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FLOYD COUNTY was blessed with more moisture Friday night and Saturday morning, February 13 and 14th, in the form of snow. Lockney residents received more of the white stuff than Floydada. Jonathan and Reeda Sustaita enjoyed their "work" of shoveling snow for their neighbor in the 400 block of S.W. First in Lockney.

Council also hears racial profiling report from Lockney Police Chief

Thousands of dollars will be saved in city's future water bills

By Judy Macha

The Lockney City Council met Thursday, February 12, 2004 and heard City Secretary Ron Hall report on action taken by the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority to lower the total amount of water pumped per day to 500,000 gallons. The result is a net savings to the City of Lockney of \$20,000 per year. The City will now be allowed a daily use of 68,000 gallons.

Chief of Police Jerry Edwards reported 2 pit bull dogs had gotten loose from a residence in the 500 block of South Main, and had systematically killed four other dogs who were legally tied/restrained in the neighborhood. The dogs were taken and their owner ticketed. "Fortunately no child was hurt or killed," added Edwards.

The Chief then presented his mandated annual update on racial profiling figures. It contained the following information covering February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004:

Contacts, 651 - Blacks 31; Hispanics 320; Whites 292; Asians 1; Other 7; Male 434; Female 217
Searches, 16 - Blacks 2; Hispanics 2; Whites 6; Asians 0; Other 1; Males 15; Female 1
With contraband, 2 - Blacks 0; Hispanics 1; Whites 0; Asians 0; Other 1; Male 2; Female 0
Citations, 109 - Blacks 8; Hispanics 71; Whites 28; Asians 0; Other 2; Male 78; Female 31
Warnings, 427 - Blacks 17; Hispanics 218; Whites 187; Asians 0; Other 5; Male 286; Female 141

Arrests, 37 - Blacks 3; Hispanics 21; Whites 13; Asians 0; Other 0; Males 28; Female 9
Complaints filed on officers - Informal 0; Formal 0.

Lockney Police Department statistics for 2003: motor vehicle accidents, 2003 - 21; 2002 - 26. This indicates a decrease of 19.3 percent in accidents within the city in 2003.

During the year of 2003, the Lockney Police Department investigated 167 criminal offenses that were either reported to the department, or were observed by on-duty officers. In 2002 there were 152. This is an increase of 9 percent.

Incident reports are actions that took place that were either observed by the officers, or reported to them. Incidents may have been criminal law violations or may not have been. However the reporting complainant did not want criminal charges pressed and the information was not passed on to a court for prosecution. Also involved in incident reports are actions taken by the Lockney Police Department in assisting other law enforcement agencies on their investigations, such as recovery of stolen motor vehicles, child welfare cases and mental commitments. In 2003 there were 114 incidents. In 2002 there were only 77. This is an increase of 48 percent.

During the year of 2003 the Lockney Police Department arrested 41 adults and placed them in jail. In 2002, 90 adults were arrested and jailed. This is a de-

crease of 219.5 percent.

During 2003 the Lockney Police Department detained 23 juveniles and placed them in either the PAC center or turned them over to the Juvenile Probation Office. This is consistent with the same amount handled in 2002; no change.

Chief Edwards continued in a letter to the council which accompanied his written report. "It is my belief that the variations are due mainly in arrests, because several of our known troublemakers are incarcerated and have been for some time, and therefore are out of our hair for a short period of time. The main reason on the heavy incidents is the fact more family violence is being reported, but the victims are very reluctant to file charges on the violator. Accidents are down for several reasons; one, better enforcement, and two, causing factors such as ice and snow are missing because of the mild winters.

"The juvenile detentions are consistent on paper but are misleading in the fact that two juveniles have been handled a total of twelve times (added together) for various incidents, and this accounts for over 50% of the detentions," Edwards stated. "I firmly believe the lack of detention of juveniles is aided very heavy by the fact we have the Lockney Youth Activity Center which attracts the youth to hang out there, and gives them something to do rather than be on the

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Principal's son wounded in police shootout with suspect

Wichita Falls Police Officer Scott Poole, 37, the son of James and Shelia Poole of Lockney, is home and in good condition after being shot during a drug raid in Wichita Falls February 12.

A 1985 graduate of Lockney High School, Poole was conducted a raid in search of marijuana when the suspect opened fire with a .22 handgun shooting Poole in the shoulder and Officer Karl King in the top of his left ear. Another shot tore through the side of Sgt. Larry Robinett's jacket but he was not injured. Three other officers at the scene were also not injured.

The suspect's 14 year old son witnessed the incident.

Police shot the 47 year old suspect, J.D. Jordan, in the thigh. He was treated at the local hospital and released into the custody of police. He was charged with three counts of attempted capital murder. Bond was \$1.5 million dollars.

Twelve to 14 pounds of marijuana was found in the house.

According to the news report in the Wichita Falls Times Record News, "Members of the Police Department's Narcotics Unit had gone to the home at 3011 Avenue L to serve a drug warrant about 2:45 p.m., Thursday. Officers burst into the home after they identified themselves as police."

According to police spokesman Sgt. Cindy Walker, "As soon as the officers made an entry, he started firing. They returned fire."

Walker said officers followed normal procedure during the raid. The six-man team knocked on the door, identified themselves as police and, 30 seconds later as mandated by law, they broke the front door down with a battering ram. Then the shooting began.

Walker could not verify how many shots were fired by police or the suspect but she did say, "There were a lot of shots fired inside there."

According to Scott's father, Lockney High School Principal James Poole, "Scott returned to

his home on Sunday, February 15. He is sore and stoved up but he should be alright. The doctors did not do surgery on the shoulder. The bullet is lodged in Scott's bone and the doctors feel the best thing to do is leave the bullet where it is. They believe it would do more damage to muscles and nerves to take the bullet out."

Scott has been a police officer for 11 years. He and his wife, Gretchen, have two sons: 9 and 5 years old.

James and Shelia Poole have both been teaching for 37 years. James has been with Lockney ISD for 32 years, one year as principal at Lockney Junior High and 26 years as High School principal. Shelia first taught in Floydada ISD for 5-6 years and then moved to Lockney Elementary where she has taught for the remaining of her 37 year career.

The Pooles will be retiring at the end of this school year and plan to move to Wichita Falls to be close to family.

Laney to join Stenholm on the campaign trail in Floyd County

U.S. Representative Charlie Stenholm will make a campaign swing through Floyd County, Thursday, February 19. He will be accompanied by State Representative Pete Laney.

Stenholm will stop at Citibank in Lockney at approximately 2:00 p.m. From the bank he and Laney will take part in a groundbreaking ceremony at the City Farm for the new water

treatment project. They will then come to the Floyd County Courthouse at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Stenholm, a democrat, will face off U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer, R, District 19, in November.

Now the representative for District 17, Stenholm's district changed with the state's redistricting plan passed in October 2003.

The redistricting also moved Floyd County out of U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry's District #13 into District #19.

Floyd County will not be affected by the new district changes until the November 2004 elections, however Floyd County voters will have to choose between Stenholm and Neugebauer.



SNOW COVERED THIS OLD WAGON AT THE HOME OF DONNIE BYBEE IN LOCKNEY

FISD sets May election date

Deadline to file for position is March 15

By Darwin Robinson

The FISD board of trustees met Thursday, February 12, and set May 15, 2004 as the date for FISD trustee elections. Three school board incumbents are up for re-election. They are Amado Morales (District #4), Jill Warren (District #5) and Mark McCormick (At Large). Candidate applications can be picked up at the FISD central office located at 126 W. California. Filing deadline is March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

2004 Early Ballot Deputy Clerks approved by the board were Kelly Reddy and Pat Gonzales. The board approved Kay Crabtree as the Early Ballot Judge and Maybelle Monreal as the Alternate Judge.

In other matters, the board voted 6 to 1 to approve a \$20,175.00 estimate by Hammond Sheet Metal of Floydada to install five 5 ton window air-conditioner units, less framing in of the windows, in the FHS auditorium. Trustee Amado Morales voted against the motion.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn told the board, "FISD personnel, FHS shop classes or FISD contractors will be used to frame in the windows. The windows will stay in place and the openings on the outside will be insulation and stucco, while insulation and matching plywood will be used on the inside. Curtains alone for the windows would have cost over \$7,000."

A split vote of 5-2 by the board passed a motion to approve expenditures of \$1,349 for board member Morales to attend a Celebrating Education Opportunities for Hispanic Students Conference in San Diego, California on March 19-21, 2004. Those voting against the motion were Board President Mitch Probasco and Board Member Bill Dean.

