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Thousands of cotton bales stored at Plainview Coop Compress are signs of a surprisingly successful year for area cotton producers.

## Cotton crop exceeds expectations

Employees of Floyd County gins have been working long hours and late nights to finish ginning this year's cotton crop. The expected total bale count surpassed 1995's total by approximately 72,000 bales.

According to Charlie McQuhae this was an improvement from last year's low bale count of 108,242.

"We have had an excellent yield of cotton and the quality of the cotton is very, very good," McQuhae said.

McQuhae said Lockney Coop's estimated low price was 58.60¢ and the high was 70¢.

"This has been a very flat market. There has been no excitement, no peaks or valleys. It has been extremely stable this year," McQuhae said.

This year's estimated total for cotton bales is 180,149. However, Darty Gin, Floydada Coop and Brown Gin have not yet finished ginning for the year as of Dec. 30.

The total number of bales for 1996 is up 71,907 bales from 1995's total.

Lockney Gin finished ginning on Dec. 16. According to Larry Mullins, gin manager, they ginned a little over 10,000 bales. Their high price was 69¢ and the low price 63¢.

The highest price reported to the *Hesperian-Beacon* was 70.35¢ by a South Plains gin spokesperson.

Floydada Coop was expected to finish ginning on Jan. 10, according to general manager Rick Meyers.

"Our cotton has a very good quality. On average it's been pretty

good," Meyers said. "As of today (Dec. 30) we have ginned about 40,000 bales."

Many of the Floyd County gins were finished through with the crop by Dec. 27. However, the three remaining gins area waiting their final bales of cotton in the very near future.

For the gin's bale count and a comparison through the years, see the chart below:

GIN	1996	1995	1994	1993
Barwise Gin	11,511 (est.)	8,000	17,003	17,074
Blanco Gin	10,700	6,704 (est.)	10,423	11,192
Brown Gin	5,000 (est.)	4,989	8,500 (est.)	7,532
Darty Gin	13,100 (est.)	7,249 (est.)	11,235	11,255
D&J Gin	27,208	17,268	26,955	24,597
Floydada Coop	40,000 (est.)	22,700	50,350	49,400
Lockney Coop	29,000	18,300	27,954	25,557
Lockney Gin	10,000	6,445	10,096	11,854
Marble Bros.	5,200	3,150	4,000	3,788
McCoy Gin	4,074	3,049	7,882	6,700
Scott Gin	11,056	4,296	11,773	10,668
South Plains	13,300	6,092	11,964	12,494
Crume Gin	Not Open	Not Open	Not Open	3,487
Totals	180,149	108,242	102,043	195,598

## Alternatives sought for juvenile crime deterrent

Juvenile crime is on the rise all across the United States and the sanctions and incarceration time imposed on the offenders has done very little to curtail repeat offenders.

Floyd County's Juvenile Probation Officer Bruce Ballou believes he has come up with an idea to rehabilitate juveniles and bring them back into society as productive citizens.

Ballou and his staff are currently seeking funds and support to create a Parent Adolescent Center (PAC) in Floydada. "It would be an alternative to lock-up at the Lubbock Youth Center in Lubbock," said Ballou. It would also, according to Ballou, save the county and its taxpayer's money.

In the 110th Judicial District last year there were 183 juvenile referrals. The District is composed of Floyd, Motley, Dickens and Briscoe counties. "Of those referrals, 75 percent of them were from Floyd County," said Ballou. "One of the reasons Floyd County is so high is because the county has 57% of the juvenile population."

"Of those 183 juveniles," said Ballou, "41 of them were sent to LCYC." The average length of stay for a juvenile is 7 days at a cost of

\$75.00 a day.

"Floyd County has to reserve the beds and pay for them whether we use them all or not," said Ballou. "The County paid a little over \$27,000 last year on juvenile detention."

According to Ballou the PAC would cost the taxpayers approximately \$20.00 per day.

"We send kids to LCYC to get them off the streets," said Ballou. "The problem is that when we bring them back they still have the same problem. They have not changed, and very often their parents are a big part of the problem."

"PAC would not only address rehabilitation of the child but we would also address parenting skills."

"Each case would obviously be assessed case by case and we know some children would still have to go to LCYC. But PAC could be an alternative."

Juvenile offenders would be required to stay at the PAC from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. They would be released to their parents at night and brought back in the morning.

The center would be operated by the Juvenile Probation Department in

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## Volunteers feed Christmas meal to shut-ins and elderly

FLOYDADA — As most people were still snuggled in their beds or excitedly watching little ones open their Christmas packages, volunteers in Floydada were busy working to make Christmas dinner a reality for some less fortunate people. Many, who would otherwise have spent December 25 as they do each day, enjoyed a lovingly prepared dinner delivered to them from the community kitchen at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

The Spirit of Christmas sharing and sacrifice continues to grow with each year as the annual Christmas Meal is prepared and distributed by local volunteers. This is the sixth year local volunteers have labored on the holiday to provide a meal for less fortunate neighbors.

According to organizers of the annual event, more than 400 people were fed this year, including shut-ins

and others alone this Christmas in Lockney, Floydada, Petersburg, Matador, Ralls and other communities in the area. Meals were also delivered to those currently in Ronald McDonald Houses in Lubbock and Amarillo.

Organizers have been gratified at the response and participation in the annual meal. Volunteers did everything from cooking and cleaning to serving meals. Donations provided the food and delivery containers necessary to send turkey and trimmings with drivers who delivered food in a timely manner.

A week of preparation went into the meal and volunteers worked from just after 6:00 a.m. until past 2:30 p.m. on Christmas Day to feed all on their lists. Then they went home to share Christmas with their own families and friends.

## AFS student returns to his American family after thirty years

By Alice Gilroy

He was only in Floydada one school year but AFS exchange student, Migaku Sato, formed such strong family ties with the Howard Gregory family that he couldn't wait to return 30 years later.

Migaku first came to Floydada from his hometown of Inawashiro, Japan, during the 1966-67 school year. He had never been out of his small hometown except for a couple of trips to Tokyo to prepare for his AFS scholarship and American ori-

entation.

"It was quite a shock leaving my hometown, which is surrounded by hills and brooks, and come out here to this vast open space," said Migaku. "I lost my orientation. There was nothing for me to rely on geographically—no mountains—just horizon. It was very hard and I also had two weeks of stomach problems on top of that."

Because space is a problem for the population in Japan, homes and buildings are built extremely close to each other. The immense open space was a very hard adjustment for Migaku. "But I love the view of the sunrise from my room," said Migaku.

Migaku shared his new home with his American brothers, Britt Gregory (a junior at FHS), Jack (a freshman at FHS) and 7th grader Lisa. Another Gregory daughter, Vickie, had just graduated and had started college in Abilene.

Migaku left three older brothers and an older sister at home in Japan. "Since the first time I saw a plane take off I knew I wanted to go to the States," said Migaku. He fulfilled his dream and then some. He has since traveled to other countries and is currently a visiting scholar at Cambridge, in England.

Migaku and his family will stay one year in England and then return to a new family home in Tokyo, Japan. Migaku will return to his teaching job at a private Anglican University in Tokyo.

"I mainly teach the New Testament," said Migaku. "The department I am in is dedicated to Christian stud-

ies."

"He was so studious when he first came," said his host mom, Jackie Gregory. "He would go up to his room and study for long hours. He even taught himself to type by listening to a record. He has since studied in Germany and Switzerland and can speak several languages."

Coming to Floydada at the age of 18 years old was no easy feat for Sato.

"First the AFS students had two or three days of orientation in Tokyo," said Migaku. "We learned how to do things like use knives and forks. Then we flew to Los Angeles and had another week of orientation at Stanford University. From Los Angeles we rode on a bus to Amarillo. The bus was full to capacity with AFS students. Some of them went on to Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and

Miami. I stayed in Amarillo and was picked up by the whole Gregory family."

"When I first saw him I went up and hugged him," said Jackie. "He pulled back. He was not used to that kind of physical contact. He also was not used to women giving any orders around the house," laughed Jackie.

"That was a very useful thing that I

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MIGAKU'S JAPANESE FAMILY--Migaku, (back row, right) celebrated Christmas in Tokyo with his wife Mira and their two children (front, l-r) Mana and Eli, before the Sato's came to Floydada to celebrate the season with Migaku's American family. Staff Photo

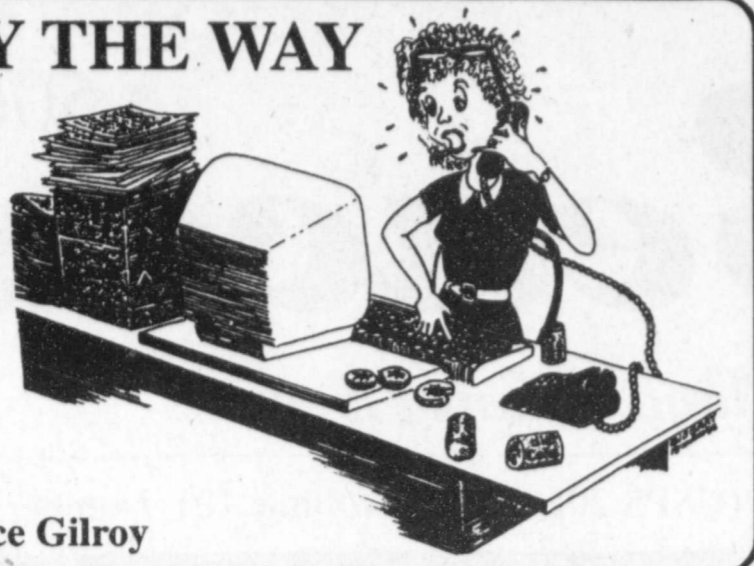
### Newspaper office closed

The Lockney and Floydada offices of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will be closed Wednesday, January 1. The Floydada office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 2 and the Lockney office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Friday, January 3.



