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City answers lawsuit

By Juanita Stepp
FLOYDADA — "The City of Floydada asserts that the City of Floydada is not liable, because the City of Floydada employee upon which the City of Floydada's liability is predicated has no liability," states the response filed by attorneys for the City of Floydada concerning the lawsuit brought by Mendy Shurbet against the City and Police Officer Ernest Back. The answer to the lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court on December 4, 1995 by William R. Moss and Charlotte Bingham, attorneys for Crenshaw, Cree, & Milam, L.L.P. of Lubbock, a firm representing the City on behalf of the Texas Municipal League.

The response as filed agrees that the Plaintiff, Mendy Shurbet, is seeking damages and other relief for false imprisonment, but denies that she is entitled to any relief under either the common law of the State of Texas or under U. S. C. §1983. Shurbet had asked for \$251,500.00 in damages plus attorney expenses in her filing.

The response states that the plaintiff (Mendy Shurbet) was arrested on or about 12:00 p.m. (midnight) May 15, 1994. (The lawsuit alleged the

arrest took place on May 14, 1994 at approximately 11:30 p.m.) The defendants (City of Floydada and Officer Back) agree that she was then transported to the Floyd County Jail. As to the statement in the lawsuit that the plaintiff "was fingerprinted, photographed, strip searched and detained in a jail cell for approximately nine hours," the response states the defendants "do not have specific knowledge" of those events "and therefore make no response to those allegations or, in the alternative, deny them."

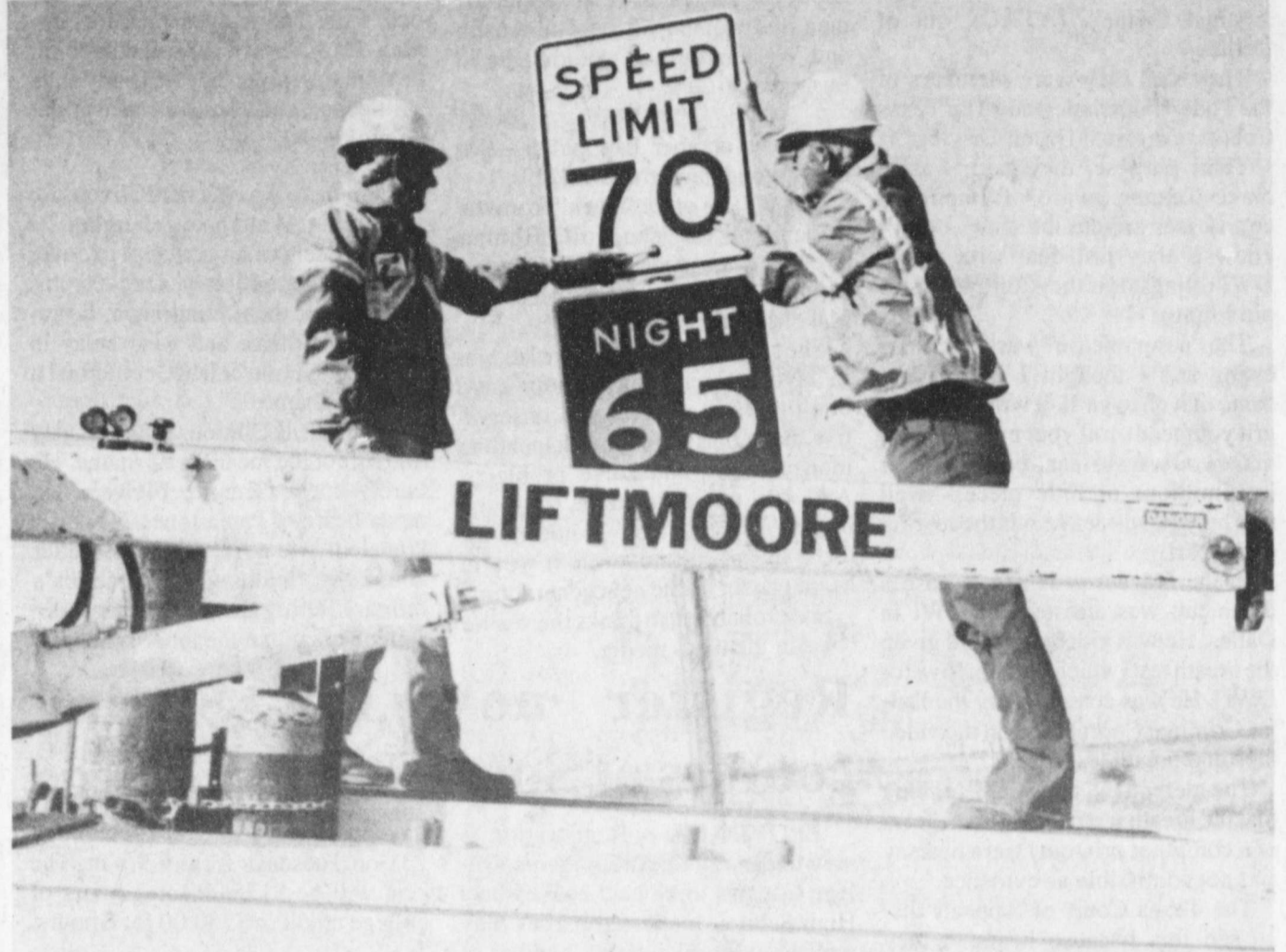
The response denies that Officer Back acted with malice, improperly arresting and detaining Shurbet without just cause and in violation of her common law rights. Also denied is the allegation that Officer Back violated Shurbet's fourth amendment right under the U. S. Constitution, to be free of unreasonable arrest and her fourteenth amendment right to due process of law as well as the allegation that the City should be held liable for falsely imprisoning the plaintiff.

The response to the lawsuit requests dismissal of the action based on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and for the plaintiff's failure to "meet the heightened pleading stan-

dards required by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in cases where the issue of qualified immunity is or may be raised." Defendant Back asserts that he is protected by the doctrine of official immunity since all actions taken by him were within the scope of his duties, taken with probable cause, and performed in good faith.

The city additionally claims entitlement to limitation of liability under the Texas Tort Claims Act, of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, which bars recovery of any damages from the City by the doctrine of sovereign immunity. The defendants also assert that "attorney's fees are unavailable for any and all claims brought pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas." Both defendants also assert that they are entitled to recover costs and attorney fees expended in defending themselves against the lawsuit should either defendant prevail in court.

Both the parties to the lawsuit and response must now wait for the court to consider the filings and rule on the requests made by the plaintiff in the lawsuit and by the defendants in the response. Each has been advised by attorneys to make no comment on the matter until that time.



A SIGN OF THE TIMES—State Highway workers in Floyd County have been busy this week changing the speed limit signs on the four lane highway between Floydada and Plainview. It will now be legal to drive 70 miles per hour to Plainview, on Hwy. 70. According to Mike Anderson local Highway Department Superintendent, the speed limit will also eventually be raised on the highways leading from Floydada to Matador, Ralls and Silverton. "The highways are still

being studied in rural areas where they change from four lanes to 2 lanes," said Anderson. "We don't know how or if the speeds will be changed from 70 to 55 and then back to 70 when the road widens again." Anderson advises for safety sake that until new signs are posted, motorists should continue to drive the posted speed limit. Motorists' need to also remember that, as always, DPS can still write tickets to drivers going too fast for road conditions. Staff Photo

Commissioners approve homestead exemptions and study maintainer bids

During a regular meeting, Monday, December 11, Floyd County Commissioners approved a \$5,000 Homestead Property tax exemption for all residents 1996 Ad Valorem taxes. An additional \$3,000 exemption will be granted to disabled or those age 65 or over.

The \$5,000 exemption was approved unanimously by the four commissioners, after a motion by Commissioner Connie Bearden and a second by Commissioner George Taylor.

The additional exemption was also approved unanimously after a motion by Commissioner Lennie Gilroy and a second by Commissioner Jon Jones.

Judge Hardin brought a request before the court by Sheriff Royce

Gilmore. According to Hardin, Gilmore was asking the court to pay the minimum cost of a monthly fee for a cellular phone in his private vehicle.

Gilmore stated he would pay for any additional charges on the phone out of his own pocket and the funds for purchasing the phone would come from his own funds.

"Sheriff Gilmore feels this will help the Sheriff's office get in touch with him when he is on his own personal time," said Hardin. "He does not want to have to drive the county's patrol car around all the time so the office can call him on the radio."

Jones said, "It sounds like he is trying to save the county some money."

"It will also save wear and tear on the Sheriff's vehicle," said Gilroy.

Gilroy made the motion to pay the minimum monthly fee on the phone and Jones seconded it. All were in favor.

The commissioners also approved a budget report supplied by the Sheriff concerning a sale of forfeited property.

A seized vehicle was sold by the Sheriff's Department for \$875.00. The Sheriff's office had to pay \$450.08, including: supplies for \$45.00; advertising, \$18.67; storage, \$241.41; and court costs of \$145.00.

The Sheriff's department also used some of the money from the sale to

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West Texas Bank offers new services

With the name change of the West Texas National Bank in Floydada (formerly the Floydada Branch of the First National Bank in Lockney) came new services offered by the bank, and it's sister banks in Lockney, Olton and Paducah.

The banks conducted an advertising blitz to introduce their customers to the new accounts, which included employee costume surprises and theme days every Friday for several weeks.

The new service has been dubbed West Texas Checking and it covers a variety of personal customer needs.

With this new checking account, customers will be charged a flat \$11.00 a month service charge, regardless of the minimum balance each month. You may also write as many checks as you want at no additional charge.

Senior Citizens (62 or better) will be billed only \$5.00 a month for their checking account.

Other services offered include: a discount drug program, free travelers and cashier checks, an extend a loan privilege, extended warranty protection, travel rebates, and travel service and discounts on hotels and car rentals.

The West Texas Checking also offers price plus price protection. After making a "qualifying purchase", if you find the identical product in a printed advertisement for a lower price, Price Plus will refund the difference.

"We are excited about the opportunities this account will give our customers and we are confident you won't find a better value added package for your money," said Paul Sharp, President of West Texas National Bank.



THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD—Dreams of upcoming Christmas surprises can be seen through Christopher Stepp's four year old eyes as he watches an animated Santa Claus climb a ladder to light his Christmas tree. Staff Photo

Lockney Homecoming 1996

Because of district re-alignment the Lockney Homecoming Committee is unable to set a date for the 1996 Homecoming.

An organizational meeting will be held in January to set a date. The time and place of that meeting will be announced later.

Volunteers needed for annual Christmas meal

Volunteers are needed for the cooking of and the delivery of the annual community wide Christmas meal.

The Dec. 25th dinner was first started to serve Floydada residents who were home alone on Christmas day and has now expanded to serve the Lockney community, and Ralls, Matador, Quitaque, and Flomot.

Meals will also be delivered to grateful residents away from home

and staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock and Amarillo.

"We need volunteers to prepare, serve and deliver on Christmas Day," said organizer Sudie Cochran.

Donations of food and money to purchase food and supplies are also needed.

Monetary donations can be made at West Texas National Bank in Floydada.

Turkeys can be taken to Pay-N-

Save or purchased at the store. Manager Johnny Summers has agreed to keep them until cooking time. Pies would also be welcomed.

Organizers are also in need of names of people who will benefit from the project, such as shut-ins and elderly folks.

To volunteer, or for more information, call Fred Thayer at, 983-3121, or Sudie Cochran, at 983-3814.

Council continues clean-up campaign

LOCKNEY—Most of the discussion during the regular December 12th meeting of the Lockney City Council concerned the demolition of several buildings within the city limits.

Mayor Gary Marr reported that prisoners from the Wheeler Unit in Plainview have already torn down two dilapidated and empty houses in town and were prepared to continue.