Board President Probasco questioned the need for Morales to be permitted to spend \$1,349, while the other board members attending the Texas State Convention were spending only \$550 each.

A renewal agreement/resolution for the 2004-2005 school year with West Texas Food Co-

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Early Voting Starts Monday

Early voting for the March primary will be held from February 23-March 5, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse. The primary election will be held March 9.

In order to vote you must bring your voter registration card or proof of identification that matches your name on the voter list. Otherwise you will be required to vote a Provisional Ballot and it may not be counted.

Lockney Chamber to host awards banquet on March 6

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will host their annual banquet Saturday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria.

The cost for the steak meal will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (who want a steak dinner).

Trimmings will be baked potato, salad, and cobbler.

Entertainment for the evening will include Texas in a Swing and Mrs. Forgeron's gymnastic students.

The chamber will present awards to the Lockney Citizen of

the Year and the Lockney Fireman of the Year.

Tickets can be purchased from Chamber President Sharon Hunt, Chamber Treasurer Kelly Prayor, or any chamber director. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Police Chief gives arrest report

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streets where idle minds move toward criminal activities. Since the building of this facility there appears to be a steady reduction of youth problem from year to year."

Brenda Johnson presented the Lockney Economic Development Corporation's October-December, 2003 Quarterly report to the Council.

At its annual meeting in October, the Board adopted a budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and elected a slate of officers. Bobby Hall will serve as president.

Phillip Glasson as vice president, Brenda Johnson as treasurer, and Nell Glasscock as secretary. Heethe Burselson was approved

to replace Abel Luna on the LEDC Board.

Bobby Hall attended a joint meeting with nature and cultural tourism representatives of two counties and three surrounding communities. Realizing that no one city can effectively promote tourism on its own, the group is interested in developing a regional tourism package involving attractions and resources in the combined locations.

The LEDC financial statement showed total income for the quarter as \$6,862.02 and expenses as \$1,632.64, for a net income of \$5,229.38.

In other business, Libby Hernandez presented a grievance before the council regarding per-

ceived harassment against a relative by the Lockney Police Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. "He is automatically blamed for everything that happens, because of his past experience with the law," Hernandez said. "Furthermore, he has been officially cleared of one count, yet the police are still watching him." Police Chief Jerry Edwards responded he had not received any notification from the State regarding this, and had to proceed on the information he had. Pending presentation of aforementioned official papers from the State pertaining to her complaint, there was no action taken.

Other routine agenda items were voted on and passed unanimously by the Council.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH-Oden Chevrolet-Olds has been selected as "Business of the Month." Located at 221 South Main in Floydada, Oden Chevrolet-Olds has been "serving the South Plains since 1936." Call them at 983-3787. Those employees shown are:(back row, l-r) Stephen Fyffe, Owner; John Hollums; Gary Pate, Service Manager; Bill Hicks, Don Baxter, Juan Segura; Mike Muniz, Parts Manager; Mike Giesecke, New Car Sales Manager; (front row, l-r) Miguel Alaniz, Rick Gomez, Joey Myrick, Russell Simpson, Used Car Manager; Tracy Campbell.

FISD to combine bus routes

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operative was approved by the board. WTFC supplies the FISD cafeterias with processed food commodities, according to Superintendent Vaughn.

Superintendent Vaughn told the board that in March there would be trial runs on combining four school bus routes into two routes. Vaughn said, "Route #1 and Route #9 will be combined. Also, we plan to combine Route #4 and Route #5."

According to records, Route #1 (northeast of Floydada) is down to one student riding now, with only two eligible riders. Route #9 (north of Floydada) has 17 eligible riders. This will be a 45 mile route with 20 eligible riders.

Route #4 and Route #5 (west/southwest and south of Floydada) both have 10 eligible riders each. As a combined route, it would become a 42 mile route with 20 eligible riders.

Vaughn said, "We will save around \$16,000 annually with two less drivers, plus the cost of fuel, oil and bus maintenance." FISD dollars reimbursed from TEA is based on linear density of students riding buses. Those dollars would increase greatly with the combined routes, according to Vaughn.

In another matter, the board discussed the need to possibly do something with the gymnasium and 2 acres of property at South Plains. Vaughn told the board, "The issue has come up again on the South Plains property and what it is costing us to maintain that property. Last month we had a \$785 gas utility bill for the gym."

Board Member Kerry Pratt asked, "What are they doing in the gym? Do they meet in there?"

Vaughn responded, "They meet in there. They play volleyball and basketball. Rex (Holcombe) and I went out and met with Brett Marble and Nathan Johnson. On our third trip we got inside the gym to see what was happening."

According to Vaughn, in 1988, when the schools (FISD and South Plains School) were

consolidated, it was set up for FISD to pay the utilities at the South Plains gym. It was to be used as a community center. "There was no time period on how long it was to be set aside for this," said Vaughn.

"In looking at this, it is costing us a lot of money over a period of these years to maintain it. Originally there were 5.03 acres in the block. In 1991, 2.6 acres, in an L-shape, were sold between the South Plains school building and the gym. The school building was sold to Seven Marbles, Inc. FISD still owns 2.03 acres of the other part of the L-shape property, including the gym of 100' X 63'.

"We have basically two options to dispose of that property. We can sell it by means of a board resolution by bids or by a real estate agent. We must get the property appraised before we can do anything, so I am told," Vaughn continued.

Vaughn continued, "Or we can donate it (the gym and property formerly used as a school campus) by board resolution to a municipality, a county, a state agency or a nonprofit organization. Right now none of those exist at South Plains. They do not have a community association, nor a voluntary fire department, nor are they an incorporated city. The church may be a nonprofit organization.

"To transfer the property, the district must demonstrate that it does not need the real property or improvements for educational purposes. We have not used this property for years. The transfer must be to an entity that will use it for public purposes only, not a hay barn, etc.," concluded Vaughn.

After more discussion by the board, Vaughn was given general approval to investigate the interest of those living at South Plains as to what they might want to do with the gym and the property. No formal action was taken.

FISD Business Manager Sharon Rainwater gave the board a Tax Report ending on January 31, 2004 and an Investment Re-

port ending December 31, 2003.

The Current Tax Roll showed \$2,093,435.17, with Net Collections of \$1,880,575.47. This is 89.69 percent collected.

The Investment Report showed a Beginning Balance of \$4,794,350.53, with an Ending Balance of \$5,861,564.13.

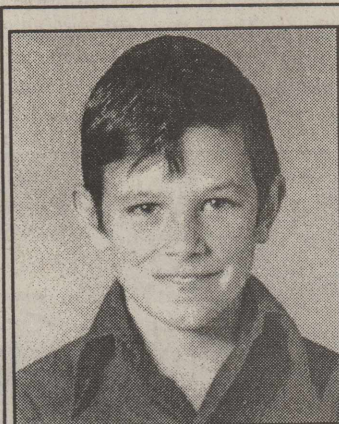
The board recognized Students, Educator and Support Staff of the Month. They were: Students of the Month, Logan Everett, Kindergarten, A.B. Duncan Elementary; Krystal Ramos, Grade 5, R.C. Andrews Elementary; Jasmine Orozco, Grade 6, FJHS; Chance Crossland, Grade 12, FHS.

Educator of the Month was Keith Prather, English/Coach, FHS. Support Staff were Carlen Beedy, Secretary, FHS, and Bill Gilbreath, bus driver.

Retirements were presented. They were: Sue Daniels, 19 years with FISD and Enelda Staples, R.C. Andrews Elementary aide.


Resignations accepted by the board were Deana Carmack of CCLC, Elizabeth Young of FJHS and Maria Cisneros of A.B. Duncan.

Superintendent Vaughn reported FISD enrollment at 1,061, which is up 20 students over last year's enrollment at this same time last year.



