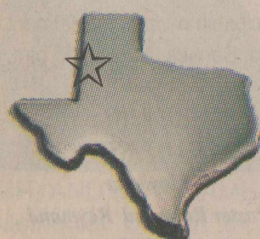


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Lockney native featured in Dallas Morning News community section

(Note: The following article is reprinted from "neighborsgo," the Rockwall/Rowlett/Heath community section of The Dallas Morning News. Chef Cody Hayes is the son of Cleatis and Betty Hayes of Lockney. He is married to a "Lockney girl," Amy Anderson, daughter of Bil and Ann Anderson. He is a 1996 graduate of Lockney High School. The article was written by Marcia Carroll-Burzair, community columnist for The Dallas Morning News Rockwall Neighbors and is reprinted with permission by neighborsgo.com.)

Bon appetite, Rockwall High 202 students busy cooking in culinary arts program

With television shows like Top Chef and Hell's Kitchen spotlighting the art of cooking, it's no surprise that the culinary arts have become so popular. Rockwall High School has taken notice, and introduced a culinary arts program for its students.

Chef Cody Hayes, who heads the

program, is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he studied restaurant, hotel and institutional management. He applauds the RISD for making it happen.

"The leaders of our school district have worked so hard setting our students up for success as you can see by the beautiful facility we are working in," he said. It is a career and technology education program with a focus on preparing students to enter a four-year university or top culinary school. We are so lucky and blessed."

Classes are taught in a 2,720-square foot kitchen that was designed by a local professional.

"In addition, we have a brand new locker room and office area," said Chef Hayes. "The kitchen also has a large commercial walk-in refrigerator and freezer that rival those found in the finest hotels and restaurants."

The program currently has 202 students participating in two classes - Introduction to the Culinary Arts and Culinary Arts I. Next year, a Culinary Arts II class will be added to the roster.

"Classes meet every day. We have the best curriculum put together by industry leaders. We cover everything from proper cooking techniques to the importance of upholding standards to customer service," Chef Hayes said. "I even have students taking a course sponsored by the National Restaurant Association. If they pass, they'll get a certificate they can eventually use to further their careers."

Future plans?

"We are hoping to have our very own on-campus café up and running in February. Loft 901 will be open to the public one to two days a week," Chef Hayes said.

"It will be located on the second floor overlooking the library, and students will run the café as a full-functioning restaurant. They'll not only put into practice the culinary skills they've acquired, but learn what it takes to operate a business as well."

For students, it's an exciting opportunity.

I've discovered my passion. I love

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Last chance to save Lockney Chamber

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce needs your help!

The future of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be determined Thursday, March 11 during a 6 p.m. meeting at Main Street Pizza. If no one steps forward to help with the Chamber, the organization will cease to exist.

"This is the last chance to

Land Bank to Deliver Cash

Patronage at Regional Meetings

At its January board meeting, the directors for Panhandle-Plains Land Bank announced scheduling for the 2010 Regional Stockholder Meetings; and approved the 2010 cash patronage. Again this year, the meetings will be held at four regional locations, where cash patronage

help with the Chamber," said Melissa Kunselman, current president of the organization. "If we have no help we will no longer have a Chamber of Commerce. There will be no Old Fashion Saturday, no Christmas downtown, no Chamber Banquet, or any of the other things the Chamber helps with," Kunselman said.

The meetings will be in sequence beginning at 11:30 am in Perryton on Tuesday, April 6th; then an evening meeting at 6:00 pm in Pampa. On Thursday, April 8th, stockholders will gather for lunch in Amarillo, with the close

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Reorganization of Floydada Chamber of Commerce

By Karen Houchin
Secretary

A meeting of interested business owners and individuals met at 5:30 p.m. on February 25, 2010 in the Community Room of First National Bank, 124 S. Main, Floydada, Texas. Present were Bobby Gilliland, Charlene Brown, Jimmy Willson, Justin Payne, Gina Adams, Tim Assiter, Monte Covington, Manuel Mendez and Karen Houchin. Tim Assiter led a discussion on reorganizing the Chamber and electing directors and officers.

After discussion, those present voted to elect officers and directors on a temporary basis for purposes of reorganization. All present agreed to serve on the re-organized Board of Directors. Justin Payne was elected President,

Monte Covington was elected Vice President, Gina Adams was elected Treasurer, and Karen Houchin was elected as Secretary.

Discussion on dues was held and it was voted on setting dues for the first year of reorganization at \$25.00 per individual joining and \$75.00 for each business or other entities.

Further discussion was held about the upcoming Wind Expo and it was voted to get a booth and participate in the Expo and seek membership from attendees. A brochure was to be printed and donated by Script Printing and a membership form developed before the Expo.

The Board invites all interested individuals and businesses desiring to promote Floydada to contact Gina

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In memory of Myria Douglas Dade

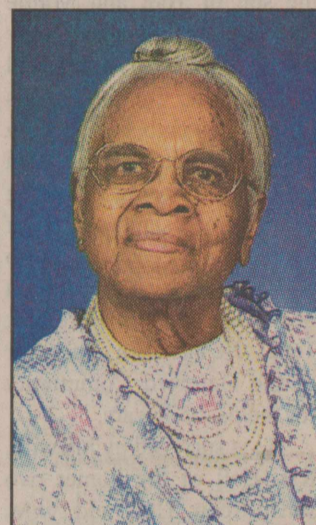
By Marilyn Holcombe
and Elaine LaBaume

Myria Dade was born September 18, 1906 in San Augustine County, Texas, the second child born to Vede and Anna Davis Douglas. She married Laure Dade on February 26, 1925 in San Augustine, Texas. He passed away on February 24, 1983, two days before their 58th wedding anniversary. Myria was very proud of the fact that Mr. Dade was a nephew of the notable Rosa Parks who made history for the Negroes when she refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama to a white man in 1955.

The Dade's moved to West Texas in 1935 living in Roaring Springs, Morton, Dougherty & Lockney before settling in Floydada in 1946. Myria and Laure soon became precious members of the community. With no children of their own they were privileged to be God-parents to five brothers, Robert, Isaiah, Curly Joe, Ed Lee and Pat Shelby.

Myria did domestic work until she attended beauty school in Lubbock and received her license in 1946. She worked as a beautician for two years but had to quit because people said they would pay her on Saturday but "Saturday never came." She soon went back to what she loved best which was domestic work and cooking for the public. She was well known for her delicious pies, cakes and puddings. She was also very talented with her hands creating beautiful quilts and crocheted afghans. She was an active member of the Senior Citizens Quilting Club and Home Demonstration Club for many years, winning many ribbons at the Floyd County Fair.

She joined the First Baptist Church in Floydada April 23, 1983. She was a strong woman of faith and was well versed in the Bible. She was proud of the fact she could read her Bible, having only a scant third grade education. A determined learner, she continued her education on her own and later taught her husband to read and write. At the age of ninety-nine she still drove her car and lived alone in the home that she and Laure built themselves in 1949. Due to failing health



Myria Douglas Dade

she moved to the Floydada Rehab Center in June of 2006. Even after she moved to the Rehab she waited anxiously for church members to pick her up and take her to worship. When she was no longer able to attend church, she continued faithfully to watch their services on TV and she always looked forward to the various church services that were held at the Rehab Center.

There were many highlights that she looked forward to. She enjoyed the Old Settlers Reunion held each year and numerous times she was the oldest person in attendance. She was awarded Pioneer Woman of the Year in 2006 and was honored by being chauffeured in a "Purple Cadillac."

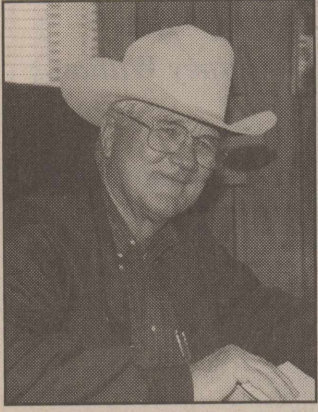
She enjoyed the annual Rehab Center trips to the South Plains Fair and to the South Plains Mall in Lubbock. The summer of 2009 she attended her Davis Family Reunion in San Augustine, Texas, a 1,000 mile round trip. She loved celebrating her birthday parties with her friends and was honored to receive congratulatory certificates from President Bush, President Obama, Governor Perry and State Representative Heflin. The Lubbock Avalanche Journal, Plainview Daily Herald and the Floyd County Hesperian Beacon featured her on her 99th and 100th birthdays. She was on NBC'S Today Show during the Willard Scott Birthday segment for the past two years. She was interviewed by a reporter from MSNBC about the Rosa Parks story.

She witnessed many milestones in her 103 years, To name just a few..... Nineteen Presidents of the United

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Obituaries



ELMO "TUFF" HALL

Elmo "Tuff" Hall, 83 of Hereford, TX passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at Hereford Nursing and Rehab in Hereford, Texas.

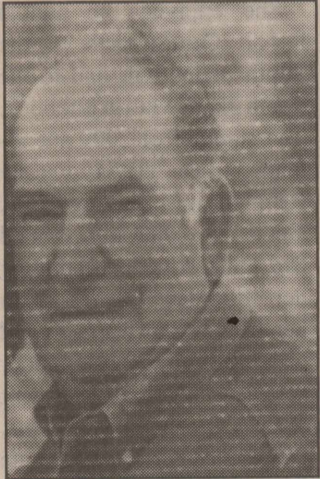
Celebration of life services are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford, Texas and were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the Church of the Nazarene in Hereford, Texas with Reverend Ted Taylor and Reverend Guy Walker officiating. Interment followed at the West Park Cemetery in Hereford, Texas at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2010.

