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Dog saves owner from rattlesnake

By Darwin Robinson

Anne-Marie Hale of Dougherty has a new hero at her home. It is her 2 1/2 year old, 120 pound, Siberian Husky/Northern Grey Timber Wolf named "Wolf".

Last Saturday, around 3 p.m., Anne-Marie was going down her back porch steps into the back yard, when Wolf jumped in front of her and took a direct strike on his nose from a large 3 1/2 foot rattle snake.

Anne-Marie said, "That snake was really mad. 'Wolf' saved me from getting bit."

Barry, Anne-Marie's husband, said, "I want people to know these cross breed type dogs can be good pets. He is gentle and he is a hero. He probably saved my wife's life."

"The fang marks on Wolf's nose were about 1 1/2 inches to 2 inches apart. So this was a big snake. He got away and I imagine it's bed is under a wood pile out back. I plan on cleaning that out soon," said Barry.

The Hales took Wolf to the vet and he told them they were too late for him to administer a \$500 shot that should save Wolf's life. "So he gave him a shot of antibodies. Wolf's face swelled up real big and now he seems to be okay."

The Hales have lived in Dougherty since 1999. They have seen rattlers crossing the highway into town a few times late in the afternoons, but never one this close to the house, according to Barry.

Wolf was bought over the internet for \$25. The Humane Society in Hobbs, New Mexico was going to put him to sleep if no one wanted him. So the Hales went over to Hobbs and rescued him.

Barry was a deputy sheriff in Lincoln County, New Mexico for 11 years. He met Anne-Marie, who is from Switzerland, in 1990, at an old ghost town near Lincoln, where she was on a tour of America.



ANNE-MARIE HALE AND 'WOLF' FOLLOWING RATTLER BITE ON WOLF'S FACE

Housing lawsuit makes headlines

By Alice Gilroy

Recent stories in the Amarillo Globe and Lubbock Avalanche, by Karen Smith of Morris News Service, has brought new attention to an old lawsuit filed in January 2005 against the Floydada Housing Authority by Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

The lawsuit originally listed the Floydada Housing Authority as the defendant, however recent motions by the first 2 complainants, Graciela Elisario and Jose Elisario, has asked the Laredo Federal Judge to add more defendants and more complainants.

If the judge approves the motion, the suit will add the U.S. Department of Agriculture and USDA officials in Temple's Texas Rural Development Office.

According to the Morris News story, the suit may also grow to include "a dozen more individual migrant plaintiffs", plus the United Farm Workers of America.

The suit alleges Floydada Housing Authority has violated federal civil rights of the complainants (Plaintiffs) by renting unsafe and substandard apartments. The plaintiffs are asking for "housing that is free of conditions that affect their safety and health", "actual damages, and statutory damages, reasonable court costs", and "other relief the court deems just and proper".

In the past 5 years the 33 year old Migrant Housing apartments in Floydada has been reduced from 78 rentable units to 30 units. Apartments were closed due to the smaller number of migrant workers coming to the area. The Housing is closed down in the winter months.

The migrant camp has not been operated with any federal

funds in the past and has had to depend on migrants paying rent.

Sudy Cochran, the Executive Director of Floydada's Housing Authority said, "I would like to be able to talk about this and defend ourselves, but our attorney has advised us not to comment while we are in litigation."

Cochran did explain that a \$1.73 million USDA grant for rehabilitation was given to the Housing Authority recently. The grant will "kick in" this fall.

The Floydada Authority also received a \$192,000 loan for rehabilitation.

The award also includes \$3 million in rental assistance in a 33-year span to help with maintaining vacant property and keeping rents low.

"We've never had the rental assistance before," said Cochran.

The grant, however, includes a "Catch 22" for the migrants.

After rehabilitation the camp cannot be used strictly for migrant housing. It must also include leasing to farm laborers.

Farm laborers usually lease all year while migrant workers are looking only for seasonal housing. If the 30 unit camp is leased up quickly by farm laborers then migrant workers will have difficulty getting an apartment at the camp.

"After the rehab work is done," said Cochran, "there will only be 30 units available."

According to Cochran the USDA rules state if there is a migrant camp it must be open.

The Housing Authority Board is comprised of four other individuals, besides Cochran, who are appointed by the City of Floydada. Other board members are: Phillip Smitherman, Jimmy Cervantes, Elaine Austin, and Mary Poole.

Five arrested in costly Lockney pool vandalism

By Judy Macha

Five individuals have been arrested for the extensive vandalism of the newly renovated Lockney Swimming Pool. Four are juveniles and one is a 17 year old male.

Sometime Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, August 16-17, the police report stated that individuals went into the Lockney Swimming Pool area after hours and did damage estimated to be in excess of \$1,000.

The damage was found by Eddie Jiminez, a city worker, on Wednesday morning.

The suspects poured two buckets of chemical (used to

chlorinate the pool) into the water, then threw two large potted plants into the pool, tore down an umbrella over one of the tables and threw it in, as well as the deck chairs. Several of the baskets used to store clothes of swimmers were thrown in, along with a test kit. The mural that had been attached to the west wall was torn off and thrown in as well. Several of the depth markers on the walls of the pool were torn off and thrown in, along with various other items.

The walls around the building and restrooms were all freshly painted at the start of the season and the suspects took what ap-

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LISD keeps tax rate at \$1.50

By Alice Gilroy

In their regular meeting, August 25, Lockney ISD Trustees approved a new budget and adopted the same \$1.50 tax rate as last year.

The bottom line of the '05-'06 budget is \$5,284,028.

"This budget is \$30,674.00 less than last year," said Superintendent Phil Cotham.

Concerning the announcement by Governor Rick Perry that teachers will be getting a pay raise, Cotham said, "We will have to amend our budget when the mandate pay raises go through and we know how it is going to be funded."

The board also approved a new golf program which will

begin in Spring. \$2,900 was added into the budget to support the program. History teacher Sam Moore has agreed to be the golf coach.

Bus driver overtime pay rates for non-exempt personnel was approved by the board. The salary will be \$20 per hour for non-exempt employees (this includes overtime), \$10 per hour for exempt and non-employee drivers; and \$5 per hour for idle time (on same day trips only).

The cleaning and pay schedule for the football field was also raised \$5.00 per hour.

The board considered fuel bids from Lockney Co-op and Raceway Fuels. The Co-op bid 4¢ above "rack price" and Raceway

Fuels bid 8¢ above "rack price".

Trustees agreed that they would like to buy from both businesses since the businesses support the community with taxes. The trustees voted unanimously (Boyd Jackson abstained) to buy diesel from the Co-op and gasoline from Raceway.

High School principal, Mr. Thompson, told the board there were no major changes in the student handbook and Code of Conduct. The handbook was approved unanimously.

The board accepted the resignations of cafeteria workers, Margarita Cervea and Edna Smith, and hire Mary Caballero and Angelica Salazar as replace-

ments.

All student transfers were also approved.

Each building principal gave a brief update of their campus.

Elementary principal JeanAnne Williams reported 287 students enrolled.

Jr. High principal Todd Hallmark reported an enrollment of 129, and Thompson reported 195.

The LISD bank balance as of July 31 showed \$3,360,487.40 in bank.

Cotton Kings will feature Floydada in Oct. 29 game

The Lubbock Cotton Kings' opening night game, Oct. 29, has been set aside as "Floydada Night".

The Cotton Kings are giving the Floydada Chamber of Commerce five hundred \$10 tickets to sell. The chamber will keep \$4 of each ticket sold which will give them the chance to make \$2,000. The City of Floydada will be highlighted during the game which will include a pumpkin pushing contest on the ice during intermission.

It will also be Breast Awareness Night and the team will be wearing jerseys with the breast

cancer ribbon on them. The jerseys will be auctioned off after the game. Pink breast cancer bracelets will also be given out to the first 3,000 people in attendance.

Fans will be able to participate in the numerous events and activities set up throughout the coliseum. A rock wall will be located outside the coliseum, as well as pony rides and a petting zoo.

The Texas Tech Glee Club will be singing the National Anthem and the Texas Tech Goin Band and Spirit Squad will also be at the game.

Local Veterans to Celebrate End of WWII

In conjunction with a statewide event planned to commemorate the signing of the documents that ended World War II.

The Texas High Plains Veterans Association will host an event at the Lockney City Hall on Friday September 2, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. A Marine Honor Guard will lower the American Flag and play taps. Lockney High School History teacher Sam Moore will address the crowd. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



ADULT HONOREES at the Floyd County 4-H Achievement Banquet included: (l-r) Judy Griggs, Silver Spur; Judy Schacht, District Distinguished Leader Award; Laura Nutt, Silver Spur; Clar Schacht - Windmark Insurance and Cynthia Bybee - Heart's Desire, Friend of 4-H Awards.

Courtesy Photo

Courtroom Activities

In District Court, August 29, 2005, Christopher Silva, 23, of Lockney, pled guilty to Aggravated Assault with Serious Bodily Injury. The offense occurred on April 11, 1999. He was sentenced to four years in ID/TDCJ, a \$1,000 fine, restitution, court costs and attorneys fees.

In County Court, August 17, Michael Vega, 24, of Lockney, was charged with DWI.

August 24, Rebecca Camacho, 42, of Floydada, was charged with Theft by Check of more than \$20 but less than \$500.

Also on August 24: Margie Cuevas, of Floydada, was charged with Theft by Check of more than \$20 but less than \$500.

Doyle Brent Poole, 31, of Lockney, was charged with Theft by Check of more than \$20 but less than \$500.

Melynda Palida, of Plainview, was charged with Theft by Check of more than \$20 but less than \$500.

August 26, James Adam Jimenez, 17, was charged with Criminal Mischief.

Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Update

By Tom Musser

BASIN WIDE: While leasing activity continues, some of the 40 companies active in the 6 county area of the Palo Duro Basin have leased the acreage they were interested in, and are now moving into the next phase of their operations--planning their drilling programs. Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc., has a drilling rig on contract and is expecting to start the first of their 6 wells in late October, 2005. As of Tuesday morning, no new drilling permits have yet been filed, but they are expected. Also

at this time it is unknown when additional drilling rigs will be available to the Palo Duro Basin operators.

MOTLEY COUNTY: Work is proceeding on the Vintage Petroleum Inc. Echols "2" Lease Well #1. The well is being swabbed and has made some gas, on these occasions the flare has been lit.

On Tyner Texas Operating Company R.G. Stevens Lease Well #1 the rig is back to drilling, as of Tuesday morning at approximately 6,400 feet.

A view from



The Lamplighter

By: Ken Towery
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We see by the papers where Pat Robertson, the once-upon-a-time religious leader-turned politician, says that Hugo Chavez, the present "president" in Venezuela, should be "taken out."

To "take out" the political leader of a foreign country has always been a nice way to say the guy ought to be killed, or "assassinated" In this case, we will not quarrel with Robertson's private comments, only with the wisdom of his public utterances.

