 68  
OLTON 60**

The Whirlwinds hosted the Olton Mustangs on January 23 and came out with a big district win in a game that was not decided until the final buzzer.

The score at after the first quarter was tied at 16-16, but Floydada inched ahead in the second quarter by a score of 32-29. Both teams scored 21 points each in the third quarter which saw Floydada still ahead by only 3 points. It wasn't until the fourth quarter that saw the 'Winds finally pull ahead and outscore the Mustangs 15-10. The final buzzer had the Whirlwinds on top by a score of 68-60.

Coach Stovall commented, "We executed really well in our half court offense. But we didn't have a very good game defensively."

Tyler Helms led the way for the Winds as he scored in double digits with 20 points. He was credited with 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 5 steals.

Also scoring in double digits was A.nado Morales with 16 points. He had 4 rebounds, 7 assists and 7 steals. Bryce Bowley was the third Whirl-

wind player to score in double digits with 12 points. He had 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals.

Jermaine Wickware ended the night with 7 points. He had a big night on the boards as he was credited with 8 rebounds and had 1 steal.

Dustin Covington added 6 points to the scoreboard along with 6 rebounds and 3 assists.

Edward Porter sank 4 points and had 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal for the night.

Scoring 2 points was Brady Rainwater. He was also credited with 1 rebound, 1 assist and 3 steals.

Rounding out the scoring with 1 point was T.J. Fuller. Fuller had a good game rebounding as he ended the night with 7 big rebounds along with 1 steal.

Also contributing to the win was Scott Nixon with 1 steal.

**DISTRICT RECORD: 4-3  
SEASON RECORD: 14-10**

**SCORES BY QUARTERS  
Floydada 16 16 21 15  
Olton 16 13 21 10**

SPORTS

## Lady 'Winds blow out Olton Fillies 64-39 in district game

**LADY WINDS 64  
OLTON 39**

The Floydada Lady Winds played host to the Olton Fillies on January 23 in a game that was dominated by the Lady Winds. The Lady Winds set the pace for the whole game. After a halftime score of 34-20 they kept up the pace in the third quarter as they outscored Olton 22-7. The final buzzer saw the Lady Winds on top by a score of 64-39.

Erin Ralston led the way for the Lady Winds as she scored 21 points. She hit 10 of 15 two-point field goals and 1 of 2 free throws. She was credited with 1 assist, 4 offensive rebounds, 3 defensive rebounds, 2 blocked shots and 1 steal.

Abby Sanders also scored in double digits for the game with 13 points. She sank 6 of 9 two-point field goals and 1 of 2 free throws. She garnered 4 of-

fensive rebounds and 2 defensive re-

bounds. Jessica Castaneda was the third Lady Winds player that scored in double digits with 10 points. She hit 1 two-point field goal, 2 of 2 three-point field goals and 2 of 2 free throws. She ended the night with 4 assists, 2 defensive rebounds, 1 blocked shot and 3 steals.

Lana McCandless came in the game and sank 2 of 2 three-point field goals along with 1 two-point field goal for a total of 8 points. She had a good game as she was credited with 8 huge assists, 1 defensive rebound and 7 big steals.

Scoring 7 points on the night was Tamara Black. She hit 3 two-point field goals and 1 of 2 free throws. She also had 1 offensive rebound, 1 defensive rebound, and 4 big steals.

Mandy Holbert hit 2 of 2 free

throws for a total of 2 points. She also had 1 offensive rebound.

Jenna Payne hit 1 two-point field goal for a total of 2 points. She was credited with 7 huge assists, 3 offensive rebounds, 2 defensive rebounds and 6 big steals.

Rounding out the scoring with 1 point was Tara Williams. She added 2 assists, 1 defensive rebound and 3 big steals.