Elmo was born January 3, 1927 in Floydada, Texas, the son of Tom and Mintie Hall. He served in the Navy during WWII. He married Kay Norman, the love of his life, on November 2, 1952 in Lockney, Texas. He retired in 2007 after being a lifelong cattle farmer and owner of Circle Three Feedyard. Elmo was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Hereford, Texas. He has been a member of the Hereford Community for the past 57 years.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Hall of the home; two sons: Scott Hall and wife, Lori of Hereford, Texas, and Don Hall and wife, Tyna of Stillwater, Oklahoma; two daughters: Kerry Glidwell and husband, Bill of Hereford, Texas, and Rhonda Nieman and husband, Steve of Shallowater, Texas; four sisters, Marn Tyler, and Vel Simpson, both of Hereford, Texas, Jo Mathews, and Barbara Womble, both of Amarillo, Texas; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Mintie Hall and one brother, G.V. "Geke" Hall.

The family requests memorials to the Church of the Nazarene, 1410 LaPlata, Hereford, Texas 79045 or the Hereford Senior Citizens, 426 Ranger, Hereford, Texas 79045



JULIAN DEAN LIPHAM

Julian Dean Lipham, 77, of Texarkana, Texas passed away February 25, 2010 at his home. Mr. Lipham was born July 9, 1932 in Wedowee, Alabama. He was a member of Pleasant Oaks Baptist Church in Texarkana.

Mr. Lipham was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Nellie Lipham; three brothers, Fred, Norman and Leroy Lipham; and one grandson, Wyatt Lipham.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Myrick Lipham of Texarkana, Texas; son, Roger Lipham and wife, Cheryl of Waldron, Arkansas; son, Richard Nelson and wife, Paula of Aubrey, Texas; daughter, Brenda Meyers of Alvarado, Texas; daughter, Charlotte Harte of D'Angierfield, Texas; son, Gary Lipham and wife, Jennifer of Baker, Louisiana; daughter, Julianne Cornelius and

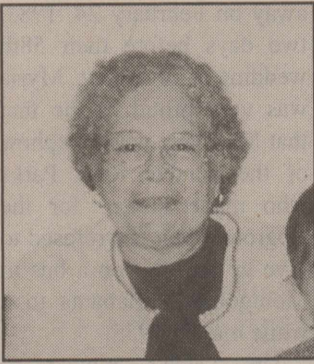
husband, Eric of Floydada, Texas; son, Tim Lipham and wife, Angie of Floydada, Texas; son, Joe Lipham and wife, Becky of Texarkana, Texas; daughter, Spring Winn and husband, Shannon of Apache Junction, Arizona; sisters, Nelda Wagoner of Ozona, Texas and Wanda Willard and husband, Irvin of Uvalde, Texas; brothers, Doyle Lipham and wife, Dovie of Aspermont, Texas and Wayne Lipham and wife, Mary Jo of Stigler, Oklahoma and Ida Belle Ewing and husband, Roy of Pasadena, Texas; 25 grandchildren; and 36 great grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at First Baptist Church - Moores Lane with Rev. Mike Holster of Levelland, Texas and Rev. Bobby White of Pleasant Oaks Baptist Church officiating. Burial was held in the Hillcrest Memorial Park under the direction of East Funeral Home - Moores Lane, Texarkana, Texas.

Family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 1, 2010 at East Funeral Home - Moores Lane, Texarkana, TX.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to DFW/USO P.O. Box 613306, DFW Airport, 75261 or www.uso.org/dfw

Family and friends may send tributes at www.eastfunerals.com.



ISABEL V. MOYA

Funeral Mass for Isabel V. Moya, 69, of Lockney was held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010 at San Jose Catholic Church.

Burial followed in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2010 at the San Jose Catholic Church.

She died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at her residence.

Isabel was born July 21, 1940 in Orange Grove, Texas to Juan and Isabel Villarreal. She married Baldomero Moya on September 13, 1967 in Orange Grove, Texas.

She was a Guadalupe and Cursillista and a member of the San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.

Preceding her in death was her son, Benjamin Moya in 2002.

Survivors include her husband, Baldomero Moya of Lockney; a daughter, Angie Salas and husband, Steven of Lockney; three granddaughters, Desiree Moya of Uvalde, Texas, and Susie and Elizabeth Salas of Lockney; three grandsons, Ben Moya, II of Austin, Texas, Angel Moya of Uvalde, Texas and John Salas of Lockney; and one daughter-in-law, Juanita Moya of Uvalde, Texas.

Thanks for Reading!



KAY FRANCIS BLACK WARE

Kay Francis Black Ware, 68, was called home to be with Jesus on Thursday, February 25, 2010 in Dallas, Texas surrounded by her daughters and grandchildren following a courageous battle with cancer. A Celebration of Life service was held at the Fairmont Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m. She will be laid to rest on the Ware Ranch along side her late husband. Services are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

She was born December 27, 1941 in Plant City Florida, to the late Chester and Katie Wilson. She later moved to Muleshoe, Texas and attended Muleshoe High School where she graduated in 1960.

Kay married Lyndal Black and they made their home in Muleshoe, Texas and later in Muncy, Texas. Kay had three daughters and they all eventually settled in Plainview. Kay worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Felix Crawford, DDS for 34 years. She also was employed by "M" Systems Bakery and then with Mrs. Kay's Bakery where she delighted in making exceptional wedding and birthday cakes.

In 1985, she met the man of her dreams, W. R. 'Raz' Ware. Raz and Kay lived life to its fullest on the ranch enjoying feeding cattle, riding four wheelers and horses in the canyon. They also delighted in going to conventions and taking long cruises.

Kay leaves behind her daughters and their husbands; Rody and Vina Hawkins of Raleigh, North Carolina, Jeff and Kevia Thomas of Coppell, Texas and Brad and LaShell Allen of Mesa, Colorado. Kay also treasured playing Grammy to her grandchildren, Kelsey, Kenan, and Kena Hawkins, Megan, Madison, and Mylie Thomas, Sierra and Aspen Packard and Sierra and Sidney Allen. She also leaves behind her sister, Gayle Robison of Magnolia, Texas.

Kay had a great passion for her faith where she devotedly served God as a Sunday School and bible study teacher and a VBS leader. Recently her bible study group at the Fairmont Missionary Baptist Church became one of her greatest treasures.

Memorials can be made to Fairmont Missionary Baptist Church Bible Study Class. Although she will be missed tremendously here, the angels are rejoicing in heaven.

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Thank you for your many kind expressions of sympathy to us during the illness and loss of Dallas. Your prayers, cards, flowers, food, and visits were appreciated.

It is a comfort to know we can count on God and each other for whatever life brings.

The Family of Dallas Ramsey

Gale Ramsey
Dr. Mike Ramsey and Rose Ramsey
De Lyn Wolcott and Dr. Roger Wolcott
Michael Ryan Ramsey and Connor,
Katelyn and Korynn Wolcott

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. *****	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Les Hall, Pastor Early Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m. Youth (Wednesday)...7:30 p.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. *****
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.....7:00 p.m. *****	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Lockney Rev. Ricky Carstensen, Pastor Sunday School9:30 a.m. Worship Service10:30 a.m. Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m. Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m. *****	PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Discipleship5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****
CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Bible Study6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 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. Tuesday8:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:30 p.m. *****	PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Floydada Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening6:00 p.m. *****
CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship9:00 a.m. Sunday School10:30 a.m. *****	MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST Lockney Jay Don Poindexter, Minister Bible Study9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.....7:30 p.m. *****	SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wed. Communion...8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m. *****
CHURCH OF CHRIST West College & Third, Lockney Steve McLean -Minister Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****	CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST Levi Sisemore, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study. 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.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. *****
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	OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 310 E. Mississippi Floydada Rev. David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m. Morning Praise...11:00 a.m. Evening Praise5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m. *****	TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Washington and 1st St. Sunday School9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service7:00 p.m. *****

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MR. AND MRS. JAMES MORRIS were honored with a reception at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney January 24, 2010 celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Nelda Gene Cunningham and James Morris were married December 15, 1959. Following Nelda's unscheduled knee surgery in December 2009, the reception was postponed and hosted in January by family members of the couple. A host of friends and family celebrated with the couple and were served punch, coffee, and a three-layered anniversary cake and sheet cake made by James' niece and sister, respectively. The table was decorated with a beautiful floral arrangement, 8x10 senior high photos of the couple, as well as the original bride and groom that had adorned their wedding cake. Following the reception the couple and family members gathered at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center for a catered dinner.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

We are located at 301 E. Georgia. Lunch starts at 12 noon. If you are 60 years or older come and join us. Meet your friends and make new ones. We are open Monday through Friday. Some of our people work on puzzles, some play games. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573. We do not have a mailing address at the center. Call Sylvia, our director, for more information.

Frances Weathersbee, her daughter Lee Finley and Lee's son Paul picked up Frances Saturday, February 20 to drive to Perryton, Texas to attend a bridal shower for Lee's daughter Deserae Finley the friends were giving to her. Lee and her family lived in Perryton about 15 or 20 years. Deserae will be getting married in March.

Recently Tommie Rowan's granddaughter Misti Daniel and her two children, Addison and Lillian, came to Floydada from Plano, Texas to visit Earl and Brenda Rowan and her grandmother. It was a weekend trip but they all had a very good time.

Our sympathy to the family of Myria Dade. She was 103 years old.

