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Patriotism leads Griffin back to Air Force

By Alice Gilroy

Friends and patients of Floydada dentist, Randall Griffin, have always known Griffin was a patriot. Now the community has seen him put his words into ac-

Dr. Griffin believes his country needs him, and he believes it so strongly that he has reenlisted in the United States Air Force. His last day of work at his successful private dental practice in Floydada will be Jan. 30. He must report for duty Feb. 9 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Griffin was first commissioned as a Captain in the Air Force in 1985—during his senior year at the University of Texas Dental School in San Antonio.

"They commissioned me a Captain because of the years I had already put into college and dental school," said Griffin.

"When I came out of dental school I had a significant amount of debt from student loans. I knew if I went straight into private practice I would have to take out even more loans and I didn't want to do that. After checking everything out I realized the Air Force had a good offer."

At the age of 26, and straight out of dental school, Griffin went into active duty in a one-year general practice residency in Tucson,

"The program I entered was advanced dental training for me,"

said Griffin. "I was very fortunate to get into the program. The application procedure was difficult. There were between 300-400 applicants and they only take 30-40.

"The program taught difficult procedures to those in general dentistry, so the dentist could be sent to remote bases worldwide. It is too expensive to have a specialist at every base. The government could better utilize their resources by training 'general' dentists in specialized areas.

After the training, Griffin was sent to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, where he fulfilled his two-year commitment of additional service.

In 1988 Griffin came off active duty and was in IRR (Inactive Ready Reserve) until 2000, at which time he was honorably dis-

In July 1988 Griffin moved to Floydada and took over the dental practice of Dr. Andrew McCulley.

Now, more than 15 years later, Griffin feels led to serve his country again, and his wife, Gayla, and three daughters, Rachel, 16; Emily, 13; and Hannah, 9, are sup-

"The president needs us," said Griffin. "The military is in short supply of dentists and other medical personnel.

Griffin says that 9-11 and the things that have transpired since then have affected him deeply.



GAYLA, EMILY, HANNAH, RACHEL AND DR. RANDALL GRIFFIN

"I want to make sure my kids and IRR time, Griffin has already grow up to know and love the same country I grew up in," said Griffin. "It appears to me there are forces outside the U.S. that want to do us great harm. If there is anything I can do to help the military defend us then I am proud to

Including his active duty time

served 15 years in the Air Force. Those years will now put him at a rank and pay scale of Major.

Griffin will report to a fourweek program called Commission Officer Training (COT), Feb. 9. The program is designed for all newly commissioned medical

"I've already been through this once," said Griffin, "but I asked to go through it again.

"We will receive small arms training, chemical warfare training, Air Force Customs and courtesies, computer training, and security training.

"We will also take part in Aerospace Expeditionary Deployment (AED). The AED simulates actual deployment and support of a mission as a medical group."

At 45 years old, Griffin believes he will be one of the oldest officers there. "On their web site it says, 'Don't show up if you're not in shape.' So I've been running and trying to get back in shape.'

After the four weeks of training, Griffin will be stationed at Dyess Air Force Base to begin his four-year commitment.

At Dyess, Griffin will be part of the 7th Bomb Wing.

The 7th Bomb Wing is the host unit at Dyess and is a component of Air Combat Command, headquartered at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

The Wing is composed of many units working together to support maintenance, operations, medical and support group functions. The mission of the 7th Bomb Wing is to "develop and maintain operational capability for its B-1B fleet to deliver global power to theatre commanders.'

It is also charged with "produc-

ing combat ready aircrews in the Air Force's only B-1B formal training unit.

The 7th Medical Group, of which Griffin will be a part, is one of many groups assigned to the

The 7th Medical Group provides personalized health care through five military TRICARE Prime teams staffed by board-certified family practice physicians, flight surgeons, internists, etc.

The 7th Dental Squadron provides the full scope of dental care for active-duty members.

"I will be doing general dentistry but I am also going to apply for a three-year specialty training school at Lackland Air Force Base," said Griffin.

"I've already started the application process. It is very competitive. I would like to specialize in Implant Prosthodontics (which is placing the crown, bridge, or partial denture, on top of the im-

Griffin says he is full of gratitude for veterans who fought in World War II, Vietnam and other conflicts. "I can start naming people I know who have suffered through so much to make America what it is today—but then I know I would leave people

"If I can pay those veterans back with some service then I will. feel like I've accomplished some-

Local political races Floyd County will have some political races during the March primaries and in the November general election. Incumbent Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden, (D) filed her intentions to seek reelection. She

Moore and Simpson will face each other in the primary race and the winner will go up against Bearden in November.

has drawn two challengers who

have filed as Republicans: Paul

Moore and Clay Simpson.

Another contested race will be Royce Gilmore, running on the November 2, 2004.

Democratic ticket, and Ray Macha, running as a Republican.

County Attorney Lex Herrington has filed his intentions to seek reelection, but has switched his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican. He has no challengers on the Democrat or Republican ticket.

Also filing their intentions, but facing no opponents are:

Penny Golightly (D), for County Tax Assessor; and Becky McPherson (D), for District At-

The primary race is March between incumbent sheriff, 9th, and the general election is

Valentine Deadline

The deadline to submit a photograph of your child, grandchild, or another favorite person, is February 5. The special edition will be printed February 12.

The pictures will be placed inside a heart frame in a special section of the Valentine's edition.

The cost for a small picture in a heart frame is \$15.00. The cost of a larger heart frame is \$20.00.

Any photo with 4 or more people will have to be put inside a larger heart frame.

Bad weather in 2003 leads to low bale count in County

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County total cotton bale count for 2003 was 45,948. This extremely low count was due to the wind and hail that brought disastrous losses to the cotton crop back in May and June. Over 85 percent of the county's cotton was lost in two different storms.

2003's cotton bale count was down by 72,335 bales compared to 2002's 118,283 bales ginned in Floyd County. A bumper crop of 177,469 bales were ginned in

Most of the county's ginners were surprised with the numbers that were ginned this year. A spokesperson at D & J Gin of Lockney said, "Our 8,428 ginned bales was more than we expected this year."

Don Marble of Marble Brothers Gin in Lockney told the Hesperian-Beacon, "We sent all our 1,158 bales to Barwise Gin this year to be ginned on our tax

Manager John Woelfel of ginned.