MIGAKU'S AMERICAN FAMILY--Thirty years after his stay with the Gregory family as an AFS student, Migaku poses with his American parents and brothers and sisters: (back, l-r) Jack Gregory, Vicki Bunch, Britt Gregory, Shirley Woodson; (middle) Lisa Mosley; (front) Howard Gregory, Migaku (holding daughter Eli), and Jackie Gregory.

## BY THE WAY



By  
Alice Gilroy

It's 1997. Another birthday is just around the corner and I just got used to the last one.

I try to stay positive about birthdays and keep telling myself that I'm still young and I'm not aging at all. However, when someone asks me how old I am I have to stop and think about when I was born and then subtract from the current year. I think that means you are getting old. Sometimes I also have a problem remembering what the current year is.

People are starting to notice that I have no memory. Because of that I have had to come to a positive conclusion--I DON'T CARE ANY-MORE!!!

I think that's another sign of aging.

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All kinds of things will repeat themselves this year. Some things I hope don't repeat themselves but if it does we will just go with the flow once again.

It's time for stock shows again and our Brag Page edition for Valentines Day is another big week for us.

That's right! VALENTINES DAY!! If you want a picture of the most beautiful child in Floyd County in the

newspaper, be sure and bring us the picture by February 5th. It is \$10.00 for a picture with up to two people in it and \$15.00 for 3 or more people in the photo.

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This little poem was given to me recently. It touched a nerve and made me feel sort of sad.

Sometimes the truth hurts.

After School

A HOUSE should have a cookie jar

For when it's half-past three  
And children hurry home from school

As hungry as can be,  
There's nothing quite so splendid  
In filling children up,  
As spicy, fluffy ginger cakes,  
And sweet milk in a cup.

A HOUSE should have a mother

Waiting with a hug  
No matter what a boy brings home,

A puppy or a bug,  
For children only loiter  
When the bell rings to dismiss  
If no one's home to greet them  
With a cookie and a kiss.

--Helen Welsheimer

## Lockney Police Report

LOCKNEY--On December 4 Joe Anthony Nunez of Lockney was charged with domestic violence.

A pickup was burglarized at the hospital on December 5 and a tool box was taken.

Allsup's reported the theft of \$5.05 worth of gas on December 7.

Terry Martin, 17, of Lockney was charged with forgery on December 10.

On December 19 the burglary of a vehicle was reported. An inspection sticker and registration sticker were removed from the windshield.

The burglary of a habitation was reported on December 20. A VCR, TV and cassette player were taken.

A hit and run occurred in the park-

ing lot of Grace Fellowship Church on December 27. Minor damage was done to the vehicle.

Mario Cruz, 25, of Lockney, was arrested on SW 6th Street and charged with DWI.

### Christmas tree disposal location

LOCKNEY--Anyone wishing to dispose of a live christmas tree can bring it to the lot east of City Hall in Lockney. They must have had all ornaments, tinsel, etc. removed. Nothing other than trees can be left at this site.

## "Blue Warrant" resolution approved by Commissioners

By Juanita Stepp

During a called session on Monday, December 23, Floyd County Commissioners voted unanimously to support a resolution calling for the State of Texas to pay for housing state prisoners whose probation has been revoked, commonly called Blue Warrant Prisoners. Under the current situation, when a probation violator is arrested on a state warrant, the county in which the prisoner is incarcerated bears the responsibility for the expenses of that prisoner including medical care.

"Holding these prisoners is eating up my budget," stated Sheriff Royce Gilmore. "I have had two in there, one since June and one since July, and I didn't get them out of there until November. The state is supposed to move them out in 90 days, but they rarely do."

Commissioners signed off on a resolution previously passed by the Denton County Commissioners. The resolution asks the state to pay \$35.00 per day to counties who hold state probation violators. Motion to support the resolution was made by Precinct 2 Commissioner Lennie Gilroy and seconded by Precinct 4 Commissioner Jon Jones. Joining the pair in voting for the measure were Precinct

1 Commissioner RayNell Bearden and Precinct 3 Commissioner George Taylor.

Said Gilmore, "I would like to see it at \$50.00 and medical bills since that is what we pay when another county holds a prisoner for us, but \$35.00 is better than nothing."

Commissioners also approved the contract with the Floyd County Appraisal District for the assessment and collection of taxes for the period from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. Official bonds for recently elected or appointed officials were also authorized as required by law.

One farm work contract was approved for Jon Jones to have washes filled in. Jones abstained from the vote to avoid a conflict of interest. Minutes from previous meetings were also read by County Judge Bill Hardin and accepted as presented.

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## The Lamplighter

By Ken Towery

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What should be done about the Gingrich matter? Or, more specifically, what should be done about the Gingrich and Clinton matters?

What should be done, and what will be done, are two different things. What will be done is that both will hang in there, putting their supporters (and the country) through the wringer. The politics of the moment seem to demand it.

What should be done is that both simply ought to quit. Clinton ought to go back to Arkansas and Gingrich back to the back benches in the House. Both political parties, and the country, would be better off.

But the Gingrich matter is the more immediate. Clinton, unfortunately in our view, has been reelected, albeit with a minority of the votes cast. We now have a President, in office with all the power and perks of the presidency, elected by less than 25 percent of all those registered to vote in the last general election. Less than 50 percent of all eligible Americans went to the polls, and less than 50 percent of those cast their ballots for Mr. Clinton. The House will elect its leader on January 7, 1997. In all probability, that means Gingrich will be reelected Speaker. But in the process the Speaker will place his party in the position of being "damned if they do and damned if they don't." If the Speaker insists on standing for reelec-

tion, and if House Republicans don't stand together, they will fracture the unity needed to get anything done this session. If they do stand together, and reelect a Speaker who has admitted to misleading the Ethics Committee, their position relative to the moral cesspool that has come to mark the Clinton Administration will be much weakened. The credibility of those who criticize the many obvious sins, both political and legal, in Clinton's White House will be criticized, in turn, by Clinton's defenders. They will say, with some justification, that people who live in glass houses should not throw bricks.

(We all say, first off, that Gingrich's offense, if there is one, pales in comparison to the many offenses, and much more egregious offenses, of Bill Clinton. Gingrich admits he misled the Ethics Committee in response to the committee's probe into the connection between his political action committee and a college course he was then teaching. Clinton, on the other hand, merely takes the position that he has personally broken no laws, that he has done no wrong, and that if those around him broke laws, or did wrong, so what? The Whitewater mess? Madison Savings and Loan? The misuse of federal authority in the travagate and filegate fiascoes? The obvious flouting of campaign finance laws? The stonewalling, the obstruction of justice in all of the above? So what? He and Hillary are pure as the

driven snow. (You gotta believe it.)

Mr. Gingrich's stepping aside from the Speaker's chair would be a small price to pay, it seems to us, for the moral high ground that would come from doing so. Congressional Democrats would continue to defend and excuse this Administration's moral and ethical shortcomings, but Congressional Republicans would be on much firmer ground for pursuing and exposing those shortcomings.

We are not "anti-Gingrich." He has done much good for the country. But he has been given far too much credit for those good things done by the last congress. Most of that credit, it seems to us, should go to the rank and file, especially those freshmen Congressmen, who, fresh from the people, joined other Congressional members who had been fighting the good fight with only limited success during long

years of liberal dominance in Congress. They are the ones who kept their promises, who stayed in the fight for a cleaner, less wasteful government. Much of the time they were pushing the Speaker, not being pulled along by him. Indeed, Gingrich caved in to the left on some very important issues, issues on which he should have stood and fought. Our own fear is that he will cave even quicker if he is reelected, simply to ingratiate himself to his critics. So this is not an issue of the rank and file "owing" the Speaker another vote.

Indeed, it's the other way around. The Speaker owes his troops. He owes them the dignity of not putting them through the unfortunate and embarrassing position of having to endorse a Speaker who has misled his own Ethics Committee. He ought to step aside.

## Floydada Police Report

FLOYDADA--December 1 at 1:20 a.m. Aaron Johnston, 19, was arrested in the 700 block of N. 2nd for DWI/2nd and also later charged with Breath Test Refusal.

