

## Dickie McCarty appointed as city water-street head

The lowest of three bids for seal coating approximately 16 blocks was accepted Thursday morning by Lockney City Council during its regular May meeting. High Plains Pavers submitted the successful bid of \$9,690.

Kerr Construction Co. bid \$12,540 and Ronnie Zahn Paving, Inc.'s proposal was \$11,250.

A.C. Bowden, the consulting engineer of Lubbock, examined the bids and recommended that the city governing body accept the High Plains Pavers' proposal.

Stipulations call for the street improvement project to be completed in 120 calendar days or prior to Sept. 1.

W.L. Carthel, who has been associated with the city since Aug. 1, 1964, and longtime water-street superintendent, is retiring "at the end of May."

The council appointed Richard T. (Dickie) McCarty to succeed Carthel as water-street superintendent, effective June 1. He will also serve as building inspector.

McCarty was authorized to hire "part-time summer help at minimum wage." McCarty has been a city employee since May 1982.

### VIOLET COOPER TO OPERATE POOL

Violet Cooper will again operate the city swimming pool this summer, as she has in recent years.

The city council received bids Thursday morning on paving but deferred acceptance until a Tuesday night (May 12) called session.

A City of Floydada request to support that town in its efforts to secure a minimum security prison was honored as the council's agreed to support Floydada's efforts. A letter of endorsement will be forwarded.

A resolution was passed supporting Lubbock's efforts to be chosen as the supercollider location. This is a massive federal project.

Lockney municipal officials agreed to enter into an interlocal assistance agreement with Floyd County. A similar pact presently exists between the two county towns.

### MOSQUITO SPRAYING

City fathers agreed to contract with Southwest Aerial Services, Inc., for mosquito spraying this year. The firm has been engaged for that service here in recent years.

Robert Webb, representing the Lions Club, met with the council regarding a cable weather alert for Lockney. The

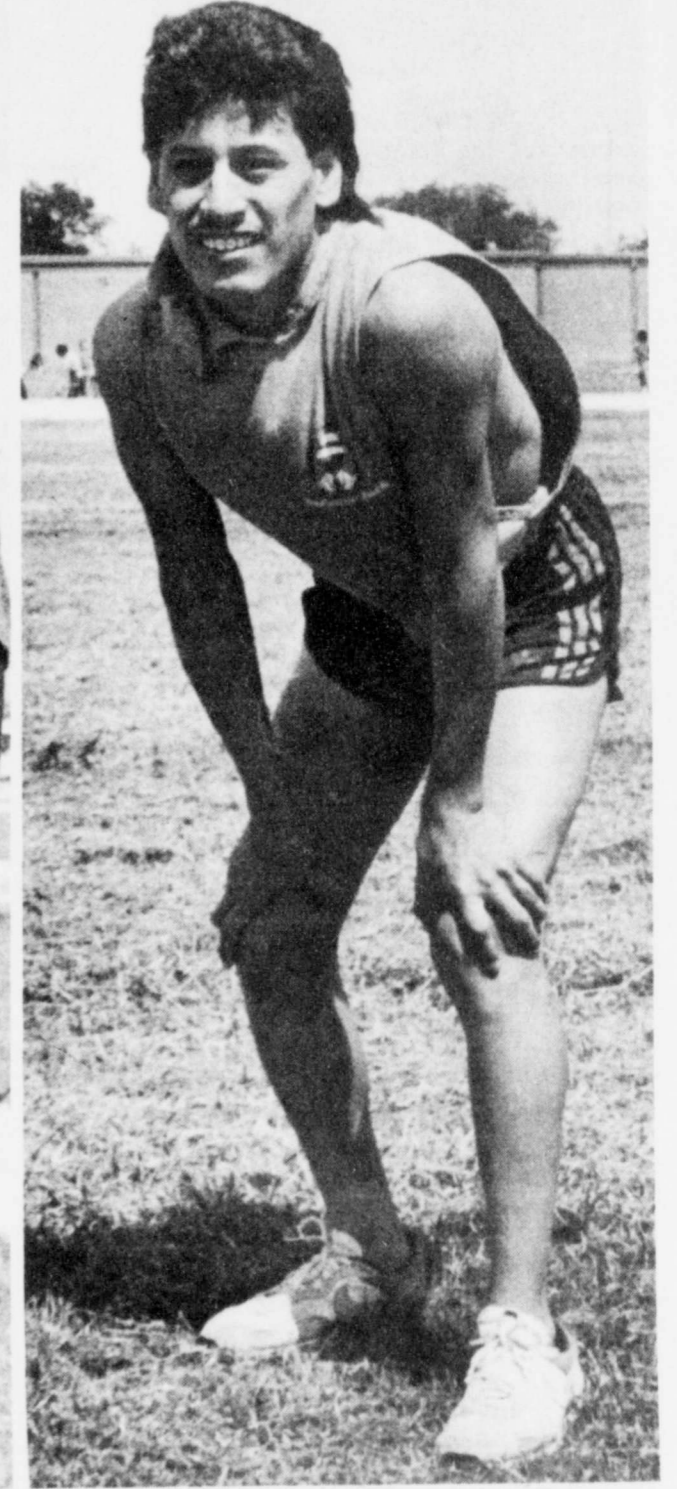
Lions have raised approximately \$1,500 for this service, and the city was asked to pay some \$1,300 to complete the project or any part of this amount.

