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Brothers serving in Iraq

Lockney graduates in Army

By Judy Macha

Betty Veal of Lockney has two grandsons, Brad and Shannon Veal, now serving in Iraq. Brad's wife, Lisa Marie has already served six months there and is now back stateside.

Brad and Shannon are the sons of Gary and Laveta Veal of Illinois. Both young men are graduates of Lockney High School.

Shannon first joined the Marines and was then displaced. He then joined the Army and has recently been deployed to Iraq. He

did his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

"He has always wanted to serve as a soldier," Mrs. Veal reminisced. "His brother Brad was already in Iraq and Shannon wanted to serve there also." Shannon has one son who lives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Veal stated, "Brad joined the Army right out of high school. He went through basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado; the same place his dad went through training."

Brad served two years in the

Army. During that time he was deployed to Bosnia. Afterward, he joined the National Guard and his unit was activated and sent to Iraq in January of 2004. He plans to complete his college education while in the service.

Brad's wife now serves in the National Guard in Lubbock. They met while both were in basic training.

"I am very proud of my grandsons and granddaughter, even though I was scared to death when they were sent to Iraq," commented Mrs. Veal.



LOCKNEY GRADUATES SERVE IN IRAQ--- (left to right) Brad Veal, his wife, Lisa Marie, and Shannon Veal. Brothers Brad and Shannon both graduated from Lockney High School.

Courtesy Photo

LISD considers new abstinence curriculum

By Alice Gilroy

Lockney School Board Trustees spent most of their meeting, Tuesday, December 13, looking at a new sex education curriculum geared towards promoting abstinence.

The program, called "Worth The Wait" was explained to the board by Curriculum Director Marva Rasco and Tamara Smith.

Smith teaches Food and Nutrition, Preparation for Parenting and Child Development, and Personal and Family Development.

The search for a different type of sex education curriculum has been underway for Smith after she voiced a concern for a new curriculum need.

"We have 9 girls in High School who are either pregnant, or have left school this year because they were pregnant," said Smith. "I have girls coming to me in tears because of decisions they have made and regretted, regarding sex. I'm asked all kinds of questions. I need a curriculum to help them."

With a power point presentation Rasco presented a brief outline of the Scott & White program -- "Worth the Wait."

The program and its developers have received honors from the Texas State Board of Education, the Texas Young Lawyers Association, and the teaching hospital for Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

The abstinence sex education program promotes abstinence as the healthiest choice for adolescents.

The program now reaches over 100,000 students in more than 50 school districts in Texas and other states, and receives funding under Title V through the Texas Department of Health, as well as federal grant funds from the Health and Resources and Services Administration, and Maternal Child Health Bureau.

According to their website:

www.worththewait.org, their mission is to "educate adolescents and adults on the consequences of teen sexual activity including the medical, social, economic, and legal impacts.

"They approach the curriculum in a factual manner," said Rasco. "They are not judgmental."

"We're about encouraging you to delay the onset of sexual activity for medical, legal, and socioeconomic reasons," says their website.

"The program starts in the 6th grade," said Rasco. "I also appreciated the way the program deals with the emotional damage caused by engaging in sexual activity too soon. It also focuses on the legal issues that boys don't think about."

"We're not trying to take the place of the parents role," said Superintendent Phil Cotham. "But we are trying to fill a void."

Board Trustee Robbie Long asked if the program also includes parents, and Rasco stated that parent presentations were included.

"In Amarillo where the program has been implemented they had a 30% decrease in sexual activity," said Rasco. "In Pampa they reported a 50% decrease."

"They emphasize that there is no such thing as 'safe sex,'" said Smith. "There is 'safer sex', but the only 'safe sex' is no sex."

"I was not aware there is a new sexually transmitted disease now," said Rasco. "It is called 'HPV' and it causes cervical cancer."

"The curriculum includes graphic slides which shows the results of the sexually transmitted diseases. It also give statistics such as one in five Americans over the age of 12 are infected with Herpes."

Smith told the board that she

was eager to get started with the program and would need only about \$350 to buy enough High School curriculum to get started this year.

She asked the board to consider a bigger and more far reaching curriculum next year. The package to be considered would cost the district approximately \$3,000 with grants.

The board appeared very receptive to the presentation.

In other business the board listened to a "working draft" presentation of the 2005 financial audit report.

A compliance report was presented to the board concerning the amount of "qualified teachers" working in LISD.

The report showed the district was in compliance with 100% of the teachers being "highly qualified" to teach their core subjects.

Cotham updated the board on the recent State Supreme Court ruling on the school funding issue.

"The State Supreme Court said the State's system of taxes was unconstitutional," said Cotham.

"There were basically three parts to their ruling. First they said the tax system was not constitutional. Next they said in their opinion the schools across Texas were equitably funded for instruction. Then they said the schools were not equitably funded for buildings and facilities."

Cotham also briefed the board on a memorandum from "Vision America" which encourages school districts not to be afraid of having seasonal religious expression in their schools.

"We don't have people complain here if we say Merry Christmas," said Cotham. "But this memorandum points out that it is not unconstitutional to have religious expression."

Spirit of Sharing needs donations

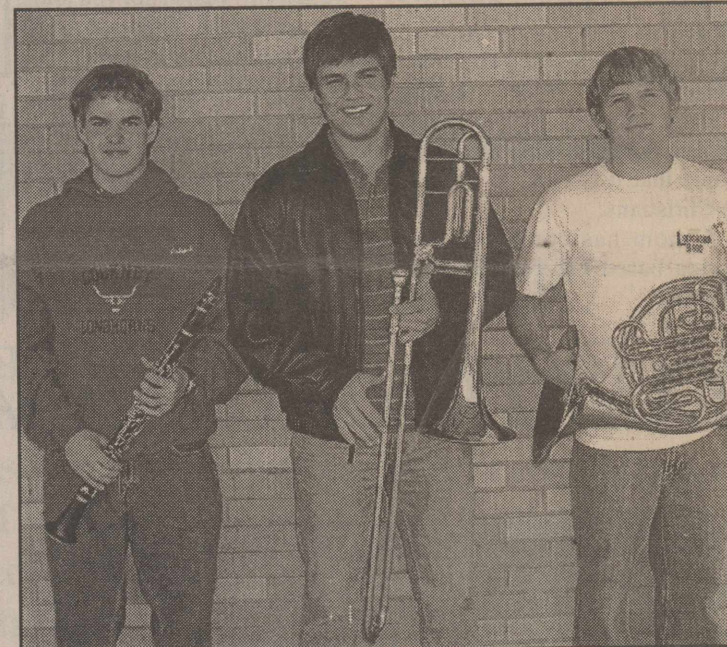
Donations and volunteers are needed to kick off Floydada's annual Spirit of Christmas meal.

Approximately 400 meals will be served Saturday December 24th to shut-ins in Floydada and surrounding counties--including the Ronald McDonald houses in Lubbock and Amarillo.

As in years past, volunteers will gather on the 23rd at the First United Methodist Church to debone turkey and prepare other dishes.

Sudy Cochran, one of the organizers for the Spirit of Christmas said, "We need donations of turkeys or 'turkey cards' by December 19th. Money can be do-

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LOCKNEY BAND STUDENTS WIN PLACE IN REGION 16 HONOR BAND- (l-r) Patrick Doucette, Tyson Carthel and Bryan Cooper won Place in Honor Band and Carthel qualified for Area All-State competition. (see related story, p. 6)

Staff Photo

FISD continues to look at construction options

By Darwin Robinson

The FISD Board met Thursday, December 8, and discussed a written and oral report by Joe Grimes of Grimes & Associates of Wolfforth concerning future FISD facilities' needs, plans and the timeline for possibly conducting another bond election.

According to Superintendent Jerry Vaughn, "By eliminating the renovations on the existing high school building and just adding (a west wing) onto the high school for our junior high, we will be getting less building than our original plans called for (at our last bond election). Because of the rising costs of construction, we will be paying the same amount of money, but getting less construction."

The report gave the board five different scenarios to choose from for future facility improvements. Scenario 1 in a "perfect world" would have a total cost amount of \$14,394,000. This scenario would be to reuse the existing high school (\$374,000), remodel the existing high school (\$771,000), demolish the Ag shop (\$149,000), new high school and junior high school construction (\$4,194,000), new junior high construction (\$3,142,000), fees and expenses (\$863,000), A.B. Duncan Elementary remodeled/expanded (\$1,214,000), new construction (\$3,241,000), fees and expenses (\$446,000), for a grand total of \$14,394,000.

Scenarios 2 through 5 show compromises in overall scopes of each of the above constructions and remodeling. Scenario 2's total cost amount would be \$11,491,000 by remodeling only part of the existing high school and only part of A.B. Duncan Elementary.

Scenario 3's total cost amount would be \$9,646,000 by eliminating around \$5,000,000 in remodeling and new construction in all the facilities involved. Scenario 4's total cost amount would be \$8,871,000 by keeping the existing Ag shop and cutting back on the remodeling and construction at all the facilities.

Scenario 5's total cost amount would be \$6,689,000 by using the existing high school with some remodeling and expansion, leaving the Ag shop and allowing for new construction at the high school for the junior high's west wing.

According to Joe Grimes, Scenario 3 could be accomplished with a \$4 million bond election and use \$3 million of cash reserve. Scenario 4 could be done with a \$6 million bond election and \$3 million of cash reserve. And Scenario 5 can be done by postponing any work at A.B. Duncan Elementary and using only cash reserve money, which will be replaced from the savings of closing one campus.

No action was taken by the board.

In other matters, the board went into executive session and

discussed FISD personnel and the Athletic Director/Head Football Coach (Lee Hurt) in particular. Superintendent Vaughn told the Hesperian-Beacon, "The board has turned this matter completely over to me to make a decision and I have no comment at this time."

The board approved an audit conducted by Robinson, Johnston & Patton. Superintendent Vaughn said, "We received a clean report and ended our last school year with an increase of \$354,000 in our Fund Balance."

In a related matter, FISD Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the board a Tax Report and a Cash Flow Statement. The Tax Report showed \$1,359,828.72 collected to date, which is 62.50 percent, compared to 61.05 percent collected at this same time last year.

The Cash Flow Statement showed a Current Cash Balance in Bank (November, 2005) of \$7,224,980.17 and a Fund Balance of \$5,361,731.28.

The board approved a Public Hearing date of January 23, 2006 concerning a Waiver to the Texas Education Agency in order to begin classes on August 16, 2006 for the next school year.

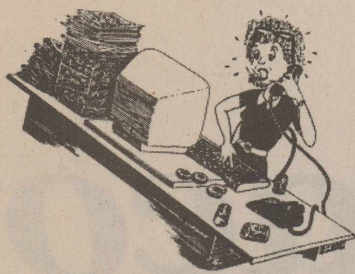
In the Superintendent's Report, Vaughn told the board, "We presently have 965 students enrolled in classes. That number is down by 55 students from last year's report at this same time, and down 85 students from two year's ago."



FLOYDADA FFA PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM PLACES 3RD AT STATE-(l-r) Texas FFA Vice-President Steven Tays (State Representative), Britnee Brotherton, Tate Jones, Katie Beth Crossland, and Floydada FFA Teacher Joe Jones. Courtesy Photo

By The Way

By Alice Gilroy



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There are times when I start to believe the grass may be greener on the other side of the fence, but when I look back on the decisions we've made in our lives I still believe we were smart to choose to live here and raise our son in Lockney.

