

Duckwall-Alco Store to close

Company of Abilene, Kansas, announced March 17, 2005 the closing of its Floydada Duckwall Store. The company has been in operation here since January, 1998

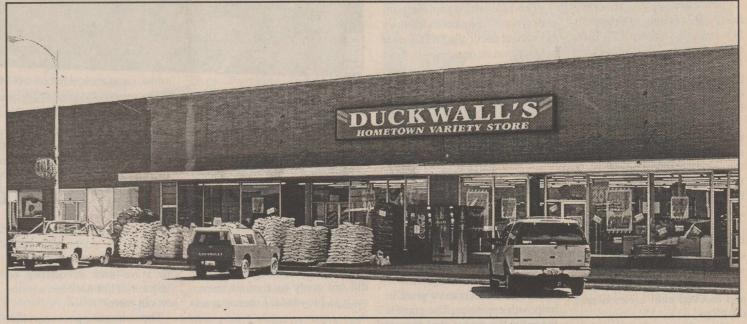
A closeout sale will start on Friday, March 18. Customers may pick up any layaways and film developing purchases they made prior to March 18.

District Manager, Karen Walker stated that the Store Manager and associates will be given conideration for transfer to other

The Duckwall-ALCO Stores ALCO or Duckwall locations.

Walker said, "The Floydada store has been very good to our company and we wish to express our thanks to the many friends that we have served over the past 6 years and best wishes to the many employees that have served our company faithfully during that period of time."

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. currently serves customers in over 240 locations in 21 states. Littlefield, Texas is the closest store to the Floydada area.



DUCKWALL'S VARIETY STORE IN FLOYDADA WILL BE CLOSING SOON

Citizens protest Pit Bulls to Lockney Council

By Judy Macha

Two citizens came before the Lockney City Council during their March 17, 2005 regular meeting to air their objections against Pit Bull dogs living in their neighborhood, and within the city limits.

Kelly Prayer told the Council, "My children are no longer allowed to take trash out to the dumpster behind our home for fear of the Pit Bull dogs. The dogs get out--once coming onto our porch and attacking our cat. They are dangerous animals and do not need to be here (in the city). We have the right to be safe."

Jenna Sue Turner told the Council, "I live in the same

neighborhood as Kelly, and I have seen the dogs out numerous times. Once I saw them attack and kill a little dog in my own front yard."

Turner asked the council if it was correct that if the ban was passed that Pit Bulls would not even be allowed to be penned within the City limits.

Councilwoman Ginger Mathis replied, "That is correct, however, this is our first time to discuss it. Other towns have banned them."

'We want to be sure of the legality so as not to step on someone's rights," said Councilwoman Tina Graves.

Junior Councilman Brotherton said, "What we have to check wording. We handle a

in place now says that all dogs must either be on a leash or fenced in. Dog tags and insurance should be necessary in any case. We don't need those dogs.'

"Many of them are used for fighting, and I want them gone," said Mayor Roger Stapp. Other council members agreed.

"They need to be banned from within the city limits of Lockney," said City Administrator Ron Hall

Chief of Police Jerry Edwards interjected, "Can you identify blood lines? Mixes are vicious too. I can forsee arguments and enforcement will be difficult. I'd like to see copies of other town's ordinances that are working first-

lot of calls on the Pit Bulls, so I don't have a problem with getting rid of them.'

Discussion continued. Possible options were voiced, such as using a grandfather clause, heavy fines, two strikes and the dog(s) would be destroyed, etc.

Concerning the two strikes law, Mathis said, "I would hate to see two families loose children to these dogs before we could do anything. So far it has only been pets and property involved."

Upon recommendation by City Attorney by City Attorney Lanny Voss, City Dog Ordinance consideration was tabled for further research.

"I would like to present examples of two or more well writ- request has made it to the national

nances banning Pit Bulls from other towns for study, before one is adopted," said Voss.

Preston Belt gave the following report to the Council for Floyd County Disaster Management, "We have a new repeater system and we're trying to get a lease on the tower north of Lockney to improve service. We did get the grant money for new equipment and included in that is 13 new radios and 4 new portable radios for the Lockney Police Department. We are in the running for a storm shelter (this would be a \$40,000 matching grant), in fact, Floyd County is the only area from Texas whose

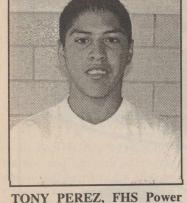
ten, successfully enforced ordi- level--we should know by May if we will get one."

> Bryan Grimes of Grant Works gave a presentation to the Council regarding a Home Program grant, where 9 units would be demolished and rebuilt.

A resolution to apply for the grant was passed unanimously on a motion by Junior Brotherton and second by Tina Graves.

Mayor Stapp noted the work McDonald Construction had done to improve their building located on South Main Street.

The Council was also given a demonstration and presentation by Kenny Wetzel of Sensu Metering Systems, out of Amarillo.



Lifter, is going to State com-

petition on April 2nd at

Houston. Tony won 2nd Place

By Darwin Robinson

The Caprock Hospital District

Board met Tuesday, March 22,

and "passed a motion to look into

the feasibility of transferring, or

leasing at a nominal cost, the

hospital building to the Floydada

Independent School District,"

according to CHD Board Mem-

was present at the CHD board

meeting Tuesday morning. He

told the board that FISD would

do their own feasibility study

concerning the use of, and the

cost of, renovating the old hos-

pital facility for FISD needs, ac-

board approved a two year con-

tract with the Floyd County Ap-

praisal District for assessment

and collection services concern-

ing taxes owed to the CHD

compensation for vacation cov-

erage. According to Farris, the

board approved paying actual

hours worked by the EMS em-

ployee, and the hours covered by

"The PNS Cogdell Clinic up-

filling in for those on vacation.

date showed a \$15,518.46 profit

during the month of February,"

The board voted to pay EMS

In other matters, the CHD

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn

ber Tom Farris.

cording to Farris.

board.

said Farris.

lifted 790 lbs.

Floydada to charge utility transfer fees

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada City Council met Tuesday, March 15, and voted unanimously to begin and \$35 per utility requested to charging a transfer fee for each be changed after regular working City utility changed from one hours and on weekends. address to a new address.

per utility requested to be changed during regular working hours, Monday through Friday,

City Manager Gary Brown The transfer fee will be \$15 told the council, "These utility

hours, and on weekends, are costing the City overtime for our employees. Up to now, we have not been charging anything. SPS and Energas both charge transfer fees."

In other matters, the council

changes after regular working approved an ordinance establishing a Business 1 classification zoning for the newly annexed area on the Ralls Highway south of the City, where the assisted living center is to be built.

> A couple of residents addressed the council questioning whether "any kind of business" could build in this newly annexed area, if the assisted living center did not build there for some unseen reason.

assured them, "Only certain types of businesses can build there and each one would have to approved by the City council, and the area could be rezoned if needed.'

In a related matter, the council approved the recommendation and the newly rewritten City Zoning Ordinance No. 05-5 submitted by City Secretary Karen Lawson.

City Manager Brown said, **Continued On Page 2**

City Attorney Karen Houchin

Youth will entertain at Lockney Chamber Banquet

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will host their Citizen Awards banquet on April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria.

The banquet will name the Citizen of the Year and the Volunteer Fireman of the Year.

Entertainment will be provided by the youth in the community, including Rhythm High Harmony, the Lockney High School Jazz Band, and tumblers.

Rhythm High Harmony singers will be accompanied by Kellen Hooten, Landon Cotham, Danny Cervantes, Cagan Cummings, Cole Patton, Bryan Cooper, and Marti Nolan.

Students of Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will provide the dinner music. The dinner music musicians will include: Katie Bice, Bryan Cooper, Greg Gonzales, Joanie Reecer, and Christopher Rodriguez.

The cost of tickets is \$10.00 in advance or at the door. The meal will consist of brisket, cole slaw, baked beans, potatoe salad, rolls and cobbler.

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon office will be closed on Good Friday, March 25th. We will be open again on March 28th.

Dixieland to entertain at Gala

at Region I, Division III. Tony Gala guests will be enter-**Staff Photo** tained this year by Don Turner Dixieland Band. The lively group **Caprock Hospital** of musical instructors and professional musicians from South approves possible Plains College will be featured at the 10th Annual Floyd County transfer of old Friends Gala Saturday, April 9th, hospital to FISD 6:00 p.m., at the Unity Center in Muncy.

The theme for the 2005 Gala this year will be "Floyd County Marti-Gras and All That Jazz."

The Dixie Land Band has been playing together for years and play everything from traditional Dixieland to jazz/big band.

The group was also featured at a South Plains College Broadway Show called, "Swing", which included big band jazz from the 30's, 40's, and 50's.

Don Turner, a clarinet player, conducted the jazz band at Texas Tech for almost 30 years.

Trumpet player Grady Albert, a successful high school band director is recognized as one of the finest jazz trumpet players in the state.

Bruce Keeling is on the trombone, and has taught at South Plains College for 20 years. He also plays lead trombone in the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

Drum player Al Gardner has daughter jazz and percussion at South Plains College for 16 years.

Jon Johnson on the piano is chairman of the Fine Arts Department at South Plains.

a music student at Texas Tech and plays in the Texas Tech Orches-

Ray Lee Equipment will be providing the \$1,000 cash give-

away this year. Tickets for the Gala are \$30 each and a reserved table of 8 will be \$280.

A live auction and a silent auction both will be available for audience participation.

The meal, entitled "Go Texan Shrimp Boil Appetizer", with all the trimmings, will be furnished by Lowes of Lockney and Floydada, while the main course of filet mignon will be provided by Cargill Cattle Feeders of Lock-

Raffle tickets of \$25 each, or five tickets for \$100, for a John Deere 4-Wheeler are available at State Farm Insurance of Floydada, 983-3441, D.J. Gin of Lockney, 652-3351, and/or any member of the Floyd County

Second prize will be \$500 cash, and the 3rd prize will be

Proceeds from the Gala go to the operation of the Unity Center which has seen an average of over 200 events being held each year.