It was a stupid thing to say, publicly, for all sorts of reasons. (Pat has since apologized, sort of. He claims, among other things, he was misquoted, which prompted t.v. types to go back and get the tapes if his comments. Most people would say... a la Dan Rather... he was quoted accurately.)

It makes one wonder if Robertson was speaking publicly to followers as a religious leader, or publicly as a religious leader who also, once in a while, is known to dabble in politics. In fact, he has been deeply involved in politics, primarily in the business of championing Israel in any of that country's official endeavors. He started out as a penniless broadcaster and is now worth an estimated \$500 million, so he must be smart, even if he says stupid things once in a while.

The reason we will not quarrel with Robertson's comments... when made in private... is very simple. That question, the question of whether the political leader of this country should secretly tell his agents to "get rid" of a foreign leader, is an old philosophical question that has been around cocktail circuits since Hector was a pup. It makes for good conversation after several drinks. One can argue, for instance, that the world would be much better off if Joseph Stalin, or Adolph Hitler, or Tojo, had been killed by some unknown agents before World War 11. Millions may have been spared an early death. Or just about any other political leader, including

Pol Pot, who insists on liquidating his citizens as the only solution to differences of opinion.

We used to make that argument under similar circumstances. It simply makes sense to bump some bad guy off, and save countless good lives in the process. The answer is about as simple as the question. It is illegal. Where would it stop? The death of one "leader" would generate the death of another, and on and on, on the order of the Balkan incident that blossomed into World War 1.

If it is going to be done, it should be done in the dead of night in a manner where blame for the killing can be placed elsewhere. It should not, in our opinion, follow some public comment by a "religious" leader, especially one who makes such a big deal of Moses and the 10 Commandments, or who implies to followers that he can (with a little financial help from his listeners) control the path of hurricanes. What would we say if some ayatollah had said the same about George Bush? Pat Robertson would be among the first to decry "Muslim extremism," in the process of asking for more money.

The influence Pat Robertson has over this President, by virtue of the Israeli connection, is perhaps indicated by the mild, almost tepid, response this Administration had to Robertson's comments. The response, such as it was, had to come from a spokesman in the Department of State, who said Robertson's comments were "inappropriate." The only other comments we've heard was from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who said, in answer to a direct question, that Robertson is "a private citizen," and private citizens pop off all the time.

There is no doubt, in our mind, that Hugo Chavez ought to be gotten rid of. He is leading his country, he says, "into socialism", and many people in Venezuela object mightily to that effort. They may remember the social-

ism of Stalin, or the "national socialism" of Adolph Hitler, or the fascism of Benito Mussolini. A few people may even remember that the recent Iraqi leader, one Saddam Hussein, was the leader of the Baath Socialist Party, a pan-Arabic socialist endeavor that, like all socialist outfits, knew no national boundaries. Still fewer may recall the former President John Kennedy, and his dust-up with Fidel Castro back in the '60's. That was all about getting rid of Castro before he caused too many problems. The effort failed, and Castro still caused the problems everybody knew he was going to cause.

So it's a mixed bag. We got rid of one Iranian leader and replaced him with another, who got sacked and now we have the spectacle of a country run by a crazy band of ayatollahs intent on manufacturing a few nuclear devices in order to counter those already on hand in Israel.

I am sure, or rather, I imagine, that many in World War 1 actually thought they were engaging in a "war to end all wars." As the political leaders of that day said, and as hundreds of thousands of youngsters flocked to the colors to make it happen. And I know many of us in World War 11 thought we were making the world safe for democracies to exist. While many of us might

have been motivated by wonderful ideals, our political leaders aligned themselves (and the country) with one of the most oppressive regimes in the world (Joseph Stalin's Soviet Union) in order to achieve a goal, and I don't remember many of us turning down the help we saw when the Red Army locked horns with the armies of Nazi Germany. Since then we have had wars hither and yon. We suppose the Bible is right when it says, (somewhere in there) that there will be wars and rumors of wars until the end of time. About all we can do, in my feeble estimation, is remain prepared for any eventuality.

Robertson was entirely right when he said "we don't need" another expensive war that might be prevented by a single act. But we don't need, either, a purported religious leader to go on t.v. (on his fund-raising program) and call on his country to kill a foreign leader.

Besides, there are plenty of people in Venezuela who want to do the job, can do the job, and probably will do the job. The problem now being: if some Venezuelan finally takes Chavez "out", the U.S. will be blamed, thanks to Pat Robertson's big mouth, and his desire for big bucks.

Look to mail for new voter registration cards

By Penny Golightly

We will be sending new voter registration cards to the voters of Floyd County in late November and early December. We need everyone who has moved and does not have a corrected card or have children that have moved,

or married and are no longer residents of Floyd County to call us with these changes.

Our phone number is 806-983-4908 or come by room 116 of the Courthouse, Floydada, Texas.

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K-9 dogs get a taste of Marines

Submitted by: MCAS Yuma Story by Pfc. Brian J. Holloran

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz.--"Get on the ground!" is the command yelled by Cpl. Isaias M. Lerma, of Lockney, a K-9 dog handler with the Provost Marshal's Office here. The suspect continues to yell and complain.

"Get on the ground, or I will release my dog!" yells Lerma.

The suspect, still being belligerent, disregards Lerma's commands entirely. Lerma, a native of Lockney, releases the leash. Ddagger, a military working dog under Lerma's command, springs into action, running toward the suspect at full speed. The suspect, realizing Lerma wasn't joking, starts to run away from the dog. After about six or seven steps Ddagger lunges and clasps onto the suspect's arm to bring him to the ground. After a few minutes the suspect holds still and Lerma calls Ddagger off. Lerma and the "suspect", Sgt. James A. Campion, chief trainer for the K-9 unit here and Cape Coral Fla., native, turns to the audience of MP patrolmen and explain what it is the crowd just witnessed.

This was a class held by PMO to help the patrolmen and military police at the gate work better with the K-9 units.

"We work side-by-side with the patrolmen and MP's at the gates," said Sgt. Daniel R. Williams, K-9 unit kennel master. "The patrolmen need to know

how our dogs react, and what they are capable of."

"After the classroom, we showed the MP's how the dogs help in searching a vehicle," said Williams.

"Watching the way the dogs quickly and efficiently search the cars is great," said Coombs, a Cumming, Ga., native. "Our guys at the gates do a good job of filtering the visitors out but they can't smell illegal substances on vehicles."

When the vehicle search was over, the K-9 section gave a demonstration of exactly how the dog would take down a suspect and handle a situation with multiple aggressors.

"The way the dogs can hold back multiple attackers is amazing," said Coombs. "Seeing that the dogs can be effective against two or more attackers means that the Marines that ride with the dogs are safer."

After the multiple attacker display, some of the MP's were able to see that the K-9 unit isn't all bark by putting on the suits and learning what it feels like to be bitten by one of the military working dogs.

"I was nervous at first," said Coombs. "I have never been a dummy for the dogs before. These little dogs weighing sixty to seventy pounds hold a lot of force and torque in their bodies. They make a big impact. You



MILITARY CANINE--Cpl. Matthew W. Durant, Provost Marshal's Office patrolman and native of Le Mesa, Calif., feels the force behind little Ddagger's powerful bite while Cpl. Isaias M. Lerma, of Lockney, the PMO working dog's handler, watches close by Aug. 15 behind the K-9 kennel. The demonstration was part of a class to show patrolmen and MP's at the gate how the K-9 dogs work and react to multiple aggressors, vehicle searches and suspects. By understanding what the dogs can do, the patrolmen and K-9 units can work together more effectively. Courtesy Photo

don't know how powerful they are until you have one dangling off your arm."

The last portion of the class was having one of the dogs run through the K-9 obstacle course to highlight the dog's maneuver-

ability, said Williams.

"What it really comes down to is that both of us, K-9 and the patrolmen, are all MP's," said Williams. "We are just MP's with an extra tool on our belts, our dogs."

Lockney Police Report

August 6, Officer Dolloff was notified of a Criminal Mischief offense in the 500 block of S.W. 1st Street on a 1990 blue Ford Bronco. The amount of the damage was placed at \$124.97. A suspect has been identified and charges are pending.

August 16, Chief Edwards received a report of a stolen 8' X 12" sign from the 700 block of S. Main Street. The sign was strapped to the business that it belonged to. The sign is 16 gauge metal and is valued at is \$3,000.00.

The sign was found outside of Lockney on a County Road. It appears that the person(s) that were attempting to take the sign got stuck on the dirt road and lost

the stolen item. If anyone has information please contact Chief Edwards or any officer on duty. The owner of the business has mentioned a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to any information that will result in arrest and convictions of the sign theft.

August 17, Chief Edwards was contacted by city workers that had noticed damage to the Lockney Swimming Pool. Damage was estimated at \$1,000 which included: two buckets of Chemicals, two pot plants, fifteen marker stickers, and a cleaning fee.

The person left a written sign with a marks-a-lot on one wall "I DID IT WHAT DID YOU DO

LAST SUMMER". The person(s) that damaged the pool also tore down the mural painting on the wall and threw it in the pool.

August 26, Chief Edwards detained four juveniles and arrested one adult male for the Criminal Mischief at the Pool.

August 19, Chief Edwards arrested Gloria Ann Moya, 43, of Lockney on a Floyd County war-

rant for Violation of Community Supervision - Driving While Intoxicated. Ms. Moya was transported to the Hale County Jail by Sgt. Wallace.

Sgt. Wallace & Officer Dolloff responded to a reported Burglary of Habitation in progress in the 600 block of N. Main Street. Upon arrival police found the owner of the residence had a person held. During the investigation both officers found that the daughter of the property owner was involved with the removal of items from the residence. The home owner requested that the officer serve the daughter and the other person notice of Criminal Trespass to prevent any future thefts from the home.

Just before midnight both Sgt. Wallace and Officer Dolloff were notified of a disturbance in the 400 block of S.W. 3rd Street. While trying to settle the disturbance Terry Rhea Martin, 25, of Lockney, was placed under arrest for Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct. Mr. Martin was also charged with Resisting Arrest. He was placed into the Hale County Jail in Plainview.

Sgt. Wallace also investigated the motor vehicle accident that was involved in this incident and issued Martin a reckless driving citation.

August 22, the owner of a building in the 100 block of S. Main Street reported to Chief

Edwards that sometime on Saturday August 18 a front window to the building was damaged. The damage estimate was \$500.00. It was not sure if a pellet from an air gun or rock from a vehicle tire caused the damage.

Lockney Police reported the recovery of one football jersey (#51) reported stolen on July 11. The new-style jerseys, valued at \$70, were taken from the field house. The new jerseys that are still missing are: #12, #66, and #33.