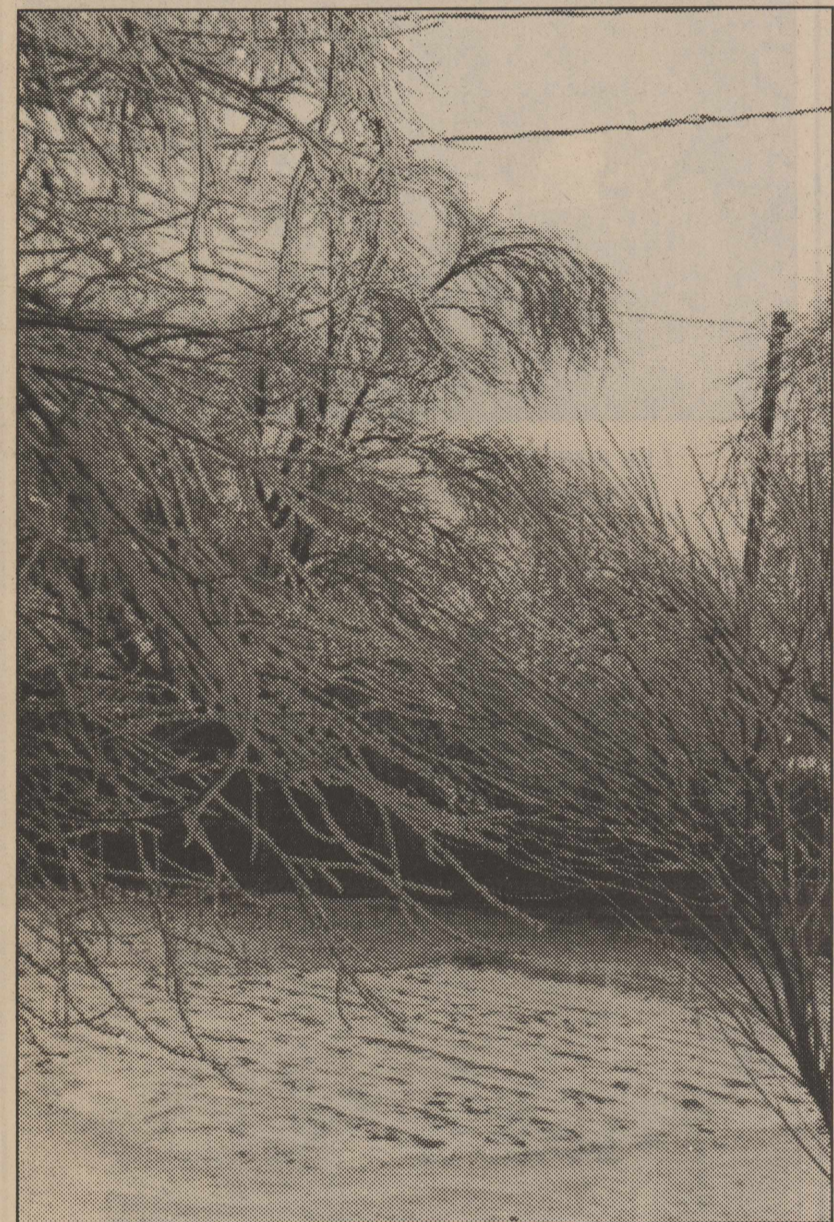
Ragan Beedy contributed to the win with 1 defensive rebound and 1 steal.

Trisha Coursey also contributed to the win with 1 defensive rebound.

The Lady Winds were credited with 22 assists, 15 defensive rebounds, 13 offensive rebounds, 25 steals and 3 blocked shots.

**DISTRICT RECORD: 6-3  
SCORES BY QUARTERS  
Floydada 20 14 22 8  
Olton 11 9 7 12**

Don't do drugs  
or  
drugs will do you!



ICE STORM HITS AGAIN-Floyd County was hit by another ice storm last weekend. Many tree limbs were broken all over the county. Staff Photo

### Valentine Brag Pages

The deadline to have your pictures submitted for the Valentine Brag Pages is February 2. The special edition will be printed February 8th.

The cost for a small picture in a heart frame will be \$15.00. The cost for a larger heart frame will be \$20.00. Any photo with 4 or more people will have to be put inside a larger heart frame.

### Lost or stolen credit cards?

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS

A lost or stolen credit card can become very expensive unless you take immediate steps to protect yourself, according to Melissa Long, Family and Consumer Science Agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"You really have a brief window of opportunity to limit your liability, so it's important to take immediate action when you find out that your card has been lost or stolen," she said.

First, notify your creditor(s) immediately. "If you have more than one card lost or stolen, contact each of them by phone. Then write a follow-up letter to each creditor giving your credit card number, the specific time and date it was lost or stolen, and the date you called them to report it," she said.

Fraudulent use of lost or stolen credit cards generally happens within the first few days after the loss, so the sooner the problem is reported, the greater the chances of stopping someone from using it without permission.

"The Fair Credit Billing Act limits your legal liability when your card becomes lost or stolen. If you report the problem before someone else uses them, your creditor cannot legally hold you responsible for any unauthorized charges. However, if your cards are used before you have a chance to call creditors, you will owe a maximum of \$50 for unauthorized

charges."

