

LOCKNEY LONGHORNS RAISE THEIR AREA TROPHY--The Horns won the Area Championship after defeating Seymour Panthers, 13-0, 9-5, in a two out of three series that ended in Bulldog Stadium in Plainview, Friday, May 9.

'Horns win Area Championship

By Coach David Fairchild

The Lockney Longhorn Baseball Team picked up where they left off once the regular season finished.

The Longhorns swept the Seymour Panthers in two games, 13-0 and 9-5.

"I was real pleased with these young men," said Coach Fairchild. "They

were focused and hungry to play."

The Longhorns proved how hungry they were by finishing game one of the series with 19 hits.

"It was a great night for the Longhorns--we just didn't hit the ball, we hit the ball hard and on the nose."

Brandon Alvis led all batters going

4 for 4 with two RBI's. Chad Johnson went 3-4 as did Robert Luebano who went 3-4. Ben Sherman went 2-3 at the plate as well as got the win on the mound for the Longhorns.

Ben is now 10-0 for the season. In game two the Longhorns jumped

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Lockney EDC reports on future projects and Dairy possibility

Bobby Hall and Brenda Johnson with the Lockney Economic Development Corporation, met with the Lockney City Council on May 10th to give a quarterly report.

The Lockney E.D.C. is currently waiting on a contract to be signed by a landowner opening the door for a dairy in the Lockney School District area.

After the contract is signed a permit must be obtained from the T.N.R.C.C. Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Within the next two weeks the Lockney E.D.C. will be sending out letters to land owners in the Lockney area concerning property suitable for future dairy operations.

Hall reported that Russell Harris and himself have been attending E.D.C. seminars hosted by the South Plains Regional Task Force which is coordinated by Market Lubbock.

Hall also reported that two intern students from Wayland University were going to start working with the L.E.D.C. and felt they would be very

helpful in helping the E.D.C. aggressively search for grants.

"We are also looking at the possibility of a community assessment project for Lockney, if this is something the entities might be interested in," said Hall. "A team would be brought in to interview local businessmen, farmers, ranchers and students. The team will compile a community assessment for the Lockney area. The only cost involved would be for lodging and meals for the team.

The L.E.D.C. will also be entering a contest put on by Cotton Town. The contest is looking at the impact cotton has on communities like Lockney. Three \$10,000 dollar awards will be awarded. "That money could be used by the Lockney fire department to help purchase a new fire truck," stated Hall.

In other business Larry Mullins met with the Council and gave a report concerning the City's computer software. Larry submitted a proposal from U.S.T.I. for a software package. This package would meet the needs of the

City and cost \$13,000 to \$14,000 less than the package offered by City's current software provider Encode. After some discussion, Tina Graves made a motion to accept U.S.T.I.'s proposal and Dee Copeland made the second. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Council opened the only bid submitted for the city owned property just north of the Lockney Swimming Pool. This is the property where the new Lockney Youth Center will be located. The bid submitted by the Lockney Youth Activity Center, a Texas not for profit organization, was for \$1000. Michael DeLeon made the motion with a second by Dee Copeland. All were in favor.

In department reports, Municipal Judge Michelle Araujo reported that D.P.S. will be conducting a "Click it - or Ticket" campaign from May 20th through June 2nd. Troopers will be focusing on seatbelt violations. Judge Araujo stated that the State mandated minimum fine for a child not in a seatbelt is \$100.

Payne and Castaneda win Silver



JESSICA CASTANEDA & JENNA PAYNE

The doubles team of Jessica Castaneda and Jenna Payne brought home the Silver Medal from the State Tennis Tournament held May 6th and 7th on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin.

In the Quarterfinals Castaneda and Payne defeated Teel/Autry of Franklin 6-1, 6-4. In the Semi-Finals Castaneda and Payne defeated Davenport/Bush of Thorndale 6-0, 3-6, 6-0. In the Finals Castaneda and Payne were defeated by Newman/Reddish of Eldorado 2-6, 5-7.

Coach Nixon's Comments:
What a way to finish your Senior year by winning the Silver Medal at the State Meet. We talked about this year was going to be the year we were not going to be denied. They have been focused and determined all year. I told the girls just to compete and put it all on the line because they had nothing to lose.

Our Region is extremely tough. 7
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Carthel asks Commissioners to appeal residential appraisals

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners Court met Monday, May 13. The commissioners heard an appeal by Floydada resident Hulon Carthel asking the court to protest, as an entity, the recent Floyd County Appraisal District's residential property values increases.

Carthel said, "My main purpose for being here is to ask you as Floyd County Commissioners Court to request a written challenge of the 2002 residential property values. I understand that if you do challenge it and win, then the appraised (residential) values will stay as they were in 2001.

"This only locks in their values and all taxing entities will still have their options of setting their tax rates where ever they like. Some entities roll their tax rates forward, while others roll their's back. This is their responsibility.

"I would like to express my opinion on the Appraisal District. The Appraisal District has done a super

job. They have done what they were supposed to do. Shelia (Fortenberry) has done what she was supposed to do," Carthel continued.

"The state of Texas is giving them guidelines and red tagging property and telling them that these values are out of place. I have no problem with the Appraisal District. They have done their job well. Shelia is diligent and very committed to the job. Shelia and I have never had a cross word.

"But I don't think the state of Texas has a handle on what our values are in this county. I know ag values have gone down and there is a reason for it. We are an ag based community and I find it hard to believe that our residential values are escalating at the rate that they are. They do reevaluate every three years and the only classification I am asking for is the residential," Carthel said.

Carthel reminded the commissioners that a challenge is not well known and it must be presented before June 1, 2002 deadline. Carthel presented

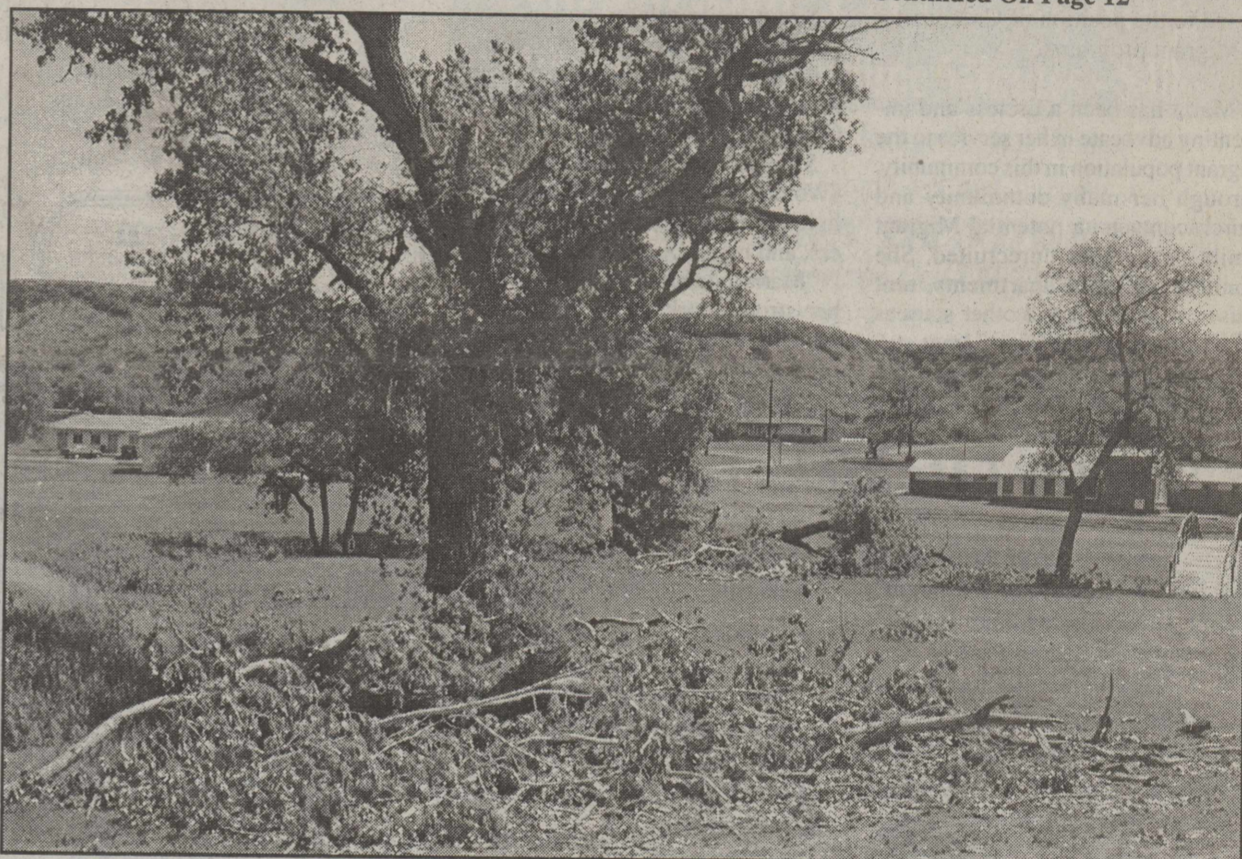
the commissioners a list of about 150 names who had signed a petition agreeing with his actions.