Scott Gin of Floydada said, "Due to the weather related storms in May and June, we sent all of our 1,337 bales to Quitaque for ginning this year.'

Floydada Co-op Gin reported the most bales ginned this year in the county with a total of

Blanco Gin and McCoy Gin were still ginning three days before Christmas. Both gins estimated their final totals based on the number of modules still to be

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Barwise Gin	6,200	8,453	18,040	18,074
(incl. Marble Gin, 1	,158)			
Blanco Gin	5,000(est)	10,000	8,000(est)	7,550
Darty Gin	4,597	9,702	11,459	8,190
D&J Gin	8,428	25,327	34,021	24,879
Floydada Co-op	12,479	29,500	39,609	30,479
Lockney Co-op	2,407	17,501	32,740	24,141
Marble Bros.	(1,158)	3,768	5,249	3,200
McCoy Gin	5,500(est)	6,718	6,445	5,286
Scott Gin	(1,337 at	7,314	11,526	12,457
	Quitaque)			
South Plains	(no report)	0	2,350	375(gin fire)
TOTALS	45,948	118,283	177,469	144,027
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Reay, of Lockney; and Eddie Joe and Amelia Fortenberry, of Abernathy. Youth get ready for Stock Show on Saturday

FLOYD COUNTY'S FIRST BABY--The first baby born at W.J. Mangold Hospital, in Lockney,

in 2004, was Lacy Tyann Phillip, on January 1st. Lacy is the daughter of Tyler and Lacy Phillips,

of Lockney. She was born at 5:35 p.m., weighed 9 lbs. 2 ozs., and was 21 inches long. Her father is a farmer and her mother is a student at Wayland Baptist University. Grandparents are: Ronnie & Elaine Austin, and Keith and Marcia Phillips, of Lockney. Great grandparents are: Melba Austin, and Jim and Davis Lindeman, of Plainview; Almeda Phillips and Gayle and Boyd

The Floyd County Junior Stock Show begins this Friday, January 9, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The barns will be open at 8:00 a.m. and Weigh-In for Lambs, Goats, and Swine will start at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 10, the Goat Show will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Lamb Show will start at 10:00 a.m. and the Rabbit Show will follow at 11:00 a.m. The Swine Show will begin at 1:00 p.m., with the Gilts following the Bar-

Sunday, January 11, the Heifer Show will begin at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Steer Show.

Monday, January 12, the Buyers' Meal will be at 5:00 p.m. and Continued On Page 2

Floydada Police Report

December 4, 2003, Aide Arizpe, 17, was arrested on municipal warrants. Also, Mark Lucero, 28, of Lubbock, was arrested on outstanding DPS war-

December 7, Veronica Garza, 21, was arrested for DPS and municipal warrants.

December 10, Marivel Saldana, 22, was arrested for outstanding warrants for credit card abuse. Jonah Rodriguez, 22, of Floydada, was arrested on a county warrant for delivery of marijuana to a county jail.

December 18, police took a report of a residence that had been burglarized. Two DVD players and 2 X-Box games were

December 22, Christopher Rodriguez, 20, of Waco, was arrested on outstanding DPS war-

December 23, Luis Gonzalez, 21, was arrested for bond surren-

December 27, police took a report of a residence being burglarized. An X-Box and video games were stolen.

December 30, Gary Davis, 40, of Haworth, OK., was arrested at 9:45 p.m. for DWI.

December 31st, at 6:00 p.m., police were called to an attempted suicide, by an overdose of medication. The subject was taken to hospital and then to Lubbock by Aerocare.

January 2, Erica Johnson, 22, of Floydada, was arrested for outstanding felony warrant and revocation of probation.

January 3, Roy Almaguer, 43, of Floydada, was arrested at 1:42

Cade Miller Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund in memory of Cade Miller has been opened. Donations can be made at American State Bank.

County Stock Show is Saturday

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The Scholarship Raffle Benefit Program is selling 100 tickets at \$100 each. A total of 20 prizes will be given away. Prizes

include: three freezers full of the Auction Sale will be at 6:00 meat, motel/restaurant packages, grocery gift cards, gift certificates, hockey and movie tickets, animal clippers, an electric scooter and more.

Call for more information at 983-5180 or 652-3351.

Courtroom Activities

In J.P. Court, Pct. #1 & #4, 58 traffic tickets were filed; 2 simple

assault cases involving juveniles

issued through DPS license and

4 Parks & Wildlife citations

A view from

The Lamplighter

The New Year 2004 is starting off on the heels of some very positive developments from last year. With a little luck, and a lot of rain, things could look prom-

Now, finally, Attorney General John Ashcroft has arranged for a Special Counsel, or a Special Investigator, or a Special Something, to find out who leaked to columnist Robert Novak the name of a (theoretically) undercover female agent of the CIA. The new special counsel is supposed to find out (1) if laws have been broken, and (2) who broke them, if any were bro-

We welcome the move by Ashcroft, and our only hope is that in the process of finding out who "leaked" the information (which we are not overly concerned about) we may also find out a good bit about the Jewish cabal that has been agitating for American support, (which Ashcroft is not really concerned about) in the form of arms and money, in the seemingly eternal struggle between Abraham's spiritual descendants, the Jews

The national press started dancing around the fundamental issue of Iraq many years before Bush finally gave the go ahead for the invasion. America's politicians also did their share of

With politicians, it is understandable. Electoral support in the form of money, media, and religion is involved, and anyone who thinks those forces are not formidable just hasn't worked in Washington's vineyards.

With the press, it's also under-

big cities, where media power is sufficient reasons to topple concentrated, the press must depend for its livelihood on forces that are friendly to the state of Israel. Any hint of wavering support will bring forth instant questions, threats, and denunciations.

Perhaps, just perhaps, one of the things that will be brought to light in this prospective investigation is the role played by the so-called "neoconservatives", a group of mostly Jewish political activists who have latched on to the "conservative" label in such a way as to draw attention to the fact that they don't really like traditional conservatives. It is a matter of having one's cake and eating it too. They want to be known as being part of the conservative community, since that's where most people are, but to let it be known, also, that they are not really part of that pennypinching group known simply as 'conservatives." That little bit of political legerdemain allows them to claim conservatism as a base, while working tirelessly for billions of American tax dollars in "foreign aid" for Israel. And to do it with a clear conscience.