We do appreciate you remembering the

Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Louise Turner: Jennifer and Rob Runnels, Rick and Peggy Nicholson, John Keen, Vicki Ashley, Katie Keen, Cochran Memorial Hospital Nursing Staff, Bob and Evalene Goodnight.

In memory of Babe Jones: Roger and Bo Poage and family.

In memory of Chuck Schrecongost: Wilma Colston.

Thought For The Week: Cost of living in 1948

New house \$7,700

Average income \$2936 annually

Average rent \$70.00 a month

Harvard U. Tuition \$525.00 annually

Movie ticket 60 cents

Gasoline 16 cents a gallon

U.S. postage stamp 3 cents each

Granulated sugar 85 cents per 10 lbs.

Vitamin D milk 87 cents per gallon

Ground coffee 60 cents per lb.

Bacon 50 cents per lb.

Eggs 23 cents per dozen

Fresh ground hamburger 45 cents per lb.

Fresh baked bread 14 cents per loaf

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

FROM THE FLOYD COUNTY CENTENNIAL MAY 24, 1990 THE LOCKNEY BEACON—SINCE 1902

Frank N Oliver put out the first issue of the Lockney Beacon an April 14, 1902. The Beacon was printed on a George Washington hand press and all the printing equipment in the plant was owned by M. A. Shaw of Galesburg, Illinois. An enormous sum of \$5.00 per month was paid for the use of the equipment and the building. The original location of the building was across the street from the Seale Building on Main Street.

The Oliver family moved to Lockney in 1902 and Mr. Oliver purchased the subscription list and good will of the Lockney Ledger from Mrs. Claude V Hall.

The first issue of the paper was a seven-column paper with lines between the columns. Today we have a six-column paper with no lines.

The old Washington hand press on which The Beacon was first printed was a manpower press altogether and during the early years of publication Oliver manipulated the ink roller and Leslie Floyd furnished the manpower for the press.

When Mr. Oliver arrived on the plains he was amazed at the vast expanse of fertile acres covering the Llano Estacado waiting for the first plow without having to pull

or blast stumps. With the first issue of the Beacon he began to propound the possibilities of soil urging the growth of cotton and beneficial farming. Through his influence and persistence, Mr. R. C. McCollum built and operated the first cotton gin on the plains at Lockney in about 1903 or 1904. The capacity was 20 bales per day. It was the forerunner of the wonderful expansion and production of the present day.

An ardent defender of people and principles that were right, and a persistent booster for churches, schools and the worthy things that would make his home town a better place to live, Mr. Oliver dedicated all his editorial pages to the end that his home town might be the best in the world.

In 1907 the paper was sold to Ira Smith. He ran it for a year and sold it to Homer Steen in 1908. Steen ran the paper until 1912 and reported the news of the newly incorporated town of Lockney.

The paper sold in 1912 to Ben F. Smith. Smith was editor of the paper for eleven years and covered the events leading up to the incorporation of Lockney from a town into a city of more than 1,000 citizens. Smith remained in Lockney until 1923 when he moved to Snyder.

At this time he sold the paper to J. M. Adams and Robert W. Carter and worked for a month or so until the pa-

per was sold to H. B. Adams. Adams owned the paper until 1935. He saw it into the depression days of the twenties and thirties.

In 1935 J. L. Suits bought the Beacon and continued to cover events and write the news until 1938 when Bill Dison purchased the newspaper. He owned the paper for four years before Edgar Hayes took charge in 1943. Hays could be seen walking all over town with his advertising copybook under his arm.

Willis Reynolds became part owner of the paper and co-publishers with Hayes in 1952. The Beacon was located in a building on Main Street next door to the Seale Theatre (just North of Main and Bryant Streets). The original Beacon was located immediately across the street to the East.

Hayes was editor until 1972 when Jim Reynolds replaced him as editor and in July of 1972 the Reynolds family sold the paper to Wendell

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Floyd County Museum News

By Dorothy Turner

Our year at the museum has been very active despite the snowy weather. During January and February we have had 345 visitors from 20 Texas towns and from the states of New Jersey, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Georgia, Alabama and also from Ontario, Canada.

The digitized newspapers that we have added are very helpful in the genealogy research. Janet Milam has been helping the families of Kreis, Goolsby, Franz, Woods, Henry, Davis and Snodgrass. She has been working on the obituary records for both Lockney and Floydada for the early years of the 20's and 30's. While looking for these records we have found several interesting stories of the early years that will be of interest to all. As the Hesperian-Beacon has room, we will be sharing these with you. This coun-

ty was once a beehive of activity. Hopefully we can recapture some of this.

Memorials for the families of Paul Atteberry, Jesusa Mendoza, Evelyn Boren, Louise Turner, Dallas Ramsey, Babe Jones, Pat Frizzell, and Ronnie Poteet have been received.

On Saturday, February 20, Dr. Gary Smith, Associate Dean for Research, College of Architecture, of Texas Tech, brought a class of thirteen Post Graduate students over to tour the museum and do an architectural study on the buildings around the square.

Our gift shop is stocked with collectable Floyd County coins, Keep Texas Beautiful ornaments, Coronado Books, John Perry Books, Museum pictures and the new Willa Finley Wildflower Book. Drop by and shop with us. The Museum hours are 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

South Plains Hobby Club news

By Sandra Lass

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the home of Margie Young on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Members present included Ann Hartman, Margie Young, Janis Julian, Peggy Roberts, Carolyn Marble, Virginia Taylor, Lou Burseson, Joy Smitherman, Helen Teeple, Carol Hopkins and Sandra Lass. The theme of the meeting was Valentines. Hostesses Margie Young and Janis Julian prepared lunch: chicken enchilada soup, chili and crackers as well as coffee, tea and juice. Margie and Janis had decorated the tables with Valentine centerpieces, plates and napkins as well as provided Valentine cupcakes in cups and other desserts. Virginia Taylor brought Valentine candies and distributed red lapel pins: stylized dresses with the outline of a small heart on the left shoulder of each dress.

After lunch, Helen Teeple RN reminded the group that consistent with Valentine's Day, February was heart month and reviewed the signs of a heart attack. She said that while the most common symptom was a severe and persistent chest pain women often experienced left shoulder pain that radiated down the left arm. She also said that although these pains may not be indicative of a heart attack, they should not be ignored and recommended that anyone who had these symptoms should see a doctor immediately. Helen also said that there is a vaccine available to prevent shingles, a painful condition that often attacks individuals over the age of 60. She said that the vaccine could be obtained at the Hale County Health Department in Plainview and that anyone interested should call the Health Department for an appointment.

Virginia Taylor reported that the first representation of St. Valentine (there were several Valentines) appeared in the Nuremberg Chronicle in 1493. She said that he was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Emperor Claudius II (about 270 AD). Although Valentine was arrested and imprisoned for aiding Christians who were persecuted by Claudius,

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VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I was reading an area Sunday paper today. One of the articles was a reminder that February is celebrated as "Black Awareness History Month". It reminded me of Floyd County's oldest citizen Myria Dade who passed away at the age of 103 on February 19, 2010. Myria never failed to attend the "Old Settlers" meeting the third Saturday of every May. She was always honored with a plaque for being the oldest person present. She will be sorely missed this year.

One of my dearest Lockney friends is Ruby Kiser who was a nurse at Mangold Memorial for many years. Her husband Walter or "Bo" always helped my Donnie repair things. I always enjoy getting a telephone call from Ruby with news. She seems to always know what is happening in Lockney.

I received a call from Mary Ruth Fewell with the news that her granddaughter Jody Ansley Inveron, a former Lockney resident now of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, son Blain, a sophomore, has won the state championship in wrestling. Way to go Blain.

Talked to Gene Brotherton and she wanted me to thank Jerry and Linda Edwards for donating his mother Wilma Edwards' brand new wheel chair and walkers to the Center. They will certainly be appreciated.

On March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon Gale Wilson of Plainview will be at the Center to check hearing aids. People who have hearing aids will certainly appreciate having this service here at the Center. Gale is Mr. Wampler's daughter.

It is so good to have Jackie Spencer home from Oklahoma recuperating from her heart surgery and eating at the Center. Also it is good to have Evelyn Ulmer eating with us.

Matt and Megan McPherson want to thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers recently while they were in Dallas and Ft Worth. Baby Elle will have her cranial laser surgery Wednesday so by the time you get this paper

Thursday they may be on their way home or at least by Friday. We do so pray that our Baby Elle's surgery will be a success.

Ledell Brewer was airlifted to Lubbock today (Sunday) and had to have heart surgery. Please keep her on your prayer list

Sterling Cummings will have heart surgery this week at BSA in Amarillo to replace a valve. He will be in our thoughts and prayers.

I had a long visit this afternoon with my high school friend Kay Norman Hall (Glynn Earl Cummings' sister) of Hereford whose husband Elmo "Tuff" Hall passed away Tuesday, February 23. I really enjoyed our telephone visit and look forward to her visit in Lockney. Our sympathy and prayers are with Kay and her family.

Thoughts for the week are: The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

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March 6

Saturday: breakfast 8 a.m.