Carthel asked, "Do you think any property in Floyd County will sell for more money than it would have three years ago? I do not think our property values, whether it be farm land, commercial, or residential, have appreciated in value over the past three years.

I think the different entities have the responsibility to keep this in check and it will not hurt any entity.

"In the school's case, there may be some questions. I'll be the first to say that I am as concerned about the schools as anybody else. I think that should have some part in your decision. Do remember there are nine taxing entities involved in this, and there are only two school districts. I know you and the City of Floydada are very conservative. You have always rolled the tax rate back when they had to," Carthel stated.

Commissioner Craig Gilly replied
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STORM DAMAGE AT PLAINS BAPTIST ASSEMBLY--Several trees were blown down and limbs broken off others at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada last Friday night, May 10, during a National Weather Service tornado warning. The NWS issued a Tornado Warning at 8:58 p.m. to the Floyd County Sheriff's office. High winds, golf ball size hail, and a tornado was spotted in the air by a television crew from Lubbock. Local insurance agent Nick Long told the Hesperian-Beacon, "We had some broken skylights and back windows broken out on some homes in Floydada, along with windshields and back windows broken out on several cars. We won't know our home roof damages until the adjusters get here. Contact your insurance agent if you think you have damage." Rainfall around the immediate area and in town ranged from 1/4" to 1 1/2". Staff Photo

Floydada Council hears citizen's appraisal complaint

Floydada resident, Hulon Carthel, came before the City Council meeting, May 10 to ask the council to challenge the 2002 appraisal rates.

Saying he represented only himself, Carthel presented 129 signatures to the council of people who Carthel said also wanted the council to challenge the appraisal rates. "I know there may be duplicate names on here and some of them may not be taxpayers," said Carthel, "but I would guess that 79% to 80% of the signatures are legitimate."

Carthel said he had no quarrel with the tax appraisal office. "The only recourse a taxpayer has is to appeal the appraisal on his own property within 90 days," said Carthel. "The only other way to appeal is for the taxing entity to appeal a whole classification of property. I am requesting an appeal of the residential property appraisals."

Carthel said he knew the city council would soon be meeting with the appraisal district board and he asked the council to ask some specific questions of the appraisal board.

"I would like to know if any houses have gone down in value?" said Carthel. "Are houses that are abandoned on the tax roll? Are houses that are about to be demolished on the tax roll?"

"How can a house be valued for more than the purchase price?"

"Will the school district's in the county be punished if the challenge is successful?"

"If the evaluation process was fair and equal 3 years ago, why are the percentages so diverse?"

"Do you really believe that any property in Floyd County is worth more today than it was 3 years ago?"

Councilman Clar Schacht asked Carthel, "Do you want us to disregard the advice of our appraisal board members who have studied this issue and said that residential property values are too low?"

"It seems to me," continued Schacht, "that you are asking us to put the appraisal board over a barrel by telling them they can't do what the state tells them they have to do. We, the city, have been in that position before."

"The state has told them (the appraisal district) that they must have residential property valued close to 100% of what it is selling for and that is what they are doing."

"I don't think the state should be here telling us what our value should be," said Carthel. "I know the city is conservative and will hold their tax rate--but other entities won't. If the

appraised value is held at the same rate the only entity that will be hurt is the school. If that is the case, the school should raise their taxes to get more money--all the other taxing entities shouldn't have to accept the appraisal rates just to help the schools."

There was no action taken on the appraised values recommendations. The council members agreed to attend the joint meeting, May 13, with the Floyd County Appraisal office and the tax entities.

Game Warden Mark Collins also spoke to the council concerning leasing 137 acres of the city farm for public dove hunting, from September 1 through October.

Collins has been very busy working out lease agreements with private landowners for land to be placed on a "public hunting" list.

When he is through Collins hopes to have land set aside for public to hunt deer, dove, pheasant, quail, and turkey.

"The first thing people think of when they think of public hunting is the general public flooding the area," said Collins. "That is not the case. There is no mass chaos.

"First the hunter must purchase a public hunting permit for \$40 plus
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ISSUE UPDATE

with
Mac Thornberry

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Let's Not Turn Back the Clock on Welfare Reform

One of the most important reforms of the past decade was the change to our welfare system passed by Congress in 1996.

By requiring welfare recipients to work and adding time limits for those able to work, the trap of welfare dependency was transformed into a true helping hand. By almost every measure, these reforms have succeeded beyond all expectations.

The 1996 Welfare Reform Act will soon expire, and Congress will take up legislation to re-authorize it. Unfortunately, there will be some attempts to turn back the clock on the work requirements. There is always room for improvement upon legislation once it is enacted, and welfare reform is no exception.

But before we decide to turn back the clock on the reforms of 1996, we ought to take a close look at some of the good things that have happened over the last six years.

First, welfare rolls have been cut in half. Statistics provided by the Congressional Research Service show that from 1995 to 2000 the welfare case load declined 52% and the number of individuals receiving cash welfare payments declined 56%. With fewer people receiving welfare, we are better able to help those people who really need our assistance.

Second, in virtually every category, living standards are better

for those in need of help.

For example, the employment rate of single mothers on welfare increased 40% during the same period. One third of those leaving welfare earn incomes above 150% of the poverty line. The teen birth rate declined for all age, racial, and ethnic groups, including the largest decline ever for African-American teen pregnancy. Child support collections have grown every year - from \$12 billion in 1996 to \$19 billion in 2001.

These statistics are encouraging, but we can and should do even better. Too many former welfare recipients continue to live in poverty. Many have trouble paying housing and utility bills and putting food on the table.

At least one-third of those leaving welfare do not participate in Medicaid, food stamp, or child-care programs because they do not know that they are eligible. Our country's teen pregnancy rate is still higher than most industrialized nations. We need to build on the successes of the program thus far but not revert to the failed policies of the past.

To make even more progress, we will need a rich mix of options because every situation is unique. The President's Faith-Based Initiative acknowledges that federal support in the hands of communities makes a real difference in people's lives. This partnership of government with faith-

based community care givers who are close to the needs of people and trusted by those who hurt is the right approach. Government should strive to be a help up, rather than encourage dependency.

Moving from welfare to the workplace can be very disquieting at first for anyone who is attempting to step out of their comfort zone. Making this transition is certainly difficult, but it is also very important. It takes effort, good judgment, and a lot of determination on the part of the person who is making the transition. It also takes effort and good judgment by the government to craft legislation that is fair for the recipients and for the taxpayers. And, it takes the effort, good judgment, and compassion of a community to be the guide and a "hand up" for those who hit a bump in the road.

If there is one thing I know for sure, it is that Texans respect hard work. There is something important about the sense of accomplishment and self-reliance that comes from doing a good job. Government policies should help foster this self-reliant spirit.

No one piece of legislation will be a panacea for our country's social ills, but building on the success of the past six years can help create greater economic freedom and a higher standard of living for all our citizens.

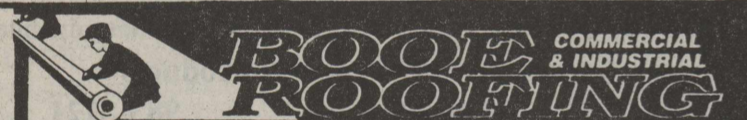
For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please call Mac Thornberry at (202) 225-3706, or e-mail him through his website at www.house.gov/thornberry.

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Chief Appraiser addresses questions from taxing entities

The Floyd County Appraisal District Board met in front of a packed house, May 13, to answer any questions from taxing entities concerning the new residential appraisals.

The appraisals, which are done every three years in Floyd County, have shown an increase in residential values but a drop in land values.

According to Chief Appraiser Shelia Faulkenberry, the appraised value of residential property was low in Floyd County. "The state requires that property is valued close to 100% of market value.

Faulkenberry presented evidence to those in attendance which showed her office research of 22 residential properties for sale in Floydada. Of these, property was appraised from a low of 59% of the asking price to a high of 94%.

In Lockney the appraised value ranged from 48% to 93% asking price. The median rate was then calculated and the appraisal medium, on 47 actual sales, was 93%.

Agriculture value was down in Floyd County and the appraised value was therefore decreased.

According to Faulkenberry, in Floydada, last year, the value placed on single family residence of \$37,634.70 was .8764 below the state's value of \$42,942,400.

The rural real (ag value) of \$74,300,363 from the local appraisal was 1.2614 higher than the state value of \$58,901,820 by the State Comptroller.

A comparison chart presented by Faulkenberry of taxable value in 2001 showed: Fisd taxable value at \$154,702,263 with a tax rate of 1.3453. This rate levied \$2,028,612.78 for Fisd.

With the new 2002 appraisal (and the loss of ag value) Fisd's taxable value would be approximately \$149,702,263, a loss of \$5,000,000 in taxable value. If the tax rate stayed the same at Fisd the school would lose approx. \$67,267 in tax levy. The school would have to raise their tax rate to 1.40937 to collect the same tax levy as in 2001.

LISD showed a taxable value decrease of approximately \$6,000,000,

from the 2001 value of \$99,749,213 to the new 2002 value of \$93,749,213. The 2001 tax levy for LISD was \$1,238,767.43 with their tax rate of 1.26606.