Pool vandalism solved with arrest of five people

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peared to be an orange Marks-A-Lot and wrote on one of the walls, "I did it - what did you do last summer?"

On Friday, August 26, 2005, Lockney Police took four juveniles, all of Lockney, into custody and arrested one adult, James

Adam Jiminez, 17, also of Lockney, for criminal mischief.

The adult suspect was placed in the Hale County Jail and the juveniles were taken to the P.A.C. Center in Floydada.

"We will be asking for restitution," said Police Chief Jerry Edwards.

Coming to Floydada

The National Corvette Museum presents



Floydada will be the seventh stop on an eight stop Corvette tour planned for this area. A caravan of corvettes will arrive at Oden Chevrolet on Sat. Sept. 24 at 2:00 p.m. There will be two special Racing corvettes on display. (See next weeks paper for more details)

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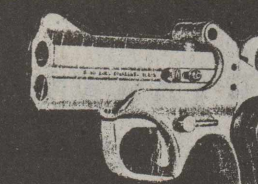
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Reloading should be looked at as a hobby, not work. This will be your first step to enjoying yourself. Chances are, you own at least one gun, be it a rifle or a handgun, and every other weekend of so, you trek out to the store and dump 20 to 30 dollars on ammunition, head for the range, and are done shooting within an hour because you ran out of bullets. You picked up some skill in that hour, but not as much as you had hoped. By the time you get out again, your level may drop to only a margin above where you finished last time. You know you have to practice more often, and for longer periods, but to do so would quickly become too expensive. "There has to be a better way", you think to yourself. Well, there certainly is!

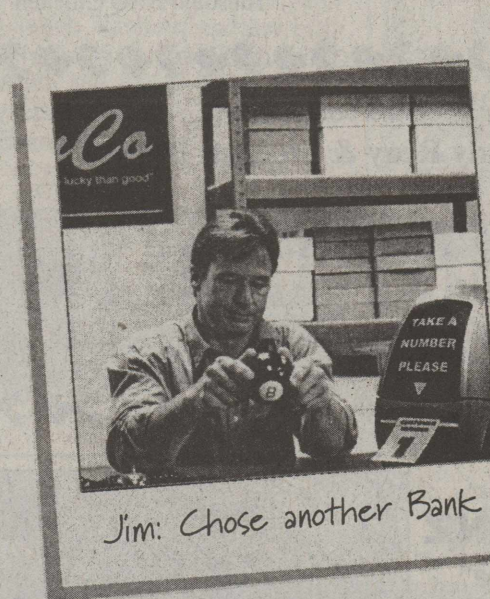
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Reay and Bowen

Beverly Reay is proud to announce the engagement of her (and the late Joe Reay's) daughter Mandy LeighAnne Reay to Stephen Paul Bowen, son of Patrick and Roberta Bowen.

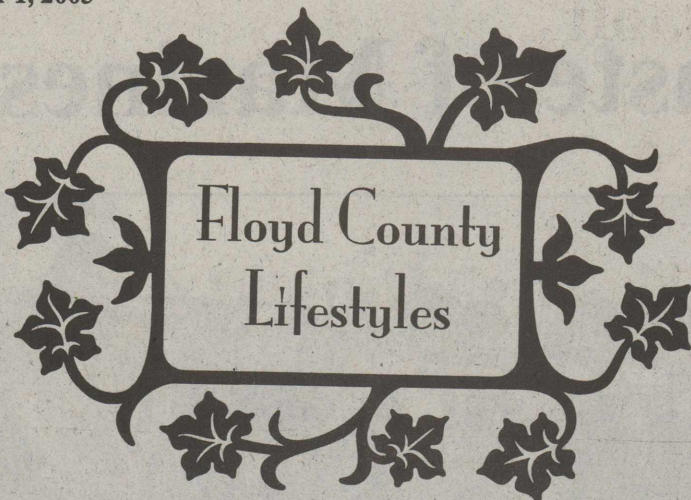
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Boyd and Gayle Reay of Lockney and Bobby and Billie Nokes of Amarillo.

She is a 2002 graduate of Hollister Christian Academy, Hollister, Florida and a 2004 graduate of Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City, with a degree in Music Education. She is currently self-employed.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Robert and Mikell Bowen, E. Jean and Richard Tarman of Zephyrhills, Florida and James Plummer of Aberdeen, Maryland.

He is a 2000 graduate of Temple Christian School in Palatka, Florida and a 2004 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He will graduate pilot training in October, 2005 at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas.

The couple plan a November 4, 2005 wedding at Faith Baptist Church in Plainview.



Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The Center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years old or older, come join us. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. at a very reasonable price. Do call before 10:00 a.m. if you plan on eating. Monday, September 5, the Center will be closed to celebrate "Labor Day". See you Tuesday.

A very nice 90th birthday party was given in honor of Flora McNeill at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall last Sunday, August 28. Lots of friends brought cards and visited with her. Also, Flora's daughter Janice of Lubbock and granddaughter Misty and her husband of Canyon attended.

Zan Daniels Haygood and her husband were here from San Angelo this past weekend to visit Zan's mother Sue Daniels.

Betty Holmes ate lunch at the Center on Monday, August 29. We would like to see her come every day to enjoy a hot meal and visit friends.

"Happy Birthday" to those who will have a September birthday: Sept. 3-Mary Ferguson; Sept. 10-Myrtle Minner; Sept. 11-Vivian Snell; Sept. 16-Dub Holt, Cobb Gilly and Jessie

Pernell; Sept. 17-Doris Gilmore; Sept. 18-Myria Dade; Sept. 19-Sue Lovell; Sept. 22-Sylvia Bueno; Sept. 23-Kent Covington; Sept. 24-Durrel Fortenberry; Sept. 27-Carolyn Smith and Sue Daniels; Sept. 28-Joyce Williams; and Sept. 29-Ronald Evans.

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

In memory of **Barbara Covington-Wayland** and Margaret Jones, Mack and Gail Hickerson, Dale and Jo Goen.

In memory of **Eula Mae Gross-Jessie** and Donna Pernell.

Thought for the week - Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to Spring.

-Doug Larson

Menu

September 5-September 9 Monday-HOLIDAY

Tuesday-Oven fried fish, corn, turnip greens, cornbread, pineapple gelatin

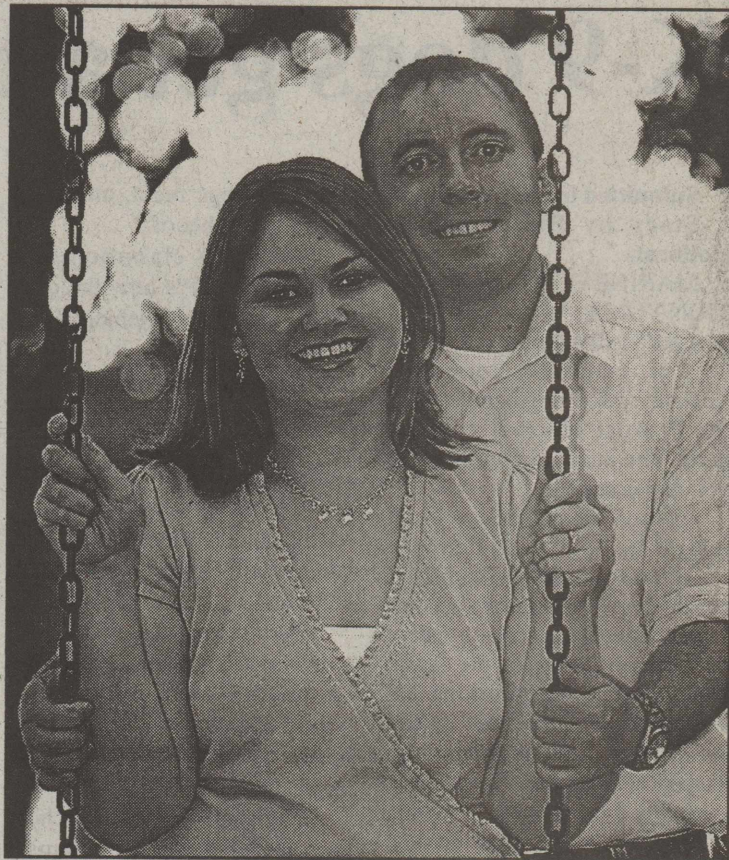
Wednesday-Cube steak with gravy, sauerkraut, corn, pickles, cornbread, pumpkin bars

Thursday-Beef and peppers, rice, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, ginger cookies

Friday-BBQ roast, broccoli, wheat roll, peach shortcake

Wed: Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday: Chili Manana
Friday: Fish

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand



MELISSA SHACKELFORD AND TREVOR BULLS

Shackelford and Bulls

Ronald and Kay Shackelford of Plainview announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Kay, to Trevor Bulls, son of Larry and Linda Bulls of Boise City, Oklahoma.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Laverne Cooper of Lockney and Violet Shackelford of Plainview. She is a 2000 graduate of Plainview High School and received a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from Wayland Baptist University in 2004. She is employed in the sales department of PTCI in Guymon, Oklahoma.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mary Lou Pitman of Clayton, New Mexico and Nola Bulls of Boise City. He is a 1997 graduate of Boise City High School and received a Bachelor's degree in Religion from Wayland Baptist University in 2001. He is youth minister at First Baptist Church in Guymon.

The couple will be married October 8, 2005 at First Baptist Church in Guymon.

Rotary Club holds BBQ fund raiser

The Floydada Rotary Club will be having a "Home brew BBQ with all the trimmings" fund raiser September 2, 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The event will take place in the Junior High Cafeteria. It is eat in or carry out.

The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Bridal Selections for:

Maine Brown & Dustin Jones

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Lockney Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Vera Jo Bybee

On behalf of the Center I want to take this opportunity to thank Edna Gilly and Jo Bryant Wilbanks for the generous offer of their pianos.

For a while we didn't have a piano and then we had two offers in the same day. We decided to take the one that would be the easiest to tune and would stay tuned longer. That was Edna's but thank you Jo for your offer.

Also thanks goes to you guys from the Center for going and getting it out in the country and bringing it to the Center. It was no easy job.

Talking about Jo B. Wilbanks brings back memories of the late 70's. We all were doing a lot of dancing back in those wonderful days. After the dances we would all eat breakfast at one another's homes. At Jo's home one night my Donnie was asked what he wanted to drink? Coffee, water, or juice. Donnie of course said, "Sweet Milk". Jo still remembers Donnie saying that. But he was raised on the farm and he had all kinds of milk, Butter milk, clabber milk, sweet milk, etc.

Friday night "Football" is here. The Horns about gave this ole MawMaw and PawPaw a heart attack. We sit in the south end zone and in the overtime there was a lot of action right in front of us.