Bass player, Carl Meinecke, is 4-WHEELER RAFFLE--Lindan Morris sits on top of the 4-Wheeler that is being raffled off to raise money for the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. The 4-Wheeler will be given away tra, Texas Tech Jazz Band, and at the Gala on April 9. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100, and can the Lubbock Symphony Orches- be bought at Nick Long State Farm, or any board member.

Friends Board Members.

\$250.

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The Lockney City Council approached the touchy issue of banning Pit Bull dogs from the City Limits.

I wish them all luck because this could turn into an enforcement nightmare.

In my own opinion I believe that Pit Bulls ought to be banned. Not because I think all Pit Bulls are dangerous--but because in today's society many of the Pit Bulls are owned by people who own them only because they can be vicious.

I think the Pit Bulls reinforce some type of macho attitude among these type of owners. In the same way these people try to intimidate with guns, knives, or fists-they use the Pit Bull to "show off".

The sweet puppy is chained in the back yard with no human contact. The dog learns no respect for humans.

Very often the dog is teased and mocked until a viciousness develops.

Now of course I know the argument of, "This could happen to any dog." And, of course--this is a very valid argument. In factit happens to too many dogs way too often.

The problem with Pit Bulls is the very fact that they are a dog that has been developed to fight and kill because of their ability to lock their jaws down on prey and not let go. Nothing can pry open those jaws once they are closed. This is a very natural thing for a Pit Bull. It doesn't of 2005.

have to be a bad thing-but it is being used as a bad thing. You can't stop a Pit Bull from

using his locking jaws when needed any more than you can stop a Blood Hound from using his powerful nose.

The problem--again--is with the owner. The owner that knows the natural talent of a Pit Bull uses it to intimidate or worse--to fight and kill in a ring.

So how do the police entorce an ordinance?

I don't know--but I would personally start with banning the owners of vicious dogs (any vicious dog) from the city limits. *****

By the way--volunteers for the Lockney Graduating Class' Project Graduation are in the process of collected donations for the graduates. Project Graduation is an "all night supervised party" given for the graduating class.

The Class receives a grant to help with expenses. The grant is given in the hopes that the all night supervised fun will keep seniors off the streets and away from alcohol.

Donations from businesses go toward paying for the food and for door prizes. Door prizes that are very useful to graduates and future college students are bought and given away at the party.

Anyone who would like to donate to Project Graduation can send a check to City Bank in Lockney for the Graduating Class

did this last year, but it was never reduced. We do have a \$500 hunting lease on the property by the state and according to Simpson, it has not been a prob-Brown lem out there.' The swimming pool operation

for 2005 was again approved by the council for Councilmember Barrientoz to operate the pool this summer. It was agreed by the council that Barrientoz had been doing a good job operating the pool the past few years.

The council unanimously approved a resolution "opposing the elimination of the Community Block Grant Program." City Manager Brown said, "This program has helped many City residents with water and sewer, but SPAG is trying to eliminate it."

Councilmember Schacht requested the City conduct an Open House at one of the houses built by the Home Grant Program. According to Brown, 11 houses are being torn down and nice new homes are being constructed in their places. "We should be able to have an Open House soon atone of the locations, 30 said ids. She Brown.

Parks and Wildlife Department would be a 50/50 matching grant and the City would supply the labor, according to City Manager

Police Chief Darrell Gooch addressed the council concerning maybe the need to pass a City ordinance limiting the sale and purchase of products that are used in making methamphetamine illegal drug labs.

"It has been reported to us the

purchase of large quantities of Ether at an implement business here in town. Also, Wal-Mart limits the sale of the drug

Sudafed to only three boxes. Maybe we could make it harder for these people who want to purchase these items and put these items behind the counter and only sell one at a time," said Gooch. No action was taken on the matter by the council.

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Courtroom Activities

Some elections cancelled

In District Court, March 22, 2005

Sheryl Arguello, 41, of Lubbock, pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance Less than 1 Gram. She was sentenced to 2 years in State Jail probated for 5 years, a \$500 fine, restitu-

with Governmental Records on February 5, 2002. She was sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication, a \$500 fine, restitution, and court costs.

In County Court, March 16, 2005: George Hernandez, 26, pled

and the second sec MCDONALD CONSTRUCTION TAKES ON NEW LOOK--In an effort to help the City of Lockney in their Downtown Beautifi-

cation project, Marlon McDonald and Danny Bowman worked for two weeks on the store front of their McDonald Construction building on Main Street in Lockney. The overhang was rebuilt and the front of the building was repainted. **Staff Photo**

City Council buys pickup and donates \$1,500 to Little League

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"Karen (Lawson) has spent about 16 months rewriting this ordinance and eliminating things that did not apply to a small town, such as Floydada. I recommend it.'

The low bid of \$12,837.00, for the purchase of a 2005 regular cab pickup by Oden Chevrolet, was accepted by the council. The pickup is to be used by the City's Electric Department. The original motion by Councilmember Clar Schacht was to purchase two pickups from the lowest bid. One for the Electric Department and one for the Streets Department, "if the cash flow was there to do so." Brown had said, "Both departments need a new pickup."

However, Councilmember Monte Williams amended the motion "to purchase only one pickup now." The amendment passed 5 to 1, with Ruben Councilmember Barrientoz voting against it. Then the amended original motion passed 5 to 1, with Barrientoz voting against it. Barrientoz had asked, if the council could purchase a pickup from both Oden

Chevrolet and from City Auto. In another matter, the council approved a request by Eric Cornelius, who was representing the Little League Baseball Program, to donate again this year

tion, court costs, and attorneys fees. (The law requires that anyone convicted of possession under a gram must receive probation.)

Byron Green, 22, of Plainview, pled guilty to Burglary of a Habitation, which occurred on Oct. 27, 2004. He was sentenced to 6 years probation, a \$1,000 fine, restitution, court costs, and attorneys fees.

Rachel Vasquez, 28, of Floydada, pled guilty to Tampering

guilty to Assault. He was sentenced to 16 days in jail plus court costs.

Antonio Reyes Gonzales, 39, pled guilty to Escape and was sentenced to 32 days in jail plus court costs. He also pled guilty to Assault and was sentenced to 32 days in jail plus court costs.

In Pct. #2 & #3 J.P. Court, there were 15 DPS citations filed, 3 Sheriff's Office citations, 16 License and Weights, and 2 Truancy Cases.

lenged by Boyd Jackson.

challenged by Dan Smith.

is April 11.

contested races for the City of

Floydada Council, however the

deadline for a write-in candidate

races in the Floydada ISD race.

President, Mitch Probasco, will

not be seeking re-election and

Lyle Miller is the only person

signed up to run for Probasco's

spot. Miller will be uncontested

In Pct. 3, incumbent Rachel

in this at-large race.

There are also no contested

Incumbent Trustee and Board

another \$1500 to help in the Little League's expenses for the upcoming baseball season. Cornelius told the council,

"Our average total budget is around \$20,000. We appreciate the City's assistance. We have around 200 kids in T-ball and baseball each year. We will charge the same fees as before."

The council approved a two year contract, for 2005-2007, with the Floyd County Appraisal District for Assessment and Collection Services of taxes owed to the City.

Elections have been cancelled for the City of Lockney. Only one person, Ham Gammage, signed up to fill Councilwoman Ginger Mathis' seat

Mathis made the decision not to seek re-election. Also unopposed and returning to the council will be Mayor Roger Stapp, and Councilman Michael DeLeon.

If no one signs up as a writein candidate boards can cancel their election.

Two contested races have developed for the Lockney School Board. Incumbent Trustee Mike Ford, of Pct. 5, is being chal-



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The 121 acres of grass, near the City landfill, being leased by Incumbent Trustee and Board Clay Simpson Farms was de-President John Quebe is being creased by the council from \$16,000 to \$15,000. City Man-As of press time there are no ager Brown said, "I was sure we

> Lighting for the Walking Path at the Floydada High School Park was discussed by Mayor Bobby Gilliland. Gilliland said, "We have found at Forney, a company that constructs aluminum-cast decorative lights. Their price is from \$260 up to \$485 each. There is a good one priced at \$385. They are between 12' and 14' tall. I think Jesse (Morales) is looking at buying from 40 to 80 lights.

> The City's grant application for the lighting project with the



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Blenden and Seiboldt recite vows



MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY BRETT BLENDEN

Tanya Elise Seiboldt and Bradley Brett Blenden were united in Holy Matrimony at 4:30 p.m. January 29, 2005 at First Baptist Church in Killeen. It is the church Brett and Tanya have attended since their first date. Dennis Parnell officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Evangelina Stonebrook of Killeen. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Dorothy Stonebrook of St. Petersburg, Florida and Jesse and Alicia Gomez of San Antonio.

The groom is the son of Brad and Shirley Blenden of Amarillo and Glenn and Kym Norrell of Plainview. He is the grandson of Dewanda Blenden and the late Harry Easton Blenden of Lockney; Norman and Mary Murray of Plainview; and R.C. and Johnnie Norrell of Plainview.

The bride, escorted down the aisle on the arm of her father, wore a one piece A-line white strapless gown with roses embroidered on the bodice. Its multi-layered skirt featured three mini lines of satin on the organza base and a fifty inch monarch train. The gown featured embroidered metalic platinum thread and included a matching rose embroidered lace stole. Her veil, attached to a pearl and crystal headpiece. The bride's bouquet, made by Rhonda Williams of Lubbock and Leigh Ann Plumlee of Lubbock had 29 pearl-pink roses with a touch of babies breathe.

