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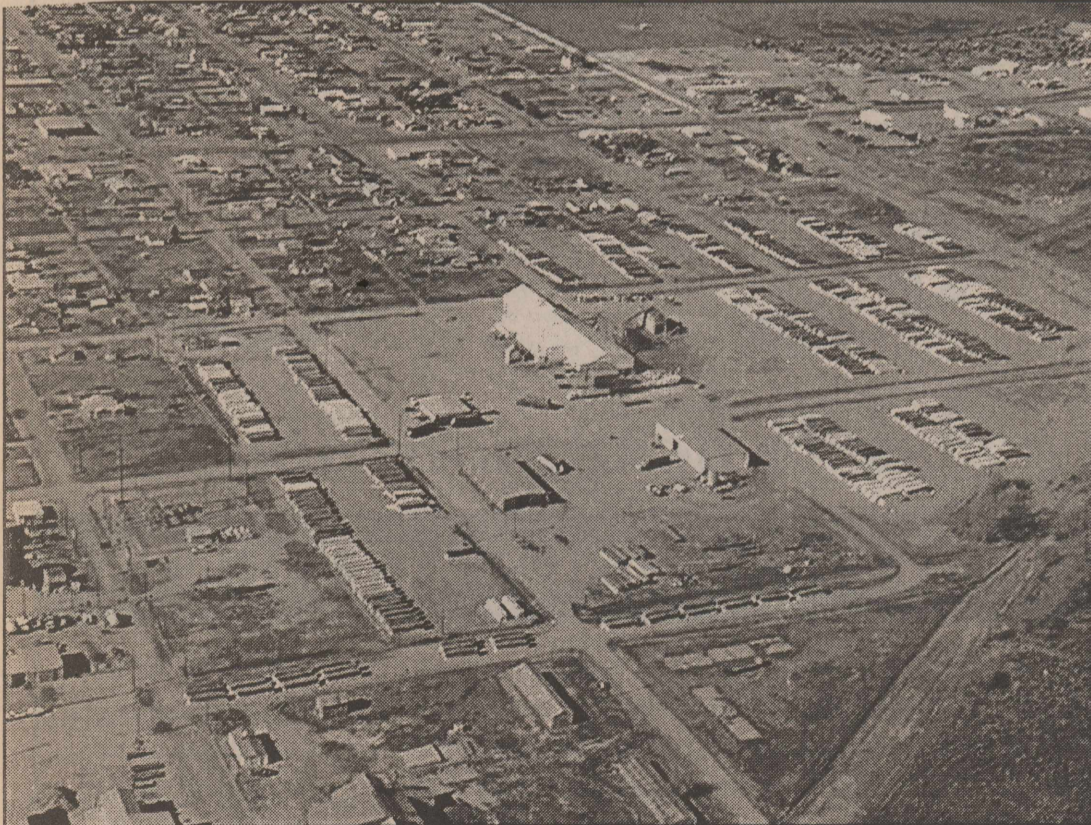
Newspaper looks back on 2004



FROM THIS--A June 10 photo of hail damaged cotton in northern part of County. 400-500 acres destroyed. Staff Photo



TO THIS--A November 25, 2004 photo of stringy cotton caused by heavy rains. Staff Photo



AND FINALLY THIS--This recent aerial photo taken by Mitch Probasco shows the gins running out of room for cotton modules. Dirt roads in Floydada are being filled up with modules and more sit in fields ready for ginning.

Council considers feasibility study

By Darwin Robinson
The Floydada City Council met Tuesday, December 21, and heard a report from Police Chief Darrell Gooch concerning the need of a feasibility study before proceeding in building a proposed jail facility in Floydada.

Gooch told the council, "I have been calling around a lot about a feasibility study on the proposed jail. One firm in Durham, N.C. gave me a quote of \$40,000. They work with larger cities. However, another smaller firm called GSA gave me a quote of \$6,000. They just did a study for Smith County and I

am told they did a real good job." Councilmember Clar Schacht asked, "Does the state have anyone who will do a feasibility study?" Gooch said, "The National Department of Corrections in Colorado gives free classes, ad-

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Weather, schools, and politics dominated most of the news in Floyd County during 2004.

The cotton crop was looking great until hail came in June. Rain started in July and continued at an unusual pace for this part of the world. Stringy cotton and muddy fields started to worry producers who had visions of a bumper crop.

However, even a 2004 rainfall total in Floydada of 27.06 inches, the land did dry and producers were able to get to work.

By Christmas gins were working non-stop and running out of room to put modules. Some fields are said to be bringing in 3 bales an acre. Most fields are averaging 2-2/12 bales per acre.

Gins report that, with good weather, they may be ginning up through March.

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In LISD the school board struggled with groundwork for finding a new superintendent to replace retiring Raymond Lusk. Controversy arose over comments made during a school board meeting and a large number of citizens gathered at the meeting to voice their support for a candidate--Principal Phil Cotham.

Both Lockney and Floydada celebrated their Homecomings and outstanding citizens were honored in both towns at Chamber Banquets.

Jail worries still plague the Floydada Police Department and the City considers the possibility of building a jail. At the end of the year the city is looking at the possibility of a feasibility study.

A controversy arose over the November election and the Commissioner's race in Pct. #1. The first count showed write-in

candidate Mike Anderson defeating incumbent Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden. A recount called for by Bearden put her as the winner by one vote. A subsequent petition filed in District Court by Anderson calls for the election to be investigated by the District Court. A clear winner in the Commissioner race is still up in the air and may not be decided until later in 2005.

A breakdown by the months follows:

January

The year started out with a low cotton bale count of 45,958 in the county, due to wind and hail in May and June of 2003.

A local dentist, Randall Griffin, closed his successful practice and re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

The first New Year's baby in Floyd County was Lacy Tyann Phillip, born on January 1st, daughter of Tyler and Lacy Phillips.

The County Stock Show, January 10 and 11th was held in Muncy. Kortney William's goat, Karah Hrbacek's steer, Tylee Jo Williams' heifer, Marla Reeves' rabbit, Brady Ragland's barrow, Eddie Fortenberry's lamb, and Garrett Jenschke gilt were all named as grand champions.

Kenneth Wofford, former Mayor of Lockney, passed away January 19th.

Bessie Glover celebrated her 102nd birthday, January 29th.

February

Local preacher, Darwin Robinson, celebrated 45 years of ministry. He has been the pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Floydada for over 10 years.

Lockney City Council broke ground on the new city sewer facility brought about through a STEP grant project.

February 28 Mary Warren was crowned Miss Floydada. Petite Miss was Destiny Thomas, Junior Miss was Madolyn McCormick, Young Miss was Alexis Holbert, and Teen Miss was Kaylie Nutt.

Lockney Longhorn Varsity Basketball team was named Area

Champs after a win against Anson in Snyder, February 27, 52-48.

March

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce honored their Citizen of the Year, Bobby Hall, at the Chamber Banquet March 6. Also honored was Preston Belt as Fireman of the Year.

FHS BPS Team won 1st place at State Competition. The team consists of: Skyler Cornelius, Spencer Schacht, Trey Helms, Meghan Graham, Jeremy Lloyd, Eason Campbell, Lauren Powell, Kristen Lackey, Eason Campbell and Lauren Powell.

FHS Gold Key Art winners were Noe De Los Santos and Gerardo Mata.

Kim Van Cleve qualified for State in Women's Powerlifting.

March 4, the home of Sudy Cochran as destroyed by fire. Cochran's personal belongings were all lost.

Three crosses, built by Ed Marks Construction, were placed at the Queen of Heaven Shrine in Muncy. One cross was 30 feet tall, and two others were 20 feet and 15 feet.

The Floyd County Friends Gala was held at the Unity Center, March 27. The Fabulous Fifties was the theme. Kim Teeter won the grand prize of \$1,000.

April

Lockney Boy Scout Troop hosted the first Haynes District Camporee on Jim and Denise Doucette's ranch, April 2-4.

Britta McDonald won the National Silver Key Award. She was honored at a ceremony in New York City at Carnegie Hall.

A story in the April 8 paper told of the continuing work by FISD on a Master Facility Development plan which would include new buildings and major campus renovations.

An April 15th story told of the rise in gas leases in Floyd County. 98,000 acres had already been leased up.

Carr's Chapel celebrated their 100th birthday, April 24.

The Floyd County Commissioner's Court received

a long awaited engineer's report which declared the structural integrity of the jail was sound.

The jail was closed after the Texas Jail Standards Commission received a report from Floydada's Fire Marshal, Darrell Gooch, who wrote that the front of the jail had deteriorated to the point that it was unsafe.

TJSC then told the Commissioner's Court that the jail had to be closed until an engineer could inspect the facility.

It was this report the County has been waiting on. The engineer recommended the front porch be removed, however the variances that had been extended to the County by TJSC were cancelled by the closure. The cost of bringing the jail up to new standards would be too costly for the County and the Commissioners decided to send County prisoners to Dickens County Jail at a cost of \$38 a day.

Molly Long placed 3rd at UIL Regional Meet which qualified her to compete at State.

FHS Lifeskills Class qualified for State competition. Competing will be: Rolando Lopez, Kami Holbert, Paul Lopez, Frankie Ibarra, Krystal Garza, Robert Dunlap.

April 29th the Floydada Chamber of Commerce honored Outstanding Citizens at the annual Chamber Banquet. Tim Assiter was named Citizen of the Year; Jolynn Dean was given the Extra Mile Award, Dr. Bill Dean was given the Employer of the Year Award, and Lorilla Bradley was named the Volunteer of the Year.

May

Ross Bennett advanced to State Tennis competition in May in Austin.

Alissa Poindexter qualified for the State Track Meet in the Long Jump competition.

Alissa Poindexter, Annie Reece, and Shelly Pachiano qualified to compete at the State UIL Literary Competition.

