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Contracts not extended on two FISD principals

FLOYDADA — The employment contract for A.B. Duncan Elementary School principal Bobbie Weir was not extended for an additional year by FISD trustees. Based on recommendations from Superintendent Jerry Cannon the board voted unanimously with no public discussion on the issue during the February 13 board meeting.

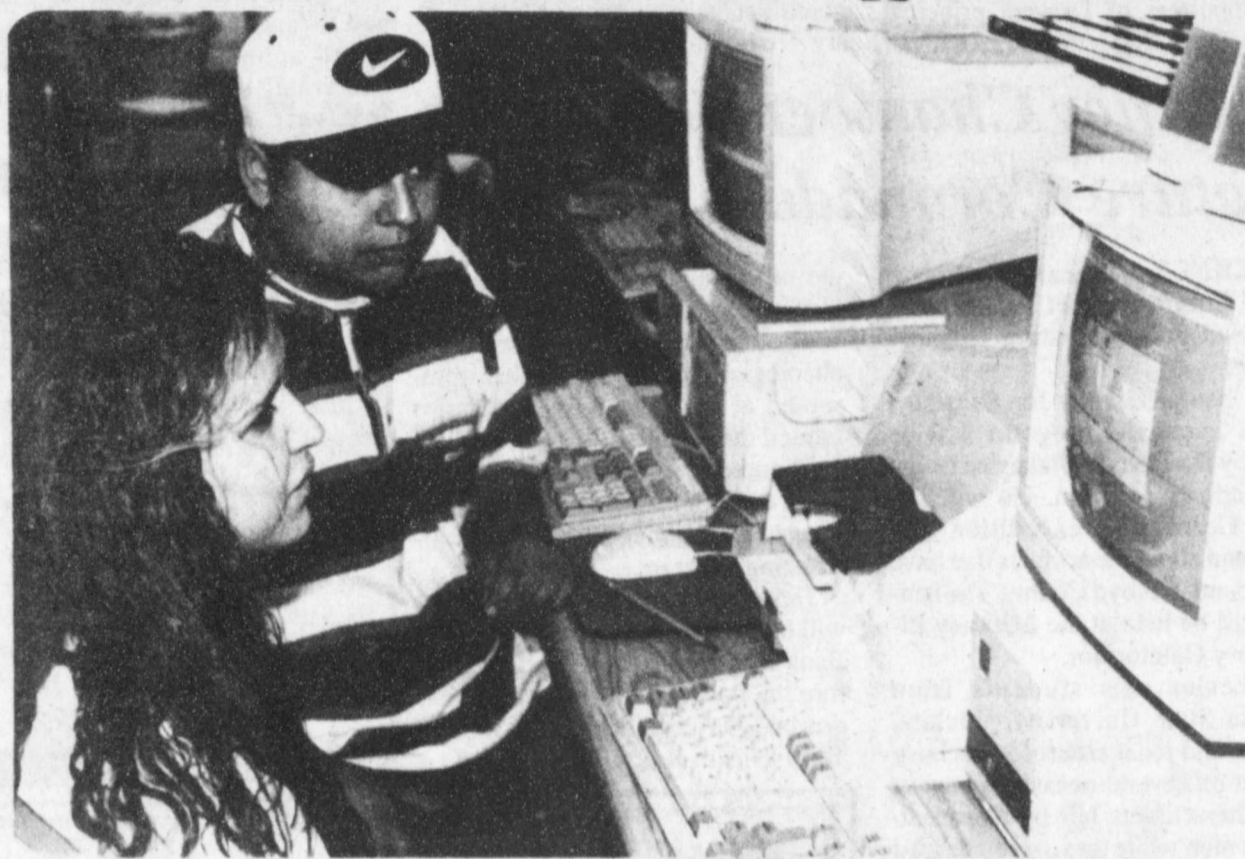
Motion for the action was made by Charlene Brown and seconded by Amado Morales not to extend Weir's contract. Weir's employment with FISD will expire with the current 1996-97 school year despite an open session plea on her behalf by Ricky Vasquez before the contract was considered in closed session.