A passenger in the car, Daniel Coronado, 22, was arrested for Public Intoxication.

December 9th at approximately 9:00 a.m. police were called to the labor camp to investigate criminal mischief.

Complainants showed police where numerous windows and screens had been damaged by someone prying the screens off the windows. The investigation revealed that at least 20 apartments had been entered and the mischief had been done by 10 juveniles: four 10 year-old boys, two 11 year-old boys, three 9 year-old boys and one eight year-old boy. The case was turned over to parents and juvenile officers.

December 11 police were called to Jimmie Lou Stewart City Park by witnesses who said they observed a youth vandalizing a picnic table. Police arrived and found a table and bench with graffiti on them and a 14 year old boy matching the description in the area. The boy was turned over to his mother with the agreement that he should fix the table and bench.

December 22 at 1:40 p.m. Ronnie Hernandez, 22, was arrested in the 300 block of E. Houston for Violation of Probation.

December 27, at 2:40 a.m. police stopped a vehicle for defective headlights and found out the driver was wanted for Failure to Appear Warrants out of Lubbock. The driver, Morris

Scott Crader, 21, of Lubbock, was arrested. He paid his fines of \$255.00 and was released.

December 29 at 12:09 police were dispatched to the Sheriff's office to meet with a woman who complained that her husband had threatened her with a gun. Police took her statement and signed complaint and then arrested John A. Hearon, 45, at his home.

Also on Dec. 29, police responded to a call at Floydada Co-op Gin. The manager of the gin was holding two 10 year-old boys who had started a fire on a module. The Fire Department had to respond to the fire to extinguish the blaze. The boys told police they wanted to see how the cotton would burn. The cotton module was valued at \$350.00 and two tarps, valued at \$65.00 each were also burned. The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

November 22 police worked on a case of what was originally reported to them as an assault but was later recanted.

A 12 year old girl told police that she had been assaulted by three young Hispanic girls. She told police she had received a scrape on her leg from a knife and she showed police where her pants leg had been cut from the bottom of the hip.

After investigation police determined her story was false and the girl admitted that she had suffered the injury and cut clothing during "a gang initiation".

According to Police Chief James Hale, "We will file charges of making a False Report To A Police Officer."

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# PAC might deter juvenile crime

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collaboration with Central Plains M.H.M.R., local school districts, Catholic Family Services, Child Protective Services, and the Community Resource Coordinating Group.

"We can impose sanctions against parents," said Ballou. "If the parents refuse to cooperate the courts are allowed to fine them and even impose jail time. If the child refuses to cooperate then obviously they would be sent to LCYC."

Ballou says the PAC would address a variety of needs of the juvenile offender, such as: supervision, family values, social skills, anger management, structure and boundaries, social values, substance abuse services, parenting skills, spiritual values, psychosocial skills/needs, vocational skills, educational needs, civic pride, and community investment.

"It would be a juvenile processing center too," said Ballou. "When the juvenile is arrested he would be brought to the PAC and assessed as to how he should be handled and if he would be a good candidate for the PAC."

"It would serve as a curfew center, a counseling center, a daily reporting center, crisis center, and even provide vocational training and tutoring."

According to Ballou the PAC would also provide a place for juveniles to work off community service hours by cleaning the facility and working on the lawn and playground.

Ballou has been laying the groundwork for this project for six months and is now in the process of locating a building to house the PAC.

The PAC would house the Juvenile Probation Offices (2 1/2 staff members), 1 1/2 staff members from MHMR, 1 employee of the Catholic Family Services and possibly someone from the schools.

"We would need the County to assist us in buying a building (or renting a building) and also with utilities, but I believe more funding could be put together in other areas," said Ballou. "There are a lot of different funding sources. For instance we would get community correction assistance funds from the state in the amount of \$34,000."

"I've also had people tell me they would volunteer their time to work at the facility."

The idea for the PAC is brand new for Floyd County and for anywhere else in the United States, according to Ballou. "There is nothing else like it anywhere else. There are mental health day treatment facilities but no judicial day treatment facilities in the state."

Ballou has combined his past years of experience as a case manager for children's mental health services and his current judicial experience to come up with the idea for the PAC. "We are now looking for community support for the project," said Ballou. "If anyone has any other ideas or comments on our plans we would like to hear from them."

"I believe we can rehabilitate juvenile offenders and in the long run save a lot of money," said Ballou.

"We can hopefully teach these children something different and keep them out of jail in the future, keep them off public assistance and make them productive members of our communities."

# Business Of The Week

**LOCKNEY**--Lester Carter's grandfather, J.W. Baggett, and George Meriwether built the first gin in Lockney in 1903-04. The gin employed six men and could gin about four bales an hour when it opened.

The gin was passed down to Lester Carter who then sold the gin in 1983 to Larry Mullins.

Lockney Gin, as it is called today, employs thirty-four seasonal workers and two part-time office personnel Rise Ford and Delinda Mullins.

The owner and general manager is Larry Mullins. He is helped out by his full-time ginner, John Guerrero.

Mullins has been ginning since 1972 and although the Lockney Gin was already established when he purchased it, renovations and improvements have been made to the plant.

Module trucks have replaced cotton trailers but the old gin building still sits on the site of Lockney Gin.

"There used to be a square bale press on one side of the old gin building and a round bale press on the other side," said Delinda. "Now the new gin office is sitting where the presses were. If you look inside



LARRY AND DELINDA MULLINS

the old gin building you can still see the words, "Roll Your Own Bale", painted on the wall."

Cotton burs from the gin are still sold to the feed lot or farmers use them to add mulch to their fields or to build up their turn rows. Cotton seed is sold to an oil mill or feed lots and the cotton is now sold by com-

puters directly to buyers.

Lockney Gin has been a part of the Lockney community for a very long time and has built a solid reputation and loyal customers.

"We appreciate all the friends who have supported us over the years, and those who will continue to do so in the future," said Larry.

# Former AFS student returns

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learned in America," said Migaku. "I learned family management and sharing the responsibilities in the home. At that time it was a very un-Japanese thing to do. My wife is very happy that I share things with her now."

"His wife thanked me for teaching him that," laughed Jackie.

Although it may not have been a very Japanese thing to do 30 years ago Migaku said that is changing in Japan. "Wives work now and the families don't have grandparents to depend on like they used to. Husbands and wives have to share the responsibility."

Migaku's wife, Mari, works at home doing translations for mechanical information. "She is faxed material that she has to translate from Japanese to German and English."

"When I came here I understood very little English," said Migaku. It was hard to understand other people. Part of that was because of the accent in this country. My first day of school was terrible. I understood very little."

"It took me at least two months to feel comfortable around people—but as hard as it was to adjust here it was even worse going back home."

"Everything seemed so small and tight to me when I returned."

Migaku had grown accustomed to the American teenager and the open attitude and open spaces of his American hometown of Floydada.

"At first it was a shock the way the American teenagers behaved inside and outside of school," said Migaku. "They were very aggressive—in the positive sense. And they dated here—dating was not common in Japanese high schools. Everyone spent so much time studying there was not much time to date. The Japanese students were very reserved."

"When I got back home it was very stressful. Human relations seemed so formulated."

At times Migaku wasn't sure he was ever going to adjust to the English language but a turning point came for him over the Christmas holidays.

"My classmates were so very generous to me," said Migaku. "They all donated \$1.00 so I could call my family at Christmas and talk for 30 minutes. Although I understood the Japanese spoken to me I actually had a hard time speaking Japanese to my family. After that, combined with all the speeches I had to make, my communication skills improved."

After graduating from Floydada High School, Migaku had to return to Japan and spend an additional six months at his old High School. He then went on to Tokyo University For Foreign Studies majoring in French and Philosophy. "At first I wanted to be a diplomat or foreign correspondent," said Migaku. "While I was in college I studied the Bible on a graduate level and became interested in Christianity."

Migaku's focus shifted and he now teaches the Christian religion. "I feel that this profession is one of the fruits that sprang out of my experience in America," said Migaku, "for this work presupposes a belief that the writings of a few thousand years ago could be properly understood by us modern people. More exactly—by a Japanese native, raised up deep in the mountains, originally having no connection whatsoever with the Jewish-Christian soil. But I have learned that human nature is fundamentally one and the same, transcending time and space."

"My life in Floydada had a tremendous impact on me," said Migaku. "Later, in my thirties, I stayed in Eu-

rope over several years, but these years were not as relevant in my life as that one year in Texas. I have heard some American astronauts say that flying in the vast space and observing the earth from there for a few days—or even a couple of hours—had completely changed their paradigm of life, and I do believe them. Something comparable seemed to have taken place in me."

After his stay, Migaku said he wanted to come back to America right away, but as an AFS student he had agreed that he would not return to America for two years. "We are supposed to make some use of our experience to teach others in our own country."

"When I look back on my visit now I realize I came out with a positive conviction that all people are one and the same in substance regardless of their cultural forms, such as language, custom, history, religion, etc. This made me feel extremely free."