A May 13 story told of a fu-

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Longtime County Clerk dies

Margaret Collier, 93, of Floydada, the County Clerk of Floyd County for 55 years, died, December 28, 2004 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 30, 2004 at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Floydada with Reverend Anthony Sisemore officiating and Reverend Neely Landrum assisting. Burial will be in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Collier was born, March 31, 1911 in Hardin, Ray County, Missouri, to Mr. & Mrs. W.K. Collier. She moved with her parents to the Irick Community in Floyd County in 1915 and lived there until the death of her father in 1918, at which time her mother moved the family of nine children to Lockney.

Collier started her schooling in Lockney and graduated as Valedictorian of the senior class in 1929. She attended Lippert's Business College in Plainview, and upon completing a secretarial course went to work for an auditor for the Whittenburg Oil Company in Borger, Texas, for approximately two years. She then returned to Lockney and went to work as a bookkeeper for Baker Mercantile Company in Lockney and soon was employed as a bookkeeper in the First National Bank in Lockney for approximately ten years. She resigned

that position and on September 15, 1941 accepted employment as Deputy County Clerk of Floyd County at the request of Emma Louise Smith, the County Clerk at that time.

In 1942 Collier was a candidate for the Office of County Clerk. She took office on January 1, 1943 and held that position continuously up to 1998.

Collier was re-elected eighteen times, some for 2 year terms and some for 4 year terms, with no opponent.

She enjoyed yard work and gardening and was a Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church for over 50 years. She cared for her mother and was devoted to her nieces and nephews who were her family.

The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in 1998 in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon commemorating Collier's retirement.

"To work for an organization for approximately 58 years and still enjoy the work there is an exception to the rule, but when the time comes for you to retire, there is a tinge of sorrow that you feel," said Collier. "The years have passed by so fast and have made me old before I wanted to get old. Since 1998 is the last year of my elected term, December 31, 1998, my work as County Clerk of Floyd County will be over.

"I will never forget when the



MARGARET COLLIER

Floyd County Commissioners' Court recognized my service to Floyd County by Proclaiming Friday, May 13, 1991 as 'Margaret Collier Day'. The day was a wonderful experience for me and it made me very happy as well as very humble because so much was done for me and so many nice things said to me by the host of people who came to the reception.

"Besides the Commissioners' Court proclamation of 'My Day'. I am also proud of a letter that I received from Congressman Bill Sarpolius, 13th District Texas, dated May 13, 1991. He sent me a copy of an article that was read on the floor of the U.S. House Of Representatives in my honor, which read in part as follows: 'This Article in the Congressional

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By The Way



By Alice Gilroy

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Oh ye of little faith!
I had my faith in human nature restored this past week.
Whoever stole the large candles out of Edith Clark's yard returned them. I should be ashamed of myself for thinking they would never be returned.
Edith was so grateful and so happy! Thank-you to whoever returned them.

My son is making initial plans to attend New Mexico Military Academy ROTC and is working on a scholarship from the Army to put him through at least the first couple of years.

His mother is so excited. She can't wait for him to get out of college and get shipped off to Iraq!

NOT!!
This mother wants other mothers to send their sons, but she doesn't want to send her own son.

This mother wants her son to be a podiatrist or something safe like that.

This mother doesn't want my son to answer to an Army Sergeant. She just wants him to have to answer to her or his dad.

I'm sure not ready to have to answer to an Army Sergeant. I wonder who has more pull--mom or Sarge?

I do know after an experience this past week that nurses have more pull than anybody.

Does everyone remember Nurse Ratched from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"?

Well, I met her last week.
Brandon (my son) had to have a DOD physical for scholarship consideration.

We were mailed several pages of forms that he had to bring with him for the different examinations. He had to go to a certain eye doctor in Lubbock and then to a medical examiner who would give him a physical, a hearing test, and a reading test.

Part of the paper work was his medical history which we had to fill out before he came for the exam. There were about 100 questions that we had to answer yes or no. For every yes answer we had to give an explanation for it on the back of the form.

For instance: For every broken bone (of which there has been three instances), we had to note the day it occurred, what kind of break it was and how it was treated. We had to do the same for acne, hay fever, sinusitis, allergies, and eye exams. It was very involved and required some digging from more than one personal physician. We appreciated all the help everyone gave us.

After I was done writing it all down I told myself that I was going to make copies of our research so we would never have to put the doctors through that again. Besides, I knew this was only going to be the first time he was asked all those questions. I knew it would come in handy later on.

But---I forgot to make copies during the week the paper was in

my possession.

Along comes the day of the exam. My husband and I drive Brandon to the doctor's office. I walked in with him and handed the paperwork to a nurse.

I went outside to the car. After about 5 minutes I remembered I wanted a copy. I ran back inside and found a different nurse- Nurse Ratched-sitting at the desk.

She was looking down at her desk.

I walked up, smiled, and said, "My name is Alice Gilroy, and I just came in with my son---"

She stops me and points toward Brandon in the waiting room. She still hasn't looked up.

"No", I said. "That's not what I need. I brought medical records in..."

"Yes, I Know", Nurse Ratched said with a sarcastic twist.

I stopped for a second and put the next best foot forward.

"Well....I was wondering if I could get a copy of the medical history that I filled out--I forgot to do that."

I nearly fell over when Nurse Ratched looked up (finally) and shouted, "NO!"

I was stunned and my mouth dropped open.

Then I heard Brandon in the waiting room start to snicker.

I figured there was probably a Candid Camera filming the whole thing and I was about to win \$1,000 for being a comedy guinea pig.

I suppressed a giggle and said, "No, you don't understand. I don't want the doctor's records. I just want the part I filled out and gave to you."

"I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!" said Nurse Ratched. "YOU CAN'T HAVE IT. IT'S AGAINST THE LAW. IT'S THE PROPERTY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT NOW!"

More snickers from the waiting room.

"You're kidding", I said.

Her smirk told me she wasn't.

Truthfully I wanted to reach across the desk, grab her by the throat, and shout "Well, you old bat--my son isn't the property of the U.S. Government yet and those are his records. Let's pretend it's 5 minutes ago and I haven't given those records to you yet. HAND THEM OVER!!"

But I said, "Alrighty then. Thank-you."

I saluted and walked out (just kidding about the salute part).

By the way--Brandon had worried a little about the exam. He didn't know how extensive the military exam would be. He had never had a hearing test and I asked him how it went.

"Did they put earphones on you and ask you to raise your hand when you heard the tone?" I asked.

"Nah", he said. "The doctor stood about 8 feet away from me and whispered, 'Can you hear me?'"

A view from



The Lamplighter

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We are reminded by a story in the local daily newspaper (one of many owned by the Atlanta-based Cox chain of media outlets) that all America should be concerned that many political subdivisions tend to resist sharing information with the public that elects them. Theoretically, it follows, we should all do something about it.

My, my. So what else is new?

We got our first "byline" back in the late 40's. Since then, in varying degrees, we've been in the business of gathering and or dispensing what we regard as news. Not everything we thought was news was always regarded as "news" by everyone who made a living doing just that. Some, indeed, who taught "journalism" in our most prestigious universities, seldom agreed on what was "news." So we end up with the Paul Begalies and Bill Moyers and Molly Ivens' making a fortune off things many of us always thought of as "opinion", not "news". And they, for some strange reason, are regarded by many professors as "role models" for future journalists.

Needless to say, we've always been regarded as an oddball in the field of journalism. No need to try to change at this late date. So...

We think the current nationwide campaign to draw a distinction between the "press" and people in public office is just so much hogwash. We've never seen a time, and we've been around a while, when a good, enterprising reporter could not get any piece of information he

wanted, if that information was available anywhere. True, he (or she) may have to put in long hours in some dingy rooms, researching some obscure transaction that happened many months, or even years, ago. Perhaps it will require the expenditure of money by some distant publisher, but if the information is available a good reporter could (and can, and will) get it. It is still that way, and all the bitching by the Associated Press and assorted politically-motivated hangers-on is not going to change that, one iota.

That does not mean, nor should it be taken to mean, that any area of public policy should be off limits to the press, or to the public. There will always be friction between someone who is trying to hide information from the voters and someone who is trying to obtain that same information in order to relay it to the public...particularly when that information might impact unfavorably on the office holder. (And we would include here as "office holders", those University chancellors and athletic pooh-bahs who don't want people to know how much income they are deriving from various public sources.) But the principal problem in that regard, at the moment, is not with elected public officials, but with un-elected, autocratic, federal judges, and those elected federal officials who allow the un-elected federal judges to do what they do.

That, and of course lazy reporters, plus publishers concerned only with the bottom line.

Enterprising reporters and concerned publishers can work wonders with elected officials. That same combination is not so successful against life-tenured federal judges, but it certainly could be, if they put their collective minds to it. One of the reasons they don't "put their mind to it" is that so terribly many of them approve of the general thrust of federal judicial conduct. When an Federal Judge, for instance, takes over any state pro-

gram, whether it be the state's prisons or its welfare system, the general reaction among many members of the "media" and not a few legislators is one of enthusiastic approval. Any political move, on the other hand, that appears to enhance the 10th Amendment will meet with the media herd's disapproval. If this sounds like hypocrisy run amok, the answer is very simple. It is. But no one, or at least no one in his right mind, has ever accused members of the Fourth Estate, or members of the various state legislatures, or faculties of our various universities, or the human species generally, of lacking in that regard.

But a new breed of "journalists" have arisen in our land. Whether this is a cause, or a result, of the growth of a journalistic concept called "civic journalism," we'll never know. Nonetheless, one of its aspects is to sit on your journalistic hind-quarters and demand that government deliver to you those tidbits of which the new journalism is famous. The resulting "news" stories can then be shaped to editorial desires.

One cannot say, honestly, that the new journalism was unexpected. Those of us who were taught that words have meaning, that words should be used to reveal thoughts, rather than conceal thoughts, and that a

reporter's job was to reflect transpired events as accurately as possible, had to shudder back in the 60's and 70's when we heard long-haired, scraggly bearded hippies confidently predict the shape of things to come...knowing full well that they were probably right. (And they would have been even more right were it not for a few heroic youngsters who were willing to man the barricades and argue for the old verities.)