Even with the new appraisal, LISD will lose approximately \$75,963 tax levy if they leave their tax rate the same. To collect the same amount in 2002, LISD would have to increase their tax rate from 1.26606 to 1.37957.

Taxable value for The City of Floydada will increase to \$59,581,008, or a gain, of \$4,000,000 in taxable value, which will generate \$14,400 extra in tax collections. If the City dropped their tax rate to .33583 they would generate the same revenue as last year-which was \$200,091.62.

The City of Lockney would also show an increase in taxable value, by approximately \$1,000 over last year's \$33,482,076. If the City of Lockney left their tax rate at .37303 they would generate an additional \$3,730 over last year's \$124,898.07.

The taxable value in Floyd County will drop by \$12,298,731 from last year's taxable value of \$289,267,506. The tax levy for Floyd County last year was \$1,040,206.35 with a tax rate of .35960. If the County tax rate stayed the same the County will lose tax revenue of \$44,226. An increase of the tax rate to .37556 will raise the same amount of revenue as last year.

Lockney Hospital District will lose approximately \$6,000,000 in taxable value--down from \$114,445,963. If the tax rate of .35290 stayed the same the tax levy would drop by \$21,174 from last year's levy of \$403,915.37.

Caprock Hospital will lose \$5,000,000 in taxable value--down

from last year's \$159,851,063. If Caprock Hospital left their tax rate the same, at .10000, the tax levy will be down approximately \$5,000 from last year's \$159,852.42.

Taxing entities represented at the special meeting were: Floyd County, both school districts, the City of Floydada and Lockney, Mackenzie Water, and both hospital districts. Three attorneys also volunteered their time to represent the Appraisal District.

Answering a question from Councilwoman Bettye King, Faulkenberry said some of the lower class houses could have stayed the same or went down depending on their condition. "Abandoned houses are still on the tax roll, but could be depreciated down 90%. We can't take it off the roll until it is demolished."

In answer to another question, Attorney Kevin Brennen said, "Taxing entities can challenge the Appraisal District's valuation on categories--not on individual's property. The decision on the challenge would ultimately be decided by the Appraisal Review Board."

Faulkenberry told the packed room to encourage anyone to come see her who felt their residential appraisal was "higher than they could sell it for".

The meeting ended with praise from City Councilman Clar Schacht who said, "I appreciate the time you have put into this. You have put in a lot of work for each entity."

(All figures quoted in this story were supplied by Shelia Faulkenberry and the Tax Appraisal Office and are estimations only; before the ARB hearings are held).

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Carthel and McClanahan exchange vows

Holli Anne Carthel and Jonathan David McClanahan, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 11, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at the Apple Orchard in Idalou. Steve McLean, the minister of West College and Third Church of Christ officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Charla Carthel of Lockney. Grandparents are John Lee and Jo Ann Carthel of Lockney, Charles and Rita Dipprey of Seymour, Great-grandmother is Daisy Dipprey of Lockney.

The groom is the son of Joe McClanahan of Crosbyton, and the late Barbara McClanahan. Grandparents are Bill and Jeanne Tackett of Wilson, Oklahoma.

The outdoor ceremony was held at the apple orchard in Idalou. The center of the orchard featured a gazebo trimmed in tulle and greenery. A rock pond and waterfall completed the setting for the spring ceremony.

Joyce Wilson, great-aunt of the bride, played the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin and the Wedding March from Mid Summers Night Dream on keyboard. Criss Carthel, uncle of the bride, sang "I Will be Here."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant white gown created from rich matte. The fitted bodice featured a sweetheart neckline with straps trimmed with crystals and pearls. The front of the bodice had light beadwork consisting of crystals and pearls. The basque waistline led to a ball gown skirt featuring box pleats. The gown was completed with a mock corset and a sweep train. The bride's veil was waist length tulle, edged with satin ribbon. The headpiece was accented with pearls and roses. She carried a spring bouquet with watermelon sweetheart roses, cornflowers, and white baby's breath, accented with pearl spikes and white satin ribbon.

Following tradition, for "something old", the bride wore a gold ring given to her when she was born. "Something

new" was her wedding attire, "something borrowed" was a slip worn by her mother at her wedding, and "something blue" was a blue ribbon on her garter.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with white shirt, black vest, and black bow tie. He wore a boutonniere made of watermelon sweetheart roses.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Lacy Austin of Plainview, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kallie Scott of Kress, cousin of the bride, and Amanda Nutter, of Birmingham, Alabama, friend of the bride.

Bridal attendants were attired in watermelon satin gowns featuring princess cut lines with a spaghetti tie on a single shoulder. They carried miniature spring bouquets matching the bride's arrangement.

Flower girls were Ashley and Shelby McCullough of Lubbock, cousins of the bride.

Serving as Best Man was Aaron Buske of Kress, friend of the groom and cousin of the bride.

Groomsmen were Eric Buske of Lubbock, friend of the groom, and cousin of the bride, and Michael Thomas of Sawyer, Oklahoma, friend of the groom.

Ring bearer was Jack Bledsoe of Argyle, cousin of the bride.

Groomsmen were attired in black tuxedos with white shirts, black cummerbunds, and black bow ties. They each wore a boutonniere of watermelon sweetheart roses.

Registering guests was Amy Hochreiter, friend of the bride, from Canyon. Seating guests were ushers Nathan Carthel of San Angelo, and Reid Carthel of Lockney, both brothers of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held on the patio of the Apple Orchard, hosted by Joe and Shellye McClanahan and Ron and Charla Carthel. White tulle with greenery intertwined accented the bride's table. The bridal bouquet served as the cen-

terpiece.

The bridal cake featured four layers of white cake with butter cream frosting, and was decorated with pearls and lace. Spring flowers trailed down one side and a small spring bouquet topped the cake.

The groom's table held pictures of the bride and groom in pearl frames featuring photos of both in their growing years. The groom's cake was chocolate with caramel in the center, topped with chocolate covered strawberries and chocolate curls.

A 5:00 p.m. rehearsal dinner was held May 10, 2002 in the restaurant of the Apple Orchard. A bridal shower was held March 23, 2002 in the home of Martha Sue Lusk. Hostesses were Martha Sue Luck, Lisa Mosley, Clydelle Jack, Faye McDonough, Virginia Stapp, Joyce Wilson, D'Lyn Morris, and Bettye Jackson. A lingerie shower was held March 15, 2002 by hostesses Lacy and Elaine Austin.

Lockney Sr. Citizen News

By: Gene Newton

We are still having good attendance each day and Thursday night.

Our sympathy goes out to the Paul Cooper family. Mr. Paul will be missed at the center.

The Minicks went to Portales over the weekend to visit their daughter, Tori and Justin. Gene and surprised them Saturday and went also.

On the way to Portales, we noticed a lot of beautiful cows and a lot of hay has been cut.

Menu for May 20 - 24

- Monday - Meat loaf
- Tuesday - Chicken strips
- Wednesday - Roast
- Thursday - Salmon patties
- Friday - Beef enchiladas



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Harmony E.E. Club News

Members and guests of the Harmony E.E. Club met May 7, 2002 in the club room with Juanita Pool serving as hostess.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Vice President Vivian Curtis in the absence of the president. She asked Maye Williams to act as secretary.

The hostess read an article from the book, "God Knows Who I Am." Roll call was answered with, "Something I Enjoy Looking At." Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The chairman announced the next meeting will be May 21st, and we will

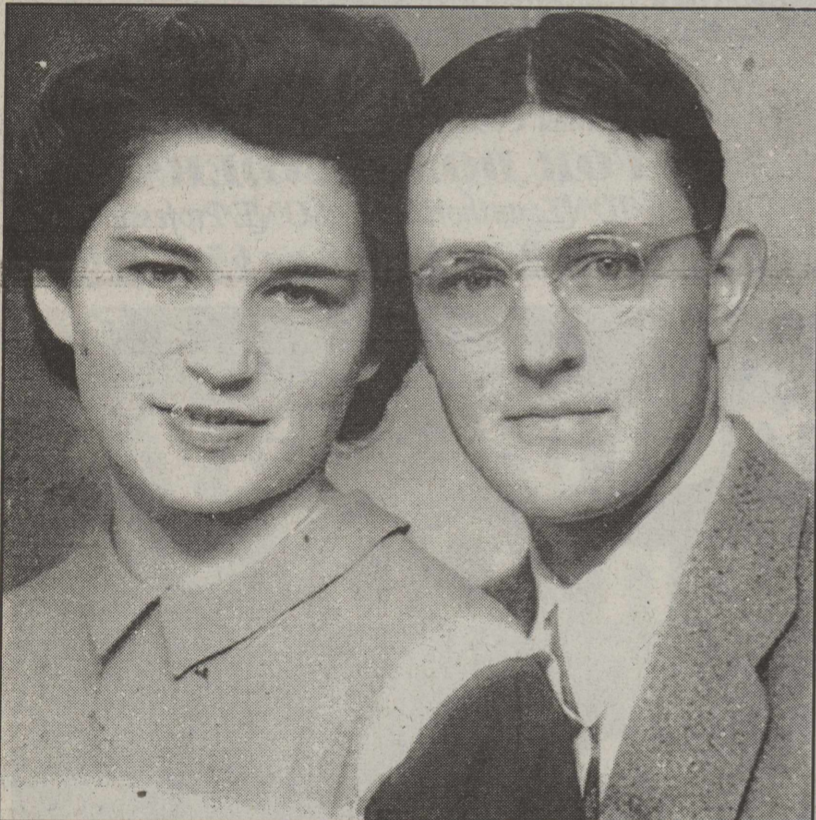
have a luncheon. Each member is to bring a salad, and be there at 12:00 noon.