"I remember saying on my way back to Japan on the plane, 'Now I can live anywhere in the world.'"

"Of course I owe this valuable experience to my American family—the

Gregorys. Their openness, unending friendship and love made it all possible. I will never be able to find a proper way to thank them."

Over the years the Gregorys and Migaku have written and in 1991 the Gregorys visited Migaku and his wife and new baby daughter in Kamakura. "My first daughter was born in 1990 and the Gregorys came to see her. They came at a beautiful time in Japan. It was at the end of March and the cherry blossoms were beautiful."

Migaku's hometown of Kamakura is approximately an hour train ride southwest of Tokyo.

This is the first time since he graduated in 1967 that Migaku has returned to Floydada. "This house has not changed very much," said Migaku warmly. "Everything looks much like it did then."

Migaku has stayed very busy since his arrival getting reacquainted with old friends and showing his Japanese family the home he so fondly remembers.

"The Satos will return to Japan on January 4th and just like 30 years ago, Migaku has a heart full of memories to take back with him."



**POSTMASTER RETIRES**--Floydada Postmaster Tommie Rice (right) celebrated his upcoming retirement at a reception in the Floydada Post Office on Friday, Dec. 27. Rice will formerly retire on January 3, 1997 after 31 years of service. John Howard (left) presented Rice with a Certificate of Appreciation for Dedicated Service. Jerry Finley will fill the Postmaster position temporarily until a permanent replacement is chosen. Staff Photo

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## Staniforth receives Eagle Scout Award

Graham Staniforth, son of Susan Hasslocher of Austin, and the late Bill Staniforth, and grandson of Frances and Billy Staniforth of South Plains, received the Eagle Scout Award in a ceremony on December 12, 1996, at First United Methodist Church in Austin. A member of Troop 5 since 1992, one of the oldest Boy Scout troops in the U.S., Graham is a sophomore honor student at Austin High School and a sports enthusiast.

The Eagle Scout award is the highest achievement in Boy Scouts. The rank is earned through a systematic progression, requiring candidates to earn 21 merit badges. Eagle Scouts must also demonstrate the application of the Scout Oath in their daily lives, provide evidence of troop leadership, and complete a community service project.

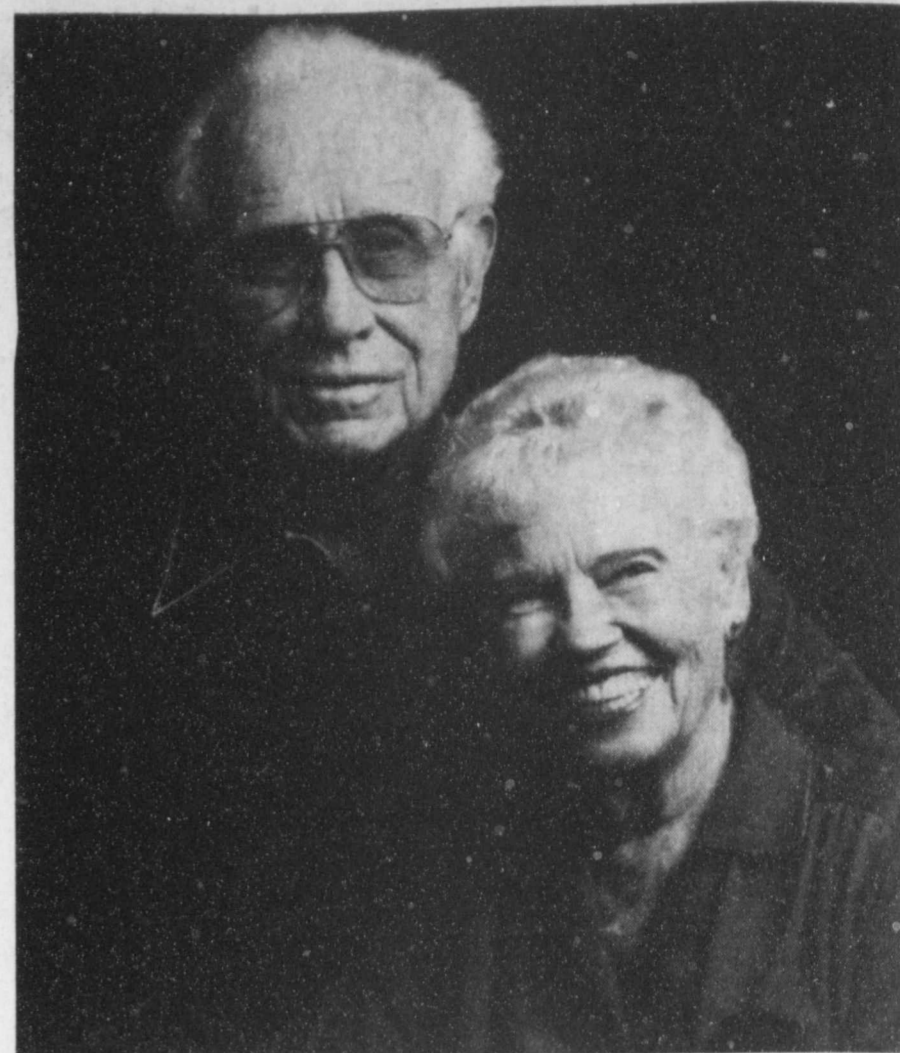
For his service project, completed in the summer of 1995, Graham chose to beautify his high school campus. His plan was to landscape a flower bed area known as "The Three Trees" by planting dozens of native plants and shrubs. He solicited donations from local nurseries as well as friends of Austin High School. He also organized 18 scout and non-scout workers to carry out his landscape project. The goal of the effort was to create a more appealing environment on the Austin High campus.

Graham entered scouting as a second grade Cub Scout at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. Along with several of his close friends, he graduated to Webelos ("We'll be loyal scouts") and was an "Arrow of Light" recipient before transferring to Troop 5, the oldest continuous troop in Texas. Highlights of his Troop 5 experience are high adventure trips to Yellowstone Park and the Grand Tetons, Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch near Big Bend, sailing the Florida Sea Base, camping out and white-water rafting from the San Isabel Scout Ranch in Rye, Colorado, and two, never-to-be-forgotten expeditions to Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico.

Graham was selected to be a member of "Order of the Arrow", a brotherhood of honored campers, in September of 1995. This sixteen year-old is an avid camper, sportsman, outdoorsman, and role model to many friends, parents, and younger scouts.

Scouting teaches young men to set

high goals and to work hard to achieve them. Service projects are significant achievements and a source of lasting pride. Scouts learn to lead, plan ahead, and be team players. They develop an appreciation and respect for the outdoors, and experiences provide memories that last forever.



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY FRANCES AND DUKE WALLACE -- Frances and Duke Wallace of Yuma, Arizona celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 14, 1996. The party was hosted by Gladys Fitch, sister of Frances, and by friends. Some 40 people attended the celebration. The couple were married in Floydada December 24, 1946. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lovell. The couple lived in San Diego, California for many years before retiring and moving to Yuma.

## Social Security Report

By Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager in Plainview, Texas

Social Security touches the lives of almost everyone. Most people pay Social Security taxes during their working years, and then receive payments upon retirement. How much does the average person contribute to Social Security? How much does he or she receive in benefits? Let's take a look at how "Mr./Ms. Average Social Security" fares under Social Security.

In 1995, the average worker earned an estimated \$24,825 and paid \$1,899 in Social Security and Medicare taxes. He/she was one of about 141 million workers who paid Social Security taxes. For 1996, the tax rate is 7.65 percent on earnings up to \$62,700 and 1.45 percent on earnings above that for Medicare. For self-employed people, the tax rate is 15.3 percent, and 2.9 percent on earnings above \$62,700 for Medicare, but they can deduct one-half of the self-employment tax when filing their income tax return.

The average wage earner who retires this year will receive an estimated \$720 in monthly benefits. If he/she has a spouse who qualifies for benefits on his/her record, they will receive a total of \$1,215 in benefits monthly. This benefit is equivalent to around 42% of the amount he/she was earning when working.

If Mr./Ms. Average Social Security

becomes too disabled to work this year, he/she can receive \$682 a month from Social Security. If he/she has dependents, the family can receive \$1,148 monthly. This disability protection is equivalent to a \$203,000 private insurance policy for a worker who has a spouse and two children.

The average worker can also count on benefits for his/her family if he/she dies. The survivors benefits are roughly equal to a life insurance policy of \$295,000 for Mr./Ms. Average Social Security's spouse and two children. Mr./Ms. Average Social Security's widow(er) and two children would receive an average of \$1,407 a month in Social Security benefits if he/she died this year. If the surviving spouse is age 60 or older with no dependent children, the average monthly benefit would be \$680 a month.

The figures above are for the "average" Social Security beneficiary who is making average wages. People who make less than the average would receive less in benefits, and people making more than the average would receive more.

You can find out approximately how much you have credited to Social Security and how much you can expect to receive in benefits. Just call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement request form.