City Attorney Paul Lyle pointed out that the city cannot legally use public funds for such a project.

The "Handbook for Mayors and Council Members in General Law Cities," published by the Texas Municipal League, states: "The donation of municipal funds to garden clubs, the girl scouts and other private organizations or individuals is prohibited, no matter how worthy the purposes. This prohibition does not apply to expenditures made in connection with contracts for services provided by engineers, architects and other professionals, nor to the payment of dues to the Texas Municipal League, councils of governments or similar organizations."

In another matter, the council voted to make necessary repairs on the white police car.

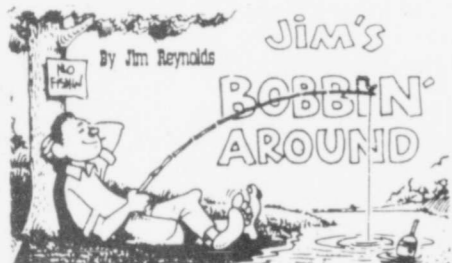
Mayor Dan Smith conducted the meeting, which was attended by all aldermen: Ronnie Aston, J.D. Copeland, Jerry Johnson, Gary Marr and Kenneth Wofford. Also present were City Secretary Erma Lee Duckworth, Lyle and Bowden, plus representatives of the firms submitting bids.



STATE-BOUND—Ron Thomas holds a discus, which is her event in the state track meet, and Eddie Garza gets set for a private run in the 1,600 meter run. The Lady Horn and

Longhorn athletes have earned a trip to the state meet by placing second in regional.

Staff Photo



**MISINTERPRETATION**  
 Some situations just aren't exactly what they first appear to be.

An elementary school student in this county received a research assignment and decided on "drugs" — a well-discussed subject in today's world — as the topic.

Since home material on the subject was rather limited, he and his mother visited with lawmen and were given brochures about drugs.

The assignment was discussed at home, and a younger brother — a first grader — was infatuated with the conversation.

Excitedly the next morning, the younger brother told his teacher about the older member of his family going to the sheriff's office and discussing drugs.

Now this could be misinterpreted, which it was by the teacher. She asked her young student more about the brother, drugs and the law. It was at this point that the TRUE picture came into focus.

### RIGHT OCCUPATION

NFL quarterbacks averaged \$367,000 in 1985. Defensive linemen made an average of \$229,240, while offensive linemen averaged \$181,240. Kickers drug up the rear with an average salary of "only" \$128,690.

By comparison, the average American public school teacher received a salary of \$25,257 that same year.

—Wendell Faught—Haskell Free Press

### CAN'T READ

Maybe you've noticed the commercials on TV for adult education...in particular learning to read. Jody and I have talked about this problem, and we both feel it is one of the saddest things in the world, for an adult to be unable to read. I am sure no one knows better than the adult, himself, how bitter and defeated a person can feel, when they are unable to read.