Keep a list of account numbers and telephone numbers of creditors for immediate access if necessary. Keep the list up-to-date and filed in a safe place, such as a home lock box or safety deposit box.

Sign up for a credit card registration and protection service offered by many credit card companies. This type of service usually costs up to \$30, but if your cards are lost or stolen, you only need to make one phone call to the protection service instead of calls to each creditor. "This may be a good option if you travel frequently and carry a lot of credit cards, but it's still important to keep it updated."

Contact the credit bureaus and ask for a "fraud alert" to be placed on your file, which is especially important if your purse or billfold is stolen. "All someone needs is our driver's license and a credit card and they can open several charge accounts in your name."

Finally, review your bills carefully for any unauthorized charges. If you find a suspicious transaction, send a letter to your credit card company noting the charge and specific information about the loss of your card.

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KING AND QUEEN OF BLUEBONNET BALL--R.C. Andrews Elementary sponsored the Bluebonnet Ball last week. The kids dressed up as story book characters. The winners were: King J.C. Chappell dressed as William Shakespeare from the book, "William Shakespeare and the Globe". Queen Hallie Bertrand dressed as the weird mom from the book "Regular Guy". Staff Photo

Attention!! Your child needs your support in school!

### Fire protection plan for your pets

#### PET TALK

Just like humans, your pet needs a fire protection plan.

You can "fireproof" your pets and other animals in a variety of ways, says Dr. Dawn Boothe of Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Here are some tips to safeguard your pet against injury.

Make sure appliances are unplugged if not being used. "Many dogs like to chew on electrical cords, and this can either short out and start a fire or injure the dog," says Boothe. "Rabbits are also fond of chewing on cords. If you have a pet that likes to chew, it's a good idea to store appliances in a safe place when not in use."

Make sure your pet cannot reach appliances, such as irons or hair dryers when in use. "Cats sometimes like to jump on top of ironing boards and if the iron is on, it can be tipped over and may start a fire," says Boothe. "Always

unplug appliances that produce heat - such as irons or hair dryers - if a pet is in the house."

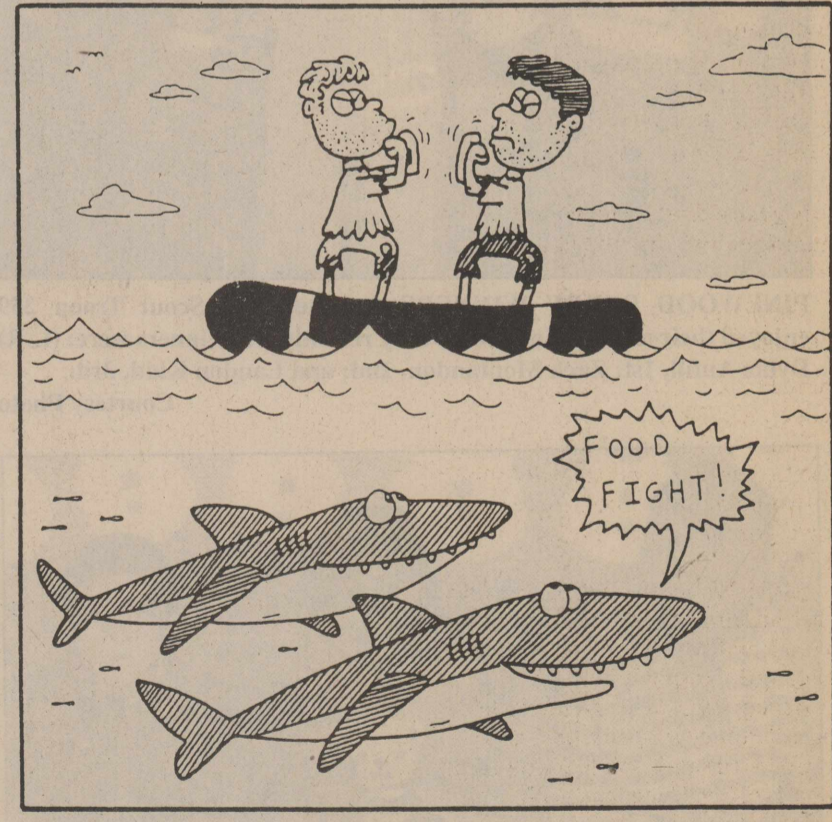
Never leave a burning candle unattended in a house with a pet. "This is asking for trouble," Boothe believes. "Always extinguish a candle if you leave your house with your pet is inside."