Committee reports were given and since there was no old or new business, Vivian gave the program on "The Eyes Have It." She started with a true and false quiz in which all participated. She then discussed several diseases of the eyes such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diet and healthful living in general as well as protecting the eyes from harmful U.V. rays. Doris Snodgrass explained her eye problem and its treatment with Botox injections.

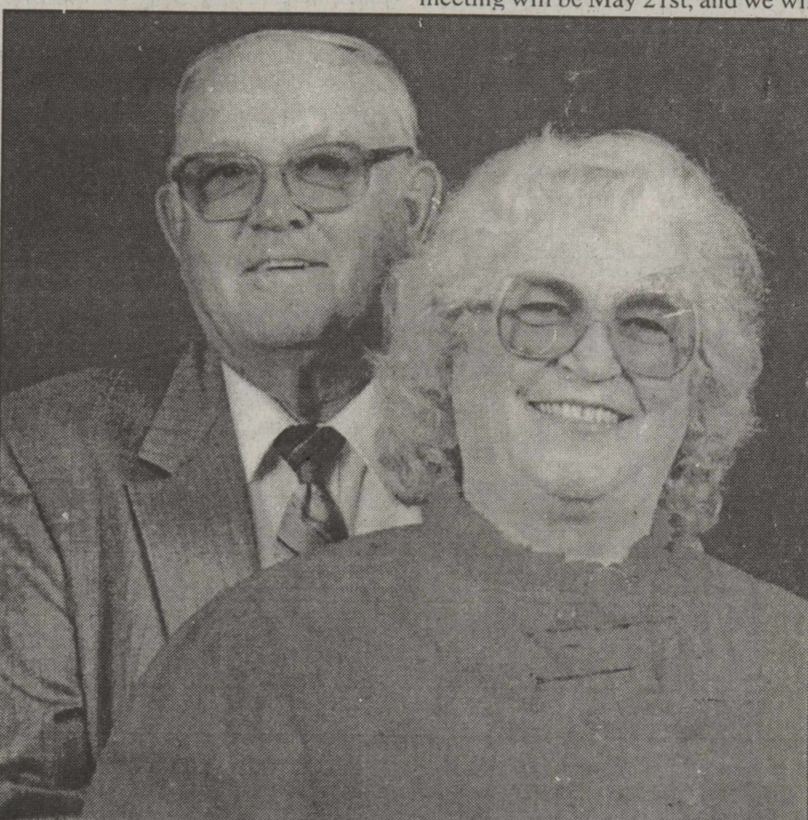
Following the program, Lucille Miller conducted an amusing game of flipping frogs into a pan.

Since it was Vivian's birthday, everyone sang Happy Birthday and Juanita presented her with a beautiful decorated cake, which was cut and served with cheese roll-ups, chips, dip, pretzels, fresh strawberries and punch or coffee.

Those attending were: Imelda Ramsey, Lucille Miller, Anna Maude Hopper, Doris Snodgrass, Ruth Scott, Maye Williams, Vivian Curtis and Juanita Pool. Guests attending were Sharon Bussey and Jovita Montez.



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May, 2002

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By: Margarette Word

If you plan on eating lunch at the center please call 983-2032 by 10 a.m. We are located at 301 E. Georgia.

Lorene Newberry spent an early Mother's Day weekend with her son Dale Newberry and his wife Pat who live in Lamesa.

Effie Fosters' daughter Helen Masters of Lubbock, spent Mother's Day here in Floydada with her mother.

Wednesday, May 8, visitors at the center from Roaring Springs were Dorothy Lee and Ruby Hipp.

Edell and Lovene Moore have just returned from spending a week in Orlando, Florida. They were guests of Ron and Janis Tucker of Cortez, Colorado, who have a vacation condo there. Other family members enjoying this get together were Janet Julian, Lubbock; Sharon Henson, Waco and daughter Ambree Vickers of Texas A&M. Also coming was Charlotte Sutton of Auburn, Alabama. The group enjoyed sight seeing and being together.

Nell McClung spent Mother's Day weekend with her daughter, Shirley Parker, at Hartley. They flew to Arkansas to visit another daughter, Sue and her husband Alton Higginbotham at Jacksonville, Arkansas. They did a lot of shopping and sight seeing.

Geraldine Callaway on Mother's

Day had lunch with Monte and Kelly Williams, their daughters Amanda and Tara, also Speck and Kay Brain of Wolfthorh, Joyce and Q.D. Williams of Floydada. That afternoon Sheryl and Jimmy Smith of Lubbock visited with Geraldine.

Nancy and Gene Lawson had a hamburger cook-out for 12 family members Sunday evening.

Manola Day is back home. She's been visiting family members for several months in other states.

Our sympathy to the family of Viola Golightly.

Thought for the Week: Do you realize how special you are?

Menu for May 20 - 24

- Monday - Chicken fried steak, white gravy, baked potato, greens, wheat roll, apricots.
- Tuesday - Beef roast, mashed potato, Harvard beets, sliced tomatoes, hot roll, pumpkin crunch.
- Wednesday - Chicken w/mushroom sauce, blackeye peas, asparagus, grapefruit sections, wheat rolls, snickerdoodle bars.
- Thursday - Hamburger steak, brown gravy, baked potato, okra, apricots, cornbread, oatmeal cookie.
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Cecil and Charlotte Carthel of Lockney celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 10, 2002. The event was enjoyed by friends and family.

The event was catered by Nielson's Restaurant of Floydada.

Those attending were: Charles and Barbara Carthel, Robin Carthel, Jordan Sherman, and Tucker Sherman, all of Lockney; Russell Carthel of Big Spring; Bill and Lavona Pitchford, Teresa and Hope Pitchford of Denton; James Byrd and Skylar Dunn of Denton.

Also attending were: David and Brandi and Caitlann Scott of Krum; Bucky and Margaret and Taylor Adams of Petersburg; and Mike and Becky Meyers of Rio Grande City.

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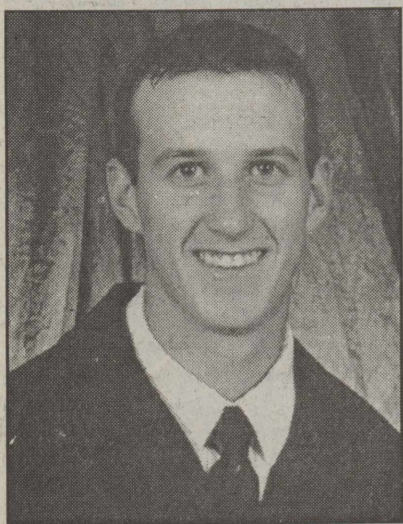
Lockney recipient of the Associate of Applied Science Degree is Susie Tambunga, in Computer Information Systems.

Lockney recipients of the Certificate of Proficiency in Vocational Nursing are Johnny Brown and Mabel Ramirez.

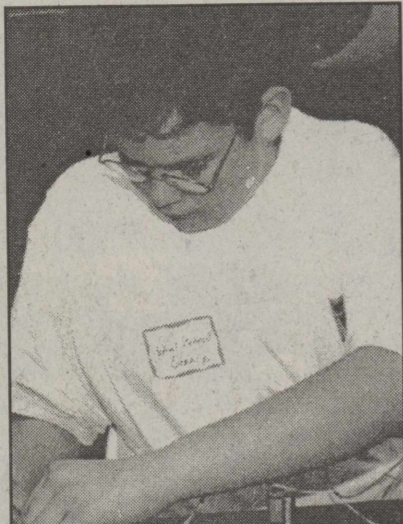
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BRADY RASCO, former Plainview District FFA President, was recently elected to serve as a Vice President of the Area I FFA Association. Area I extends from Lubbock to the top of Texas.



By: D'Lynn Morris
Texas Tech University's Society of Physics students held its first annual Physics Olympics on Saturday, April 27. Competing for Lockney was John O'Connell, an 8th grade student at Lockney Junior High.

The Olympics consisted of four events. The first was a glider. The second event was the Fermi Quiz, a critical thinking event where students attempted to answer various humorous questions relating to physics with an order of magnitude answer.

The Mouse Trap Car competition was the third event. The mystery event was last. Students were given various materials and challenged to make an electromagnet. John placed second the Fermi Quiz.

The events were designed to stimulate interest in physics and for participants to have fun while applying basic physics ideas.



LOCKNEY 8TH GRADE GIRLS TENNIS--(back, l-r) Yvette Gonzales, Kami Keaton, Marisa Bloss, Rebekah Thornton, Trinity Ford, April Lopez, Amber Dorman; (front, l-r) Rina Gonzales, Malorie Luebano, Emily Mercado, Tori Terrell, Cassandra Carillo, Jana Smith, and Alex Hall.