For something old, the bride wore a ruby ring given to her on her 15th birthday by Alicia Gomez and the late Jesse Gomez. A gold crystal cut bracelet given to her by the groom served as something new. Her pearl and crystal headpiece and veil were something borrowed and the garter she wore was something blue.

The bride's father placed a penny in her shoe for good luck right as the music started. Her grandmother Gomez blessed their marriage and said a small prayer.

Serving as maid of honor was April Leslie Hooper of San Marcos, friend. Bridesmaids were Michele Acierno of Killeen, friend; Stacy Nichols of Killeen, friend; Chasity Foster of Killeen, friend; and Kattie McFadden of Lawton, Oklahoma, sister-inlaw.

The bridesmaids wore pink strapless, floor length dresses. The bodices had a white and pink

pin stripped pattern. They carried pink tulips with silver ribbon made by Rhonda Williams and Leigh Ann Plumlee.

The groom was attired in a black long tailed tuxedo accented with a silver vest. He wore one pearl pink rose from the bride's bouquet.

Serving as best man was Cy Jackson of Plainview, friend. Groomsmen were Glenn Stonebrook of Killeen, brotherin-law; Jimmy Huddleston of Lubbock, friend; Kevin Johnson of Lubbock, friend; and Heath Crum of Killeen, fellow police officer.

The groomsmen wore black tailed tuxedos with pearl white vests. They each wore one white rose hand made from Mexico.

The sons of the bride wore tuxedos matching the groom's. The groom gave both children a gold ID bracelet with personalized names during the exchange of wedding rings.

The gift bearer was Grant Seiboldt of Killeen, son of the bride.

The flower girl was Alexus Riley of Killeen, cousin.

The ring bearer was Fritz Seiboldt of Killeen, son of the bride.

The candelighters were Evangelina Stonebrook, bride's mom; Kym Norrell, groom's mom; and Shirley Blenden, groom's step-mom.

Ushers were Jeffrey McFadden and Skylar McFadden, step-brothers; Kenneth Blenden and Caleb Norrell, half-brothers.

The ends of the church pews were decorated with white bows. A silver and white wedding ring wreath hung on the entrance door. Three 3 1/2 foot tall white, pink and silver flowers were arranged by hand in cut glass vases by the groom's aunt Charolette Hall.

Vocalist Lindsey Beemer performed "Take My Breath Away" during the seating of the parents and grandparents and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" during the procession of the bridesmaids. She was accompanied by pianist April Dawn Hendrix. During the procession of the bride, organist Gail Milligan played "Bridal Chorus". The bride and groom were taken to the reception in a 4seater, 1950 Model A. The reception was at DAV Chapter 29 in Harker Heights, Texas. It was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stonebrook and Glenn Stonebrook. Dinner was made by Leion and Tina Guinn, a police officer in the groom's department.

The bride and groom's table was hosted by all 32 members of the wedding party. On it sat a silver frame picture of each parent and grandparent on their wedding day. The wedding cake was made by Fritz (6 years old) and Grant (4 years old) out of Zig-Zags, Twinkies, Ding-Dongs, pink cup cakes and mini blueberry muffins.

Decorations at the reception were pink, white and silver. (The theme was Winter Wonderland.)

The groom's cake was handmade into the shape of Brett's police badge with his badge number. There were individual chocolate gift bags for each guests and hand blown swans from Mexico. Miniature white lights surrounded the dance floor. There was a 3 foot tall silver fountain with pink California Sparkling

Wine. The bride is a graduate of Killeen High School and Central Texas College. She is a junior at Tarleton State University in Central Texas.

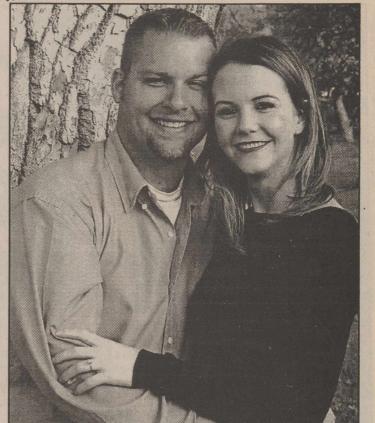
The groom is a graduate of Plainview High School and attended South Plains College and Killeen Police Academy. He is employed by Killeen Police Department.

After a seven day trip to Rock Port, Aransas Pass, Port Aransas, Corpus Christi and South Padre Island, the couple are at home in Killeen.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Kym and Glenn Norrell in Killeen on January 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

A bridal shower was given in Plainview on December 4, 2004 by Peggy Bownds, Teri Reeves, Harriett Burleson, Karen Rogers, Becca Dunlap, Paula Sisemore, Terrye Godfrey, Laura Spencer, Ynes Huerta, Rhonda Willliams, and Geraldeen Mitchell.

A bridal shower was given in



JASON PHILLIPS AND HEATHER WARE

Ware and Phillips

Dale and Vicki Derryberry of Floydada and David Ware of Leander are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Nichole Ware to Jason Brent Phillips, son of Roger and Evelyn Baldwin and Bill Phillips of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2004 graduate of Covenant School of Radiology in Lubbock. She is employed at Covenant Medical Center as a Radiology Tech.

Heather is the granddaughter of Austin and Dovie Holmes of Floydada, Billie Ware of Lorenzo, and the late Neal and Joyce (Jones) Smith of Floydada and the great-granddaughter of Lena Freeze of Childress.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Northside High School in Fort Smith, Arkansas and a graduate of Texas Tech Health Science Center School of paramedicine. He is currently employed at Lubbock Ambulance and Shallowater EMS as a paramedic.

Jason is the grandson of Eva Lancaster, and J.W. and Doris Thorton all of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The couple will be married on July 16, 2005 at the historical Baker Building in Lubbock, Texas.



History Channel to tell story of Cornado

Richard and Shirley Flint, historians and Spanish paleographers, will be part of a History Channel four part series called "Conquest of America", March 28 and 29.

The series begins with a onehour episode on the Southwest that focuses almost entirely on the Coronado entrada. The organizing principle of the episode is Richard's book, "Great Cruelties Have Been Reported".

Since 1991 the Flints have been closely involved with the local Coronado expeditions in Blanco Canyon.

The Floyd County Historical Museum has hosted Book Signings for two of Flint's book, and will also be hosting a Book Signing, in September, for the Flint's new book, "Documents of the Coronado Expedition, 1539-1542".

The Flints appear several times in the History Channel documentary.

The episode also includes scenes performed by actors, using excerpts from "Documents of the Coronado Expedition".

This book is the first annotated, dual-language edition of 34 original documents from the Coronado expedition. The documents give you a glimpse of the actions and attitudes of members of the expedition and its unwilling hosts in the American Southwest and northwest Mexico.

The book makes available accurate transcriptions and modern English translations of the documents.

The Southwest segment airs Monday, March 28, at 8:00 Central time.

A Subscription to The Hesperian-Beacon Keeps On Giving All Year

Floydada Semior Citizens News And Menu

By Margarette Word

Do you remember Delise McGuire? March 16 she turned 105 years old. She is living with her son, Bobby McGuire in Lubbock. While she lived in England she traveled throughout Europe sometimes by herself. If you recall she was the Society Editor for the Floyd County Hesperian a long time ago. She was a graduate of Floydada High School where she was salutatorian of her class. "Happy Birthday Delise."

Vic and Ione Sedinger were given a "going away" party by friends this past Sunday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church. A large group of friends attended, bringing cards and visiting with them. They are moving to Arlington March 31.

Our sympathy to the family of Sam Morren, a brother of Freddie Morren.

Our sympathy to Roberta Russell on the loss of her sister, Eudria Holcomb.

Our sympathy to Randy and Teresa Hollums on the loss of their son, Jay Hollums. Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of **Sam Baker** - Jack and Billie Jordan.

Thought for the week- Spring hangs her infant blossoms on the trees, rock'd in the cradle of the western breeze.

-William Cooper

Menu March 28 - April 1

Monday-Burritos with chili, Mexican corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad/1000 Is., angel food cake

Tuesday-Pepper steak, noodles or rice, peas and carrots, wheat roll, oranges and bananas Wednesday-Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll, gelatin

Thursday-Chicken pot pie, vegetable, three bean salad, orange sections or grapefruit sections, cookies

Friday-Beef roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad/1000 Is., biscuit, brownie

Thanks for the lovely reception and card shower last Sunday. July this year we will have lived in Floydada ten years. We cannot find words to express our gratitude to all the wonderful people of this area for the love and friendship you have shown us.

We will cherish the memories of you and our years with you forever. May God continue to bless you with Love, Peace and Joy forever.

> We love you, Vic and Ione Sedinger

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MRS. CHRISTOPHER EDWARD KREGER Nee Anna Marie Coats

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Recently the 48ers met at the Main Street Pizza in Lockney for their monthly luncheon. It was in honor of Margaret Weathers Turpin of Carrizo Springs a 1948 class mate, Present to eat Pizza and visit with Margaret were Bobbye Casey Bean of Silverton, Bloys and Vera Jo Rogers Bybee all of Lockney.

There are a few of us Lockney exes who get together for a knee at Dr. Burke's office in Lubluncheon on the 2nd Wed of ev- bock Monday. While there I saw ery month and to watch a movie or play games. This month guests at my house in Lockney were Peggy Carthel Turner of Floydada, Betty Joan Handley Black of Hale Center, Billie R. Carthel Howard of Plainview and Barbara Mullins Cunyus of Lockney. We played Lotto and watched the Lady Raiders play basketball. Next month we will meet at Floydada with Peggy Turner. Good news for the month is we have a new Superintendent for the Lockney School System. Phil Cotham was hired by the school board for that position. That is a wonderful choice. They also renewed all the teachers contracts. That is good news too. I hope they all accept.

weekend watching baseball. Lockney Horns had a tournament. We visited with Donnie's cousins Bob and Sue Bybee who had a grandson Dakota Bybee playing for New Deal. Monday Gene Newton was

taken to Lubbock by Gladys Bobbitt to see Dr. Wilson. Dr. Gleynn Earle Norman Wilson told Gene her eye should Cummings, Elna Sanderson be well in a few days. That was good news

Mary Carter took me to get the second synvisc injection in my the Henry Hintons of Floydada. Henry was getting his last synvisc injection. I just have to go one more Monday. I became acquainted with the Hintons when I served on the Floyd Co. Museum board with them.