About all we can say is that the division between those who want to reveal facts to the voting public, and those politicians who want to keep those facts to themselves, is there and will remain there. Combine that natural division with the fact that some reporters have long ago opted to do everything they can to expose the shortcomings of the Tom DeLays of this world (of which there may be many) while protecting the shortcomings of the Pete Laney's of this world, (of which there also may be many) and we have a situation where recipients of news must tread warily. There are plenty honest reporters out there. (they are probably more common than ordinarily suspected), and they don't spend their time sitting around complaining because someone doesn't deliver juicy tidbits to their typewriter.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I personally believe that Mike Anderson has no conception of how a democracy works. Question: How many times does he have to be told, he lost the election in November of 2004?

Now, he is taking his crying and whining to court. He should be responsible for all costs he is causing the county. He did offer an ultimatum to the commissioners court to the effect that they throw out the winner and seat him instead. That is not democracy, that smacks of egotism.

The whole problem seems to revolve around one (1) point. Raynell Bearden is a competent female in what Mike Anderson considers an all male job.

Mike, where have you been hiding? Don't you realize that we have equality in this nation?

Furthermore, Mrs. Bearden has been doing an excellent job for several years. This is from someone who has lived in precinct 1 for many years.

Sincerely,
Buck Johnson

Bearden files response to petition

Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden filed an "answer" in District Court to the petition filed by Mike Anderson contesting the recent election recount results.

In the "Answer", Bearden denied "each and every, all and singular, the allegations" by Anderson's Petition.

The controversial November 2nd election results for the Pet. #1 Commissioner race moved into District Court after Anderson filed a petition on December 14 in District Court, asking the Court to decide the outcome of the election.

The initial November election results showed Anderson the winner by 20 votes. However, Commissioner Bearden was told that 33 additional ballots (straight party ballots) had been found and she called for a recount.

The recount showed 41 more ballots that had not been counted. The recount gave Bearden one extra vote to win. It is the results of the recount that has been called in to question by Mike Anderson. Anderson's petition asked the

Court to impound ballot boxes for trial, for the ballots to be examined and for incorrectly counted ballots to be deducted from Bearden's tally and Anderson be declared the winner, or for the election to be declared void and an order be issued for a new election.

The District Petition states, "At least one illegal ballot was counted in the recount that came from the U.S. Post Office to the Floyd County Clerk on November 4, 2004, two days after the election."

Anderson submits, said the petition, "that said vote was illegally counted."

Anderson also submitted a copy of a ballot where his name had been written in but was on the wrong line.

Since Anderson was the only write in candidate the petition states that Anderson believes, "the ballot clearly shows the intent to vote for Contestant Mike Anderson...and...the Court should find that ballot was intended to

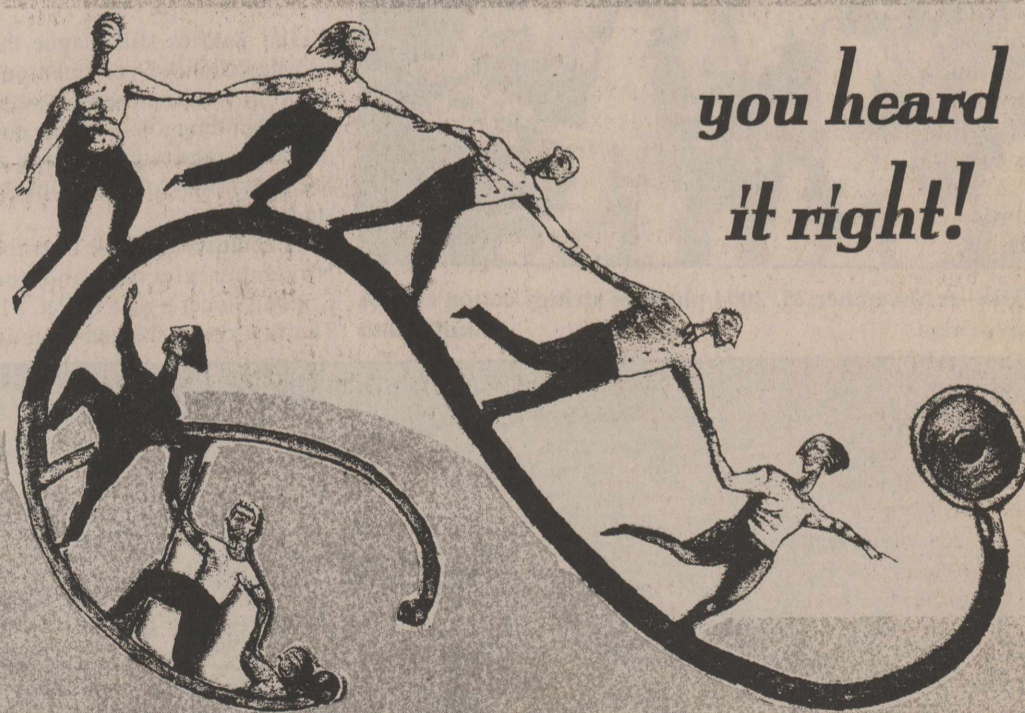
be cast for Anderson and be counted for Anderson."

The petition also outlined other Election Code violations, including: all printed ballots were not used and were destroyed or given away, and have not been properly accounted for. The law states the unused ballots have to be retained for 22 months. Because the unused ballots are missing/and or destroyed, a "proper audit of this election and its ballots cannot be done."

The petition further states: "There may be other irregularities in that a larger number of ballots are reported to have been found for the recount than were first said to be found and some were reported to be not folded so as to fit into the ballot boxes, but were single folded together as a group, which calls into question where they came from and who they were for."

"If the true outcome of the election is unable to be ascertained, the election must be declared void," said the petition.

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A meeting will be held January 10th, 2005 at the Massie Activity Center. It will start at 7p.m. and conclude by 8p.m. David Cheek of Unicare will present a power point program. We will serve refreshments. If you can attend, please call Glenda Wilson at 983-3717.

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ture Assisted Living Facility that will be built in Floydada by Melvin and Janet Lloyd.

LHS top graduates were Hannah Rockwell, valedictorian; and Amanda Hancock, salutatorian.

FHS top graduates were: Melissa Dunlap, valedictorian; and Becky Warren, salutatorian.

Pioneers were honored at Floyd County's Old Settlers Day, May 22.

The Pioneer Couple were J.W.

and Dolores Cannon; Pioneer Woman was Myria Dade, and Pioneer Man was Robert McDonald.

FHS was selected to be part of a technology immersion pilot program that will place wireless lap top computer, loaded with technology software, into the hands of every FJHS student and teacher for the next 2 years. The total grant project was about \$350,000.

FISD trustees unanimously approved a Cost Study Savings Estimate on the proposed \$14 million Master Facility Plan to consolidate the FISD campuses. R.C. Andrews would be closed and consolidated at Duncan. The

Junior High would be closed and consolidated with FHS.

May 27, LHS students and faculty gave High School Principal James Poole a going away party. Poole was retiring after 32 years with LISD.

June

Alex Hall earned a "1" rating at UIL solo competition with her performance of "Danzi, Danzi".

A Relay for Life Fundraiser was held in Floydada, June 4. Approximately \$16,000 was raised.

Much needed rain fell in Floyd County the first weekend in June, but also brought damaging hail in the northern part of the county. It was estimated that over 400 acres of cotton was lost.

President Ronald Reagan died June 5.

In a June 8 meeting FISD trustees voted to hold a Bond election on September 11 for the purpose to let Floydada citizens decide whether to go ahead with the proposed \$14.5 million FISD Facility Renovation and Demolition Plan.

June 21-22 more hail hits Floyd County, mostly in the northern and eastern parts of the County. Damaging hail fell east of Providence and in the Lone

Star Community, wiping out crops east of South Plains and continuing south through Dougherty.

July

July 4th was celebrated in Floydada and Lockney with the Lockney parade and Lowe's Pay-N-Save's food and fun fest.

A feature story in the July 15th paper told of damage done to Andy Stapp, of Lockney, from a Brown Recluse bite on the leg.

Floydada got a new Postmistress, Dana Gully, and a new Chamber Manager, Iantha Smith.

Good rains fall near the end of July.

July 27, Anisa Ramirez, 7, of South Plains, is bitten twice by a rattlesnake. After more than a week in the hospital she returned home.

August

August 1, Edna Workman, of Lockney was kidnapped from her home. She was later found alive but bruised in her disabled car on a dirt road near a caliche pit. Three people were eventually arrested and charged with kidnapping and injury to an elderly person. Wayne Dale Weir, 54, and Edison Jefferson, 21, both pled guilty and were sentenced to 50 years each. Patricia Dale Weir, 18, also pled guilty and was sentenced to 20 years. None of them will be eligible for parole until they serve half of their sentence.

Former Floydada mayor and businessman, Wayne Russell, died August 1.

August 12, Mike O'Connell, of Lockney, was pinned an Eagle Scout during a ceremony at San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Floydada Chamber hosts a free hot dog lunch downtown August 20.

August 21, Lockney hosts Old Fashioned Saturday.

September

A September 2 story on Floyd County crops quoted Extension Agent J.D. Ragland as saying the cotton crops were the best he had ever seen in his lifetime.

Rain continued in the County to the point some producers were actually worrying about needing more sunshine and warm weather for the cotton crops.

Lindsey Nutt, Spencer Schacht and Kami Keaton were the Gold Star winners at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Judy Schacht and Shawnda Foster received the Silver Star award.

Pumpkin production is in full

swing in Floyd County. The pumpkin crop is plentiful and profitable.

On September 11, Floydada voters rejected the FISD \$14.5 million dollar bond issue. 1,045

ballots were cast from 2,566 eligible voters. 604 voted against and 460 were in favor.