Council members were told that the concrete foundations are also removed by the prisoners and broken into very small pieces at the prison.

After much discussion, the council considered taking bids on a house at 312 S.E. 2nd Street but decided instead, by a unanimous vote, to tear down the structure and clean up the lot.

The council members also expressed an eagerness to get on with the project of cleaning up areas which could become havens for drug dealing or health hazards.

Aldermen also considered a request from Rusty Baccus to change the zoning of some highway frontal property from a residential district to a commercial district.

According to Marr, Rosie Rendon had told the city that she had a financial backer that wanted to build a senior care center for elderly who can take care of themselves and do not

need to be in a nursing home.

Baccus wanted to be able to sell his property for these apartments and needed a new zoning ordinance.

After discussion the council members decided they would like to see the plans for what would be built on the property before a decision would be made.

"Be able to study the plans would also help the neighbors in this area decide if the building would be appropriate for their neighborhood," said Marr. "We need to know if we are talking about one big building or apartments and who would be keeping the property clean."

Any decisions on the zoning ordinance was tabled until a later time.

Also on the agenda was an item calling for consideration of a concealed weapons ordinance.

Mayor Marr expressed his opposition to an ordinance at this time. "The State Legislature put a lot of time into formulating the laws for this ordinance," said Marr, "and I don't see a reason at this time to go changing the intentions of the concealed weapons laws. People are having to be trained in the laws and the use of guns and if they are qualified to carry a gun then I think they are qualified to carry a gun."

City Attorney Paul Lyle stated that many municipalities and courthouses

were passing ordinances against the carrying of concealed weapons into their buildings because very often they deal with unhappy people in court proceedings.

Marr agreed that was the case but stated if he was worried about someone coming after him with a gun in city hall he would like to be able to have his own gun to protect himself.

Marr and the other council members felt that probably would not be a fear in the City of Lockney and all agreed to table any votes on city ordinances against concealed weapons, but to abide by the current state laws on the issue.

After a recommendation by their insurance company, city council members also voted to reduce the city's liability insurance coverage from \$3 million dollars to \$1 million. The liability coverage for the police department would stay the same.

City Secretary Charlotte Hooten told the council members this would save the city \$2,200 per year.

The council also passed a new personnel policy and approved Christmas bonuses for employees.

Under department reports, Councilwoman Tina Graves informed the council that Wheeler Unit prisoners would be painting the garage doors of the Fire Hall.

Membership drive underway for Friends of Floyd County Library group

"Friends of the Floyd County Library" are currently conducting a membership drive with a goal of 250 members. A special emphasis is being placed on signing up Junior High and High School students.

"Friends of the Floyd County Li-

brary" is an association of citizens who believe that a flourishing library system is essential to the development of our community.

"Friends" promotes the Library through special projects and an annual fund raising book sale.

"Friends" also encourages memorial and honorary gifts to the Library.

Funds raised by "Friends" are used to purchase special gifts for the library which enhance service potential.

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BY THE WAY



BY
ALICE GILROY

I received a fax from an organization called, "Associated Texans Against Crime", (ATAC), out of Dallas.

They said they were members of the Today Foundation and The Texas Coalition Against Drunk Driving.

Their purpose, they said, was to make Texans aware of important court cases around the state. I don't know if they just deal with stupid DWI rulings or if they follow all stupid rulings.

The "news release" was very interesting and I thought I would pass some of it on to ya'll. It will make you grit your teeth, roll your eyes and also make you want to tear a piece of paper into millions of little pieces—well maybe you will leave out the tearing paper part.

In the *Stevenson v. State* case a defendant was arrested for DWI in Dallas. He was videotaped and given the breath test (which was positive for DWI). He was convicted by the Dallas Criminal Court based on the video tape and breath test results.

The defendant appealed, arguing that the breath test results (in the form of a computer printout) were hearsay and not admissible as evidence.

The Texas Court of Appeals dismissed this because hearsay, they reasoned, was supposed to involve a human statement.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals did not agree. They said the breath test was hearsay.

The ATAC said, "Using this logic, readings from a thermometer, fuel gauge, and radar gun would be hearsay."

Here is another one—According to ATAC, "The Austin Court of Appeals reversed a DWI conviction on the grounds it is not an officer's job to render aid to a motorist."

The case is now referred to as *Rheinlander v. State* and is still in the appeals process.

In this case an officer sees a car traveling very slow on an IH 35 frontage road. The lights on the car were switching between high and low and the man driving had his head down very low on the steering wheel.

The officer thought he had fallen asleep or could possibly be signaling for help because of some medical problem.

When he stopped the car he discovered the driver was intoxicated. The driver was convicted of DWI.

He appealed. Not on the grounds that he wasn't DWI, but on the grounds that the officer had no reason to stop him in the first place. The argument was, "concern for public safety was not a valid reason for pulling over a motorist."

The State argued that part of a police officer's job is a "community caretaking function," but they still lost the first round.

The State is appealing the ruling to the Criminal Appeals Court.

ATAC said, "If the Criminal Appeals Court rules otherwise, Texas could be the only state in the union where an officer has no "community caretaking" role.

These are perfect examples of why police officers feel they are in a revolving door. The perpetrators can step out of the revolving door with inconsistent and ludicrous court rulings, but the police officer is stuck in it.

He gets dizzy and eventually confused over where he is at and what he is supposed to do about stopping that revolving door.

When I was a junior in high school, I told my dad I wanted to become a police officer. He asked me why.

I told him I wanted to help people who didn't have anybody else to turn to. I wanted to be there for the victims and put the criminals away so they wouldn't keep on hurting people.

My dad told me then that I wouldn't be able to do that as a police officer. He said I should become a judge.

I told him I wasn't smart enough to be a judge. He laughed and told me I was already smarter than a lot of

I figured he was just being a dad and didn't want me to get hurt as a police officer. I never thought about the mental pain. No one ever does. (They only train you to protect yourself physically).

It's a shame that we can't follow the rulings of Appellant Court judges like we do the votes of our Congressmen.

Maybe if we were as educated about our judges as we are about the men and women we send to Austin and Washington we wouldn't be in this mess.

Here is another hair puller—I'm full of good news this week.

The "Quote of the Week" from the December 8th issue of "Human Events" was made by NBC news reporter Lisa Meyers on CNBC special "Meet the Media".

She said, "I also think there is a bias in favor of spending money, but I don't think it's liberal vs. conservative, but a bias in favor of...spending money to try and solve problems. And it's compassionate to spend money—even if there is not money there to spend and even if you're heaping debt on the next generation."

She probably also thinks there is no "bias in the news media."

Register now for Spring courses at South Plains College

FLOYDADA -- Registration is now underway for South Plains College Courses to be held at Floydada High School. Interested parties may register at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Office in the Floydada City Hall week days from 10 to 3.

Courses slated for the coming semester are Sociology 230 on Mon-

days from 6-9 p.m. and Psychology 231 on Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. The cost will be \$125.00 for 3 hours of college credit or \$250.00 for 6 hours.

Registration will close January 8th. More information may be obtained by contacting the Chamber office at 983-3434.

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County continues to show decrease in sale tax rebates

December 1995 sales tax rebates made to Floyd County cities from the state comptroller's office have been received. Both Lockney and Floydada have continued to display a decrease.

Total rebates received in Floyd County this month were \$10,392.74, an overall decrease of 19.49 percent when compared to the \$12,908.82 received in December of 1994. Overall county wide totals are down by 2.85 percent when compared to last year. The 1995 total to date is \$167,132.45 compared to the 1994 total of \$172,044.68.

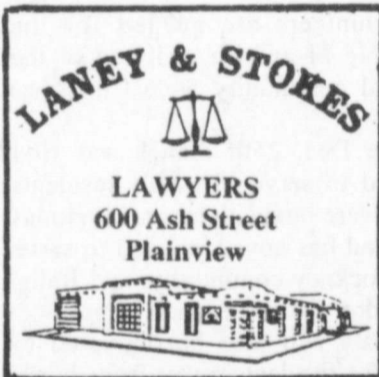
Lockney displayed a decrease of 5.01 percent from the same period for 1994 in over all receipts. The city's December check was in the amount of \$6,401.67 compared to \$8,707.20 received in December, 1994. Totals to date for Lockney are down by 4.55 percent from \$52,742.09 last year at this time to the current total of \$50,338.13.

Floydada's check from the state comptroller's office was in the amount of \$6,401.67 showing a decrease of 26.47 percent from the \$8,707.20 payment received in December of 1994. Annual totals at this time for Floydada are down 2.10 percent. 1995 totals at this time are \$116,794.32. 1994 totals at this time were \$119,302.59.

Area cities, their December 1995 rebates and percentage of change are listed below.

Quitaque; \$665.72, -41.04%
Silverton; \$1,204.85, -1.49%
Crosbyton; \$7,241.99, +39.31%
Ralls; \$4,690.06, +19.59%
Abernathy; \$6,207.12, -13.32%
Hale Center; \$2,862.25, +25.14%
Petersburg; \$1,658.87, +17.90%
Plainview; \$156,972.21, -9.45%
Lubbock; \$1,496,207.90, +6.41%
Matador; \$1,269.33, +14.96%
Roaring Springs; \$1,257.95, -7.14%
Tulia; \$15,689.44, -12.41%
December payments totaling \$126.6 million in local sales tax re-

bates went back to 1,069 Texas cities and 115 counties, according to the state comptroller's office. This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected on October sales and reported to the comptroller in November by businesses filing monthly returns.



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A view from The Lamplighter

By Ken Towery

My problem with Bill Clinton is not so much that he tells lies, but that he seems to enjoy it so much.

Nearly every President we have had in the past 40 years or so has resorted to a certain amount of prevarication on certain occasions. Even Eisenhower had to take the public position that a U-2 spy plane shot down over the old Soviet Union back in the 50's had somehow wandered off course. But when confronted with the confession of the plane's pilot, Gary Powers, Ike made a clean breast of it. After all, the nation's safety was at stake. Emotions were running high, and both sides had nuclear missiles running out their ears. A lie at that point, he thought, might let everybody save a little face, and a restive peace might be prolonged.

Then there was Richard Nixon. He lied about Watergate, claiming he was innocent of any attempt to cover up the matter until it was proved otherwise. But then, humiliated, he resigned his office and went away in disgrace. Nixon, at least, could feel a sense of shame.

But not Bill Clinton. He obviously knows not the meaning of shame. He barely knew Gennifer Flowers. He never heard of Paula Jones. He never "inhaled." He never wrote that letter about his "loathing" of America's military during the Vietnam era, despite the fact that the letter is in ex-

istence and has been reproduced extensively. He now thinks he raised taxes too much on those rich people who support his reelection, but those evil Republicans and conservative Democrats made him do it. And he would have balanced the budget in five years, just like he promised, if he could just have gotten Congress to go along with him.

But all that pales in comparison to the lies he is now spreading about Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, welfare reform, and a host of other issues confronting the nation. The truth of the matter does not seem to enter the equation. Political points do. If political points can be scored by lying to the elderly, well and good. If today's voters can be pandered to at the expense of our children and grandchildren, well and good. After all, the next generation's voters do not vote in today's elections. And after all, is not politics merely a game to be played for the financial benefit of the winner?

The plain, simple truth of the matter is that Mr. Clinton's own Administration warned some time ago that the Medicare Trust Fund was heading for bankruptcy unless something was done to either slow the spiraling growth of the program, or more money, in the form of higher taxes, was poured into the fund. Responsible members of Congress, as well as responsible members of the society at large, recognized what changes had to be made if the program was to be saved, that the outrageous growth in government expenditures had to be slowed, if not reversed.