We've thought for many months that our government's seeming obsession with "weapons of mass destruction" in Iraq, a term foisted on the Bush Administration by one of the neoconservatives' principal Washington operatives, was a poor fig leaf for reasons to commit American arms in the Middle East. Not that there were no good and sufficient reasons to commit those arms, but the stated reasons, we thought, and wrote, were way

We still think that way. There

Saddam. He was a ruthless, murdering dictator, a Baathist admirer of Joseph Stalin and to a somewhat lesser extent, of Adolph Hitler. He and other Baath leaders patterned their party after the National Socialism of Hitler, and the International Socialism (called Communism) of Stalin. The Baathists hoped to create a sort of Pan-Arab community of secular Arabs, ultimately eradicating the ancient rivalry between Sunni and Shi Muslims (or Shiite, or Shia, or however one wishes to spell it) To get there, of course, required killing thousands of people. Saddam was quite willing to do that, so long as he, like Stalin, ended up on top.

But Saddam's choice of heroes was no real reason to remove him from power. Lots of professors in our Universities back in the 1970's thought both Hitler and Stalin were great guys too, though misguided about certain non-economic policies. In fact, there was a time when our government, with Henry Kissenger as Secretary of State, helped Saddam at every turn in his quarrel with Iran. The Iranian revolutionaries were intent on establishing a fundamentalist Muslim society, so naturally they were at odds with any neighbor, like Iraq, favoring a secular state. Kissenger felt, perhaps rightly, that America (and Israel) would benefit by Iran and Iraq bleeding themselves to death. Kissenger was not alone in his thinking. Nixon, bless his heart, felt the same way. Nixon was always the practical politician, though misguided himself on

certain occasions. He was another of those politicians who, like Clinton, felt he was, as President, "the law." Like many others before and after him, Nixon seemed to think "what's the use having power if you're not willing to use it?" His proclivity to use American power for personal political reasons did not match that of Lyndon Johnson, but it was there, nevertheless. And we, it must be said, have no quarrel with the idea of an American president using the power of the presidency for the good of the country. We simply feel that power should be used sparingly when American lives are at stake, or are apt to be at stake.

By: Ken Towery email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com

> So we welcome both the Justice Department probe and the "in-house" flap among political intellectuals that has finally surfaced about who actually paved the way for our involvement in Iraq. For many months the debate danced around the question of just who did what, and who misled the President concerning "weapons of mass destruction" that were supposedly available to

Democratic Presidential contenders have tried to have it both ways. Practically all the contenders, save former Governor Howard Dean and the nutty Rep. Dennis Kucinich, voted to give the President unlimited power to move against Saddam, and have been criticizing Bush ever since. They didn't have enough intestinal fortitude to vote their convictions when they had the chance, but now they seek to recoup by criticizing Bush for ordering troops to Iraq in the first place.

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MR. AND MRS. BRADY MARR

Marr and Rhea exchange vows

Jacquelyn Rhea and Brady Todd Marr were united in holy matrimony 6:00 p.m., January 2, 2004 at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Debbie Rhea of Amarillo. Her grandparents are Marshall and Betty Rhea, and Mrs. Jo Robinson, all of Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Gary and Linda Marr of Lockney. His grandparents are Thomas and Jeanette Marr of Plainview, and Billie Howard of Plainview and the late Harley Howard.

Serving as maid of honor was

Melissa Rhea of Amarillo, sister to the bride.

Serving as best man was Coby Marr of Amarillo, brother of

The bride's parents hosted a reception at the church follow-

ing the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of WTAMU and works at Marsh Electrical Supply in Amarillo.

The groom is a graduate of WTAMU and works at Anderson Merchandisers in Amarillo.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple will make their home in Amarillo.

children were home for the holidays.

By Margarette Word

Effie Foster spent the Christ-

mas holidays in Lubbock in the

home of her daughter Helen

Masters and family, where they

were joined by other family

members. Effie had a late present

on December 30 with the birth

of a great-grandson born to

granddaughter Connie Cribbs

and her husband in Colorado

Springs, Colorado. He has an

daughter, Amanda Williams, was

married during the holidays at

First Baptist Church here in

Floydada. Amanda's parents are

Denise Nixon and a friend Lucy

Herron, both of Austin, were

and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Max

Harrison attended the 50th Wed-

ding Anniversary of an Aunt and

her husband, Velma Bridge

Rogers and Harold Rogers, at the

children and their families were

all here for the Christmas holi-

Edell and Lovene Moore's

James and Sue Lovell's

daughter, Lu Ann and Mike

Collins and their sons, John of

Texas Tech and Jim from Geor-

gia Tech were here over the holi-

Darrell and Nancy Mayo's

50 Yard Line in Lubbock.

Margaret Soudilier's daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Marquis

Kellie and Monte Williams.

here over the holidays.

Geraldine Callaway's grand-

older brother Josh.

Molly and Bill Stringer's children were home for Christmas. Molly's sister Jo and her husband Jack Boggs of Matador were here Christmas Day. Morgan Roberts, granddaughter of Molly and Bill Stringer, spent an extra week here in Floydada. Her parents live in Lubbock.

Sue Daniels met her children in Hobbs, New Mexico spending Christmas with relatives.

Cobb Gilly's children were here from Santa Fe, New Mexico and Kennedy, Texas during the holidays.

Carol Bell spent Christmas at San Antonio with daughter, Shannon and family.

Glenna Orman went to Plainview to her son Bill Orman and family for Christmas. Grandson Shane and Marcy Orman and their new baby was also there.

Imogene Fortenberry went to Plainview with daughter Phyllis and Victor Smith to be with Cliff and Nelda Jernigan Christmas

C.O. and Jo Lyles' son, Gary of Arlington, was here over the holidays visiting all the family.

I went to Amarillo to visit my sisters. On my way home I went to Hereford to visit my brotherin-law and we ate lunch at the Hereford Senior Citizens and I saw and visited with Ruth Fortenberry. She wanted me to

Lockney Library receives a big Teddy Bear Hug

By Gayle Jackson

Men, women and children: It's time to bring your Teddy Bears to the Lockney Branch Library to register them for an exhibit. Bears need to be brought Thursday, January 8 and Friday, January 9. Library hours are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Each bear will be photographed with its owner, and each bear's history will be written on a registration sheet. The bears

will be exhibited through February 14, when a Teddy Bear reunion and picnic will be held to reunite bear and owner.