Watch those barbecue grills. "When finished grilling food outside, people will often leave the grill unattended with the coals still very hot, capable of starting a fire quickly. Either make sure that pets cannot get near the grill or make sure all coals have cooled down," Boothe notes.

It's a myth that animals don't like fire. "You cannot assume animals don't like fire," Boothe adds. "In fact, many animals like the warmth, and many domesticated animals such as dogs and cats like to be near heat."

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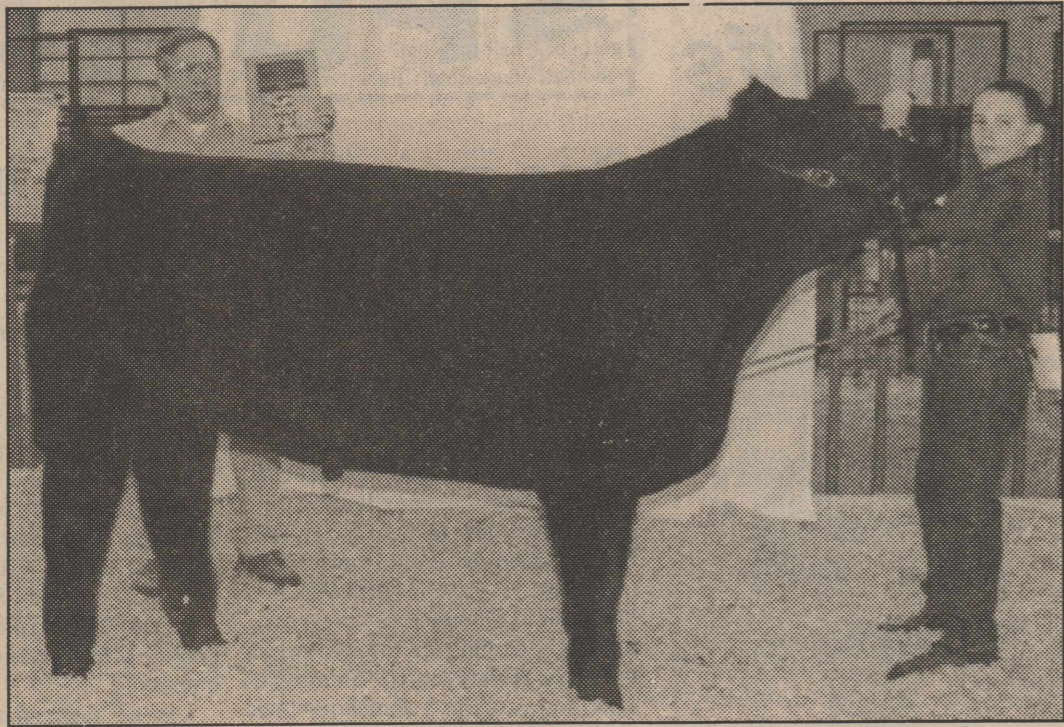