Kreger and Coats exchange vows

Anna Marie Coats and Christopher Edward Kreger were united in Holy Matrimony 3:30 p.m. January 8, 2005 in a traditional ceremony at New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada, where both are members. Elder Ronnie Hedges officiated and the prayer was by Ronnie Fowler.

The bride is the daughter of Andy and Belinda Coats of Lubbock and the granddaughter of the late Eli and Mary Neff of Floydada and the late Red and Wilma Stovall and Bob Coats all of Odessa.

The bridegroom is the son of Kirk and Tammy Vander Kuy of Lubbock and Michael Kreger of Lubbock and the grandson of the late Wilmena and Travis Beaver of Lubbock and the late Lucille and Edward Kreger of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Escorted down the aisle on the arm of her father, the bride wore a Kathryn La'Crox antique ivory strapless gown, accented with lace, glass beads, and sequins and an organza chapel train. The veil was ivory tulle decorated with matching hand sewn glass beads outlining the edge of the veil. Her bridal bouquet was a white rose cascade accented with jewels and pearls.

The bride wore a bracelet borrowed from her aunt Leona Neff for something old; her bridal gown for something new; a pearl ring belonging to Jill Fowler and a handkerchief belonging to her late grandmother Wilma Stovall for something borrowed; and the something blue was the blue polish on her toenails.

Serving as maid of honor was Virginia Slater of Portales, New Mexico, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alissa Sims of Lubbock, friend of the bride; Wendi Coats of Lubbock, sisterin-law of the bride; and Varsha Podduturi of Lubbock, friend of the bride.

Each bridesmaid wore a tea length dress of iridescent cobalt blue taffeta with spaghetti strap bodice and slightly cropped waist. The skirt was pleated with ribbon and a pearl hilt with a flower at the waist, by Bari Jay.

Serving as flower girl was Anna Hedges of Brownfield, friend of the bride.

The groom wore a white col-

larless tuxedo shirt fastened at the

bock, friend and Nathan Fowler of Lubbock, friend.

Two friends passed out programs at the entrance to the sanctuary, Jessica Fowler of Lubbock and Barbara Lowrance of Crosbyton.

Elizabeth Schweizer of Austin and Addie Foster of Lockney registered guests.

A lighted arch of greenery and white blossoms framed a cobalt blue curtain at the front of the church and was flanked with white wisteria bushes at either side.

Two black scrolled wrought iron candelabras with white tapers were on the podium and three black wrought iron candle holders with white pillar candles were on each side of the podium. There was a table decorated with a bowl of white wisteria and a black wrought iron candelabra with five white pillar candles was to the right of the podium in memory of those loved ones who have passed away.

Pew decorations were white tulle with white wisteria and blue ribbons.

Music was provided by the Ellsworth String Quartet from Lubbock. Selections were as follows: the processional - "Bridal Chorus" by Richard Wagner; "Bless Be The Tie" by Gearldine Genty, Trava May, Kelsi May, and Sierra May for the lighting of the unity candles; "Rejoicing From the Royal Fireworks" by Handle for the recessional. The reception music was provided by Harley Dunn. The reception following the

wedding ceremony was held at the Massie Activity Center.

Bride's table hosts were Anne Carthel of Floydada, friend; Wanda Dupree of Lubbock, 🕷 friend; Kathy Taylor of Crosbyton, friend; and Maggie Vick of Floydada, cousin of the bride.

Groom's table hosts were Jan Sims of Lubbock, friend; Keitha Hopson of Lubbock, aunt of the groom; and Lichele Hudman of Post, cousin of the groom.

The bride's cake, made by Stacey Reeves was decorated ers between four layers. The

table was decorated with a draped magenta scarf over a white table cloth on which sat the bride's bouquet and fresh rose petals. Almond punch with a fruit ring was served in a silver punch bowl.

The groom's cake was made by Jan Sims, friend of the couple and served with coffee in a silver service.

The buffet was catered by Charlene Hendrix and Sandra Noland, and consisted of heavy horsdoeuvres with fresh fruit and cheese trays. All the serving tables were in front of lighted

tulle covered lattices. Twenty round tables were covered with white cloths and each had a mirror with blue pillar candles on it.

Toasts were made by the best man, Josh Ladd; groomsman and brother of the bride, Andrew Coats; bridesmaid, Alissa Sims; and maid of honor, Virginia Slater.

The first dance of the couple was "Something in the Way She Moves" by James Taylor and sung by Josh Ladd. The father/

daughter song was "Butterfly Kisses"

The bride graduated from Lubbock High School and attended Texas Tech and now attends Sul Ross State University.

The groom graduated from Lubbock High School, attended Texas Tech and currently attends Sul Ross State University. He is employed by Speed Express.

After a trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico the couple are at home in Alpine.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents Tammy and Kirk Vander Kuy and Michael Kreger at Logan's in Lubbock, Thursday January 6, 2005

Prenuptial courtesies included a bridal shower held October 16, 2004 hosted by Wanda Dupree, Anne Carthel and Barbara Myles; and a bridal shower held Saturday, November 6, 2004 hosted by Jill Fowler, Jan Sims, Geraldine Gentry, Elayne Ferguson, Gay McPherson, Gloria Hedges, Kathy Taylor, DarLee Foster and Sandra Noland.



Donnie and I spent this past he made so many of us.

Our sympathy goes to the Ford families on the passing of their mother Georgie Ford. Her funeral service was held Saturday at the First Baptist Church and was buried in the Lockney Cemeterv

Menu for March 28-April 1 Monday: Baked Chicken with Pineapple

Tuesday: Beef Enchiladas Wed: Chicken Fried Steak Thursday: BBQ Brisket Friday: Salmon Patties God must love stupid people,

neck with a black stud. His vest and collarless coat were both white with black tuxedo pants. Serving as best man was Josh Ladd of Norman, Oklahoma, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Rusty Ladd of Lubbock, friend of the groom; Andrew Coats of Lubbock, brother of the bride; Marcus Kreger of Lubbock, brother of the groom; and

Coats of Lubbock, nephew of the bride. The groomsmen were attired in white collarless tuxedo shirts fastened with a black stud, cobalt blue vests and black collarless jackets with black tuxedo pants. Serving as candlelighters and ushers were Cade Fowler of Lub-

Junior groomsman was Jacob

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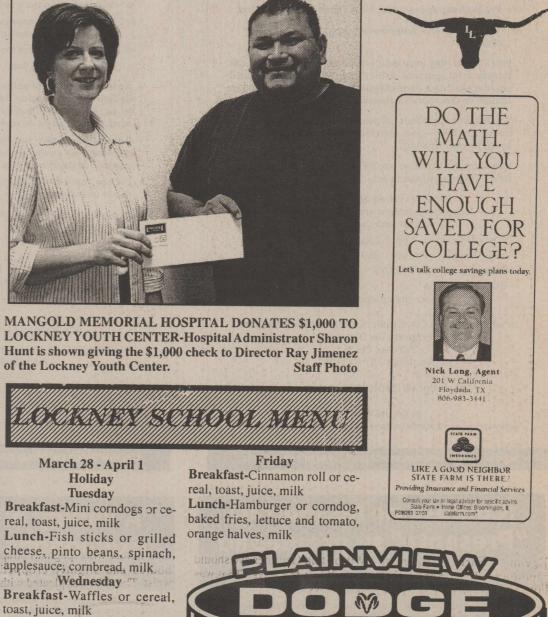
ELMA CASTOR PROMOTED -- Elma M. Castor, a 1982 Lockney High School graduate, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. She has 16 years of military service and is assigned to the Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Kaiserslautern, Germany as Chief, Program Integration Branch. Castor is the daughter of Ben and Petra Molina of Lockney. She has one sister and six brothers. All but one sibling, has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Her sister, Irene Chambers, resides in Killeen, Texas, and oldest brother, Ben Moline Jr., resides in Abilene, Texas. Her husband, Lt. Col. Peter Castor, a 1985 U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. graduate, is the son of Heinz and Ursula Castor of Palm Bay, Fla. In 1988 she received a bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. She earned a master's degree in 1992 from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant. Shown here are: (I-r) AF MSgt(retired) Ben Molina Jr. (Lt. Col. Castor's brother), and husband, Lt. Col. Pete Castor. **Courtesy Photo**



LOCKNEY LITTLE LONGHORNS-(back row, l-r) Ray Ann Race, Riley Teeter, Aaron Salazar, Anissa Reyna, Landry Kidd; (middle row, l-r) Manual Soliz, Alexis Rodriguez, Anna Hernandez, Corey Mathis, Dylan Adams; (front row, l-r) Elizabeth Solas, Brittany Peralez, Britany DeLeon.



LHS 2005 ANNUAL ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME-The game was cut short due to rain, but all involved had a great time on March 5th. (back row, I-r) Chris Reecer, Justin Wright, Todd Cotham, Brandon Alvis, Scott Stapp, Jordan Lambert, Jared Lambert, Josh Lambert, Ty Arjona, Chris Westbrook; (front row, I-r) R.J. Cruz, Chase Westbrook, Aurelio Jimenez, Bobby Jones, Ben Sherman, Matt McPherson, Tyler Bybee. **Courtesy Photo**



Thursday fast-Breakfast

tossed salad, peaches, milk

Lunch-Cheese pizza or burrito,

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cereal, toast, juice, milk

Commissioners approve computer pricing program

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners met Monday, March 14, and unanimously approved a \$28,000 computer pricing program to be shared by the county's justice systems.