"We hope that we will receive all kinds of Teddy Bears to exhibit to our library patrons," said Peggy Roberts, president of Lockney Library Associates, which is sponsoring the display.

Door prizes, including several Teddy Bears, will be given away during the exhibit.

Look who's 50!

Staff Photo



And Still
"Too Precious"

tell all her friends and family here in Floydada "Hello!"

Congratulations to Doyle and Dorothy Turner upon their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Our sympathy to the family of Pat Rucker.

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

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In memory of Minnie Gowens - Henry and Olive Hinton. In memory of Pat Rucker -

Margarette Word.

In memory of Kyle Glover -

Eva Parker.

In memory of Mildred Cates

In memory of **Mildred Cates** - Eva Parker.

Menu
January 12 - January 16
Monday - BBQ chicken, Italian
vegetables, cucumber and onion
salad, garlic bread, pear crisp
Tuesday - Meat loaf, potato
O'Brien, green beans, tossed
salad/French, wheat roll, carrot

Wednesday - Hamburger steak, brown gravy, broccoli rice, casserole, wheat roll, apple or applesauce

Thursday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, garlic bread, sunshine congealed salad Friday - Baked ham, potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad/Ranch, bis-



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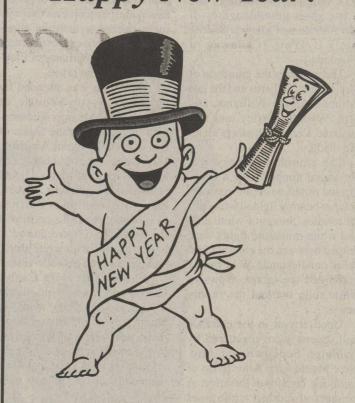
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MANOLA RAY GILBREATH DAY'S 89TH BIRTHDAY-Family and friends celebrated Mrs. Day's 89th birthday at the Massie Community Center in Floydada from Thursday, December 25 thru Saturday, December 27. Mrs. Day's children and spouses include: W.H. and Laverne Ford of Clearwater, KS, Mary Day of Irving, Bill and Sallye Day of Mingus, Don and Dora June Evans of Arlington, Lynn and Carolyn Frame of Tyler, Ron and Karen Day of Knoxville, TN and Wesley and Debby Whitaker of Mt. Juliet, TN. There were 84 children, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, and family. Most of Mrs. Day's children and spouses attended Sunday morning worship services led by Pastor Armando Morales at Calvary Cornerstone Fellowship.

LOCKNEY LIBRARY'S TEDDY BEAR REGISTRATION continues. Lauren Johnson, 9, and

her brother Drew, 6, children of Steve and Brenda Johnson of Lockney are shown registering their

bears. Jack the Bear (shown in the foreground) is one of Drew's favorites. Jack was given to Drew by his "Grandy" and "Grammy", (aka Tom and Dixie Johnson) on the day of his birth. Dixie

sewed on the John Deere patch. One year old Precious was given to Lauren by Grandy and Grammy, when she broke her arm. Overseeing registration, and reassuring the kids the bears will be fine is

Caleb McLean, 17, Lockney Library Aide. Caleb is home schooled and works at the Library in the

Even Small Ads Are Read!

afternoons. See related story.

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Williams and Hinsley marry



MRS. TODD HINSLEY Nee Amanda Lee Williams

Marriage vows were exchanged by Amanda Lee Williams and Todd Hinsley Saturday evening, January 3, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Floydada. The double ring service was read by Doug Rainbolt, Church of Christ minister of Grove, Oklahoma.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Montgomery Williams of Floydada. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hinsley, also of Floydada.

Brother Rainbolt formerly preached at the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada where he taught and baptized Todd when the groom was a college student.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Kay Brian and the late USAF Col. Elton "Speck" Brian of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Q.D. Williams of Floydada. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Geraldine Callaway and the late T.L. "Pete" Callaway of Floydada.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Wanda Williams and the late Edmond Aldine Williams, and Mrs. Wynell Hinsley and late husband Lonnie Hinsley, all of

The church sanctuary was decorated simply with a background of tall wrought iron candelabra bearing lighted white pillar candles. Swags of white tulle and white miniature lights were draped between the emerald fern based candlestands. Wild smilax garlanded the lamps. Bows of white tulle marked the family

Upon arrival in the entrance hall, guests were registered by Ashleigh Sepkowitz of Alto, New Mexico and Amy Brian of Lubbock, cousins of the bride. A bouquet of red and white roses decorated the table holding the bride's white ribboned guest book, and white plumed pen, along with bride and groom Beanie Baby bears.

Classical music was played by Mrs. Penney Giesecke, pianist, before and during the wedding. The family was seated as she played Cavatina.

Brian Sanders of Floydada accompanied his wife Mary on the guitar as she sang, Where Would I Be Without You?

As the ceremony began, the groom's mother was escorted to the alter to light a single candle. She was followed by the bride's mother who also lit a single candle, beside the Unity Candle.

Mrs. Williams wore a black velvet floor length skirt and bronze and black brocade shell and jacket. The groom's mother chose for her attire a long black velvet skirt with fitted black velvet jacket printed with red roses.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister Miss Tara Lynn Williams, who wore a formal gown featuring a long black velvet skirt with

strapless top of red and black brocade and bias band of black satin. She carried a bouquet of red American Beauty roses. Her accessories included black high heeled sandals and silver and rhinestone earrings and necklace in the triple pendant design indi-

the bride to her attendants. Matron of honor was Mrs. Ashleigh Baumgarten of Lubbock, cousin of the bride. She wore a long black velvet skirt with a shell blouse and jacket of red and black lame'.

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forever, which were gifts from

Brides maids were the bride's college roommates. They were Misses Kristen Marion of Wheeler; Katie Bills of Earth; and Rachel Stiles of Canyon. They were attired in gowns identical to that of the maid of honor. Bouquets, boutonnieres and corsages carried or worn by attendants and relatives were created by Mrs. Cyndi Williams of Floydada, aunt of the bride.

The groom was attended by best man Tyson Whittle of Hobbs, New Mexico. Groomsmen included; Nathan Davis of Cisco; Kyle Pierce of Amarillo; John Dunavant of Lubbock; and Rance Barnett of Plano. Ushers were Brian Sepkowitz of Alto, New Mexico and Cortney Goodwin of Amarillo, cousins of the bride. They were attired in black tuxedos with white shirts, bowties and red brocade vests.