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ASSETS		Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Cash & balances due: Noninterest-bearing balances		4,329
Cash & balances due: Interest-bearing balances		0
Securities: Held-to-Maturity securities		422
Securities: Available-for-sale securities		40,321
Federal funds sold		6,800
Securities purchased under agreements to resell		0
Loans and leases held for sale		0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income		27,471
Less: allowance for loan and lease losses		765
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance		26,706
Trading assets		0
Premises and fixed assets		169
Other real estate owned		0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries		0
Customers' liability on acceptances outstanding		0
Intangible assets: Goodwill		0
Intangible assets: Other intangible assets		0
Other assets		1,217
Total assets		79,964

LIABILITIES		Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Deposits: In domestic offices		68,641
Deposits: In domestic offices, noninterest-bearing		14,131
Deposits: In domestic offices, interest-bearing		54,510
Federal funds purchased		0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase		0
Trading liabilities		0
Other borrowed money		0
Bank's liability on acceptances		0
Subordinated notes and debentures		0
Other liabilities		101
Total liabilities		68,742

EQUITY CAPITAL		Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Perpetual preferred stock		0
Common Stock		200
Surplus		500
Retained earnings		9,887
Accumulated other comprehensive income		635
Other equity capital components		0
Total equity capital		11,222
Total Liabilities, minority interests, and equity capital		79,964

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MR. AND MRS. BOBBY MCCORMICK celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, February 15, 2004 at the County Line Restaurant in Lubbock. Attending the event were their children Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wells of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Dart Carthel of Lockney and granddaughter, Liz Fisher of Midland. One other granddaughter, Tobi Rosencranz and husband Brian of Burleson was unable to attend. McCormick and the former Ann Cooper were married February 20, 1954 in Lockney at the First United Methodist Church.

Johnson to lead women's study

Connie Johnson of South Plains will lead the study, "A Virtuous Woman: A Legacy Worth Leaving" at a ladies luncheon at First Baptist Church, Matador, at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 28. Several other women from the area will assist with the presentation, including special music.

The study is based on Proverbs 31:10, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Several area churches have previously hosted this presentation, and comments have been enthusiastic and positive.

Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Nathan, have lived in South Plains for nearly 30 years and are members of South Plains Baptist Church.

"God has taken just a regular wife and mother and is beginning to use me in a way I would never have gone on my own. It has taken Him 50 years to get me

ready to give His message as a speaker and He still has a long way to go with me," she states. "My main objective is to glorify Him and in doing so encourage women."

All women of the area are invited to attend this event and to bring their friends. The meal, hosted by Women on Mission of the church's WMU, will be a salad luncheon. Guests who would like to bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the group.

Individuals are not required to preregister, but groups are asked to notify the church before Thursday, February 26, in order to provide adequate seating. To register or to receive more information, call Lana Copp (347-2425) or Dixie Campbell (347-2893).

Floyd County Lifestyles

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Hi everyone!! It's me again. Monday noon I went over to the Center and ask the "quilters" if I could have my old job back writing the Senior News. Do you know they all said "YES".

I stopped writing cause there just wasn't any news to write about. Our little town of Lockney is so nice and quiet that it is just not very newsy. However I did so miss putting my thoughts down for this weekly column. Here I am again with not very much news but eager to say Hi!

The Methodist men cooked for their sweethearts on Valentines day. The food was delicious. Mike Caldwell and Ann Moore of the Vigo Methodist Church brought the great entertainment. Our own Kyle Brock is the pastor of Vigo Park's church.

All we grandparents are so proud of the Longhorns and Lady Horns for both winning second in district. They are now playing their first playoff games with the teams from "up north" Good Luck Lockney. Retha Wofford is going to spend a few days in Dallas with her son James Ray and wife Jana. I know she will have a good time.

Molly and Charles Huffman's grandson Chaz of Abilene is here visiting his grandparents for a few days. He is so cute.

Bill Sherman is recuperating from his back surgery so fast. He is already driving.

Kenzy and David Fairchild's son Cooper is home recuperating from a stay in the hospital due to having some stomach problems. They live in Albany where David is the baseball coach.

Ronnie Gammage of Plainview was the guest of his father Ham Gammage Monday at the Center for lunch. His name is Ron now that he is all grown up but he is still Ronnie to me.

E.M. "Killer" Pyle is in the hospital at the time of this writ-

ing with pneumonia. Donnie still goes to the nursing home every morning and he misses seeing Killer.

Thank you so much for remembering the Center when you give memorials for your friends and loved ones. These memorials listed are from Jan 14 thru Feb 16.

JOE SMITH: Wanda and Lynn R. Smith, Almeda Phillips, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

REBA RAGLE: Embe and Lou Ann Douglas, Wanda and Lynn Ray, Vera Jo and Donnie Bybee, Claude and Wilma Brown, Jody and Rusty Baccus, Denny and Johnnie Mac Quisenberry, Paul and DeLinda Glasson, Margie Turner, Lynda Holly, Almeda J Chapman, Bobby and Ann McCormick, E.L. and Theta Brotherton, Larry and Sunny Hammit, Edith Cooper, Nelda and James Morris

FRED MARBLE: Paul and DeLinda Glasson, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee, Claude and Wilma Brown, Embe and Lou Ann Douglas.

KENNETH WOFFORD: Joseph Givens, Jody and Rusty Baccus, Vera Jo and Donnie Bybee, Claude and Wilma Brown, Paul and DeLinda Glasson, Almeda Phillips, Ann and Bobby McCormick, E.L. and Theta Brotherton, Wanda and Lynn Ray.



SUNFLOWER
(A Poem for Roxann Cavazos)

By Robert Cavazos, Jr.

An undaunted sunflower standing brightly in an ominous field. Proudly it wavers against the plain's prevailing winds, but does not falter. It stands firm upon tempest ground with an unyielding spirit.

Roots embedded deep and quenched with unbridled courage and valor. Finding sweet delight amongst the sun's warm rays, it bares it's heart. The sun finding homage in this amiable flower obliges it with it's name.

Capable of being obscure it revels in it's ambiguity. Finding occupancy in simplicity, it reveals beauty to some and complexity to others. Yet, all are caught in the rapture of it's mystic revelry.

Oh! wondrous flower and child of the sun, impervious to an odious state. In inclement weather awaits perpetual doom. Yet, reprieve you will find for existence granted through divine hands can be found again within next spring's bloom.

Baby "RYLIE" HAYES: Claude and Wilma Brown, Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee, E.L. and Theta Brotherton

J.P. "SMILEY" WILLIAMS: Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee.

W.O. REVES: Walter Reves. Mary Turner, Marie Wylie.

MENU
February 23 - February 27

Monday: Chicken Enchiladas
Tuesday: Beef Tips and Rice
Wed: Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Fried Catfish

Forget the health food, I need all the preservatives I can get!



LONG
Brian and Angie Long are proud to announce the birth of their son Greyson Mitchell Long.

Greyson was born December 4, 2003 in Morristown, TN. He weighed 7 pounds, and was 20 and 1/4 inches long.

He has a big sister, Emma Grace Long.

Proud grandparents are Phil and Donna Long of Lubbock and Randy and Connie Bertrand of Floydada.

His proud great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Campbell of Seagraves; William and Faye Bertrand of Floydada; and Wallace and Flois Reed-Bichsel of Panhandle.

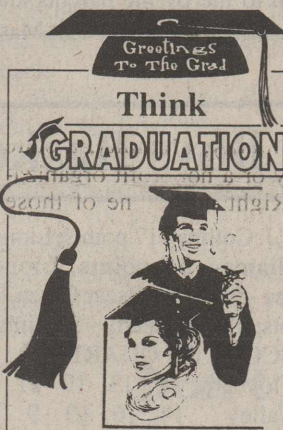
I wish to give a sincere thank you to my wonderful family and friends for the beautiful 80th birthday reception that was given for me January 31, 2004 in the Garden Room of the First Baptist Church in Lockney.

The gifts and cards were so special and the letters of remembrance were awesome. I love you all.

God bless you,
Violet Cooper

The Miss Floydada Pageant will be held February 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the High School auditorium.

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Happy Birthday Papoo, We Love Ya!

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. Come eat a hot meal and visit your friends or make new friends.

Ray Nell Bearden ate lunch with us recently and got to visit with us.

I went to Amarillo Tuesday, February 10 to help my 89 year old sister celebrate her birthday at Continental Retirement Center. I left my camera in her apartment and had to go back to Amarillo on Wednesday to pick it up. It was a nice drive.

Our sympathy to the family of T.U. (Talmage) Linch.

Marie Tardy is now living at Floydada Care Center for a while. LaNell Tardy is home after having eye surgery.

Thank you for remembering

the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of **Wayne McCormick** - Dr. Keith and June Patzer.

In memory of **Mildred Cates** - Tom and Edwina Emert.

In memory of **Ken Campbell** - Tom and Edwina Emert, Raymond and Mary Poole.

In memory of **Fred Marble** - Tom and Edwina Emert.

In memory of **Kyle Glover** - Tom and Edwina Emert.

In memory of **Betty Lamb** - Raymond and Mary Poole.