The voter turnout, 41.5% was considered a record number for a non-county election.

Myria Dade celebrated her 98 birthday on September 18. She still lives alone and drives.

Floydada and Lockney both celebrated Homecoming. Lockney's Homecoming was September 17th and 18th.

Floydada's Homecoming was September 24.

During the Homecoming business meeting at the Unity Center in Muncy, Delbert Phillips was presented with his high school diploma.

Phillips had left LHS in his junior year to enlist in the U.S. Air Corp during WWII. He was discharged in 1946, but was not allowed back into high school because of his maturity. He attended college and graduated with a degree in 1952. After 62 years Phillips now has his high school diploma.

At Floydada Homecoming Hall of Fame inductees were: Johnnie Tinnin, the late A.E. Baker, Jim Kimble, the late Richard Marler, Eloy Martinez, Price Pritchett, Beth Pratt, and Jimmy Willson.

Brandon Gilroy was presented with his Eagle Scout pin at a Court of Honor Ceremony, September 18, at Trinity Fellowship Church in Plainview.

September 24 a hail storm did major damage to crops in the northeast part of the county. Some cotton fields were a total disaster, as leaves were stripped from the stalks.

Andrews Elementary welcomed a new principal, Fred. A. Bush.

October

A very successful Punkin Day was held in Floydada, October 9. A record number of booths drew a record number of visitors.

The Lockney Longhorns win the County Championship football trophy.

In the October 21 paper a story on the FISD board meeting covered the unhappiness of Superintendent Jerry Vaughn with the Appraisal District. Vaughn had filed requests with the Appraisal District concerning complaint procedures. Vaughn stated he did not feel the Appraisal District had been cooperative with FISD during the bond election. He also said he did not feel the Appraisal District had "been above board" with FISD.

Vaughn was requesting office records of all employees at the Appraisal District between August 1 and September 13, 2004; how much tax was collected from all taxing authorities in 2002,

2003, and 2004; and the collected percentages of each taxing entity and copy of contracts of all taxing authorities.

The Longhorn and Whirlwind bands both earned a "1" in UIL Marching competition.

The October 28 paper covered controversy in the Lockney community over the LISD trustees vote concerning a new Superintendent search. Superintendent Raymond Lusk has announced his resignation. The trustees were in disagreement over whether to look first within LISD for a qualified superintendent or to open the search up to outsiders first.

October 26 a large crowd of Lockney citizens came before the LISD board to voice their support for Cotham.

November

Voter turnout was heavy in Floyd County on November 2. Incumbent Sheriff Gilmore was returned to office.

In the Commissioner Pct. #1 race, write-in candidate Mike Anderson was declared the winner with 330 votes. Republican candidate, Clay Simpson received 242 votes, and Democrat incumbent Ray Nell Bearden earned 310 votes.

The tally was later challenged by Bearden and a recount resulted in the discovery of 41 ballots that had not been counted. The new count declared Bearden the winner by one vote.

Anderson later challenged this count and the matter has gone to court.

November 2 residents woke to 2-4 inches of snow.

Tony Perez, of Floydada, qualified for State Competition in Cross Country.

Marine Lance Corporal Juan Estevan Segura, grandson of Juan Segura, of Floydada, was killed in Iraq.

Floyd County veterans were honored in Floydada with an emotional salute and in Lockney with a free lunch at Lockney Elementary.

Cotton harvest comes to a halt because of rain - over four inches in some areas. Cotton begins to string out on the plant. The good news was Lake Mackenzie was on the rise.

The FISD board met November 11 and voted to file a formal complaint against the Floyd County Tax Appraisal Office.

Superintendent Vaughn said the complaint concerned what he viewed as the working relationship between FISD and the Appraisal District. Vaughn would not discuss the matter at any length in the board meeting.

The Floydada City Council discussed the possibility of building a new jail facility in Floydada.

New Floyd County Queens were named in a pageant, November 13. Miss Elegant Floyd County is Randi Jo Covington; Teen Miss is Jennifer Rainwater; Junior Miss is Hannah Smith; Young Miss is Alexis Holbert; and Petite Miss is Macee Brotherton.

December

W.J. Mangold Hospital holds

another successful Health Fair. Floydada Chamber of Commerce sponsors the first Christmas parade.

Boyd Jackson, of Lockney, is named Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Farmer of the Year.

Eddie Smith is named the 2004 Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalist by Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Cotton harvest is back to full speed and setting records. Floydada Coop reports that this will be the best year it has ever had.

Gins are running out of places to put modules.

The controversial November 2nd election results for Pct. #1 Commissioner Race is moving into District Court after a petition by Mike Anderson's Attorney was filed with the Court on December 14.

The Petition stated that "at least one illegal ballot was counted in the recount that came from the U.S. Post Office to the County Clerk two days after the election."

Anderson has also contested a write-in of his name on a ballot that was written on a line above his name. He contends the intention of the voter was to vote for Anderson.

Anderson lost by one vote to Bearden in a recount. If the ballot brought in late was discarded the race would be a tie. If the ballot with the write-in name on the wrong line is counted then Anderson would have won the race by 1 vote.

The case will be decided in court.

Floyd County's traditional Spirit of Christmas meal for shut-ins and elderly was held on December 24. Four hundred and twenty five meals were delivered.

The FISD Board approved donating the South Plains School gymnasium and 2 acres surrounding the property to the South Plains Community Center Inc.

Floydada Police Report

Police instincts kicked into overdrive last Thursday, December 23, when a vehicle with a Virginia license plate was seen with the motor running in front of Uncle's Convenience Store, in Floydada, at closing time. One man was seen at the pay phone and another man was seen getting out of the car. The man jumped back into the car when he saw a police car pull up beside him.

According to Police Chief Darrell Gooch, "All three men gave conflicting stories about where they had come from and where they were going. They also lied about their names."

The men were arrested and inside the vehicle police found a 380 automatic handgun and a 9 mm handgun. One of the guns was laying right beside a man in the back seat.

"They all had extensive criminal histories," said Gooch.

Johnny Rogers, 25, and Ronald Rogers, 21, were both arrested for felons in possession of a firearm. Paul Adams, 29, was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Johnny Rogers also has a protective order, out of Virginia, forbidding him to be in possession of a firearm.

"Johnny Rogers also got an additional charge of trying to bribe a police officer with \$1,400 to let him go," said Darrell Gooch. "That police officer was me."

Other police matters through the month of November and December included:

Four burglaries of motor vehicles were reported to police during the month of December. "We have received leads on the car burglaries," said Gooch. "At least 4 individuals have been identified. The investigation is ongoing."

Police also received reports of 2 home burglaries in November.

November 4, Jamie Cuellar, 17, was arrested for outstanding county warrants.

November 10, police investigated a burglary of Subway.

November 12, Demencio Lopez, 27, of Floydada, was arrested at 11:44 p.m. for Possession of Crack Cocaine.

November 20, police were attempting to arrest a subject for outstanding felony warrants and

according to a police report. Marjorie Williams, 56, of Floydada, grabbed the officer and prevented him from making the arrest and aided in the escape of the suspect.

Two days later, police arrested Marjorie Williams for Interfering with Police. "The officer would have arrested her on the same day," said Gooch, "but he was too busy trying to catch the suspect."

November 21, at 9:00 p.m., Daniel Quilmaco, 31, of Matador, was arrested for possession of crack cocaine.

November 24, George Sanchez II, 17, was arrested for an incidence involving an attempted assault on an elderly person.

In December police handled the following complaints:

December 2, at 10:56 p.m., Erminio Yannis, 54, of Floydada, was arrested within the 400 block of W. Kentucky for DWI.

December 10, Carlos Baker, 39, was arrested for outstanding fines owed to municipal court.

December 12 police took a report of vandalism to a car on S. Garrison.

December 12, Dorothy Coleman, 49, of Floydada, was arrested at 3:25 a.m. for possession of marijuana after a traffic stop.

Also on December 12, Lupe Almaguer, 43, of Floydada, was arrested in the 400 block of E. Kentucky for DWI.

December 12, police received a call of a burglary of a motor vehicle in progress. They arrived on the scene and took off in foot pursuit of the suspect. The man, later identified as George Sanchez, 17, of Floydada, ran into a house by busting down the front door. "A woman then ran from the house and told police there was a man hiding in her bathroom. Sanchez was found by police and arrested for Burglary of a Vehicle, burglary of a habitation, and abuse of inhalants.

December 15, police took a report of a home burglarized.

December 18, police took a report from a 62 year old woman whose home had been burglarized and Christmas presents stolen.

December 26, police received a report of vandalism of the big gorilla in front of Leonard's Cafe.

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DONATION TO MUSEUM BY FLOYDADA FNB-Tom Farris of Floydada First National Bank is shown giving a \$2500 donation to Carolyn Hardy of the Floyd County Historical Museum. The proceeds will go toward the making of a video about the Coronado excavations in the Caprock canyons. Staff Photo

Happy New Year

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The Center will be closed Monday, January 3, 2005.

Mike and Lou Ann Collins and sons, John and Jim of Lubbock, spent Christmas Day with James and Sue Lovell.

Rex and Karen Lawson and Greg and LeAnn Bishop and their daughter Sydney ate Christmas dinner with Gene and Nancy Lawson.

Geraldine Callaway spent Christmas in Wolfforth with her daughter Kay Brian and family.

Jimmy and Darlenda Marquis went to see son, Troy and Austin and Addie Marquis in Kansas City, Kansas. Then they went to Garland to visit with daughter, Terri Bean and family. The oldest grandson, Scott Bean was able to be home for Christmas from the Navy Base at Goosecreek, South Carolina.

John and Geneva Cockrell went to visit their daughter Janice Presson and family Christmas Day in Lubbock.

Genelle Breed's son Mike Breed of Rockport, Jerry and Shirley Fowler of Nashville, Tennessee were here for the Christmas Holidays.

Last Wednesday, Genelle Breed attended a Hambricht family Christmas party in Lubbock. Only one brother could not attend.