## Lockney Care Center Chit Chat This & That

By Wanda J. McLendon  
LOCKNEY - Hello, well we hope this finds everyone doing great. We all, for the most part, had a pretty special Christmas. We are hoping the new year will also be great.

We had some Christmas birthdays, Hershel Carthel on Dec. 25 and Ava Hawkins on Dec. 31. Ava turned 107 years young. She can still tell you about coming here in a covered wagon, the campfires, and washing

clothes in a bucket, saving water for the long trip.

We appreciate all those who helped with the resident Christmas party. All those goodies were appreciated.

Come in and meet our new administrator, Steve Hurst, and also our new dietary manager, Estella Castro.

Come in and have a cup of coffee and rest awhile. Have a Happy New Year! Until next time, please take care.

## Lockney 4-H Club News

By Garrett Mathis  
LOCKNEY -- The Lockney 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on December 9. The meeting was called to order by Tyler Phillips. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Durham, and the 4-H motto and pledge were led by Mandy Hancock. Tasha Powell gave the inspiration.

The community service was to bring gifts to take to the State School. Addie Foster won the door prize. Winners of the District Food Show were recognized.

It was announced that the 4-H Fam-

ily Auction was a huge success. Each member who received donations was asked to write thank-you notes to the donors.

Members signed up to help with the Lockney Stock Show Concession Stand. Robin Stoerner is chairman of this project.

We appreciate Cargill Seed for lending us a trailer to ride on to go Christmas caroling at the Hospital, Care Center, and to various homes in the Lockney area.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

## It's Not Easy

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

## Floydada Senior Citizens Menu

Monday, Jan. 6: Chicken fried steak, baked potato, green beans, white gravy, wheat roll, apricots

Tuesday, Jan. 7: Green chili chicken, red beans, lettuce tomato salad or onions, tomatoes, peppers, cornbread or tortillas, fruit salad

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Polish sausage, sauerkraut or cabbage, corn, pickles, cornbread, pumpkin crunch

Thursday, Jan. 9: Chicken pot pie, tossed salad with Ranch dressing, cornbread or roll, purple plums, cookies

Friday, Jan. 10: Beef Stroganoff, noodles, broccoli, wheat roll, strawberry shortcake

## Better Business Bureau Report

Before purchasing TV satellite systems and services consumers are advised to fully understand the terms of the contract, the kinds of TV programming available and the financing details for the equipment. Most companies operate their own satellites and sell receivers and dishes designed to receive television programming from the company's satellite.

You can also purchase a dish and receiver from an independent retailer, and subscribe to another company for programming services. However, if you decide to purchase from an unknown company, find out how long it has been in business and always call the BBB to get a reliability report.

Also, realize that you cannot get local stations or local news on satellite; you must also have a clear view of the southern sky; satellite only works on one television set and there are separate fees for access to premium movies and sports services. Call 763-0459 or (800)687-7890 to reach your Better Business Bureau.

If you have no credit or a negative credit history, it can be difficult to obtain an unsecured credit card. But what you may not know is that you may be able to qualify for a secured credit card, which can offer many of the same benefits as an unsecured card.

A secured credit card is much like a secured loan. You are required to deposit money into a savings account or a certificate of deposit as collateral for a line of credit. The card has the same appearance as an unsecured card and can offer the same convenience and charging privileges as a traditional unsecured card. Do your research.

Determine what features suit your financial situation and spending style; check out the interest rates, application fees, finance charges, deposit required as well as available line of credit. If a deposit is required, most of the time the amount on deposit will be your full credit limit. Read and understand your contract and give us a call at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890.

Many individuals who contact the BBB for information on a company with which they are considering doing business appear to be interested in the number of complaints recorded against that business. It is perhaps more important to gauge how responsible a business is by the manner in which customer disputes are handled. Your BBB looks at a firm's complaint history in a number of different ways. Does the firm respond promptly when a complaint is brought to its attention and when warranted, do they take corrective action as soon as possible? If a complaint cannot be resolved through normal conciliation efforts, is the company willing to submit the dispute to mediation or arbitration? Has the firm been the subject of numerous, recurring complaints indicating a problem exists; and is the firm taking action to eliminate the cause? Remember, there is a significant difference between responding and being responsive. A simple response may not be sufficient. The attitude behind the response is what ultimately determines if the customer is being served and what kind of reliability report the BBB gives that company.

Have a good week!

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## The Basket Case

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## Lockney Local

LOCKNEY - Sul Ross University conferred degrees and certificates on 179 graduates including Kevin Meyer, Master of Education, School Administration, of Lockney.

Texas Rep. Patricia Gray was the keynote speaker at Sul Ross fall commencement exercises in the Graves-Pierce Complex Dec. 14.

Have a good week!

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**NEW ADMINISTRATOR** -- Newly appointed administrator Steve Hurst, second from left, visits with ladies residing at the Lockney Care Center. Pictured left to right with Hurst are Grace Shelton, Jessie McGhee and Fern Henderson. -- Staff Photo

## Hurst appointed as new administrator

LOCKNEY--Steve Hurst, of Lubbock, is the new administrator of the Lockney Care Center.

Hurst and his wife have lived in Lubbock since 1987. "My wife is an occupational therapist at a rehab center in Lubbock and I drive back and forth," said Steve.

Hurst's official day at Lockney Care Center was December 23rd, although he has served as interim administrator since November 18th, 1996.

Hurst came to the Care Center from

1959 and spent 1/3 of his life in Oklahoma City. After High School, Hurst moved to Gainesville, Texas and worked in the manufacturing industry.

He was born in Sherman, Texas, in homa City. After High School, Hurst moved to Gainesville, Texas and worked in the manufacturing industry.

He moved to Lubbock and attended Texas Tech from 1987-1990, graduating with an education degree. In 1992 he received his Master's degree in Applied Health Communications.

"I'm excited to be working at Lockney Care Center. It is a very friendly community and with the hospital remodeling there is a potential for growth in the health care industry in this area. I'm anxious to get to know the people in the community."

Hurst says he has a commitment to provide good West Texas hospitality with top quality nursing services. "I hope people in the community will drop by for a visit so we can get to know each other."

**Have a good week!**

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# Floyd County Lifestyles

## Lockney Senior Citizen News

**By Gladys Ragle**  
LOCKNEY--Now that Christmas is over we will be looking forward to the New Year. I hope all had a good Christmas and I hope all will be blessed with success and good health in the coming year. The New Year is a time for re-evaluating and taking a look at the changes to be made in our lives. If we have had feelings toward any of our neighbors or acquaintances let's see if we can't make them right and improve the relationship. Let us learn more so that we are able to live with one another and realize that trying to please every person all of the time is almost an impossibility.

The Senior Center had a good year in 1996 and I hope it will be better in 1997. Several of our members have moved and some have died and this sorrows us. The Center is doing good work in the community in several

ways. We serve lunch five days a week and deliver meals to shut-ins who need them. Also take-out meals to those who need that service. We have a recreation room where some gather and play games and enjoy being with each other. Those of you out there who don't think you are old enough to be with us should visit the Center anyhow. We have lots of fun. So come join us and support the center. Lockney needs the Center and someday you might know someone else who does also.

The position of cook is open at the Center. If you wish to apply call W. L. Carthel at 652-2252 or Theresa Stennett at 652-2252.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"  
Middle Age is when the young complain to you about the old and the old complain to you about the young.

## Floyd Data

Deeota Odam spent the Christmas Holidays in Hale Center with her daughter Virginia Waits.

Others visiting Hale Center during the holidays included: Debra Rushing and children Angie, Elizabeth and Michael of Plainview; Kerry and Elaine Siewert and daughters Leah and Heather, Tony and Karen Rastetter and Joshua and Becca, all of San Angelo; Odessa Cage, Jimmie Hollomon, Crystal Rushing and her friend Viney Harris, all of Lubbock; Jeff and Stacey Waits and sons Taylor and Stanton of Livingston; and Gary and Jackie Hill of Amarillo.

## Recipe of the Week

### Party Weiners

By Juanita Stepp

- 1 1/2 C. Southern Comfort (Whiskey or Bourbon)
- 3/4 C. prepared mustard
- 1 1/2 C. tart fruit jelly (plum, etc.)
- 3 lbs. little smoked sausages

Combine liquor and brown sugar over medium heat. Blend in mustard and jelly. Heat until mixture is smooth. Bring to a boil and add sausages. Heat through and serve.