Vasquez and a group of supporters had drafted a letter of support asking the board to reconsider their decision to not extend Weir's contract last year. The letter cited her dedication and concern for her students and asked that she be granted the standard two year contract of an administrator when contracts were considered this year. Their plea was unsuccessful.

The R. C. Andrews Elementary School principal's contract was also not extended at this time. Steve Lloyd made the motion not to extend Ellen Enriquez's contract. The motion was seconded by Billy Joe Villarreal and all voted in favor. Enriquez has one year remaining on her contract according to FISD Superintendent Jerry Cannon. Her contract is not due to expire until the end of the 1997-98 school year.

A motion by Jack Robertson with a second by Amado Morales extended the contracts of remaining administrative personnel under consideration for one year, making them effective through the 1998-99 school year. Each was given a salary increase of five percent. Those named in the motion included: administrative assistant Jimmie Collins, special education director Sheree Cannon, athletic director Tim Daughtrey, alternative school principal Dick Van Hoose, FHS principal Joe Christian and FJHS principal Monty Hysinger.

Cooperative school earns Internet grant



(L-R) Bobby Salazar, of Ralls, and Esperanza Lucio, of Plainview, are just two of the students at the Caprock Counties Learning Co-op who will benefit from almost \$94,000 in grant monies which has been awarded to the school to upgrade computers and wire the school and computers for the Internet.

FLOYDADA--The Caprock Counties Learning Co-op, in Floydada, has been awarded a state grant in the amount of \$93,418.00.

The grant monies are to be used to upgrade the existing computers in the school for Internet access, to wire the building for a networking system, purchase necessary equipment to access Internet and to train teachers in the use of the hardware and software.

A school had to have a student population that was 70% economically disadvantaged and be located in a rural area, before it could qualify for the grant. The Caprock Counties Learning Co-op ("alternative school") is was the only campus in FISD to meet the guidelines for the application.

"There was 25 million dollars available to schools through the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board" said Principal Dick Van Hoose.

According to Van Hoose, the staff of CCLC wrote and submitted the proposal for the grant. "A panel of reviewers from across state, with expertise in technology and education, studied over five hundred proposals," said Van Hoose. "Only one hundred schools were funded and CCLC was one of seven area campuses to receive the grant."

"Next year the money will be available again, but the guidelines will be different."

According to Van Hoose the money from Telecommunications Infrastructure is being used to connect hospitals, libraries and schools to the Internet.

"We now have 21 computers at the school, but 10 of the computers are used in a lab," said Van Hoose. "Those 10 are used to teach keyboarding, word processing and business classes, and they are kept busy all the time."

"That only leaves us 11 computers to spread out among all the classrooms. I'm going to try and negotiate for 5 or 6 more computers for our classrooms."

The Internet software to be purchased by CCLC will include safeguards to stop access to inappropriate materials on the Internet.

"CCLC students will now have instant access to worldwide information," said Van Hoose. "It will enable us to focus the latest in technology curriculum to the campus."

New CRP rules bring confusion

The only thing finalized in the new CRP rules is the date for sign-up--March 3 until March 28. The criteria for that sign-up is still up in the air.

"Unfortunately, the devil is in the details," said Floyd County's U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry. In a statement concerning the new rules issued Feb. 12 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Thornberry said, "We still don't know who will be eligible for CRP and who won't. I remain concerned that by changing the erodibility index to 8 and above, the USDA may be leaving a lot of farmers in Texas and elsewhere out in the cold."

According to Jon LaBaume, the District Conservationist for Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), "Ninety-four percent of the current CRP contracts in Floyd County do not have an erodibility index of 8. Most of that land is below the Caprock."

The index is judged by the texture of soil and how it washes and blows. "The slope of the land does not have much to do with measuring the index," said LaBaume.