Like the slickest of slick politicians, Mr. Clinton has taken the "Yes, but..." approach. Yes, we need a balanced budget, and I'm all for it, but. But not

and not by cutting the cost of government. Yes, we have to do something about Medicare... but not by slowing its growth. Yes, we need to change welfare as we know it... but that means we ought to pour more money into failed programs. Yes, we need to think about the burden we are placing on our grandchildren, and our children... but it is more important that we think about those who are voting today. Yes, we worry about the long range future of our country... but we worry more about staying in power. That means, in short, that the end justifies the means.

Of all the politicians we have known over the years, none can hold a candle to Mr. Clinton when it comes to making white appear black, or black appear white, or cowardice appear valor, or greed appear "compassion." And he can do it all without even appearing a little sheepish.

We have long recognized that the memory of the American electorate is not as long as it should be. And we

know from experience that that memory can be manipulated by a media bent on establishing and maintaining a welfare state. Still, we do believe the electorate has a collective memory, however short. And we believe the electorate has a collective honesty about it that can, in the end, sort out the lies being fed it by this Administration and its flacks in the national media.

We see by the papers that Congressman Thornberry has filed the necessary papers indicating he will stand for reelection. That pleases us. We remember how things were in Washington two years ago, when he and a rather large class of "freshmen" were sent up there to try to get a handle on government. They have done much good, but much more remains to be done. If recent history is any indication of the near future, we can count on them to keep their promises and stand their ground. Now, ain't that a refreshing change.

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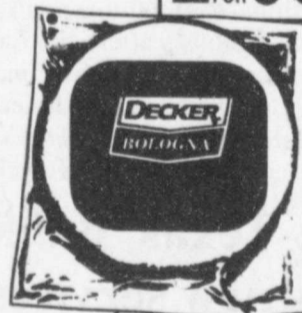


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Maintainer bids studied by court

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buy \$424.92 in equipment for a total expenditure of \$875.00.

Commissioners also approved the yearly contract agreement with Reeves County Juvenile Detention Center in Reeves County (Pecos). The Judge told the Commissioners the county is charged \$70.00 a day for any juvenile kept at the facility.

The county is charged only if a juvenile is detained and the facility is only used as a back-up if the Lubbock juvenile facility is full.

A farm work contract in Pct. #4 was approved for D.J. Moser. The contract called for the removal of concrete from land 2 miles east and 2 miles south of Lakeview and to put the land back in cultivation.

County Treasurer Mary Shurbet appeared before the court to give the monthly report. She reviewed the county balances, receipts and disbursements showing the county's total assets at \$437,469.94.

The report also showed the Undivided Tax CD at Floydada First National Bank at \$350,000.00; Pct. #1 CD at \$35,000.00; Pct. #2 CD at \$55,000.00; Pct. #3 CD at \$76,000.00; and Pct. #4 CD at \$65,000.00. Interest year to date is \$7,076.20.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for the purchase of a 150/180 H.P Motor Grader for Pct. #2 and also for Pct. #4.

Precinct #2 would be trading in a 1988 140-G Cat Motor Grader and Pct. #4 would trade-in a 1985 140 G. Cat and a 1988 John Deere.

The price of the John Deere 770 BH was \$127,675.00 with a trade-in value or cash buy value of \$79,000.00. The amount paid to John Deere would then be \$48,675.00 plus a guaranteed maintenance cost of \$1,500.00, for five years or 5,000

hours, making the total paid \$50,175.00.

John Deere also guaranteed to repurchase the machine at \$62,000 anytime from delivery until 10 years or 10,000 hours.

The bid on a Caterpillar 140 H VHP was submitted at \$135,634.00 with a trade in allowance of \$73,971.00 or cash buy of \$70,000.00. The amount paid to Caterpillar would be \$61,663.00 plus a guaranteed maintenance cost of \$1,500 for a total of \$63,163.00.

Caterpillar also guaranteed to buy back the machine at \$50,000 anytime within 10 year or 10,000 hours.

West Texas Caterpillar also offered a 5 year/5000 hour buyback of \$103,000.00.

For Pct. #4, Caterpillar offered a Model 140 H VHP for \$135,634.00. The trade-in allowance for the precinct's 1985 Cat would be \$58,971.00 or a cash buy of \$55,000.00.

After the maintenance charge of \$1,500 the amount paid to CAT would be \$78,163.00. CAT's guaranteed a \$50,000 buy back after 10 years.

The trade value for the 1988 John Deere was quoted at \$45,000.00 or a cash buy of \$42,500.00. After the \$1,500 maintenance the total would be \$92,134.00.

The buy back after 10 years was quoted at \$50,000.00.

The John Deere quote for Pct. #4 was \$127,675.00. A trade value for the 1985 CAT was \$62,500.00 or a cash buy of \$62,500.00. After the \$1,500 maintenance agreement the total would be \$65,675.00.

John Deere guaranteed to buy it back within 10 years at \$62,000.00.

John Deere gave a trade in or cash buy bid for the 1988 John Deere of \$63,500. After the \$1,500 maintenance agreement the total would be \$65,675.00. John Deere also guaranteed to repurchase this machine for \$62,000.

The commissioners voted unanimously to table a vote on these bids until Tuesday, December 19th, at 9:00 a.m., to give everyone ample time to study the bids.

The court also tabled a discussion on their investment policy until that date.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



BOYS SCOUTS GOOD DEEDS--The Lockney Boy Scouts were treated to Pizza on Saturday after they went door to door in Lockney collecting bags full of cans and dried food which will be contributed to the local Salvation Army. The food will be matched by the

Lubbock Food Bank. The Scouts were helped in their cause with donations from the Lockney Elementary School and the Health Fair. The Scouts broke their own record by collecting 2,806 lbs. of food.

Staff Photo



CONTRIBUTIONS MADE--With the help of several organizations the Lockney Chamber of Commerce was able to have the Christmas lights on Main Street in Lockney refurbished. Ronnie Hardin, president of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, accepts checks from Claude Brown, representing th Rotary Club; Michealle Stennett, Il Penseroso Junior Study Club;

Jimmy Kemp, Lockney Volunteer Fire Department; Marilyn Anderson, Athena Study Club; and Robert Webb, Lions Club. A contribution was also made by Cablevision of Texas and a grant was received from Southwestern Bell Telephone. A total of \$2,000.00 was received and the work was done by the prisoners at J.B. Wheeler Unit.

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Library seeks new members

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FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Margarette Word
FLOYDADA - The Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older, this center is for you. Please call 983-2032 by 10 a.m. if you plan to eat lunch.

This is really going to be a short article this week. Guess everyone is so busy with Christmas activities they are not giving me any news.

Saturday, Dec. 2, Sue and James Lovell attended the Christmas recital of their grandson, Jim Collins of Lubbock, which was held at the Garden Arts Center in Lubbock. Also in attendance was Jerry Bradford, who was there to see her granddaughter, Desiree Bradford of Crosbyton at the same recital.

Sue and James Lovell also attended their other grandson, John Collins, 8th grade basketball game which took place at the Trinity Christian School in Lubbock.

Jim and I attended the school band Christmas concert of our grandson, Chase Carr, held last Sunday afternoon, Dec. 10th at the Petersburg High School Auditorium in Petersburg.

These three sets of grandparents were really proud of their grandchildren's performances.

Last Saturday, Dec. 9th a lot of people attended the American Cancer Society Brunch held in the beautifully decorated home of Carol Brooks. Frieda Simpson won the door prize which was donated by Ann Carthel.

Lots of parties and coffees are being held and everyone seems to be very busy.

We still have many of our friends still very ill. Some are just home from

the hospital, and some are still in the hospital. Remember to pray for these and those in our nursing homes and for those who have lost loved ones recently.

"Thought for the Week" - This past week I received this following article in a Christmas card, from a long time friend from Amarillo. I wanted to share it with you. Think about it, it's worth thinking about.

"This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for some good purpose. But what I do with this day is important because I have exchanged a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever, I hope I will not regret the price I paid for it."

Author unknown

Menu

Monday, Dec. 18 - Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, cabbage slaw, cornbread, cherry or plum cobbler

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Pork chop, baby limas, harvard beets, tomato slices, hot roll, pumpkin crunch

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Baked chicken with mushroom sauce, blackeye peas, asparagus or zucchini, grapefruit sections, wheat roll, snickerdoodle bars

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Hamburger steak with brown gravy, or meatloaf, baked potato, okra and tomatoes, apricots oatmeal cookie, cornbread or roll

Friday, Dec. 22 - Chicken or turkey cornbread dressing, green beans, tossed salad/1000 Island dressing, cranberry sauce, hot roll, apple

Floyd County Lifestyles



SHERMAN AND TAMMY ATEN

1950 Study Club entertained by Sherman and Tammy Aten

By Addie Assiter
FLOYDADA - The 1950 Study Club met here Dec. 5, at the Lamplighter Inn. After Jane McCulley opened the meeting, members and guests were served an exceptionally good meal.

Nell Abram then introduced Sherman and Tammy Aten who entertained us with music and singing.

Now a bit about the Atens. Sherman from Hobbs, New Mexico and Tammy from Floydada, met at Wayland University where they studied music.

After finishing Wayland in 1985, they were married and began their first Youth and Music Ministry at South Seminole Baptist Church.

In 1988 they were called to First Baptist Church in Artesia, New Mexico, as Ministry of Music. Their seven years there on the church staff prepared them for their present ministry. Their calling was obviously written on the wall - "Leave what you have and follow me."

Not only has their ministry been in the U.S.A., but also around the world - from Bolivia, Mexico, Romania, Canada, Wales and most recently Russia.

They minister through revival efforts, marriage seminars, concerts,

prayer retreats and conventions.

They were sent, along with David and Debbie Burk of San Angelo, to a small suburb in Russia called Somituki. There they started a church in spite of many problems. They related experiences from music, preaching, singing in the Police Chief's office, and blowing up 260 balloons amidst a somewhat, out of control group of adults and children in a marketplace.

They have two precious children. God uses this family and their music to minister to the entire Body of Christ. May God bless them.

Enjoying this wonderful Christmas evening and exchanging gifts were members, Nell Abram, Ellie Anderson, Addie Assiter, Nancy Bishop, Edris Edwards, Geneile Evans, Margie Fowler, Wanda Hickerson, Amy Hollums, Martha Lotspeich, Jane McCulley, Margie McElyea, Doris McLain, Lovene Moore, Shirley Morton, Carol Reese, Roberta Russell and Nettie Ruth Whittle.

Our thought for December - "God gave us memories so that we might have roses in December."

"Glory to God the highest and on earth peace and good will toward men."



IL PENSEROSO CONTRIBUTES TO FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS-- Shawnda Foster, a board member of the Floyd County Friends organization, accepts a check from Michelle Stennett, representing II Penseroso Junior Study Club in Lockney. The organization is using the money that has been donated in order to write grants. Staff Photo

Amburns celebrate 71st Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Amburn of Canyon celebrated their 71st Wedding Anniversary December 7, 1995. Foster Amburn and Mariah Warren married December 7, 1924, in Floydada, where they resided until 1972 when they moved to Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Amburn are the parents of Juanelle Taylor of Canyon, Thomas Amburn of Amarillo, and Glen Amburn of Tulia.

Foster Amburn was Deputy Sheriff in Floyd County from February 1960 until resigning in January 1972 and moving to Canyon.

Tonya Parr honored with bridal courtesies

Miss Tonja Parr, bride-elect of Stephen Lowry was honored with a lingerie shower in the home of Linda Corp, with Beth Corp and Linda Corp as hostesses.

A Round the Clock shower was held in the home of Medanie Lowry's, with Laura Yeary as a hostess also.

A bridal shower was held at Sue Penn's home. Other hostesses included Linda Peel, Donna Seaton, Lynda Huges, and eight other hostesses.