Flower girls were Caitlyn Carroll and Kelsey Nutt, nieces of the groom. They wore tea length gowns of white silk organza over taffeta and carried silver heart shaped flower baskets.

Ring bearers carrying white satin and lace ring pillows were Corbin Nutt and Carson Carroll, nephews of the groom. Parents of these children are Brandon and Christy Hinsley Carroll of Littlefield and Zach and Stacy Hinsley Nutt of Floydada.

The bride entered the church sanctuary on the arm of her father Thomas Montgomery Williams. Her formal wedding gown was designed of white silk organza embroidered with platinum and crystal bangle beads over white bridal satin with a strapless embroidered bodice. Her chapel veil of white tulle fell from a bridal tiara. Her jewelry consisted of matching necklace, bracelet, and earrings made of silver, pearl and crystal beads.

Traditional wedding symbols of old and new, borrowed and blue were represented by a linen handkerchief brought from Ireland by her maternal grandparents, Kay and Speck Brian; by a blue garter worn by her grandmother Kay in her own wedding; and her new wedding attire. Her bouquet was of white and red

Her father and mother gave the bride in marriage. After vows and rings were exchanged, prayers were offered for God's blessings upon the newlyweds. The bride and groom each took the candle their mother's had lit and lighted the unity candle together. Brother Rainbolt presented the new family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Hinsley, to the audi-

Immediately after the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception in the church parlor. At the bride's table, Misses Lindsey Nutt and Jessalyn Bradley of Floydada with Miss Amy Brian of Lubbock served the three tiered white bride's cake, which was filled with strawberry filling and decorated with drifts of red sugar rose petals. White grape and almond punch, nuts and mints were offered from a silver punch bowl and servers. A tall crystal vase held long stemmed American Beauty roses and white tulips at the bride's table, which was covered with a white cloth over a black skirt.

The groom's table was presided over by Misses Lindsey Reddy and Mandy Emert. The two layered square chocolate

cake was decorated with a basketweave design and chocolate dipped fresh strawberries. Coffee was served from a silver coffee service.

The circular glass refreshment table was supervised by Mrs. Charlene Hendrix. Cheese, crackers, nuts, mints and a variety of fresh fruits were offered in artistic displays.

Guests were seated at round tables covered with white cloths. Centerpieces were silver epergnes holding red and white votive candles, American Beauty rose buds and white tulips.

Bubble vials were distributed by Misses Amy Brian and Ashleigh Sepkowitz to be used at the bride and groom's send- off from the church.

Floral arrangements used at the reception were given to the City Park Church of Christ, Floydada for Sunday service the next

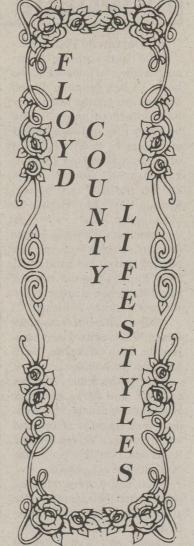
The bride graduated from Floydada High School in 2000. She graduated from West Texas A&M University at Canyon in December, 2003 with a degree in Business Management. While enrolled there she was three times awarded the T. Boone Pickens Scholarship. She was inducted into the Alpha Chi Collegiate National Honor Society and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She is employed by the Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency.

The groom graduated from Floydada High School in 1997. He attended South Plains College and graduated from West Texas A&M University in May 2003 with a degree in Agri Business. He is employed by Hinsley Farms of Floydada.

Prenuptial parties honoring the bridal couple included a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Mitch Probasco of Floydada; a lingerie shower hosted by Mrs. Jeremy Baumgarten of Lubbock; and a bridal luncheon hosted by . her mother Mrs. Williams of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hinsley hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Floydada Country Club which featured a fajita buffet, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. James McNeil.

After a wedding trip to Orlando, Florida, the couple will reside in Floydada.



Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

The Lady Raiders are almost #1 in the Nation. The voters gave Connecticut and Lubbock both 20 votes but some how right now UCON is #1.

The Ladies have a lot of ties to Lockney. Coach Marsha Sharp was Lockney's coach for several years. Elsie Clark who was the cook for the Senior Center for a while is the grandmother of Jemetry Clark of Hale Center, and Dimple Adams is the aunt of Alisha Robertson of Plainview who both play for the Ladies We all enjoy watching those Lady Raiders play ball and wish them

Bill Strickland announced in church Sunday morning that his daughter Teresa Demetri of Odessa is out of the coma she was in for 12 days around the 1st of Dec and is improving every day. We are so happy for her. We will continue to keep her on our prayer list. She is the same age as my daughter Becky and they went to school together.

Gene and Arvie Newton had a lot of company this past weekend. Arvie's sister Myrtie Lou and husband Travis Arnold of Richardson and their son Daniel and his family of Houston came through going home from a Colorado ski trip.

Gene also told me that Kathryn Cooper had called her and said she was now living in a nursing home in Lubbock and her husband Ross was having some tests run and might have to have a knee replacement.

Rusty and Jody Baccus spent Christmas with Bruce and his family in Plano. Their other son, Brad of Granbury, and his family were there also.

Our sympathy goes to the Boyd Reay family on the death of his mother, Polly Reay of Seiling, Okla., on Christmas day.

Our thought a prayers are with the Minnie Eiland Wright family

She passed away in a Nacogdoches hospital Dec 20 with a memorial service being held at Nacogdoches Dec 27 and burial in the National Cemetery at Cushing, Tx.

Menu for Jan 12-16 Monday: Fried Catfish Tuesday: Beef Tacos Wed: Turkey and Dressing Thursday: Ham Friday: Chicken Fried Steak

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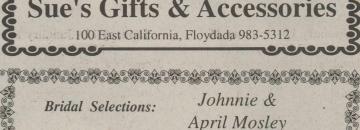


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Longhorn basketball teams stay busy over the holiday season

By Coach Edwards

Lockney Longhorn basketball has been quite busy and successful throughout the Christmas holidays. On the Varsity level, the Longhorns won consolation in the Littlefield tournament, defeated a playoff football opponent and outran a 3A squad. The Junior Varsity won two out of three games from their opponents while the Junior High boys split with a district foe.