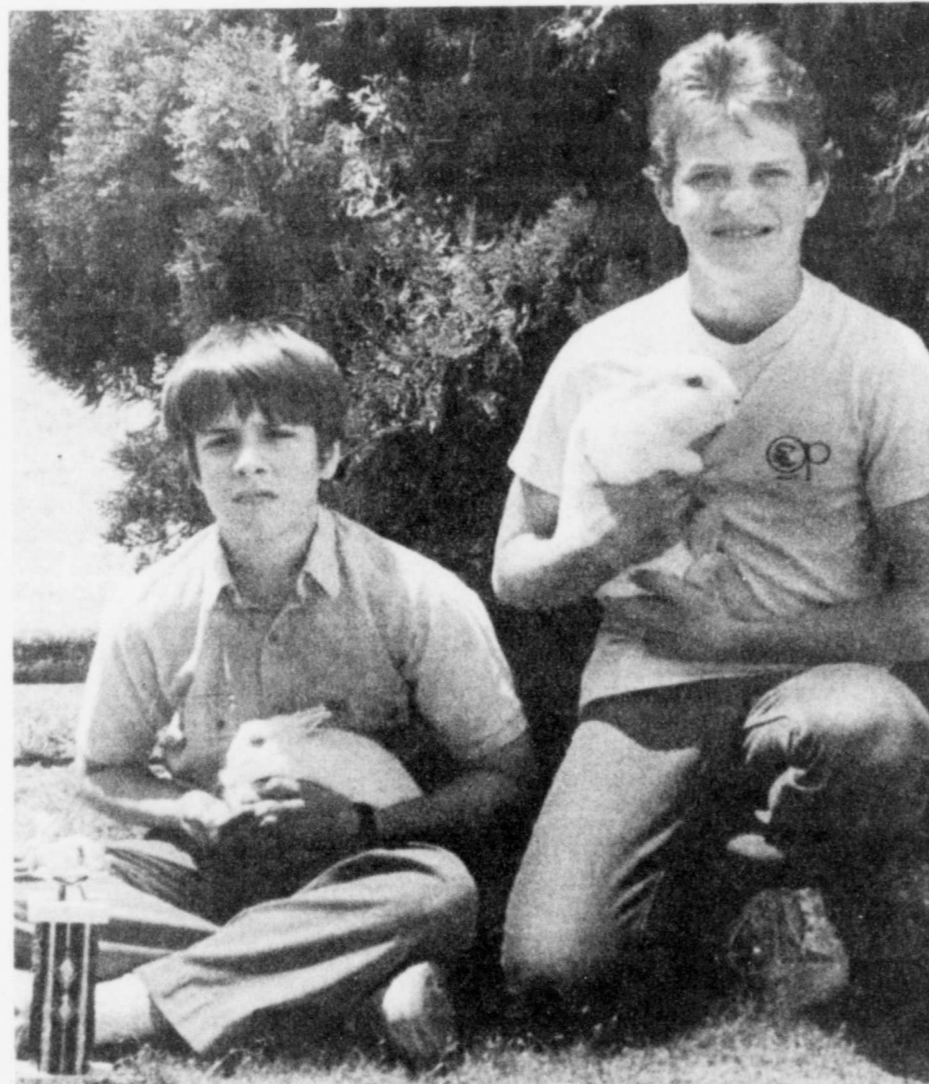
How in the world do they get by? Imagine not being able to read a street sign, a letter, a book of any kind; not knowing how to fill out a form or paper, how to help your children, even in the beginning of school.

I don't really think I've ever known anyone who was totally illiterate...unable to read or write. —Jimmye Taylor, Paducah Post

### CoC memberships due

Members and prospective members of Lockney Chamber of Commerce are reminded that dues for the ensuing year are being received. They remain the same price: \$24 annually for business and \$12 for individuals.

Members are asked to "please mail your dues to J.D. Copeland, treasurer, Lockney Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 85, Lockney, Texas 79241."



LOCAL WINNER — Cory Armstrong (left) of Lockney had the best opposite sex — a senior doe Ruby-Eyed White — in the Netherland Dwarf breed at the Double Spring Rabbit Show, held Saturday at Lockney Community Center and sponsored by Floyd County Rabbit Breeders Association. Four hundred and 43 rabbits were entered and shown. Winners came from San Angelo, Andrews, Amarillo, Carlsbad, N.M., Logan, N.M., Wichita Falls, Bledsoe, Dimmitt, Plainview, Seminole, Midland and Lockney. Scott Armstrong, another local exhibitor, is shown with his nephew. — Staff photo

## This Week . . . Membership in Senior Citizens climbs to 140

### CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

There will be a meeting of the Lockney Cemetery Association held in conjunction with Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the community center, in east Lockney.

Brother Frank Duckworth will bring a memorial program. Dee Copeland will give the financial report and there will be an election of officers for the coming year.

### WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Lockney Women's Softball Association will hold a coaches/team representative meeting Monday, May 18 at 7:30 at Lockney Junior High.

Entree fee and tentative roster will be due at this time. For more information call Karen Quebe at 293-5788 or Julie Hancock at 652-2497.

## 12 more days of school

A covered dish supper and a briefing on progress of the organization's new center are scheduled today (Thursday) by Lockney Senior Citizen Association. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

The recently-founded organization had 140 paid members "up to Friday night," officials told The Beacon on Monday.

Proceeds from Friday's Mother's Day

bake sale totaled \$600. The bake was "a success due to the people who bought and the people who brought goods."

The recent garage sale grossed \$1,000. The new center building was "cleaned out" Saturday morning.