The game was great but I'm sorry to say the radio reception was the pits. I was so excited for the out of radio range people who are on the internet that they would be able to listen to the Horn's game over KFLP.net. Wrong. Rocky Knox in Marble Falls could barely hear it and couldn't understand it all. Then at the half it went plumb off. So I'm hoping they will have all the wrong things fixed by game time this week.

It would be great if that was possible.

Saturday night Gene Newton went to Jr. Taylor's 75th birthday party at Plainview given by his wife Cleona and family. Jr. worked at Aiken for several years so a lot of the people he worked with at that time were there.

Dennis Carter had open heart surgery last week. He is now home recuperating. His son Jason Carter is here visiting from Cheyenne, Wyoming. Mary and Dennis want to thank everyone for all their prayers that have helped them get through his surgery.

Menu for September 5-9

Monday: Center will be closed
Tuesday: BBQ Chicken



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FUMC Library sponsors author

By Martha Farris

"Terry Burns likes to say he's a fifth generation Irish Story Teller who happens to be a fourth generation Texas Teller of Tall Tales," said Sharon Hinton, Library Ministry Chairperson for the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. "Terry's faith is strong and often this unique combination produces Christian fiction with a western setting."

The Library Ministry of FUMC will sponsor this noted and interesting author on Sunday, September 4 during both morning worship services and at noon for a beans and cornbread luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

The author will speak and answer questions at the luncheon hour. He will have his new book, *Mysterious Ways* for sale and will conduct a book signing period.

Everyone is invited to the morning worship service and/or just for the luncheon and time to meet Terry Burns.

"Join us at First United Methodist Church at noon September 4, to meet and hear him," said Hinton. "I am so happy to bring Terry to our community. This is a rare opportunity for us."

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FLORA MCNEILL

McNeill honored on 90th Birthday

Friends and family gathered on Sunday, August 28, 2005, with lifetime Floyd County resident, Flora (Day) McNeill, to celebrate her 90th birthday. Mrs. McNeill greeted over 125 loved ones at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Guests, many of whom live out of our area, were greeted by the honored guest, Mrs. McNeill, enjoyed lovely refreshments, and visited with other friends and family most of the afternoon. A special photo and memorabilia display of the Day and McNeill families was enjoyed by all attending.

Flora was married to the late Malcom McNeill and has one daughter, Janice Moser of Lubbock. Among the many out of town family members attending

were, daughter Janice and husband Allan Moser of Lubbock; granddaughter Misty and husband Ronnie Ford and children of Amarillo; a niece, Cindy Hambright of Bentenville, Ohio; and a nephew Troy and Betty McNeill of Lubbock. Other out of town guests traveled from Amarillo, Plainview, Lamesa, Crosbyton and the surrounding area to celebrate with Mrs. McNeill and her Floydada friends and family.

Those hosting the 90th birthday were Tommy and Joy Assiter, Jackie Gregory, Martha Farris, Billie Jordan, Jo Lyles, Olive Hinton, Martha Lotspeich, Cindy Hambright, Janice Lloyd, Kent and the late Barbara Covington, Troy and Betty McNeill, and James and Elaine McNeill.

Holt School Historical Marker to be dedicated on September 11, 2005

A Holt School Historical Marker dedication will be held at 3:00 p.m. September 11, 2005 on Highway 378, Road A, Briscoe County, two miles west of the Holt School District.

Briscoe County Judge, Wayne Nance will be the featured speaker.

In 1913, G.C. Holt, his wife Emma (Huckabay) Holt and their eight children moved fifteen miles southwest of Silvertown from Swisher County. A tutor was hired to teach the children during school month and boarded with the family. Later G.C. Holt and neighbor E.M. Lawson joined together in an effort to organize a school district. Mr. Holt donated 2 acres of land out of the Northwest Corner of section #19 in block B-4 in Briscoe County, 15 miles southwest of Silvertown, 15 miles north of Lockney and some 25 miles northeast of Plainview.

On September 7, 1920, Briscoe County Commissioner Court created school district #11, naming it Holt School District. G.C. Holt and E.M. Lawson were appointed trustees. The trustees paid G.C. Holt the sum of \$50.00 for the two acres.

Classes were held in the Holt home in school term 1920-1921. In the Summer of 1921 a one room school house was built. It was painted white, doors at both east and west and windows along the north. A large heater was

placed in the middle of the room. In September 1921, fifteen students ages ranging between 6-12 years old started to the new school.

S.T. Cooper, an early day teacher received \$33.75 per month. Other teachers were Elmira McComas, Helen Fort, Elizabeth Schott, Miriam Crass, Vera Wilson, Violet Fisch and Leona Griffin. Teachers boarded with the Holt family and later the Elbert Dickerson family. Ruby Lee Dickerson and Edwin Dickerson were the only Holt grandchildren attending the school. Early day students were the Holts, Gilkeyson, Mosley, Lawson, Dickerson, Carthel, Smith, Garner and Nance families.

Viola Lawson Rowell of Lockney recalls her Holt school days, "Teachers served as do it yourself janitors, students enjoyed helping the teacher by dusting erasers and bringing coal for the stove. The older boys took turns walking to nearby farm homes getting drinking water. The water would last for two or three days. In the bucket was a dipper and everyone drank out of the same dipper." Mrs. Rowell recalls students rode horses or walked to school.

The Great Depression years forced adjustments in Briscoe County School District. In 1933 Holt school classes were discontinued, students were transferred to Lone Star School in Floyd County and students in northern Holt School District to Lakeview School in Briscoe County.

On August 31, 1944 Holt trustees W.A. Holt, Elbert Dickerson and Wiley Nance met with Briscoe County board of School Trustees requesting permission to sell to the highest bidder the Holt School Property. The trustees reported to the board the property had not been used in 11 years and was deteriorating and depreciating in value. Motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous vote to grant the request and approve the sale of the Holt School property.

On September 20, 1944 the school property was sold to W.O. Payne and his wife Myrtle Grace Payne. Track of land out of the northwest corner of section #19 block B-4. Orlee Mills of Silvertown bought the school house, using the lumber for a home in Silvertown.

The School House is gone, no more coal burning stove and paper bag or syrup bucket lunches. The site has an irrigation well to water the farm. The Holt School property is owned by Reeda Cay Lawson Smith and her husband Dan Smith, and Sandra Mae Lawson Hammitt and her husband Larry Hammitt. Reeda Cay Smith and Sandra Hammitt are granddaughters of E.M. and Emma Lawson.

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Luke Thomas is their new cousin. He was born August 24, 2005 and weighed 9 pounds 9 ounces. His parents are Angie and Brett Ostrander of Austin.

Proud grandparents are Lenda and Oliver Clark of Lockney and Tom and Doreen Ostrander of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

Infant Adoption program scheduled

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, and Smithlawn Maternity and Adoption Services are cosponsoring a FREE 6.6 Contact Hour CEU Program entitled Understanding Infant Adoption on Tuesday September 20, repeated on Wednesday September 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at RNR, 312 W. Georgia Street, Floydada.

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Idalou blanks Floydada in opener

By Bill Gray

Last Friday's season-opener at Idalou's Olin Reddell Field was a far cry from most of the Floydada-Idalou gridiron tilts in recent years. Several of those games came down to the wire--such as last year's date in Floydada. The Wildcats scored 15 fourth-quarter points in a thrilling, come-from-behind victory a year ago at Wester Field. There were no last-minute heroics to determine the 2005 winner as the Wildcats shut out the Whirlwinds 35-0.

Floydada's fumble of the opening kickoff set the stage for the overwhelming Idalou victory. Taking possession at the Whirlwind 14-yard line, it took the Wildcats only three plays to get into the end zone. Weston Sales carried three consecutive times, the final one from two yards out, and Matt Dowdy added the conversion, to put Idalou on the board within the game's first two minutes. Sales rushed 21 times for 122 yards and three scores to lead the Wildcat scoring avalanche.

The Whirlwinds were unable to generate any consistent offense during their two possessions of the first quarter. Idalou moved from midfield down to Floydada's 26 late in the period, but the Whirlwind defense stiffened and the ball went over on downs at the end of the first stanza.

The Winds opened the second period with three-and-out, forcing Jacob Reddy's third punt. Six plays and 65 yards later the Wildcats crossed Floydada's double stripe, with Sales carrying the final three yards.

A bad decision on the ensuing kickoff put the Whirlwinds on their own 1-yard line to start their next offensive series. Reddy overcame the bad field position with his fourth punt—a 46-yard beauty from deep in his own end zone. However, Idalou was able to start its next offensive drive from the Floydada side of the 50-yard line, moving to the Floydada 15 in five plays and making the most of a fourth-and-goal situation from that point. Wildcat quarterback Travis Isom found Josh Stephenson all alone in the Whirlwind end zone for an easy touchdown toss and then added a 2-point conversion pass to A.J. Bravo.

Floydada mounted its deepest threat of the game in the waning moments of the second quarter. A fifty-one yard kickoff return by Jacob Reddy, followed by Payte Beedy's 21-yard run on a quarterback draw, moved the Winds deep into Idalou territory. However, the halftime horn sounded before the Whirlwinds could punch it into the end zone. Beedy finished the night with 69 yards on 16 attempts.

A costly turnover put an end to Floydada's first offensive threat of the third quarter, but the Whirlwinds' defense played well enough early on to keep the Wildcat high-powered offense in check. Tate Jones, Tyler Chesshir, Trey Helms and Blake Greer all made outstanding defensive plays in the first game. Early in the final stanza the Wildcats' Travis Isom caught Floydada's defense napping, running 30 yards in a 4th-and-five situation for a first down to the Whirlwind's 12-yard line. Sales scored two plays later and Dowdy added the conversion to extend Idalou's lead to 28-0.