Another bridal shower was held at the home of Mrs. Carleen Arrant. Other hostesses were Patricia Pickens, Linda Corp, Marilou Campbell, Judy English, and eight other hostesses.

A rehearsal dinner will be hosted at the Abilene Country Club, December 15, by Dr. and Mrs. Neal Lowry.

A bridal luncheon will be held December 16, at the Presidential Dining Room at McMurry University, with hostesses Mignon Brown, Linda Stricklin, and Pam Hamil.

LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS

By Gladys Ragle

LOCKNEY—We were 42 strong at the Thursday night, December 7 meeting, but all seemed to have a good time. Quite a few retired to the back room to play games and several stayed in the main room and watched a video of the Bill Gaither group of gospel singers called, "All Day Singing" which was very good.

The December hostesses have done a wonderful job of decorating the center for Christmas. It looks very festive.

It is good to see S.J. Williams up and around after his surgery. He has been able to come and eat his meals at the center again.

Lavirn Carthel's niece, Anna Ritchey of Amarillo, was buried in Lockney Cemetery on Sunday. Our sympathy to her family at her passing.

The Senior Citizens Bake sale will be Friday, December 22 at 8 a.m. until sold out.

The Senior Citizens Center will close after the noon meal on Decem-

ber 22 and will reopen on January 2, 1996.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Lozell and Joe Keeter on the loss of their granddaughter, Megan Bench as the result of a car accident.

Lloyd Duvall entered Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney with kidney infection, but seems to be improving.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"— Leaders help others to stand on their feet, not prop them up indefinitely.

MENU

December 18-22

Monday - Chicken & dumplings, vegetables, salad, dessert

Tuesday - Hamburger steak, vegetables, salad, dessert

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad, dessert

Thursday - Lasagna, vegetables, salad, dessert

Friday - Enchiladas, vegetables, salad, dessert

Meals are served with coffee, tea, and rolls. Menu subject to change.

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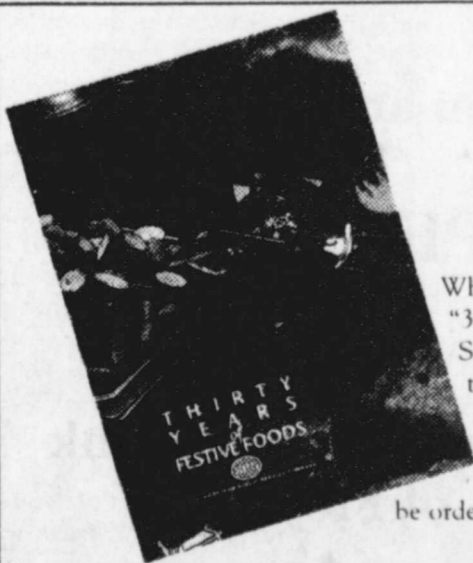
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Grandparents are Wes and Lynn Campbell of Floydada and Wayne and June Penny of Lubbock. Great Grandparents are Vance and Betty Campbell of Floydada, Phil and Juaneal Krambeck of Denison, Don and Oleta Wyatt of Amarillo, and a Great-Great-Grandmother, Bessie Glover of Floydada.

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Buffalo Grass Chapter meets

By Loretta Denning
Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Floyd County Historical Museum. Vera Jo Bybee gave an educational program entitled "NSDAR Insignia/Handbook". This was a very timely program and the older members as well as new members learned the correct ways to display and wear the Insignia as well as how to use the NSDAR handbook.

The hostesses, Gladys Jones and Janis Julian served refreshments to: Mary Lou Bollman; Susan Dunavant; Nancy Marble; Sherry Colston; Dorothy Hodges; Gene Reed; Margaret Berry; June Sherman; Nancy Rivello; Ona Ruth Neff; Virginia

Taylor; Vera Jo Bybee; Ava Shoemaker; Sue Parsons and Loretta Denning.
The regent Dorothy Hodges, presided over the meeting. Margaret Berry read the President general's message. Susan Dunavant gave the National Defense Report. Members were reminded to pay dues before Dec. 1. The group was informed that Mrs. Venoy Sanders and Mrs. Elfie Sherman were both ill and they were asked to remember them. Sherry Colston will be going to Amarillo every month and will take items to be left at the Veteran's Hospital.

The next meeting will be Dec. 12 at the Lamplighter Inn. Susan Dunavant and Carolyn Marble will be hostesses.



EAGLE SCOUT HONOREES -- Adam Barker was one of 31 members of Boy Scout Troop 809 who stepped into history when they were all promoted to the Scouts' highest rank Eagle Scout. The BSA national office confirmed that these boys became the largest group from one troop to be promoted at one time to Eagle Scouts. Adam is the son of Paul and Judy Barker of San Antonio. His grandparents, Art and Faye Barker of Lockney, attended the ceremony which was held in the First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Antonio.

Courtesy Photo

Club enjoys Christmas party

By Shanna Jackson
The Il Penseroso Jr. Study Club held its annual Christmas party on December 2, 1995. This year club members participated in a progressive dinner with their spouses as guests.

Members and their guests attending were Lori & Tony Cabellero, Alice & Guy Carthel, Dana & Jackie Cunyus, Char Dowell, Becky & Sam Fortenberry, Shawnda & Jody Foster, Rayanna & Phillip Glasson, Shana Gonzales, Shana Hallmark, Shanna & Boyd Jackson, Jeri & Heath Rexrode, Shelley Roberts, Lori & Robin Satterwhite, Robin & Mac Sherman, Victory & Dr. Kevin Stewart, Michele & Dr. Kevin Stennett, Heather Stower & Diane Lowe, Kim & Monty Teeter, and JeanAnne & Matt Williams.

Our first stop was the home of Shelley and Tim Roberts for appetizers. We enjoyed a Cheese Log, Spinach Dip, Seasoned Crackers, Apples

with Caramel Dip, Stuffed Jalapenos, and Seven-Layer Dip.

Members then moved on to Shawnda and Jody Foster's home for the Salad Course. After this we went to the home of Keith and Gayle Jackson for the main course which was catered by Mac Sherman. We all enjoyed wonderful barbecued brisket and sausage, along with beans, biscuits and fruit salad.

Club members then opened their Christmas presents sent by their secret pals, and the husbands each received a gift from a member. We all then moved on one more time to the Williams' barn where we enjoyed dessert.

We had plenty to choose from among Cheesecake, Apple Cobbler, Pralines, Red Velvet Cake, Blueberry Poundcake, Chocolate Pie, and Neiman Marcus Cake. We all then had fun just sitting around and visiting with one another.

We Salute in Floydada

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Friday, Dec. 15: Jamie McGuire, Mary Lucio

Sunday, Dec. 17: Abby Sanders, Veronica Coss, Emory Gilly, Dinks Eckert, Neomi Machado, Shereshe Covington, Jonathan Morales

Monday, Dec. 18: Shelia Joiner, Chase Brotherton
Tuesday, Dec. 19: Jerry Gray, Silvia Morales

Wednesday, Dec. 20: Jessica Ochoa, Duncan Woody, Jay Lowrey, Jeremy Duran, Kathy Mulder

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
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Survey shows adolescents more aware of healthy eating lifestyles

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
American adolescents are well on their way to a healthful lifestyle, according to the new Gallup survey in which 97 percent of youngsters agreed that a balanced diet is very important for good health.

The survey also showed that 98 percent of children agreed that physical activity contributes to health.

The American Dietetic Association and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports jointly surveyed the attitudes and behaviors of 410 children between 9 and 15 years

of age regarding food, nutrition and physical activity.

What did the survey say about the importance of nutrition knowledge? Nearly all—96 percent—liked different types of foods and 81 percent agreed that eating smaller amounts of only a few foods.

They understand that they can eat a wide variety of foods in moderation.

Parents and other role models need to encourage these attitudes about a balanced diet so essential for optimal growth and development of our youth.

Positive attitudes about nutrition were coupled with some misunderstandings. Nearly 3/4 felt that their favorite foods were not good for them. Some 64 percent believed foods that were good for them just could not taste good—an increase of 14 percent when compared to the 1991 survey.

Kids need to know that healthy eating can taste good and following the healthful diet can be enjoyable. Learning this at an early age increases the chances of carrying these good habits into adulthood.

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SPORTS

Lady 'Winds Basketball Report

By Edd Henderson, Jr.

Games played from December 5, 1995 through December 11, 1995.

VARSITY

Lorenzo 53 Floydada 52
Lorenzo hit two clutch free throws with less than 5 seconds remaining in the game to upset the Floydada Lady winds by a score of 53 to 52. Working for the last shot of the game, Victoria Cummings put Floydada ahead by one with a driving jump shot with 5 seconds left to play. Lorenzo quickly pushed the ball up the court after the basket and got a very controversial foul call on the Lady

Winds in the back court with about 3 seconds left in the game. With the game on the line, Lorenzo sank both free throws to give the Lady Hornets a one point victory. Leading scorers for the Lady Winds were Christy Hale with 17 points and Victoria Cummings with 13 points. The loss evens Floydada's record at 4-4 for the year.

WHITEFACE TOURNAMENT

Floydada 41 Ropes 31
Floydada defeated Ropes in game one of the Whiteface Tournament by 41 to 31 to advance into the winners bracket of the tournament. Ropes shut down the Lady Winds leading scorer Christy Hale by limiting her to just 2 points for the entire game but freshman Victoria Cummings and sophomore Marty Herrera picked up the scoring slack for the Lady Winds. Cummings ended up with a game high 17 points with Herrera contributing 12. Sophomore Neisha Simpson also continued to make contributions on the boards as she picked up 10 rebounds for the game to pace the Lady Winds. The win improves Floydada's record to 5-4 for the year.

Whiteface 53 Floydada 38

Game two of the Whiteface Tournament found the Lady Winds facing a very talented Whiteface Lady Lopes team who came into the game undefeated. Floydada jumped out to an early lead and held it throughout most of the first half. Whiteface hit a long 3-point shot at the first half buzzer to finally take the lead at halftime by a score of 17 to 15. The much taller Lady Lopes spread the floor on the Lady Winds in the second half and used their superior height and speed to defeat the Lady Winds by a score of 53 to 38. Leading Floydada were Marty Herrera with 14 points and Christy Hale with 11 points. The loss evens the Lady Winds season record at 5-5.

Floydada 46 Olton 22

The Floydada Lady Winds captured the third place trophy at the Whiteface Tournament by defeating the

Olton Fillies by a score of 46 to 22. The Lady Winds jumped out to an early 15 to 7 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back in picking up their sixth win of the year. Floydada's defense limited Olton to single digit points in every quarter and only one free throw in the final period. The Lady Winds were led in scoring by Christy Hale with 14 points, Marty Herrera with 10 points and Laci Golightly with 9 points on three three-point shots. The win improves the Lady Winds season record to 6-5. Their next game will be Friday, December 15, 1995 at home against Crosbyton.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Floydada 55 Lorenzo 30
The junior varsity Lady Winds dominated the Lorenzo Lady Hornets from the opening tip and cruised to a convincing 55 to 30 victory. The Lady Winds limited Lorenzo to single digit scoring in three of the four quarters while scoring in double digits themselves in all four quarters of play. Leading scorers for Floydada were Jamie McGuire with 17 points and Tara McCandless with 14 points. The win evens the Lady Winds season record at 4-4.