LOCKNEY 8TH GRADE BOYS TENNIS TEAM--(back, l-r) Brady Tannahill, Dahlen McCarter, Brance Wilson, Graden Long, Trevor Morris, Landon Cotham; (front, l-r) Ty Young, J.W. McPherson, Nathan Hancock, and Lance Terrell.



LOCKNEY 7TH GRADE GIRLS TENNIS--(back, l-r) Krista Rasco, Joanie Reece, Bethany Dietrich, Cody Wiley, Edrie Marricle; (front, l-r) Kendra Hooten, Cassandra Torrez, Kayla Thomas, Kayla Vogelgesang, Erin Mangold.



LOCKNEY 7TH GRADE BOYS TENNIS TEAM--(back, l-r) Coby Tannahill, D.J. Rosales, Rion Afill, Jay Ragland, Tyler Kidd, Brittain Golden, Greg Gonzales; (front, l-r) Brandon Landon, Ryker Cabler, Jordan Elam, Ky Reagan, Adrian Luna, Matthew Prather.

Lockney School Menu

May 20-23

Monday:

Breakfast - Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Cheese pizza or corndog, tossed salad, fruit, milk

Tuesday:

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Beef tacos or ham, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fruit, tossed salad, milk

Wednesday:

Breakfast - Cinnamon toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk

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Thursday:

Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk

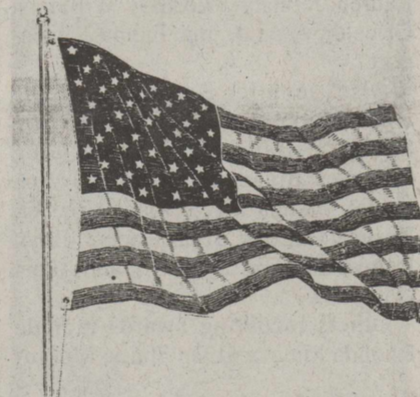
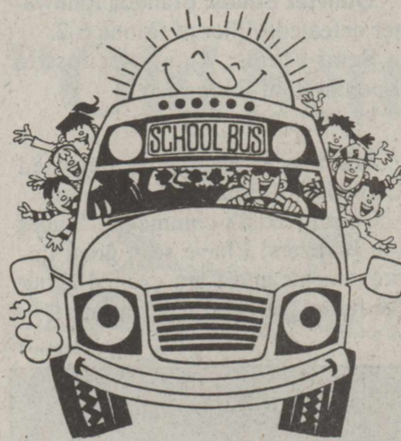
Lunch - Sack lunch with sandwich, chips, fruit, milk, pickle.

Tooley is salutatorian at Canyon High School

Shanna Tooley is the Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class of Canyon High School.

She is the daughter of Brad and Kristie Tooley of Canyon.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ford of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Tooley of Plainview.

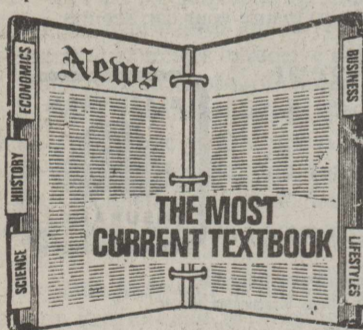


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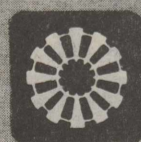
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LISD Happenings

Junior High Awards Assembly will be held May 23, at 9:00 a.m., for 6th and 7th grade. Eighth grade graduation and awards will be held May 23 at 1:00 p.m. The assemblies will be held in the new gym. The Spring Band Concert will be May 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the new gym.

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Thursday, Wichita Falls, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Plainview, 5:00 p.m.
(Third game immediately following, if necessary)

Lockney Athletic Boosters



FJHS 7TH & 8TH GRADE TENNIS TEAM-Back row (l-r) Nicole Aleman, Kelsey Ross, Britnee Brotherton, Kendra Covington, Cam Battey, Marla Reeves, Brandon Rainwater, T.J. Collins, Katie Beth Crossland, Tate Jones, Reagan Heflin, Lindsey Leatherman, and Josie Luna. Front row (l-r) Mercedes Garcia, Jesalyn Bradley, Crystal Cavazos, Taylor Hilburn. Staff Photo

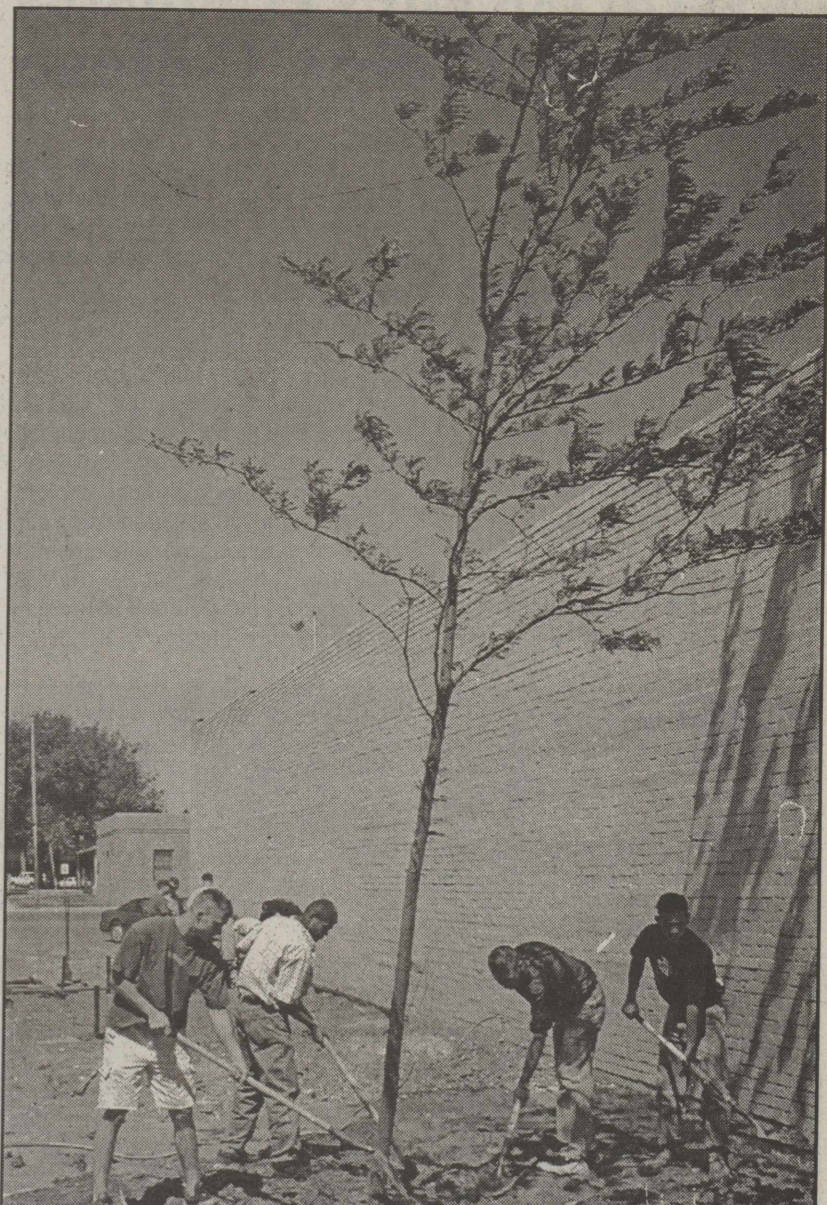
FJHS tennis team at district

By: Coach Nixon
The Floydada Junior High Tennis Team competed in the District Tennis Tournament held May 2-3 in Plainview. Results are as follows:
7th Grade Girls Singles
Britnee Brotherton defeated Cruchfield of Friona 6-0.
Tana Lloyd defeated Adams of Lockney 6-0.
In the finals Brotherton defeated teammate Lloyd 6-3.
7th Grade Girls Doubles
1st Round: Katie Beth Crossland and Kelsey Ross defeated Reecer/Marricle of Lockney 6-3.
Nicole Aleman and Josie Luna lost of Vasquez/Reed of Friona 1-6.
Quarterfinals: Crossland/Ross lost to Rasco/Torrez of Lockney 5-7.
8th Grade Girls Singles
1st Round: Lindsey Leatherman defeated Bloss of Lockney 6-2.
Mercedes Garcia defeated Kinast of Abernathy 6-0.

Crystal Cavazos lost to Tarango of Morton 2-6.
Quarterfinals: Leatherman defeated Delgado 6-2.
Garcia defeated Hernandez of Morton 6-2.
Semi-Finals: Clark of Friona defeated Leatherman 3-6.
Garcia defeated Tarango of Morton 6-2.
Finals: Clark of Friona defeated Garcia 6-1.
3rd Place: Leatherman defeated Tarango 6-1.
8th Grade Girls Doubles
1st Round: Jesalyn Bradley/Marla Reeves lost to Ford/Thornton of Lockney 3-6.
Reagan Heflin/Kendra Covington lost to Barnett/Williams of Friona 3-6.
8th Grade Boys Doubles
1st Round: T.J. Collins and Brock Smith lost to Terrell/Morris of Lockney 0-6.