Floydada coach Lee Hurt commented, "We just made too many mistakes, throughout the game, against a very good Idalou club. They have 21 seniors, which helps them to be a real solid club with a lot of experience. That fumble on the opening kickoff really hurt us, and then the fake punt there in the fourth quarter gave them the momentum to really put the game away." Hurt added, "We had a chance to score just before the half and just couldn't get the job

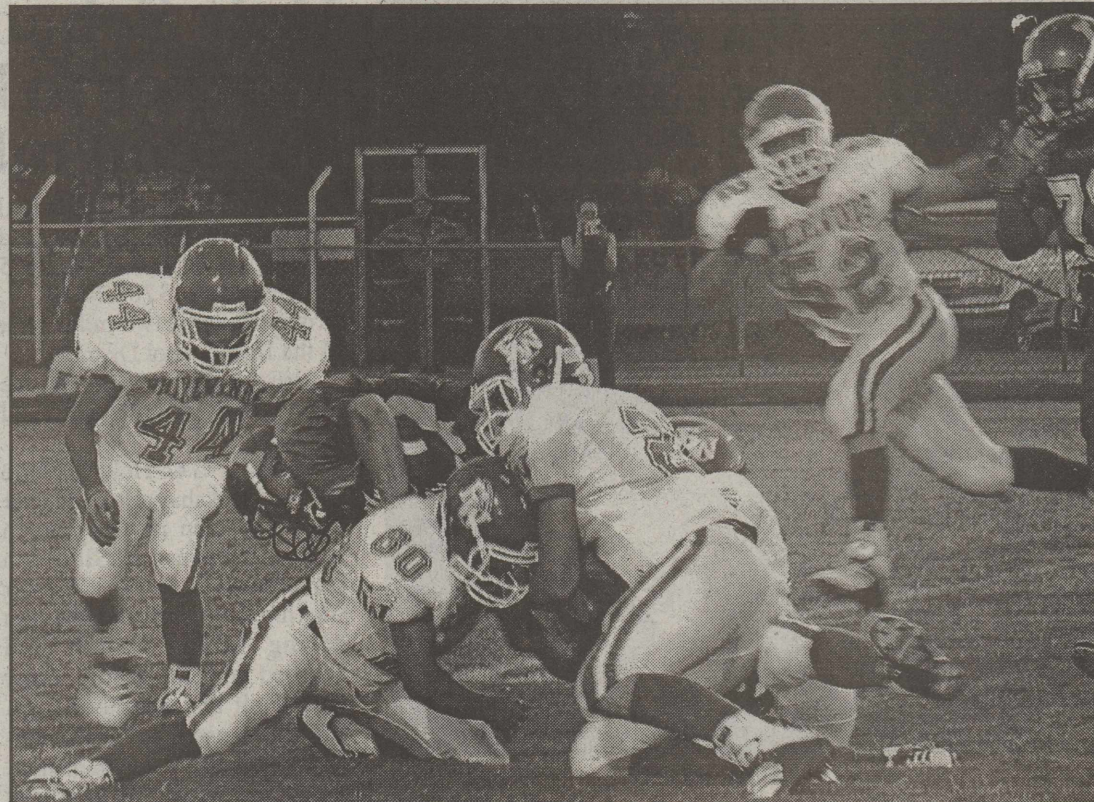
done...a touchdown there might have given us a lot of confidence coming out in the second half. We've just got to try to eliminate some of our mental errors...we had several breakdowns on our special teams that we've got to work out."

Late in the fourth quarter the Wildcats moved five plays, with Josh Stephenson scoring on a 16-yard run. Matt Dowdy added the conversion at the 2:53 mark for the final margin of victory. As the teams were leaving the field following the conversion, Floydada senior linebacker/running back Lance Terrell collapsed at about the 15-yard line. After medical attention by the trainers, an ambulance was called to the field. Twenty minutes later, as Lance was being placed in the ambulance, he lifted his arm and gave a "thumbs-up" sign - to the relief of the entire crowd. Because of the long delay, and with the outcome of the game certainly decided, the two coaches agreed to allow the clock to run out of the remaining time. It was later determined that Terrell had suffered a concussion several plays before his collapse and would miss "at least the next week or two."

The Wildcats hope to remain undefeated for the season tomorrow night when they travel to Sundown. The Roughnecks edged Tahoka 35-34 in overtime last week. The Whirlwinds will host Slaton this Friday. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. for the home-opener at Wester Field. The Whirlwinds defeated Slaton 28-22 in 2004, and the Tigers were edged in a 33-32 overtime thriller at Lockney last week.

GAME STATISTICS

Floydada		Idalou
4	First Downs	17
28-110	Rushes-Yds	42-237
9	Passing Yds	33
119	Total Yds	270
1-4-0	Comp/Att/Int	3-12-0
7-35.3	Punts/Average	4-37.5
2-2	Fumbles/Lost	1-0
3-15	Penalties/Yards	3-25
15:26	Time of Poss	29:41



STOPPING THE RUN-Four Whirlwinds, with another on the way, stopped the run of an Idalou Wildcat last Friday night. Floydada lost 35-0. Photo by Jim Covington



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Harris, Sanders and Whittle win 1st week of 2005 Football Contest

Franklin Harris, Brent Sanders and Cleo Whittle were the winners in the first week of the Hesperian-Beacon football contest.

Harris of Floydada will receive the first place check of \$25.00. He missed only 7 games in this week's contest.

Brent Sanders of Floydada will receive a check for \$15.00 while Cleo Whittle of Floydada will receive a check for \$10.00.

Sanders, Whittle and Dewayne Wilson each missed 8 games. The tie-breaker game between Lockney and Slaton was used to determine the second and third place winners.

The total score of that game was 65. Sanders chose Lockney to win with the total score of 48, Whittle picked Lockney to win with a total score of 32 while Wilson picked Lockney to win with a total score of 29. Sanders

won the tie-breaker game and will receive the second place check. Whittle will receive the third place check.

Honorable mention goes to Dewayne Wilson and to Gene Lowrance, Maris Resendiz and Bob Alldredge, all of Floydada and to Donnie Bybee and Rodney Rigby, both of Lockney. Each of these entries missed 9 games.

We had 47 entries this week. There were several entries that either didn't circle the winning team in the regular games or that didn't circle the winning team in the tie-breaker games. If these are not circled, it could keep you from winning the contest. So be sure and marked all your games!

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Floydada JV Football Report

J.V. Whirlwinds fall to Idalou

FLOYDADA	14
IDALOU	28

The Floydada Junior Varsity opened their season up last Thursday at home against Idalou. Both teams played hard and Idalou came out on top in a close one. Floydada turned in 114 total yards rushing and 39 total

yards passing. Leading the way was Kevin Smith with 58 yards rushing and Ricky Suarez with 28 yards rushing. Magdiel Alvarado led the passing attack with 39 yards total. Eladio Saldana caught a 21 yard touchdown pass in the 2nd quarter. He then converted the 2 extra points with another reception from Alvarado.

The half time score was Idalou 14 and Floydada 8. Titus Miller also had a touchdown re-

ception, a 3-yard pass from Alvarado in the 3rd quarter. Miller and Alvarado split time at the quarterback position.

Going in to the final period the score was Idalou 22 and Floydada 14.

The J.V. Whirlwinds gave a great effort and look forward to their next game on the road versus Slaton. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m., following Slaton's freshmen game.



DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AND EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK-(I-r) Rudy Arrizola (1st Grade), Keenan Nixon (Kindergarten), Mrs. Molinar (pre-K teacher), Isabella Garcia (pre-K), and Jacy Beam (2nd Grade). Courtesy Photo



Floydada School Menu

- September 5-September 9**
- Monday-Breakfast** - Cheese pizza or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch** - Pizza, green salad, corn, fruit, milk
- Tuesday**
- Breakfast** - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch** - Taco salad/meat and cheese with lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, Jello, milk
- Wednesday**
- Breakfast** - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch** - Chicken fried steak, quick baked potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pudding, milk

- Thursday**
- Breakfast** - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
- Lunch** - Corn dogs, fries, carrots, cookie, milk
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Awards presented at 2005 Floyd County 4-H Banquet

Floyd County 4-H ended the 2005 year with the annual Floyd County Achievement Banquet. The banquet was held Sunday, August 28, 2005 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Awards were presented to members of the Floydada and Lockney 4-H Clubs, adult leaders and others who have contributed to the success of the Floyd County 4-H program. Each club member received a pin for the number of years they have been in 4-H. Awards presented were: Gold Star, Silver Star, Bronze Star, "I Dare You", Friends of 4-H, Silver Spur, Outstanding Recordbooks, and High Point Jacket Achievement. County Medal recipients and State award winners also received plaques.

GOLD STAR AWARDS

Katie Beth Crossland was the lone recipient of the Gold Star Award. She will receive a \$500 scholarship for this accomplishment. She is beginning her eighth year as a member of Floyd County 4-H, carrying projects in food and nutrition, clothing, citizenship, housing and home environment, recreation and others. Her main project is Family Life and her recordbook just competed at state in that category last week, where she placed 4th. She has participated two years at State 4-H Roundup where she won the State Fashion Show and was on the 2nd Place Share The Fun Celebrate 4-H team this past June.

She has served her local club as Vice President in Charge of Programs, Secretary, Reporter, and served as President this past year. She has been selected and will attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia this November.

Crossland has shared what she has learned with younger members by leading a food and nutrition project group and clothing workshops for 4-H'ers as well as students at the P.A.C.

SILVER AND BRONZE STARS

Junior II members receiving the Silver Star Awards were Brazos Williams, Lockney 4-H and Jordan Cornelius, Floydada 4-H. This award is presented to 11 through 14 year olds who promote strong project work, leadership, community service, public speaking, and record keeping. This award is sponsored by the Parent/Leaders Association.

Junior I 4-H members receiving the Bronze Star Awards were Jianna Davenport, Floydada 4-H, and Sunny Williams, Lockney 4-H. This award is sponsored by the Parent/Leaders Association in order to encourage in-depth project work, leadership and community service by 9 through 11 year olds. It recognizes personal development through record keeping and interviewing skills.

"I DARE YOU" AWARD

The William H. Danforth "I Dare You Award" was presented to Brady Ragland and Katie Beth Crossland, both Floydada 4-H members. This award is given in recognition of the member's leadership throughout their 4-H years. It is one of the most prestigious awards presented to an individual in any youth organization in the United States. The inscription reads, "To the daring few who strive to make the best better." The recipients are selected by the Parent/Leaders Association and the award is sponsored by the Mike Mathis family of Lockney.

FRIEND OF 4-H AWARDS

Each year the Floyd County 4-H program recognizes individuals, couples or businesses who have given countless hours of support to Floyd County 4-H'ers in various ways. These strong supporters devote not only their time but a variety of resources as well. The Friends of 4-H Merito-

rious Awards were presented to Cynthia Bybee, owner of Heart's Desire in Lockney, and Clar Schacht, owner of Windmark Insurance of Floydada.

SILVER SPUR AWARDS

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative are sponsors of the "Silver Spur" Award in recognition of outstanding adult leaders. Brent Sanders presented the awards to Judy Griggs and Laura Nutt, both of Floydada. They work with club member projects, the stock show and concession stand, and all fund raising events.

DISTINGUISHED LEADER

Judy Schacht was recognized as the District Distinguished Leader from Floyd County. Each year the District Adult Leaders Association honors a leader from each of the twenty counties within the South Plains District. Judy will be honored at the District Gold Star Banquet in November.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

J. D. Ragland was presented the Meritorious Service Award during Texas 4-H Roundup this past June by the Volunteer Leaders Association of Texas. According to Brent Sanders who made the presentation, "J.D.'s efforts toward programming, interpretation and promotion of the 4-H program are second to none. He is truly deserving of this honor and we congratulate him on this achievement."

OUTSTANDING RECORDBOOKS

Recognized for top scores on their recordbooks were: Senior, Brady Ragland; Junior II, Brazos Williams; Junior I, Sunny Williams; and Best First Year, Jake Bramlet. Recognition goes to the members whose recordbook received the highest score when judged at County.