In memory of **T.U. Linch** - Dr. Keith and June Patzer.

Thought for the week - If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

Menu

February 23 - February 27

Monday - BBQ meatballs, vegetable soup, three bean salad, orange sections or grapefruit sections, cookies

Tuesday - Chicken or turkey, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, tossed salad/1000, hot roll, apple cobbler

Wednesday - Chili con carne, onions, peppers, carrot raisin salad, cornbread, banana lime gelatin

Thursday - Spaghetti, cream potatoes, harvard beets, bran muffin, pineapple

Friday - Salmon or tuna patty, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, tossed salad/Italian, cornbread, chocolate pudding

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Whirlwind Powerlifters compete at Lockney meet

The Whirlwind Powerlifting Team traveled to Muncy for the Lockney Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, February 14. Six teams braved the icy road conditions to compete in the meet. Joining the host were Floydada, Petersburg, Abernathy, Springlake-Earth, and Memphis. Abernathy won the team title.

Floydada lifters fared well and finished third in the team standings. Tony Perez took top honors in the 114 pound class by totaling 615 pounds. Chris Reyes placed third in the 132 pound class with a total of 645 pounds. Justin Martinez won the 181

pound class by totaling 1110 and Greg Luna placed third in the class with a total of 730 pounds. Arturo Diaz totaled 1085 pounds to finish first in the 198 pound class and Danny Ortega was fourth in the class with a total of 860 pounds. Paustino Chairez won the Super Heavy Weight class with a 1035 pound total.

Kim Van Cleve was the only girl lifting at the meet. She competed against the boys and placed sixth in her weight class. Other Floydada lifters were Gabino Ramos and Vicente Ortega.

The Whirlwinds will be hosting a meet on February 28, at the Junior High gym.

Lady Breezers Basketball Report

8th Lady Breezers - 22 Abernathy - 29

The FJHS 8th grade Lady Breezers played Abernathy on February 6, 2004 and came up short at the final buzzer by a score of 29-22.

The scoring results were as follows:

Morgan Norrell - 9 points; Brianna Weeks - 6 points; Mary Warren - 4 points; Emily Griffin - 1 point; Kelsey Williams - 1 point; Kristyn Muse - 1 point.

8th Lady Breezers (B team) - 4

The FJHS 8th grade Lady Breezers B team played Abernathy on February 6, 2004 and came up with a victory by a score of 4-0.

Scoring results are as follow: Jackie Gutierrez - 4 points.

7th Lady Breezers - 9 Abernathy - 43

The Floydada Junior High 7th grade Lady Breezers played Abernathy on February 6, 2004 and lost by a score of 43-9.

Scoring results are as follows:

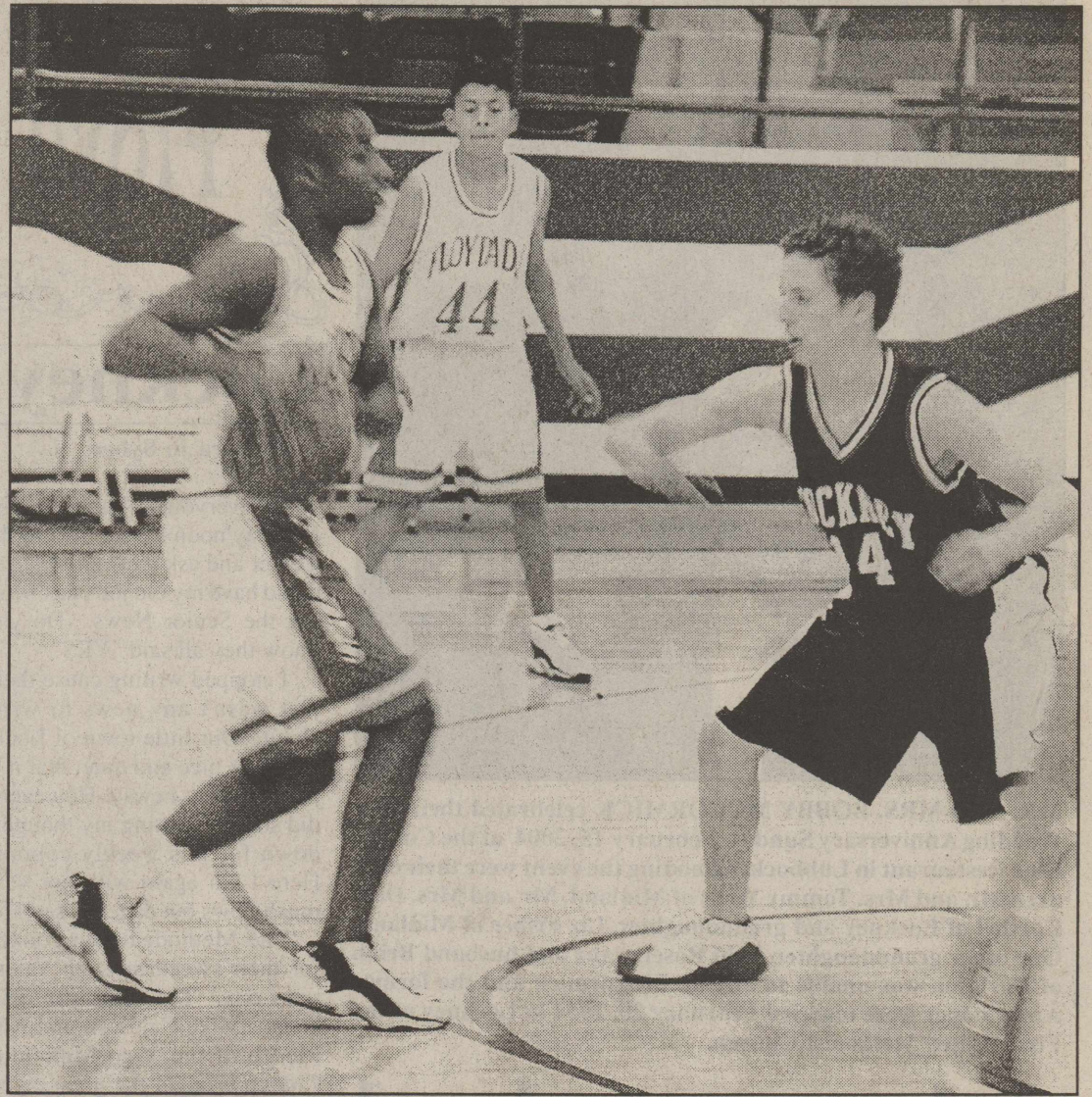
Crystal Alvarez - 2 points; Ariel Peralez - 2 points; Johanna Dawdy - 2 points; Jennifer Rainwater - 2 points; Angela Wiley - 1 point.

7th Lady Breezers B Team - 4

The FJHS 7th Lady Breezers B Team played Abernathy on February 6, 2004 and lost by a score of 11-4.

Scoring results are as follows: Nikki Nino - 2 points; Cassandra Gutierrez - 2 points.

Drugs are BAD!



GUARD UP-A Lockney Longhorn JV player is shown setting up to guard against an oncoming Floydada Whirlwind JV player Tuesday in the Whirlwind's gym. Floydada won 35-32. Staff Photo

Scout News

By Curtis Emert

The Floydada Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts held a Court of Honor and Annual Blue and Gold Banquet Saturday, February 7 at the Massie Activity Center. The theme for the 2004 banquet was Fiesta. We had festive table decorations in the form of Tacos, sombreros, and patriotic American flags.

We started off by saying the American Flag Pledge, the Boy Scout Oath and the Cub Scout Oath. An invocation for our meal was said by Tom Farris.

Our meal followed the Fiesta theme. We served tamales, chalupas, tequitos, enchiladas, salad, chips, salsa, roasted onions and peppers, and for dessert we had brownies and German chocolate cake. All the food items were provided by the Scouts' families.

After the meal we had announcements about the District Pinewood Derby which will be in Ralls at the middle school on March 6 at 9:00 a.m. Our District Camporee will be at Camp Post on April 23, 24, and 25. The theme for the Camporee is a Scout Fear Factor.

We had two Boy Scouts, J.C. Chappell and Teddy Summers, who earned the First Aid Merit Badge and two Webelos who earned Ready Man Pins which is like First Aid.

After awards everyone was treated to busting pinatas, Batman and Spiderman, which were loaded with candy, kids and adults got a hit if they wanted to. I think everyone had a great time.