TULIA TOURNAMENT

Dimmitt 36 Floydada 25
The junior varsity Lady Winds took on the always tough Dimmitt Bobbies in first game action at the Tulia Junior Varsity Tournament. Dimmitt took the early lead at the end of the first quarter by a score of 10 to 3 as the Lady Winds were limited offensively to just three free throws by Jamie McGuire. Floydada turned the game around in the second quarter as they outscored Dimmitt 11 to 2 and took a 14 to 12 halftime lead. Both teams continued to play good defense throughout the third quarter as Floydada took a slim 19 to 18 lead into the final period. Dimmitt's offense came alive in the fourth quarter as they equaled their point total for the three previous quarters and limited the Lady Winds to just 6 points in the quarter to take a 36 to 25 victory. Leading scorers for the Lady Winds were Jamie McGuire with 10 points and Ashleigh Williams with 8 points. The loss drops the junior varsity Lady Winds season record to 4-5.

Lockney 45 Floydada 42

The Lady Winds took on cross-county rival Lockney in game two of the Tulia Junior Varsity Tournament. Floydada once again started out slowly, scoring just six points in the first quarter and found themselves trailing by a score of 11 to 6. Just as in game one of the tournament, the Lady Winds came back strong in the second quarter to take a 20 to 19 lead into halftime. The third quarter was virtually a standoff as Lockney pulled back into the one point by a score of 34 to 33. The fourth quarter saw Lockney outscore the Lady Winds 11

to 9 to take a hard fought 45 to 42 victory. Jamie McGuire once again paced the Lady Winds in scoring with 20 points followed by Tara McCandless with 8 points. The loss drops the junior varsity Lady Winds record to 4-6 for the season.

Hart 46 Floydada 44 (O/T)

Game three of the Tulia Junior Varsity Tournament found the Lady Winds taking on Hart. Floydada took the early lead with balanced scoring from four different players to take the first quarter lead 12 to 9. In the second quarter, Floydada continued its balanced scoring attack against Hart as they took a 23 to 20 lead into halftime. The Lady Winds defense limited Hart to just 6 points in the third quarter and they continued their balanced scoring attack with 12 points from four different players to take a 35 to 26 lead into the final quarter. Hart put together its biggest scoring spurt of the game in the fourth quarter to tie the game 43 to 43 at the end of regulation play and send the game into overtime. In the overtime period, Floydada could score only one point on a free throw by Tamisha Burks and allowed Hart to come away with a 46 to 44 overtime victory. Leading scorers for Floydada were Tamisha Burks with 17 points and Jamie McGuire with 12 points. The loss drops the Lady Winds season record to 4-7. Their next game will be at home on Friday, December 15, against Crosbyton.

8TH GRADE

Floydada 37 Dimmitt 31
The 8th Grade Lady Breezers matched or outscored the Dimmitt Bobbies in every quarter and took away a hard fought 37 to 31 victory. The game started out as a defensive struggle as Floydada took the lead at the end of the first quarter by a score of 3 to 2. Both teams overcame their first quarter jitters and scored 8 points each in the second quarter as Floydada hung onto its slim one point lead at the half. The third quarter proved to be the turning point in the game as the Lady Breezers outscored Dimmitt 10 to 6 by continually breaking the full court pressure of the Bobbies and getting easy shots from the fast break opportunities they created. Both teams opened up the offense in the fourth quarter but Floydada outscored Dimmitt 16 to 15 in the final stanza to earn the win. The inside tandem of Mandy Emert with 14 points and Lindsey Reddy with 10 points led the Lady Breezers in scoring. Nicole Hartline also contributed 9 points and directed the Floydada offense flawlessly throughout the game under continuous pressure from the Dimmitt pressure defense. The win improves the 8th Grade Lady Breezers record to 3-3 for the year and 3-1 in district play. Their next game will be on the road against the Lady Mules from Muleshoe on Monday, January 8, 1996.

7TH GRADE

Dimmitt 49 Floydada 27
The 7th Grade Lady Breezers could never overcome their slow start in the first quarter as Dimmitt outscored them 16 to 4 in that period and went on to pick up the victory by a score of 49 to 27. Ashlee Parker led the Lady Breezers with 6 points and 7 rebounds and Erin Ralston also contributed 6 points. Lana McCandless and Kelsy Pierce were the team leaders on defense as well as contributing 5 points and 4 points respectively. The loss drops the Lady Breezers season record to 2-4 and 2-2 in district play. The next game for the Lady Breezers will be on the road against the Lady Mules from Muleshoe on Monday, January 8, 1996.

Lady Horns Basketball Report

LOCKNEY VARSITY GIRLS vs. NEW DEAL

The Lockney Varsity Girls Horns fell to a second-half rally and were downed by the New Deal Tiger 69-

62 in girls basketball December 8, 1995 at Abernathy.

Lady Horns had led by three at half-time. Lady Horns jumped ahead 23-12

after the first quarter, but was outscored 22-14 in the second period and 22-15 in the third to trail 56-52 going into the final period.

Lady Horns saw its record fall to 1-2, while upped its mark to 2-1. Individual Stats, Lady Horns: Scoring- High scorers: Deborah Ballejo with 19 points and Stacy Bigham with 10 points



PALS PERFORM AT HOLIDAY HAPPENING

LOCKNEY VARSITY GIRLS vs. RALLS

The Lockney Varsity Girls Horns defeated Ralls 66-55 in girls basketball December 9, 1995 at Abernathy in a win carried by a strong first quarter.

The Horns jumped ahead 25-12 after the first quarter, led 38-29 at half-time, and then led 50-40 after the third period.

Individual Stats, Lady Horns: Scoring- High scorers: Tikka Smith-20 points, Deborah Ballejo- 17 points, Nicole Emert-15 points

PALS perform

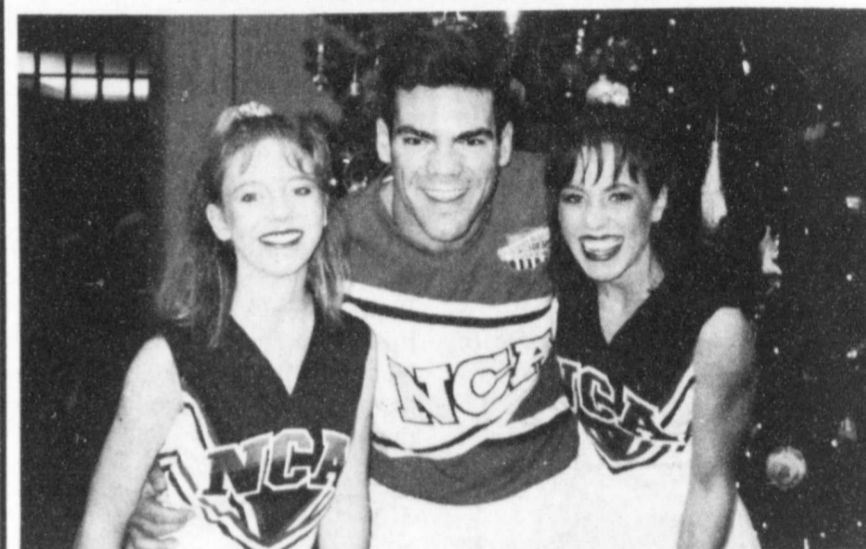
By D'Lyn Morris

LOCKNEY—These 13 PALS members were invited recently to perform at Holiday Happening at Lubbock Civic Center November 18. They performed one, two, and three ball skills set to rock and roll Christmas music during the Breakfast With Santa event. These PALS plus 40 more kids in first through sixth grade, learn and practice these and other basketball skills at weekly practices and perform them at local events, collegiate and high school games, including 2 performances at Texas Tech December 2.

PALS, which stands for Players Always Learning Skills, is in its 5th year in Lockney (the first year the group was organized as PIP) and has had an average of 60 members each year. PALS members learn team work, leadership, patience and work skills that will help them become not only better athletes but better citizens. The group is directed by Dave Davlin of McKinney, Texas and is coached by local volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. Coaches this year include Michelle Araujo, Kay Brock, Laurie Hall, Nan Howard, Lozell Keeter, D'Lyn Morris, Bertha Peralez, and Almadena Rendon.

PALS will be performing at half-time of the Lockney-Abernathy girls game this Friday, December 15. Game time is 6:30 p.m. They will also perform in Lockney on Friday, January 19 and Tuesday, February 6.

Thank You!



Laci Christian, the NCA coordinator, & Lacy Golightly

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Sparky wants you to have a happy and safe holiday. So he wrote these tips to help you safely enjoy the Christmas season.

Color Sparky with crayons or markers and clip this page out. Then, check your safety list to make sure your home is ready for the holidays. (Ask for your parent's help!)

SAFETY LIST!

- Check all cords for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Test lights before stringing.
- Unplug lights before making any repairs or replacing light bulbs.
- Don't overload circuits with too many plugs!
- No lights on metallic trees.
- Keep your tree fresh by trimming the base and keeping plenty of water in the tree stand.
- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
- Don't use indoor lights outside.
- Avoid outdoor electrical lines when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- Use waterproof lighting equipment outdoors. Hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.



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- Mix in:** 4 gallons laughter, 1 drop or 2 of tears
- Add:** a couple of bear hugs
- Sprinkle lightly with:** kisses
- Take:** 1 tiny child's hand, 1 stranger's smiling eyes
- Time:** all your blessings one by one
- Bake:** beneath a setting sun, joy will be yours, when the New Year comes.

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FHS Senior Spotlight

by Driscilla Perales



CHRISTIE DUBOIS



LACY GOLIGHTLY



DAVID WATSON

A Senior Spotlight this week is Christie DuBois, the daughter of Gail and Craig DuBois. She has attended school in Floydada for 13 years. She has been a member of FFA for all 4 years in high school. One of Christie's favorite classes is Psychology with Mrs. Crabtree.

Some of Christie's best memories about FHS are being with her friends and partying. Christie will miss all the teachers and most of all being with her friends. If you could change one thing in the past four years, she would have been more outgoing.

Christie enjoys reading the comics "The Far Side" and "Calvin and Hobbs". Her favorite song is "I Can Love You Like That" by John Michael Montgomery. She would like to travel to Australia. The one person Christie admires the most is her grandmother, because she is always there for her, when she needs someone.

After graduation Christie has decided to go to South Plains with plans

to transfer to West Texas. She would like to pursue a career in physical therapy. Christie wants her friends to remember her by these words, "Live life large, you're only here once."

Another Senior Spotlight this week is Lacy Golightly, daughter of Penny and Dayne Golightly. She has attended Floydada schools for 12 years. She is involved in basketball, cheerleading, NHS, FFA, and FCA. She has been class favorite her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Offices Lacy has held are vice-president, reporter, and advisor in FFA.

Lacy's favorite subject is Ag and her hobbies are eating, cheering, hanging out, and showing animals. One of her favorite trips is going to the State Basketball Tournaments in Austin. Lacy has participated in church activities, including See You at the Pole.

Some of Lacy's best memories of high school are being with her friends and going to Regional in track her freshman year. The thing she will miss

most about FHS are her involvement in school activities. If she could change one thing about the past 4 years, she would have graduated earlier. She plans to attend college but she is undecided where. Lacy hopes to become a lawyer someday.

Another Senior Spotlight is David Watson, son of Brenda and Dean Watson. David has attended Floydada schools for 13 years. He has participated in FFA. His favorite television show is "Dave's World." His favorite color is black and he listens to AC/DC. He also likes reading "Calvin and Hobbs". He has 2 pets, a Rotweiler named Dakota and a Blue Heeler named Cheyenne. The one person David admires the most is his grandfather.

After graduation David plans on farming. His best memory of FHS is partying with his friends.

David's mottos are, "the road goes on forever" and "the party never ends".