HIGH POINT JACKET ACHIEVEMENT

The award goes to those who accumulate the highest number of points in the Jacket Achievement Program. Sr. Girl, Lockney, Senee' Foster; Sr. Boy, Floydada, Brady Ragland; Sr. Girl, Floydada, Katie Beth Crossland; Jr. II Boy, Lockney, Brazos Williams; Jr. II Girl, Lockney, Cheyann Powell; Jr. II Boy, Floydada, Dillon Chesshir; Jr. II Girl, Floydada, Kaylie Nutt; Jr. I Boy, Lockney, Jake Bramlet; Jr. I, Girl, Lockney, SyAnn Foster; Jr. I, Boy, Floydada, Dustin Nichols; Jr. I Girl, Floydada, Jianna Davenport.

JACKET ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Jacket Recognition program is in its eleventh year in Floyd County. Recognition goes to junior members who earn 85 points and senior members 100 points through the activities they participate in. When you are a graduating senior you can receive a \$200 scholarship after accumulating 100 points. During the past eleven years, including this year, 200 jackets or blankets, 364 patches and 31 scholarships have been presented to deserving 4-H members.

Senior scholarships will be presented to Kayla Kelley and Spencer Schacht. Senior blankets were awarded to Senee' Foster and Brady Ragland. Senior Patches went to Tyler Chesshir, Katie Beth Crossland, Kami Keaton, Kayla Kelley and Spencer Schacht. Receiving Junior Jackets were Katalina Araujo, Jake Bramlet, Braden Graves, Jose Guerrero, Dustin Nichols, Kelsey Nutt, and Amber Segovia. Earning junior patches were Jill Bramlet, J.C. Chappell, Dillon Chesshir, Jordan Cornelius, Bailey Davenport, Jianna Davenport, SyAnn Foster, Segayle Foster, Ashley Lucke, Kaylie Nutt, Cheyann Powell, Karmichael

Ramos, Brazos Williams, Sunny Williams, and Tylee Williams.

COUNTY MEDAL RECIPIENTS

These awards are given to 4-H'ers who have excelled in the area of 4-H record keeping and have completed 4-H Recordbooks which have competed at the County, District and State levels. 4-H'ers receive a different medal each year and the medal they receive is for one of the projects they have carried throughout their membership in 4-H.

Citizenship: Katie Beth Crossland; Clothing and Textiles: Sunny Williams; Family Life: Kaylie Nutt; Food Nutrition: Jianna Davenport and Brazos Williams; Gardening and Horticulture: Jordan Cornelius and Segayle Foster; Horsemanship: Tylee Williams; Housing and Home Environment: Bailey Davenport, Jill Bramlet, and Senee' Foster; Photography: Brady Ragland; Sheep: Cheyann Powell; Recreation: SyAnn Foster; Rabbit: Braden Graves; and Shooting Sports: Jake Bramlet

TEXAS PLAQUES

Plaques in the shape of Texas are presented to 4-H'ers placing first in state events. Those included Kami Keaton in the Buying Casual Division of the State Fashion Show; Brady Ragland with his first place win in the Foods and Nutrition Division of the State Food Show; Cody Ware, and Clay Ware received belt buckles as they were Reserve Champion Team Ropers at the State 4-H Horse Show. Clay was named the 2005 State 4-H Horse Show Champion Roper and received a trophy saddle in recognition, as well as a Texas plaque.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

Katie Beth Crossland submitted her application to the National Congress committee and went through the interview process. She has been selected to attend 4-H National Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

YEAR PINS

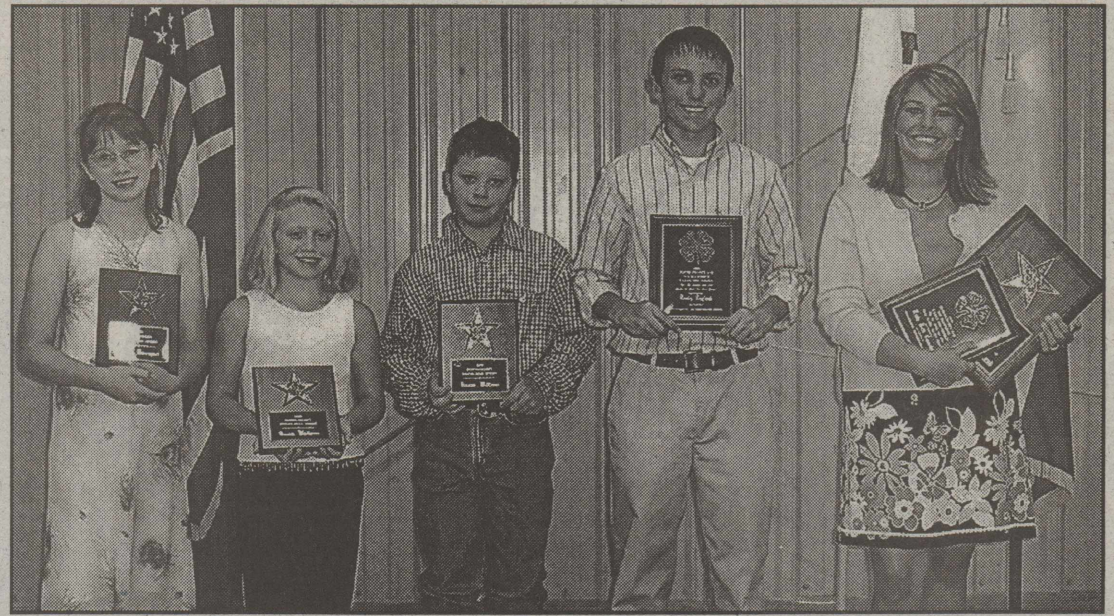
Pins were awarded to club members in recognition of the number of years they have been a 4-H club member. In 2005 there were 110 club members in Lockney and Floydada.

The awards ceremony was opened by Mistress of Ceremonies Kami Keaton. The welcome was given by Katie Beth Crossland and the invocation by Brady Ragland. Braden Graves led the American Pledge, Jake Bramlet the Texas Pledge and Ashley Lucke the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Bailey Davenport introduced special guests.

Kami Keaton gave the closing and Brazos Williams the benediction.

4-H members assisting with the recognition program were Tyler Chesshir, Cheyann Powell, Senee' Foster, McCrae McCormick, SyAnn Foster, Evan Johnson, Segayle Foster, Dillon Chesshir, Jill Bramlet, Jianna Davenport, Karmichael Ramos, Sunny Williams and Tylee Williams.

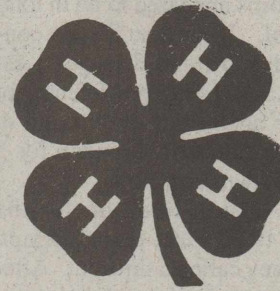
The theme for this year's banquet was "On the 4-H Road to Success". Tables were decorated by members of the Lockney and Floydada 4-H Clubs. The meal was catered by Judy and Clar, Schacht and Margaret Schacht.



STAR AWARDS PRESENTED AT 4-H BANQUET- Recipients of the Awards were (l-r):Bronze Star Awards - Jianna Davenport and Sunny Williams; Silver Star Awards - Brazos Williams and (not pictured) Jordan Cornelius. The I Dare You Leadership Awards were presented to Brady Ragland and Katie Beth Crossland. Katie Beth Crossland also received the Gold Star Award and Scholarship. Courtesy Photo



4-H'ERS EXCELLING IN THE 4-H JACKET ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM RECEIVING JACKETS, PATCHES, BLANKETS AND SCHOLARSHIPS included: (front row, l-r) Jake Bramlet, Ashley Lucke, Noah Ramos, Tylee Williams, Javier Guerrero; (middle row, l-r) Dustin Nichols, Kelsey Nutt, Amber Segovia, Sunny Williams, SyAnn Foster, Brazos Williams, Karmichael Ramos, Jose Luis Guerrero, Braden Graves, Jill Bramlet; (back row, l-r) Jianna Davenport, Dillon Chesshir, Brady Ragland, Senee' Foster, Spencer Schacht, Kami Keaton, Cheyann Powell, Bailey Davenport, Katie Beth Crossland. Courtesy Photo



COLLEGE NEWS

Jones wins Second in Public Speaking

Jurahee Jones, a senior at WTAMU and daughter of Joe and Anne Jones of Floydada, won Second in Public Speaking at the Collegiate FFA Convention which was conducted in conjunction with the Texas FFA Convention. Approximately 9,000 FFA members, agricultural educators and guests gathered for the event.

In all, seven agricultural education majors represented WTAMU at the convention, and each competed in one or more leadership events.

Collegiate FFA was established at WTAMU in 2002 in conjunction with the Division of Agriculture's agricultural education program. The chapter has 25 members and seven officers. Advisors are Dr. Lance Kieth, assistant professor of agriculture, and Robert Herrington, instructor of agriculture.