Floyd County has 482 CRP contracts, or 97,950 acres, and 326 contracts, or 69,157 acres, will expire Oct. 1, 1997.

"Everyone needs to know that the contracts will not be awarded on a first come-first serve basis," said LaBaume. "The applications will be taken and then worksheets will be filled out. The worksheets will list a large number of variables that have to be considered--concerning erodibility index, soil and water losses, wildlife habitat concerns and air quality (such as wind erosion and dust and dirt in the air)."

According to LaBaume points are given to the landowner in each category on the worksheet. "We know we will earn a large number of points in certain areas," said LaBaume. "The question will be--is it enough?"

After the paperwork is done then the waiting process begins. "It could be a month to a month and a half before the farmer knows if his contract has been accepted," said LaBaume.

"USDA acknowledged that they will be unable to notify farmers until late May or early June whether or not their land has been accepted into CRP," said Congressman Thornberry. "This could hurt a lot of farmers who need to make planting decisions in the spring."

LaBaume and Thornberry both see problems with the USDA timeline.

"I don't know how we are going to get all of this implemented by March 3 when they haven't even worked out all the details," said LaBaume.

"Under this timeline," said Thornberry, "USDA would have only two weeks to train both state and county offices about the new guidelines and how to implement them. That would be quite an undertaking in Texas, and is something I have my doubts they would be able to complete."

"They've caused real problems for farmers and ranchers by making them wait so long for a decision. I intend to push USDA to work long and hard to finalize these plans."

Under the original CRP program, much of the acreage on the South Plains was bid in at around \$40 per acre. According to LaBaume the new average county rental rates will be \$34.00 plus a \$5.00 maintenance charge.

Mathis named to All-State Band

LOCKNEY—Kaci Mathis, a member of the Lockney Longhorn Band was named Fourth Chair in the Texas All-State Symphony Band. She played in concert with those students chosen in try-outs from A, AA, and AAA bands across the state.

According to Band Director Jimmie Exline, "Kaci was named the fourth best bass clarinet player in the state. She did an excellent job and we are proud of her accomplishments."

He continued, "This is the sixth year for the All-State Symphony Band and the music at the concert this year was just outstanding. The competition for the chairs was fierce."

Miss Mathis is a senior at Lockney High School and Drum Major for the band. She is the daughter of Mike and Ginger Mathis.



KACI MATHIS

Sign-up in progress for city, school and hospital elections

Annual elections for local city councils, school boards and hospital district boards are currently being slated. Information concerning those already called is printed below.

Floydada Independent School District board members set Saturday, May 3, 1997 as the date for the annual trustee election. Positions up for election this year are Precincts 1 and 2, currently held by Steve Lloyd and Trena Simpson, respectively.

Candidates can apply for a position on the ballot between February 17 and March 19. Drawing for places on the ballot will be held on March 20. Write-in candidates can file a declaration to run as a write-in from March 3 through April 3.

April 4 is the first day of the period during which an election can be cancelled if there is only one candidate for each position on the ballot. Under current state law, an election does not have to be held if there are no opposed candidates.

In cases where the election is necessary, early voting will begin on April 14 and end on April 29. Laveta Morren will serve as the early voting clerk and Sharon Rainwater will be the deputy clerk.

Saturday, May 3 will be election

day from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Massie Activity Center.

Lockney Independent School District set their election during a board meeting February 18. Saturday, May 3 is the date. Signup is underway now and will continue until March 19. Trustee positions up for election include Precinct 1, Precinct 2 and an unexpired at-large term vacated by the resignation of Mike Mathis.