### Attention Readers!

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**Tuesday, January 7th**  
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**Wednesday, January 8th**  
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  - **DEXTER & EASTLAND Loafers & Boots**..... SALE 1/3 & 1/4 OFF
  - **EASY SPIRIT MOTION, MACH I**..... SALE \$15.00 OFF
  - **SAS**..... SALE 54.90
- Men's Shoes**
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  - All Men's **ROCKPORTS**..... SALE \$15.00 OFF
  - All Men's **SAS**..... SALE \$15.00 OFF
  - All Men's **DEXTER & EASTLANDS**..... SALE \$15.00 OFF
  - All Men's **TONY LAMA Boots (except Ropers)**..... SALE \$15.00 OFF

- Childrens Shoes...**
- All Children's **NIKE'S**..... SALE 10% - 33 1/3% OFF
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**LOCKNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DONATION** -- Jimmy Kemp, Fire Chief of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department, accepts a donation from David Patterson, a member of the Board of Directors for the First National Bank of Floydada. The donation was made in appreciation for the work the department does in fighting fires and offering fire prevention and safety services. -- Staff Photo

## BBB gives tips *Have a good week!* on a financial plan for new year

Many people these days are planning for their futures and wanting better ways to manage their money. By having a financial plan, you can document and keep track of financial income and outflow. Some consumers will want to get a financial advisor. Here are some tips to remember: Determine if a planner has a criminal record or a history of securities-related complaints or discipline. A quick phone call to your state securities office may give you additional information that you need. Be on guard for possible Ponzi schemes, the house-of-cards swindles in which a few initial investors are paid interest out of proceeds of later investors who end up with nothing. Avoid financial planners who urge you to put money in anything with "guaranteed" rates of short-term interest far above prevailing market rates. Avoid financial planners who give you few or no alternatives in your investment plan; regard any such pressure as a "red flag". Call your BBB for a reliability report at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890.



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## "FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" with Dr. James Dobson

**QUESTION:** My son is not athletically inclined. How can I, as a parent, decide what skills my son should develop? Shouldn't that choice be left to him?

**DR. DOBSON:** Many parents feel they do not have the right to force a choice of this nature on their children. They sit back in the hopes that he will make it for himself.

It is always difficult to learn a new skill-particularly during the initial stages. There is no fun to be derived from total failure, which is the typical feeling in the beginning. Thus, the child never learns those important skills which he will need so badly later on.

I recommend that you, his parent, make a careful assessment of his areas of strength. Then select a skill where you believe the greatest possibilities for success lie. Once this selection is made, see to it that he gets through the first stage. Reward him push him, threaten him, beg him--bribe him, if necessary--but make him learn it.

If you discover later that you've made a mistake, back up and start over on something else. But don't let inertia keep you from teaching something emotionally useful to your offspring!

Does this form of coercion impinge upon the freedom of the child to choose for himself? Perhaps, but so does making him eat properly, keep himself clean, and go to bed at a reasonable hour. It is, as they say, in the child's best interest.

**QUESTION:** What happens when a child is so different from the group that he cannot compete, no matter how hard he tries?

**DR. DOBSON:** That dead-end street is most often responsible for attempts at self-destruction.

I am reminded of a sad little girl named Lily, an eighth-grader who was referred to me for psychological counseling. She opened the door to my office and stood with eyes cast down. Underneath several layers of powder and make-up, her face was completely aglow with infected acne.

Lily had done her best to bury the inflammation, but she had not been successful. She weighed about 85 pounds and was a physical wreck



**DR. DOBSON**

from head to toe. She sat down without raising her eyes to mine, lacking the confidence to face me.

I didn't need to ask what was troubling her. Life had dealt her a devastating blow, and she was bitter, angry, broken and deeply hurt.

The teenager who reaches this point of despair can see no tomorrow. He has no hope. He can't think of anything else. He knows he is repulsive and disgusting. He would like to crawl in a hole, but there is no place to hide. Running away won't help, nor will crying change anything. Too often he chooses suicide as the only way out.

Lily gave me little time to work. The following morning she staggered into the school office and announced that she had internalized everything in the family medicine cabinet. We labored feverishly to retrieve the medication and finally succeeded on the way to the hospital.

Lily survived physically, but her self-esteem and confidence had died years earlier. The scars on her sad face symbolized the wounds on her adolescent heart.

Obviously, the inability to gain social acceptance is not merely an uncomfortable feeling among the young; such lack of self-esteem can actually extinguish the desire to go on living. Parents and teachers must be taught to recognize the early symptoms of personal despair during the tender, pliable years of childhood, and more importantly, what they can do about it.

*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.*

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# Floyd County Church Directory

**AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Bible Study . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
607 W. Lee St., Floydada  
J.D. Young, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Evening Services . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Claude Porter, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**CARR'S CHAPEL**  
Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
West College & Third,  
Lockney  
Frank Duckworth, Evangelist  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
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**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.  
(Summer . . . . . 8:00 p.m.)  
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**EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. G.A. Blocker  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship . . . . . 2:00 p.m.  
Training Union . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
701 W. Missouri, Floydada  
Vance Mitchell, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening  
Evangelistic . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Night Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr.  
Pastor  
Michael Holster  
Music/Adm./Sr. Adults  
Marlon Pritchard,  
Students/Ed.  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Train. . . . . 5:45 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Children's Choirs . . . . . 4:00 p.m.  
Evening Meal . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
R.A.'s & G.A.'s . . . . . 6:45 p.m.  
Preschool Choir . . . . . 6:45 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir . . . . . 7:45 p.m.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Harold Abney, Pastor  
Matt Chaffin, Music Minister  
Debbie Wiley, Youth Minister  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Discipleship  
Training . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Kids of The King  
Children's Choir &  
Youth . . . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Activities . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
RA's and GA's . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Pre-School Choir . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
3rd Saturdays:  
Men's Breakfast . . . . . 7:00 a.m.  
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:  
Baptist Women . . . . . 3:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Reverend Ione Sedinger  
Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Clark Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Tommie Beck, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
UMY . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
United Methodist Women,  
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Ruth Wesley Circle:  
2nd & 4th Mondays . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
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**FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL**  
CME  
Floydada  
Rev. James Jenkins  
Sunday . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday:  
Bible Study . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
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**GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
211 N. Main, Lockney  
Interdenominational Church  
Rev. Ted Samples, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**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.  
Tuesday:  
Prayer Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS**  
404 E. 6th St., Lockney  
Lupe Banda, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday:  
Youth Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney  
Russell Harris, 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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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
BTU . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Mid-Week Prayer . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday:  
Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Sunday: Congregational  
Singing . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
3rd Sunday, Elder Don Martin  
4th Sunday, Tom Taylor  
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**PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Pedro Villareal, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
G.A.'s . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Ambassadors . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Luncheon -  
1st Sunday of Month;  
Music Worship;  
Last Sunday with evening service  
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**PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA**  
Floydada  
Rev. Lupe Rando  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
1st Wed. . . . . Organization Night  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor  
Wednesday:  
Communion Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass . . . . . 11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Ernest Stewart, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
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**SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLE GETSEMANI**  
308 Mississippi  
Rev. Thomas G. Lopez  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Evangelistic  
Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Family Night . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Father Elbert Fadallan  
Sunday Mass . . . . . 11:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass . . . . . 7:30 a.m.  
(Tuesday and Friday)  
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**TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM**  
Lockney  
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Christian Training . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Washington and 1st St.  
Lockney 652-2181  
Gabriel W. Ortiz, Pastor  
Olga L. Martinez, Youth Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Natividad Luna, Pastor  
515 E. Missouri, Floydada  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO LIBERTAD**  
203 SE 2nd, Lockney  
652-1104  
Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez  
Wednesday Evening . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA**  
Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
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.  
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**TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTAS**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 N. Main, Lockney  
652-3704  
Sunday Services . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
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**TRINITY CHURCH**  
500 W. Houston Floydada  
Interdenominational Church  
Charlie Stice, Pastor  
983-5499  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Arthur P. Bliese Pastor  
Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Class . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
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**WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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# Obituaries

**DELZIE BRADFORD**  
Services for Delzie Bradford, 82, of Floydada were at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 29, 1996 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Claude Porter, minister, officiating and the Rev. Hollis Payne assisting.

Burial followed in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

She died Wednesday evening, December 25, 1996, in the Floydada Nursing Home.

She was born February 11, 1914 in Avalon, Texas. She moved to Floydada in 1926 from Johnson County. She graduated school from the Sandhill Community. She was a housekeeper and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Floyd Bradford and Robert Bradford, both of Floydada; five sisters, Genera Cook of Winters, Marcellita Lancaster of Batesville, Ark., Jean Logan of Weatherford, Myrtle Blair of Plainview, and Tinnie Galloway of Idalou.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Houston and Virgil, and one sister, Mable Foster.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 505 N. 2nd, Floydada, Texas 79235.

**MAE IRWIN**  
Services for Alta Mae Irwin, 94, former Floydada resident, were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 31, 1996 in Rushing Chapel Cemetery with Brother Brad Thompson, minister of University Church of Christ in Canyon, officiating. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

She died Friday morning, December 27, 1996 in Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

She was born August 26, 1902 in Texas. She graduated from Floydada High School then moved to New York. She later moved to Pennsylvania. She worked as a secretary and attended the Methodist Church.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

**LILLIE JESTER**  
Services for Lillie Florence Jester, 94, of Floydada were at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 29, 1996 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Claude Porter, minister, officiating and the Rev. Hollis Payne assisting.

Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

She died Friday evening, December 27, 1996 in the Floydada Nursing Home.