Just before the Christmas holidays, the Longhorns traveled to the Event Center in Canyon to take on the Highland Park Hornets. The Hornets eliminated the Longhorns in a BI-district football contest in mid-November. Lockney got the best of Highland Park on the hardwood beating them 71-39. Rance Schumacher lead the team with 24 points and 16 rebounds. Mark Ford added 13 points.

Later that week, the 'Horns brought a great defensive game as they defeated the Smyer Bobcats 66-29. Dahlen McCarter was the leading scorer with 15 points. Kirk Wilson chipped in 10 points and 8 assists.

The next opponent for the Longhorns was a "run-n-gun" 3A squad, the Brownfield Cubs. However, Lockney outran the Cubs to 101-63 victory winning their sixth game in a row. Four

Longhorns scored in double fig- winning their last two ball games. ures. Mark Ford finished the night with 22 points followed by Jeran Butler with 21 points. Kirk Wilson added 18 points and Cagan Cummings with 16 points.

Lockney's win streak came to an end in the first round of the Littlefield tournament as they lost to a red hot #7 Lorenzo team 62-48. Mark Ford lead the team with 13 points followed by Kirk Wilson with 11 points. Lockney bounced back with a hard fought game against Smyer winning the contest 69-45. Mark Ford lead all scorers with 16 points. Jeran Butler, Rance Schumacher and Kirk Wilson added 12 points each. In their next game, Lockney face a district opponent, Hale Center. Both teams struggled shooting the ball, but Lockney put in a few more buckets than the Owls defeating them 48-23. Kirk Wilson was the leading scorer with nine points. Lockney faced the #11 Farwell Steers in the Consolation final. The Steers defeated the 'Horns earlier in the year by four points. But this time around, Lockney out hustled Farwell beating them 59-48. Mark Ford lead all scorers with 19 points followed by Rance Schumacher with 16 points. Kirk Wilson chipped in 12 points.

The Lockney Junior Varsity found success in their program

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Lockney lost a heart breaker to the Valley Patriots 45-41. Brance Wilson lead all scorers with 25 points. But, the Longhorns bounced back later that week against the Smyer Bobcats. Lockney jumped out to a 16-2 first quarter lead and never looked back as they defeated the Bobcats 55-13. In the Longhorns next contest, they were able to outlast the Brownfield Cubs 50-42. Lockney outscored the Cubs 33-21 in the second half taking the breath out of Brownfield. Brance Wilson finished the night with 21 points followed by Brandon Gilroy with 11 points.

On the Junior High level, the Shorthorns traveled to Friona just before the holidays to take on the Chieftains. The 8th grade squad fell a bit short as the Chieftains won 48-30. Ernie Vasquez lead the Shorthorns with 10 points followed by Dimitri Cortez and Timothy Luebano with six points. After a slow start the 7th grade hoopsters outplayed Friona 43-23. Adrian Cortez and Caleb Schumacher lead the Shorthorns with 13 points each.

Lockney's Varsity and Junior Varsity squads will travel to #2 Shallowater on Friday, while the Junior High squads match up with the Owls in Hale Center.

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Campbell graduates from West Texas A&M University

Anna Campbell graduated from West Texas A&M University in Canyon on December 12, 2003, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

Anna, a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School, is the daughter of Ken and Polly Campbell and the granddaugh-

ter of Vance and Betty Campbell, all of the Doughterty Community.



ANNA CAMPBELL

Floydada Chamber of Commerce receives grant for Punkin Day

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce's Punkin Day Festival Committee was one of 27 projects awarded matching fund grants through the Texas Department of Agriculture's "Go Texan Partner Program"

The committee was given \$1,440 for street banners to promote the Punkin Day Festival. This amount includes both the applicant's portion and the matching contribution from

The combined cost of the first 27 approved projects is approximately \$778,000, including the amount contributed by each grantee and the matching funds provided by GOTEPP. Promoted projects include everything from farm-raised Texas shrimp, plants and wine to gourmet Texas foods and organic cotton.

GOTEPP is a matching funds program open to producers, commodity groups, cooperatives, and small businesses that are members of "Go Texan", TDA's unified campaign marketing Texas agricultural products. The program is designed to help leverage the dollars available to promote agricultural products grown and processed in Texas. Costs for approved projects are split evenly between the applicant and

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

Breakfast - Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Beef tacos or grilled cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk Thursday

Breakfast - Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch - Chili cheese, baked potato or burrito, tossed salad, applesauce, hot rolls, milk

Friday Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch - Hamburger or PBJ sandwich, french fries, lettuce and tomato, apple slices, milk

FLOYDADA MENU

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Lunch - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, hot roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch - Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, carrots w/ranch dressing, crackers, fruit

Wednesday: Breakfast - Pancake & sausage on a stick, cereal, juice

Lunch - Tacos, Spanish rice, beans, fruit, milk

Thursday:

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch - Corn dog, potato rounds, tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk

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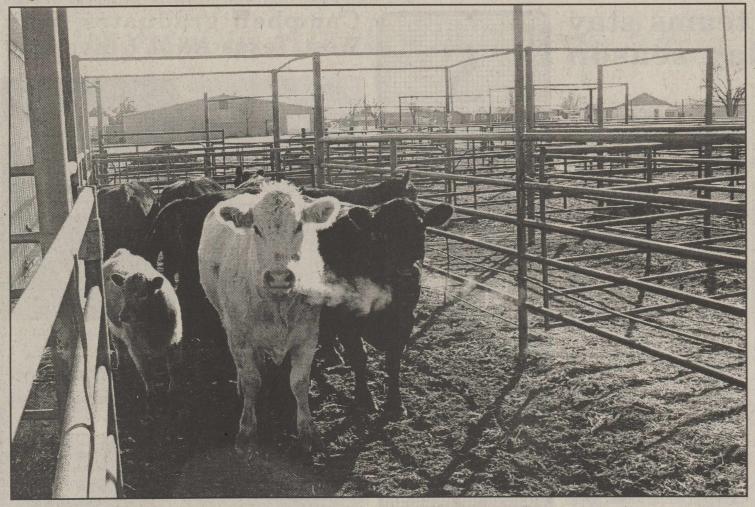
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Upholding the Law

By Ed Feulner

Are you safer today than you were two years ago? Even with the terrorist threat, the answer is a resounding "Yes" for Americans—all around the country, regardless of income, race, ethnicity or gender.