March 8-12

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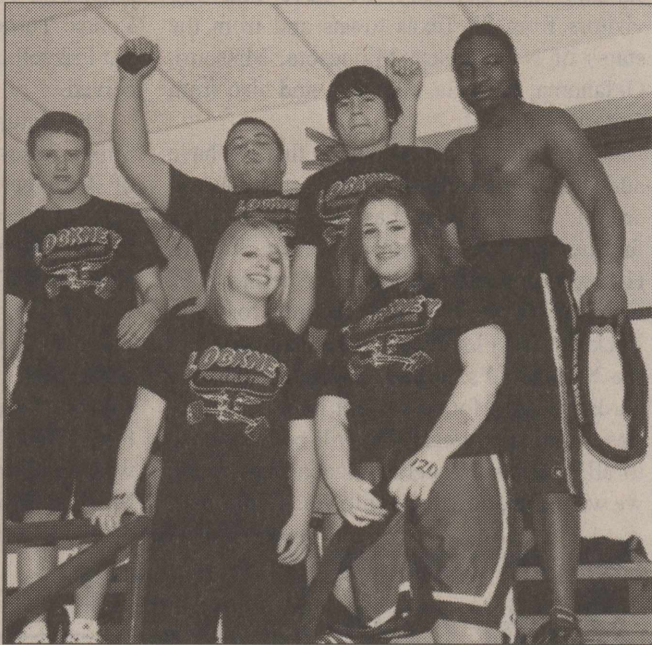
Longhorn powerlifters advance to regional meet

By Coach Kyle Browne

The Lockney Longhorns went to their last powerlifting meet of the season Saturday in Bovina. The Horns had their best showing of the season and gave it everything they had left in the tank.

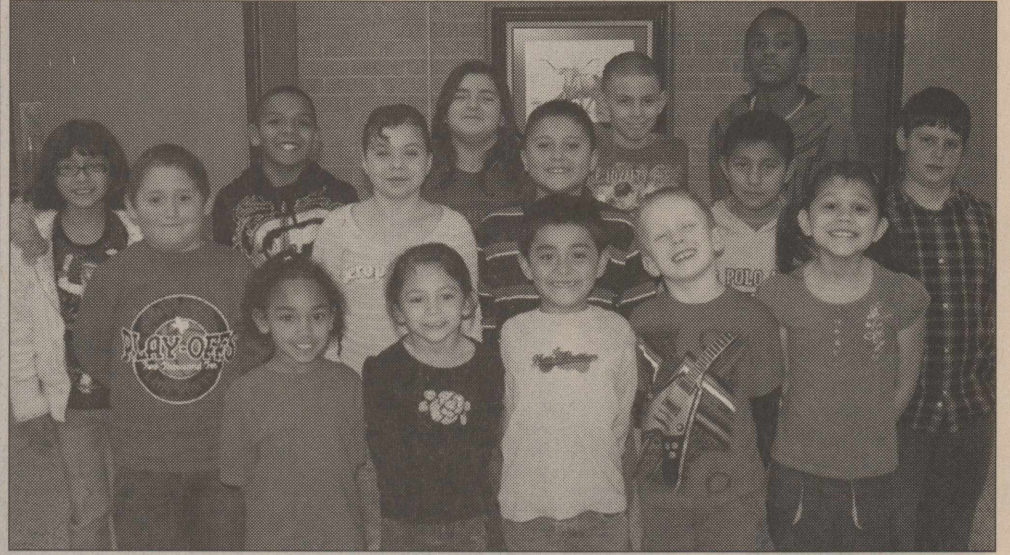
Walker Kemp placed first in his weight class, Shaq Thompson placed fifth in his weight class, Luke Sherman placed seventh in his weight class, Marcos Mercado placed 17th in his weight class, McKenzie Kemp placed fourth in her weight class and Rayann Race placed second in her weight class.

Walker Kemp and Shaq Thompson advanced to the regional meet on March 13 in Sundown. McKenzie Kemp advanced to the girls' regional meet on March 6 in Monhans.



Courtesy Photo by Ron Thomas

POWERLIFTERS – Lockney High School powerlifting team: Front, left to right: Rayann Race, McKenzie Kemp. Back, left to right: Luke Sherman, Walker Kemp, Marcos Mercado, Shaq Thompson.



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LITTLE LONGHORNS – Lockney Elementary School students of the week. Front, row, left to right: K/Ci Williams, Miranda Sarinana, Zeke Ramos, Justis Abbott, January Casias. Middle row, left to right: Dylan Morgan, Avery Poole, Devan Hernandez, Lee Jimenez, Nathan Dolloff. Back, left to right: Angelica Alvarado, Marcus Zuniga, Chasity Mendoza, Cesar Cienfuegos, Jaden Rosales.

Lockney Police Department 2009 Racial Profiling Report

Police Chief Casey Wallace presented the Lockney Police Department's annual report to the city council on racial profiling at the monthly council meeting Thursday, February 18. Wallace reported 371

contacts during 2009, including 18 black, 213 Hispanic, 138 white, zero Asian, and two "other." Of those, 269 were male and 102 female.

The full report for the 2009 calendar year:

371 contacts: 18 black, 213 Hispanic, 138 white, 2 other; 269 male, 102 female.

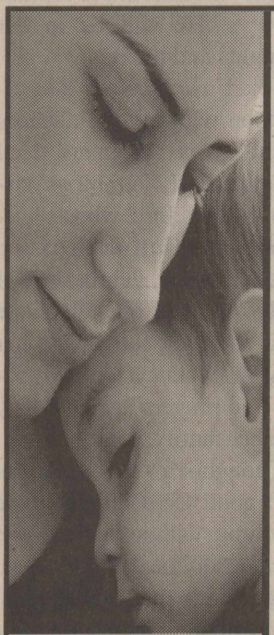
17 searches: 4 black, 10 Hispanic, 2 white, 1 other; 16 male, 1 female; 2 with contraband: 1 Hispanic, 1 white; 2 male.

80 citations: 5 black, 53 Hispanic, 22 white; 55 male, 25 female.

278 warnings: 12 black, 150 Hispanic, 115 white, 1 other; 201 male, 77 female.

13 arrests: 1 black, 10 Hispanic, 1 white, 1 other; 13 male.

Complaints filed on officers: 1 informal, 0 formal.



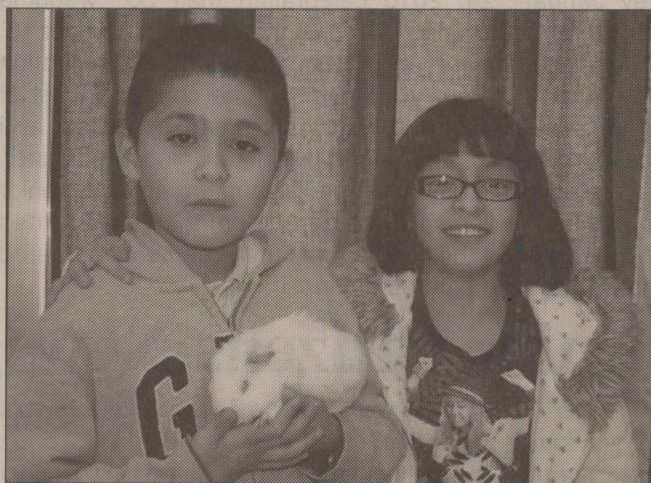
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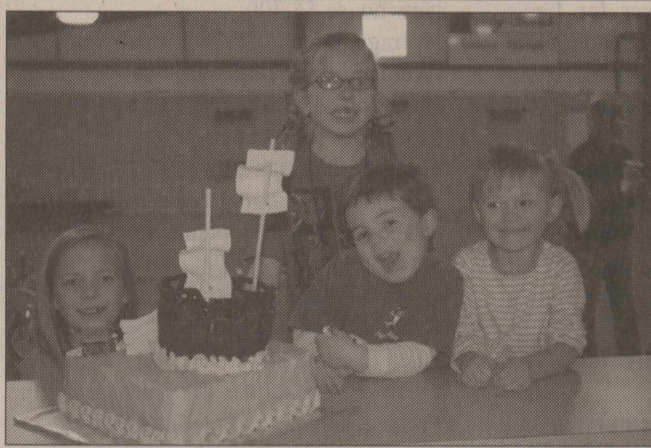
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SCIENCE STUDIES –Raymundo and Angelica Alvarado pose with "Rocky," the albino guinea pig. The 10-year-old twins are students in Mrs. Leigha Pate's fourth grade science class at Lockney Elementary School. The class is studying inherited traits, such as how eye and hair color are inherited from parents. Albinos like Rocky are the result of the inheritance of genetically recessive genes from both parents.



Courtesy Photo

Calin Teeple, son of Brian and Amiee Teeple, celebrated his 4th birthday at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Pictured are (l-r) Brooklyn Golden, his sister, Payton Teeple, Calin and Kirsten Pyle. Other family and friends were in attendance.

Unity Center News

By Elaine LaBaume

Since my last writing there have been five more events held at the Unity Center.

Calin Teeple celebrated his 4th birthday. The Unity Center is an excellent place to have your birthday parties for children or adults.

Children can bring their bicycles, skates, or scooters. The only thing that is not allowed is skateboards.

The other four meetings were Americot, Texas Alliance for Water

Conservation, Plains Cotton Cooperative Corporation and Alan Fondy with Winfield Solutions. These meetings were informative for area producers. There were five meals catered as one meeting included breakfast and lunch.

Floyd County Friends are planning their fifteenth annual gala on March 27th. Remember this is "The biggest social event of the year" held in Floyd County. Tickets can be purchased from Nick Long,

D & J Gin or Jon LaBaume. They are \$30 each or \$280 for a reserved table of 8.