The District Clerk's office, the District Judges' office and the the South Plains, in case of an County Judge's office will all be emergency situation. sharing this new mandatory computer program, according to the 300 foot tower, four miles County Judge William D. Hardin. The District Clerk's office has already received two grants for \$4,000 to help pay for the program and the County Judge's office has received a \$3,000 grant. This pricing program will also carry a \$576 yearly fee.

Judge Hardin told the commissioners, "There is \$24,000 in the Court Records and Management Preservation account which can be used for this purpose. I recommend we use this money to pay for this computer program and for the five days of mandatory training of the employees from each office. It is something we have put off too long already.

In another matter, the commissioners approved a resolution that opposes the elimination of the Community Development. Block Grant by SPAG. This is a community development block grant program for street repairs on water and sewage pipes below the streets in low income areas. SPAG is in the process of eliminating this program, according to Judge Hardin.

The court approved another two year contract with the Floyd County Appraisal District for

Assessment and Tax Collection Services in 2006 and 2007.

The commissioners discussed, but finally tabled until next month's meeting, a Homeland Security Repeater System to serve as a backup communications for all SPAG facilities on

According to Judge Hardin, north of Lockney, which services the DOOR internet, would cost the county \$135 per month as a lease backup. The commissioners agreed to look at other options.

An official bond for Deputy Nancy Furrow in the District Clerk's office was approved by the court.

Mary Quattlebaum was approved by the commissioners to replace retiring Virginia Taylor on the Floyd County Library Board.

The court transferred \$44,000 from the Road and Bridge Fund to the four precincts's work funds at \$11,000 each.

Two farm contracts were approved by the commissioners. One was in Precinct No. 1, South of Sandhill from CR 250, to move dirt out of a waterway and to build up a turn row for soil conservation, by Estelle Carthel. The other contract was in Precinct No. 2, 11 miles north of Lockney, to clean out a waterway, by Steve McPherson.

Floyd County Treasurer Elva Martinez presented the court with the February Financial Report.

The report showed a Beginning Balance at \$933,275.76, with

Receipts of \$221,822.67. Transfers In and Out were at \$72,367.90, with Disbursed at \$293,746.91, leaving an Ending Balance of \$861,351.52.

Floyd County Agents J.D. Ragland and Melissa Long gave reports to the commissioners. Long told the commissioners about her upcoming schedule. The County 4-H Fashion Show will be held March 22 and the Nutrition Program for the Caprock Community Action will be on March 23. March 31 will be the District Texas Extension Education Association Meeting in Colorado City.

Long said, "The Master of Memory Programs will be offered in April in both Lockney and Floydada."

According to Long, the Regional Archery Meet will be at the Unity Center on April 2, the Gala will be on April 9, the District Fashion Show will be held on April 12, and the County Roundup will be on April 25.

Ragland told the commissioners, "We had a good stock show

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in Houston with 50 kids and parents participating. We won a couple of 2nd places, a 3rd place, a 7th place and a 10th place." 'District Roundup will be

held May 7th at Wayland Baptist campus this year, "Ragland said. "Moisture wise, we are in

good shape this year. Some gins are still ginning. We are getting good yields this year. The wheat situation is ideal and it is really looking good."

According to Ragland, there will be a cattle I.D. (identification) program to be implemented within the next two years. "It will consist of a round ear tag that will identify and give information on each animal. This will be used for fast tracking when there is a mad cow disease outbreak.

"Also, the cattle hauling trucks will have a monitoring box that will identify each head of cattle aboard the truck. The cost will be probably start out at \$5 to \$6 per head, then come down to around \$2 to \$3. Every animal will be tagged before going into the sale barn," said Ragland.

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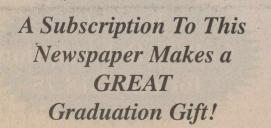
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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income-such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you ren-der late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendi-tion, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2004. The district will look at WSP? your property before assigning a value in 2005.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2005 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

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¿Quién califica para una exención? Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal el día 1º de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 este año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares... y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Los condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos tambien pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

declaración de propiedad?

Debe hacer una declaración de propiedad si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal-por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio. Si usted no declara a tiempo, o si presenta una delaración incompleta o falsa, se le puede imponer una multa de un 10 hasta un 50 por ciento.

¿Que ventajas me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una declaración de propiedad son:

- 🖙 Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. El distrito debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor y el cambio ante su junta de revisión.
- Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde-aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada
- También puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2003. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en el 2004.

¿Cual es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para mandar sus declaraciones para el 2005. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la pide por escrito en o antes del 15 de abril. El jefe de valoración/tasación puede extender su plazo otros 15 días despues del 15 de mayo si usted puede mostrar una razón justificada para la extensión.

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Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2005 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the sumition over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older home-owners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2004, you won't need to reapply for 2005 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home – or if you've moved to a new home – you'll need to file for an exemption for 2005. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado-o si tiene 65 años o más-tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y si Ud. califica para la exención de 65 años de edad o más o está incapacitado, tambien tiene derecho a un "tope" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. El condado, la ciudad o una universidad de dos años también puede adoptar un tope de impuestos en los impuestos del 2005 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados. La exención para los que ya cumplieron 65 años o más y el tope máximo se pueden transferir al esposo/esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 ó más años de edad y es dueño/dueña de la casa en donde vive. Los dueños de 65 o más años de edad (o su esposo(a) sobreviviente de 55 años de edad más) también pueden transferir el porcentaje del impuesto escolar pagado, en base al tope de su casa pasada, a su nueva casa.

;Debo solicitarla cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en el 2004, no hay necesidad de solicitarla de nuevo en el 2005—al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su resi-dencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2005. Si cumple 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de esa fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Si resultó incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención de personas incapacitadas.

¿Donde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su solicitud en la oficina local del distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, puede ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes:

Floyd County Appraisal District 104 E. Ca. P.O. Box 249 Floydada, Tx. 79235

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"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber-not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2005 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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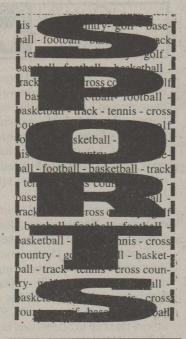
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;"La valoración productiva" puede reducir los impuestos de su terreno agrícola, ganadero o maderero!

La ley de Texas permite a los granjeros, rancheros y madereros pagar sus impuestos de propiedad basándose en "la valoración productiva" del terreno calificado-o sea en su habilidad de producir cosecha, ganado o madera-y no de su valor en el mercado actual. Y esto le puede ahorrar en sus impuestos de propiedad.





FHS SPENCER SCHACHT at State Meet. Courtesy Photo

Clampitt serving in Iraq

Corporal Kristopher H. Clampitt was deployed to Iraq in January. He was part of an advance party of 100 marines with the Marine Wing Support Squadron (otherwise known as the Sandsharks) in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom." The MWSS-371 provides aviation and ground support, airfield security along with other responsibilities to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing. Clampitt is in the Engineering Ops of this Squadron. He is based at MCAS Yuma, which is the home of more than 5,000 Marines and sailors. Because of the excellent flying conditions, MCAS has become the Marine Corp's busiest air station and one of the prominent military bases in the U.S. It is home to four squadrons of Harrier attack jets. It also hosts squadrons from other air bases that come to Yuma to train, as many as 50 aviation units go there to train each year.



FHS WHIRLWINDS TENNIS TEAM GOES TO STATE-The 2005 Whirlwinds Tennis Team competed in the State Team Tennis Tournament held March 11-12 in Round Rock. The team lost in the 1st round to Industrial, 9-10. In the 2nd round, the Whirlwinds defeated Forsan, 13-6. In the 3rd round, Floydada defeated Franklin, 17-2. In the 4th round and final round Floydada lost to Sabinal, 9-10. Coach Nixon said, "I am so proud of this young team! We won 48 matches and lost 28. That is great! This group in Super-Fantastic and I want to thank all the parents and supporters who made the trip." Shown are: (back row, l-r) Cam Battey, Tanya Lloyd, Coach Smith, Landon Lackey, Spencer Schacht, Jesse Finley, Brandon Rainwater; (middle row, l-r) Lindsey Leatherman, Jesalyn Bradley, Whitney Williams, Kendra Covington, Tate Greer, Kevin Smith, Blake Greer, Kody Smith; (front row, l-r) Kelsey Williams, Emily Griffin, Coach Nixon, Reagan Heflin, Rachel Griffin.

Courtesy Photo

Floydada tennis tournament results

12-10 (Super tie break)

Cummings (Lockney) 6-3, 1-6, Break)

The Floydada Tennis Tournament was held March 19, 2005 and the result are as follows:

GIRLS SINGLES

1st Round Rachel Griffin def Kelcee Rex (Spearman) 6-1, 6-1

- 2nd Round
- Rachel Griffin def Marty Noland (Lockney) 6-0, 6-0
- Semi-Finals Rachel Griffin def Lemons

(Nazareth) 6-2, 6-1 Championship

Rachel Griffin lost to Lindsey Short (Spearman) 6-1, 6-0

BOYS SINGLES 1st Round

Trey Helms def Cagan 6



Blake Greer lost to Andrew Padilla (Muleshoe) 1-6, 1-6 Brandon Rainwater def Sawyer Reed (Friona) 6-2, 6-4 Landon Lackey lost to Steven 0-6 Trinh (SJ) 2nd Round Helms lost to Coffman (Pan-3.6-0 handle) 1-6, 0-6 Rainwater def Shurwood (Panhandle) 6-3, 7-5 6, 7-5, 10-3 Consolation Greer def Favela (Tulia) 8-2 Semi-Finals Rainwater def Hoelting (Nazareth) 7-6, 7-6 Consolation Semi-Finals Greer def Gurley (Friona) 8-

Lackey lost to Reed (Friona)

Championship Rundell (Nazareth) def Rainwater 6-1, 6-0

Consolation Championship Greer def Reed (Friona) 8-5

3rd Place Greer/Schacht def Smith/ Smith, 6-3, 6-0

tal (SJ) 2-6, 0-6

BOYS DOUBLES 1st Round

Jesse Finley/Cam Battey lost to Gaston/Provence (Sudan) 0-6,

Tate Greer/Spencer Schacht def Jenson/Jones (Panhandle) 6-

Kevin Smith/Kody Smith def Sumner/Gillaspie (Spearman) 4-

2nd Round

Greer/Schacht def Alaniz/ Gammon (Friona) 6-4, 4-6, 10-8 Smith/Smith def Birkenfeld/

Schulte (Nazareth) 5-7, 6-1, 10-

Consolation

- Finley/Battey lost to Ledesma/Cotham (Lockney) 2-8 Semi-Finals
- Greer/Schacht lost to Gaston/ Provence (Sudan) 2-6, 2-6

Smith/Smith lost to Bell/Ves-

¿Cual es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoraciones antes del día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2005. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si se pasa de esta fecha, es posible que todavía la pueda obtener, pero pagará una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoraciones.

;Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año-al menos que se lo pida su jefe de valoraciones. Si se requiere una solicitud nueva, el distrito de valoraciones le mandará un aviso por correo.

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Tuesday Breakfast - Sausage, toast/jelly, graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Burrito, lettuce and tomatoes, rice, fruit, cake, milk Wednesday

Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Pizza, tossed salad,

corn, jello, milk Thursday

Breakfast - Breakfast sausage roll, graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Oven fried chicken,

mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk

Friday Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburgers, lettuce and tomatoes, pickles, chips, fruit, milk

When jet aircraft roar over the skies of Yuma, it's noted by all, that they are hearing the sound of freedom because the Marines are in training.

Clampitt joined the Marines in 2003 while going to college in Arlington. After 9-11 he felt that this was his destiny. He received his basic training at the MCRD Depot in San Diego, California. While there he received a Merit

award from JAG (Judge Advocate General) for exemplary service, going above and beyond his job requirement. He then went to Combat Training in the mountains of Camp Pendleton where he earned another Merit award. This award, he was judged by his peers as the most capable and

prepared combat infantryman.? From there he went to Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. While there he earned another Merit Award by his peers as best prepared.

He now is stationed in Yuma at the MCAS Base. Since being stationed there, he has earned his Expert Rifle badge and Expert swimming badge.

His wife Cheryl and 1 1/2 year old son Noah are living in Yuma on Base. Cheryl has been recognized several times in the Base Newspaper for her inexhaustible volunteer work. They are expecting another child in July.

CORPORAL CLAMPITT

His parents are: Brenda Meyers of Alvarado, Texas and Harold Clampitt of Lubbock. His grandparents are: Joyce and Julian Lipham of Texarkana, the late Charles Nelson, and Emmitt and Barbara Clampitt of Lubbock. He went to school in Arlington, Wichita Falls, Floydada and graduated in Lubbock. He is the nephew of Julianne and Eric Cornelius and Tim and Angie Lipham of Floydada.

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Emily Griffin/Kelsey Williams lost to Gores/Barnes (Tulia) 6-4, 4-6, 9-11

Kendra Covington/Katie Beth Crossland lost to Kleman/Acker (Nazareth) 3-6, 0-6 2nd Round

Bradley/Williams lost to Geston/Debnam (Sudan) 6-1, 4-6, 7-10

Consolation

Griffin/Williams def Ingram/ Rosas (Friona) 8-2

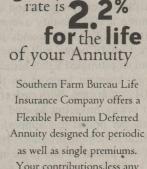
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Griffin/Williams def Covington/Crossland 8-4

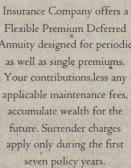
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Page 8-The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon-Thursday, March 24, 2005 4-H'ers strong competitors at Houston

By J.D. Ragland

Twenty Floyd County 4-H members exhibited livestock during the 2005 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, March 6-19 in Houston. During the first week March 6-9, eight 4-H swine exhibitors showed in the Brenham swine sift. All swine exhibitors hoped to make it through Brenham and be able to show in Houston. When the Brenham dust had settled four of eight Floyd County 4-H'ers advanced to Houston. Placing in Houston were: Morgan Norrell, 2nd place Hamp, Kelsey Nutt; 3rd place Duroc; Jose Guerrero, 10th place Spot and Kaylie Nutt, 13th place Cross. Other 4-H swine exhibitors include: Brady Ragland,

Madolyn McCormick, McCrae McCormick and Kami Keaton.

Also held during the week of March 7-11 was the Junior Market Steer Show. This year only one steer exhibitor competed. Jason Nutt exhibited his medium weight Simmental steer.

The final week, March 14-18, the Junior Market Goat, Lamb and Heifer Shows were held. This was also during spring break. Floyd County's Junior Goat exhibitors Kortney Williams took home an 8th place and Kolby Williams received 12th place.

Lamb Division was where Tyler Chesshir and Dillon Chesshir along with Kami Keaton exhibited.

The Junior Heifer show was also held the last and final week of the show and results were: Tylee Williams exhibited the **Reserve Champion Angus Heifer** while Brazos Williams took home a 1st place. Sunny Williams also had the Reserve Champion Red Angus Heifer while Riley Teeter's Red Angus was 5th and Ky Teeter's was 6th. In the ORB Division, SyAnn Foster took home Breed Champion honors while Segayle Foster was 3rd.

Congratulations to all 4-H exhibitors and families who participated in this year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Your hard work and dedication certainly paid off.

Farm Bureau to host DOT seminar

In an effort to help area farmers and ranchers deal with changing DOT regulations and Risk Management, Floyd County Farm Bureau will host a two-fold seminar March 24th at the Unity Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

There is no charge for the seminar and refreshments will be served.

Cotton

"Many farmers believe that farm tags exempt them from many TxDOT regulations," said Farm Bureau Manager David True. "They don't see past the first page that says, 'You are exempt except in the following cases'. The 'except' part is what we will be covering.

"We want to expose farmers to these laws so they don't have

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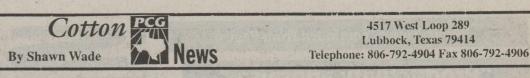
to pay fines.

Farmers may not be complying with current regulations if they

*Operate a pick-up and trailer with a combined weight in excess of 11,000 pounds.

*Operate a truck hauling farm products.

*Operate a semi-tractor/ trailer.



Members of the Texas House of Representatives approved their version of property tax reform on March 15. House passage shifts focus on the issue to the Texas Senate, where that body is working out the details of its' own brand of property tax relief

The House version (HB3), introduced by Representative Jim Keffer of Eastland, was passed on Tuesday, March 15 after consideration of amendments during debate on the House floor. The highlight of the House bill is a reduction in the current \$1.50 school rate cap to \$0.997 and requiring school districts currently permitted by law to have a tax rate above \$1.50 to cut their current rate by \$0.503 cents.

Additionally, the Bill specifies that 15 percent of the growth in non-constitutionally dedicated state funds from the current and next biennium be dedicated to reduce school rollback tax rates to a floor of \$0.75

Another key element of the Bill is reform tot he current state Franchise Tax structure. During floor debate, an amendment dealing with the Franchise Tax was adopted replacing Article 2 of the original legislative language approved during committee deliberation. The original language would have imposed a payroll tax of 1.15% on the first \$90,000 of employee wages on all businesses, not just corporations and limited liability companies. The revised language now allows. most businesses to opt to pay the payroll tax with no cap, or a modified franchise tax.

The amendment includes several changes in the current franchise tax code. Among the amendment's changes are that any business with employees subject to the unemployment compensation tax would now be subject to the franchise tax.

The amendment also provides the taxpayer the opportunity to elect to pay franchise taxes calculated on the basis of the Reformed Franchise Tax (RFT) structure or the exiting Franchise Tax (FT) rates. Special rules were also included to deal with businesses that have no Texas employees or that "lease" employees

Exemptions granted by the House's Franchise Tax rules include small businesses with less than \$150,000 in Texas receipts and 501c(3) nonprofit corporations

State sales tax changes are tive September 1, 2005.

also included in HB3 language. Among the changes are raising the sales tax rate to 7.25 percent, and expanding the sales tax base to include billboard advertising services, motor vehicle repair services, motor vehicle wash and detail services, water sold in sealed containers and elective cosmetic procedures. The changes noted above would become effective October 1, 2005. HB3 would also reduce the amount of the discount for timely filing of sales taxes from 0.5 percent to 0.33 percent.

Other sales Tax changes include: raising the motor vehicle sales tax to 7.35% effective September 1, 2005.

Also, beginning October 1, 2005 the average retail value, as established by TxDOT, will become the presumptive value of a motor vehicle for sales tax purposes unless the purchaser provides evidence of a different value; boat and motor boat sales tax rate would increase to 7.35% September 1, 2005; a 3% discretionary tax on sales of soft drinks and snack foods, on top of the applicable sales tax amount, would be imposed; and, cigarette taxes would be increased effec-

USDA announces sigh-up for Crop **Disaster Assistance Program**

By Rodney Schoppa

Floyd County producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday, March 14, 2005. CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses resulting from damaging weather in crop years 2003 and 2004 as well as certain losses suffered in 2005.

We are motivated to provide crop loss assistance benefits to producers as quickly as possible. Drought, floods and hurricanes

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are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk - impeding their ability to produce a dependable, affordable national food supply.

Eligibility for CDP is similar to that of the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program. Producers suffering a production loss greater than 35 percent and/or more than a 20 percent quality loss are eligible for CDP. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established com-

modity price for insured crops

and non-insurable crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP

for any crops that are eligible fro coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance oar the Noninsured Assistance Program. This program results from Congressional passage last October of the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005 (the Act).

CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited. Although no

After closing higher six out of seven days, cotton futures at the New York Board of Trade settled sharply lower Thursday as the market corrected from higher levels amid lagging export sales.

Export sales in the week ended March 10 were at the lowest levels since the last week of October 2004. USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 121,900 bales, 33 percent lower than the previous week and the prior four week average. Major buyers were China, Pakistan and Thailand. Sales of 40,800 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were mainly for Ireland, South Korea and Colombia.

Exports shipments of 297,400 bales slipped 13 percent from the previous week's marketing year high and one percent form the four week average. Primary destinations were Turkey, Mexico, China and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, online sales by producers in is nearing completion in the

traded in the week ended March 17. The volume was down from the previous week when 56,363 bales were sold. However, average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 38.45 to 43.31 cents per pound compared to 37.48 to 41.00 cents per pound the previous week

In other news, winter weather returned to West Texas as rain and snow fell in key cotton growing areas early in the week. While more seasonable readings returned to the High and Rolling Plains and field work resumed in some southern counties by Thursday, cooler than normal temperatures for this time of year prevailed in South Texas.

Isolated showers fell from the Texas Upper Coastal Bend to the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV), halting planting activities. Planting activities. Planting help with seed germination.

With the 2005 cotton season now underway, market sources will be turning their attention to USDA's cotton planting intentions report due to be released on March 31. Several sources expect to see a small increase in acres from last season and close to the National Cotton Council's acreage survey of 13.74 million acres, up 0.6 percent from last year.

Rising prices for corn and soybeans could discourage some U.S. producers from planting cotton. On the other hand, the threat of Asian rust disease on soybeans could encourage more cotton acres in the Southeast.

Most producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas will make important planting decisions in the next few weeks," one analyst said. "Barring any unforeseen occurrences, I think farmers in the three states will plant about the same amount of cotton as

Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas re- LRGV, and farmers there welmained active with 31,032 bales comed a slow soaking rain to cluded.

they planted in 2004," he con-

Letter to the Editor

in current program dollars flow-

ing through Floyd County farms

and businesses would have been

slashed by an estimated \$9.5

Million dollars. That would be

Approximately 95 percent of the

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part of our crops no longer eli-

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Dear Editor;

The Bush administration has proposed in its budget to cut billions of dollars from the Farm Program. These cuts would be almost a 25 percent reduction. particularly harmful to cotton producers and make significant changes to the 2002 Farm Bill, which is supposed be in effect through 2007. Many of us in program benefits. These numbers Floyd County have made farm plans and investment decisions cuts that would have occurred in based on the guarantee that the safety net provided by the current cotton program would be in place through 2007.

When thinking about the proposed cuts and how the reductions would affect Floyd County, consider these facts provided by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Under the current program and assuming a 2004 county average cotton yield of 650 pounds per acre Floyd County will benefit from an estimated \$38.6 Million in government support on the 2004 cotton crop. With cash cotton prices hovering around 38 cents per pound this support is critical to helping producers ride out this period of low price and to keeping our county's economic foundation sound.

Bush Has the Administration's proposed budget cuts been in effect this year, PCG estimates the \$38.6 Million

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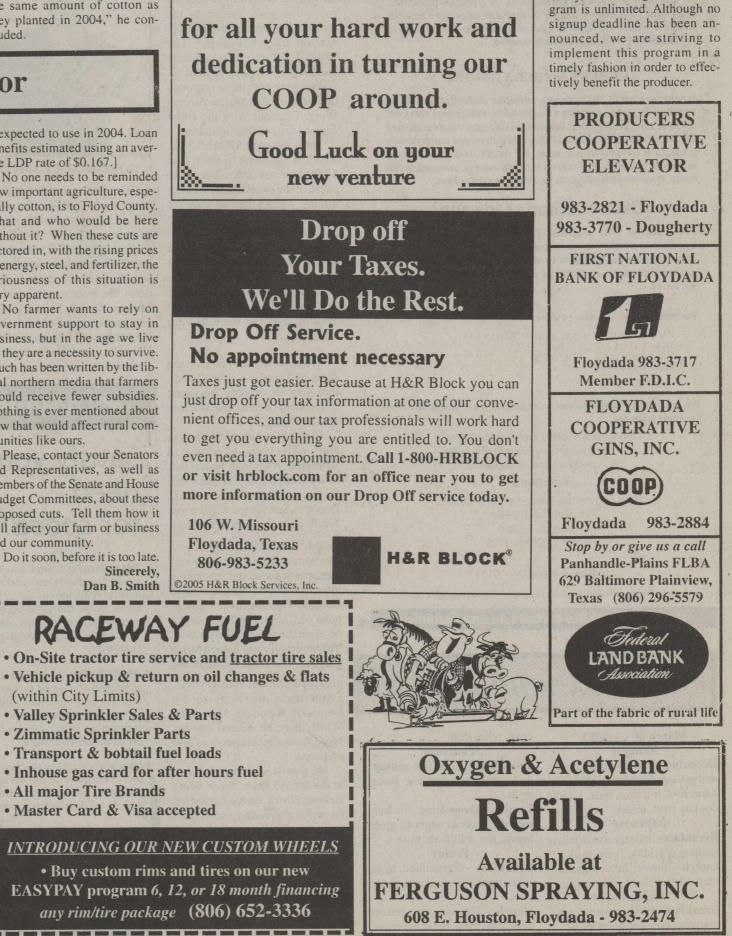
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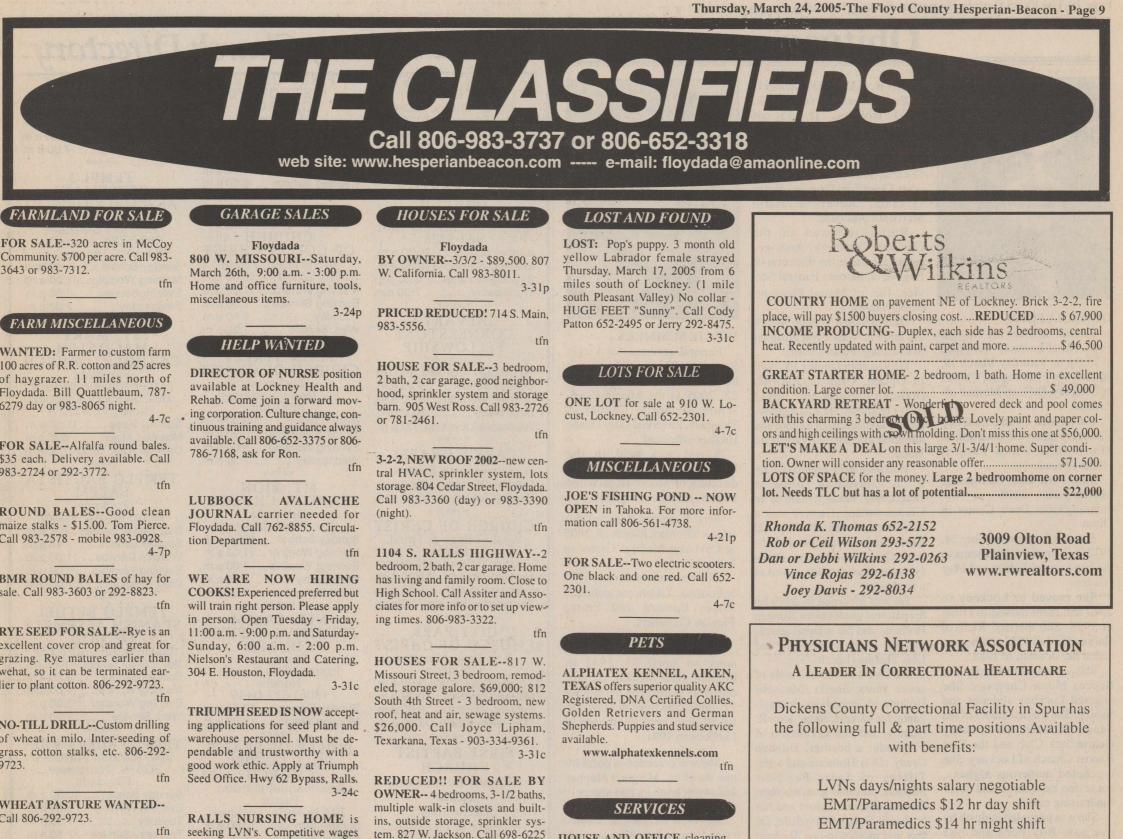
No one needs to be reminded how important agriculture, especially cotton, is to Floyd County. What and who would be here without it? When these cuts are factored in, with the rising prices of energy, steel, and fertilizer, the seriousness of this situation is very apparent.

No farmer wants to rely on government support to stay in business, but in the age we live in, they are a necessity to survive. Much has been written by the liberal northern media that farmers should receive fewer subsidies. Nothing is ever mentioned about how that would affect rural communities like ours.

Please, contact your Senators and Representatives, as well as members of the Senate and House Budget Committees, about these proposed cuts. Tell them how it will affect your farm or business and our community.