Good news abounds. New data from the Justice Department show the crime rate today is at a 30-year low. Sexual assaults are down 25 percent from two years ago. Attempted theft is down 22 percent. Robberies are down 27 percent.

What's behind this nationwide outbreak of safety? Well, the crime rate is dropping because the government is using effective tools to track and catch lawbreakers, then enforcing tough penalties against them.

One key program is "Project Safe Neighborhoods," introduced shortly after President Bush took office. It aims to unite local, state and federal law enforcement officials in the battle against illegal guns. The numbers prove it's working.

In just two years, federal gun prosecutions are up 36 percent, and 93 percent of those convicted criminals have been sentenced to prison. This explains why gun crimes are down an amazing 32 percent: The criminals who would be using illegal guns are being caught, locked up and sent away. And all this is being done without infringing on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

Another important factor is the much-maligned Patriot Act.

The Sept. 11 attacks exposed serious weaknesses in our approach to fighting terrorism. Fortunately, Congress acted quickly and overwhelmingly to correct some of the problems by passing the Patriot Act. For example, law enforcement officials now have the same authority—under strict judicial oversight—to conduct covert surveillance of suspected terrorists that they have long been able to use with suspected gangsters.

With help from the Patriot Act, federal officials have broken up terrorist cells in five states and brought criminal charges against 284 suspected terrorists. More than half of those have already pled guilty—including "shoe bomber" Richard Reid and American Taliban member John Walker Lindh.

But while the Patriot Act has allowed us to crack down on terrorists, it has proven to be no threat to the civil liberties the rest of us enjoy. Last month, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., told a congressional hearing: "I have never had a single abuse of the Patriot Act reported to me." Feinstein also contacted the American Civil Liberties Union—a frequent critic of the act—to see if it had any examples of violations. "They had none," she reported.

Finally, crime is down because the federal government is working with local officials to get citizens involved. In just one year, the number of national Neighborhood Watch programs has almost doubled. More Americans are reporting suspected crimes instead of ignoring them, enabling police to arrest wrongdoers before a single incident turns into a crime spree.

Despite the pervasive good news on the crime front, the attorney general must feel like a man under siege. Most of the Democratic presidential candidates have taken shots at him. For example, Howard Dean declared, "John Ashcroft is not a patriot. John Ashcroft is a descendant of Joe McCarthy."

Listening to that, primary voters could be forgiven if they've started to think Ashcroft is Public Enemy No. 1. But the fact is, there are fewer public enemies on the streets today because the initiatives championed and used by Ashcroft are working so well.

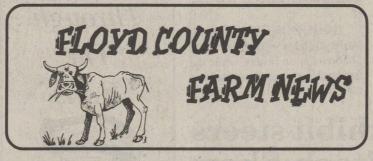
Many lawbreakers have already been caught and incarcerated. The rest live in fear they'll be next. And that's good news for law-abiding citizens everywhere.

LICENSE AND WEIGHT REGULATIONS MEETING



The Floyd County Judge's office and both J.P. offices invite you to a seminar to help area drivers learn more about the new laws relating to Log Books and load securement. Department of Public Safety Troopers will cover the new laws.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21, in the Floyd County Courthouse, County Courtroom #106, Floydada, Texas, beginning at 8:00 a.m.



Water District to begin annual depth to water measurements

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District staff will begin making annual depth-to-water measurements in observation wells the first week of January. Measurements will indicate the effect of pumpage on ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer during 2003.

Water District personnel will take measurements in a network of more than 1,200 privately owned wells within the District's 15 county service area. Water level observation wells are spaced throughout the Water District at a density of about one well per nine square miles. Arnold Husky, Clint Kaufman, Don McReynolds, Judy Reeves, Dan Seale, Gary Self, and Keith Whitworth will take measurements from early January until completion of this task.

"This is a very important program for residents within the High Plains Water District. These measurements will determine how much the water levels in the Ogallala aquifer have changed during the past water pumping season," said Don McReynolds, High Plains Water District geologist/technical division director.

Measurements are made by lowering a steel tape to a predetermined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well are coated with blue carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes in contact with water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement, and the date of measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

"We ask everyone to be aware of our staff in the field. They will be in appropriately marked vehicles and will be making frequent stops to gather these important data," McReynolds said.

As long as wells are accessible and provide satisfactory data, staff will continue to measure the same wells each year. The current depth-to-water measurement in individual wells will be compared to last year's data to determine the annual change in water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the District.

These data are used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala aquifer within the Water District.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District are published in the April issue of The Cross Section, the District's free monthly newsletter. The newsletter will contain tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the average and annual change in water levels for one-year, five year, and 10-year intervals.

More information is available by contacting McReynolds at the High Plains Water District office at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499, or by telephone, (806) 762-0181. Questions may be e-mailed to erica@hpwd.com. The Water District's website is www.hpwd.com.

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Cotton Market Weekly



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The final days of 2003 witnessed higher cotton futures prices and a surge in online sales by producers despite the holiday shortened trading week. In the four trading days ended Dec. 3 1, producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 135,186 bales online, almost three times the number of bales sold online the previous week.

An impressive 81,540 bales were sold online Dec. 29 marking the largest one day sales figure of the marketing year. Analysts were hard-pressed to pin down a single motive for the increase in sales.

"It's hard to say exactly what happened since there were no major fundamental or technical factors to warrant such sales," one trader said. "Perhaps the basis was right for buyers to buy cotton, and many producers wanted to sell their cotton in time to receive a check by the end of the year," the trader added.

Prices received by producers selling their cotton online in the week ended Jan. I ranged from 62.29 to 66.05 cents per pound versus the prior week's 60.54 to 62.35 cents per pound range.

Meanwhile, cotton futures in New York managed nice gains in the final three days of the year. On Dec. 29, in fact, prices hit fresh five-week highs. Fueling the price increase was the continued weakness of the U.S. dollar helping make U.S. cotton less expensive in world markets.

Another factor was ongoing rumors about China announcing cotton import quotas for 2004. At least one analyst noted a rumor that China will issue import quotas for as much as 3.0 million bales this year. However, that rumor has not been confirmed.