The question has been asked, "Why does the flag for the Unity Center cost \$100?" The flag is a 5' x 8', a large flag. If anyone would like to donate a flag to the Unity Center, they can contact manager, Jon LaBaume. Memorials that have been received are: **Billie Cook, Lourn Powell, Chase Mitchell Beedy, Dylan Thomas, Buddy Brandes, Mike Mooney and Pat Frizzell.** Memorials can be made at Nick Long's, D & J Gin or mailed to Elaine LaBaume, 901 West Lee Street, Floydada, TX 79235.

You can call manager, Jon LaBaume, for quotes to rent the Unity Center 806-983-3334 or 847-7414.

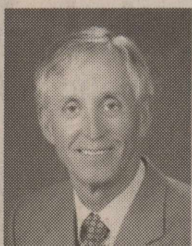
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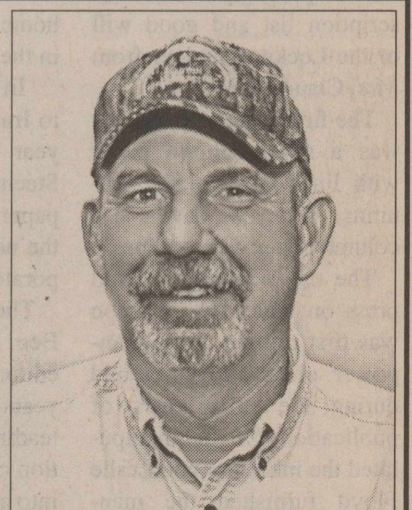


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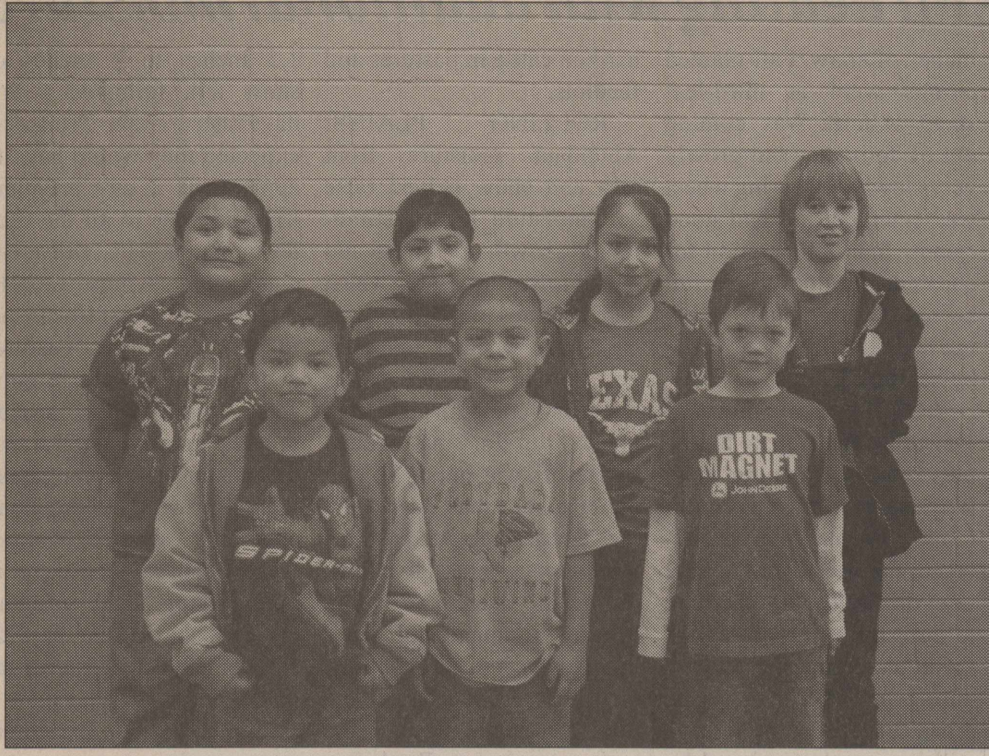


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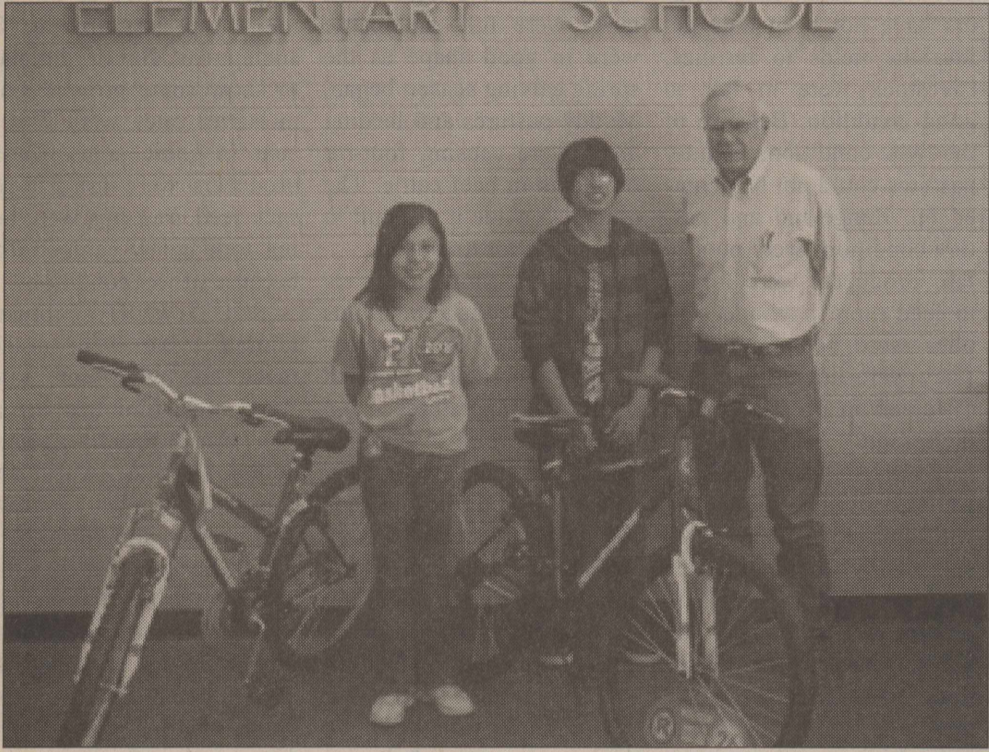
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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for March 1, 2010 were (front row, l-r) Anthony Garcia, Sebastian Pancardo, Brighton Strickland; (back row, l-r) Ruben Olvera, Dylan Zavala, Mercedes Guerrero and Haydon Oakes.



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DUNCAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for February 22, 2010 were (front row, l-r) Juan Gonzalez, Justin Delgado, Jazmin Pacheco, Kaitlyn Vega; (back row, l-r) Monty Stambaugh, Brittany Pena and Sonia Gonzales.



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THE FLOYDADA ROTARY CLUB presented two bicycles to students who had perfect attendance for the fourth six weeks. These students did not miss a day during the fourth six-weeks grading period. Winners shown are (left) Claryssa Segura and (middle) Albert Dehoyos. Also pictured is Wayland Jones (right), president of the Floydada Rotary Club.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU
March 8 – March 12

- Monday**
Breakfast-Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk
- Tuesday**
Breakfast- Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk
- Wednesday**
Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk
- Thursday**
Breakfast- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, fresh fruit, saltine crackers, milk
- Friday**
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk

Thanks for Reading!

WHIRLWIND TRACK MEET

Thursday, March 11th (Junior High)
&
Friday, March 12th (High School)

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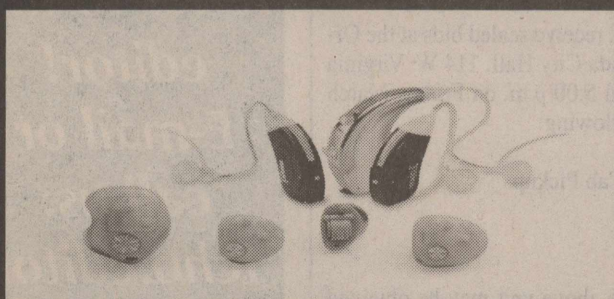
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Texas crop and weather report: state still dealing with additional moisture

COLLEGE STATION - - The considerably wetter-than-normal winter continued to be a double-edged sword for much of the state's agricultural producers, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In many areas, the plentiful moisture was greening up winter pastures and, by raising soil moisture reserves, was improving the outlook for spring planting. But hanging over many farmers' heads was the specter of delayed planting, particularly that of corn, according to reports from AgriLife Extension county agents across the state.

However, the problems were by no means universal. In the Panhandle, though muddy conditions also made it difficult for cattle and cattle feeders there as throughout the state, the moisture was greening up winter wheat. In the San Antonio area, the rain was moderated by dry weather, giving producers the best of both worlds, according to Jerry Warren, AgriLife Extension agent for Bexar County.

"Bexar County continues to receive good moisture, and land preparation is mostly complete for spring planting," Warren said. "Livestock producers are still feeding. Winter wheat and oats are in pretty good shape and should see better

grazing as average temperatures rise."

"More moisture is making things a little hard for some farmers to get into their fields and do any plowing," said Steve Sturtz, AgriLife Extension agent for Tom Green County, San Angelo. "But the winter wheat is really thriving in the area. Rangeland, pasture and wildlife are excellent."

"Rainfall in the early part of the week ranged from 0.01 inch to 0.43 inch, just enough to keep the topsoil moist and prevent good drying," said Jeffrey Stapper, AgriLife Extension agent for Nueces County, Corpus Christi. "Planting of corn, sorghum, and sunflowers continues to be delayed due to wet conditions. Soil temperatures remain very cool."