Purchase of kitchen appliances for the center was approved during a May 5 board of directors meeting. Bills were approved for payment.

## Plainview stabbing suspect charged in Lockney robbery

When Floyd County Sheriff's Department personnel learned that Sammy Lee Holloway Jr., a 27-year-old Plainview man, had been charged in the Thursday afternoon stabbing death of an elderly Plainview antique dealer during what is believed to have been a robbery attempt, they well remembered the suspect.

Sheriff Fred Cardinal told Floyd County newspapers that Holloway was sentenced to eight years in the state prison for the January 1981 armed robbery of "the Texaco station" in Lockney.

The armed robbery was committed on Feb. 25 of that year.

Sheriff Cardinal says Holloway served "two to three years" in prison.

# Nature's most violent storms: tornadoes

Perhaps the most awesome sight in nature is the black funnel of a mature tornado. It is a sight familiar to — and feared by — West Texans.

And, as most area residents realize, this is the deadly twisters' favorite time of year. A "tornado incidence" chart prepared by the National Weather Service reveals that May is the most prevalent month for twisters, followed by June.

Their time on earth is short, and their destructive paths are usually rather small. Yet, one of these short-lived, local storms can march through an area, leaving in its path almost total destruction. In seconds, a tornado can reduce a thriving street to rubble.

Longtime Lockneyites well remember the tornado which ripped through Silverton in the fifties, leaving behind a trail of death and destruction. Among the dead were relatives of local residents.

There, too, are vivid memories of tornadoes which struck in rural areas of this county, as well as in Plainview, Matador, Lubbock, Hale Center and other area sites. Remnants of the Lubbock storm cloud passed directly over Lockney.

Visions of a tornado's destruction is permanent etched in one's memory.

The absence of a major South Plains catastrophe in recent years does not diminish the threat of a tornado striking at any time, particularly in spring months.

Following are facts and suggestions prepared by the National Weather Service:

### CHARACTERISTICS

By definition, a tornado is a violently rotating column of air in contact with the ground. The air column may be seen when it contains condensation in the form of a cloud or when it contains surface dust and debris.

Often its appearance is a result of both. When a tornado touches the ground there usually is a swirl of dust and debris even when the visible cloud portion is missing or fails to reach all the way to the ground. When the column of air is aloft and does not produce damage, the visible portion is properly called a funnel cloud. A waterspout is a tornado in contact with a water surface.

Tornadoes vary greatly in size, intensity and appearance. Most (62 percent) of the tornadoes that occur each year fall into the

weak category. Wind speeds are in the range of 100 miles an hour or less.

Weak tornadoes account for less than 3 percent of all tornado deaths. About one out of every three tornadoes is classified as strong. Wind speeds reach about 200 miles an hour with an average path length of 9 miles and a width of 200 yards.

Almost 30 percent of all tornado deaths occur each year from this type of storm. Nearly 70 percent of all tornado fatalities result from violent tornadoes. Although very rare (only about 2 percent are violent), these extreme tornadoes can last for hours.

Average path lengths and widths are 26 miles and 425 yards, respectively. The largest of these may exceed a mile or more in width, with wind speeds approaching 300 miles an hour.

The color of a tornado is determined by a number of factors such as the amount and direction of sunlight and the type of debris being picked up at the surface. Not only does the shape of a tornado vary from one storm to another, but an individual tornado usually changes its shape frequently during its life cycle.

During the late stages of a tornado's life, it is not unusual for the tornado to become highly tilted and shrink in size. This reduction in size does not mean that it is less intense. It is still very dangerous! With exceptionally large tornadoes, the classic "funnel shape" may be absent.

The tornado may appear to be a large, turbulent cloud near the ground. It may even be mistaken for a large rain shaft or even a non-weather event such as a fire.

Sometimes a series of two or more tornadoes is associated with a parent thunderstorm. Occasionally, two or more tornadoes can occur simultaneously, extending downward from the same thunderstorm.

As the parent thunderstorm moves along, tornadoes may form, travel along in contact with the ground, and dissipate or lift, followed shortly by other tornado touchdowns, and so on.

Tornadoes can also be made up of a number of smaller but intense vortices that rotate about a common center. With this type, the most intense damage is concentrated along the paths of the small vortices.

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LISA TERRELL and JOHNNY SILVA  
Most Popular



JULIE DAVIS and STEVEN CATES  
Most Likely to Succeed



LISA TERRELL and RUSTY TEETER  
Best All Around Girl and Boy  
Most Friendly and Most Representative of Lockney High School  
1987 Prom King and Queen

—Photos by Peggy Hallmark

## New Orleans theme for Junior Senior Banquet

New Orleans was the setting for the Junior-Senior Banquet Saturday night. Awards were presented to Julie Davis, Valedictorian, and Steven Cates, Salutatorian.