She was born December 22, 1902 in Howe, Oklahoma, where she also attended school. She married A.D. Jester on March 26, 1923 in Oklahoma. The couple moved to Tahoka and later to Floydada in 1950. Mr. Jester passed away October 6, 1985.

She was a housewife and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Floydada.

She is survived by one son, A.J. Jester of Tahoka; three daughters, Margie Womack of Floydada, Earlene Fenton of Slaton, and Lois Hodges of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 505 N. Second, Floydada, Texas 79235.

**ALLYNE LAMBETH**  
Graveside services for Allyne Opal Lambeth, 91, of Arlington were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 31, in Aspermont Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Thornton officiating.

Arrangements were by McCoy Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, at an Arlington nursing home.

She was born in Stamford, and she married P.D. Lambeth on Oct. 19, 1924, in Stamford. He died Aug. 14, 1984. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Bettye O'Dell of Arlington; a son, Beb of Gardendale; two sisters, Elizabeth Hagler of Deming, N.M., and Rose Brown of Kingwood; a brother, Billy Sandefur of Floydada; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**RUBY THOMPSON**  
Services for Ruby Spears Thompson, 86, of Matador were at 2 p.m. Monday, December 30, 1996, at First Baptist Church in Matador with the Rev. Felon Gilmore, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in East Mound Cemetery under direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, December 28, 1996, at Floydada Care Center.

She was born November 14, 1910, in Hartshorne, Oklahoma, in Pittsburg County. She moved to Motley County in 1926. She graduated from Matador High School in 1929, and she married Manly Thompson on Aug. 26, 1940. He died Jan. 23, 1970. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

After high school, she worked as a bookkeeper in the family ginning business. She and her husband later owned Thompson Feed and Seed Company.

Survivors include two sons, Carl of Hurricane, Utah, and David of Garland; two daughters, Loretta Thompson of Rockwall and Kate Thompson Hurt of Matador; two sisters, Gladys Smallwood of Hurst and Faye Swearingen of Dickens; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**OPAL ROGERS**  
Services for Opal Pearl Rogers, 82, of Floydada were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, at First Baptist Church in Floydada with the Rev. Howell Farnsworth, pastor, officiating.

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

She died Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, at Heritage Home in Plainview.

She was born March 2, 1914, in Merkel. She moved to Floydada in 1938. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she was Sunday School secretary.

She had worked as a bookkeeper. Survivors include two brothers, D.F. Rogers of Temple and Kenneth Rogers of Yoakum; a sister, Frances Powell of Plainview; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas 75219.

**This Week's Announcements**

**FLOYDADA BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**  
There will be a Floydada Athletic Booster Club meeting, Thursday, January 2, in the Floydada High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

**LOCKNEY SINGLES**  
Lockney Singles will meet Friday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Lockney Senior Citizens building.

**FLOYD COUNTY FRIENDS**  
Floyd County Friends of the Library will meet Tuesday, January 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse Electric community room.

**RURAL NURSE RESOURCE CLASSES**  
There will now be registration for January classes for Certified Nurse Aide, Emergency Care Attendants, Emergency Medical Technicians. Call 983-8096 for more information.

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

**WEATHER**  
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DATE	HIGH	LOW
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Dec. 27	73	28
Dec. 28	68	42
Dec. 29	66	36
Dec. 30	70	38

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Sincerely,  
Sudie Cochran  
1-2nc

I would like to thank everybody for the help with the benefit dinner. To the employees of the City of Floydada for their assistance, to the ladies that helped with the cooking and serving, to Martin Rios from Pay-n-Save, Rudy Medrano and family and Mandy Ramirez and family. But especially to the people of Floydada for all the help, prayers, and donations. It makes me proud to say that I am from the Floydada family.  
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# Floydada Whirlwinds compete in Lubbock's ABC Caprock Tournament

**By Bill Gray**  
**FLOYDADA** - The Floydada Whirlwinds ran into stiff competition from two squads from higher classifications at the 38th Annual ABC Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament last week in Lubbock. Floydada was defeated 63-55 by Class 5A Lubbock High in opening round action at the Monterey Gym on December 26. Class 4A Hereford eliminated the Whirlwinds 63-42 in the first round of the consolation bracket on December 27.

"We competed well against two pretty good basketball teams," said Floydada Coach Jim Knight. "We were within a point of Lubbock High late in the opening round, but just couldn't stay with them down the stretch. Hereford could well be a playoff team from their tough 4A district. They were big and very physical."

The coach added, "We don't like losing, but I think playing in that kind of tournament is a real plus for us. That level of play should really give us some valuable experience when we host Brownfield to resume district play (on January 3)."

Lubbock High's junior guard Marc Chavez led all scorers with 23 points in the Westerners' opening game victory over Floydada. Chavez hit 7 field

goals, including two 3-pointers, and was 7-of-12 from the charity stripe. Vernon Cooper paced Floydada's attack with 20 points. The Whirlwind senior connected on 6 field goals (including two 3-pointers) and had a perfect 6-for-6 mark at the line.

No other Whirlwind was in double figures, but the team continued its season-long balance in the scoring department. As a team Floydada was much improved in free-throw shooting as the Whirlwinds made 21-of-35 attempts (a very respectable 66%).

The Westerners took a 24-12 lead after the opening period and held a precarious 38-27 advantage at intermission. Floydada outscored the "Black and Gold" by six points in the third period to narrow the gap, but Lubbock controlled the tempo in the final minutes to hold on for the 8-point victory.

Coach Knight said, "We played very well defensively, but could not execute on offense the last quarter of the game. We cut the lead to one point with three minutes to go, but just couldn't convert on offense. We played well enough to win."

Omar Eguia, returning to the lineup after a one-game absence, didn't score a field goal in the loss to the Westerners. However, the senior guard had an excellent defensive game and was

6-for-6 at the free-throw line. Daryl Henderson had 7 points and Michael Black and Michael Palacios each had 5 points.

Hereford, a loser to 4A power Levelland in the opening round, jumped out to a 32-13 lead over the 'Winds in the consolation opener. According to Coach Knight, "Hereford is an excellent team with good size and good shooters. We had a hard time getting into our offense in the first two quarters. Hereford lost by 5 in an earlier game with Tulia, and the Hornets are one of the better Class 3A teams in Region 1."

The Whirlwinds played the White-faces pretty even in the final two periods, but couldn't overcome the 19-point first half deficit.

Vernon Cooper again was Floydada's scoring leader with 21 points. He hit 8 field goals (including a 3-pointer), but was only 4-of-10 at the free throw line. Michael Black added 9 points on 3 field goals and a 3-for-3 effort at the line. Jesse Garza, recently moved up from the junior varsity, contributed 4 points on a pair of field goals. The Whirlwinds now stand at 10-7 for the season (0-1 in District 2-3A) as they prepare to resume district action against the Brownfield Cubs this Friday.

# SPORTS

## FHS 9th grade girls basketball report

**By Coach Robin Nixon**  
**Floydada 40 Paducah JV 12**  
**December 21**  
**FLOYDADA** - Coach Robin Nixon's 9th grade girls basketball team defeated the Paducah Junior Varsity girls by a score of 40-12 during the Motley Co. JV tournament held during the Christmas holidays.

Leading scorer for Floydada was Veronica Galvan with 5 field goals and 3 free throws for a total of 13 points for the game. Following in the scoring column were Gracie DelaFuente with 2 field goals and 3 free throws for 7 points; Karen Wyrick with 2 field goals for 4 points, and Ronnie Morales with 4 free throws for 4 points. Denise Williams had one 3-pointer; followed by Cindy Suarez, Kylan Sanders, Resa Mercado and Kocrist Burks each with 2 points, and Marybeth York with one point.

"This was a great game and everybody contributed", said Coach Nixon. "Great team effort!"

**Floydada 41 Motley Co. JV 38**  
**December 21**  
**FLOYDADA** - The 9th grade girls defeated Motley Co. JV during the

championship game of the Motley Co. JV tournament.

"It was another great team effort", stated Coach Robin Nixon. "I am very proud of each of these young ladies! Winning a JV tournament is a great accomplishment for a freshmen team."

Leading scorer for the 9th grade Lady Winds during the championship game was Veronica Galvan with 6 field goals for a total of 12 points, followed by Gracie DelaFuente with 2 field goals and 6 free throws for a total of 10 points. Kylan Sanders ran a close race in the high-point scoring column with 4 field goals and 1 free throw for a total of 9 points. Also contributing to the victory game for the team were Marybeth York and Cindy Suarez, both with 4 points each, and Kember Everett with 2 points.