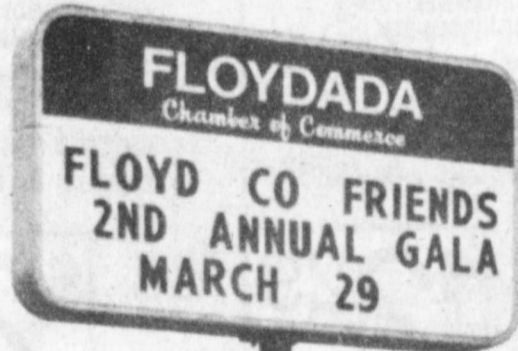
Incumbents Jesse Garza in Precinct 1 and Jim Bob Martin in Precinct 2 have indicated they will be seeking re-election to their respective posts.

Caprock Hospital District has also set May 3 as the date for the annual election of trustees. Nomination will again be by petition and Early voting will begin on April 14.

Laveta Morren will serve as the early voting clerk and Sharon Rainwater will be the deputy clerk. CHD will be holding early voting at the FISD Administrative Offices in conjunction with the school election's early voting.

All hospital district trustees are elected at-large. Currently holding

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COMMUNITY PROMOTION--Chamber Manager Angie Lipham stands beneath a new advertising sign on the corner of Missouri and 2nd Street, which was placed there by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. The sign will be used to promote community activities and to advertise for non-profit organizations and to promote new businesses. Anyone wishing more information on the sign should contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at 983-3434.

Lockney Chamber Banquet
March 1st
Tickets Now On Sale

Plans finalized for annual Floyd County Friends Gala

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala, set for March 29. Proceeds from the gala will be go towards the building of a Multi-Purpose Building in Muncy.

This is the second gala for Floyd County Friends, planned after the huge success last spring of the first fund raising gala.

Tickets to the event will be \$25.00 each or a preferred seating table of eight can be bought for \$250.00. A three course steak dinner will be served to guests at their tables. Lowe's Pay-N-Save is underwriting the food costs for Floyd County Friends.

Spring decor will transform the Lockney Elementary cafeteria into an elegant dining room, keeping with this year's theme of "Garden Grandeur".

The local singing talent of "Harmony" will be the featured entertainment and Lucy Dean Record and Brady Rasco will provide the background dinner music.

The First National Bank of Floydada will sponsor a \$1,000 give-away at the banquet and a three-foot rabbit, stuffed with money, will be auctioned off at the gala.

Last public meeting slated for Feb. 25th

The last public meeting, out of a series of four sponsored by the City of Floydada, will be held Feb. 25th at Duncan Elementary at 7:00 p.m.

According to City Manager Gary Brown attendance at the previous three meetings has been poor.

The meetings have been conducted in an informal setting for the purpose of getting ideas from citizens on the direction they want their city to go and to voice any complaints or offer any praise.

The rabbit, which will be made by Rosanne Bishop and her art classes, will circulate the county in the days before the gala. The rabbit will appear at civic groups, club meetings, etc., and people will be encouraged to stuff their donations into the rabbit.

No one will know how much money the rabbit holds until after it is bought and broken open on the night of the gala.

"This gala was such a success last year and we are expecting great things from it this year," said Floyd County Friends President Nick Long. "We project the gala will put us over the \$100,000 local assets mark."

Tickets are available from the following Floyd County Friends board members or advisors: Hulon and Anne Carthel, Kenny and De Chance, Billy and Sherry Colston, David and Darlee Foster, Jody and Shawnda Foster, Randy and Julie Hancock, Coy LaBaume;