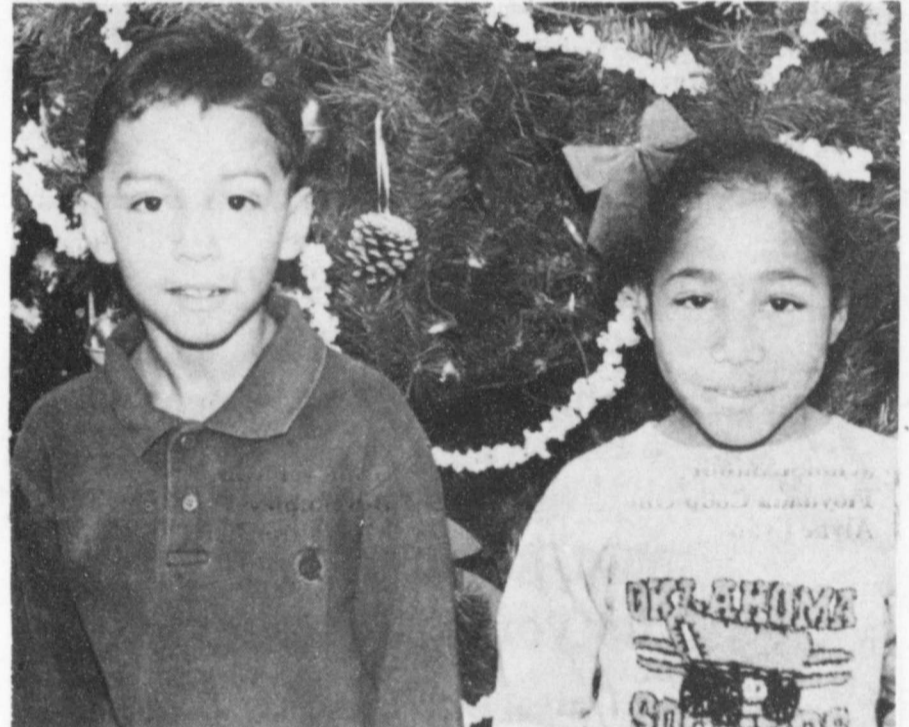
THROUGH THE HALLS



LITTLE LONGHORNS -- Named as Little Longhorns this week at Lockney Elementary were: (back row, left to right) Brady Foster, Tony Gonzalez, Dustin Rose, Armando Perales, Crystal Olivarez, Jessica Cervantes; (2nd row) Cammy Lass, Lydia Mendoza, Reid Carthel, Logan Cummings, Davis Hooten, Kory

Smith, Jason Mondragon, Gabriel Ortiz; (3rd row) Adrian Luna, Ruben Pesina, Austin Wofford, Dru Carthel, Krista Rasco; (front row) Roman Salas, Michael Vasquez, Janie Martinez, Stella Rodriguez, Anna Aultman, Amy Molina, and Erin Mangold.

-- Staff Photo



ELS LAB SUPER STARS--Lockney Elementary's ELS Lab Super Stars for the week of Dec. 11-15 are: (l-r) Joe Luis Castro and Ashley Valdez.

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At School This Week In Lockney

December 14-21
Presented by Lockney PTA
Thursday, Dec. 14:
7:00 p.m. - Christmas Band Concert
Friday, Dec. 15:
4:00 p.m. Abernathy 4 games at home; PALS perform at halftime
Monday, Dec. 18:
Semester Tests
5:00 p.m. Hart, Boys at home, Girls at Hart.
Tuesday, Dec. 19:
Semester Tests
Wednesday, Dec. 20:
1:30 p.m. Classroom Christmas Parties
Thursday, Dec. 21:
Christmas Holidays. 4:00 p.m. Clarendon, 4 games at home.

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To apologize
To begin over
To admit error
To keep trying
To take advice
To be unselfish
To be charitable
To face a sneer
To avoid mistakes
To be considerate
To endure success
To profit by mistakes
To keep out of a rut
To forgive and forget
To think and then act
To make the best of little
To subdue an unruly temper
To recognize the silver lining
To shoulder a deserved blame
But it always pays.
—Author Unknown

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FOOD AUCTION FUNDS DONATED -- Garrett Mathis (right) presents a check for the money raised at the Lockney 4-H Food Auction to D'Lyn Morris, a member of the Floyd County Friends, for use in securing a multi-purpose center in Floyd County.

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HERE WE GO A CAROLING--The Lockney 4-H Club sang Christmas Carols at the W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, Lockney Care Center and up and down the residential streets of Lockney on Monday

night. They rode on a trailer furnished by Cargill Hybrid Seeds and decorated with Christmas lights.

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Have a good week!

LOCKNEY ISD
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Editor's Note: This story is called "Delayed Delivery," and it first appeared in a 1992 Christmas story contest for a Canadian paper called *The Northern Life* and was reprinted as well in *Christmas in My Heart*. It was written by Cathy Miller.

There had never been a winter like this. Stella watched from the haven of her armchair as gusts of snow whipped themselves into a frenzy. She feared to stand close to the window, unreasonably afraid that somehow the blizzard might be able to reach her there, sucking her, breathless, out into the chaos. The houses across the street were all but obliterated by the fury of wind-borne flakes. Absently, the elderly woman straightened the slipcovers on the arms of her chair, her eyes glued to the spectacle beyond the glass.

Dragging her gaze away from the window, she forced herself up out of her chair and waited a moment for balance to reassure itself. Straightening her back against the pain that threatened to keep her stooped, she set out determinedly for the kitchen.

In the doorway to the next room she paused, her mind blank, wondering what purpose had propelled her there. From the vent above the stove the scream of the wind threatened to funnel the afternoon storm directly down into the tiny house. Stella focused brown eyes on the stove-top clock. The three-fifteen time reminded her that she had headed in there to take something out of the freezer for her supper. Another lonely meal that she didn't feel like preparing, much less eating.

Suddenly, she grabbed the handle of the refrigerator and leaned her forehead against the cold, white surface of the door as a wave of self-pity threatened to drown her. It was too much to bear, losing her beloved Dave this summer! How was she to endure the pain, the daily nothingness? She felt the familiar ache in her throat and squeezed her eyes tightly shut to hold the tears at bay.

Stella drew herself upright and shook her head in silent chastisement. She reiterated her litany of thanks. She had her health, her tiny home, an income that should suffice for the remainder of her days. She had her books, her television programs, her

needlework. There were the pleasures of her garden in the spring and summer, walks through the wilderness park at the end of her street, and the winter birds that brightened the feeders outside her kitchen picture window. Not today though, she thought ruefully, as the blizzard hurled itself against the eastern wall of the kitchen.

"Ah, Dave, I miss you so! I never minded storms when you were here." The sound of her own voice echoed hollowly in the room. She turned on the radio that stood on the counter next to a neatly descending row of wooden canisters. A sudden joyful chorus of Christmas music filled the room, but it only served to deepen her loneliness.

Stella had been prepared for her husband's death. Since the doctor's pronouncement of terminal lung cancer, they had both faced the inevitable, striving to make the most of their remaining time together. Dave's financial affairs had always been in order. There were no new burdens in her widowed state. It was just the awful aloneness . . . the lack of purpose to her days.

They had been a childless couple. It had been their choice. Their lives had been full and rich. They had been content with busy careers, and with each other.

They had had many friends. Had. That was the operative word these days. It was bad enough losing the one person you loved with all your heart. But over the past few years, she and Dave repeatedly had to cope with the deaths of their friends and relations. They were all of an age, the age when human bodies began giving up—dying. Face it—they were old!

And now, on this first Christmas without Dave, Stella would be on her own. Mable and Jim had invited her to spend the holiday with them in Florida, but somehow that had seemed worse than staying at home alone. Not only would she miss her husband, but she would miss the snow, and the winter, and the familiarity of her home.

With shaky fingers, she lowered the volume of the radio so that the music became a muted background. She

glanced toward the fridge briefly, then decided that a hot bowl of soup would be more comforting fare this evening.

To her surprise, she saw that the mail had come. She hadn't even heard the creak of the levered mail slot in the front door. Poor mailman, out in this weather! "Neither hail, nor sleet . . ." With the inevitable wince of pain, she bent to retrieve the damp, white envelopes from the floor. Moving into the living room, she sat on the piano bench to open them. They were mostly Christmas cards, and her sad eyes smiled at the familiarity of the traditional scenes and at the loving messages inside. Carefully, her arthritic fingers arranged them among the others clustered on the piano top. In her entire house, they were the only seasonal decoration. The holiday was less than a week away, but she just did not have the heart to put up a silly tree, or even set up the stable that Dave had built with his own hands.

Suddenly engulfed by the loneliness of it all, Stella buried her lined face in her hands, lowering her elbows to the piano keys in a harsh, abrasive discord, and let the tears come. How would she possibly get through Christmas and the winter beyond it? She longed to climb into bed and bury herself in a cocoon of blankets, not emerging until her friends and spring returned.

The ring of the doorbell echoed the high-pitched, discordant piano notes and was so unexpected that Stella had to stifle a small scream of surprise. Now who could possibly be calling on her on a day like today? Wiping her eyes, she noticed for the first time how dark the room had become. The doorbell sounded a second time.

Using the piano for leverage, she raised herself upright and headed for the front hall, switching on the living room light as she passed. She opened the wooden door and stared through the screened window of the storm door in consternation. On her front porch, buffeted by waves of wind and snow, stood a strange, young man, whose hatless head was barely visible above the large carton in his arms. She

peered beyond him to the driveway, but there was nothing about the small car to give clue to his identity. Returning her gaze to him, she saw that his hands were bare and his eyebrows had lifted in an expression of hopeful appeal that was fast disappearing behind the frost forming on the glass. Summoning courage, the elderly lady opened the door slightly and he stepped sideways to speak into the space.

"Mrs. Thornhope?" She nodded her affirmation, her extended arm beginning to tremble with cold and the strain of holding the door against the wind. He continued, predictably, "I have a package for you."

Curiosity drove warning thoughts from her mind. She pushed the door far enough to enable the stranger to shoulder it and stepped back into the foyer to make room for him. He entered, bringing with him the frozen breath of the storm. Smiling, he placed his burden carefully on the floor and stood to retrieve an envelope that protruded from his pocket. As he handed it to her, a sound came from the box. Stella actually jumped. The man laughed in apology and bent to straighten up the cardboard flaps, holding them open in an invitation for her to peek inside. She advanced cautiously, then turned her gaze downward.

It was a dog! To be more exact, a golden Labrador retriever puppy. As the gentleman lifted its squirming body up into his arms, he explained, "This is for you, ma'am. He's 6 weeks old and completely housebroken." The young pup wiggled in happiness at being released from captivity and thrust ecstatic, wet kisses in the direction of his benefactor's chin. "We were supposed to deliver him on Christmas Eve," he continued with some difficulty, as he strove to rescue his chin from the wet little tongue, "but the staff at the kennels start their holidays tomorrow. Hope you don't mind an early present."

Shock had stolen her ability to think clearly. Unable to form coherent sentences, she stammered, "But . . . I don't

. . . I mean . . . who . . . ?" The young fellow set the animal down on the doormat between them and then reached out a finger to tap the envelope she was still holding.

There's a letter in there that explains everything, pretty much. The dog was bought last July while her mother was still pregnant. It was meant to be a Christmas gift. If you'll just wait a minute, there are some things in the car I'll get for you."

Before she could protest, he was gone, returning a moment later with a huge box of dog food, a leash, and a book entitled *Caring for Your Labrador Retriever*. All this time the puppy had sat quietly at her feet, panting happily as his brown eyes watched her.

Unbelievably, the stranger was turning to go. Desperation forced the words from her lips. "But who . . . who bought it?"

Pausing in the open doorway, his words almost snatched away by the wind that tousled his hair, he replied, "Your husband, ma'am." And then he was gone.