Margaret Soudelier went to Austin with her son Dan and Mitzi Nixon and their children Scott and Laci to enjoy Christmas with Margaret's daughter Denise. On Christmas night the fireplace caught on fire. Scott Nixon jumped on the roof with a water hose and cooled the fire down until the Fire Department arrived. Firemen said Scott's effort to put out the fire kept the house from being badly damaged.

Elizabeth Armstrong spent Christmas Eve with Harold and Vivian Snell and all their children.

C.O. and Jo Lyles' children who live in Floydada spent Christmas Day with them.

Cobb Gilly and Wanda Williams went to Plainview to visit Cobb's sister-in-law Edna Gilly Christmas Day. Sunday Cobb and Wanda went to Lubbock to be with relatives.

Frieda Simpson was taken by her son Bob and Daphna Simpson of Lubbock to Dallas to spend

Christmas and a few days with children and grandchildren.

Christmas Eve William and Faye Bertrand had all their family together in their home.

Greg and Mona Bond and their children of Grandbury, spent Christmas with Greg's mom Margarette Word. Mona and children went to Lubbock to be with her family Christmas evening. They went home Monday, December 27.

Our sympathy to Bill Daniel on the loss of his sister Evlynn Daniel Crull.

Thought for the week- Happy New Year!

Menu

January 3-January 7

Monday - Holiday

Tuesday - Beef enchiladas, red beans, stewed okra and tomatoes, sliced onions and peppers, crackers, fruit salad

Wednesday - Turkey pot pie, pinto beans, salad, apricots

Thursday - Oven fried chicken, corn, turnip greens, cornbread, pineapple gelatin

Friday - Crispy fish, baked beans, broccoli, coleslaw, cornbread, chocolate pudding

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Vera Jo Bybee

"God is with us" that is what Christmas is all about. We rejoice that God's grace is poured out on us and that he has given us his son Jesus whose birthday we celebrate at this special time of the year and who is with us throughout our years.

So at this time I want to wish all of you a "Happy New Year" and may the year "2005" be the best one ever.

Margie and Homer Cypert

had their family Christmas on the weekend of Dec. 18. Nine of their children and grandchildren spent Friday night and Saturday with them. Some of their other children dropped in at other times through the week.

Margie Starkey Cypert along with her four sisters and one brother L.F. Cypert spent Christmas day at the Starkey home place in Flomot. Over 15 enjoyed the day.

Belle Danieis recently emailed me that she and Robert have just returned to the Valley from Arlington after having attended the graduation of their grand daughter Amanda from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Also graduating from UTA was Tobi Carthel Rosencranz daughter of Dart and Joann Carthel. Grand daughter of Bobby and Anne McCormick and Bobby and Mervean Carthel

all of Lockney.

Jimmy and Teresa Stennett's four sons Gary, Kevin, Doug and Mike and their families celebrated Christmas at the Stennett's home in Lockney the week of the 18th.

On Christmas day Jimmy and Teresa ate lunch with son Gary and his family in Plainview. Then later that evening they had dinner with son Dr. Kevin and his family in Lockney.

At the time of this writing on Monday night Ann McCormick and Jerry Paul Cooper's aunt, Margaret Collier of Floydada, is seriously ill in Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Henry C. Ford who passed away Friday, December 24 and his funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Lockney on Monday Dec. 27 with him being buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

Menu for Jan 3-7

Monday: Fried Chicken

Tuesday: Meat Loaf

Wed: Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday: Beef Enchiladas

Friday: Spaghetti and Garlic Bread

The Code of the West: Write it in your heart and stand by it and it will stand by you. Ask no more and give no less than honesty, courage, loyalty, generosity and fairness.

Regret

Regret is a hard taskmaster indeed.
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While the future, it presumes to read,
It makes one think they've failed the test.

But we cannot undo the past,
And make the future come out right.
We cannot make the present last,
And we cannot ignore the night.

We have only today to make our mark,
And to set the records straight.
It is the time we spend in the dark
That the future, our efforts make.

So let us live out our lives each day,
In service to those around.
And keep our eyes upon the way,
Looking up to hope, and not look down.

For there are folks who look up to us,
For a fair and brighter way.
Our weapons must never gather rust.
As we fight for a better day.

Edward Marks
2004

The Christmas Gift I Would Most Like to Give

By Jeffri Junior, English 3

"Have Yourself a Merry, Little Christmas" is one of my all-time favorite Christmas songs. I truly believe that everyone should have a Merry Christmas, no matter what his or her economic or social status may be. Every Christmas, my family spoils me with so many great presents and surprises that I usually do not deserve. In the past, I have only received and only cared about receiving gifts and surprised. This year that is all going to be different! This Christmas, the Christmas gift that I would most like to give is a present to a child that might not have the opportunity to, otherwise, receive a Christmas gift of any kind.

This child will not be in my family, or somebody that I know or knows me. This will just be a child that deserves a Christmas and will get one. I want to do this because of a past memory.

One year, when I was younger, my dad was an active member of the local Lions Club in Idalou. The Club adopted several underprivileged children from the Lubbock State School.

When it was time to go to Lubbock to buy the kids their Christmas wishes, I did not want to go. I was so selfish. My parents finally drew the line and told me that I was going to Lubbock with them to buy the presents. One the way to Lubbock, Mom lit into me about how selfish I was being, reminding me about my extravagant Christmases full of presents from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She reminded me of gifts of televisions, video games, game systems, bicycles, and so on. The lists of wishes we received, from the kids at the Lubbock State School, were simple and basic requests. They included a calendar with pictures of puppies and dogs, a single ball, shoelaces, a belt, and a Dallas Cowboy sweatshirt, which was the most extravagant of all the wishes. No single child had asked for more than one gift on his or her wish list.

After hearing what gifts, simple as they were, the kids wanted and realizing how right my mom was about how I was spoiled; I started crying because I felt so guilty and sad for those children at the Lubbock State School. My dad got a little teary-eyed, himself. I was then compelled to buy the kids what they wanted because they needed a Christmas, too.

This Christmas another underprivileged child deserves a Christmas, like the kids from the Lubbock State School.

I earned extra money this past summer by working. I believe that the money does not just need to sit in the bank until I go to college; it needs to be put to a good cause.

This Christmas, the gift I would most like to give is a special present to a child that does not have as much as I do. This will make somebody, besides me, have a "Merry Little Christmas".

Buffalo Chapter of the DAR

By Pricilla Minter

The Buffalo Grass Chapter of the NSDAR met on Monday, December 13, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cotton Patch Restaurant in Plainview for our monthly meeting and Christmas Party. There were 10 members and 1 guest present for the occasion.

Regent, Sherry Colston, opened the meeting in ritualistic form.

The National Defense Report was read by Sherry Colston from the DAR National Defender newsletter. The Indian Minute was given by Corresponding Secretary, Grace Ashley. Historian, Nancy Marble, gave an updated report on the "Coronado Project".

Minutes of the last 2 meetings were read and then approved by the members present.

There was discussion on the March 10-12, 2005 Texas State DAR Conference, which will be held in Dallas. The 2005 conference will be #106 for the State of Texas NSDAR. The members present voted to send a monetary contribution to the 2005 confer-

ence.

The historical program was given by Registrar, June Sherman, on "Celebrating Christmas with a Bang".

After the meeting the group enjoyed a delicious dinner and a Chinese Christmas exchange.

The members thanked June Sherman for hosting the December meeting and Christmas party.

Members present were: Sherry Colston, June Sherman, Grace Ashley, Dorothy Hodges, Nancy Marble, Vera Jo Bybee, Violet Cooper, Carolyn Cunningham, Ruth Burleson, Pricilla Minter and her guest, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Carthel.

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 15, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at the Floyd County Historical Museum and Bollman Genealogy Library in Floydada. Events of the morning will consist of a workshop, Annual Reports, Election of Officers and a lunch of "Mulligan Stew". All members of the Buffalo Grass Chapter of the NSDAR are urged to attend.

Wedding Policy

Beginning January 1, 2005 the newspaper will have a deadline policy on weddings of 2 weeks. The cost of placing a wedding story and picture in the paper is \$15.00 if given to us within 2 weeks of the wedding. If it is after 2 weeks the cost is \$30.00. If the wedding is unusually long the cost will increase accordingly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Battey celebrate 70th Anniversary

Naomi Lee Hodges and Wayne Alvin Battey were married on December 22, 1934, in Ralls, Texas.

The couple have two sons: Alvin Lee and Jerry Don. Alvin Lee and wife Evalyn reside in Paris, Texas. Jerry Don and wife Pat reside in Floydada, Texas.

They have five grandchildren: Anita Groshans, Kevin Battey, Jerry Don Battey, Jr., Kathie Ford and Scotty Battey. They also have eleven great-grandchildren.

Wayne is a retired farmer and carpenter. After retirement he continued his woodworking and

assisted his son in home building until as recently as 2002 when he was 89 years old.

Naomi assisted in the farming operation as well as being a mother and homemaker. Additionally, she is an accomplished artist and painted until she was well into her 80's. Due to failing eye sight she no longer is painting; but many enjoy her beautiful oil and acrylic paintings.

Wayne and Naomi still enjoy and maintain their beautiful yard for which they have won many awards.

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Hospital Board renews Dr. Ahmad's contract

By Darwin Robinson
The Caprock Hospital District Board met Tuesday, December 21, and approved Dr. Salman Ahmad's contract for two more years at the PNS Cogdell Clinic. Board Member Tom Farris told the Hesperian-Beacon, "Dr. Ahmad's two year contract was approved. It runs from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006."

In a related matter, the board approved the renewal of a two year contract with the Physician's Network Service (PNS), which

also runs from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006.

The board approved a financial audit of the books of both CHD and Floydada PMS by Williams, Rogers, Lewis and Kaufman and Co., CPAs. "Everything was in order," said Farris.