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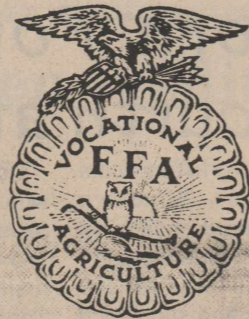
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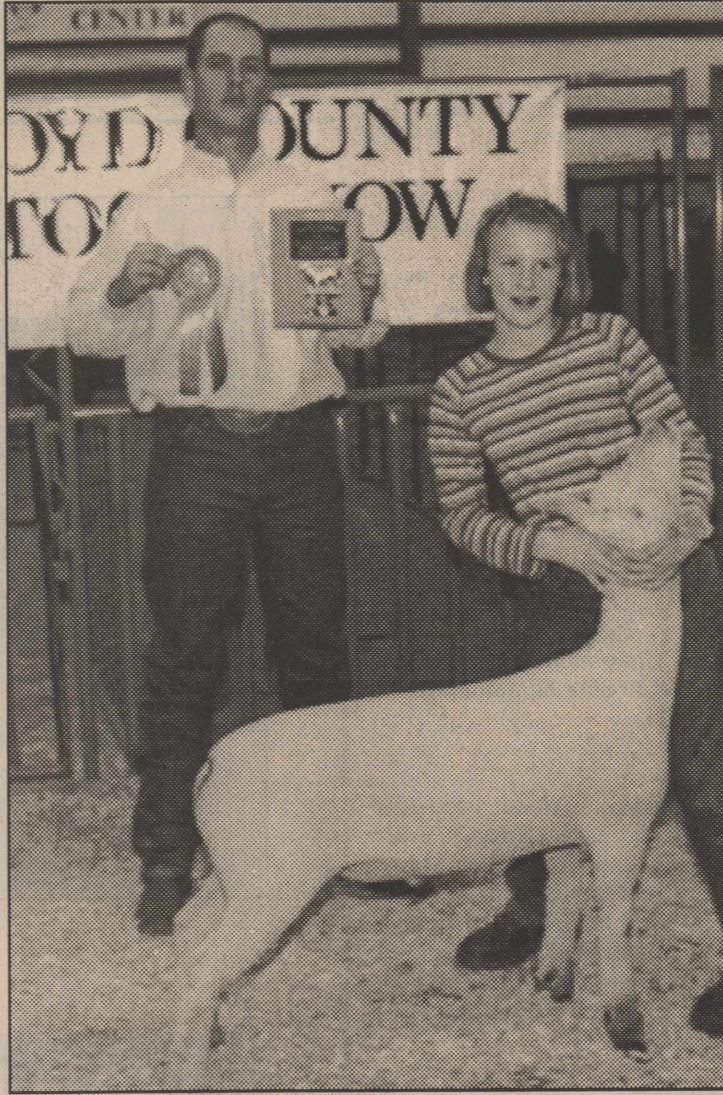
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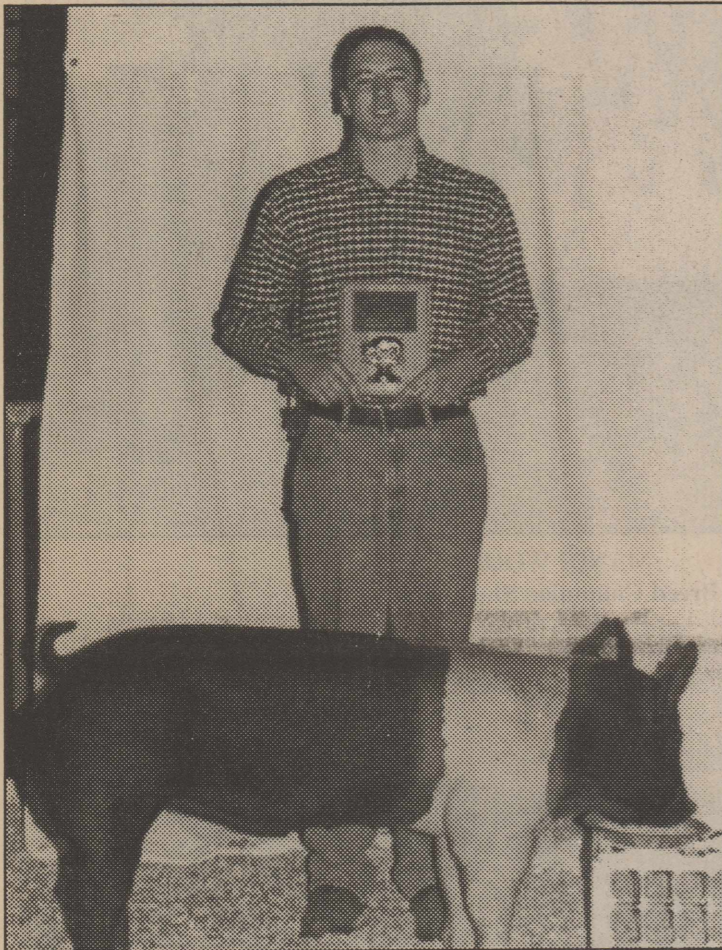
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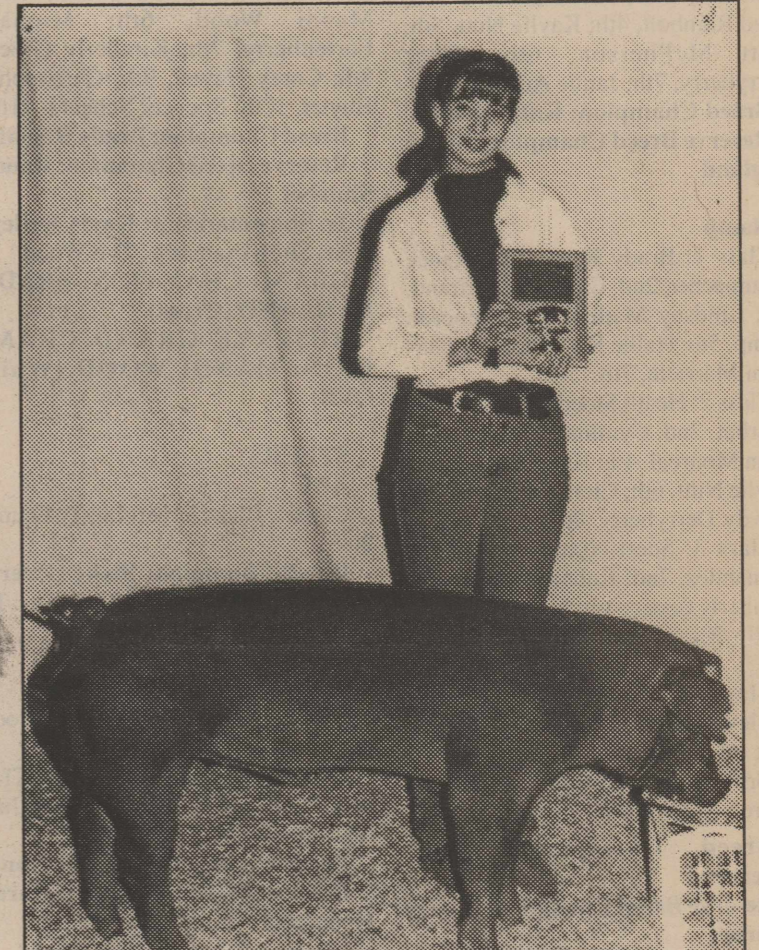
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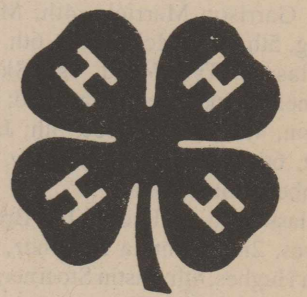
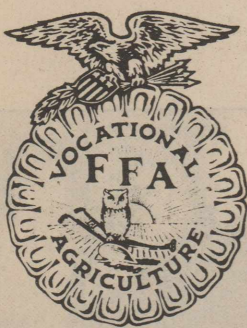
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# Crop disaster program delayed