It was all in the letter. Forgetting the puppy entirely at this sight of the familiar handwriting, Stella had walked like a somnambulist to her chair by the window. Unaware that the little dog had followed her, she forced tear-filled eyes to read her husband's words. He had written it three weeks before his death and had left it with the kennel owners to be delivered along with the puppy as his last Christmas gift to her. It was full of love and encouragement and admonishments to be strong. He vowed that he was waiting for the day when she would join him. And he had sent her this young animal to keep her company until then.

Remembering the little creature for the first time, she was surprised to find him quietly looking up at her, his small panting mouth resembling a comic

smile. Stella put the pages aside and reached down for the bundle of golden fur. She thought that he would be heavier, but he was only the size and weight of a sofa pillow. And so soft and warm. She cradled him in her arms and he licked her jawbone, then cuddled up into the hollow of her neck. The tears began anew at this exchange of affection and the dog endured her crying without moving.

Finally, Stella lowered him to her lap, where he regarded her solemnly. She wiped vaguely at her wet cheeks, then somehow mustered a smile.

"Well, little guy, I guess it's you and me." His pink tongue panted in agreement. Stella's smile strengthened and her gaze shifted sideways to the window. Dusk had fallen, and the storm seemed to have spent the worst of its fury. Through fluffy flakes that were now drifting down at a gentler pace, she saw the cheery Christmas lights that edged the roof lines of her neighbors' homes. The strains of "Joy to the World" wafted in from the kitchen.

Suddenly Stella felt the most amazing sensation of peace and benediction washing over her. It was like being enfolded in a loving embrace. Her heart beat painfully, but it was with joy and wonder, not grief or loneliness. She need never feel alone again. Returning her attention to the dog, she spoke to him, "You know, fella, I have a box in the basement that I think you'd like. There's a tree in it and some decorations and lights that will impress you like crazy! And I think I can find that old stable down there, too. What'd ya say we go hunt it up?" The puppy barked happily in agreement, as if he understood every word.

JOYOUS NOEL



Thornberry supports legislation to raise earning limits for older Americans

By Mac Thornberry

I believe it is time to stop penalizing seniors who want to find a job, so on Dec. 5th, I voted for the Senior Citizens Right to Work Act, a bill that will raise the Social Security Earnings Limit to \$30,000 a year. The measure passed the House by a vote of 411-4.

For too long, the federal government has been preventing senior Americans from finding jobs by penalizing the very benefits they've earned and come to depend on. That's

not only wrong—it's foolish. Seniors are the untapped resource of America. The more we can do to encourage those who want to contribute their talents and wisdom to the workplace, the better our country will be.

In short, I voted for this bill because it recognizes not only the value of work to America's seniors, but the value of working seniors to America.

Under current law, senior citizens between the ages of 65 and 69 lose one dollar in Social Security benefits for every three dollars they earn above \$11,280. This earnings test amounts to an additional 33 percent marginal tax rate of top of existing income taxes. The Senior Citizens Right to Work Act raises the earnings limit to

\$30,000 by the year 2002, and would be phased in according to the following schedule:

Year	Current Law	Proposed Limit
1996	\$11,520	\$14,000
1997	\$11,880	\$15,000
1998	\$12,240	\$16,000
1999	\$12,720	\$17,000
2000	\$13,200	\$18,000
2001	\$13,800	\$25,000
2002	\$14,400	\$30,000

Increasing the Social Security Earnings Limit was an original provision of the Contract With America. It was also a plank of my 13-Point Plan, a package of legislative proposals I introduced during last year's

campaign and promised to support if elected. The House of Representatives approved an increase in the earnings limit in May of this year as part of H.R. 1215, the Tax Fairness and Deficit Reduction Act of 1995. The measure was excluded from the Senate-passed version of the bill, which is the reason for this House action.

Nearly a million seniors currently receive smaller Social Security paychecks because they either want to work or because they must work to make ends meet. It's time to keep the promise we made last year and stop penalizing senior Americans who want or need to find a job.

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Farm News

Cotton prices continue to decline

Monthly marketing figures through the month of October show the weighted average price of cotton continues to decline slowly. The decline in the price received by growers is no doubt directly related to the fact that the bulk of the 1995 crop has now been harvested.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) harvesting activity on the High Plains is now all but complete with many area gins already beginning to reach the end of their 1995 ginning season.

Estimates of the crop continue to decline with many observers now expecting this year's crop to fall in the 2.5 - 2.6 million bale range. This would be down significantly from the most recent USDA estimate of 2.74 million bales. There is considerable interest in what USDA's December crop estimate will show for the Texas High Plains region.

Marketing figures through October indicate that through the first 10 months of 1995 a total of 7.652 million bales have been marketed. The average price received by growers, weighted by total marketings, totals

78.95 cents per pound. This is 1.51 cents below the weighted average price at the end of September and reflects an increase in marketings for the month of October.

October marketings totaled 2.112 million bales, up from the 444,000 bales marketed during September.

The average price received by growers for October was 75 cents down 0.2 cents from the average price received during September.

The weighted average price remains well above the 72.9 cent target price established for the 1995 crop and pro-

ducers who received an advance deficiency payment in 1995 will be asked to pay back that amount in some manner. What form the pay back will take will depend a great deal on what happens in Washington with the 1995 Farm Bill.

Marketing and price figures quoted above were taken from the National Agricultural Statistics Service and are subject to revision.

Monthly marketings and prices received through the month of October are included in the table below.

Preliminary Marketings and Prices Received Through October 1995 *

	Marketings (1000)bales		Prices (cents/lb.)		Weighted Avg. Price	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
January	1925	1990	62.7	79.7	62.70	79.70
February	913	1058	65.7	81.6	63.67	80.36
March	722	435	66.6	86.5	64.26	81.13
April	542	231	67.5	84.5	64.69	81.34
May	491	207	69.0	82.6	65.15	81.40
June	263	248	63.3	86.3	65.05	81.69
July	193	180	58.7	86.6	64.81	81.90
August	912	444	66.8	75.2	65.11	81.28
September	836	747	65.90	75.2	65.21	80.46
October	2452	2112	65.50	75.0	65.29	78.95

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Kentucky allows Texas animal to enter

Ranchers may have happier holidays, since New Mexico animal health authorities have released their state's last quarantine for vesicular stomatitis (VS). Kentucky officials also have reopened their doors to Texas livestock, after shutting off shipments in mid-summer, due to the disease. A viral infection, VS causes affected livestock, particularly horses, to develop blisters in and around the mouth, nose and teats, and above the hooves.

Dr. Terry Beals, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), announced that a veterinarian's "VS" statement is no longer required on health papers for livestock coming from New Mexico. The statement had been required since early summer on certificates of veterinary inspection to indicate that animals were not showing symptoms, known to be exposed, or traveling from a VS-quarantined area. Dr. Beals said dropping the requirement will make it easier for West

Texas ranchers and livestock market operators to conduct trade with New Mexico producers.

Kentucky animal health officials have reopened their doors to live stock from Texas and Arizona. However, horses, mules, donkeys and other equine from the two states must be tested negative for VS within 30 days before entering Kentucky.

Since mid-summer, Kentucky has embargoed livestock from states affected by VS. This summer, Texas and Arizona each had a confirmed case; in Texas, a rodeo horse from McCauley, near Abilene, contracted the disease after being hauled to events in New Mexico and Colorado. The quarantine was released in late August. In October, a horse in Henderson County was quarantined, but released after laboratory results could not be reproduced.

This year's VS cases are the first since a major outbreak in 1982-83.

Infection was detected initially in New Mexico in mid-May. Soon after, individual cases were confirmed in Arizona and Texas and by late summer, infection spread to Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. As of December 4, Colorado has 18 cases, Utah has three, and Wyoming has two.

Fortunately, VS is usually not fatal, but stricken animals may lose weight, because the virus causes blisters that break, leaving raw lesions that take about two weeks to heal. Although symptoms may indicate infection, a final diagnosis is based on positive blood tests, or isolating the virus in

tissue. Regulatory veterinarians send blood samples and tissue scrapings for testing to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, or to the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Plum Island, New York.

Travelers advised against bringing back Florida citrus plants

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry today advised Texans who travel to Florida to avoid bringing back citrus plants, budsticks or any part of a citrus plant taken from residential areas following the Nov. 3 detection of a very serious citrus pest — the brown citrus aphid — in Fort Lauderdale.

"Along with damaging citrus trees by causing young leaves and stems to curl and die prematurely, the brown citrus aphid also is very effective at transmitting the citrus tristeza virus," Perry said.

The citrus tristeza virus comes in mild forms and severe forms. However, the severe form of the virus has

not been detected in Texas.

In addition to the brown citrus aphid, the Asian strain of citrus canker has been detected this year in Florida, so it is also essential that Texans avoid bringing back or accepting fruit from residential trees in Florida, Perry said. Citrus canker, an extremely virulent bacterial disease, was detected in a Miami residential area in September.

Brown citrus aphids were found initially in Fort Lauderdale during a routine inspection of fruit fly traps by a U.S. Department of Agriculture inspector. More brown citrus aphid populations have been found in several additional locations in the Fort

Lauderdale and Miami areas. No commercial groves have been affected.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is intensifying its inspections at weight stations statewide to ensure that citrus plants and uncertified citrus from Florida is not imported into the state. If uncertified plants or citrus is found, they will be returned to Florida.

TDA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the citrus industry also conducted a cooperative survey last year of citrus trees in residential areas in Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties. More than 400 samples were taken, and no brown citrus aphids were found.

Self Certification Process for Licensed Pesticide Applicators begins Jan. 1

In a continuing effort to cut unnecessary paperwork and save taxpayers' dollars, licensed pesticide applicators will be responsible beginning Jan. 1 for maintaining their own records of continuing education units through a self-certification process.

"Self-certification means that individual Texas pesticide applicators—instead of the Texas Department of Agriculture—will now keep track of the continuing education courses they complete, just like attorneys, nurses, accountants and many other professionals already do," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "Most pes-

ticide applicators already maintain their own education records, and after Jan. 1 TDA will no longer duplicate these efforts by also keeping records for each individual.

"However, the department will randomly audit records year-round to ensure that individuals have course certificates for classes taken."

Under the new system, TDA will continue to issue license renewal forms, and on these forms, applicators will be asked to list their continuing education units. Applicators should keep certificates of completion, which are distributed after atten-

dance at TDA-accredited courses.

In Texas, individuals who use pesticides classified as restricted or state-limited use must be licensed or certified as commercial, noncommercial or private applicators. Commercial and noncommercial applicators must renew their licenses by completing five hours of continuing education units every year. Private applicators must renew their license or certificate by completing 15 hours of continuing education units every five years.

Floyd County FSA Committee Election results announced for

The new Floyd County FSA Committee members selected in the recent election have been named.

Elected from LAA-1 is Paul Schacht, County Committeeperson, John Quebe, 1st Alternate; Beth Kropp, 2nd Alternate.

Adrain C. Helms was elected County Committeeperson in LAA-2. Craig Gilly was elected 1st Alternate and Jane Bean, 2nd Alternate.

Nancy Bishop was elected County Committeeperson in LAA-3. Victor Smith was name 1st Alternate and Joe P. Jones 2nd Alternate.

An Open House will be held Thursday (today) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

noon at the Floyd County FSA Office to greet the newly elected committee members.

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Floyd County Farm Bureau Report

By Mark McCormick
A bill passed in the U. S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee that would revise the Safe Drinking Water Act contains provisions important to agriculture, the Floyd County Farm Bureau President said.

S. 1316 would provide regulatory relief and new funding to state and local governments for drinking water safety programs, he said.

"This bill is important to agriculture because it would encourage the creation of voluntary partnerships between local stakeholders and governments that would work together to protect the source waters for drinking water systems", McCormick said.

Under this legislation, states would have the option of establishing a petition program, submitted by local, voluntary partnerships. The state would then provide them with information on technical assistance and sources of funds available for establishing pollution control programs.