An agreement and a tax abatement proposal with the proposed MJ Lloyd, LLC Assisted Living Center to be built on the Ralls Highway was "tabled" by the board to await necessary paper work to be completed.

Indigent Health Care claims were approved by the board in the amount of \$928.39.

The board approved a salary agreement and work schedules between the CHD and the Floydada EMS employees.

According to Farris, "The board approved a requirement stating EMS employees must take vacations within the year, with no carry over to the next year, and there will be no pay in lieu of a vacation."

A pay rate of \$8.00 per hour

for Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians, while on an ambulance run, was approved by the board.

Before taking any action on EMS overtime, the board asked for EMS overtime sheets, in order to be reviewed before their next meeting.

Farris concluded, "The PNS Clinic made a profit of \$27,170.69 in November and we have a new shipment of flu shots available."

City considers taser guns for police department

Continued From Page 1

vice and publications on building new jail facilities and small jail analysis. They will guide us through this study. Most people that I have contacted told me they did not build big enough."

Councilmember Jon Nielson said, "What about hiring someone to do this study? Darrell really doesn't have a lot of time. He still is a police officer."

Councilmember Monte Williams asked Gooch, "Then you are going to make a proposal for somebody to do the feasibility study?"

Gooch responded, "Yes, that is what I am working at."

No action was taken by the council.

Gooch presented another proposal to the council. It was about the possibility of buying taser guns for himself and all the City patrolmen. "This is a new thing. It is better than using a lethal weapon. The taser gun is an electronic tool with two wires that cramps up the muscles and the victim falls to the ground."

"It shoots in the 20 to 25 foot range and is 100 percent effective. It does less damage to the

victim than pepper spray, the baton, or shooting them with bean bags."

According to Gooch, the taser gun cost around \$800 each and he recommended one for each officer, if the council were to decide to buy them. "We all should get one, or none of us should get one. It is another tool to keep the officer from having to use his firearm."

No action was taken on this subject.

In a police related matter, the council unanimously approved the purchase of two police vehicles from Oden Chevrolet in Floydada. Oden's selling bid was \$17,562.00 per car. The vehicles were front wheel drive four door Chevrolet Impalas.

The other selling bid by HGAC of Houston was for \$20,026.25 each for rear wheel drive Crown Victoria police interceptors.

Councilmember Williams said, "I favor the local business bid."

Edd Henderson, Jr., CPA of Henderson, Chappell and Company of Floydada presented the council with a City of Floydada

2004 Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. The consolidated report with Government Funds and Local Funds listed showed Total Net Assets - Governmental, \$3,111,222.00; Business-Type, \$3,480,236.00; leaving Net Assets at \$136,535.00. The audit was unanimously approved.

The council approved a request by the Chamber of Commerce to pay their utilities for a one year period at their proposed new location in the old Bryan grocery store building, west of Payne Pharmacy, and nearer downtown. City Manager Gary Brown said, "The chamber wants to get closer to the downtown square for better exposure and the Police Department needs their old office space at City Hall."

Concerning a tax abatement request for the proposed Assisted Living Center to be built at the south City limits on the Ralls Highway, City Attorney Karen Houchin told the council, "You cannot take action on this request until an 'enterprise zone' is created for that area." No action was taken on the matter.

A motion was approved by the council to apply for another yearly grant for trees, supplied by the Chapman Forestry Foundation, to be planted around town. Brown said, "Our matching part of this grant is to plant and water the trees."

In another matter, the council unanimously approved a request to allow City employees to give away their accrued sick days to another employee on a voluntary basis.

A Warranty Deed on the R. L. Giesecke property, located in the 100 Block of W. California Street (east of J & K Insurance), was sent as a donation to the City, according to City Manager Brown. "I recommend that we do not accept this deed. The City does not want this property. We do not want to be out the dollars to fix it up, nor to tear it down." Mayor Bob Gilliland and Councilmember Clar Schacht both commented, "We do not need, nor want, this property." The council voted unanimously not to accept the deed.

Comptroller delivers State Sales Analysis Report

By Darwin Robinson
State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered her Second Quarter 2004 State Sales Analysis Report for All Industries and Retail Trade Division dated November 30, 2004.

The Second Quarter 2004 chart showed:

Floyd County Reporting All Industries Outlets were at 118, compared to 137 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$25,895,256.00, compared to \$23,378,754.00 in 2003, which is a 10.8 percent increase. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 69, compared to 82 in 2003. Retail Gross Sales were \$7,736,968.00, compared to \$8,899,735.00, which is a -13.0 percent decrease.

Briscoe County Reporting All Industries Outlets were at 39, compared to 37 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$2,398,758.00, compared to \$3,174,287.00 in 2003, which is a -24.4 decrease. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 22, the same as 2003. Retail Gross Sales were \$1,093,100.00, compared to

\$1,150,710.00 in 2003, which is a -5.0 decrease.

Crosby County Reporting All Industries Outlets were at 90, compared to 96 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$24,626,375.00, compared to \$22,390,738.00 in 2003, which is a 10.0 percent increase. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 64, compared to 67 in 2003. Retail Gross Sales were \$21,353,331.00, compared to \$18,143,789.00 in 2003, which is a 17.7 percent increase.

Dickens County Reporting All Industries Outlets were at 53, compared to 46 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$6,734,046.00, compared to \$6,876,523.00 in 2003, which is a -2.1 percent decrease. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 32, compared to 30 in 2003. Retail Trade Gross Sales were \$2,972,632.00, compared to 2,932,701.00 in 2003, which is a -13.0 decrease.

Hall County Reporting All Industries Outlets were at 89, compared to 90 in 2003. Indus-

tries Gross Sales were \$6,787,794.00, compared to \$7,114,557.00 in 2003, which is a -4.6 percent decrease. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 59, compared to 60 in 2003. Retail Trade Gross Sales were \$4,927,538.00, compared to \$4,666,219.00, which is a 5.6 percent increase.

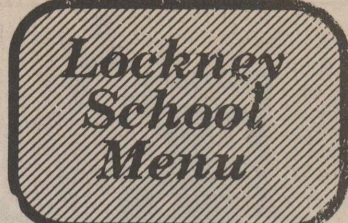
Motley County Reporting All Industries Outlets were at 37, compared to 44 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$2,897,486.00, compared to \$3,763,727.00 in 2003, which is -23.0 percent decrease. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 23, compared to 30 in 2003. Retail Trade Gross Sales were \$1,110,628.00, compared to \$1,855,621.00 in 2003, which is a -40.1 percent decrease.

Swisher County Reporting All Industries Outlets were 146, compared to 151 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$18,130,534.00, compared to \$18,825,599.00 in 2003, which is a -3.7 percent decrease. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 74,

compared to 76 in 2003. Retail Gross Sales were \$7,530,962.00, compared to \$8,462,460.00 in 2003, which is a -11.0 percent decrease.

Hale County Reporting All Industries Outlets were 721, compared to 724 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$584,665,872.00, compared to \$639,049,230.00 in 2003, which is a -8.5 percent decrease. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 378, compared to 371 in 2003, which is a -11.9 percent decrease.

Lubbock County Reporting All Industries Outlets were 5,883, compared to 5,833 in 2003. Industries Gross Sales were \$2,002,668,347.00, compared to \$1,760,554,667.00 in 2003, which is a 13.8 percent increase. Retail Trade Reporting Outlets were 2,957, compared to 2,933 in 2003. Retail Gross Sales were \$892,367,353.00, compared to \$842,472,398.00 in 2003, which is a 5.9 percent increase.



January 3-January 7
Monday Holiday
Tuesday
Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or grilled cheese, tossed salad, fruited gelatin, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast-Burrito or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken or corn dog, broccoli, potatoes, peaches, hot rolls, milk
Thursday
Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Frito pie or ham and cheese, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, milk
Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or tuna sandwich, fries, lettuce and tomato, pineapple, milk

January 3-January 7
Monday Holiday
Tuesday
Breakfast - Sausage, toast/jelly, graham crackers, juice, milk
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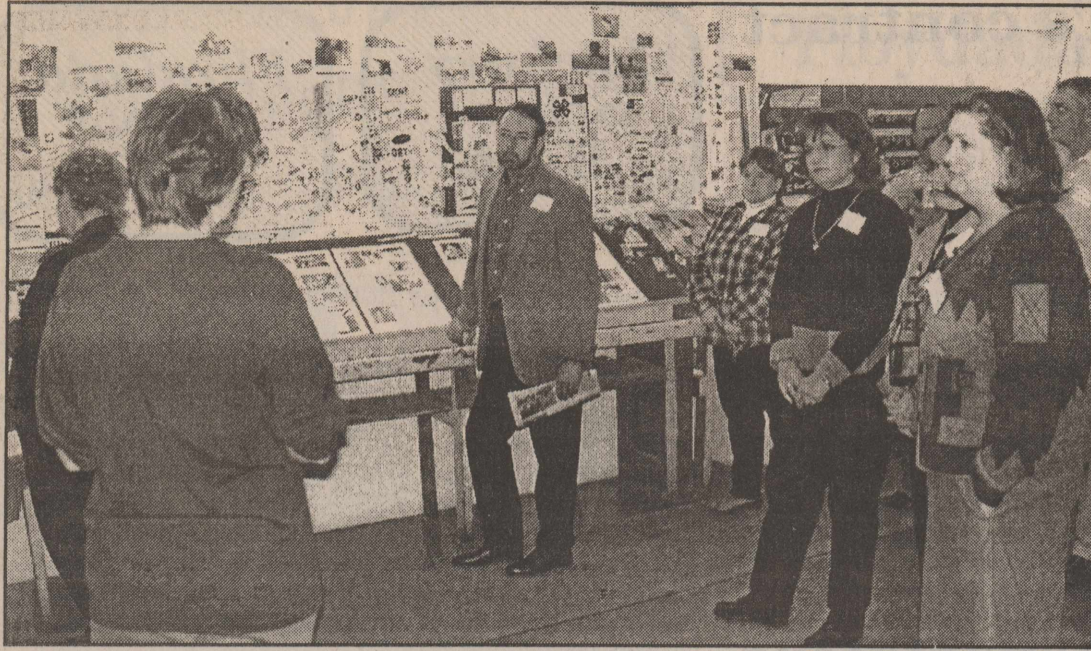
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Law requires residential remodelers to register with Texas Residential Construction Commission

Remodelers are required by state law to register themselves and their remodeling projects with the Texas Residential Construction Commission (commission). As of March 1, 2004, any individual or entity that fits the commission's definition of a builder, which encompasses some remodelers, is required to register with the commission.