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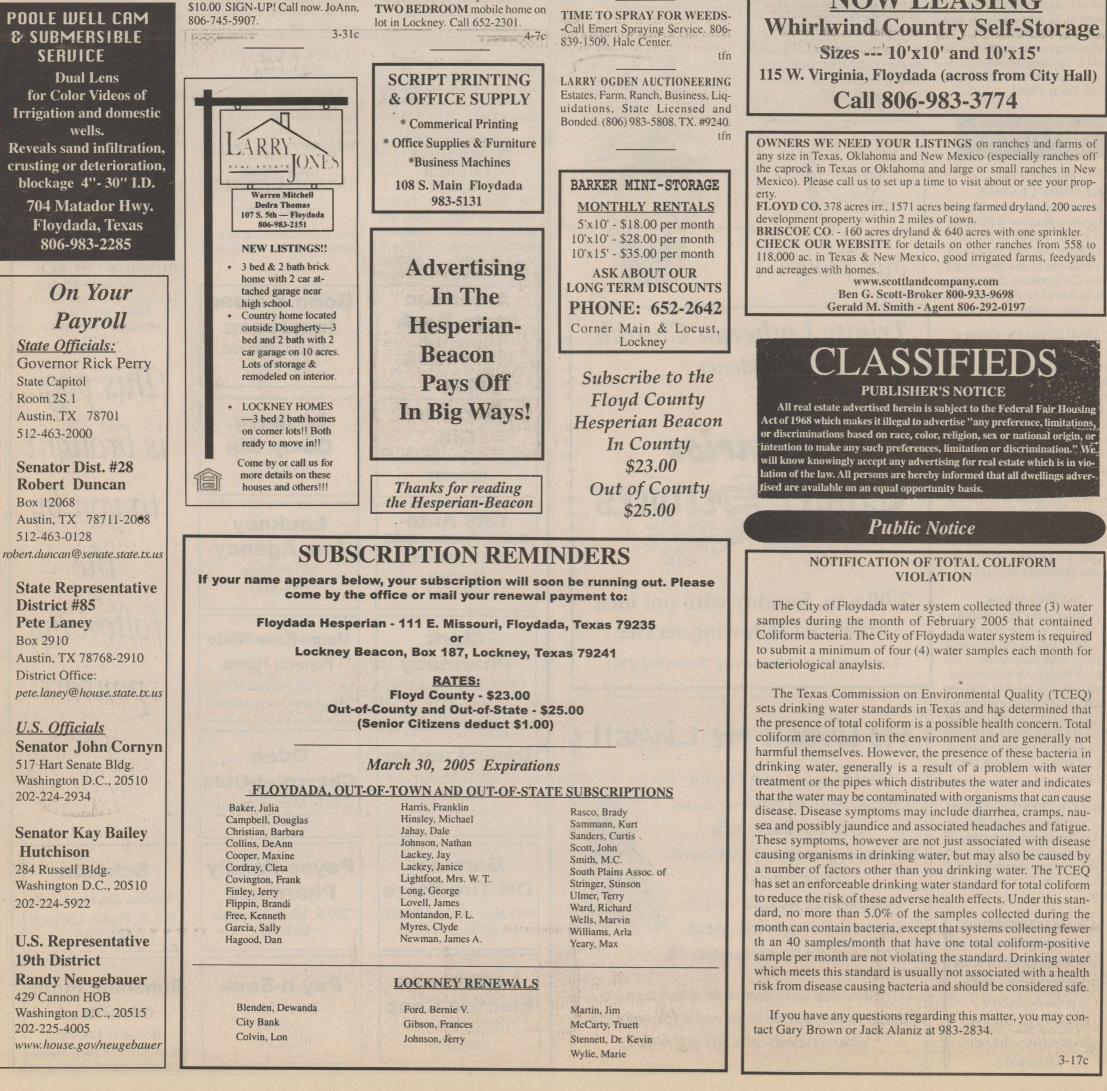
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Lockney

HOUSE AND OFFICE cleaning. \$25.00 and up. References. Call 685-1645, Floydada. 3-24p

DOG GROOMING - \$20.00. Call

685-1645, Floydada. 3-24p

EMT/Paramedics \$14 hr night shift

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bituaries



GEORGIA FORD

Funeral services for Georgia Ford, 92, of Lockney were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. Dr. Carl Moman officiated.

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

Mrs. Ford died Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at the Runningwater Draw Center in Olton.

She was born on October 24, 1912 in Drumright, Oklahoma to the late Lemuel Judson and May Harden.

She moved to Lockney in 1949 and them moved to Olton in 1998. She married Richard Harvey Ford in 1953 and he preceded her in death in 1988.

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She was a bookkeeper for Baccus Motor Company. She enjoyed Lockney athletics and fishing. She was a member of the Senior Citizens, the Lockney Quarterback Club and the First Baptist Church of Lockney. She crocheted numerous afghans, some for heirlooms and local fundraising raffles.

She was preceded in death by one son, Roy Ford and one daughter, Mary Katheryn Owens.

Survivors include five sons, John Hanst of Granbury, Don Hanst of Houston, Jack Ford of Hereford, Jerry Ford and Buck Ford, both of Lockney; two daughters, Dixie Johnson of Lockney and Peggy Bickle of Houston, 21 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

Family request memorials be made to the Runningwater Draw Care Center, 800 W. 13th Street, Olton, Texas 79064.

Funeral services for John R. (Jay) Hollums II, 35, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in the Phillip G. Cochran Memorial United Meth-

JOHN R. (JAY) HOLLUMS II

sylvania. Reverend Keith McIlwain officiated. Burial followed in the Cochran Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Eugene G. Saloom Funeral Service, Inc. of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

odist Church in Dawson, Penn-

Hollums died Friday, March 18, 2005 in West Penn Hospital in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

He was born January 15, 1970 in Ogden, Utah to John R. (Randy) Hollums and Teresa (Gay) Hollums. He was a graduate of Floydada High School and attended Baylor University in Waco

Hollums was employed by S.S.I. Consulting Group in Greensburg, Pennsylvania as an I.T. consultant. He was also a member of the Phillip G. Cochran Memorial United Methodist Church in Dawson, Pennsylvania where he also served as a lay leader.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Duncan Hollums and his materal grandparents, Grady Henry Gay and Lois Thelma (Leach) Gay.

Survivors include his wife of seven years, Sheila (Meason) Hollums of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; his parents, Judge John R. (Randy) and Teresa Hollums of Floydada; a brother, Duncan Grady (DG) Hollums and wife, Tiffany of Santa Fe, New Mexico; paternal grandmother, Edwina Hollums Emert and her husband, Tom, of Floydada; father and mother-in-law, Richard P. Meason and a brother-in-law, Richard P. Meason, all of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd, Lubbock, Texas 79423 or the First United Methodist Church of Floydada, 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada, Texas 79235 or the Phillip G. Cochran Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box O, Dawson, Pennsylvania 15428.



VIRGIE SUMMERS

Funeral services for Virgie Summers, 92, of Lubbock was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at the Moore-Rose-White Memorial Chapel in Floydada. Reverend Gary Duane Hughes officiated.

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

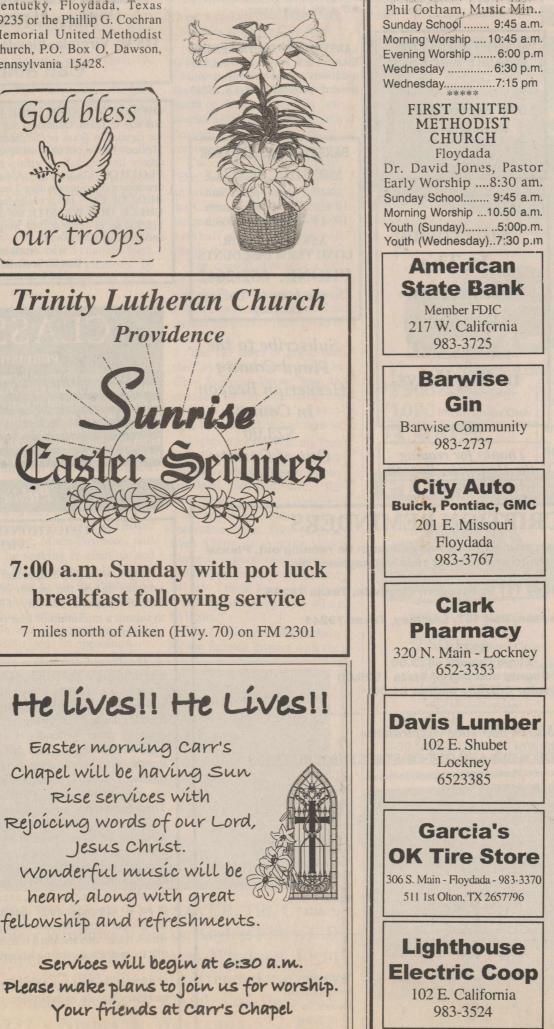
Mrs. Summers departed this life on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born on June 9, 1912 in Pontotoc, Oklahoma to the late James Edward and Emma Frances Chambers.

She married David John Summers on April 23, 1942 in Roswell, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on September 17, 1969. She lived in Floydada for 50 years until she moved to Lubbock in 1991.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Margaret Hughes and seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Murrell Stephens of Lubbock; three sons and daughter-in-laws, Johnny and Gerry Summers of Floydada, Doyle and Nancy Lacy of Lubbock and J. W. and Jo Lacy of Slaton; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.



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 Evening7:00 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.

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.

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

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. EveningService 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 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

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 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 Rev. Burnell Lund, on FM 2301



MASTER OF MEMORY CLASSES

Master of Memory classes registration deadline is Monday, March 28th. Master of Memory is offered in Lockney and Floydada free of charge through Texas Cooperative Extension. Call 983-4912 to sign up or for more information.

ANNUAL TRUCK RAFFLE Tickets for the annual truck raffle benefiting the Plainview Rainbow Room are available from Kelly Prayor at City Bank in Lockney. Three hundred tickets will be sold for \$100 each. The drawing is to be held April 6th. The Rainbow Room is a resouce for CPS caseworkers and it serves Hale, Floyd, Motley, Swisher, Briscoe and Castro counties. In 2004 the Rainbow Room serves more than 670 abused and neglected children through the Department of Family and Protective Services.

TALENT SHOW

A talent show to benefit Relay for Life will be held Saturday, April 2nd in the Floydada High School auditorium, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Open to any talented person in the area. Sign-up sheets are available in the school office or contact Karrie Terrell at 983-3717 or 983-5718. Entry fee - \$10 donation for individuals or \$25 for group. To benefit cancer research.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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