The Boy Scouts who weren't there were at the Annual Council Banquet where our two newest Eagle Scouts were honored along with all Eagles from 2003. Those at the Council Banquet were Jay McGaugh and his family, Derrick Griggs and his family and Scout Master Bob Gilliland and his wife Barbara.

I would like to thank everyone who helped decorate and cleanup and who brought food.

I think we had a very festive Blue and Gold Banquet. I would also like to thank the Boys who had skits to entertain us and a very heartfelt thanks for the gift given to me by the parents and boys whom I serve as Cub Master.

Floydada JV Boys Basketball Report

WHIRLWIND JV - 41 FRIONA JV - 36

The Floydada Whirlwind JV team played Friona and captured a win by a score of 41-36.

Scoring results are as follows: Oscar Garza - 10 points; Lionel Williams - 8 points; Lionel Garza - 7 points; T.J. Collins - 7 points; Raymond Everett - 6 points; Taylor Beedy - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 4 15 6 16
Friona 5 11 10 11

WHIRLWIND JV - 37 ABERNATHY JV - 38

The Whirlwind JV team played Abernathy JV and came up 1 point short at the final buzzer.

Scoring results are as follows: Oscar Garza - 15 points; T.J. Collins - 7 points; Lionel Garza - 5 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 8 7 8 14
Abernathy 12 10 4 12

WHIRLWIND JV - 44 HALE CENTER JV - 28

The Floydada Whirlwind JV played Hale Center and came away with a huge district win by a score of 44-28.

Scoring results are as follows: Oscar Garza - 14 points; Lionel Garza - 8 points; T.J. Collins - 8 points; Lionel Williams - 8 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 13 13 6 13
Hale Center 11 2 7 8

WHIRLWIND JV - 54 RALLS 9TH - 6

The FHS Whirlwind JV team participated in the Ralls Tournament on January 31, 2004 and won by a score of 54-6.

Scoring results are as follows: Greg Vasquez - Brock Smith - 10 points; Greg Vasquez - 8 points; Lionel Williams - 8 points; Raymond Everett - 6 points; T.J. Collins - 4 points; Shannon Bolton - 4 points; Andrew Weeks - 4 points; Lionel Garza - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 19 26 0 9
Ralls 3 2 0 1

WHIRLWIND JV - 56 VALLEY JV - 49

The Whirlwind JV team played Valley in their second game of the Ralls Tournament. They won by a score of 56-49.

Scoring results are as follows:

T.J. Collins - 17 points; Lionel Williams - 10 points; Lionel Garza - 9 points; Oscar Garza - 9 points; Taylor Beedy - 5 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 10 13 19 11
Valley 14 16 10 9

WHIRLWIND JV - 44 OLTON JV - 46

The Whirlwind JV played Olton JV on January 27, 2004 and lost by only 2 points.

Scoring results are as follows: T.J. Collins - 16 points; Lionel Williams - 12 points; Taylor Beedy - 7 points; Oscar Garza - 6 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 13 14 9 8
Olton 14 6 11 15

WHIRLWIND JV - 46 FRIONA JV - 37

The Whirlwind JV played Friona JV on February 3, 2004 and came away with a victory by a score of 46-37.

Scoring results are as follows: T.J. Collins - 10 points; Lionel Williams - 9 points; Oscar Garza - 8 points; Rudy Luna - 5 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 12 10 17 7
Friona 2 12 8 15

WHIRLWIND JV - 42 ABERNATHY JV - 41

The FHS Whirlwind JV team played Abernathy on February 6, 2004 and won by 1 point at the final buzzer.

Scoring results are as follows: Oscar Garza - 13 points; Lionel Williams - 12 points; Lionel Garza - 5 points; Rudy Luna - 4 points; Taylor Beedy - 3 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 12 18 2 10
Abernathy 13 8 7 13

WHIRLWIND JV - 43 OLTON JV - 34

The FHS Whirlwind JV team played Olton on February 7, 2004 in the Lockney Tournament. They came away with a win in their first game of the tournament.

Scoring results are as follows: Oscar Garza - 15 points; Rudy Luna - 10 points; Isreal Morales - 5 points; Lionel Williams - 5 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 12 10 16 5
Olton 10 7 4 13

WHIRLWIND JV - 37 LOCKNEY JV - 45

The Whirlwind JV boys played Lockney JV in their second game of the Lockney Tournament.

Scoring results are as follows:

Oscar Garza - 15 points; Lionel Williams - 8 points; Rudy Luna - 7 points; Taylor Beedy - 4 points; Israel Morales - 3 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 4 3 15 15
Lockney 10 15 4 16

WHIRLWIND JV - 59 HALE CENTER JV - 47

The FHS Whirlwind JV team played Hale Center JV on February 10, 2004 in the Lockney Tournament. They won by a score of 59-47.

Scoring results are as follows: Oscar Garza - 24 points; Rudy Luna - 12 points; Taylor Beedy - 10 points; Lionel Williams - 6 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Floydada 16 7 21 15
Hale Center 11 10 10 16

SEASON RECORD: 16-7
DISTRICT RECORD: 5-2

Floydada school Menu

February 23 - February 27

Monday:

Breakfast - Eggs/biscuit, ce-real, juice, milk
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:

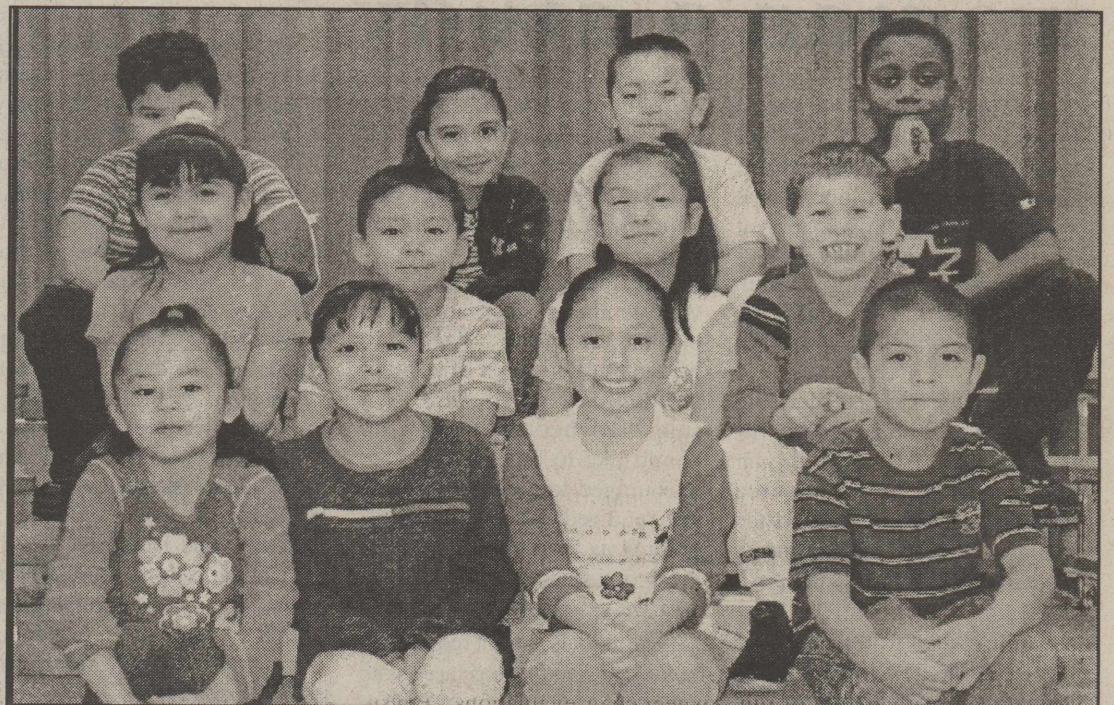
Breakfast - Pancake & sausage on a stick, cereal, juice
Lunch - Tacos, Spanish rice, beans, fruit, milk

Thursday:

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, cereal, juice, milk
Lunch - Corn dog, potato rounds, tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk

Friday:

Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, ce-real, juice, milk
Lunch - Fish, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, cobbler, milk



A.B. DUNCAN VOYAGER TEAM LEADERS-(back row, l-r) Corina Melchor, Roxanne Espinoza, Royce DeLosSantos, Hadrian Coleman; (middle row, l-r) Shian DeLosSantos, Matthew Garza, Erika Sanchez, Robert Lyons; (front row, l-r) Brianna Guerrero, Alyssa Vega, Bethany Morales, Alex Pancardo. (not pictured, Michael Moreno, Ariana Cabello)

Courtesy Photo

Floydada Boys 8th & 7th Grade Basketball Report

8th Breezers - 49 Hale Center - 23

The FJHS 8th grade Breezers traveled to Hale Center and came away with a big district win by a score of 49-23.