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Juanita Martinez



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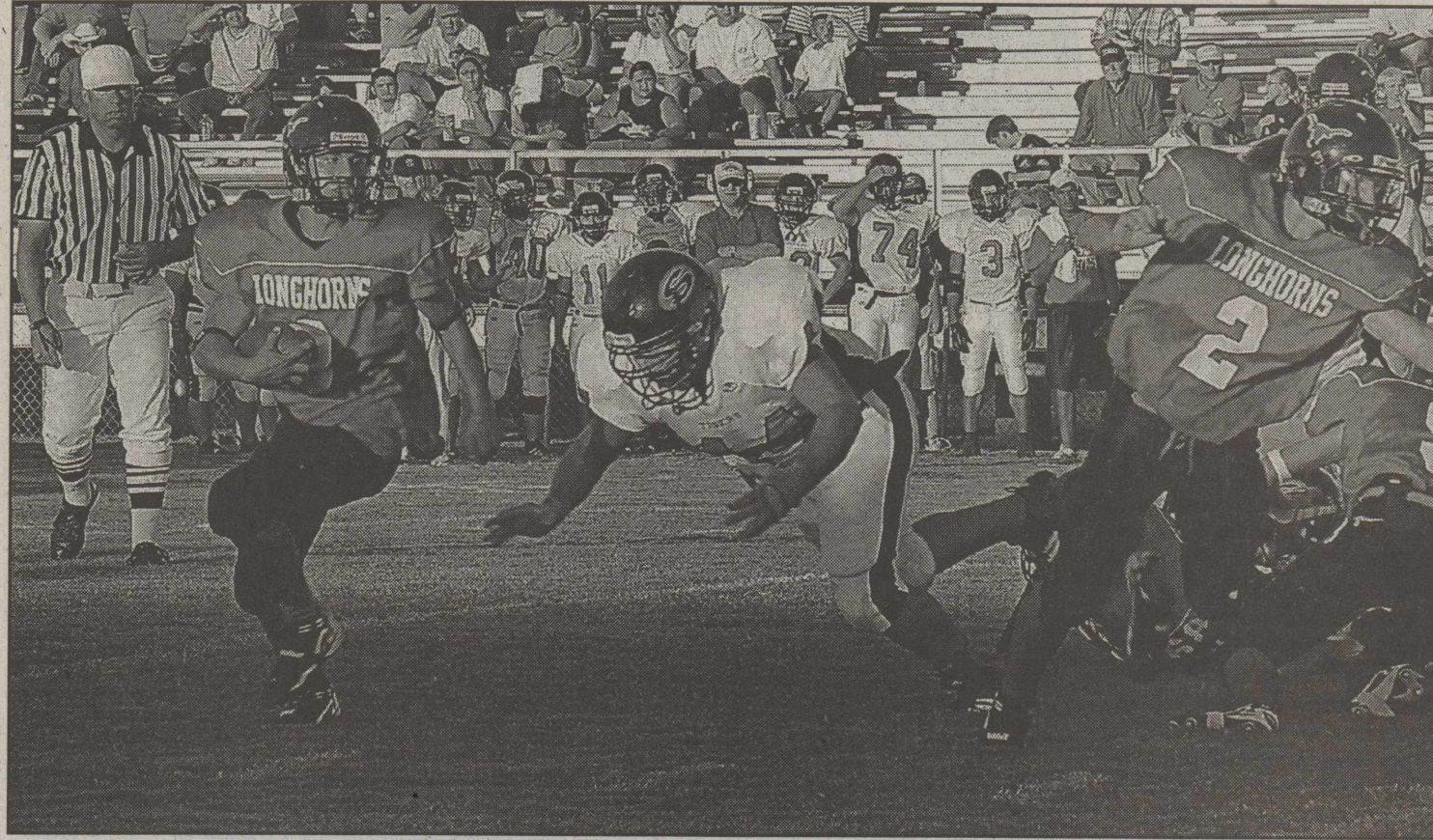
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LEADING THE WAY-Longhorn Wes Davis (#2) is shown leading the block for Longhorn John Vasquez (#3) in their game against Slaton last Friday night. Lockney won 33-32 in OT. Staff Photo

Longhorn's B.O.B. comes through in OT win over Slaton 33-32

By Brannon Rogers

The Lockney Longhorns banded together in overtime to defeat the Slaton Tigers 33 - 32. Dahlen McCarter intercepted Moe Coronado's halfback pass in the endzone to seal the victory. Slaton suffered its 8th straight loss to Lockney in the season opener.

Lockney reeled off the first 13 points of the game behind the legs of several running backs. The Horns rushed for 308 yards and passed for 67. Wes Davis broke loose on the second play of the game for a 25 yard gain. Blaine Hall then hit JW McPherson for an 11 yard completion on third down to keep the opening drive going. John Vasquez finished the drive with a 15 yard TD run.

Slaton running back Mike Trower had hopes of evening the score when he appeared to break loose into the Lockney secondary. Brandon Hall reached out and stripped the ball loose to be recovered by Jon Sherman for the Horns. A few plays later McCarter slipped into the endzone from 20 yards out with 4:22 remaining in the 1st quarter. McCarter's PAT missed to make the score 13 - 0.

Slaton then put together a drive to Lockney's 25 yard line that appeared to stall out due to some strong defensive plays by Graden Long and Jason Mondragon. But, a bobbled snap froze the Lockney secondary. Slaton QB Kevin Kilmer quickly regained control of the ball and hit Chris McDaniel in the back

of the endzone. The PAT was good and brought the score to 13 - 7 to end the 1st quarter.

The Horns took the Slaton kickoff and marched down the field. Lockney moved the ball to the Slaton 11 yard line when the Longhorns failed to convert on 4th down. Slaton was pinned on their end of the field. The Tigers tried a halfback pass from Moe Coronado to Chris McDaniel that was just out of reach. McDaniel was again the target of a pass that was tipped by JW McPherson into the hands of Jonathan Silva. After the interception John Vasquez darted and dipped his way into the endzone from the 7 yard line. The 2 point conversion failed. The score was 19 - 7 going into the half.

The second half started with a 52 yard reverse by Slaton's Chris McDaniel. That set up a 5 yard run by Mike Trower to bring the score to 19 - 13. The extra point attempt was blocked by Rion Auful. Lockney was not to be outdone, so the Horns retaliated quickly with a 35 yard run by Vasquez. Vasquez appeared to be tackled after a 10 yard gain. However, he was hit and slung around 360 degrees keeping his balance and scampering the remaining 25 yards untouched.

With the score 26 - 13 with 8:50 remaining in the game Slaton decided to go to the air. The halfback pass connected this time for a 53 touchdown to bring the Tigers to within 6. Lockney could not get anything going on the next drive. An intercepted

pass on 3rd down gave Slaton hope for a game winning TD. Chris McDaniel outran Lockney defenders and caught a 65 yard strike to tie the game at 26 and take us into overtime.

In overtime, Lockney running back Adrian Luna scored from 25 yards out on the first play. Great blocks by Jonathan Silva, Jason Mondragon, and Brance Wilson set up the run. Dahlen McCarter's PAT kick was good giving Lockney a 33 - 26 lead.

On Slaton's OT possession, the Horns appeared to be in total control. However, Slaton converted a 3rd and 8 to get a 1st down. The Longhorn defense got stingy again, but on 4th and 4, Kilmer found Jr. Mendez for a touchdown reception.

As Slaton lined up for the game tying extra point attempt, Lockney called a time out. After the time out, Slaton lined up to go for the win. The Tigers tried to go to the well one last time with the halfback pass. McCarter's heads up interception gave the Longhorns their first win of the 2005 season.

Lockney plays at home again Friday night at Mitchell - Zimmerman stadium at 7:30 against the Childress Bobcats.

GAME STATISTICS

Lockney	Slaton
16	12
44-308 yds	39-177 yds
67 yds	202 yds
2/32 yds	3/33 yds
6/31 yds	3/25 yds
3/1	4/2
375 yds	379 yds

Lockney JV Football Report

Lockney JV 16 Slaton JV 8
By Brannon Rogers

The Lockney Longhorns held off a late rally by the Slaton Tigers to capture their first win of the season. Jr. Contreras reached the endzone after a long drive that took 9 minutes and 25 seconds off the first quarter clock. Kyler Ellison hit Alston Becker in the corner of the endzone for the two point conversion. Slaton then ran three plays before the Horns forced them to punt. Lockney put

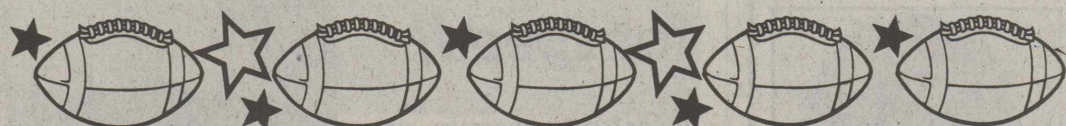
together another long drive with great runs by Zachary Gonzales, Jonathan Coleman, and Asa Cole. On third and goal from the 15 yard line, Ellison found Becker for the Horn's second TD.

The two point conversion failed making the halftime score 14 - 0. Slaton opened the second half with a drive of their own which brought them closer making the score 14 - 8.

Another long drive by Lock-

ney took up the meat of the clock using great runs by Will Foster. This drive ended however with a fumble on the one yard line. Slaton's first play barely got out of the endzone. On second down, a toss play was called and a herd of Horns led by Foster and Lucas Hall tackled the running back in

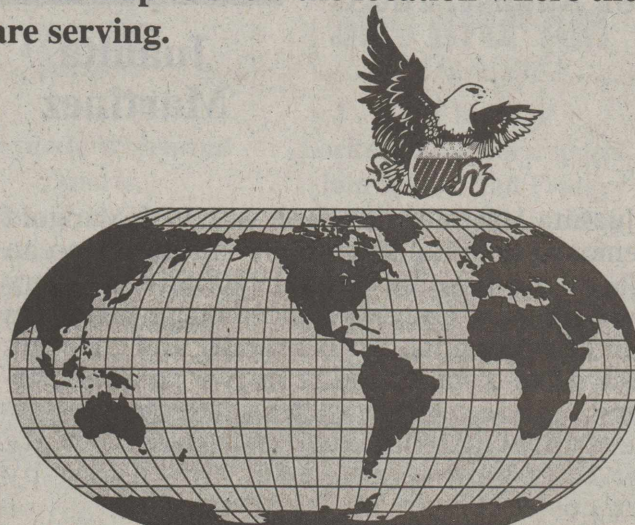
the endzone for a safety giving the Horns a 16 - 8 victory. The Lockney JV will play at Childress today at 6:00.



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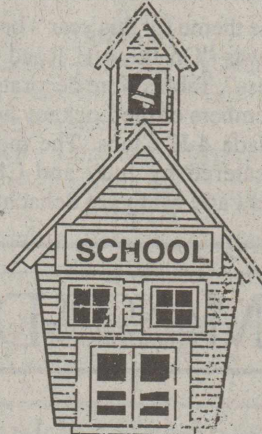
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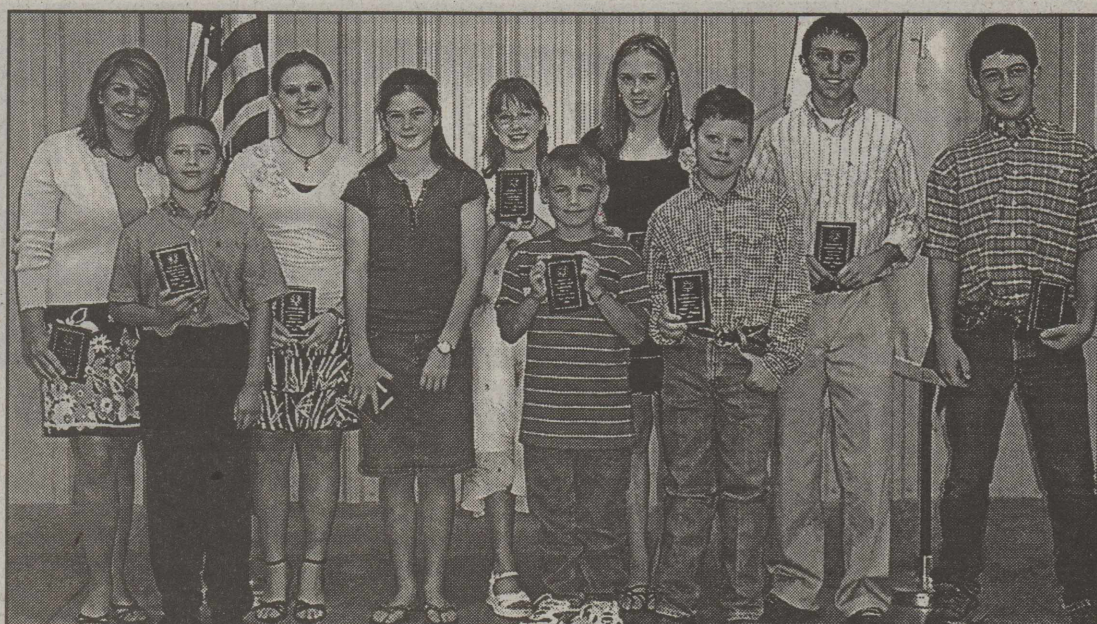
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OUTSTANDING RECORD BOOK AWARDS were presented to the following 4-H members at the County Achievement Banquet held at the Unity Center. They were: (l-r) Senior Brady Ragland, Junior I Sunny Williams, Junior II Brazos Williams and First Year Jake Bramlet. Courtesy Photo