Export sales of 2003-04 U.S. cotton in the week ended Dec. 18 totaled a net 213,700 bales, and China was, by far, the featured buyer with purchases totaling 130,400 bales, according to

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Export shipments for the same period totaled 189,900 bales, and again, China was the primary destination with 83,800 bales. Mexico and Pakistan followed with shipments of 19,800 bales and 16,900 bales, respectively.

For the week ended Dec. 25, net export sales of 2003-04 U.S. cotton totaled 89,300 bales and export shipments amounted to 175,200 bales.

Sales of 22,700 bales for delivery in 2004-05 were primarily to Japan at 13,300 bales and Mexico with 4,300.

In other news, mostly mild weather prevailed across the U.S. Cotton Belt during the holiday period with above-average temperatures recorded for this time of year in many southern states. Heavy snow fell in the Sierra Nevada Mountains during the weekend, and the winter snow-pack is expected to increase considerably. The accumulating snow will be beneficial next spring when it melts and boosts reservoir Supplies in California.

On the Texas High and Rolling Plains, dry weather prevailed this week allowing fieldwork to advance, and many farmers have completed land preparations for next year. However, approximately 50 percent of the gins still are running on the High Plains, but the majority of expected ginning volume on the Rolling Plains remains to be done.

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bituaries

BEATRIZ H. GARCIA Beatriz H. Garcia, 80, of Emporia, died Monday, January 5,

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jose M. Garcia and one sister, Juana Vega.

Survivors include one son, Juan Garcia and fiancee, Exie Kay Fowler, both of Emporia; three granddaughters, Martha Garza of Floydada, Pat Posada of San Antonio and Christina Banda of Owattana, Minnesota; one brother, Arturo Hernandez of Dalhart; one sister, Martha Smith of Stratford; seven great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of Owen Funeral Home of Jarratt, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Greensville Volunteer Rescue

EVELYN POLLY REAY

Funeral services for Evelyn Polly Reay, 90, of Seiling, Oklahoma were held Sunday, December 28, 2003 in Redinger Funeral Home Chapel in Seiling. Her grandson Kyle Brock officiated. Burial was in Brumfield Cemetery under the direction of Redinger Funeral Home of Seiling.

Mrs. Reay died Thursday, December 25, 2003 at the Stroud Regional Hospital in Stroud, Oklahoma.

She was born February 20, 1913 to Curtis Solomon and Cora Alice (Flora) Green east of Chester in Major County, OK.

She received her formal education at the Chester School. She was united in marriage to Glen Carlton Reay, July 4, 1931 at Fairview, OK. They made their home on a farm just north of Seiling where they raised their four children. She helped her husband on the family farm and worked several years as a cook at the Seiling School cafeteria. She was an active member of the First Christian Church and the quilting guild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Glen, March 28, 1994. Also preceding her in death were her parents, her daughter-in-law Phyllis Reay, one grandson Joe Reay, one sister and four brothers.

Mrs. Reay is survived by her son Boyd Reay and his wife Gayle of Lockney; three daughters, Donnella Will and her husband Kenneth of Oklahoma City, Shirley Turk of Mineral Wells, and Debbie Reay of Davenport, OK; five grandchildren and their spouses, Diane and Alan Sears, David and Cathy Turk, Danny and Kim Turk, Kyle and Kay Brock and Vonda and Scott Paulus; eleven great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Area Medical Foundation, Brumfield Cemetery or Seiling Ambulance.



PATRICIA RUCKER

Funeral services for Patricia Davidson Rucker, 78, of Amarillo and formerly of Floydada, were held Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Reverend Anthony D. Sisemore officiated. Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Rucker died Saturday, January 3: 2004 at the Craig Methodist Nursing Home in Amarillo.

She was born on March 11, 1925 in Warrington, England to John and Jeanne Davidson. She married Ralph Rucker on January 8, 1944 in Warrington, England. They were five days from their 60th wedding anniversary.

She arrived in America on March 9, 1944 in Boston, Mas-

sachusetts and received her citizenship on January 31, 1952. She moved to Floydada in October, 1951 and to Amarillo in March,

She was a bookkeeper at Ruckers OK Tire Store. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church and Sunday School and a former member of Rebekahs and Cosmopolitan club. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren, reading, sewing and her Sunday School family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Jack Davidson; three sisters, Maggie Radley, Nancy Lunn and Jean Hay; and one grandson, Sean Rucker.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Rucker of Amarillo; three children, Max Rucker and wife Cheryl of Amarillo, Linda Woodall and husband Woody of Clovis, NM and Patrick Rucker and wife Kathy of Amarillo; one sister, Sis Topham of Appleton Cheshire, England; seven grandchildren and eight great-grand-

The family suggests memorials to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Panhandle Branch, 2201 Civic Circle, Amarillo, TX 79109; the Epilepsy Foundation Greater North Texas, 2906 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204-5929; or to the First Baptist Church Exodus Fund, P.O. Box 610, Floydada, TX 79235.

BEE WELLMAKER

Graveside services were held for Bee Wellmaker, 95, of Denton, formerly of Floydada, Saturday, January 3, 2004 at the Floydada Cemetery. Reverend Anthony Sisemore, pastor of First Baptist Church, Floydada officiated. Burial was under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel of Amarillo.

Mrs. Wellmaker was born in rural Bethesda, Johnson County, Texas on November 7, 1908 to Joseph Albert Moore and Mandy Laura Gillentine Moore. She married Troy Wellmaker on April

Mrs. Wellmaker was a longtime Floydada resident before moving to Denton. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Floydada, the Women of the Oddfellows in Floydada, and held various offices in that organization including Noble Grand. She was the last of 8 brothers and

She was preceded in death by her husband in May of 1971.

She is survived by two nieces and one nephew.

Women's Bible Study Begins

A women's Bible study will begin in January at First Baptist Church in Lockney and anyone in the community interested in taking part is invited.

The study will be Beth Moore's "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things". It will be on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and will be for 7 consecutive weeks. If you would like to be a part of this study, contact the church office at 652-3361 and order a workbook

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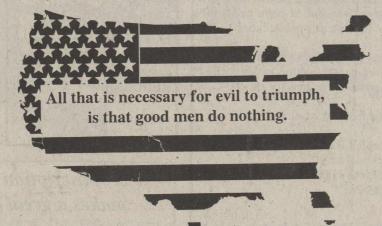
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TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee,

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TRINITY ASSEMBLY

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community Melvin Loseke, Minister Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

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