The 9th grade basketball team members are the following: Gracie DelaFuente, Marybeth York, Karen Wyrick, Veronica Galvan, Cindy Suarez, Ronnie Morales, Kylan Sanders, Analisa Enriquez, Resa Mercado, Denise Williams, Laci Martinez, Kember Everett, and Kocrist Burks.  
**Season record 7-3**

## Floydada School Menu

January 6-10

- Monday:**  
 NO SCHOOL  
 Teacher Service Day
- Tuesday:**  
 Breakfast - Juice, cinnamon toast, milk  
 Lunch - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk
- Wednesday:**  
 Breakfast - Juice, sausage, toast, milk  
 Lunch - Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwich, crackers, mixed fruit, milk
- Thursday:**  
 Breakfast - Juice, pancakes/syrup, milk  
 Lunch - Beef tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, Jello with fruit, milk
- Friday:**  
 Breakfast - Juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk  
 Lunch - Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, brownie, milk

**TAAS TESTS**  
 Out of school students who would like to register for TAAS tests need to go to the Lockney High School Office and pick up registration material.  
 The material must be filled out and returned to Iowa City, Iowa by Jan. 24, in time for the Feb. 25, 26, and 27th testing dates.

# Floyd County Farm Page

## 29th Annual High Plains Irrigation Conference set January 8 in Amarillo

The 29th annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show has been scheduled Jan. 8 at the Civic Center, Third and Buchanan Street, Amarillo.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with a host of industry service companies. Leon New, agricultural engineer with the Extension Service coordinates the event each year.

"We strive to offer growers concise and timely information to help them manage water and crop production," New said. The conference theme "Programmed to Help" encompasses a broad array of topics to be addressed by technical and production experts from Texas and other states where irrigation is practiced.

Producers can see the latest technology in equipment and services at the Trade Show. Conference registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. A registration fee of \$7 covers the cost for lunch.

Two continuing education units (CEUs), approved by Texas Department of Agriculture, will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators completing the day's program.

Potter County Extension agent, Jim Allison will serve as moderator of the morning program which starts at 9:25 a.m. Ken Glenn, general manager of Big T Pump Company of Hereford

will discuss what's next for idled pumps and wells on CRP lands.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Service economist and specialist in farm management from Amarillo will address issues involving equitable tenant-landowner agreements.

Advances in satellite remote sensing technology to monitor crop growth patterns, including strategies for irrigation will be reviewed by Quentin Rund, regional leader for Resource 21, from Mansfield Illinois. A brief question and answer session concludes each presentation throughout the day.

The noon break features a catered lunch and allows time for trade show tours.

The afternoon program, moderated by Jim Bob Reynolds, Hutchinson County agent, will resume at 1:30 p.m.

Managing irrigation capacity to fit crop water use will be discussed by New, a Texas A&M professor of agricultural engineering and Extension irrigation specialist, from Amarillo.

Karl Johnson, a grower from Hutchinson County will describe his operation located near Morse and how he manages crop production with current technology.

Extension agent Seth Ralston of Hartley County will moderate the final afternoon segment. Dr. Brent Bean, associate professor and Extension specialist in agronomy and weed science from Amarillo will address opportunities to use new herbicide tolerant varieties for corn, soybean and cotton production.

Dr. Carl Patrick, professor and Extension entomologist will present information on insect resistant crops. Patrick, also from Amarillo, will review the most recent studies involving genetically engineered crops, specifically Bt corn and Bt cotton, which were monitored in the field with Gaucho treated sorghum seed. He also will discuss future plans for insect resistance trials.

The Industry Trade Show will feature the latest technology and products from Agri Inject, Inc., American Technical Services, Brooke Pipe and Supply, Inc., Cimarron Marketing, Cobb Sales Company, Energas Company, Equipment Supply, Great Plains Meter, Inject-O-Meter, Nelson Irrigation, Oil-Vac, Inc., Pivot Products, Rain Bird Agri-Products Co., T-L Irrigation, T-Systems International, Inc., Waterman Industries, Watermaster Industries, Wolf Irrigation, Inc., and Wylie Manufacturing Company.

For more information, contact your local county agent or call Leon New, irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at (806) 359-5401, or use email lnew@tamu.edu.

**Cotton Conference**  
 Preregistration for the Caprock Cotton Council should be done by January 6, 1997.  
 Fees are \$35.00 for both days or \$20.00 for one day. Registration includes technical sessions, door prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, refreshments, and access to exhibits.  
 The conference will provide 7.5 continuing education units for Private, and Commercial Applicator License holders. These CEU's also qualify as credit for Certified Crop Advisors.  
 For more information contact: Ron Graves, Floyd/Crosby IPM Agent, (806) 675-2426; or J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, 983-4192.

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# Equipment loan funds available

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has been approved for a new \$2 million loan from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Austin to continue funding the Agricultural Water Conservation Equipment Loan program.

"Since the TWDB has not yet purchased the bond for the newly-approved loan, the interest rate under this new contract has not yet been set," said Becca Williams, Water District Director of Administration. "However, the interest rate charged by the Water District to borrowers will be the same as is charged to us by the TWDB, plus one percent for administrative costs," she added.

According to Williams, the Water District currently has money that is still available from the last approved loan. Under the current contract for these funds, the District can lend money to qualified producers at 6.05 percent interest.

Loans may be made for up to 75 percent of the cost of the equipment and installation, excluding any portion of the cost of the equipment cost-shared under a Federal program.

Loans are secured by a first lien on the equipment. Additional security equal to the loan amount must also be provided by a Deed of Trust, giving the District a lien on land, a Letter of Credit from a bank, or assignment of other liquid assets, such as a Certificate of Deposit (CD).

"Our guidelines for providing loans have remained basically the same as our earlier pilot program which we began in May 1986. Since that time, the District has made a total of 526 loans in the amount of \$16,841,832.89. And, in that 10-year period, we have never had a default," Williams said.

Irrigation systems approved for loans under the program are: Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) center pivot sprinklers; low pressure drip irrigation systems; low pressure center pivot sprinkler systems with drop lines no more than four feet from the ground; surge flow valves; soil moisture measurement devices used to schedule the timing and/or amount of irrigation water applied; computer

software used to monitor and analyze soil moisture, crop water use, evaporation loss, and other parameters to schedule irrigation applications; and furrow dikers to hold precipitation or irrigation water in place until it can soak into the soil.

Contractor services for land leveling or shaping land slope to improve irrigation application efficiency are also included.

Applicants must submit a non-refundable loan initiation fee of \$250 at the time the loan application is filed at the District office. The application must be received two weeks before the Water District's Board of Directors meet (second Tuesday of each month). After review by the five-member County Committee in the county in which the equipment is to be located, the application will be submitted for the board members' approval. If approved, the loan must be closed within 60 days.

"The ag loan program has been extremely successful. Equipment purchased through the program has been used to eliminate various water losses," said Williams.

She adds that many of the systems financed were the first of their kind installed in particular communities. "Individuals would see their neighbors' success with a particular water conserving irrigation system, and it wasn't long before similar systems were being put in place on adjoining land," she said.

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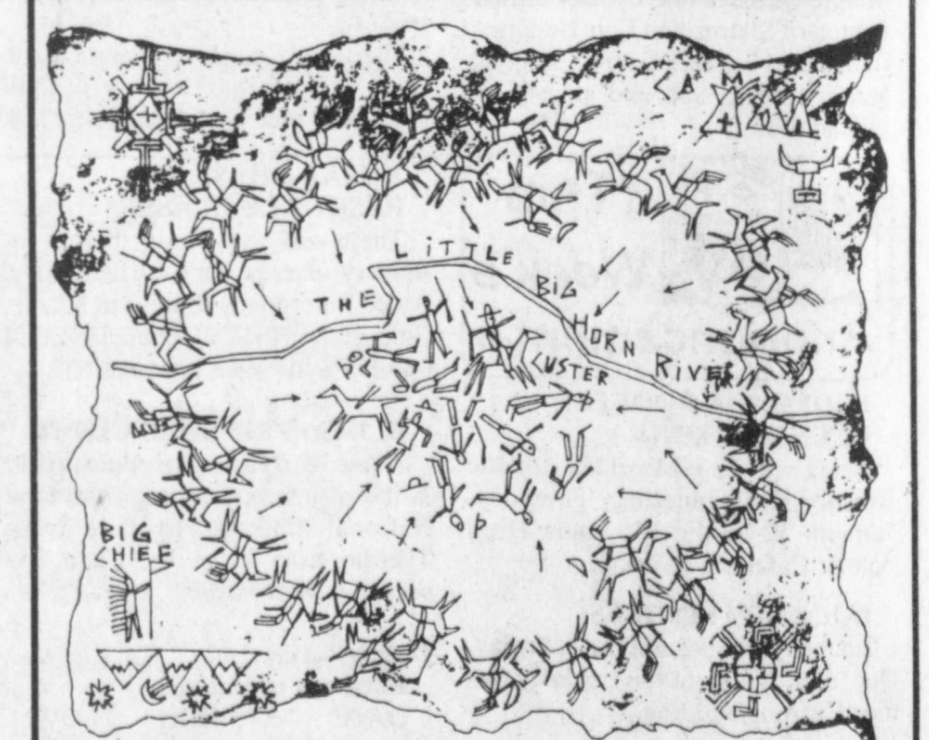
conservation equipment loan program guidelines are available by contacting Becca Williams, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79405-1499, or calling (806) 762-0181.

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