"Planting of crops is getting closer due to soils beginning to dry out," said Joe Janak, AgriLife Extension agent for Victoria County in the Coastal Bend area. "As of Friday (Feb. 26), no grain crop is known to have been planted in the county, but by Sunday some may be. Farmers are hopeful there will be no rain this weekend so planting can start."

"Fields were too wet to work," said Edward Schneider, AgriLife Extension agent for Robertson County, southeast of Waco. "We are already

at least a week to 10 days before we will be able to plant."

"We had snow and sleet, with temperatures into mid 20s and highs in the upper 40s," said John Toner, AgriLife Extension agent for Sabine County, east of Lufkin. "The ground is still saturated and winter pastures are slow to grow."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters: Central: Producers were waiting for fields to get dry enough to plant and making fertilizer applications where possible. Cool-season forage growth was slowed by cold, wet weather. Most wheat fields needed dry, warm weather. Livestock producers continued supplying supplemental feed to beef cattle. Coastal Bend: In most of the region, farmers had not yet started planting corn because of the wet ground and cool weather. The normal planting date for corn has already passed. Winter grasses were doing well under current weather conditions. Producers continued to provide supplemental hay and protein to livestock.

EAST: As much as 3 inches of snow fell in some parts of the region, followed by rain. With all the moisture and cold weather, all pasture and fieldwork was all but impossible. Farmers wanted to start to plant cool-weather vegetables, but were unable to due to soggy soils. Hay supplies were nearly depleted. Cattle began to look a bit thin in some counties, but overall, livestock were in fair to good condition with producers providing supplemental feed. Frequent feral hog damage continued to be reported.

FAR WEST: The region received from 1 inch to 6

inches of snow. Fall-planted onions were at third-leaf stage. Alfalfa was coming out of dormancy but growly very slowly. All spring wheat was emerged and had good stands. Land preparation for chiles and cotton was in full swing. Pecans trees were being hedged with some yet to be harvested.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from adequate to surplus with continuing rain. Because of wet field conditions, corn planting was delayed. Farmers could not get into the fields at this time to prepare for planting. If the fields do not dry enough during the next few weeks, much of the corn acreage will have to be replaced by a later-spring crop such as grain sorghum. Wheat was in poor to fair condition but were worsening due to the excess rain. Also, farmers have not been able get into the fields to fertilize. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Because of the wet conditions, winter pastures could not be counted on. Rangeland and pasture conditions were poor to fair. Producers were forced to feed more hay, and supplies were being depleted. They were buying hay out-of-region in order to finish the season.

PANHANDLE: Cold and wet conditions prevailed, with unpaved roads and fields still muddy when not frozen early in the day. Spring crop preparation remained on hold because of wet conditions. In some areas, wheat improved from recent moisture, but growth awaited warmer weather. Producers' hay supplies were becoming low, but cattle still needed supplemental feeding in order to maintain body weight. Cold weather combined with muddy conditions has been

hard on cattle in pastures and feedlots.

ROLLING PLAINS: Abundant moisture from rain and snow helped raise soil moisture levels, stimulating growth of wheat and oats. However, winter wheat and pastures needed warmer, sunny weather to really get growing. Where fields were dry enough, producers began top-dressing wheat. Fieldwork was put on hold in many other areas due to the wet conditions. As pastures were short on grass, livestock producers were providing heavily supplemental feeding. Hay was in short supply, but most producers believe they can make it until the spring green-up. Producers still have tough decisions to make as to whether to graze out wheat or harvest it as they consider weather, cattle and wheat prices. Stock tanks were full, and cattle were in good shape as the spring calving season began. Muddy pastures and feeding areas were causing foot-rot problems in beef cattle. The mud also made it difficult to herd cattle for treatment.

SOUTH: Most of the region had adequate to surplus soil moisture. The northern part of the region reported cooler temperatures and some fieldwork. Additional rainfall in the eastern parts of the region further set back the 2010 planting season. Row-crop farmers were becoming concerned about not being able to start field work and were having to plant later than normal.

Sorghum producers in the western part of the region prevent planting early due to another hard freeze. However, corn and sorghum producers in that area should begin planting soon as they have the choice to do so without pre-plant irrigation. Also in that area, cotton producers will begin planting in a couple of weeks if soil conditions become more favorable. Cabbage and spinach growers were actively harvesting. In the southern part of the region, the sugarcane harvest was at a halt and citrus and vegetable harvests slowed because of wet field conditions. Rangeland and pastures were in poor to fair condition. Livestock remained in fair condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: From

1.5 inches to 4 inches of snow fell, followed a few days later by rain. Producers expected they would have to apply little if any pre-plant irrigation due to all the winter moisture. This will mean significant savings in 2010 input costs. Wheat was in fair to good condition. Pastures and rangeland were in good shape with cool season grasses improving. The potential for native rangeland grass growth is excellent, and only awaited warmer weather. Livestock were in good shape, with producers only having to provide supplemental feeding on the colder and wetter days.

SOUTHEAST: Extremely wet conditions prevented any pre-plant preparation by corn and cotton growers. The normal corn-planting date has already passed. Annual ryegrass greened up but did not show any growth. In some areas, clovers did start to show some growth. Calf mortality rates were 7 percent in some areas. Cattle producers were using a lot sack feed. Pastures were being torn up by cattle traffic because of wet conditions.

SOUTHWEST: February rainfall totals were nearly twice the long-term rate. Rains will minimize irrigation costs. Spinach, cabbage, potatoes, lettuce, wheat and oats made excellent progress. The region should have a good wheat and oat crop this spring, after nearly four seasons of drought losses due to drought. Corn planting was almost completed, and sorghum planting was gaining momentum. Growers continued harvesting spinach, cabbage, broccoli and carrots. Ranchers concentrated on the calving, lambing and kidding season.

WEST CENTRAL: Cold, wet conditions continued. From 2 inches to 6 inches of snow added to the already very wet conditions in many parts of the region. Soil moisture was very good. Producers still could not do field work because of the wet conditions. Winter wheat was in good shape, but growth was slowed due to cold, damp conditions. However, the outlook remained very good. Rangeland and pasture conditions continued to improve. Stock tanks and ponds were catching runoff.

Livestock were in fair to very good condition. Livestock producers continued supplemental feeding due to cold, wet weather conditions.

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Notice of Public Sale to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 110 N. 5th Street in Floydada (Floydada Storage Spot). Property sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Contents of spaces generally described as household goods of the following tenants:

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Contact Rosie at Storage Spot - 806-853-9075.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF M. A. ULMER

Administration of the Estate of M. A. ULMER, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Evelyn Ulmer, on the 22nd day of February, 2010, in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5848 styled the Estate of M. A. ULMER, Deceased in which court the case is pending.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them within the time prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is:

Lex S. Herrington
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 445
Floydada, Texas 79235

DATED the 22nd day of February, 2010.

Lex S. Herrington
3-4c

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Floydada, Texas will receive sealed bids at the Office of the City Secretary at Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas 79235 until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2010 for the purchase of the following:

2009 Crew Cab Pickup

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Bidding specifications for the above unit may be obtained at the City Hall Police Department or by calling 806-983-2834 or by writing the City of Floydada.
2. Bids will be accepted by hand delivery, mail or fax. Please write "Police Vehicle Bid" on the envelope if hand delivered or mailed or on the cover sheet of the fax. Bids shall be to the attention of the City Secretary at the above address.
3. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and action will be taken at the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
4. The City Council of the City of Floydada reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

2-25, 3-4c

SECTION 00100

INVITATION TO BID

Motley County, Texas, will receive bids for furnishing and delivering one 30,000 steel ground storage tank and one 1500 gallon pressure tank to the Flomot Water Supply Association (WSA) in Flomot, Texas until 2:00 pm on March 15, 2010 at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions located at 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions, 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, phone 806-687-8322, fax 806-687-8323. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Mr. Chester "Ches" Carthel, P.E. at the office of the Engineer.

This is a unit price contract. **Method of payment to Contractor will be via check by the County after approved requests for payment.**

A Bid Bond (issued by an acceptable security) in the amount of 5 percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the County of Motley, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety, or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (i.e., Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Commerce and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Attention is called to General Condition 309, "Restrictions on Public Building and Public Works Projects". The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it:

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2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list.
3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

Motley County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Motley County for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

Ed. D. Smith, County Judge

February 25, 2010
March 4, 2010

2-25, 3-4c

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OPINIONS



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Happy Birthday

My wife had a birthday a couple of days ago. Normally, that is not a topic I would choose to write about. Today, it's all I feel like I can write about.

After her colon ruptured and she underwent emergency surgery on October 6, I wondered what was in store for us. Would she live? If so, what would her quality of life be? What was her long-term prognosis?

Life has been hectic since the fall. We both missed a tremendous amount of work over the final quarter of 2009 and have now spent months trying to catch up.

Sharon has her hands full at the store and I've got the newspapers which have undergone a series of transformations.

Our house is in a shambles as we are having some much needed work done to the 94-year-old structure.

Our boys continue to grow and learn and are the absolute joys of our life.

Currently, we are living with Sharon's parents as the dust from the work on our house forced us out.

Some of you men might be wondering what it would be like living under your in-law's roof. I can honestly say my in-laws have been wonderful. They have been most accommodating and handle the added noise and clutter very well.

My mother-in-law has been keeping up with the laundry and spending too much time preparing food. She could be construed as stubborn, but since she reads this, I digress.