**By Shawn Wade**  
Growing speculation that benefits from the 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) will be significantly delayed by the Bush Administration's halt of last second Clinton-era rule making is NOT accurate.

Plains Cotton Growers' check of the situation shows that a lack of focus by the outgoing administration, a five-week delay in election results and even USDA's own multi-layer approval process have combined to slow down the final approval of CDP rules. However, the delay should not amount to anything significant compared to

the approval timeline for past programs.

It is anticipated that any delay that does occur will not be nearly as long as many fear. The new Administration and Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman appear to be trying to complete the approval process as quickly as possible so that the rules can be published and checks issued.

Growers with early appointments to figure CDP eligibility and benefits may have to wait a short time before actually receiving a check. It appears at this time that the delay will not be too long.

The bottom line is that growers will continue to participate in the CDP sign-up process at the same time the rules are getting their final approval within USDA.

All growers should receive an entitlement report that shows how much assistance they will receive when checks are released following publication of the rules in the Federal Register.

Some patience may be required on the part of producers as the process moves forward although the time frame should not be as long as many currently fear.

# Don't get burned buying firewood

A roaring fire in the fireplace may be just what's needed during this bitterly cold Texas weather. But in the rush to keep the home fires burning, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs says some consumers may be getting short-changed because they don't know how much firewood they are buying.

"By law, firewood can only be sold by the cord or by fractions of a cord," Combs said. "Anything else and consumers may be getting burned."

A standard cord of firewood is 128 cubic feet of wood generally a pile measuring 8 feet long by 4 feet tall by 4 feet deep. The wood should be placed in a line or row with individual pieces of wood touching and parallel to each other. The cord of wood should be compact.

Other units, such as "rick," "truckload," "face cord," "rack" or "pile," are not legitimate measurements, and people have no way of determining how much firewood they are actually

receiving.

If you think you have been short-changed, contact your Texas Department of Agriculture regional office or TDA's Weights and Measures Program at (512) 463-7483 or 1-800-TELL-TDA (835-5832).