Small town schools and values such as we have here in Floydada and Lockney really are a rarity. I am so appreciative of the support Lennie and I received from teachers and administrators--who really did want to help us raise a son with strong Christian values. It's not like that everywhere.

There is a mom in Dodgeville, Wisconsin who I bet wishes her child was going to elementary school around here--or at least somewhere else.

At Ridgeway Elementary School in Dodgeville the school's "Winter Program" features a secularized version of "Silent Night". The words of the classic Christmas song have been changed to:

"Cold in the night, no one in sight;
"Winter winds whirl and bite.
"How I wish I were happy and warm,
"Safe with my family out of the storm."

So as not to offend, Santa Claus will be joined by Kwanzaa, and menorah decorations. No Christian symbols allowed.

The classrooms are also decorated with Labafana.

What exactly is a "Labafana" you ask? (I didn't know either). Labafana is a Christmas Witch.

Ridgeway may have crossed the line with thinking the only people that it is O.K. to offend are Christians.

A mom has contacted the Florida based Liberty Counsel for help.

The groups counsel, Mat Staver, says Ridgeway is now a target of Liberty Counsel's "Friend or Foe" campaign.

A demand letter has been sent, according to Staver, which is asking for an immediate change in the program or Liberty Counsel will file suit.

According to an AgapePress news release, "the basic premise of the 'Friend or Foe' campaign is to educate the public that it is legal to celebrate Christmas in schools, public buildings, and private businesses--including use of the word 'Christmas', signing of religious Christmas carols, and displaying of Nativity scenes..."

"The Liberty Counsel president says the law is clear that Christmas is constitutional. But he notes that "when a public school intentionally mocks Christian Christmas songs by secularizing their content, they cross the line from a neutral position--which the Constitution requires--to a hostile position, which the Constitution forbids."

A Redneck Vacation

Billy Bob and Luther were talking one afternoon when Billy Bob tells Luther, "Ya know, I reckon I'm 'bout ready for a vacation. Only this year I'm gonna do it a little different."

"The last few years, I took your advice about where to go. Three years ago you said to go to Hawaii. I went to Hawaii and Earlene got pregnant."

"Then two years ago, you told me to go to the Bahamas and Earlene got pregnant again."

"Last year you suggested Tahiti and darned if Earlene didn't get pregnant again."

Luther asks Billy Bob, "So, what you gonna do this year that's different?"

Billy Bob says, "This year I'm taking Earlene with me."

A view from



The Lamplighter

By: Ken Towery

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A modest little flap has developed over whether Christmas ought to be called Christmas, or whether one of the most sacred days in all Christendom should be referred to as Xmas, or merely as one of the "Happy Holidays."

It is not necessarily a new argument. When I was a little kid, the term "Xmas" was around. I don't know how long that particular appellation had been around at the time, but I remember reading a rather learned editorial in a weekly newspaper on the subject. The editor, Freddie Pieper, of the Yorktown News,

wasn't too upset with the then-growing commercialism of Christmas, although he didn't like the term "Xmas." He could see many good things about the whole deal. Lots of people were forced, he wrote, to decide whether they wanted to be part of the gift-giving culture or simply turn their back on the whole matter. And, in some cases, even those who ridiculed the whole idea of Christmas, were afforded jobs with pay attached. They took the pay, even as Jewish business owners took the profits from Christmas and sent it to Israel.

True, there has always been an unseemly friction between those who reap fortunes off Christmas and those work-a-day folks who find deep emotional joy in marking a day when the Prince of Peace came into the world. But it is not something this country can't stand, and if, in the process, the population can be brought a little closer to one of the messages of Christ..."Do unto others..." the whole vision will become clearer.

In the meantime, people are free to shop where they wish. We will have to admit, though, we

are somewhat surprised by the changes that have come about up at Wal-Mart. We can remember, when that outfit first started out, that it sold no beer, no wine, and made a big deal out of carrying nothing but American-made goods.

We really don't know how different it would be if old man Walton was still around. I expect they had to go with the competition, which means they would now sell wine and beer, where possible, and would also, if they wanted to stay in business, sell stuff made in Bangladesh, or even China.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to complement one of your UPS drivers. I do not know the man's last name but I do know that his first name is Curtis and his route includes the small town of Floydada.

I was in Floydada attending my sister's funeral on December 1, 2005. As our procession was going through town to the cemetery I noticed a UPS truck pulled over. Curtis was standing outside of his truck with his hat off as we were going by. This small gesture spoke volumes to the members of my family.

There have been other occasions when Curtis' kindness has touched us just by being friendly, outgoing and always smiling. I know that there are many people in Floydada who have nothing but good things to say about Curtis the UPS man.

My family just wanted to put in writing how wonderful this man is and how he represents UPS.

Sincerely,
Tom and Jerry Pearson
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Duane and Dee Dee Schniers
Bobby and Teri Green
Debbie Duff and family

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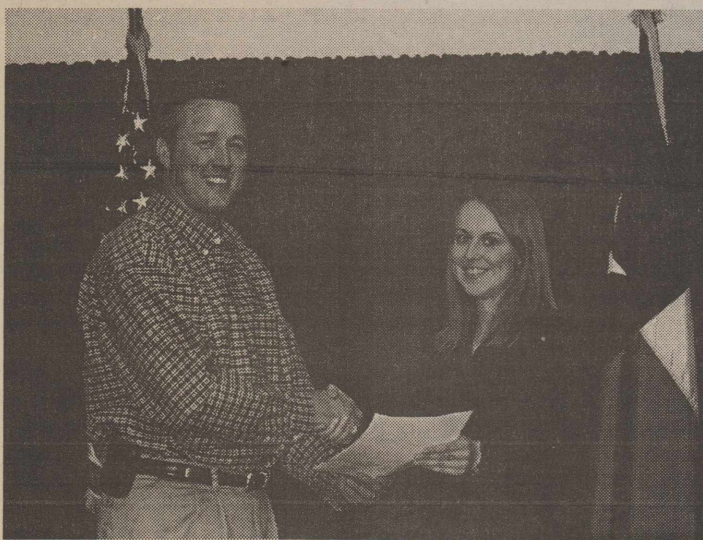
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Jim Landtropa officially filing for State Representative

On Tuesday, December 6, businessman Jim Landtropa officially filed on the Republican ticket for Texas House of Representatives, District 85. The district covers 16 counties in West Texas including Reagan, Irion, Sterling, Glasscock, Howard, Borden, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby, Kent, Stonewall, Fisher, Jones, Hale and Floyd counties.

The current representative for District 85 is Democrat Pete Laney. Laney announced on Friday, December 2, that he would not be seeking re-election.

"I am grateful to Mr. Laney for his years of public service, and I appreciate the sacrifice he and his family made for the State of Texas and House District 85," Landtropa said.

Landtropa began his grassroots campaign in early spring and has traveled more than 17,000 miles meeting the constituents of District 85. He announced his intentions to run in late October and has acquired more than 350 supporters.

"I am honored and humbled at the support I have received for my campaign throughout the district," said Landtropa. "I look forward to being an effective voice for the future of our communities, and I am ready to provide bi-partisan leadership and represent the needs and issues of each and every person of my district."

A fifth generation Texan, Landtropa owns a small insurance agency in Plainview. He graduated from Texas A&M University with

a degree in Business Management. Landtropa is married to his wife of 12 years, Cathy and they have three children: Braden (10), Kenneth (9) and Lauren Grace (5).

Landtropa also serves on the Board of Directors for the United Way and the American Cancer Society, is a member of the Lion's Club, Chamber of Commerce, and founding member of Plainview Bible Church where he serves on the Leadership Team. Jim was presented the 2004 & 2005 Ronald Reagan Gold Medal by the National Republican Congressional Committee. Jim and his wife, Cathy, served as county chairman for Congressman Neugebauer's successful congressional campaign, and Neugebauer recently selected Jim to serve on his Financial Advisory Committee.

Jim is a member of Hale County

"Jim is a great conservative and a strong candidate. He will work hard for the constituents of the district and represent the interests of West Texas."

-Floyd County Tax Assessor-Collector Penny Golightly

Farm Bureau, Texas Association of Realtors and the National Rifle Association.

Landtropa has garnered the support of many conservative groups around the state including Texans for Lawsuit Reform PAC. TLR officially endorsed Landtropa for the Texas House of Representatives on

Tuesday, December 7.

"Jim Landtropa is an easy endorsement for Texans for Lawsuit Reform. His common sense values include a strong commitment to a fair and balanced civil justice system," said TLR PAC Director Matt Welch. "Landtropa is an obvious choice for the Texas House of Representatives because he will work to ensure that our judiciary and justice system are consistently reasonable and fair to all parties," Welch said.

Other conservatives supporting Landtropa include Cathie Adams with Texas Eagle Forum, Joe Grimes with Texas Right to Life, Kenda Bartlett with Conservative Women for America and Tim Lambert with Texas Home School Coalition.

"Jim is an outstanding candidate with a great background in business and terrific people skills," said Joe Grimes with Texas Right to Life. "Jim's desire to represent the constituents of the district will make him an outstanding legislator for the people of District 85."

Several elected officials have also endorsed Landtropa including Victor Carrillo, Texas Railroad Commissioner.

"I am proud to wholeheartedly endorse Jim, a fellow West Texan, in his bid for House District 85. I've come to know Jim over the last several years as he and Cathy worked diligently to elect conservative Republicans like Congressman Randy Neugebauer and President George W. Bush," said Mr. Carrillo. "Now it's our time to help elect Jim -- a principled conservative who will

endorsement of various elected officials in the district.

"Jim impressed me by his willingness to fight for the seat a year before filing," said Isaac Castro, Jones County Republican Chair & Hamlin City Attorney. "This shows his commitment to the constituents of the district that no other candidate can match."

"Now it's our time to help elect Jim -- a principled conservative who will bring common-sense, West Texas values to the Texas Legislature."

-Victor Carrillo, Texas Railroad Commissioner

Leldon Clifton, City Councilman from Stamford also supports Jim's candidacy. "Having had the pleasure of knowing Jim and Cathy and spending time with their family, I had the opportunity to discuss political views and I'm happy to state that I'm in agreement with Jim's political concerns and values for the citizens of West Texas," Clifton said. "My wife is a teacher and he shares our concerns for education, water, economic development and other unique West Texas issues. I know he will be the conservative voice for West Texas."

Floyd County Tax Assessor-Collector Penny Golightly agrees. "Jim is a great conservative and a strong candidate. He will work hard for the constituents of the district and represent the interests of West Texas."

"Change is the word, leadership is the way, conservative West Texas values are the goal and Jim Landtropa is the man that will best represent us," added Irene Howell, Garza County Republican Chair.

Other elected officials supporting Jim's candidacy include:

Denise McNamara, National Committeewoman--Republican Party of Texas
Joe Driver, State Representative, District 113
Jane Cansino, SREC District 28
Suzanna Gratia Hupp, State Representative, District 54
David Barton, Vice Chairman--Republican Party of Texas
John Anders, Mayor--Stamford, Texas
Kelvin Tipton, City Councilman--Plainview, Texas

bring common-sense, West Texas values to the Texas Legislature. An active civic leader, Jim is also a successful small businessman and a man of integrity who values faith and family. I urge you to join me in helping to elect Jim Landtropa to the Texas Legislature."