In the days leading up to her birthday, I was very busy and didn't give it much thought. When it finally dawned on me that it was here, a sudden rush of emotion hit me like a punch in the stomach. It's hard to admit that there were points when I doubted this day would come ... at least with her.

There was no big party, no fantastic trip and no fanfare. Just a beautiful wife and mother who was still with us ... teaching us, inspiring us and loving us.

Now I'll probably be in trouble for writing about these things. They should be considered private. But, as I wrote some months ago, when it comes to this column, readers are going to have to take what I can give them and sometimes all I have in my heart to write about is her.

Even though the day came and went quietly, it was obvious Sharon was on all of our minds. And each February 28 will be a very happy birthday for years to come.

Christopher Blackburn is the president of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication.

San Angelo Stock show results

By J. W. Wagner
CEA-FCS Floyd County

From February 22 through the 27, thirteen Floyd County 4-H members participated in the San Angelo Stock Show. Starting off the show, SyAnn Foster had the Grand Champion Simmental heifer. Kortney and Kolby Williams exhibited goats and lambs, Kortney had a goat that placed 9th.

Three Floyd County 4-Her's exhibited breeding gilts at the Certified Texas Bred Registered gilt show. Kirby Nixon had a 1st place

spot and a 2nd place Chester, and a 5th place York.

In the Junior Breeding Gilts Heston Graves had a 2nd Place Berkshire, a 4th place Chester; Braden Graves had a 2nd place York, Kirby Nixon had a 3rd place Chester, and a Breed Champion Spot; Jared Orr exhibited a Reserve Breed Champion Spot, and Keenan Nixon also exhibited breeding gilts.

The breeding show was followed by the market barrow show, with six exhibitors representing Floyd

County, those exhibitors were Keenan Nixon, Kirby Nixon, Montana Williams, McCrae McCormick, Madolyn McCormick, and Cutter Smith.

The steer show was represented by Kaylie Nutt and SyAnn Foster. SyAnn's steer was 4th place.

Then, on Saturday, Rita Martinez, Madolyn McCormick, McCrae McCormick, Cassie Martinez, SyAnn Foster, and Taylor Orr competed in the Livestock Judging Contest.

San Antonio Stock show results

By J.W. Wagner
CEA-AG Floyd County

During February Major Stock Shows continue down the road. Ten Floyd County 4-H'ers exhibited livestock at the 2010 San Antonio Livestock Show held February 8 - 20.

The Junior Goat and Gilt shows were all held during the week of February 8 - 12. McCrae McCormick

had a 4th place Berkshire, Heston Graves has a 3rd place Chester, 5th place Duroc, Braden Graves had a 7th place Duroc, 6th place Spot, 8th place Yorkshire, Madolyn McCormick had a 9th place Duroc, 6th place Hampshire, Kirby Nixon had a 5th place Chester, 4th place spot, 10th place Yorkshire, and Keenan Nixon had a 6th place spot. Both Kortney and Kolby

Williams showed their goats on Friday, February 12.

The final week consisted of the Junior Market Lamb, Barrow and Steer Shows. Kortney Williams exhibited a Medium Wool Lamb, Montana Williams exhibited a Crossbred Barrow in the Junior Barrow, and Kaylie Nutt was the only steer exhibitor.

Congratulations to all Floyd County 4-H exhibitors on an outstanding job at this year's San Antonio Stock Show. Be watching for future show results as 4-H'ers will be participating in the upcoming San Angelo and Houston Livestock Shows.

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USDA Announces Additional 300,000 Acres for Wildlife Habitat Expansion and Intent to Conduct General Conservation Reserve Program Signup In 2010

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 27, 2010 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA has approved an additional 300,000 acres for conservation projects under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). These additional areas include 150,000 acres for the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative; 50,000 acres for the Duck Nesting Habitat Initiative; and 100,000 acres for the Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds Initiative. Vilsack made this announcement at the Pheasant Fest annual meeting.

"Increasing acreage caps to meet the demand for these critical programs will help us do more for wildlife on the same number of acres," said Vilsack. "This is part of our efforts to target conservation to give the American taxpayer more bang for the buck in terms of improved water and air quality, reduced erosion, and benefits to the climate."

Secretary Vilsack also announced that USDA would conduct a general CRP signup later this year, with program details and the specific signup start date to be announced upon completion of an Environmental Impact Statement.

"It is my goal to ensure that we maximize CRP enrollment - and holding a general CRP signup is an additional step we can take to enroll acres in this program," said Vilsack.

Currently USDA's SAFE portfolio includes 75 approved projects in 22 states covering up to 500,000 acres. With these additional acres, SAFE projects may now cover up to 650,000 acres. SAFE helps state and regional agencies, non-profit organizations and others address local wildlife objectives by partnering with farmers and ranchers to restore wildlife habitats.

SAFE provides conservation partners the flexibility to create projects and install conservation practices that target the specific needs of highly valued wildlife species. By developing SAFE projects, these organizations and their partners enhance the effectiveness of CRP by helping to establish higher

quality habitat and healthier ecosystems for species of concern and other wildlife.

Restoring an additional 50,000 acres of wetland ecosystems for the Duck Nesting Habitat Initiative will provide nesting ducks with critical habitat, food and nesting cover as well as security from predators. This habitat encompasses ecosystems in the Prairie Pothole Region, including parts of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. The initiative also benefits other wildlife species, filters runoff, recharges groundwater supplies, protects drinking water and reduces downstream flooding. With the additional acres, the initiative is now authorized to cover up to 150,000 acres.

The Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds Initiative was created to provide 250,000 acres of early successional grass buffers along agricultural field borders. With these additional acres, upland bird habitat under the initiative may now total up to 350,000 acres. The initiative partners USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) with landowners, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 32 state fish and wildlife agencies, and numerous conservation and wildlife groups.

CRP is the nation's largest private land conservation program with authority to enroll 32 million acres. CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land.

Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Cotton Market Weekly

Cotton futures on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) took a breather Wednesday after rallying for more than two weeks as profit taking pushed prices lower in consolidation.

The modest retreat, however, was short-lived as futures prices soared to their highest levels in almost two years on Thursday. The week began with steady buying that pushed ICE cotton futures to 17-month highs on Monday.

The most active May contract settled up 201 points on Thursday at 81.17 cents per pound after touching 81.78 cents earlier in the session. Analysts pointed to news from China as one reason cotton resumed its bullish rally.

On Thursday, China's National Bureau of Statistics showed the country's cotton production in 2009 fell almost 15 percent from 2008 to approximately 29.4 million bales. The figure was in line with earlier estimates from the NBS, but it was lower than the agricultural ministry's forecast of almost 30.8 million bales. The most recent estimate from the

International Cotton Advisory Committee pegged Chinese production in 2009 at 31 million bales while the China Cotton Association estimation was for 31.2 million, and USDA's was 32 million bales.

Lower cotton production could force China, the world's largest cotton importer, to purchase more cotton from abroad to meet demand from its domestic textile industry. In fact, the NBS data also showed the country's traders imported almost four times more cotton in January 2010 compared to the same month last year. The same report also noted transportation problems from China's largest cotton-producing region are contributing to the tight domestic supply situation. However, China was noticeably absent from the latest weekly export report from USDA.

The department reported net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Feb. 18 totaled a net 113,300 bales, down 69 percent from the previous week and 75 percent from the prior four-week average. Turkey was the featured buyer. Analysts noted most of China was on holiday during that reporting week.

Export shipments for the week totaled 231,000 bales, a marketing year high, up 12 percent from the previous week and 22 percent from the previous four-week average. China, Turkey and Mexico were the primary destinations. In the spot cotton market,

producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 19,243 bales online in the week ended Feb. 25, down significantly from the previous week when 38,473 bales were sold. Prices received by the producers ranged from 62.91 to 73.23 cents per pound versus 62.22 to 70.54 cents per pound the previous week.

With the approach of cotton planting in much of the major cotton producing regions of the United States, some traders were keeping watch on weather conditions. A storm system moved through California's cotton growing regions during the week, bringing welcome rain to the San Joaquin Valley and snow in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Some heavy snowfall and blizzard conditions in the mountains added to the winter snow pack there and improved the water outlook for spring and summer.

Snowfall in West Texas this week also added to soil moisture levels in parts of the region and was followed by clear and warmer conditions. Meanwhile, warm and sunny weather was reported in South Texas and along the Gulf Coast.

Scattered rains moved across Alabama and Georgia at mid-week, and the precipitation was expected to move into the Carolinas and Virginia by the weekend. Elsewhere in the Delta, some scattered showers were expected in southern Mississippi and parts of Louisiana.

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Floyd County students compete in Fort Worth

By J. W. Wagner, CEA-AG Floyd County

The 2010 major livestock show season kicked off at the 114th edition of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth on January 15 - February 7, 2009. Floyd County 4-H exhibitors were 22 strong over the three-week event.

To start off the Junior Division Gilt and Heifer shows were held the weekend of January 22-25. Floyd County 4-H had four Junior Breeding Gilt exhibitors participate with the following results: Kirby Nixon, 5th Chester, Madolyn McCormick, 4th Duroe, McCrae McCormick and Keenan Nixon also exhibited gilts.

One 4-H exhibitor competed in the Heifer Division. SyAnn Foster exhibited the Reserve Heifer Calf Champion Simmental.

The second weekend of the show January 30 - February 1 the Junior Market Lamb Show was held. Tristan Schlueter exhibited a 14th place southdown lamb.