Scoring results are as follows: Kody Smith - 14 points; Payte Beedy - 12 points; Keven Smith

- 9 points; Blake Greer - 6 points;

Eladio Saldana - 4 points; Brandon Monreal - 2 points; Adam Rainwater - 2 points.

7th Breezers - 44 Hale Center - 30

The Floydada Junior High 7th

grade Breezers traveled to Hale Center and took home a district win by a score of 44-30.

Scoring results are as follows: Titus Miller - 25 points; Aarrhon Flores - 8 points; Keegan Williams - 5 points; Isom Bolton - 4 points; Colton Covington - 2 points.



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Longhorns clinch playoff berth with win

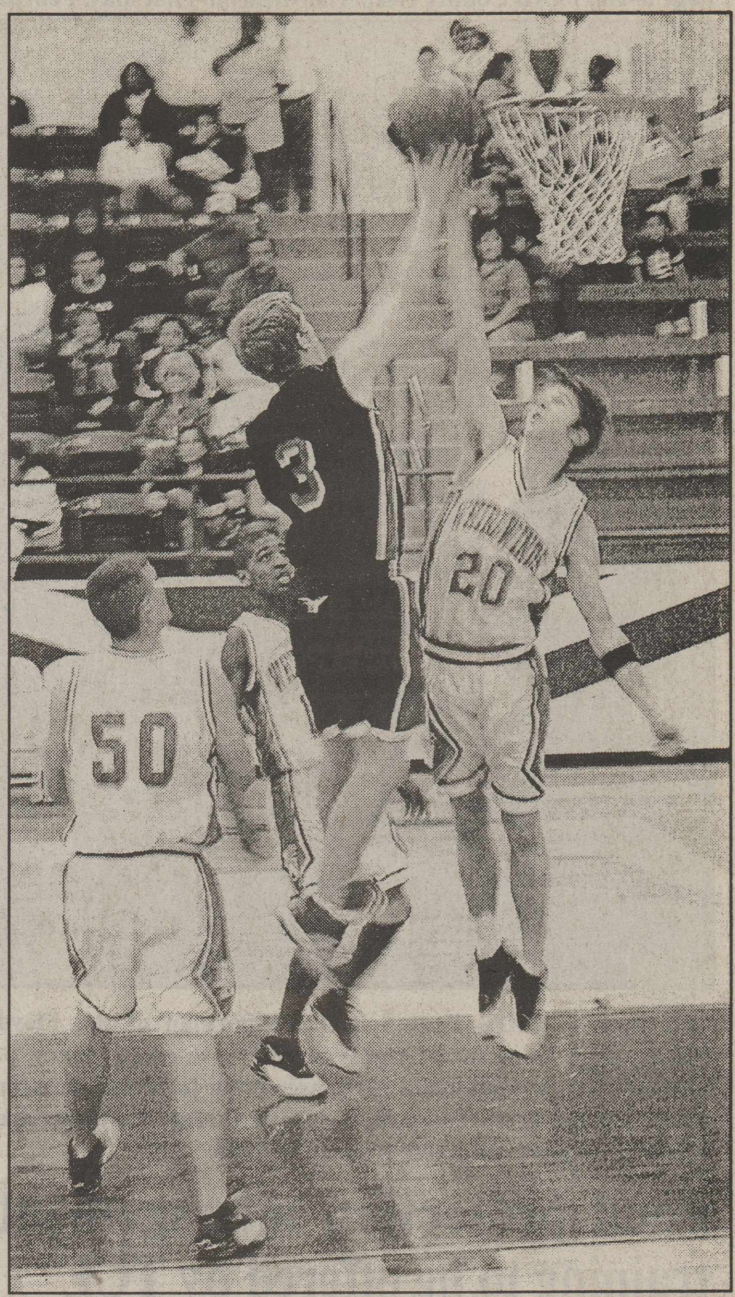
By Coach Edwards
Even though the game was a bit too close for comfort, the Lockney Longhorns managed to hold off the Friona Chieftains 46-45, and clinch their second playoff berth in two years.
Lockney jumped out to a 16-6 lead early in the first quarter, but the Chieftains went on a 10-0 run ending the period tie at 16-16. Lockney went in at the half with a four point lead, but Friona patiently fought back taking a two point lead with just 33 seconds remaining in the game, plus they were shooting a one-and-one situation from the free throw line. Friona missed the front end of the one-and-one giving the Longhorns a chance to tie. A long three point shot was missed, but rebounded by Jeran Butler and put back in to tie the game 45-

45. With just seven seconds left in the contest, Friona missed a shot on their final possession and was rebounded by Kirk Wilson which he was fouled with one-second remaining. Wilson made the first shot of the one-and-one and missed the second shot intentionally causing the clock to run out allowing the Longhorns to win the game.
Mark Ford led Lockney in scoring with 16 points followed by Jeran Butler with 15 points. Kirk Wilson added nine points while Taylor Becker knocked in four points and Cagan Cummings with two points.
Later in the week, Lockney held off the Hale Center Owls on a snowy night 43-31. The 'Horns jumped out to a 26-14 lead at the half which was enough as the Owls could only get as close as

seven points. The Longhorns defense did not allow a double digit quarter in the game. The win earned the Longhorns a guaranteed second seed in the playoffs.
Mark Ford lead the team with 12 points followed by Rance Schumacher with 11 points. Jeran Butler and Taylor Becker added six points while Reid Carthel chipped in three points. Trevor Morris finished with two points and Dahlen McCarter with one point.
Lockney will play the Claude Mustangs at Canyon Randall High School in a warm-up game starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Longhorns BI-district game will be against either West Texas or Canadian on the following Monday or Tuesday. Details will be announced at a later time.



TAKS Test Schedule for Lockney
Tuesday, February 24, for the following grades and subjects:
Grade 4 - Writing, Grade 7 - Writing, Grade 9 - Reading; and English/Language Arts for grades 10 and 11.
It is extremely important that students be present on those days. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast before the tests.



LONGHORNS WIN AGAINST THE WHIRLWINDS-Whirlwind Luke Miller (20) goes up to block Longhorn Mark Ford (3) during Tuesday's afternoon game in the Whirlwind Gym. The final score was Lockney 55 - Floydada 45. Staff Photo

Lockney Junior students participate in groundhog job shadow day

On February 4, Wednesday nineteen junior students from Lockney High School; went to several different places on the South Plains to job shadow various mentors in their occupations. The careers ranged any where from health providers to helicopter pilots. The students as a whole learned many valuable lessons and were able to network with not only their mentors but also other peers. Here are a few of their statements about their job shadow day.

Denise Salas (at University Medical Center): "I really enjoyed myself on Wednesday. Ernie and Madeline encouraged me more about my dream and I really appreciate them for taking the time to show me around and answer my questions."

Marti Nolan (Covenant Health Care System): "I had a great time with Rosemary. I got to know her and many others. Rosemary and I took care of a 91-year-old lady. I had a lot of fun with them. I think it was great and it would be good for others to see what kind of a career they would be interested in for their future."

Brandon Gilroy (West Texas Helicopters): "My job shadow day experience was one of the best experiences I've ever had in my entire life. It was amazing. I've never done anything like that. Luke, my mentor, showed me the ropes. He showed me how the helicopters operate and the actual feeling of flying in a helicopter. Not only did this job shadow day teach me what it is like to be a helicopter pilot, but it also taught me to go after my dream of becoming a helicopter pilot and to never stop chasing my dream."

Ashley Brock---"I went to the Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia. There I shadowed a physical therapist. It was great. I can see now what I really want to do. The schooling will take time but in the end it will be worth it."

Alissa Poindexter---"I shadowed Mrs. Julie Dorman, The Lockney elementary P. E. coach. The kids were wonderful. With every group I saw a look of admiration in the children's faces. They looked up to Julie and myself in the same way that I re-

member looking up at my elementary coach. Julie has a wonderful relationship with these kids, not only is she teaching them how to play a certain sport, but she is instilling within every one of them the values they will retain in sports throughout the rest of their lives. One day I want those kids to look up to me in the same way. I would love to be able to cultivate athletic traits in these children, but I want to teach them morals, values, and dreams. Julie does that everyday. The kids might see their activities simply as running, jumping rope, or playing basketball, but in a few years the values they learned while doing these activities will be shown through incredible sportsmanship. To all of those parents of elementary students in Lockney, your children are in the best hands they could be in. Thank you, Julie."