Jim Landtropa has received the

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Gary Koelder, County Commissioner--Hale County, Texas
Bill Crooker, County Commissioner--Howard Co., Texas
Lenny Gilroy, County Commissioner--Floyd Co., Texas
Jo Ann Staulcup, City Councilwoman--Big Spring, Texas
Jim Plummer, District & County Clerk--Post, Texas

Many constituents of the district have supported Jim including Johnny Peck, longtime Plainview businessman and former administrator of schools for 35 years.

"I have been in support of Jim since the first time he told me he was going to run for public office. I know and believe Jim has the high morals and convictions that will be needed for this office," said Peck. "I believe he is a candidate that will represent the district in the best way and he will be open to ideas and comments from his constituents."

Bill Crooker, Howard County Commissioner, and his wife Joyce Crooker, Big Spring Moore Development Board member have agreed to chair the growing team of grassroots supporters in Big Spring. They agreed to jump on board because they admire Jim's strong family values and fiscal conservative policy. The fact that Jim started campaigning a year ago because of his strong desire to represent House District 85 also played a factor in their involvement.

"We support Jim Landtropa for State Representative. He will serve the best interest, values and beliefs of Howard County and the district," said Crooker.

Respected Plainview businessman J. B. Roberts said "because of Jim's long time support of tort reform, I feel he would do an excellent job in the legislature."

Scott McLaughlin, respected Big Spring businessman, noted that he was supporting Jim Landtropa

because "he is a strong leader and a man of integrity and vision. Jim and Cathy make a great team and will represent us well."

Landtropa has also garnered the support of longtime Plainview residents Frank and Pat Gabriel. "We are proud to support Jim Landtropa because we think he will be a positive force for our district. He has a good work ethic, high morals, excellent credentials and a burning desire to do a good job for our district and our state."

Farmer Bryan Bishop of Plainview also endorsed Landtropa. "This area has a tradition of outstanding representation. We should continue that tradition. A good leader understands and embraces the responsibilities of leadership. Jim Landtropa is that kind of leader. I am confident that the 85th District will be in good hands with Jim in office. I gladly give my support to Jim Landtropa."

Mike Niklasch, Big Spring Moore Development Board member said of Landtropa, "Jim is a man of integrity who will represent the entire district well. Jeanne and I are supporting Jim because of his strong West Texas values and his good common business sense. Jim has taken the time to get to know Big Spring, listen to our issues and concerns, and we are confident that he is the man who will fight for us down in Austin."

Other supporters include longtime Brownfield residents Mike and Janice Timmons. "I was impressed with Jim's sincerity and honesty from the first time I met him," Mike said. "His grassroots focus on meeting people at the local level and listening to their needs is the reason I support his candidacy."

Kerry Pratt, farmer and Floyd County Republican Chair added "Jim Landtropa is a solid conservative and he will represent this district in the conservative manner it is accustomed to. There is no question Jim will be able to work with the majority in the Texas Legislature."

More supporters are joining the Landtropa team every day. If you would like to support Jim's campaign or for more information, please sign up at www.jimlandtropa.com.

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

Courtesy of Tom Musser

Floyd County: Apollo Energy Operating Company LP W.D. Miller Lease Well #1 was fraced on Tuesday, December 13.

Floyd County: Apollo Energy Operating Company LP Ceretha Watson #1 is awaiting completion work.

Floyd County: Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. Misener Lease Well #1 spudded on Monday, December 12 and was drilling ahead.

Floyd County: Tyner Texas Operating Company Kenneth Broseh Lease Well #1 has been perforated and is waiting on scheduling for frac job.

Floyd County: Tyner Texas Operating Company received a permit for the Rushing Lease Well #1 on December 13, 2005. The Rushing Lease Well #1 will be located 467 feet from the South Line and 467 feet from the West Line of Section 112 Block D-3, D&P RR Co./Rushing, S.L. Survey, 6 miles Northeast of Floydada. The building of the location began on Tuesday, December 13.

Motley County: Tyner Texas Operating Company R.G. Stephens Lease Well #1 is flowing on test, recovering frac water and making gas and condensate. Representatives of Tyner Texas Operating Company stated the information of the November 7, 2005 Tyner Stephens news release is still current and accurate in regard to the completion work done on the R.G. Stephens #1, this is in response to questions/stories concerning the current status.

Lockney Police Report

October 24, just prior to 1:00 a.m. Officer Dolloff, was dispatched to a home in the 200 block of NE 3rd Street about a burglary. Residents stated someone had taken 25 DVD'S, 2 Sony speakers, 1 X-BOX game, 5 X-BOX games and 24 assorted CD's valued at \$1,500.00. Officers then looked in an open house next door to the home that was burglarized and found most of the stolen items. The investigation continues.

October 25, just before 3:00 p.m., Chief Edwards was notified of another burglary of a residence in the 200 block of N.E. 3rd Street. Stolen was a V.C.R. and a D.V.D. valued at \$90.00.

Just prior to 5:00 p.m., Chief Edwards was notified of another home burglary in the 300 block of E. Willow. Several X-Box and Q-Box games and play stations were taken. The value of the stolen items was listed as \$686.00.

If anyone has information on these burglaries please contact Chief Edwards or Officer Dolloff.

October 29, Sgt. Wallace stopped a vehicle traveling on U.S. 70 for speeding. The driver of the vehicle, Miguel V. Perez, 17 of Slaton, was found to be in possession of Marijuana. A 15 year old passenger was reported as a runaway and was also detained. The vehicle was impounded.

November 1, a resident in the 200 block of S.W. 4th street re-

ported that sometime between October 21 and October 31 someone entered one of his vehicles and took a debit card from the vehicle. The debit card has been used in Lockney five times.

Just prior to 11:00 a.m. Chief Edwards was notified of a theft from the Lockney I.S.D. football field house. The theft's had taken place during the last 11 days, the item taken was cash each day. Coaches set up a video camera and a 15 year old football player was caught on the tape taking money from other players clothing. The player was penalized by being placed in the Juvenile Detention Center in Floydada charged with Theft over \$50.

Just before 5:00 p.m. Chief Edwards was contacted by a 12 year old Lockney Jr.-High School student who stated that while he was walking home he was assaulted by two other students. The suspects were named. The investigation continues.

November 10, Sgt. Wallace was contacted by a resident in the 200 block of W. Locust who told Sgt. Wallace that a person was in possession of a stolen cell phone. The cell phone was located in the persons pocket and the 15 year old was detained for theft and taken to the Floyd County Juvenile Detention Center.

November 13, around 9:30 p.m. Officer Dolloff was notified of a Burglary of a residence in the 400 block of Locust. The resi-

dents stated sometime between 5:45 p.m. and 6:10 p.m., while they were gone someone entered the residence through the front door and took \$135.00 in cash and two checks for a total of \$30.00. This money was for their daughters Girl Scout Peanut sales. If anyone has information please contact Officer Dolloff.

Just after 11:00 p.m., Officer Dolloff was sent to the intersection of S. Main Street and E. Spruce for a motor vehicle accident. The driver, Ramiro Martinez, 24, failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection and left the scene prior to Officer Dolloff arriving. Anthony Galvan the driver of the 2nd vehicle was slightly injured and refused treatment. Officer Dolloff later found Mr. Martinez and he was issued citations for Fail to Stop and Render Aid and Open Alcoholic Beverage Container.

November 18, Sgt. Wallace was contacted just prior to 5:00 p.m. by a resident in the 100 of W. Guest Street who stated that between 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. someone had taken \$277.00 cash from her baby's diaper bag. The complainant listed two suspects, the investigation continues.

November 21, a resident in the 800 block of S.E. 8th street reported to Chief Edwards that sometime during the night a passenger window to his 1973 Plymouth was damaged. The resident also told Chief Edwards someone poisoned his dog several weeks ago. If anyone has information about either incident please contact Chief Edwards.

Just prior to 3:00 p.m., Chief Edwards was called to the Lockney High School Gymnasium to meet with Dean Thompson, High School Principal. The girls basketball team was having problems with thefts from the girls clothing while they were practicing basketball. Mr. Thompson

had set up a recording device to attempt to catch the thieves. Two students were caught on the tape. The school district Superintendent elected to handle this incident through the School District and sent the two students to classes at the school suspension facility in Plainview.

Just about 9:00 p.m., Officer Dolloff noticed a vehicle travel-

ing in the 300 block of S. Main that had an equipment violation. The driver of the vehicle Carolyn Gonzales, 35, of Lockney was found to have two outstanding warrants for insufficient fund checks. The warrants were from Castro and Swisher counties. Ms. Gonzales was placed under arrest and transported to the Hale County Jail due to the warrants.

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Memorandum clarifies legal issues of school's Christmas celebrations

A "Vision America" memorandum is being sent to School Boards and school administrators encouraging them to not be afraid of seasonal religious expressions in their schools.

Phillip L. Jauregui, legal counsel for Vision America, and an allied attorney for the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) is the writer of the memorandum.

According to Jauregui "disinformation has spread misconceptions about the legalities of celebrating Christmas in public schools."

Jauregui says that although many schools do it unknowingly, some of them are violating the

constitutional rights of students and teachers to seasonal religious expression in the public school system.

Jauregui explained that ADF exists to educate the public and the government about important constitutional rights, particularly the freedom of religious expression.

"When necessary," said Jauregui, "ADF will litigate these issues. ADF has come to the defense of many school districts that have been wrongly accused of violating the First Amendment."

Jauregui states his memorandum is meant to clarify the religious expression issue for schools.

"No court has ever ruled that the Constitution demands school officials to censor Christmas carols, eliminate all references to Christmas, or silence those who celebrate Christmas," said Jauregui.

"Precedent establishes that

private religious speech, is fully protected under the Free Speech Clause as secular private expression."

Many school officials mistakenly believe that allowing seasonal religious expression would violate "separation of church and state".

"The Supreme Court," said Jauregui, "has never held that the Constitution 'requires complete separation of church and state'. It merely requires the state to be neutral in its relations with religious believers and non believers."

"In fact, the Supreme Court has stated that the Constitution 'affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions, and forbids hostility toward any.'"

Although challenges have been brought, said Jauregui, public schools have successfully defended their students' constitutional right to sing Christmas carols.

"Courts often look to whether the school had a secular purpose for initiating religious expression when determining whether the schools' conduct is constitutional....court decisions hold that government involvement in an activity of unquestionably religious origin does not violate the Establishment Clause if its present purpose and effect is secular."

Courts have also upheld the right of teachers and students to greet others with the term "Merry Christmas".

According to court decisions public schools may also have students study the religious origins of Christmas and read the biblical accounts of the birth of Christ.

The term "study" can also apply to public performance.

Public school officials may display religious symbols such as a creche or nativity scene if they have an educational reason for doing so--such as to celebrate the holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday.

According to Jauregui, courts have also ruled that a student who objects to a school activity containing religion may "opt" out of the activity. But this does not give the student the right to censor the activity or "silence others".

While the First Amendment protects student's religious speech rights, school officials may prevent student speech that "creates a material and substantial disruption to the school's ability to fulfill its educational goals," said Jauregui.