The final week of the show, February 2 - 6, the Junior Market Barrow and Steer Shows were held. Six Floyd County 4-H junior barrow show exhibitors that competed were Madolyn McCormick, McCrae McCormick, Corbin Nutt, Kelsey Nutt, Kaylie Nutt and Montana Williams.

A total of twelve Floyd County 4-Hers exhibited in the Junior Market Steer Show. Reagan Hughes had a 2nd place win with a lightweight Crossbred steer, and Haden Lipham placed 8th with his heavy weight Crossbred steer. Kelsey Nutt received 12th place with her heavy weight Polled Hereford, Mason Lipham placed 13th with his heavy weight Crossbred steer. Other steer exhibitors were: Corbin Nutt, Tabitha Faulkenberry, Destry Faulkenberry, Chris Emert, SyAnn Foster, Christi Hill, Tara Hughes and Kaylie Nutt.

Hats off to all 22 Floyd County 4-H exhibitors on an outstanding showing at the 2010 Fort Worth Junior Livestock Show.

HISTORY

Tooley. Tooley had also bought the Floyd County Hesperian and the two newspapers were merged into the Floyd County Publishing Company. The publication began putting out papers twice a week, each Thursday and Sunday. However the identity of both The Beacon and The Hesperian was maintained through individual front pages and sports pages.

Joe Frank Hawkins was editor of The Beacon and served in that capacity until March 1974. He was succeeded by Jim Huggins. Huggins remained at the paper until 1976 when he went to work at Floydada. Charles Cheshire was editor for a short time in 1976 and the last of 1976 Huggins came back. He remained until March of 1980. The Beacon moved from its location next to the Seale Building to its present location at 211 North Main Street.

Tooley sold the newspapers to the Bluebonnet Media Corp. of Austin, a division of the Rust Group in June, 1979. John Carroll served as overseer of the Beacon. Carolyn Redding served as editor for a part of this time.

Ken and Louise Towery, of Austin pur-

chased the Lockney Beacon and Floyd County Hesperian in November, 1983. Carolyn Redding continued as editor. During this time the newspapers were turned into separate papers again each with its own individual style.

Alice Towery Gilroy, daughter of Ken and Louise Towery, joined the staff of the papers and in July, 1985. She became editor of both papers. In 1986 Jim Bob Reynolds, former editor of the Beacon, rejoined the staffs of the paper and was named editor and Gilroy took the position of publisher.

Reynolds served as editor until the summer of 1988 when he resigned to become the editor of The Tullia Herald. Gilroy then became editor and publisher.

Members of the staff of the Beacon are Alice Gilroy, editor; Neta Marble, associate editor and office manager; Juanita Stepp, bookkeeping and layout; Rosemary Gonzales, typesetting and layout, and Tami Nielson, typesetting and layout.

Ken Towery has a newspaper background and a love for the small town papers. He sees the newspapers as a history lesson in the years to come.

HOBBY CLUB

Claudius took a liking to Valentine until he tried to convert the Emperor to Christianity. Claudius condemned Valentine to death. He was beaten with clubs and stones, but when that didn't kill him, he was beheaded. It was a Pyrrhic victory for Claudius. While the Emperor may have won the battle with Valentine, he lost the war. Who celebrates Claudius' Day?

During the January 2010 planning meeting, the group elected the following officers: Janis Julian, President; Virginia Taylor, Vice President; Sandra Lass, Recorder; Ann Hartman, Treasurer; Ann Hartman and Margie Young, Telephone Committee. The Hobby Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month January through May and September through December.

Peggy Roberts prepared the 2010 Hobby Club Calendar and Virginia Taylor contributed the helpful hints and other suggestions for each month. The helpful hints for February include a remedy for keeping cut flowers alive: give them sugar for nourishment and an acidic ingredient like

lemon-lime soda or aspirin. Virginia said that a drop of bleach prevents bacteria and also lengthens the flower's life. She also said that one can remove spots by combining one cup of distilled water with one cup rubbing alcohol and two teaspoons of dish detergent. Spray on the spot and launder as soon as possible.

Ann Hartman reminded the group that the Hobby Club dues of five dollars per year for expenses were due for 2010. Janis Julian thanked Peggy and Virginia for the preparation of the 2010 calendar and mentioned that several of the club's meetings will be held at the South Plains Baptist Church and suggested that the group

consider making a donation to cover expenses such as heating, cooling, lights and the use of the kitchen. The group agreed to contribute \$40 to the church.

Janis thanked the group for coming to the meeting and said that for those who wished to stay, several card games had been planned for the rest of the afternoon. The group thanked Janis, Margie and Virginia for the wonderful food and favors. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Janis advised the group to meet at the South Plains Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m. for a trip to Roaring Springs, lunch at The Windmill and a tour of Matador Lodge.

FLOYD CHAMBER

Adams at Assiter Insurance, Justin Payne at Payne's Pharmacy and any other director about joining the chamber in its reorganization. All interested businesses and individuals are also invited to the next meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Room of First National Bank, 124 S. Main, Floydada, Texas.

The Chamber has been

an ongoing entity serving the City of Floydada citizens and businesses since its inception in 1915 according to records at the museum.

Director Jimmy Willson says this is the third reorganization of the Chamber he is aware of and encourages all those desiring to promote Floydada to consider becoming a part of the Chamber by signing up for membership.

Time to think about your heart

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS Floyd County

Throughout the month of February, we are swarmed with decorations and candy that remind us of Cupid, love, and February 14th. While the hearts that cover Valentine's Day merchandise are meant to represent love, they should also serve as a simple reminder for us to take care of our hearts. The next time you see one of these hearts, think about your own heart, and ask yourself if you are living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

While the rates of death due to cardiovascular disease are on the decline, it is still the number one cause of death in the United States. Many risk factors of cardiovascular disease can be controlled by a living a healthy lifestyle and making wise choices every day. A proactive approach to heart health also involves visiting your doctor to find out about your cholesterol and blood pressure.

While some risk factors of heart disease are out of our control, such as age and genetics, there are many things we can control through our everyday choices. Everyday choices include what you eat and how much you exercise. A heart-healthy diet is nutrient rich and includes lots of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low fat dairy products. It limits foods that are high in calories and low in nutrients, and also limits saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, and sodium. It is recommended that healthy people age 18-65 exercise at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week. The exercise you do can be whatever you enjoy the most C swimming, jogging, walking, biking, or playing a sport C the important thing is that you are engaging in physical activity. Finally,

as part of a heart-healthy lifestyle, you should make the pledge to quit smoking or vow to never start. While many people associate smoking with lung cancer, which is true, it is also a major risk factor for heart disease.

One added bonus to living a heart-healthy lifestyle is that it is also a cancer-preventative lifestyle. Not smoking, exercising regularly, and eating healthfully will help reduce your risks of developing certain types of cancers along with greatly benefiting your heart health.

Seeing one of cupid's hearts should also remind you to visit your doctor and find out how your own heart may be doing. You should have your blood pressure measured to know if you have prehypertension or hypertension, which is high blood pressure. It is estimated that one in three U.S. adults has high blood pressure. Having hypertension or pre-hypertension can increase your risk of stroke, heart attack, heart failure, and kidney failure. While at the doctor's office, you should also have a blood test to determine your cholesterol levels. Having high cholesterol levels may also put you at increased risk for heart disease. Knowing you have high cholesterol or blood pressure can help you and your doctor make decisions about changes you can make to help lower or decrease these numbers and lower other risk factors.

TexasAgriLifeExtension Service and Texas Cancer Council remind you to live a heart-healthy lifestyle.

Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist B Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Meghan Wernicke. February 2008.

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in Plainview that evening. Stockholders are encouraged to attend the meeting in their area to conduct association business, hold director elections, and to receive their 2010 patronage checks. Additional information with an RSVP request will be sent to stockholders around March 5th.

Reflecting the national economy, 2009 was a challenge for the association. CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. reports, "earnings and credit quality were negatively impacted; however, we have the capital strength to stand these difficult times. The association is positioned for a strong recovery in 2010."

Williams further ex-

plained, "The 2010 cash patronage of \$2,150,000 is about double what we were able to return last year." The cash patronage is a return of interest paid by customers in 2009, and amounts to about 12 cents on every 1 dollar of interest paid. "The increase in cash patronage is a positive statement for our association and the local agriculture economy," said Williams.

With a stockholder elected board of directors, Panhandle-Plains Land Bank provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>

Relay for Life needs teams

The annual Floyd County Relay for Life will be held April 30, 2010 in the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy. Organizers need teams from both Lockney and Floydada to participate in the fund-raising effort for the American Cancer Society.

Next planning meeting for the Relay for Life is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, March 22 at City Bank in Lockney.

To sign up or for more information contact Yara Poole at City Bank, 652-2955, or cell, 292-0502; or Melissa Kunselman at Kaleidoscope, 652-3355; or home, 652-8842

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States; Transportation went from horses to automobiles; the Civil Rights Movement; Segregation ruled illegal; First man on the moon; Scotch Tape; Hershey's Candy Kisses; Bubble Gum; Kellogg's Corn Flakes; Instant coffee; Cellophane, and Microwaves.

Myria was again honored to be able to vote for and witness the election of the first African American President of the United States of America.

"A Great Lady has become a Precious Memory"

CULINARY

it," said senior Steven Potter. "I'm planning on attending Le Cordon Bleu and opening my own restaurant someday."

"I'm very artistic, and this course helped me expand my creative views," said senior Kyrstin Latimer." Chef Hayes is my favorite teacher because he really relates to us. He's like a friend, but we also respect him as our instructor.

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