TDA offers other helpful hints for buying fire wood:

- Only buy well-seasoned wood. If you try to burn green wood, the heat produced by combustion must dry the wood before it will burn, using up a large amount of the available energy in the process. Well seasoned firewood generally has darkened ends with visible cracks or splits. It is relatively lightweight and makes a clear "clunk" when pieces are hit against each other. Green wood on the other hand is very heavy, the ends look fresher and it tends to make a dull "thud" when struck.
- To prevent the spread of oak wilt, only buy well seasoned oak firewood. Although the fungus that causes oak

wilt is heat sensitive, storing contaminated, unseasoned wood may help spread the disease. The beetles that carry the fungus may fly off and infect healthy trees. Well seasoned oak firewood is dried to the point where the bark is falling off and the wood is cracked. The fungus is no longer alive in well seasoned wood.

- Wood should be stored off the ground if possible and protected from excess moisture when weather threatens. The ideal situation is a wood shed with a roof and open or loose sides for plenty of air circulation to promote drying.
- Only buy a little pine, even construction scraps, as kindling.
- Packaged natural wood offered for sale in quantities less than one-eighth cord or 16 cubic feet, must display the quantity in terms of cubic meters or cubic feet or any fractions of cubic meters or cubic meters and must meet TDA's labeling requirements for accuracy.

# Boll Weevil eradication zone results

Year end figures for the three active boll weevil eradication zones in the High Plains of Texas were shared by management with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board at its regular meeting in Abilene, Tuesday.

TBWEF Executive Director Lindy Patton, Program Director Dr. Charles Allen, Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard, and Chief Administrative Officer Richard Newman each gave reports to the board.

CFO Tina Ballard reported that percentage collections, so far, of grower assessments for the two seasons 1999 and 2000 were as follows:

Zone	1999	2000
Northwest Plains	98.74%	90.9%
Permian Basin	99.01%	90.7%
Western High Plains	98.05%	84.1%

Expenditures in the Permian Basin Zone, where boll weevil numbers have been tremendously reduced following the first full year of eradication, were reported almost 6% below the budgeted level. For the Western High Plains Zone, where very positive weevil control has also been experienced, Ballard reported expenditures to date running insignificantly above budget.

Dr. Allen explained in his report that the Northwest Plains Zone had seen high, late-season weevil pressure stemming from inward migration to the zone from surrounding non-active areas. Associated cost overruns should be mitigated as programs in New Mexico, Southern High Plains Zone and Northern High Plains Zone kick off in 2001.

Patton pointed out that cost increases were also a result of acreage

increases. However, this also had a positive impact on assessment revenue for the NWP Zone which was more than 13% above budget, counteracting much of the expense.

Newman outlined improvements to the bid process and the increased oversight of Texas Department of Agriculture. He described to the board a policy of obtaining "best value" from vendors with this being currently applied to the insurance needs of the Foundation.

**Thanks for Reading The Hesperian-Beacon!**



# Floyd County Farm News

## Marketing workshops scheduled

**By Tim McAlavy**  
Farmers and ranchers can gain a better understanding of futures and options, and how to effectively use them as marketing tools at a series of workshops slated in February and March, said a Texas A&M agricultural economist.

"These workshops are designed to help producers improve their pricing and marketing strategies through the study of futures and options," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Agricultural Extension Service ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "In order to take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities, producers must know how to evaluate market alternatives."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market. So, we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options, fundamental and technical analysis, and pricing strategies using these tools."

The four, one-day workshops are slated on Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8 and March 29 at the Ralls Community Room in Ralls, added Steve Young, Crosby County Extension agent-agriculture.

Smith will teach all four workshops. Specific workshop topics include:

- \*Feb. 8 - Marketing Plans; Introduction to Futures; Pricing with Futures
- \*Feb. 22 - Introduction to Options; Pricing with Options
- \*March 8 - Pricing Strategies; Basics of Fundamental Analysis; Introduction to Technical Analysis
- \*March 22 - Overview of Technical Analysis; Seasonal Marketing Considerations

"Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.," Smith said. "Registration costs \$30 per person for all four workshops."

Producers can register, or get more information, for these workshops by calling Smith at 806-746-6101; or by calling Young at the Crosby County Extension office (806-675-2347).