"First amendment rights, such as the rights of freedom of speech and expression, accompany each student throughout the school day both inside and outside the classroom," wrote Jauregui.

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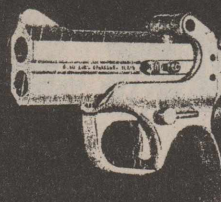
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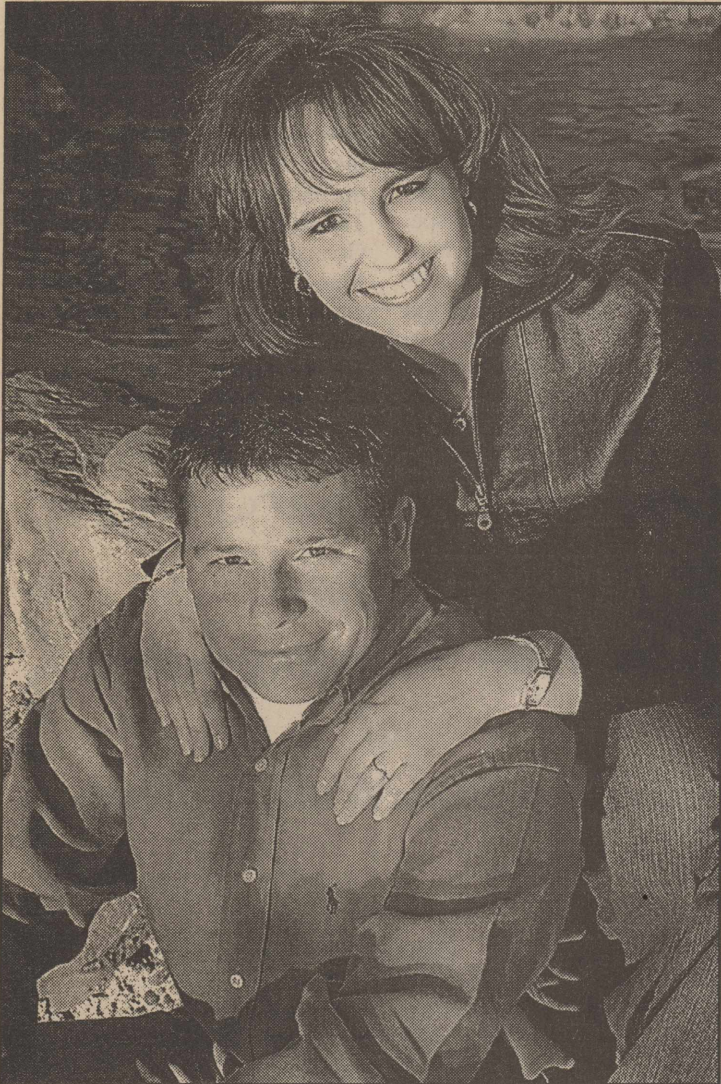
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She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Mary Kay Cummings of Hale Center and Vida Hrbacek of Lockney.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Floydada High School, South Plains College and Texas Tech University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics. He is currently employed by the USDA as a FSA Farm Loan officer and is engaged in farming.

He is the grandson of Milton Harrison of Floydada and Dwight and Ruby Snider of Amarillo.

The couple plan a March 11, 2006 wedding at the First Baptist Church in South Plains.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Our Center's Christmas party will be this Friday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a white elephant gift wrapped to be exchanged.

Myrtle Minner recently spent a few days visiting her mother who lives at Aransas Pass.

Our sympathy to the family of Lorilla Bradley.

Our sympathy to the family of Edell Moore.

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

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Thought for the week - God gives enough grace for each trial we face.

Menu
December 19-December 23

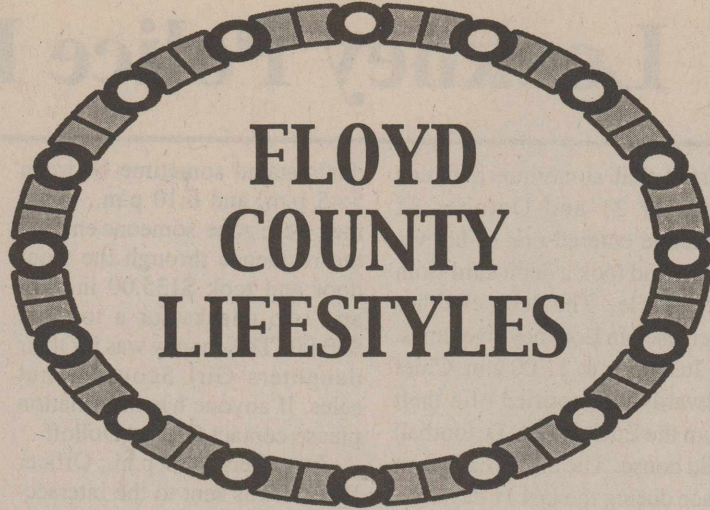
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Tuesday - Roast beef sandwich on wheat toast, tater tots or fries, peas and carrots, sliced tomatoes, fruit salad

Wednesday - Turkey and gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, wheat roll, grapefruit or orange sections

Thursday - Baked fish, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, raisin bread, applesauce

Friday - Braised steak with onions, scalloped potatoes, spinach, cornbread, berry cobbler



Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Attention all members of the Lockney Senior Citizen Center. Please make plans to attend the election of officers and board members on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 6:00 at the Center. The elected officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The board members are appointed.

After being homebound all the month of November I enjoyed getting out and going to the exercise place and to the Red Hatter's luncheon at the Baptist Encampment and the 48er's luncheon at the Main Street Pizza in Lockney. On Tuesday that place has the best pizza buffet and salad bar around.

My resistance to germs must have been low cause right off after being out I caught a cough and cold. What's next???

I would like to thank everyone who remembered the Center with their memorials to their friends and loved ones.

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Menu for Dec. 18-23

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Tuesday: BBQ Chicken

Wed: Chicken Fried Steak

Thurs: Beef on Rice

Friday: Brisket

These days about half the stuff

in my shopping cart says, "For Fast Relief".

Muse News

By Carolyn Hardy

The Christmas Holidays are almost here. Even though people are busy with preparations for the holidays the Museum continues to have several visitors daily. The only out-of-state visitors were from Louisiana. Visitors have registered from the towns of Levelland, Quitaque, Odessa, Seymour, Silverton, Amarillo, Kingsland, Lockney and Floydada in the last two weeks.

Surnames of families the staff has worked on recently are Martin, Butler, Thompson, Tinney, Dalton, Boothe and Jarrott.

The Museum received a new

shipment of the book, "Bud & Me." This is a neat book about two small boys who ride their horses, aby themselves, first to Albuquerque and then to New York City from Frederick, Oklahoma. This book is in the Museum gift ship in addition to the 2004 and 2005 Keep Texas Beautiful Christmas Ornaments designed by Nelda Laney.

Recent memorials received were given in memory of: Jimmy McGuire, Edell Moore, Lorilla Bradley, Leonard Matsler and Willa Fillingim. Donations were also received in honor of Orland Gilbert and Pat and Rita Pollard.



FOUR GENERATIONS OF NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS-Nicholas Bailey and Zora Woody, Nov. 26; Dana Brown, Nov. 27 and Eunice Woody, Nov. 28. Courtesy Photo

Four generations gather to celebrate 90th birthday

The friends and family of Eunice Woody came together in Walters, Oklahoma to celebrate her 90th birthday. The event was held at the school cafeteria. It was decorated by Eunice's family with fall colors. Her 18 year old grandson, Tanner Brown made her birthday cake.

The tables were decorated with fall leaves, confetti, festive balloons and candlelight. The gift table was adorned with gifts, cards and photo albums reflecting Eunice's life with her friends and family.

Those attending were her brother Marion Cobb and his wife, Joyce from Lawton, Oklahoma; Son, C.O. and Rilla Sue Woody of Walters, Oklahoma; Daughter, Dana and Rex Brown

of Temple, Oklahoma; daughter-in-law, Mary Woody of Amarillo; grandchildren, Duncan and Sherri Woody of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Jeff Woody of Fort Worth; Carrie Summers of Henderson, Nevada; Pam and John Meador of Gatesville; Nathalie and Michael Clatsworthy of Amarillo; Kevin Woody of Amarillo; Zora Woody of Floydada; Brandon and Tanner Brown of Temple, Oklahoma.

Also, there were 9 great-grandchildren: Nicholas, Keith, Matthew, Randa, Kellie, Michaela, Jordan, Mahanna and Jaiden.

Eunice would like to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts and especially your thoughts and prayers.

American Cancer Society holds Christmas Brunch

The annual Christmas Brunch, a special event of the Relay for Life, was held in the home of Melvin and Janet Lloyd on Saturday, December 10, 2005. To date, donations of \$1400.00 have been received. The hostess gift was a poinsettia, donated by Cathy's Floral. Door prizes won and the donee were Jo Lyles and Nancy Lawson, American Eagle silver coins by First National Bank; Sally Bradley, car wash by Oden's; Nell McClung, poinsettia by Ace Hardware; Jackie Chadwick, place mat set by Caprock Hardware; Rozanne

Bishop, knife set by Kirk and Sons; Ralph Jackson, car wash by Cornelius Conoco; Janice Lloyd, candle by City Bank; Frieda Simpson, oil change by City Auto; Jim and Betty Simpson, music CD by Doris McLain, Kay Dean Smith and Joyce Williams, \$25 each from American State Bank.

The Relay for Life/American Cancer Society thanks all who purchased a ticket, made a Donation, or donated a door prize. Funds are used for research and education in our efforts to eliminate cancer as a health risk.

The family of Lorilla Bradley wishes to express our sincerest thanks to everyone. The calls, cards, flowers, food and your visits with us were so meaningful. A special thanks to the Floydada Rehab staff and Dr. Ahmad for the care given to Lorilla this last year.

Thanks to Marty and the Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home staff for their help during this difficult time. A special thanks to our sister-in-law, Margie Martinez for helping us in the house. We are so blessed to have so many family and friends that showed your love for us at this time. Thanks to Cathy's Floral for doing such a good job.

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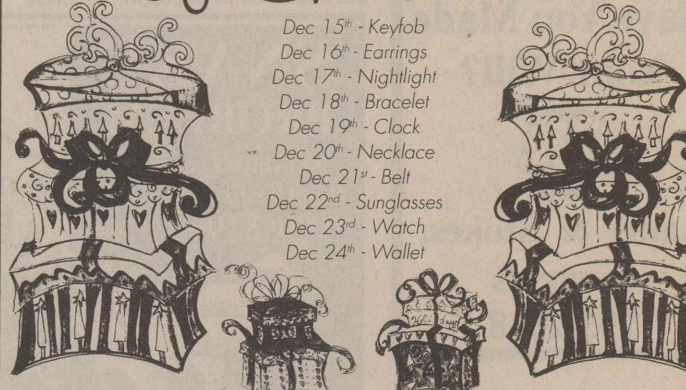
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Where did all those ugly tumbleweeds come from

Have you ever wondered in whose backyard the tumbleweed will finally stop? Lots of Floyd County residents believe most tumbleweeds end up in their own back yard, covering their house, or stuck to their fences.

Tumbleweed experts may not be able to move fast enough to track a tumbleweed, but scientists have been able to find out where the tumbleweed first started out.