Awards for Who's Who in the various subjects were presented to: Julie Davis, journalism; Julie Davis, social studies; Inez Gibson, band; Lisa Terrell, home economics; Lisa Terrell, English; Julie

Davis, math; Lisa Terrell, Matt Mitchell, Steven Cates, Rusty Teeter, computer; Wyman Rexrode, agriculture; Matt Mitchell, science; and Rusty Teeter, business.

All Around Who's Who in Sports awards went to: Lisa Terrell, Rusty Teeter, Chad Frizzell and David Lemons, basketball; Veronica Thomas, Eddie Garza and Cory Luna, track; Chad

Frizzell, tennis; Johnny Silva, power lifting; Eddie Garza, Cory Luna and David Rorquez, cross country.

Also presented were awards for Best All-Around Girl, Lisa Terrell; Best All-Around Boy, Rusty Teeter; Most Popular, Lisa Terrell and Johnny Silva; Most Likely to Succeed, Julie Davis and Steven Cates; Most Friendly and Most Representative, Lisa Terrell and Rusty

Teeter.

Entry to the banquet and prom was made through a gambling parlour across a flower bedecked bridge out onto Bourbon Street. In the background was a steamship coming down the river. Jeweled lights bedecked moss covered trees and picket fences lined the eating area. Awards were presented on a landing beside the river.

## Lockney School Menu

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| <b>Monday:</b><br>Breakfast — Cereal, milk, pears<br>Lunch — Italian spaghetti, rolls, milk, peanuts, broccoli, buttered corn             | <b>May 18-22</b> | potato tots, salad, cheese and crackers, milk  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b><br>Breakfast — Toast and sausage, milk, peaches<br>Lunch — Creamed chicken, rolls, milk, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables |                  | <b>Thursday:</b><br>Breakfast — Toast with cheese, milk, French fried potatoes<br>Lunch — Cheese pizza, blackeye peas, pears, fried squash, cornbread, milk, brownie |
| <b>Wednesday:</b><br>Breakfast — Rice, milk, apricots<br>Lunch — Corn dogs with mustard.  |                  | <b>Friday:</b><br>Breakfast — Rice, milk, apples<br>Lunch — Luncmeat s a n d w i c h, French fried potatoes, salad, milk, peanut butter cookie                       |

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
ON A JOB  
*Well Done!*



LOCKNEY JUNIOR HIGH U.L.L. DISTRICT WINNERS— [Front row, left to right] Jeri Lambert, Angle Moya, Gracie Saucedo, Lori Gonzales, Neela Patel, Jennifer Fortenberry, and Matt Workman. [Second row] Rance Ford, Calista Guerrero, Becky Rodriguez, Jennifer Turbeville, and David

Perez. [Third row] Eric Humphreys, Tandi Gant, Jessica Lemons, Almee Green, Robln Marks, and Lila Booker. [Back row] Shawn Hill, Cody Jackson, Jerry Don Evans, Ignacio Luna, Chris Villa, and Chad Cook.

— Staff photo



FFA AWARD WINNING CHAPTER FARMERS- (left to right) Tracey Bailey, Shad Morris, Loretta Turner, Raetta Starnes, Anthony Emert, J. J. Perez, and Jeff Webb were

presented Chapter Farmer Awards at the recent FFA Banquet. Staff Photo

## Lane, Jackson earn Young Writer awards

The South Plains Writers' Association held its annual awards banquet May 5. Awards were presented to

winners of the Young Writers Achievement Contest, a yearly contest held for junior high and high school writers,

along with winners of writing contest held for members of the writers association.

Since 1983 the SPWA has awarded trophies to aspiring young writers through the Young Writers Achievement Contest. Co-sponsored by the Hub Lions Club of Lubbock, awards were presented in three categories: poetry, non-fiction and fiction for junior high and high school students.

Gwen Lane won second place in the senior high poetry division. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane of Lockney. Boyd Jackson won third place for his entry in the senior high non-fiction division. Boyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jackson of Lockney.

Lockney High faculty member Cindy Smith encouraged the students to enter.

## Mary Frances Huffman to receive degree

Mary Frances Huffman will receive her bachelor of science degree May 16 from West Texas State University in a ceremony to be held at the Civic Center in Amarillo at 4 p.m. She is a math education major and is planning to teach this fall.

Mary graduated from Lockney High School in 1983. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huffman of Lockney, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Huffman, also of Lockney.

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