**DIVISION II CHAMPION--Segayle Foster's Heifer was named the Division II Champion and 1st in Class at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Nov. 16, 2000--National Junior Chiangus Show. Shown here are: (l-r) Bryon Brock, Shawnda Foster, David Foster, Will Foster, J.T. Pass, Jody Foster, Segayle Foster, Justin Refroe, and Senee Foster.**

## Southwest crops producers conference & expo planned

**By Shawn Wade**  
Growers, landlords and agriculture industry people interested in hearing the latest news and views on issues ranging from moisture management to marketing and economics should make plans to attend the 2001 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo.

The Conference will be held February 13, 2001 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Registration is free to all attendees and begins at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Everyone that pre-registers for the conference will be entered in to a drawing to win a Remington 1100 12-ga. shotgun.

Additional topics to be covered include long-range weather and pest outlooks, and production tips.

Conference highlights will include a legislative update from John Maguire with the National Cotton Council in Washington, DC, and a panel discussion focusing on strategies for profitability in 2001 featuring

ing growers Danny Davis, Elk City, OK; James Hinton, Floydada; and Dale Swinburn, Tulia.

Also scheduled is Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Executive Vice President Lindy Patton reporting on the status of eradication activities in Texas.

Continuing Education Units for licensed Pesticide applicators and Crop Consultants will be offered. Pesticide applicators can receive 4 CEUs from TDA (2 general, 1 IPM and 1 laws and regs). Certified Crop Advisors can receive 4.5 CCA credits (1.25 pest management and 3.25 crop management).

# RMA approves 80% to 85% coverage for Texas

**By Shawn Wade**  
Early indications that Texas cotton growers would be shut out of the chance to purchase crop insurance at levels above 75 percent have proven false.

This week the Risk Management Agency announced that 80 and 85 percent coverage will be offered to Texas cotton growers in 2001.

Plains Cotton Growers officials welcomed the announcement and noted that their discussions over the past few weeks reiterated the need to

make the coverage available so growers could decide whether it was cost effective or not.

While it is a fact that coverage above 75 percent is still relatively expensive, the RMA decision means that growers will have the opportunity to consider these higher levels when making risk management decisions for 2001.

It appears that last year's crop insurance reform bill will indeed move many growers up the ladder in terms of their insurance coverage levels.



**DIVISION I CHAMPION--Senee Foster's Heifer was named the Division I Champion and 1st in Class at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Nov. 16, 2000--National Junior Chiangus Show. Shown here are: (l-r) Jansen Churchwell, Bryon Brock, Will Foster, David Foster, Shawnda Foster, Jody Foster, Senee Foster, and Segayle Foster.**

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Location: 6.5 Miles Northeast of Lockney, Texas  
The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will sell at a Trustee's Foreclosure Sale to the highest bidder or bidders, for cash, at the outside steps west entrance of the county courthouse in Floydada Texas on Tuesday, February 6, 2001 At 10:00 A.M. (or within 3 hours thereafter). FSA's minimum bid is \$7,320.00. The foreclosure is subject to two prior liens deeds of trust dated January 2, 1980 in the amount of \$29,494.00 and May 15, 1992 in the amount of \$27,000.00. For specific information contact the FSA Farm Loan Manager, Becky V. Rainer, P.O. Box 598, Floydada, Texas 79233 Phone: 806-983-2430  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF REPORT OF ACQUISITION OF GATE CITY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. BY SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**  
On or about December 4, 2000, South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SPEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Lubbock, Texas, and Gate City Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Childress, Texas, filed an Application for Sale, Transfer, or Merger with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), reporting the acquisition of GCEC by SPEC. Copies of the report are available for review during normal business hours at the offices of SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas; at the offices of GCEC, 1900 Avenue C, NW, Childress, Texas; and the Commission's Central Records, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The report is also available electronically through the Commission's Interchange, which can be accessed through the Commission's web site, www.puc.state.tx.us.  
The report to the Commission has been assigned Docket No. 23423. Persons with questions about this project should contact Bryant Higginbotham at SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas, (806) 775-7732, or James Driver at GCEC, P.O. Box 69, Childress, Texas 79201, (940) 937-2565. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment on the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention and comments is March 15, 2001 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by that date.  
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Sex: Heifers  
Size: 350 lb. heifers  
Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: ear tags color orange  
and on the 26th day of January, 2001, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Floyd County, Texas.  
I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Floyd County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.  
Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 10th day of February, 2001, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff sale at the Floydada Livestock Sales Company.  
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(Designee of Sheriff of Floyd County, Texas)  
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The bid must be received in the office of the Superintendent of Floydada ISD no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of February 8, 2001. The Board of Trustees will approve the bid at its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 8, 2001. FISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
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