According to a Science website (abc.net.au/science/k2/trek), the Tumbleweed was classified and given the name *Salsola australis* in 1810 by Robert Brown after discovering the plant in Australia.

Another scientific name is *Salsola kali*, but it is also called saltwort, Russian cactus, wind witch, buckbush, soft rolypoly, and prickly rolypoly.

According to the website, in southern Russia, around Odessa, the tumbleweed was called the "Tartar Thistle". It was introduced into Bon Homme County in South Dakota by Russian immigrants around 1877. It is theorized that the tumbleweed seeds had probably been accidentally mixed in with some flax seed.

Within 20 years it covered more than a dozen states.

Tumbleweed thrives because fields of grass, which stop the tumbleweed, have been replaced by ploughed fields. Without ag-

riculture, tumbleweed would have been a minor plant, living only in areas that were naturally bare.

The weed thrives in disturbed soil, and archaeologists have found tumbleweed seeds in some of the oldest agricultural sites in the world.

There are actually several species of plant that are called "tumbleweed". They all live on flat, open areas, so that the wind can easily blow them around and scatter their seeds as they roll.

Salsola belongs to the spinach family and is common in Asia, North America, Australia, and Africa. The "Rose of Jericho" tumbleweed (*Anastatica hierochuntica*) lives in the deserts of the Middle East and North Africa.

The tumbleweed starts its journey to your bar ditch once the seeds are ripe and a layer of cells in the stem of the plant weakens. The plant then breaks away with about 250,000 seeds stored inside. As the ball tumbles and bounces the seeds are scattered.

In Australia some species of insect larvae ("Witchety grub") help the tumbleweed break loose.

Part of the Australian Aborigine diet, the larvae (up to 13 centimeters long) would grow into the base of the shrub. The Aborigines would find the hole, and then tease out the larvae with

a long hooked stick.

According to the tumbleweed information website, raw witchety grubs taste like butter or scalded cream, but cooked they taste like pork rind.

One of these species of witchety grub burrows into the root of the tumbleweed, which then breaks at the hole and tumbles away. The grub then uses the broken stump as a home for growing larvae.

Millions of dollars may be spent to clean them out of bar ditches and fields, but scientists at Utah State say the tumbleweeds actually improve the soil.

Tumbleweed trickles chemicals into the soil and the chemicals make the nutrients in the soil more available to other plants. Once tumbleweed has grown in the soil, other plants grow better the next season, say scientists.

Wherever it goes, or wherever it came from, one thing is for sure--the tumbleweed will be around for a long time.

According to the Karl Trek, author of the tumbleweed information website, "In Southern Nevada, where many nuclear weapons were tested above ground, the tumbleweed was always the first plant to start growing at Ground zero. Like the cockroach and the frog, the tumbleweed will inherit the earth."



TUMBLEWEEDS PILE UP BY FENSE NORTHWEST OF FLOYDADA

"Merry Christmas" reappears in stores

According to an American Family Association news release, AFA has been notified by Sears that "Merry Christmas" signs have been shipped and are now on display in all their stores.

"In addition", the release said, "the retailer notified AFA that the 'Christmas' greeting has also been posted on the Sears.com website."

AFA also announced that a boycott against Target has been

stopped.

Sears was one of the companies identified by AFA as banning "Christmas" in their in-store promotions and retail advertising.

According to AFA, other companies are also making changes to include "Christmas" in their promotions and advertising.

Lowe's notified AFA the end of November that their "Holiday Trees" in-store promotion had been renamed "Christmas Trees."

Walgreens said that it was too late to change printed material this year, but that things would be different next year.

AFA says Target has announced it will include Christmas in their advertising and in-store promotions.

Nearly 70,000 people had signed up to join the Target boycott on the AFA website.

In an official statement, Target said, "Over the course of the next few weeks, our advertising, marketing and merchandising will become more specific to the holiday that is approaching--referring directly to holidays like

Christmas and Hanukkah. For example, you will see reference to Christmas in select television commercials, circulars, and in-store signage."

"Corporate America is getting the word from the grassroots," said AFA Chairman Donald W. Wildmon.

American Family Association is a pro-family advocacy organization with over two million online supporters.

A list of companies banning Christmas and their responses can be found at www.afa.net.

S. O. S. needs help

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nated anytime to Fred Thayer." Volunteers will be needed to deliver food on December 24th and also to prepare food.

Hundreds have come to depend on the generosity of businesses and individuals involved in the Spirit of Christmas.

To help with the Spirit of Christmas contact Cochran at 983-5165, or Fred Thayer, 983-3121.

How to keep your family fit throughout the Christmas Holiday

As the temperature outside continues to grow colder, it is easy to simply want to cuddle up on the couch with a warm cup of hot cocoa, snacks, and your favorite holiday movie. However, with the rising obesity levels, especially among children, staying active before, during, and after the holidays is an important part of being healthy.

A key way to help your children become healthy adults is to encourage an active lifestyle, according to Melissa Long, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent in Floyd County.

Children in the United States today are less fit than they were a generation ago, and physical inactivity has become a serious problem. Americans are increasingly overweight, with the number of obese adults and overweight children doubling between the late 1970s and the early 2000s.

Both children and adults need time to improve their health through physical activity. A pattern of inactivity, also known as a sedentary lifestyle, begins early in life, making the promotion of physical activity among children imperative. Research indicates that regular physical activity has significant health benefits. Even modest increases in activity levels can have health-enhancing effects, including a reduction in chronic disease risk such as hypertension, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and obesity.

So, what can parents do to help increase the entire family's fitness level? It's not as difficult as it seems. First and foremost, parents can be good role models. If children do not see the adults in their lives taking interest in hobbies and participating in activities that promote continuous

movement for 30 to 60 minutes a day, they are less likely to adopt active lifestyles.

Decreasing "screen time" for families during the holidays is another way parents can increase the family fitness level. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the average child watches about 3 hours of television a day. And the average child spends 5 1/2 hours daily on all media combined, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Choosing to turn off the television or computer and taking an outdoor family walk to see neighborhood holiday decorations or just dancing around in the family room to favorite music are two ways to keep the family moving.

Take every opportunity to establish good viewing habits, and ensure that children have no more than 2 hours of television and video time per day, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Parents should also encourage their kids to do a variety of activities. For children, exercise means playing and being physically active. Kids exercise in gym class, walking or playing fetch with the dog, or even playing tag in and outdoors. According to the 2005 dietary guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services, all children 2 years and older should get 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise on most, and preferably all, days of the week, with adolescents and adults getting at least 30 minutes.

To keep kids away from the TV and off the couch, encourage games to get kids moving, and set a positive example by joining in. What sounds like more fun, 30 minutes walking on a treadmill or 30 minutes playing and laughing with your children? As winter approaches, Melissa Long suggests some helpful ways to in-

crease your family's physical activity time:

- Designate a space indoors where children can climb, jump, dance, and tumble. Let this space become the "play zone."
- Establish a weekly Dance-A-Thon night, dancing to a variety of favorite fun music from various eras.
- Create either an indoor or outdoor obstacle course of favorite games using household items (i.e., trashcan basketball, blanket volleyball, bean bag tossing, hopscotch, etc.).
- Work together in a family garden.
- Put up and take down holiday decorations outside as a family.

Being active is a crucial element of health for all ages. So this year, resolve to take small steps to help your family make healthy behavior changes that will keep your family moving towards better health in the coming year.

Source: Alice Kirk, Extension Program Specialist, Child Health and Wellness, Texas Cooperative Extension, November 2005

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Ladyhorns beat Lubbock Cooper

By Coach Schumacher
Lockney Ladyhorns travelled to Lubbock Cooper on December 6 and came away with a victory. Lubbock Cooper was a very solid team so it was a good feeling to walk away with a victory.

Amber Dorman led the scoring column with 17 points. Rebekah Thornton had 12; Heather Brock had 5; Audrie Arjona and Trinity Ford 4 each; and Brittney Mathis had 2. Lockney won 53-48.

Ladyhorns lose to Slaton

By Coach Schumacher
Lockney Ladyhorns travelled again to Slaton on December 9, and were unable to stop the Tigerettes.

Tigerettes finally pulled away with a win over the Ladyhorns 54-42. Rebekah Thornton led the scoring with 11 points; Amber Dorman had 10; Audrie Arjona 6; Senee Foster and Jamie Butler had 4 each; Heather Brock and Trinity Ford had 3 each; and Krista Rasco had 1.

Lockney Band students win place in Region 16 Honor Band

By Rob Lovett
Tryouts for the ATSSB Region 16 Honor Band were held on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at Floydada High School. Lockney had three students place in this competition. Tyson Carthel, Junior, Trombone; Patrick Doucette, Sophomore, Clarinet; and Bryan Cooper, Junior,

French Horn were all selected to be members of the 2006 Band.

In addition, Tyson qualified for the Area All-State Band competition to be held on January 7, 2006.

The 2006 Region 16 Honor Band will perform a concert on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Miller places in NAIA

Wade Miller capped his senior season with a top finish as Oklahoma Christian University recorded a 12th place team finish in the 56th Annual NAIA Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, November 19, 2005.

Miller, a 2002 graduate of Lockney high School, covered the 8,000 meter course in 27:12.70 to finish 95th in a field of 261 runners. He missed last year's competition while recovering from a foot injury but had placed 167th in the 2003 championships.

"Wade put together a very strong race," coach Randy Heath said. "It was perhaps the best performance of his career and

capped off a really fine senior season."

Miller recorded four top ten finishes in the 2005 season. He was 5th in the OC Innovational (26:28), Oct. 22, eighth in the Sooner Athletic Conference Region VI meet (26:03), November 5, ninth in the East Central Invitational (28:12), September 10, and 10th at the Oklahoma Baptist Invitational (27:24), September 24.

In addition, Miller was named an NAIA Scholar Athlete in cross country for the second time. He is an elementary education major and carries a 3.61 grade point average.

Wade is the son of Jerry and Sheri Miller of Lockney.

SPORTS



Lockney Bands present 2005 Holiday Concert

By Rob Lovett
The Lockney Bands will present a Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 15.

Performing will be the Fifth Grade Band, the Sixth Grade Band, the Junior High Band and the Longhorn High School Band.

The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Lockney High School Gym, and will last approximately one hour.

Everyone is invited to attend.



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of December 12, 2005. (Back row, 1 to r) Demario Means, Ramon Cazares, Rayann Race, Stephen Karlin, Andrew Palomin, (middle row, 1 to r) Johnny Rose, Kevin Lopez, Kimberly Reyes, Emily Reyes, Grip Fortenberry, Will Prayor, (front row, 1 to r) Lucas Rendon, Avery Patel, Derick Patel, Daylen Gacita, Adri Palomin.

Staff Photo

Lockney 4-H news

By Jill Bramlet
Lockney 4-H members had a wild time bidding against each other for delicious baked items made by other 4-H members.

The auction, an annual event, is designed to get members involved in baking yummy desserts and at the same time raise money for a good charity this Christmas season.

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary School. We will go Christmas caroling around Lockney.

If you would like to become a member of 4-H, please come join us.