According to McCormick, the bill would also authorize \$1 billion per year through 2003 for a state revolving loan program that would finance drinking water improvement projects; require the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a cost-benefit analysis before setting any new containment standard; and grant variances from the bill's requirements for water systems with fewer than 10,000 customers.

No new regulatory mandates would be created in this petition program. The provision does not deny states the

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Texas Grain Sorghum Assoc.holds meeting

The Texas Grain Sorghum Association is holding a meeting in Hereford at noon on Monday, December 18 to discuss what your state and national associations are doing to protect your farming interests and hear the latest news in sorghum production. The meeting will be held at the Community Center.

The 1995 farm bill will be on the agenda with information on the increase of sorghum payments an average of \$5 - \$10 per acre, 100% planting flexibility, and the CRP status. Regulatory issues concerning Propazine, Atrazine and Fusadan will be discussed.

Private applicators will earn 2CEU's for attending this meeting. A free meal will be provided.

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Child Welfare Board meets

By D'Lyn Morris, Secretary

The Floyd County Child Welfare Board met on December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Floydada City Council Chambers. President Elza Mercado opened the meeting with the financial report by CPS Director Bill Gardner.

Plans for the December 11 Christmas party for Floyd County children in care were finalized. The party will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada at 6:30 p.m. Each board member will purchase, wrap and bring gifts for one of the children to the party.

Judge Hardin and the Floyd County

Commissioners will be invited to attend the party. The terms of Dixie Harris, Kay Tinney and Trina Wilson will expire at the end of 1995. The board will meet on February 5 in the Floydada City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Members present were Bob Hambright, Elza Mercado, Thomas Trevino, Laurie Hall, D'Lyn Morris, Ruby Kiser, Deneen Marrice, Sandy Adrian and Children's Protective Service Director Bill Gardner.

To report child abuse or neglect, call 1-800-252-5400.

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Merry Christmas!

The family of Emma Bearden would like to express our appreciation for every act of kindness since our loss. The beautiful flowers, food, and memorials. A special thank you to the staff of the Floydada Nursing Home for the care she received and to Reverend Hal Farnsworth and Michael Holster for the Memorial Service.

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Friday, December 15
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Tuesday, December 19
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Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions

Question: My wife and I disagree strongly about the role of materialism in our children's lives. She feels we should give them toys and games that we never had as kids. At Christmas-time, we stack gifts knee-deep around the tree. I feel this is a mistake, even if we could afford to do what we are doing. What is your view on materialism in the life of a child?

Dr. Dobson: I also have concerns about giving kids too many things, which often reflects our inability to say "no" to them.

The child's lust for toys is carefully generated through millions of dollars spent on TV advertising by toy manufacturers. Their commercials are skillfully made so that the toys look like full-sized copies of their real counterparts. The little buyer sits open-mouthed in utter fascination. Five minutes later, he begins a campaign that will eventually cost his dad \$14.95 plus batteries and tax.

Suppose the parents are courageous enough to resist the child's urging. He is not blocked. Grandparents are notoriously easy to "con."

Some would ask, "Why not? Why shouldn't we let our children enjoy the fruits of our good times?" I would not deny a child a reasonable quantity of things he craves. But many American children are inundated with excesses that work toward their detriment.

It has been said that prosperity offers a greater test of character than does adversity, and I'm inclined to agree. There are few conditions that inhibit a sense of appreciation more than for a child to feel he is entitled to whatever he wants, whenever he wants it.

It is enlightening to watch as a child tears open stacks of presents at his birthday party or perhaps at Christmas-time. One after another, the expensive contents are tossed aside with little more than a glance.

The child's mother is made uneasy by this lack of enthusiasm and appreciation, so she says, "Oh, Marvin! Look what it is! A little tape recorder!



DR. DOBSON

What do you say to Grandmother? Give Grandmother a big hug. Did you hear me, Marvin? Go give Grams a big hug and kiss."

Although it sounds paradoxical, you actually cheat a child out of pleasure when you give him too much.

Pleasure occurs when an intense need is satisfied. If there is no need, there is no pleasure. A glass of water is worth more than gold to a man dying of thirst. The analogy to children should be obvious. If you never allow a child to want something, he never enjoys the pleasure of receiving it.

If you buy him a tricycle before he can walk, and a bicycle before he can ride it, a car before he can drive and a diamond ring before he knows the value of money, he accepts these gifts with little pleasure and less appreciation.

How unfortunate that such a child never had the chance to long for something, dreaming about it at night and plotting for it by day. He might have gotten desperate enough to work for it. The same possession that brought a yawn could have been a trophy and a treasure.

I suggest that you and your wife allow your child the thrill of temporary deprivation. It's more fun and much less expensive.

Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Dr. Dobson is brought to you courtesy of West College & 3rd Street Church of Christ, Lockney.

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 Wednesday:
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 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Darwin Robinson, Pastor
 Sunday:
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Claude Porter, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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 Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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 Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Floydada
Gene McCarty, Minister
 Sunday:
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
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EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Vance Mitchell, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Evangelistic 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
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 Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.
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 Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 UMY 5:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 United Methodist Women, Hill Circle, 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m.
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 Sunday 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

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

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
John Williams, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
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 Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday:
 Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

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 Lockney
Ed Hull, Minister
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Ralph Jackson
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
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 Thursday:
 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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 Training Union 5:00 p.m.
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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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 Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

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 Rev. Herman Martinez
 308 W. Tennessee
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
 Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday:
 Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
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 Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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 Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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We also wish to thank the National Honor Society for their donation and we appreciate those members who came to walk. Our hats are off to Dovie Davis and her efforts in recruiting walkers. She and a group of friends, all stroke survivors, came out to walk in memory of Richard Wiley. This group included J.D. and Arla Copeland, Eddie Douglas, Mary Degge, Don Afill, Bobby Carthel, and Dovie Davis.

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Notice is hereby given that the Caprock Hospital District in Floyd County, Texas, intends to contract with one or more banks in Floyd county for the deposit of the district's public funds.
Any bank in the County of Floyd that wants to be a Hospital District depository must deliver its application to Bob Ericson at the Cogdell Clinic on or before December 18, 1995.
Further information may be obtained by contacting:
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
Sealed Proposals for:
Mowing Highway Right-of-Way in all counties of the Lubbock District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas, beginning at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 1996.
All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bidders conference on Wednesday, December 20, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. at the above address.
Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the Engineers' offices as listed below:
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NO. 5321
IN RE ESTATE OF) IN THE COUNTY COURT
EDITH M. DILLARD,) OF
DECEASED) FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Administration of the estate of EDITH M. DILLARD, DECEASED, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on December 12, 1995, by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 5321, styled IN RE ESTATE OF EDITH M. DILLARD, DECEASED, in which court the matter is pending.
All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.
Dated this 12th day of December, 1995.
RAY DILLARD
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDITH M. DILLARD, DECEASED
1113 S. W. 3RD
LOCKNEY, TEXAS 79241
12-14c

Obituaries

ANGELA ALANIZ ARJONA
Graveside services for Angela Alaniz Arjona, 86, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 14, in Plainview Cemetery with the Rev. Ben Kasteel, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, officiating. Burial arrangements are by Lemons Funeral Home.
Mrs. Arjona died at 10:05 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 1995, in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.
She was born Oct. 3, 1909 in LaGrulla. She grew up in Mission where she attended school. She moved to Lubbock in 1945, to Lockney in 1946 and to Plainview in 1985. She worked in agriculture all her life. She was a member of San Jose Catholic Church in Lockney.
Survivors include two daughters, Tamis Hernandez of Plainview and Margie Diaz of Dallas; two sons, Victor Rodriguez of Plainview and Jesse Arjona of Wichita, Kan.; a sister, Sijriana Sepulveda of Lockney; 32 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

MEGAN BENCH
Funeral services for Megan Denise Bench, 21, were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Memphis, and Dr. R.L. Kirk, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Lockney Cemetery by Lemons Funeral Home.
Mrs. Bench died at 2:36 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 1995, in a one-vehicle accident between Hale Center and Plainview.
She was born Megan Denise Graham on Aug. 10, 1974, in Plainview where she grew up and graduated from Plainview High School. She attended Texas A&M and Wayland University. She had been employed by Energas of Plainview since June 1, 1994. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.
She married James Edward Bench on Feb. 18, 1995, in Plainview.
Survivors include her husband; a stepdaughter, Ashley Bench of Amarillo; a sister, Holly Graham of Plainview; her parents, Pamela J. Graham and James H. and Tonya Graham, all of Plainview; and her grandparents, Warren H. and Marie Graham of Plainview and Joe and Lozell

Ketter of Lockney. Maternal grandparents Dale and Gertie Irwin are deceased.

TRUMAN H. CUMBIE
Services for Truman H. Cumbie, 85, of Athens, were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, at the Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. O.E. Davis officiating.
Burial was in Blackjack Cemetery. Mr. Cumbie died Sunday evening, December 3, 1995, at Green Oaks Nursing Home.
He was born May 15, 1910, in Henderson County to the late Charles Adolphus and Carrie Mae Tindel Cumbie.
He lived in Floyd County several years where he engaged in farming and moved back to Athens in 1980. He was an ordained minister in the Pentecostal Church.
Survivors include a daughter, Reba Ann Mansell of Lake Ray Hubbard; three brothers, Joe B. Cumbie of Lockney, Drue Cumbie of Ralls, Weldon Cumbie of Plainview; two grandsons, Ricky Lee Mansell and John Paul Mansell; and a great-grandson.

ANNA BELL RITCHEY
Funeral services for Anna Bell Ritchey, 68, of Amarillo were at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 9, in West College and 3rd Street Church of Christ with the Rev. Glen Walton, a retired Church of Christ minister. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.
Ms. Ritchey died Thursday, December 7, 1995 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
She was born May 1, 1927, in Lockney and moved to Amarillo in 1961. She was a member of the Church of Christ.
She is survived by her mother, Josie Dee Ritchey of Amarillo; two brothers, Thomas Ritchey of Amarillo, and Fred Ritchey of Longview; two sisters, Aline Spies of Longview, and Deanna Lockmiller of Clovis, N.M.
She is preceded in death by her father, Amos Ritchey.
Pallbearers were Dewayne Bilbrey, Jack Carthel, Brett Lockmiller, Don Spies, Todd Northeutt and Tim Farris.

This Week's Announcements

OPEN HOUSE
The Floyd County FSA will be hosting an open house on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. til noon to greet the newly elected committee.

OPEN HOUSE
The First National Bank of Floydada will host their annual Christmas Open House, Friday, Dec. 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the community room. The public is invited.

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

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AVAILABLE
Veterans Service Officer Ralph Jackson is available in the county courtroom on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

TOYS NEEDED FOR SALVATION ARMY STORE
New or used toys are needed at the Lockney Salvation Army Store for distribution at Christmas. If the store is not open, they can be left at Lee's Home & Auto, at 112 S. Main, Lockney.

LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army Store in Lockney is open everyday from 1 - 4 p.m. They are in need of toys, coats, and winter clothes.

LOCKNEY COMMODITIES
Caprock Community Action will distribute commodities at the Community Center in Lockney on Monday, Dec. 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bring a box or sack.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP CLASS
Diabetic Support Groups weekly classes will be in the Methodist Hospital Plainview Library every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend. The program for the December 18th meeting will be "Foot Care". Presented by speaker Dr. Vincent Diappolo.


FFA BOOSTER MEETING
There will be an FFA Booster meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the FHS cafeteria.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous and Anons meet each Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope are welcome. Meetings are held in the County Extension Building, at the north end of the building. Anyone interested may call 983-3635 or 652-3546


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DATE	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 6	70	36
Dec. 7	46	31
Dec. 8	52	36
Dec. 9	32	13
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