Amanda Garza---"I got to experience home health care and wheel chair evaluations. Physical Therapy is something I am going to look into for the future. I learned different kinds of exercises for different kinds of injuries. Being a Physical Therapist takes time and patience. Thanks for being my mentor."

Danny Cervantes---"Very informative and showed me if I should go into a certain field. I want to go into technology, but not the branch of servers and networking. The good thing about going to Texas Tech was we were shown the different types of technology out there. It was a very helpful experience."

Lee Fortenberry---"I really enjoyed everything that we did from the meat packing plant to the greenhouses and the Ag. Farm. I could not believe the pigs were that big."

Zane Montandon---"I had the opportunity to shadow an employee for the TTU-Information Technology area. I really enjoyed getting to understand more about the Tech technology network and all that Tech has to offer. The day was a blast!"

Addie Foster---"Walking up the steps towards Captain Bill Drewell's office in the Lubbock Sheriff's Department, I had a slightly nervous yet bored feeling inside me about the upcom-

ing day, little did I know what the day had in store for me. As I sat down in his office along with two other girls, I became curious at what we would do for an entire day. Right away Capt. Drewell introduced us to his "crew", and then sent me away with the person in charge of the Dispatch Center. Honestly, it wasn't the most exciting place in the world, then again it was 9:30 in the morning so there aren't a whole lot of 911 calls. But I did learn how they operate, and where all of the calls are sent to when there is an emergency, which was very interesting. At 10:00 I was sent to the jail to begin our tour. There was about fifteen different students there. All but two were girls. First, the officers lead us to the laundry room, where they told us about the different garments, and had an inmate tell us why he was there, and not to make the same mistakes. Next, we were directed to the kitchen where we could see how the food was cooked, (rumors are that jail food is good, correction it's nasty and bland). We were crammed into a small room with a tiny window in the door-- called the "rubber room". That is where they keep inmates that are out of control. We were lead through the hallways past cells with prisoners and finally we crowded into a cell of our own. It wasn't a very pleasant feeling so if you don't mind feeling uncomfortable, by all means get into trouble. It was amazing the level of security they had there, every little hallway was monitored. After leaving the

jail, Capt. Drewell took us to dinner, which was very nice of him. When we arrived back at the department, the bomb team had placed deactivated explosives in the office for their dogs to sniff out. It was amazing how the dogs could detect the odors of the explosives, and I personally got to visit Sgt. David Turner and his dog Biff. Sgt. Turner works with AFT and explained to us what it was like working all over the country and that he was at The Super Bowl this year. I had a blast learning what happens every day in Lubbock Sheriff's Department, and walking up those steps gave me the step towards life I needed."

Emily Gonzalez: "I really enjoyed my job shadow day it helped me to learn more about what I wanted to do. Just watching the dancers dance and how they put so much into what they do was just a great experience. It gave me a chance to prepare mentally and physically about what it takes and how to get there. It was a really great experience I really enjoyed it."

Melania Van Zandt: "My job shadowing experience was amazing. I would recommend any one to do it. I learned about the bladder and saw a tumor being removed from a bladder. I also got to go to the nursery and saw the rules the hospital gave all newborn's mothers. I went to radiology and saw stones in the kidneys. Overall the experience was wonderful and I would do it all over again."

LOCKNEY LONGHORN BASEBALL FUNDRAISER SAT., FEBRUARY 21, 2004

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Lockney JV Boys Basketball Report

The Lockney Junior Varsity played one of their best games last Friday night defeating the Hale Center Owls 46-26. Lockney scored the games first 13 points before Hale Center hit a three point shot with less than a minute to go in the first quarter. Lockney increased their lead at the half 27-6 and never looked back.

Blaine Hall and Brandon Gilroy lead the 'Horns with 12 points followed by Rion Auffer with nine points. Brance Wilson added six points while J.W. McPherson chipped in four points. Brandon Hall knocked in two points and Anthony Peralez finished with one point.

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FSA FIRST LADY--Paul Schacht, Chairman of the Floyd County FSA Committee (right) recently presented Nancy B. Lawson (left) a commemorative inscription in recognition for serving as the first woman on the Floyd County Farm Service Agency County Committee from 1996-2003.

Food protection management training to be offered by TCE

By Melissa Long

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, on in four Americans will become sick, one in one thousand will become hospitalized, and five thousand will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of Health must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

Texas Cooperative Extension, is offering a food manager certification training. This program

will be offered for \$79 on March 9 and 10 at the Unger Memorial Library in Plainview. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Protection Management training program contact Texas Cooperative Extension in Hale County at 291-5271 or Floyd County at 983-4912. Registration with money is due by Monday, February 23.

By Shawn Wade



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In an effort to answer a number of questions raised by insurance providers and producers about the new double insurance and prevented planting guidelines going into effect in 2004, the USDA Risk Management Agency has issued an expanded explanation of the new rules.

The new rules are final implementation of double insurance provisions first approved by Congress in the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA). The reason for the new rule is to prevent a producer from collecting more than one crop insurance indemnity payment for crop losses that occur on the same acre in the same crop year.

The rule states that a producer who has a loss on their first insured crop may only receive 35 percent of the calculated indemnity (and only pay 35 percent of

the first crop premium due) if they choose to plant and insure a second crop on the same ground that incurs an insurable loss.

If no loss is claimed on the second crop, the producer would receive the remaining 65 percent of the first crop indemnity less the remaining 65 percent of the first crop premium and 100 percent of the second crop premium due.

After considerable work by Plains Cotton Growers and the National Cotton Council, RMA has developed a revised rule that provides additional options to allow a producer to retain 100 percent of their first crop premium and opt out of second crop coverage in situations that would have required them to insure the second crop in the past.

Under the new rules a producer who incurs a loss on their

first insured crop has several options that will allow them to retain 100 percent of their first crop indemnity.

They can: 1) Opt not to take insurance on a subsequently planted crop. This option is to be exercised on a unit-by-unit basis and the producer must make their insurance provider aware of their decision before the acreage reporting date for the second crop or when the claim is signed for the first insured crop; or, 2) Insure the second crop, but decline to accept any second crop claim payment. Producers who insure a second crop but later choose not to accept payment for a second crop claim will receive the remaining 65 percent of their first crop claim less the remaining 65 percent of the premium due on the first crop and 100 percent of the premium due on the second

crop. Producers may decline to accept a second crop indemnity up until the time the claim check is cashed.

RMA also clarified prevented planting rules as well in the bulletin. Essentially a grower who files a prevented planting claim and subsequently hays, grazes or otherwise harvests a volunteer or cover crop after the final planting date and before November 1 will be limited to 35 percent of the applicable prevented planting guarantee. Haying, grazing or harvesting a volunteer or cover crop after November 1 will not result in the reduction of prevented planting payments.

The RMA Managers Bulletin (MGR-04-002) is available for download from the website at <http://www.rma.usda.gov/news/managers/2004/>

Crosby and Floyd Counties host Beef Cattle Summer Forage and Animal Health Meeting

By J.D. Ragland

The Crosby and Floyd County Texas Cooperative Extension Offices will be hosting a beef Cattle Summer Forage and Animal Health Meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy.

The program will get underway with registration, coffee and donuts at 8:15 a.m. At 8:30 a.m. Dr. Calvin Trostle, TCE Agronomist, is scheduled to present a variety of information related to summer forages for both grazing and haying. Steve Young, Crosby County Ag Agent, will then discuss Fertilization for Native Pasture. James Esty, Texas Department of Agriculture, will also be on hand to provide information to Private Applicators regarding Laws and Regulation.

Additionally, Dr. Ted

McCollum, TCE Beef Cattle Specialist, will include a section on Animal Health and Nutrition. Also, J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Ag Agent, will present information regarding Administering Proper Injection Site.

We will conclude with a noon meal sponsored by Hi Pro Animal Health and Walco International.

A total of three (3) CEU's will be offered to all private applicators, 1 hour in Laws and Regulations, 1 hour in Integrated Pest Management and 1 hour in General.

For more information please contact the Crosby County Office at 675-2347 or the Floyd County Office at 983-4912.

For meal count purposes please RSVP through the Floyd County Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27.