Lockney Menu

December 19 - December 21

Monday
Breakfast-Mini corn dogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas or burrito, salad, applesauce, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast-Rice or cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Spaghetti or grilled cheese, salad, peaches, bread, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Corn dog or PBJ sandwich, tater tots, apple, milk

Thursday
Christmas Holiday
Friday
Christmas Holiday



Santa Claus

will be at

Brown's Department Store,
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Saturday, December 17, 2005

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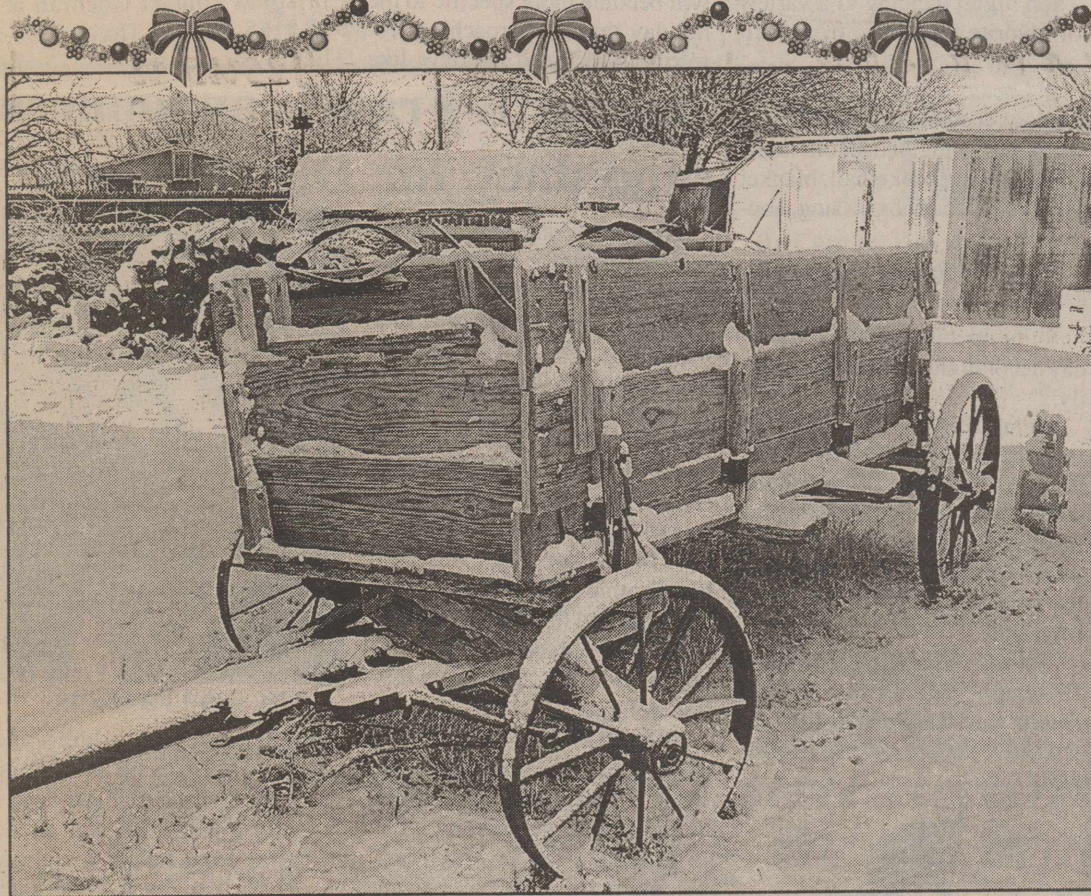
to pass out toys for the Salvation Army.

A special thanks to the Lockney Boy Scouts for collecting 3,400 cans of food from the community, schools and churches. Alicia Luna

Longhorn Holiday Band Concert



December 15th
7:00 pm
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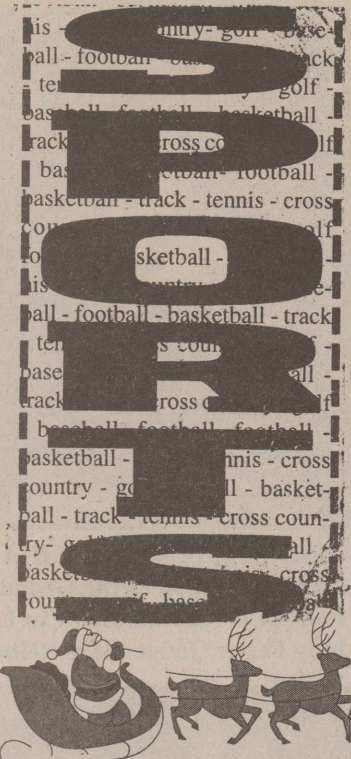
Whirlwinds win back to back tournaments

By Coach Brattain

The Floydada Whirlwinds have wrapped up a busy two-week schedule that included winning the Floydada Classic on December 1-3 and the New Deal Mean Green Classic this past weekend. The Whirlwinds are the 3rd ranked team in the state in 2A according to the T.A.B.C. polls.

More importantly the Whirlwinds have maintained an undefeated record of 12-0 for a historical boys basketball start in Floydada. The Whirlwinds are led by an outstanding group of seniors that include Jacob Reddy, Dustin Ochoa, Oscar Garza, Trey Helms, T.J. Collins and Bradley Duran. The underclassmen on this team are Douglas Williams, Payte Beedy, Kevin Smith, Kody Smith, and Aarrhon Flores. The

Junior Varsity Whirlwinds are also off to a great start with an overall record of 10-2. This team has collected a championship from the Roosevelt Tourney and a runner-up trophy from the Muleshoe tournament. The J.V. Whirlwinds include Raymond Everett, Ryan Monreal, Blake Greer, Eladio Saldana, Daniel Saldana, Titus Miller, Colton Covington, Tucker Ross, and Brandon Monreal. The student assistants are Tanner Sue' and Magdiel Alvarado. The film is taken care of by Ruben Ortiz. The Whirlwinds have a fine coaching staff that includes Daniel Johnston, Keith Prather, and Desmond Ayala. Both Whirlwind teams invite you to come out and support your basketball team. We thank you for your support and hope everyone has a great Christmas!



BOY SCOUTS DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY

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4-H NEWS

Crossland awarded Gold Star Award

Katie Beth Crossland, a 4-H'er from Floydada, was one of thirty-three area 4-H'ers who crossed the stage Monday, November 21 to accept their Gold Star awards during the South Plains 48th annual banquet and recognition ceremony at Texas Tech University's Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

"Receiving the Gold Star award is the crowning achievement of a 4-H career", according to Pam Foster, 4-H Regional Program Director with Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

The Gold Star Award is the highest 4-H honor presented at the county level. To qualify, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years of age and have completed three years of club work. They must

fully participate in activities and must have completed a record book.

"The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," said Brad Davis, regional Extension 4-H specialist.

Assisting on program was District 4-H Council officer Kami Keaton. Others attending from Floyd County included: Commissioner Jon Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Martin, Clar Schacht, Dana Crossland, J. D. and Angela Ragland and Melissa Long.

Recognition was also given to Adult Leaders across the South Plains District and being recognized from Floyd County was Judy Schacht.

Comanche Trails District of the Boy Scouts hold Christmas Party

By Curtis Emert

Monday, December 5, Comanche Trails District of the Boy Scouts held their Christmas Party. Comanche Trails District includes Floydada, Ralls, Idalou, Lorenzo, Post, Matador, Jayton, Petersburg, Crosbyton and Spur.

The party was held in Lorenzo at the Methodist Church. The meal was potluck with many great dishes and was for the leaders and their families. After fellowship and the meal we had drawings for door prizes. The Scouts wish to thank those who donated here in Floydada, Producers Coop, Caprock Hardware, Brown's Implement, Ace Hardware, Ray Lee Equipment, Script Printing and Curtis Emert.

We also had some awards handed out. To Chris Brooks, our District Executive, for all the help he has given us; Curtis Emert for serving two years as District Committee Chairman. Our Special Award was the District Award of Merit given for

above the normal service to scouting, and it went to Darla Chappel.

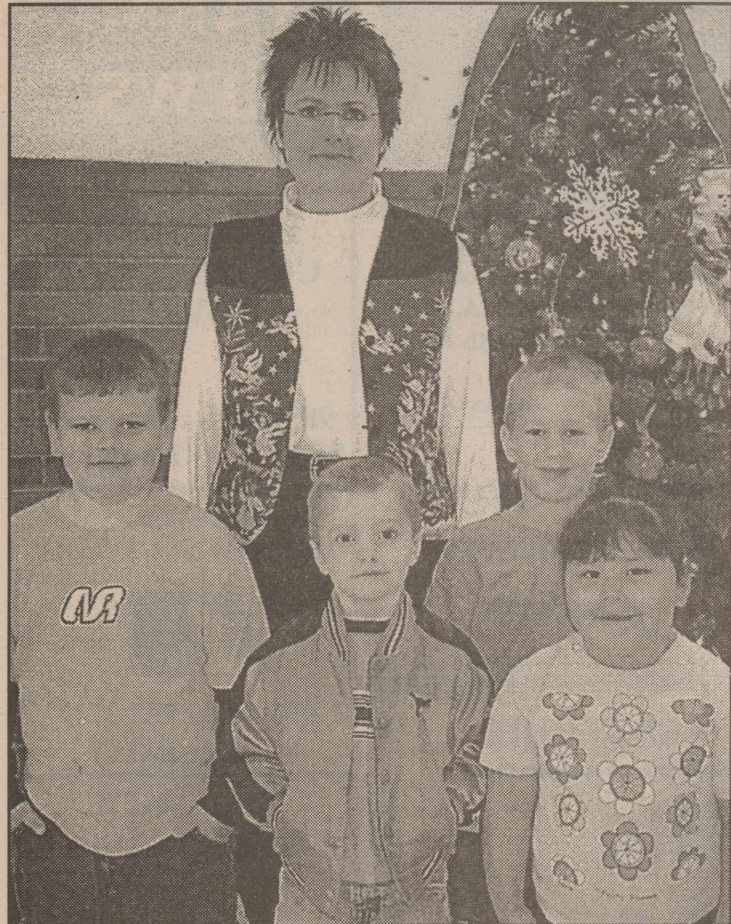
We also gave an Indian Mandela to our camp Ranger and his wife, Will and Crystal Osborn. The mandela was made by Curtis Emert and painted by Theresa Hollums of Floydada.

The mandela has the Scout Emblem in the middle, outline of Texas with Camp Post on one side and New Mexico and Camp Tres Ritos on the other, it is also decorated with wool, beads, feathers and leather.

We hope this shows how much we appreciate all the work Will and Crystal do for Comanche Trails at both camps.

We had a new District Committee Chairman appointed, Raleigh Hudzietz of Lorenzo who will serve for two years at least.