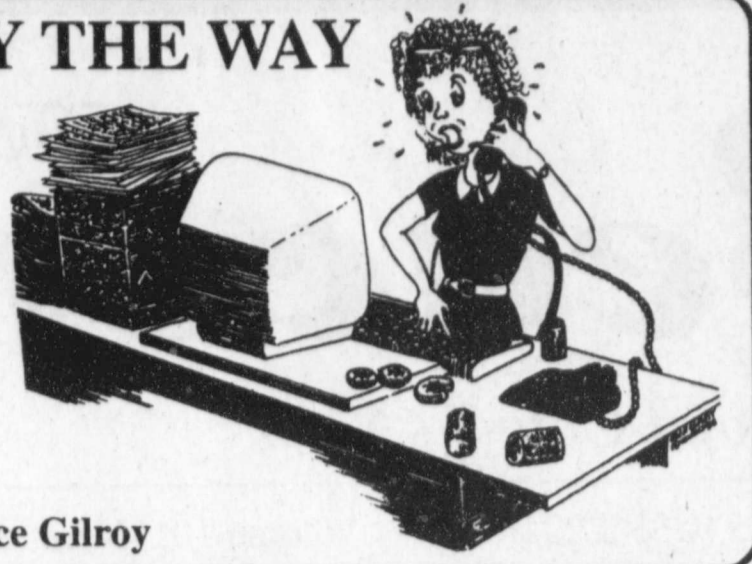
Jon and Elaine LaBaume, Nick and Melissa Long, Mike and Ginger Mathis, Lindan and D'Lynn Morris, John and Karen Quebe, Martin and Robin Stoerner and Gregg and Chris Taylor.

"At the first meeting the biggest concern seemed to be over economic development and the lack of jobs in the city," said Brown.

"The second meeting seemed to center more on starting a beautification program to clean up areas in the city."

"In both instances I told citizens that the city could not do the work all by themselves," said Brown. "We need the help of citizens to promote the city in appearance and in growth."

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

We may not have a movie theatre in Floydada or Lockney but we're sure got entertainment—and cheap entertainment at that.

If you've missed the Little Dribbler's games going on in the county, try and make a point to pop in and watch one. It's a great way to spend an evening with the family and visit with your neighbors.

Everybody that's anybody is at the Little Dribbler's games!

The kids are not the only ones that are fun to watch. The parents and grandparents in the stands are very entertaining too!

It is obvious that a lot of hard work goes into these games. Volunteer coaches, volunteer referees, volunteer

time keepers, volunteer gate keepers and volunteer concession stand workers. I'm always impressed with how smoothly everything runs and I appreciate everyone's time and effort.

The kids will love you for it forever!

There are several corrections this week on Valentine hearts from last week. Some of the mistakes weren't all that major—but if it makes grandma and grandpa happier campers it makes us happier campers too.

I'd also like to go on the record as saying that not all the mistakes were ours. It doesn't change anything—but it makes me a happier camper.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday evening, February 11, our daughter, Cammy, had a severe asthma attack that caused her to stop breathing. After calling 911, the Lockney EMT's were at our house within minutes.

The EMT's worked on Cammy for a while, then transported her to the Lockney Hospital where they kept her overnight for observation.

Mike and I would like to thank these wonderful men who volunteer

their time to help our community. Without their assistance and knowledge, Cammy would not have recovered so quickly.

We would also like to thank the nurses and Dr. Stennett for such a terrific job. This was our first experience in using the Lockney Hospital and needless to say, we were very impressed with their efficiency.

Thank you all for the great job you do!

Mike and Marceen Lass

Correction

An advertisement for a Sweetheart Banquet to raise funds for the kitchen and dining room of a church incorrectly named the church in the February 13 issue of the Hesperian-Beacon. The church hosting the banquet last

Saturday was the Templo Libertad in Lockney. Anyone wishing to donate to the project should contact a member of that church. The Newspaper regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

CHD to provide matching funds for cardiac defibrillator

FLOYDADA — Caprock Hospital District trustees voted unanimously to provide \$4,000.00 in matching funds to Rural Nurse Resource to purchase a LifePak 300 automatic cardiac defibrillator for use in the Dougherty Community First Response Program. Sharon Hinton, director of RNR, presented the request at the district's regular 7:00 a.m. board meeting on Tuesday, February 18, at Nielson's Restaurant.