A builder is defined by state law as "any business entity or individual who, for a fixed price, commission, fee, wage, or other compensation, constructs or supervises or manages the construction of: a new home; a material improvement to a home,

other than an improvement solely to replace or repair a roof of an existing home; or an improvement to the interior of an existing home when the cost of the work exceeds \$20,000."

Based on the definition, remodelers are subject to registration requirements if involved in any remodeling projects involving interior renovations exceeding \$20,000; and material improvements meaning, a modification to a home that either increases or decreases the home's total square footage of living space. Material improvements do not include modifications to an

existing home if the modifications are designed primarily to repair or replace the home's component parts.

If you do not currently fit the definition of a builder, then you are not required to register with the commission. However, if you do any work in the future that fits this description, you are required to be registered with the commission prior to commencing the work.

You may learn more about the commission and your responsibilities as a remodeler by going to www.trcc.state.tx.us or by calling toll free (977) 651-TRCC.



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Cotton Market Weekly

A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

The week leading up to Christmas often is a quiet one, and this year was no exception. Trading volume at the New York Board of Trade was mostly thin as market participants looked forward to the holiday. Meanwhile, a somewhat disappointing export offered no support.

Net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 155,300 bales in the week ended Dec. 23. According to USDA, the figure was 34 percent less than the previous week and a 38 percent decline from the four week average. China was the major buyer for the week with smaller quantities sold to Turkey, Mexico, and Thailand. Sales of 20,900 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were primarily for Mexico and Thailand.

Shipments of 215,600 bales were 17 percent more than the previous week and 35 percent more than the four week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico, Turkey, and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 47,780 bales on-line in the week ended Dec. 23 compared to the previous week when 41,925 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton on-line ranged from 33.43 to 35.04 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 34.88 to 35.87 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, the National Cotton Council said U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally

adjusted annualized rate of 6.36 million bales in November. The rate was slightly higher than the November 2003 figure of 6.32 million bales of consumption. The new number was well within the expectation of most market analysts.

"The consumption numbers seem reasonable and in line with most expectations," said one observer. "Mill use is on pace to reach USDA's 6.2 million bale domestic use figure for the 2004-05 season."

On the global front, the industry has been focusing on the ever-growing world cotton crop since the beginning of the 2004-05 season, and little has been said about cotton consumption. Between USDA's release of its first 2004-05 estimates in May and its December figures, world cotton production rose by 11.5 million bales while consumption was boosted 4.3 million bales. World production now is estimated at 114.02 million bales while consumption is pegged at 103.29 million. The prospect for more world cotton consumption continues to look promising.

Reports from China, India and Pakistan indicate cotton yarn and fabric output is hitting monthly records thanks to the huge investments made in all segments of the countries' textile sectors. Since the increase in crude oil prices earlier this year, analysts have noticed a shift from polyester to cotton, but it may take several months for the shift to be re-

flected in higher USDA consumption figures.

In other news, the Texas cotton harvest continued to gain momentum. According to the Texas office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, harvesting of the Texas crop reached 60 percent as of Dec. 12. The figure was up eight percent from the previous week but well behind the same time last year when 82 percent of the crop had been harvested and the five year average of 87 percent.

Despite inclement conditions during October and November, producers remain pleased with better-than average yields. Some dryland farmers have reported yields of approximately 960 pounds per acre, up considerably from the usual 240 to 360 pounds per acre. Modules are lining fields, and although gins are operating at full capacity, there is a backlog of seed cotton on many gin yards.

This week, adverse weather conditions once again brought harvest operations to a halt as snow fell on most of the Texas High and Rolling Plains. Continued cold conditions and intermittent snow will persist through Christmas Day keeping producers out of the field. Most High Plains cotton farmers were able to eat a Thanksgiving dinner at home this year because of the weather, and it appears they will be home for Christmas as well.

Cotton  **News**

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By Shawn Wade from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

With yet another round of wintry cold, and a fresh layer of snow blanketing the High Plains, the 2004 harvest train has been sidetracked once again.

The sudden change in the weather is a less than welcome change for producers who have been struggling to get the crop into the relative protection of modules.

Over the past two weeks, area cotton fields have quickly begun to look like they are supposed to at this time of year. The area is probably still a little shy of the 75 percent harvested mark. If that is the case, Christmas 2004 will pass with as many as a million bales of cotton still on the stalk.

With High Plains production expected to top 4.5 million bales, many area gins still have 60 or more days of "around the clock" work ahead of them, just with the cotton that has been harvested to date. Once the balance of the crop is stripped some area gins could see their ginning season extended even further.

The area as a whole is far from uniform in terms of how much cotton has been harvested and how close to finished gins may be. Some gins in the northwestern portion of the High Plains are expected to be finished by mid-January while gins in other areas are expecting to have the longest runs in their history and may not finish until March.

Getting a handle on where the crop stands is far from easy. Right now Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Cotton Classing office records indicate 1.9 million running bales have been classed and 100,000 bales or so are in the pipeline as of December 24.

Based on these figures, somewhere around 45 percent of the 2004 crop should be ginned as of December 24. If accurate, it means some 1.5 million bales are in modules and supports an estimate of around 1 million bales still unharvested.

Gins most likely to have long runs are those that serve a broad area with a high number of dryland acres as well as a solid base of irrigated cotton.

For many on the High Plains the "White Christmas" they've worked for in 2004 is once again in jeopardy. This time however, the delay is being caused by the "White Christmas" of children's wishes and holiday lore.

For now, the top items on most cotton folks' Christmas Wish List are undoubtedly blue skies, warm days and the end of the 2004 harvest season.

TCE offers 2005 Marketing Short Courses

The 2005 Texas Cooperative Extension Advanced Topic Series short-course schedule has been finalized. Producers interested in participating in any of the 1 and 2-day courses are encouraged to contact their county extension office or the regional Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Centers in their area.

The ATS short-courses are designed to sharpen marketing skills through individual and group simulation exercises led by top marketing instructors from across the country.

The ATS series is designed to help producers with a solid understanding of markets and the tools used to interpret market activity get even more out of their efforts.

Each course requires a registration fee of \$75 for the one-day courses and \$125 for the two-day course. The following schedule shows courses offered at the Amarillo, Lubbock and San Angelo TAMUS Research and Extension Centers.

Date:	Course:	Contact/Location
Jan. 12-13	Marketing Plans: Feed Grains	Steve Amosson, Amarillo
Feb. 8	Advanced Options: Cotton	Jackie Smith, Lubbock
Feb. 15	Pulling the Trigger	Steve Amosson, Amarillo
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The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 104 E. California, Floydada. 12-30c

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Notice of Scheduled Entry Into Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (2004). Cotton producers in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of all of Hale and Swisher counties and portions of Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe and Floyd counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 3, 2005. All cotton fields will be mapped and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. All notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212. 12-23, 12-30c