I would like to thank all the businesses and people from other towns that donated door prizes and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



DUNCAN STUDENTS/EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK-(l-r) Jordan Moore - 2nd Grade; Educator Ms. Finley; Dusty Prisk - Kindergarten; Hayden Oakes - 1st Grade; and Ma'Kayla Garcia - PreK. Courtesy Photo

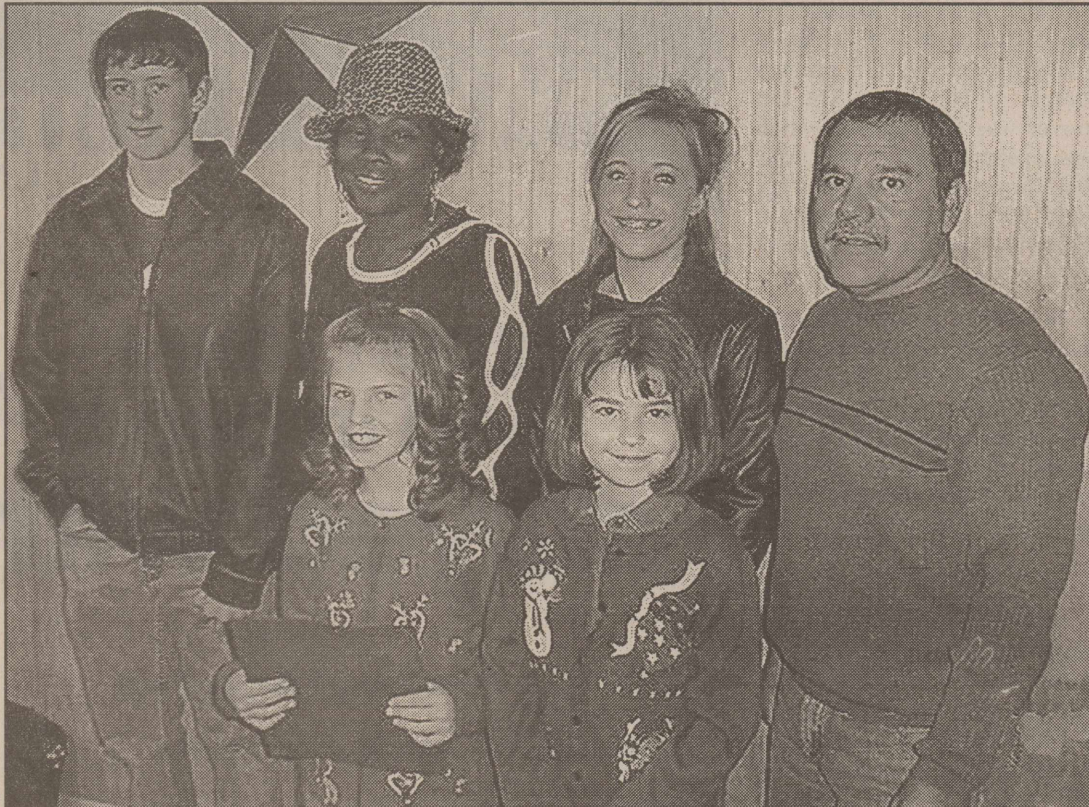


RUTH ANNE VASQUEZ

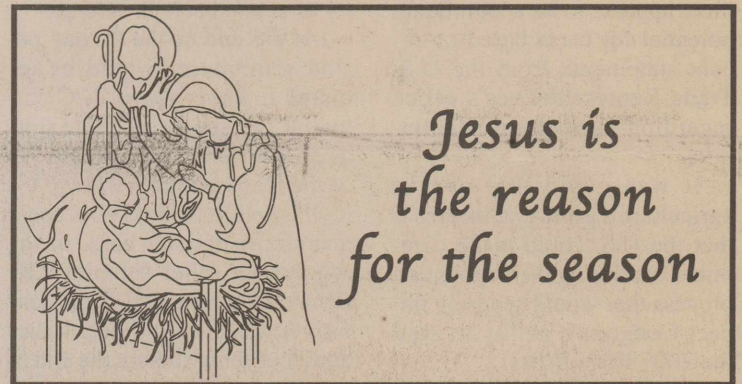
Vasquez graduates from West Texas A&M

Ruth Anne Vasquez, 23, will be graduating from West Texas A & M University on Friday, December 16, 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work.

She is the daughter of Rick and Ilda Vasquez of Floydada and sister of David Vasquez.



FLOYDADA STUDENTS/EDUCATOR/SUPPORT STAFF OF MONTH-(back row, l-r) Student Mason Lipham, Grade 8, FJHS; A.B. Duncan Early Childhood Educator Anise Jackson; Student Morgan Norrell - Grade 10, FHS; Support Staff Sammy Mercado, Transportation; (front row, l-r) Student Mattie Sanders, Grade 4, R. C. Andrews Elementary; Student Kaylee Morren, Grade 1, A.B. Duncan Elementary. Courtesy Photo



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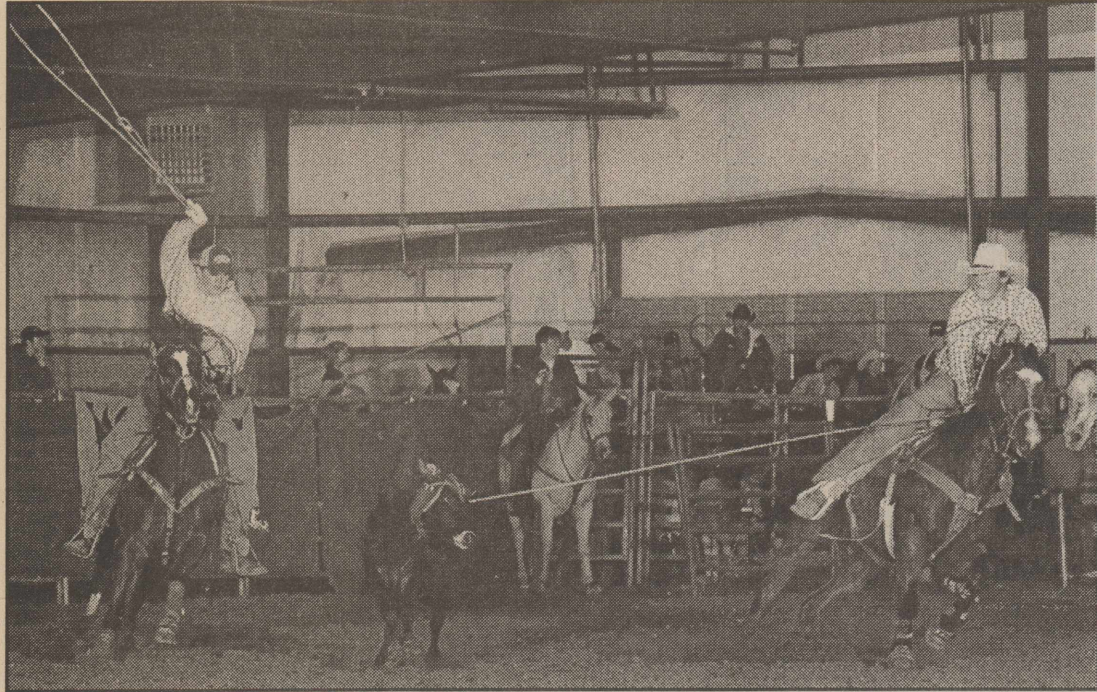
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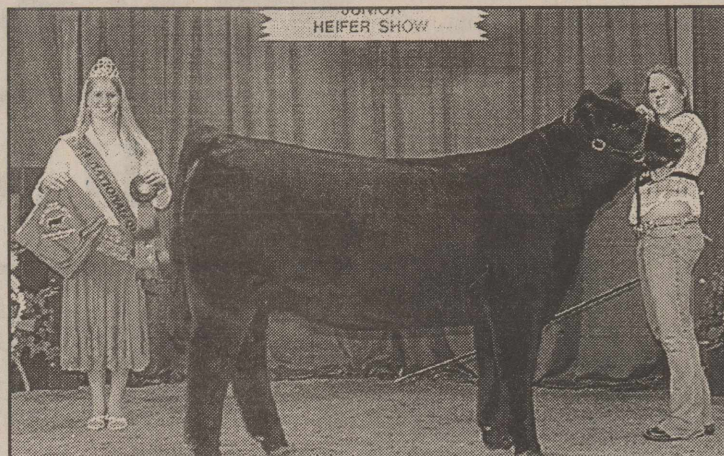
WORLD JUNIOR TEAM ROPING CONTESTANTS-Clay Ware (right), a senior at Floydada High School, and Colter Hampton, a senior at Dalhart High School, were 6.0 seconds at the World Junior Team Roping Championship in Enid, Oklahoma on November 25, 26 & 27.

Photo by Dara Ware



GRAND CHAMPION CHIANGUS BULL--Foster Brothers Farms, David & Jody Foster, Lockney, exhibited the Grand Champion Chiangus Bull, FBF Rejuvenator 008R 2CA, at the 2005 ACA National Show in Louisville, KY. Pictured are Brittany Culp, ACA National Queen, Jody Foster, Judge Steve Reimer and Dave Allan.

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GRAND CHAMPION BRED & OWNED CHIANGUS--Segayle Foster, Lockney, exhibited the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Chiangus Female, FBF Party Girl 505P 2CA, at the 2005 ACA Junior Show in Louisville, KY. Pictured with Foster (right) is Brittany Culp, ACA National Queen.

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By Shawn Wade

Texas Senator John Cornyn gathered a key group of Texas agriculture leaders during his visit to the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show on December 1 to discuss pressing agriculture issues and to get feedback on the direction of agriculture policy in Washington, DC.

The group, which includes Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Executive Vice President Steve Verett, is officially designated as Senator Cornyn's Agriculture Advisory Group. The December 1 meeting was the group's first official gathering.

Among the many topics discussed were immigration reform, budget reconciliation and the World Trade Organization's ongoing agriculture trade negotiations.

In regard to the WTO, members of Cornyn's advisory group expressed a significant level of anxiety over next week's Hong Kong Ministerial meeting. The group expressed a feeling that there appears to be a significant potential for harm based on recent statements from the U.S. Trade Representatives' office regarding agriculture negotiations.

It was noted that one of agriculture's primary concerns is that the U.S. could make commitments during the negotiation process that would severely impact Congress's ability to craft the 2007 Farm Bill.

During the meeting the advisory group also reiterated their continued commitment to maintaining the structure of the current farm program in light of the successful manner in which the program has operated during its first four years.

Cornyn joins effort seeking relief to outside storage issue

During the advisory meeting Verett was also given the opportunity to discuss the issue of outside storage of cotton with Senator Cornyn.

Verett explained that since the 2004 growing season there has been a significant effort on the part of High and Rolling Plains cotton warehouses to increase storage capacity.

He also noted that since Commodity Credit Corporation rules currently say cotton entered as collateral in the marketing loan program must be stored inside, the sheer size of the 2005 crop indicates that some cotton may have to be placed outside and therefore faces the possibility of losing loan eligibility.

In order to help insure that cotton producers do not lose loan eligibility for any portion of the

2005 crop Senator Cornyn agreed to sign onto a letter requesting temporary relief from the CCC's inside storage requirement. High Plains Congressmen Mike Conaway of Midland, Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock and Mac Thornberry of Amarillo joined Cornyn in the request.

The letter, sent to USDA Farm Service Agency Administrator Teresa Lasseter, requests that the CCC grant a temporary waiver allowing for emergency outside storage of cotton for a period of 90 days following entry of the cotton into the CCC loan program.

To operate under the waiver, warehouses would agree to provide additional waterproof bagging for each bale, place bales on dunnage or other suitable material to provide for adequate air circulation between the bale and the ground surface and adhere to the CCC's 4.5 percent warehouse shipping standard based on the higher of either licensed capacity or actual bales in storage.

At the end of the 90 day period warehouses would be required to either move CCC cotton into an approved inside storage facility or initiate redemption of the loan cotton.

It is believed that USDA could announce a decision based on the request for relief submitted by Senator Cornyn, and Representatives Conaway, Neugebauer and Thornberry before the end of the year.