Hinton told the board the program is being implemented under a grant through the Texas Department of Health. It is a pilot program and is currently training several Dougherty Community residents in emergency techniques for first responders. Hinton stated that the community has raised more than \$4,000.00 towards the purchase of the \$9,000.00 piece of equipment.

Since it takes 20 to 45 minutes for Floydada EMS to arrive at the location of an emergency in the Dougherty Community and no after hours or weekend medical care is available within the district at this time, trustees felt the program would be worthwhile and deserved to be supported.

Similar programs are planned for other communities in Caprock Hospital District in the future said Hinton.

Board members set the date for the annual trustee election for Saturday, May 3. Nomination is by petition only and early voting will begin April 14. Laveta Morren and Sharon Rainwater, FISH early voting officials, will also act in that capacity for the hospital district.

At-large positions up for election are those held by Tom Farris, Carmel

Eastham and Denice Payne. Minutes from the January meeting were approved as presented. Payment of monthly bills was authorized following review of financial statements.

According to the financial documents, the district has \$542,666.93 in the tax collections account and \$3,19.62 in the operating account. Revenues totaled \$46,869.63 with \$42,990.84 coming in as tax collections.

Expenses for January totaled \$10,628.46 compared with \$12,129.23 for the same month in 1996. These expenses do not include the expenses to be shared with UMC under an agreement approved last month by the board.

A new UMC representative, Eric Givens, presented the board with the first report under that agreement. His figures show a loss of more than \$7,000.00 before paying the physician's salaries for the January 1-31 period. Givens said physician salaries total \$23,000.00, bringing the total to \$30,742.00.

CHD is to pay 1/2 of the total losses or share half of the total profit for a trial period of six months which will end June 30.

Givens also gave the board a brief rundown of clinic operations since the decrease in staff at the end of January. He also agreed to look into concerns voiced by board members concerning First Care HMO and it's dealings with the clinic. He indicated he would try to correct the problem areas and report back to the board in March.

FISD Trustees table proposed drug policy

FLOYDADA — Floydada ISD Trustees voted unanimously to table a proposed drug policy during the regular session on Thursday, February 13. The policy, which would have implemented random drug testing for students involved in extra curricular activities, had been completed following two public meetings in January according to committee member Grant Hambricht.

Hambricht indicated the committee was recommending this action based on legal advice and in consideration of pending lawsuits in other school districts concerning recently implemented drug policies. He stated the committee felt it was in the best interest of the district to avoid the possibility of a lawsuit until the current legal challenges were ruled on. No time estimate was given for possible implementation of the policy.

Ricky Vasquez read a letter signed by supporters of Duncan principal Bobby Weir. The letter asked that her

contract with the district be returned to the standard two year administrative contract.

Contract renewals for several administrative personnel were considered by the board in executive session. Action following the session resulted in contracts for administrative assistant Jimmie Collins, special education director Sheree Cannon, athletic director Tim Daughtrey, alternative school principal Dick Van Hoose, FHS principal Joe Christian and FJHS principal Monty Hysinger being extended one year with a 5 percent pay increase.

Based on recommendations from Superintendent Jerry Cannon, contracts for A.B. Duncan Elementary School principal Bobbie Weir and R. C. Andrews Elementary School School principal Ellen Enriquez were not extended at this time.

Minutes from the previous monthly meeting were read by secretary Trena Simpson and approved as

presented. Payment of monthly bills was also approved by the board. Collins presented a tax report stating collections now total \$1,387,299 and are 87.63 percent complete. This compares to a 90.03 percent collection rate a year ago.

Outstanding students for the month of February were recognized by the board. Presented from Duncan Elementary were third graders Meah

Herrera, daughter of Vivian Herrera, and Drew Maddox, son of Belinda and Mel Maddox. Honored from Andrews Elementary were sixth graders Mari Mendoza, daughter of Anita and Pablo Mendoza, and Jacob Morales, son of Jesse and Irene Morales.