HIGH POINT JACKET ACHIEVEMENT WINNERS at the 4-H Achievement Banquet included: (l-r) Floydada Senior Girl - Katie Beth Crossland; Floydada Junior I Boy - Dustin Nichols; Lockney Senior Girl - Seney Foster; Lockney Junior I Girl - SyAnn Foster; Floydada Junior I Girl - Jianna Davenport; Lockney Junior I Boy - Jake Bramlet; Lockney Junior II Girl - Cheyann Powell; Lockney Junior II Boy - Brazos Williams; Floydada Senior Boy - Brady Ragland; and Floydada Junior II Boy - Dillon Chesshir. Courtesy Photo

USDA asking for input on upcoming Farm Bill

By Rodney Schoppa
The U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking for your help in identifying ways to address agricultural issues in the next Farm Bill. The 2002 Farm Bill (officially entitled the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002) authorizes many USDA programs, including farm price and income support programs. New legislation will need to be enacted prior to the bill's expiration in 2007.

USDA intends to develop recommendations for the new farm bill and believes that public input is essential to this process. Written comments may be submitted to USDA online at www.usda.gov/farmbill. Select "Comment on the 2007 Farm Bill", which is the last item located in the middle section, to send your message. You can also send your written comments by mail to the following address:
USDA Farm Bill
Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns
Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116-A
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW.

Washington, DC 20250-3355.
In order for your input to be considered, please send your responses no later than Dec. 30, 2005. Comments should address one or more of these six questions:

- 1) How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?
- 2) How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?
- 3) How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?
- 4) How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?
- 5) How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?
- 6) How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Senior USDA officials will host issue-specific forums

throughout the nation focusing on these six questions. In addition additional forums will address conservation, rural development and nutrition issues. During these specialty forums, the public will be asked to respond to questions that are tailored to those subject areas. These questions will be announced prior to the specialty forums and published on the USDA website.

The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and posted on the USDA website. The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and posted on the USDA website. Information on the forums can also be obtained by calling any USDA office.

NOTE: All comments, including names and addresses, provided by respondents are a matter of public record. Comments may be viewed at the Department of Agriculture. To make arrangements to view comments, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.

Forage Legumes could help you counter sky-high fertilizer costs

As gasoline prices reach for the sky, so do fertilizer prices. "We're at the point of such high fertilizer prices that people are going to have to learn how to grow forage legumes and manage them properly," said Dr. Gerald Evers, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station forage management expert.

Because nitrogen fertilizer production uses natural gas, its price increase is directly linked to higher fuel costs. Prices for other fertilizers, such as potassium, also climb as transportation costs from mining sites to the farm are also contributing to price increases. As with gasoline prices, the increase has been rapid and dramatic, Evers said.

Evers noted that in mid-July nitrogen, in the form of ammonium nitrate, was about 40 cents per pound. By mid-August, it was 48 cents per pound.

"That's a 20 percent increase in about a month, and who knows where it's going to go next," he said.

But before they give up on fertilizing, farmers should consider alternative sources of nitrogen, he said.

Legumes can offset high fertilizer prices because they extract nitrogen from the air. As a bonus, legumes have a higher nutritive value than grasses. When overseeded on warm-season grasses, they can extend grazing five to six weeks and lessen the need for supplemental feeding or hay during winter months, he said.

With adequate moisture and good management, a forage legume such as arrowleaf clover can make from 50 to 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre available for the summer bermudagrass pasture.

"Livestock graze the legume ... and return over 90 percent of the nitrogen to the soil as urine and manure," Evers said.

Many producers, but not all,

grow some sort of winter pasture already.

The most common winter pasture in East Texas is not a legume but ryegrass, he said.

Arrowleaf clover used to be widely grown but fell out of favor due to plant diseases. Arrowleaf seed was mixed with crimson clover seed and grown widely throughout many southern states from Texas to Georgia. By mixing the early-maturing crimson clover and late-maturing arrowleaf, ranchers and farmers could have forage from February through early June.

Multiple disease problems put an end to the practice. The most prevalent and damaging of the plant viruses and fungal rot was the bean-yellow mosaic virus.

Apache, a relatively new arrowleaf clover developed by Dr. Ray Smith, Experiment Station legume breeder based at Overton, is highly productive and resistant to bean yellow mosaic virus.

But before farmers and ranchers rush out to plant Apache or any other clover, they should consider several issues, Evers said.

First is soil pH. All clovers need a minimum soil pH of 6. Arrowleaf does better with a soil pH of 6.5 to 7, however.

As it takes four to six months to raise soil pH and pasture legumes must be planted in October, a lime application should be made no later than spring, he said.

A standard soil test will tell producers not only their soil pH, but the need for any soil nutrients.

The next step is to determine which forage legume to plant. When it comes to clovers, one size "or variety" does not fit all. Clover species are adapted to specific soil types, and don't perform well on others.

There are about eight types of clover adapted and available for East Texas producers, but three most prominent ones,

arrowleaf, crimson and white clovers, are adapted to most situations, Evers said.

Arrowleaf clovers do well on deep sandy soils. Crimson clovers are adapted to shallow sandy soils. White clovers are well adapted to loamy soils like those found in creek bottoms.

The National Resource Conservation Service, a federal agency that has offices in every county, can provide detailed soil survey maps of any farm, Evers said.

Planting rates vary as to the type of clover used, but all plantings should be preceded with a light disking to ensure the seed has good soil contact. Any fertilizer called for by the soil test should be applied at planting or after legume seedlings emerge, he said.

Rhizobia bacteria are responsible for the nitrogen fixation in legumes and should be applied to the clover seed before planting. It's also possible to purchase seed already inoculated with the bacteria, Evers said.

Farmers can use a planter or broadcast the seed. Either way, however, it is a good idea to mix the clover seed with ryegrass seed for two reasons. The clover seed is so small that most planters won't have the correct setting for accurate seeding rates. Also, ryegrass makes a great mix with clover. The ryegrass will produce forage earlier and lessen the chance of cattle bloating on the rich forage produced by the clover, Evers said.

More information on planting legume forages and winter pasture can be found on the Web site of the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton: <http://overton.tamu.edu/clover/cool/>.

Agricultural producers may also contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office in their county.

Floyd County Farm News

The Region I Texas Gamefowl Breeders Association will Hold It's Annual Meeting On September 3, 2005,
At The Floyd County Unity Center, Muncy, Texas
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NOTE: All comments, including names and addresses, provided by respondents are a matter of public record. Comments may be viewed at the Department of Agriculture. To make arrangements to view comments, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.

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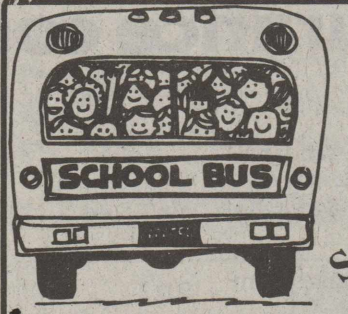
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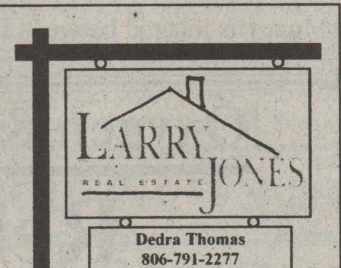


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FOR: Jeffery Johnson, Edward Marks, Philip Smitherman, Joe Adams, Mitch Martin, Dwight Ramsey and Gordon Lowrey.
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Jimmy Kemp

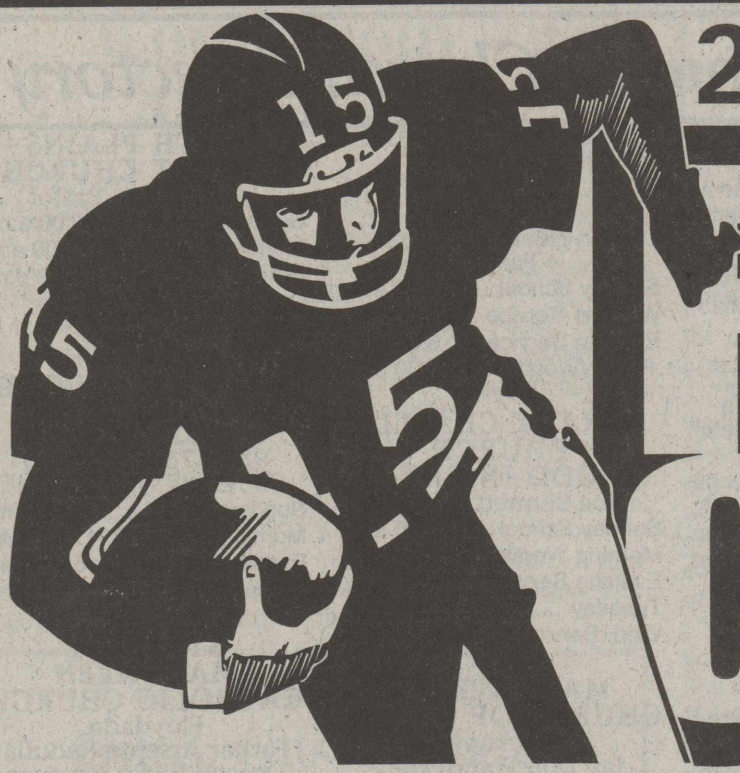
The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing until last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.2425/\$100	.2408/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.0017/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rate (+ / -)	-0.706%	
Average appraised value	\$ 29,402	\$ 30,949
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 29,402	\$ 30,949
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 71.29	\$ 74.52
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+ / -)		\$ 3.23
and percentage of increase (+ / -)		4%

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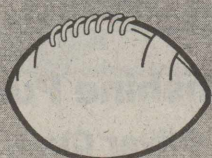
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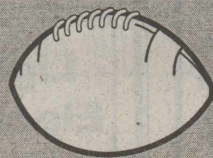
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