"The PCG membership appreciates the support of Senator Cornyn and Representatives Conaway, Neugebauer and Thornberry as we seek to find a workable, temporary solution that will protect the ability of a producer to participate in the marketing loan program," says Verett. "We believe that with their assistance we will be able to protect producer interests and still provide adequate flexibility for Texas warehouse operators to handle and ship in a timely manner what will be a record breaking 2005 crop."

USDA Report: December estimate grows to 5.55 million bales for 2005 High Plains Crop

The December 9 USDA Crop Production Report indicates the High Plains of Texas will set a new all-time production record and produce an astounding 5.55 million bales in 2005.

If realized the 2005 crop will be a full 15 percent larger than 2004's record production of 4.82 million bales and a staggering 57 percent higher than the region's third biggest crop of 3.522 million bales grown in 1981.

To put the latest estimate in perspective a 5.55 million bale High Plains crop regions previous pre-2004.

A majority of the 260,000 bale increase is attributed to a rise in the average yield forecast for Texas Agricultural Statistics Service District 1-S which encompasses the southern half of the PCG 41 county service area.

The new production estimate for District 1-S is 4.1 million bales. The northern part of the PCG service area, which includes most of the Texas Panhandle, is located in District 1-N and 1-S were left unchanged at 790,000 and 2.67 million acres, respectively.

Average yield per harvested acre proved to be the difference maker in the December report. Per acre yield for District 1-N was estimated at 881, up 6 pounds from the 875 pounds forecast in November. The big mover was District 1-S which saw an appreciable change in its yield forecast. Forecast average yields for 1-S rose 45 pounds to 737 pounds per harvested acre in the new report.

Statewide production estimates show Texas is now expected to produce 8.1 million bales of cotton in 2005 from 5.5 million harvested acres. The December estimate is 300,000 bales more than was forecast at the beginning of November.

Nationally 2005 Upland Cotton production was forecast at 23 million bales, up 500,000 bales from the November estimate of 22.5 million bales. All cotton production is now forecast at 23.7 million bales in 2005.

Texas Upland Cotton District Estimates 2004 & December 2005

Districts	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Pounds		1,000 bales	
1-N	849	900	726	790	818	881	1,238	1,450
1-S	2,813	2,800	2,527	2,670	681	737	3,586	4,100
2-N	396	395	378	370	572	558	451	430
2-S	488	525	473	490	502	500	495	510
4	127	115	122	105	665	594	169	130
7	163	175	150	150	673	672	210	210
8-N	79	80	76	75	899	768	142	120
8-S	368	370	356	345	761	626	564	450
9	246	245	236	240	710	600	349	300
10-S	215	185	205	165	823	625	352	215
Other dist.	107	110	102	100	874	888	185	185
STATE	5,850	5,900	5,350	5,500	694	707	7,740	8,100

Source: Texas Ag Statistics Service

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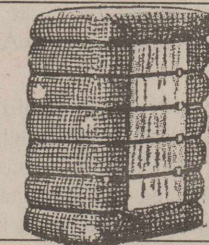
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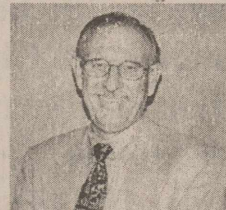
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We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 12th day of December, 2005, and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$ 822,376.15. First National Bank Certificate of Deposits \$ 358,000.00.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 27th day of December, 2005.

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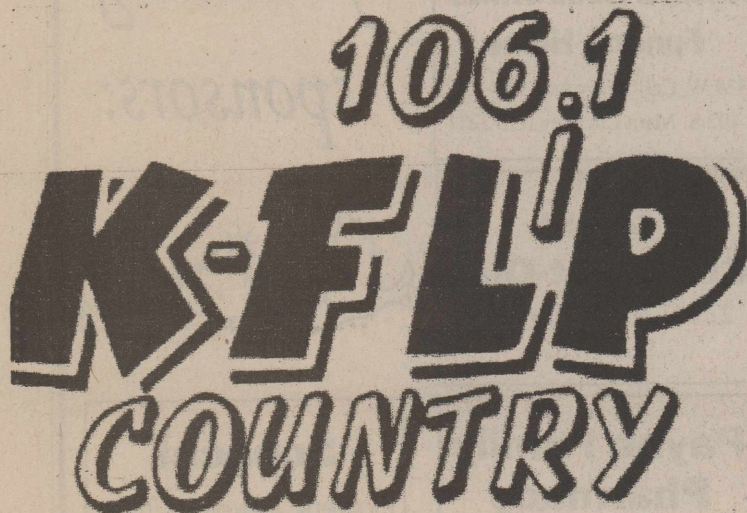
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Obituaries



JESSIE LORILLA BRADLEY
Jessie Lorilla Bradley, 94, of Floydada, passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

Mrs. Bradley was born on January 22, 1911 in Afton, Dickens County, Texas to the late James Franklin and Lucy Effie (Carlisle) Stephens.

She was raised in Girard, Texas where she graduated high school in 1928. Mrs. Bradley married Ned Jack Bradley in Lubbock, Texas, on June 28, 1947. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1975.

She moved to Floydada in 1950 after living in Estacado, Texas. She was a loving mother and wonderful housewife. Jessie was a member of the Home Demonstration Club and a former member of Lubbock Christian College Associates. Mrs. Bradley was Chamber Volunteer of the year in 2003. She was also nominated for ACU Sisters of Service Award. Jessie was in charge of nursing home birthday parties, enjoyed cooking, writing poetry, sewing, and reading. She loved her grandchildren. Mrs. Bradley was a member of the City Park Church of Christ.

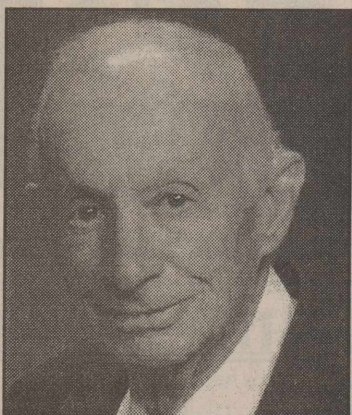
She was preceded in death by three brother, Orwin, Waldo "Blue", and J.T. Stephens; and two sisters, Wilda Jane Millican, and Frankie Skinner.

Survivors include one son, Samuel Ned Bradley and wife Sandra of Floydada, two grandchildren, and two sister in laws.

Services were held Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 2:00 p.m., at the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada. Rev. Kenneth Free officiated and Rev. Gene McCarty assisted.

Burial followed in Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to the White River Youth Camp of Crosbyton, P.O. Box 455, Crosbyton, TX 79322.



EDELL MOORE

Edell Moore, 86, of Floydada, passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

Edell was born on April 22, 1919 in Ferris, Texas to the late Eugene and Beatrice (Parker) Moore. He was raised in Abilene and moved from Bandera to Floydada in 1951. He was a veteran of WW11 while serving in the Air Force. Edell married Lovene Jones Decker on April 5, 1975 in Canyon, TX.

He was a Funeral Director and owned Moore Funeral Home and then brought Alton Rose as partner and the funeral home then became Moore-Rose Funeral Home for over 50 years. Edell was a member of the Rotary Club and Lions Club. He was Master Mason member of Floydada Masonic Lodge #712. White Mortuaries honored Edell for his appreciation of his continued benevolence and unceasing cooperation in 1996.

Edell and his wife were honored as Floydada Frontier couple of the year in 2002. He was also president of the Floydada Cemetery Association for number of years. Edell was once quoted, "If I could be remembered for one thing, it's that when people have had to come to the funeral home I was glad to help them at a time they were hurting." He enjoyed visiting with people and most of all he loved Floydada.

A brother, Edward Moore, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Lovene Moore of Floydada; four daughters, Janet Moore Julian of Lubbock, Jenis Moore Tucker and husband Ronnie of Cortez, Colorado, Dr's Charlotte Decker Sutton and husband David of Auburn, Alabama, Sharon Decker Henson and husband Jeff of Waco; eight grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, December 12, 2005 at 11:00 A.M. at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Rev. Floyd Bradley, officiated and Rev. Anthony Sisemore assisted.

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

The family suggests memorials be sent to the First Baptist Church of Floydada Bereavement Fund, 401 S Main, Floydada, Texas 79235, Senior Citizens, 301 E. Georgia, Floydada, Texas 79235 or Floydada Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 444, Floydada, Texas 79235.

CHARLIE BILL OWENS

Charlie Bill Owens, 83, of Belton passed away on November 27, 2005.

He was born May 15, 1922 in Denton County to the late W. H. and Mary Jane Owens. The family moved to Floydada on January 12, 1928.

He attended Campbell and Dougherty Schools and graduated from Floydada High School. Owen was a U.S. Army veteran. He served 3 years during the Belgian Bulge in the European War.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jim Owens, Bob Owens and John Owens and four sisters, Ethel Cross, Opal Cross, Millie Ball and Norma Webster.

Survivors include his sister, Ruby Gooch of Floydada and several nieces and nephews.

STEPHANIE SULLIVAN-TURNER

Stephanie Sullivan-Turner passed away December 3, 2005 in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Turner was born January 11, 1953 in Denver to Stephanie and Tim Sullivan.

She was a retired art teacher from the University of Denver High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Craig Turner of Denver, Colorado; one brother, Mike (Shari) Sullivan of Denver, Colorado; one sister, Karen (Rick) Yolles of Denver, Colorado; mother and father-in-law, Doyle and Dorothy Turner of Floydada and sister-in-law, Brenda and Bruce Kinast of Abernathy and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass was celebrated Friday, December 9, 2005 at St. Vincents DePaul Catholic Church in Denver, Colorado.

Words can't express the kindness and love to all the wonderful friends and family. The flowers, donations, visits, phone calls and cards were deeply appreciated.

I don't know of anyone that Kathy didn't like or help if she could. Kathy was a people person and if she was here now, her words would be "Thanks". She fought a hard battle with cancer and never gave up.

The wonderful friends that prepared food and also served, we also say "Thanks". Prayers from everyone helped Kathy and her family keep going when we were down.

If we missed thanking anyone it was not intentional. Les and our church family are very special to us. May God richly bless each of you.

*Kathy Adams Family
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We would like to thank those who sent cards, came to visit our family, or sent flowers or food. Donations in our mother's memory were greatly appreciated. Your kindness and generosity was so uplifting. The support helped us through a very hard and trying time. It's hard to lose a parent. This amazing community gave us the strength to face this sad time. Thank you again.

*The family of Frankie White
Steve and Pam Holmes & family
Debbie Bertrand
Kelli and Chad Hinsley*

The family of Bessie Glover would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, the food, cards and flowers.

BEVERLY BREED KNIGHT

Beverly Ann Breed Knight, 57, of Cleveland, Texas passed away Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 12:00 midnight.

Graveside services are pending in Floydada.

Knight is the daughter of Helen Breed and the late Frank Breed of Floydada.

THIS WEEK'S

FNB ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada Annual Open House will be held Friday, December 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the FNB Community Room.

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

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

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

CARR'S CHAPEL
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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
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students,
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship 8:30 am.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study .. 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday Singing ... 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesse Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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)
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Sunday School 9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Jose Relente
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,
Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Wed. Evening 11:00 a.m.

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

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