8th Grade Boys Singles
1st Round: Trey Helms defeated Daniels of Friona 6-1.
Semi-Finals: Helms lost to Cotham of Lockney 1-6.
3rd Place: Helms lost to Monroe of Friona 2-6.
7th Grade Boys Doubles
1st Round: Cam Battey and Taylor Hilburn lost to Myatt/Fortenberry of Abernathy 2-6.
7th Grade Boys Singles
Quarter Finals: Brandon Rainwater defeated Miller of Friona 6-2.
Semi-Finals: Rainwater lost to Lookinbill of Friona 3-6.
3rd Place: Rainwater defeated Campbell of Friona 7-6.
Coach Nixon's comments: "Super job Breezers! I have seen great improvements and I am excited about the future. Have a great summer!"

SPORTS



FHS AG STUDENTS PLANTING TREES-The FHS Ag department students were planting trees this week on the corner lot of Wall and California Streets in downtown Floydada. They are building an amphitheater where outside plays will be held. Staff Photo

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Music recital to be held May 19

Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will present her piano and guitar students from Lockney and Floydada in a recital at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 19, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. The public is invited.
Playing and receiving awards (in the following order) will be: Marti Nolan, Kelby Bice, Ashley Ramos, Callaway Cunyus, Katalina Araujo, Katie Bice, Rex Mathis, Jr., Victoria Hernandez, Quinn Jackson, Marmichael Ramos, Lauren Johnson, Kortney Williams, Gricelda Araujo, and Jianna Davenport.
Also, Jennifer Rainwater, Lezlie Jackson, Johanna Dawdy, Anna Marie Sherman, Bailey Davenport, Greg Gonzales, Brandon Rainwater, SyAnn Foster, Joshua Silva, Joanie Reecer, Desiree' DeLeon, Bryan Cooper, Taryn Rainwater, Lindsay Mayo, and Alana Galloway.
Others receiving awards include Rhonda Mayo and Dr. Sharie Moore.

Williams receives scholarship

West Texas A&M University's T. Boone Pickens College of Business management major, received a Business Management scholarship.
Williams is the daughter of Monte and Kelli Williams of Floydada.

FHS Baccalaureate
Sunday, May 19, 2002
First United Methodist Church - 7:00 p.m.

FHS Commencement
Friday, May 24, 2002
Whirlwind Gym - 7:00 p.m.

Old Settlers Day, May 25th

Floydada School Menu

May 20 - 23
Monday:
Lunch - Pizza, green salad, corn, fresh fruit cup, milk
Tuesday:
Lunch - Burrito, green salad, ranch dressing, chocolate chip cookie, orange quarters, milk
Wednesday:
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, quick baked potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit cup, milk
Thursday:
Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, fresh broccoli w/ ranch dressing, crackers, fruit cup, milk

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FHS students earn recognition

Floydada High School students received Departmental Recognition at an all-school assembly on Wednesday, May 15, 2002. Students receiving awards were:

Art I - Annabel Baltierra, Jay McGaugh; **Advanced Placement Art** - Tara Williams, Maggie Hilburn; **Health-Notebook Awards** - Margaret Martinez, Megan Morales, Jessica Garza, Lauren Powell, Mandie Wood, Jackie Rendon, Justin Martinez, Luke Miller, Jay McGaugh, Daniel Houchin, Mateo Delgado, Ty Heflin; **Health** - Kristan Lackey, Rachel Griffin, Meghan Graham; **U. S. History** - Maggie Vick, Michael King, Adam Zepeda, Martin Meza, Jacob Morales, Ashley Norrell, Josh Bradley, Mari Mendoza, Chelsea Kirk, Bryce Bowley; **Biology** - Greg Luna, Kristan Lackey, Ty Heflin, Jessie Horn, Greg Vasquez, Taylor Sue, Spencer Schacht, Meghan Graham, Rachel Griffin, Daniel Houchin, Luke Miller, Brian Odom; **Advanced Placement Biology** - David Rodriguez, Erin Houchin, Bryce Bowley, Ragan Beedy, Tyler Helms, Brady Rainwater; **Human Anatomy** - Heather Ware, Courtney Campbell, Kim Green, Denise Rainwater; **World Geography** - Suelema Saldana, Derrick Griggs, Katy Gooch, Rachel Griffin, Jay McGaugh, Jessie Horn, Andrew Weeks, Molly Long, Taylor Sue; **World History** - Courtney Campbell; **Advanced Placement Human Geography** - Tammy Lopez, Jessica Garza, Brian Odom; **English I** - Mateo Delgado, Greg Vasquez, Megan Morales, Lionel Williams, Harvey

DelaFuente; **Pre-Advanced Placement English II** - Meghan Graham - **English II** - Karla Hill, Sandra Sanchez, J. R. Rodriguez, Tina Reyes, Claribel Castillo; **Pre-Advanced Placement English II** - Becky Warren; **English III** - Juan Cortes, Michael King, Maggie Vick, Martin Meza, Jacob Morales, Kim Green, Brooke Hays; **Advanced Placement English III** - Chelsea Kirk; Bryce Bowley, Tanner Battey; **English IV** - Corey Hurt, Lori Molder; **Advanced Placement English IV** - Rebecca Warren; **Creative Writing** - Tricia Quisenberry; **Advanced Placement Psychology** - Abbie Horn; **Ag 101** - Tate Greer, Ty Heflin, Luke Miller; **Ag 102** - Katy Gooch, Meghan Graham, Spencer Schacht; **Ag Food Tech** - Jurahee Jones; **Structures** - Luis Lopez; **Ag Communications** - Robin Kirk; **Ag Personal Skills** - Brad Yearly, Lindsey Nutt; **Ag Landscape** - Robert Dunlap; **Ag Animal Science** - Scott Nixon; **Ag Plant/Animal Production** - Dustin Fincher, Brady Rainwater; **Ag Business Management** - Ashley Norrell, Aaron Hernandez; **Intro Ag Mechanics** - Adrian Martinez, Chad Rodgers; **Ag Mechanics** - Becky Warren, Chris DeChant; **Ag Metal Fabrication** - Tyler Battey, Jose Deleon; **Ag Wildlife Management** - Chase Mitchell, Martin Medellian; **Ag Power Technology** - Tye Wood, Kellen Wyrick; **Ag Structures** - Brady Rainwater, Victor Lopez; **Algebra I Regular** - Miguel Rangel, Cody Ware, Ana Delacerta, Gerald Henderson, Andrew Weeks; **Algebra II Accelerated**

- Meghan Graham, Kristan Lackey; **Algebra II Regular** - Jacob Morales, Maggie Vick; **Algebra II Accelerated** - Annabel Baltierra, Ashley Norrell; **Algebra II Advanced Placement** - Bryce Bowley, Chelsea Kirk, Sandra Magana; **Calculus** - Erin Houchin, Abbie Horn, Tara Williams; **Computer Math** - Erin Houchin; **Geometry** - Alfredo Rodriguez, Luis Velenzuela; J. R. Rodriguez, Luis Lopez; **Geometry Accelerated** - Melissa Dunlap, Sylvia Mancilla; **Life Skills** - Robert Dunlap; **Child Development** - Sandra Magana, Ashley Martinez; **Preparation for Parenting** - Kim Green, Kristie Reyes; **Individual Family Living** - Christina Castillo; **Family Health Needs** - Amanda Barrera; **Food Science** - Allen Arvizu, Justin Reeves; **Food Science Technology** - Margo Morin;

Business Computer Information Systems I - Karla Hill, Derrick Griggs, Margo Morin, Jay McGaugh, Angie Soliz; **Teen Leadership** - Trista Moreno, Maggie Hilburn, Sandra Magana, Abby Sanders, Tye Wood; **Speech Communication** - Spencer Schacht, Katy Gooch, Jessica Garza, Kristan Lackey, Jess Finley; **Integrated Physics & Chemistry** - Robin Kirk, Tina Reyes, Luis Valenzuela, Karla Hill, Gloria Chairez; **Spanish I** - Sandra Sanchez, Rachel Griffin, Becky Warren, Luke Miller, Lionel Williams; **Spanish II** - J. R. Rodriguez, Sylvia Mancilla, Luis Lopez, Indira Paz, Trista Moreno; **Spanish III** - Dulce Coss, Aldredo Rodriguez; **Theatre Production** - Rebecca Warren, Dustin Covington, Cheryl Reed; **Government** - Sandra Magana, Amado Morales, Noelia Saldana, Justin Reeves, Chad Rodgers; **Economics** - Tara Williams, Corey Hurt, Jurahee Jones, Ashley Hale, Robin Kirk; **ESL** - Hugo Sanchez, Jesse Cruz, Luis Cruz, Luis Valenzuela; **Chemistry I** - Sandra Magana, Jay McGaugh; **Pre-Advanced Placement Chemistry I** - Melissa Dunlap, Tricia Quisenberry; **Advanced Placement Chemistry** - Dustin Covington; **Advanced Placement Chemistry - GT** - Laura Reddy; **Physics** - Chelsea Kirk, Abbie Horn; **Advanced Placement Physics** - Erin Houchin; **Perfect Attendance** - B. J. Chappell, Zach Emert, Jessica Garza, Tate Greer, Erika Banda Guerra, Ty Heflin, Daniel Houchin, Jacob Morales, Laura Reddy, D.J. Summers, Cody Ware, Becky Warren, Andrew Weeks.