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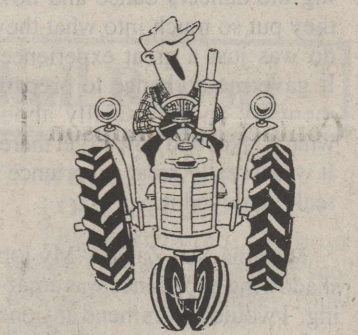
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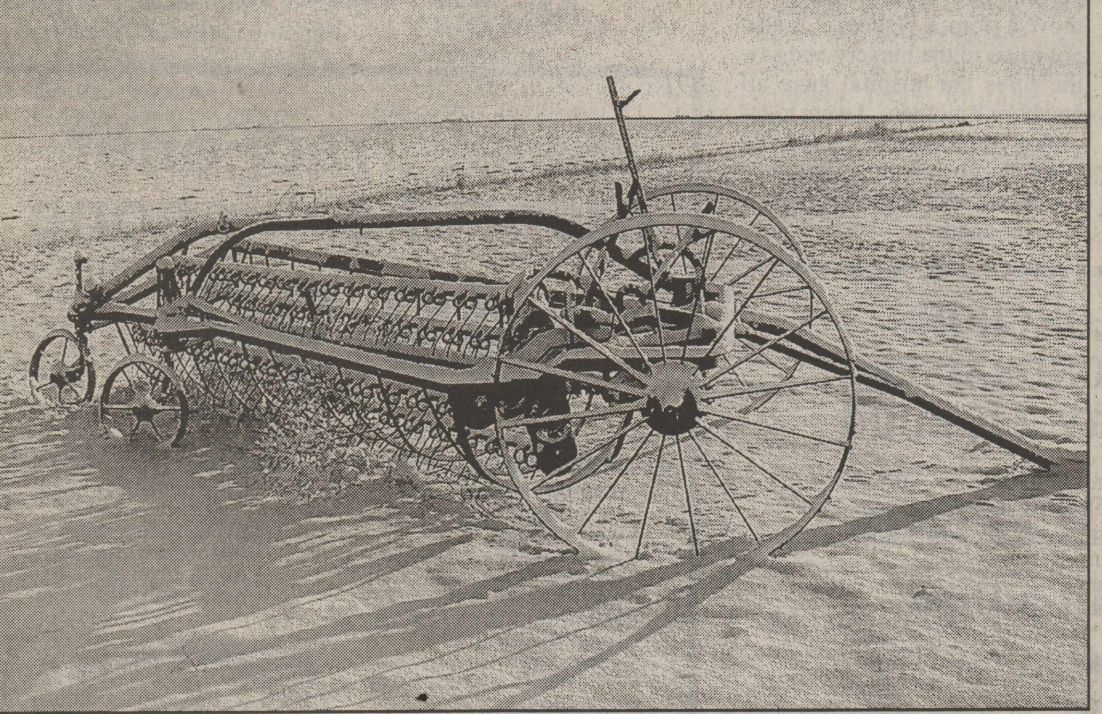
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The application period will end at 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2004 unless further notice is published.

- The following documents will be required to complete the application.
- *Proof of income for each adult in the household (employment, pension, social security, rental property, interest)
 - *Proof of ownership (warranty deed, etc.)
 - *If the proof of ownership contains the name of a deceased spouse, proof that the surviving spouse retains ownership must also be provided.
 - *Proof of Occupancy (Drivers License, State I.D., voter registration, or utility bills)
 - *Verification of Disability or Handicap (if applicable)
 - *Copy of Social Security Card for each household member.

You may go to the Floydada City Hall for an information sheet which provides more details about the program. Disabled persons may contact City Hall for assistance.

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Obituaries

This Week's Announcements

T.U. LINCH

Funeral services for T.U. Linch, 86, of Floydada were held Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at the Trinity Assembly in Floydada. Reverend Henry Russell officiated. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Linch died Monday, February 16, 2004 at Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center.

He was born on January 9, 1918 in Iredell to the late Ira S. and Irene Blue Linch. He married Francis Ward on June 16, 1940 in Randlett, OK. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Force having served during World War II. He was a lifelong resident of Floyd County, a carpenter and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Francis Linch of Floydada; two sons, Floyd Linch and wife JoAnn of Lubbock and Gene Linch and wife Anita of Azle; one sister, Mozelle Bice of Lubbock; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



REFUGIO VASQUEZ

Funeral Mass was celebrated for Refugio Vasquez, 66, of Lockney Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney. Father Jim McCartney officiated. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mr. Vasquez died February 15, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born on July 4, 1937 in Raymondville to the late Roman and Maria Vasquez. He moved to Lockney in 1963. He married Pauline Rendon on July 22, 1963 in Plainview. He was an elevator operator for Patterson Grain Co. until he retired in 1989 and was a member of the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Survivors include his Mother, Maria Vasquez and his wife, Pauline; three sons, Refugio Vasquez, Jr. of Lockney, Steven Vasquez and wife Jessica of Weatherford, Danny Vasquez of Lockney; three daughters, Esmeralda Cisneros and husband Roel of Floydada, Rachel Guerrero and husband Richard of Lockney, Connie Vasquez of Hobbs, NM; two brothers, Roman Vasquez and wife Juanita of Plainview, Luis Vasquez and wife Janie of Plainview; three sisters, Rosa Baltierra and husband Lupe of Robstown; Ninfa Luna and husband Gregorio of Uvalde, Pinfania Maldonado of Hobart, OK; and 13 grandchildren.

GREGORY RAISSEZ

Funeral services for Gregory Raissez, 51, of Lockney will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2004 at Lemons Funeral Home Chapel in Plainview. Father Jim McCartney of San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney will be officiating. Burial will be in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Raissez died Monday, February 16, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born June 23, 1952 in Boise City, OK. He married Alexandria Muniz April 15, 1972 in Lockney. He was a life long resident of Lockney and a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Alexandria of Lockney; two daughters, Amanda Raissez of Lockney and Ashley Raissez of Lockney; three sons, Michael and Angie Raissez of Plainview, Matthew and Samantha Raissez of Lubbock, and Joshua Raissez of Lockney; two brothers, Isabel and Mary Ann Raissez of Rotan and Alfonso and Nieves Raissez of Lockney; six sisters, Belen Hernandez of Casa Grande, Arizona, Rosaira Saenz of Floydada, Felipa Raissez of Plainview, Hortencia and Reynaldo Moralez of Edinburg, Ester and Frank Muniz of Lockney, and Maria Elena and Robert DeLaGarza of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

LOCKNEY 4-H MEETING

The Lockney 4-H meeting for February has been changed. The meeting will be held on February 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Unity Center. Community service for the month is magazines for the hospital. Make plans to attend. You never know what surprise you might have waiting for you!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at St. Mary Magdalen's Church on February 25 at 6:30 P.M. - Lent - A time of renewal.

LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTERS MEETING

Lockney Band Boosters will hold a meeting February 19th for a very important meeting concerning the band trip. The Boosters will meet after the band concert is over.

LOCKNEY HOMECOMING ASSOCIATION

Lockney Homecoming Association will meet March 1st at the Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Anyone with information on addresses of former students should contact Dewanda Blenden, 652, 2563. For more information contact Kyle Brock, president, 652-3437.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will be held February 23 - March 5.

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First United Methodist Church to observe Ash Wednesday

By Martha Farris

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, a 40 day period of prayer, repentance, and self-denial before Easter, is observed on February 25th this year. It is traditional to save the palm branches from Palm Sunday, the burn them the following year for ashes. These ashes are used in the service to anoint the forehead of the believers on Ash Wednesday.

In Floydada, the First United Methodist Church will observe the special day and a brief worship service in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. "The use of ashes is a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history and can be a powerful way to participate in the call to repentance and reconciliation," said Dr. David Jones, pastor. He will be assisted in the service by Rev. Ione Sedinger, pastor in residence. Members and friends in the community are invited to join in the inspirational service.

Another significant observance during the season of Lent is the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5th. On this day, Christians around the world will be praying for those in need physically, mentally, spiritually...and for world peace.

On March 5th, the chapel of FUMC will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for prayer. Communion will be offered from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Jones and Rev. Sedinger.

"The prayer day is planned to allow you, individually, groups, or families to participate at a time of your choosing," said Dr. Jones.

Cade Miller Scholarship Fund

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

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Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
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Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
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Ken Free- Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

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Dr. Glyndle Feagin
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Morning Worship .. 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Dr. David Jones, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.

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Lockney
Rev. Neely Landrum, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Praise/Worship 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship . 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Rev. Ray Gonzales
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Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) .. 5:30 p.m.
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Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Pastor
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service ... 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Melvin Loseke, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

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Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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