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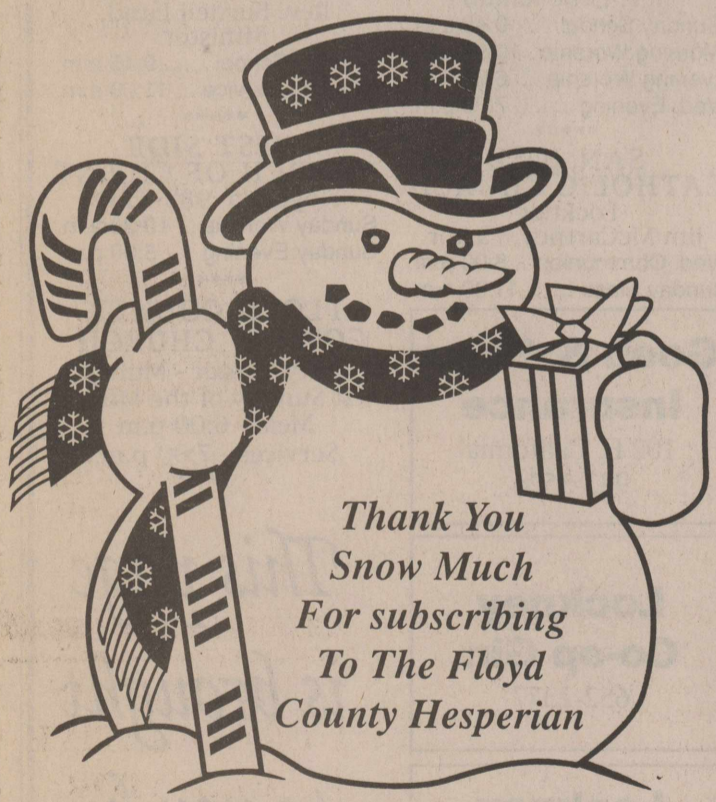
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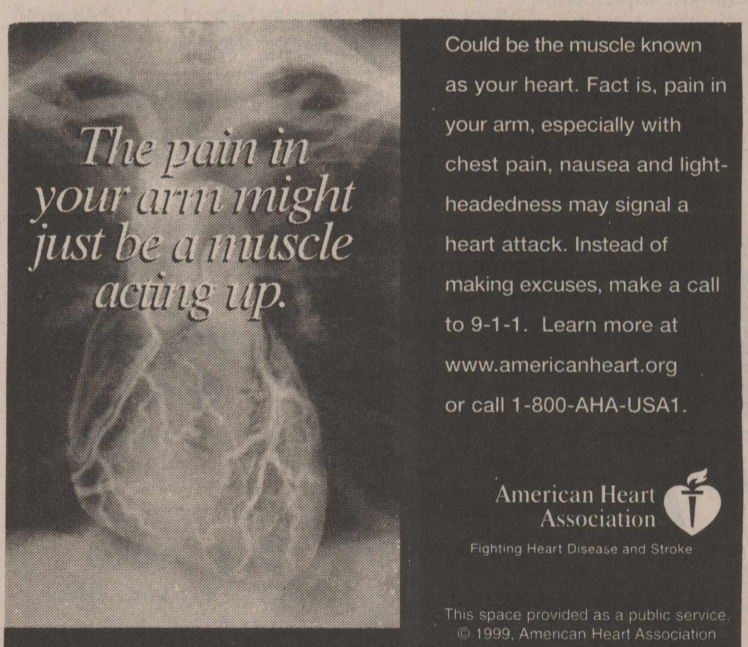
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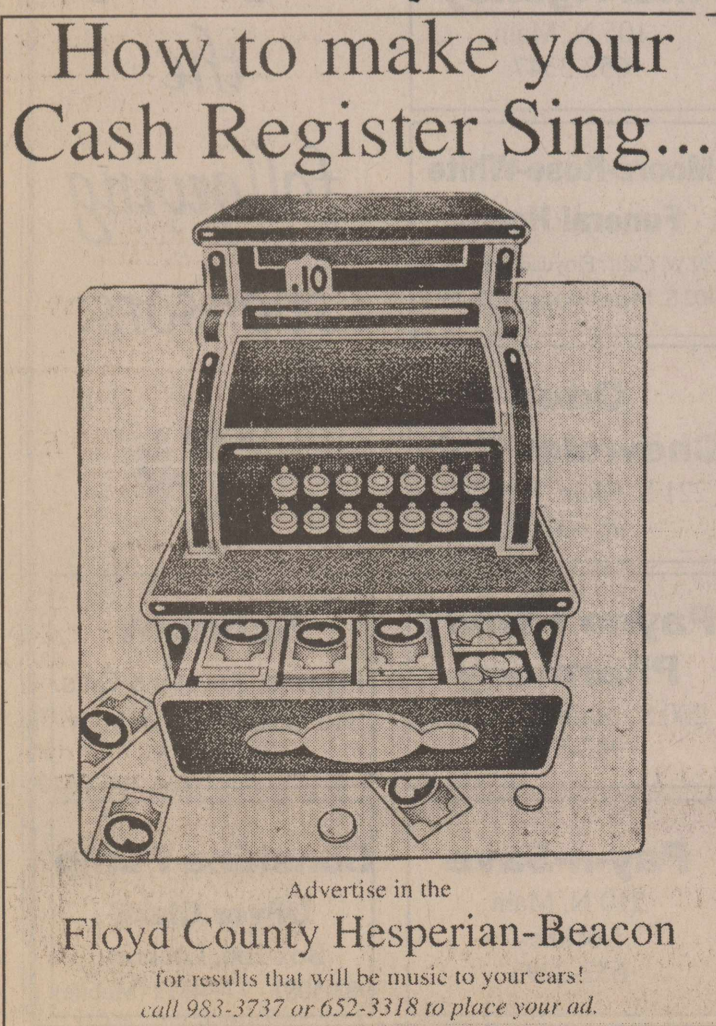
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HENRY CLAY FORD, JR.

Funeral services for Henry Clay Ford, Jr., 83, of Lockney were held Monday, December 27, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Reverend Neely Landrum officiated. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mr. Ford died December 24, 2004.

He was born March 22, 1921 south of Floydada to the late Henry C. and Zula Attie Ford. He married Alice Leah Durham on May 18, 1950 in Lockney. She preceded him in death on July 3, 1998. He lived in Lockney most of his life. He lived in Crosbyton for 20 years and returned to Lockney after he retired. He graduated from Lockney high school in 1938 and served in the Navy during WWII in the South Pacific for two years. He attended Texas Tech University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in education from Wayland in 1950. He received his Masters of Education at West Texas State University he served as principal of Hillcrest Elementary in Plainview from 1953 to 1956 and served in the Lockney School District for 10 years. He served 24 years at the Lubbock Region 17 Education Service Center with a total of 46 years in the field of education in Texas. He was one of the original 10 Administrators in Title One Contract Services.

He held memberships in the National Education Association, Texas Association of Administrators, VFW and the American Legion. He held a life membership to the Texas State Teachers Association and the Texas and National PTA. He was a member of the Lockney Senior Citizens, Rotary Club and the First United Methodist Church of Lockney. He had 50 years perfect attendance in the Rotary Club and was mason having received his 50 year pin.

Survivors include one brother, Byron C. Ford of Lockney; one niece, Diane Johnson of Lockney; two nephews, Tony Ford of Fort Worth, Bernie Ford of Lockney and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

ELVIRA S. RODRIGUEZ

Prayer services for Elvira S. Rodriguez, 62, of Floydada were held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 24, 2004 at Moore-Rose-White Funeral Chapel and at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 26, 2004 at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 27, 2004 at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God in Floydada. Pastor, Sammy Rodriguez, officiated.

Burial was held in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Rodriguez died Wednesday, December 22, 2004 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born on December 4, 1942 in Beeville to the late Guadalupe Sanchez and Maria Gutierrez Sanchez. She was married to Francisco Rodriguez who preceded her in death in August 1990.

She was a longtime resident of Floydada and was a certified nurses aid at the nursing home. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she enjoyed cooking for her family.

Survivors include five sons, Daniel Diaz, Freddie Rodriguez, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Juan Eloy Rodriguez and Francisco Rodriguez, Jr., all of Floydada; four daughters, Delma Diaz, Elvira Rodriguez and Adela Rodriguez, all of Floydada and Marivel Rodriguez of Amarillo; six brothers, Roman Sanchez, Isidro Sanchez, Juan Sanchez, Isreal Sanchez and Ramiro Sanchez, all of Floydada and Guadalupe Sanchez of Wolforth; two sisters, Herlinda Castaneda of Floydada and Criselda Garcia of Ulysses, Kansas; 32 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Nation and in our state. I will always treasure them."

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers and six sisters.

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The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church, PO Box 610, Floydada, TX 79235 or to a favorite charity.

God helps those who . . .

By Warren Martin

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God Helps Those Who...Finish the statement: God helps those who ...

Aesop once told a fable of a wagoner from long ago. He was driving his wagon down a muddy lane when the wheels sank so deep in the mire that the horse could no longer pull the load. In that moment, the wagoner called out to the heavens for help.

Hercules himself appeared, as the fable goes. He said, "Put your shoulder to the wheel, man, and goad on your horse, and then you may call on the gods to assist you. The gods help those who help themselves."

Years later the one true God, Jesus Christ, walked beside those who were themselves stuck in the mire. At every turn, He helped those who were unable to help themselves.

Yet, even today the echo of Hercules resounds with the implied authority of Jesus Christ: "God helps those who help themselves."

Stuck in the mire with a load, the weight of which is beyond measure, we are encouraged to put our shoulder to the wheel and goad the horse on.

Like Milkolka in Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment, in a sinner, we goad our horse on to accomplish the impossible. "God helps those who help themselves!" we declare and push forward with all our might. We yell, shout, whip and beat in an effort to gallop when we can't even move an inch. And in the end, like Milkolka, we beat our horse to death trying to move the unmovable.

"God helps those who help themselves," people say. "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear," Jesus explains, "and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." (Matthew 23:4)

God does not help those who

help themselves. God helps those who cannot help themselves. God helps those who have no hope. God helps those who are stuck in the mire unable to move. God helps those who cannot carry their burden. He exchanges burden for burden - His burden for theirs.

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

God came to the valley, because we were unable to climb the mountain. God loved us, because there was no love within us. God brought salvation to us, because we were incapable of saving ourselves. God helps us, because we are unable to help ourselves.

God helps, even now. God does not wait for us to get bogged down in the mire. Coasting along on a good road with no obstacles in our path, Jesus sits beside us and says, "Can I help you? Will you let me drive? The road ahead is smooth at times, but it also has mires, potholes, and deep ruts. We've got to go through some of that to get where we're going. I'm going to be here no matter what, but if you will let Me, I'd like to take this burden. I would like to take over the reins and insure the safe delivery of My precious cargo. That precious cargo is you, My child. Can I help you?"

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THIS WEEK'S

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE
The Community Storehouse in Lockney is in need of blankets and jackets. These are needed badly for the winter months.

MISS FLOYDADA PAGEANT
The Miss Floydada Pageant will not be on January 8th as previously announced. A new date will be announced later.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy Curtis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third, Lockney
Steve McLean - Minister
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Bill Swinney, Minister of Ed./Music
Scott Reed - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min., Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 pm

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

American State Bank
Member FDIC
217 W. California
983-3725

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
983-2737

City Auto Buick, Pontiac, GMC
201 E. Missouri
Floydada
983-3767

Clark Pharmacy
320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

Davis Lumber
102 E. Shubert
Lockney
6523385

Garcia's OK Tire Store
306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370
511 1st Olton, TX 2657796

Lighthouse Electric Coop
102 E. California
983-3524

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesse Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

Goen & Goen Insurance
102 E. California
983-3524

Lockney Co-op Gin
652-2377

Lockney Ins. Agency
105 N. Main
652-3347

Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home
329 W. Calif. Floydada 983-2525
402 S. Main Lockney 652-2211

Oden Chevrolet-Olds
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

Payne Family Pharmacy
200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

Pay-n-Save
210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Rev. Ray Gonzales
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Arsenio Redulla
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.
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 a.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
Washington and 1st St.
Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 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 10:30 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
Rev. Burnell Lund, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH
Unity Center - Muncy
1st Sunday of the Month
Meal - 6:00 p.m.
Services - 7:00 p.m..

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