Castaneda and Payne at state

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out of 8 finalist in the championships were from Region 1. I think that speaks volumes for the athletes from this area!

Jessica and Jenna ended a wonderful career at Floydada High School with a record of 40-5. Jessica was 2nd in District her sophomore year and 1st her junior and senior year with Jenna. She is a 3 time Regional Qualifier and Silver Medalist this year at the Regional and State Meets.

Jenna was 2nd her freshman year and District Champion her sophomore, junior and senior years. Jenna is a 4 time Regional Qualifier and a Silver Medalist in both the Regional and State Meets. Jenna also earned the honor of Academic All-State. Both are members of the Regional Team Tennis Champions.

I am so proud of all the Seniors. The

last four years have been GREAT! I am going to miss your terrific attitudes and your bright faces at 6:01 a.m. Young athletes will be looking up to you guys for a long time. Congratulations to Adam, Jenna, Jessica, Rebecca and Robin on your great careers here at Floydada High School.

I would like to thank the Booster Club for all of your support this year! Without your help we would have not have balls to hit with or a stringer to string out rackets with.

Coach Smith, you are a vital part of this program and thanks for all you do for these young athletes. I know that you are excited about the future of Floydada Tennis as I am. I also want to thank Coach Bradley and Mrs. Finley for all of your help with the Junior High teams this year. You have no idea how much you guys have helped this program.

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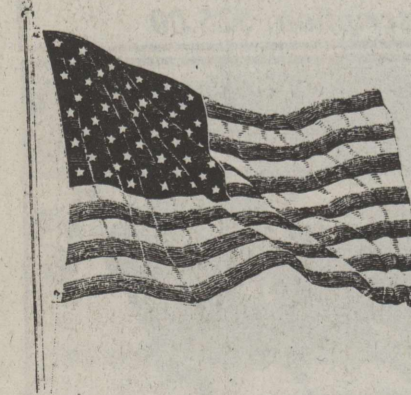
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Longhorn's Advance to Quarter Final Playoffs (Best 2 out of 3)

First Game: Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. in Wichita Falls, at Hoskins Stadium.

Second Game: Bulldog Stadium in Plainview, 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 17.

Third Game: (if necessary), Bulldog Stadium, May 17, 30 minutes after the 2nd game.

Longhorns advance to quarter-finals

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out to another solid lead. 7-0 again and hitting the ball hard.

Chas Westbrook went 3-4, Brandon Alvis, 2-4, Chase Westbrook 2-4, and Chad Johnson 2-3. Chas Westbrook picked up the win which moves his record to 8-1 on the mound.

"Overall I was real pleased with our kids effort and determination," said Fairchild. "The Longhorns now move on to Regional Quarterfinals where they will face the #9 Holliday Eagles.

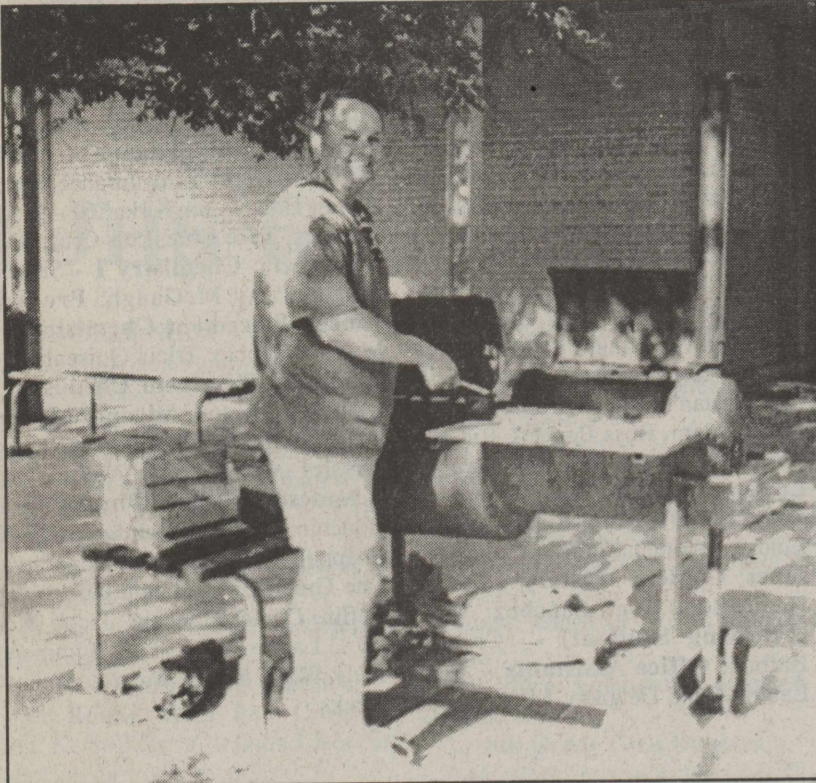
This will be another best-of-three series, beginning Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m., at Hoskins Stadium in Wichita Falls. The 2nd game will be closer to home at Bulldog Stadium, in Plainview, Friday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m. If a 3rd game is needed it will start 30 minutes after the 2nd one ends.

The Longhorns are currently 22-1 and still ranked #2 in the state.

Hitting: Brandon Alvis 1-3 (2 RBI), mark Ford 0-1, Chas Westbrook, 3-3 (triple, RBI), Todd Cotham, 0-2, Jared Lambert, 1-3 (triple, RBI), Chad Johnson 2-3, Robert Luebano 1-3 (RBI), Ben Sherman 0-2, Chase Westbrook, 2-2.



LONGHORN BASEBALL AREA CHAMPS



COOKING HAMBURGERS-Phil Cotham is seen cooking hamburgers for the teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day at Lockney last week. Staff Photo

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LOCKNEY TRACK REPORT

By Coach Hallmark

Lockney Seniors, Wade Miller and Jenna Ford, finished their high school careers on highs note winning 4th and 5th in the 5-2A State Field and Track Meet in Austin, May 17th and 18th. Wade earned a 4th place in the 1600 Meter Dash with a time of 4:38.26. Jenna earned 5th in the Long Jump with a distance of 17-1 1/4.

"In State meet you are competing against the best 8 in the state of

Texas," said Coach Hallmark. "That in itself is something to be very proud of. Jenna and Wade have competed well all year long and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

"We have been trying to build a strong track program in Lockney and Wade and Jenna have been a big part of that. I appreciate all the years of work they have put in and I wish them luck in the future in whatever they do."



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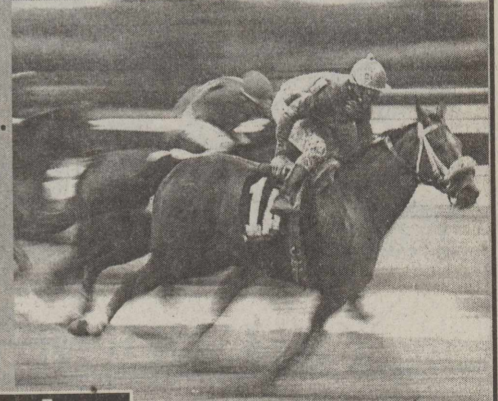
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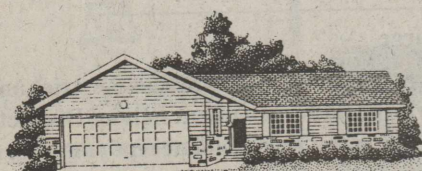
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Texas stripped of TB Free cattle status

Texas livestock health officials are alerting cattle producers, veterinarians and livestock markets that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will strip Texas of its "Free" status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication on or around June 1. The TB status downgrade will mean that the 150,000 or more breeding cattle hauled out of Texas each year must have a negative tuberculosis skin test prior to being moved. The USDA has placed a moratorium on additional restrictions until at least January 2003, when the state's feeder cattle must be identified with official ear tags before being transported out of state.

Since late February, we have worked with the USDA and cattle industry groups to prepare for the loss of Texas-TB-free status, which we initially thought would occur as early as April," explained Dr. Linda Logan, Texas state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "This loss of status will have a great impact on the Texas livestock industry and, until producers are familiar with the process, it could slow the movement of breeding cattle out of the state."

The downgrade in TB status comes as a result of the diagnosis and subsequent depopulation of two TB-infected cattle herds during 2001," she said. "Both infected herds were detected by slaughter plant inspectors, who found carcasses with internal lesions indicative of TB. Lesion samples were submitted to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) for examination, and we began skin-testing the herds where the animals originated. We closely examined the carcasses of test-positive animals from the herds and submitted lesions to the NVSL for examination and confirmation of TB."

Dr. Logan said the two infected herds, found in South Central Texas in summer 2001, and in Southwest Texas in fall 2001, have been depopulated. More than 130 other herds have been tested, as TAHC and USDA officials search for the origin of the disease outbreak, and where it may have spread. No other infected herds have been detected, and veterinary epidemiologists have been unable to pinpoint the source of infection.

"Federal regulations mandate a loss of TB-free status when a state has two or more infected herds disclosed within a 48-month period. Texas will move from the TB-free status it has held since November 2000, to modified accredited advanced status, the second highest rung in an international five-tier ranking system for cattle TB eradication," said Dr. Logan. She said it will take at least two years without an infected herd for Texas to regain its coveted TB-free status enjoyed by all other states except Michigan.

The loss of status will immediately impact producers who move or sell breeding cattle out of state, explained Dr. Logan. Breeding animals are bred heifers, bulls and cows. Since many cattle sold at livestock markets are hauled out of state, producer groups have struggled with logistical problems sure to be encountered when untested animals are presented at livestock markets. She said breeding cattle are exempted from the interstate testing requirement only if they are from a TB accredited-free herd (a herd that is tested for TB yearly and is enrolled in the TAHC's accreditation program), are moving to an approved feedyard, or are consigned directly to slaughter.

"If sellers arrive at the livestock market with untested breeding cattle, the market management will need to designate the untested animals as 'Texas-only' cattle, restrict the cattle to slaughter only, or they will have to make arrangements for having the animals tested so they can move interstate," explained Dr. Logan. "Producers can avoid delays in moving their cattle, if they'll have their accredited veterinarian test animals prior to sale."

A TB skin test takes 72 hours to complete and must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian, who injects tuberculin into the skin near the animal's tail, in a site called the 'caudal fold.' After a 72-hour waiting period, the veterinarian examines the injection site for a response, such as redness or swelling. Animals without a response can move. If a response is detected, Dr. Logan said a second test must be applied on the animal's neck by a state or federal regulatory veterinarian. This comparative cervical test also requires a waiting period of 72 hours after injection before it can be read, she said. Animals with negative results on the comparative cervical test also are free to move.

"One or two percent of animals will test positive on the caudal fold test but then are cleared for movement with a negative comparative cervical test," said Dr. Logan. "If the animals have skin reactions on both tests, however, they need to be slaughtered and closely examined, as there is strong evidence that the animal has been infected with TB."

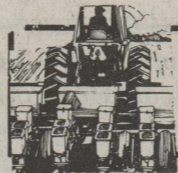
"Veterinarians from the TAHC and the USDA in Texas will work with private veterinary practitioners and producers to conduct all needed comparative cervical tests as quickly as possible," said Dr. Logan. "Preventing bottlenecks and keeping Texas livestock moving will be a key goal for our staff."

Dr. Logan said that cattle industry groups continue to develop plans to address federal TB requirements that will apply to Texas feeder cattle as of January 2003. "More than 1.5 million feeder cattle leave Texas each year, and each of these animals will have to wear an official identification ear tag," said Dr. Logan. "Currently, official tags are used to identify animals tested for brucellosis, and these must be applied by private veterinary practitioners, or state or federal staff. We are working with industry and the USDA to develop an acceptable ear tag that can be provided and applied by the cattle owner. The identification tags improve the ability to trace animals back to their herd of origin."

"Additionally, it is anticipated that feeder heifers and most bull calves in interstate movement will also have to be TB tested, unless they go to an approved feedlot or directly to slaughter. This is to prevent untested heifers or bulls from being moved from the feedyard back to the ranch. In order to regain our state's TB-free status, we must conduct stepped-up surveillance to ensure that we do not have additional undetected TB infection," declared Dr. Logan.

"We are trying to find an acceptable alternative to testing the 750,000 feeder heifers that move, as this would require a greater number of veterinarians than are currently available to conduct the testing," said Dr. Logan. "We hope to strike an agreement with the USDA to allow approved pastures or feedlots in other states that would accept untested heifers. Heifers selected for breeding could be moved from these sites to a ranch after they've had a negative TB test."

"We will continue to work with the USDA and the cattle industry associations to find a workable solution to our changing TB status," said Dr. Logan. "It is of utmost importance that we maintain the ability of Texas cattle to move across state lines without undue hardship while we work to regain our TB-free status."



Floyd County Farm News

"Spend Money to Make Money" is best guide for cotton insect control

2002 holds many uncertainties for South Plains cotton growers...from the new farm bill to the ever-present threat of crop-damaging insects. As a result, growers should adopt a "spend money to make money" approach to pest control, said a Texas A&M cotton entomologist.

"Ask yourself...will it pay? Will the control application return a profit through higher lint yield? Then ask yourself...is there still time to make the application successfully," said Jim Leser, Texas Cooperative Extension cotton entomologist based at Lubbock. "Timing is everything in making the application work, and in making more profit to pay for the control cost."

Growers who know how to key insecticides to the pest(s) at hand, know the hot spots in their fields, understand population thresholds, and manage their crop to avoid catastrophes are one step up on a good crop.

"Don't use the highest labeled rate to control a pest. This will get the targeted pest, but it will also take out the beneficial insects that feed on other pests and it can sometimes cause a later flare-up of secondary pests," Leser said. "Be selective in your chemical treatments. Target the pest with the right chemical."

"And watch your fields closely. It's very important to scout for square-stealing pests at least two weeks past bloom initiation. That is the critical time for yield loss. Scouting and

watching your fields can also improve your late-season management. After the cotton crop has "cut-out" and received an additional 350 to 450 heat units, we can quit spraying for pests completely. Knowing how to recognize that stopping point will save dollars on unnecessary late-season bollworm and plant bug applications."

Growers who understand treatment thresholds, the guide numbers that trigger economical pest control applications, will also learn to "let the small stuff go," the entomologist added.

"Spray only when it's necessary...when pest populations have reached a threshold that indicates economic damage will follow. Avoid knee-jerk spraying that can harm "beneficials" such as lady beetles, spiders, and minute pirate bugs," he said. "In order to keep those good insects alive in our crop, we have to allow a certain level of pests to exist out there as food."

"Early scouting/monitoring keeps us in touch with beneficial insects and the pests (stressors) that we need to keep an eye on. It is a good tool to improve our pest control decisions and our long-term management."

Thrips are one of the most important early-season pests to watch for in irrigated cotton. Growers seldom increase yields by controlling thrips in dryland fields where water is the

major limiting factor, the entomologist noted.

"Western flower thrips are the chief culprit on the Texas High Plains. Their feeding damages both leaves and squares on the plant. Research studies have shown that we can boost yields by as much as 21 percent if we control early-season thrips," Leser said. "We can achieve good control by putting Temik down at planting. Or we can make one or two timely applications of Orthene, Bidrin or dimethoate later — as thrips move into the field. The new seed treatment Cruiser also looks promising."

When it comes to other cotton pests, Leser said he expects to see low populations of boll weevils, bollworms, and beet armyworms during the 2002 cotton season.

"That's just my own take/prediction for this season. Regardless of which pests they face, growers who base control decisions on a realistic target yield, and then spray to make money instead of simply spraying to eliminate pests, will come out ahead," he said. "Spraying late is not profitable. The best bet is to protect against early-season pests, and then manage the crop for an early harvest."

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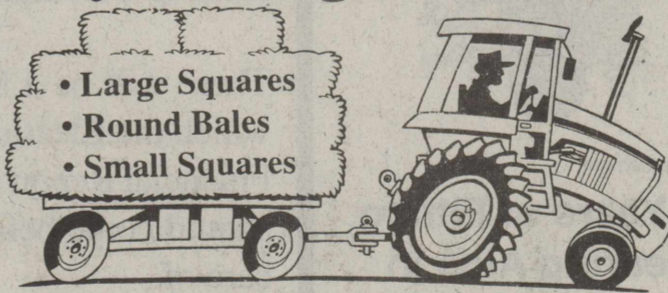
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CPAT praise passage of Farm Bill

President George W. Bush signed the new farm bill, H.R. 2646, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Farm leaders joining the President for the signing ceremony at the White House included Dee Vaughan, Corn Producers Association of Texas (CPAT) director and farmer from Dumas, Texas. Vaughan also serves on the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) board of directors, which played a key role in lobbying Congress for the new bill.

"It was a great honor to represent Texas corn farmers at the signing of the new farm bill by President Bush," said Vaughan. "CPAT and NCGA played important roles in pushing for a stronger farm safety net, and our hard work was rewarded in the final bill. We're pleased the President acted quickly to sign the bill, which includes a new counter-cyclical safety net pro-

gram for corn farmers, program base acres and partial yield updates, a new energy title to promote expanded ethanol production, and value-added agricultural market development grants. The new farm bill also makes enhancements in current conservation, credit, research, rural development, and trade programs."

The new bill, according to a recent analysis by the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute, projects an increase in annual net farm income by an average of \$3.8 billion.

"American farmers provide this country the most abundant, safest and cheapest food in the world. This farm bill represents less than 1/10 of one percent of the federal budget - a small price for a well fed country," said Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) Chairman Joe Reed.

"We also give a great deal of credit

to Chairman Larry Combest (R-Texas) and Ranking Member Charles Stenholm (D-Texas) for their steadfast support for securing the necessary resources to improve our commodity programs," said CPAT President Carl Hensz. "They laid the foundation for a new farm policy that offers producers greater certainty of income protection when they most need it. Further, the bipartisan approach in which they guided the farm bill process in the House served to bring many diverse agriculture interests together and expedite the passage of a new farm bill."

Now that the president has signed the legislation into law, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will turn to the difficult task of implementing the new policies and programs over the next few months.

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