FJHS honorees included seventh grader Sean Holster, son of Mike and Kathy Holster, and eighth grader Jessica Casteneda, daughter of Ruddy and Yolanda Casteneda. High School chose sophomore students John Dunavant, son of Phil and Susan Dunavant, and Royanne Mercado,

daughter of Roy and Elza Mercado. All received a certificate of recognition from the board.

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A resignation was accepted from Luz Aguilar, an aide at the Junior High. She will be replaced by Norma Hernandez.

Collins asked the board to consider allowing him to look for and purchase a good used pickup for the maintenance department. He said the money was in the budget and the board authorized the action.

Holly Lee presented the monthly report from the individual campus committees. The report detailed activities on each school campus during the month and was compiled from the FISD Advisory Council meeting.

Lockney Chamber Banquet to feature Coronado expedition

LOCKNEY—The Lockney Chamber of Commerce met recently and discussed their upcoming chamber banquet.

The banquet is set for Saturday, March 1 and the program will be given by Dr. Donald Blakeslee on the Coronado Expedition. He will tell about Coronado's expedition into Texas and about the artifacts that have been found in Floyd County. The banquet will be held at the Lockney Elementary Cafetorium.

Blakeslee, his students from Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, and local archeologists have worked on several occasions uncovering the artifacts left by Coronado and his men while they were camped in Blanco Canyon. They have been joined by local and state archeologists.

The artifacts found in the canyon

Lockney Police Report

LOCKNEY—The Lockney Police Department investigated the report of criminal mischief at Poole Automotive on February 8. Two windows had been broken out of a pickup parked at the business.

Martin Suarez, 40, of Floydada, was charged on February 8 with driving while intoxicated.

A criminal mischief report was received on February 9 and Lockney Police investigated the breaking of glass in the doors at the junior high school. The damage was assessed at \$1,000. The investigation is continuing.

A minor automobile accident occurred at the junior high school on February 11. There were no injuries and the damage was minor.

Another automobile accident occurred on February 13 at the hospital. Again there were no injuries and damage was minor.

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are on display at the Floyd County Historical Museum. Several writings and papers have been done on the archeological dig and have been presented at seminars and workshops around the country.

Chamber President Terry Ellison urges everyone to make plans now to attend the banquet and hear this interesting program.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person. They will be available at the First National Bank in Lockney or at the door before the banquet. For more information call Judy Jackson at 652-3355 or Terry Ellison at 652-2236.

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Sagebrush Mills sales expand

By Matthew Minssen
(Editor's Note: Research for the following article, by Texas Tech Journalism student Matthew Minssen, was made possible by a grant from the Reader's Digest Foundation.)

Sagebrush Mills
FLOYDADA - Even the founder of Sagebrush Mills of Floydada, Anne Carthel, is sometimes surprised when she learns where her food products are being sold. She did not know, for example, her goods were available at a train station in Boston.

She never knows who is going to respond to the phone number on the back of the package or where the call will be from, even New York City. An organization which plans to sell American foods in Sweden has sent faxes. Gift baskets have been sent to Yugoslavia and England. Carthel is aware of the product's presence in 26 states, including Montana, Connecticut and Florida. But she still sells more in Texas than anywhere else.

Anne Carthel believes the unique character of her products have created interest. Three years ago, Sagebrush Mills began by selling cornmeal made from Indian corn. The corn is ground in a machine known as a stone or grist mill. This type of machine was manufactured in the 1930s, and they are not used much today. Carthel knows of only one company, located in North Carolina, which currently manufactures parts. However, her mill, she says, "functions just great."

Having marketed and sold cornmeal, dry mixes were the next experiment. Carthel decided to market a cookie mix and a butter mix about one year and a half after the cornmeal. The butter mix is a spice blend which is added to flavor butter or margarine. She is especially pleased with the butter mix because Sagebrush Mills is the only business she knows of which creates it.

The mixes contain a wide variety of dehydrated food ingredients and spices. Everything Sagebrush Mills uses is purchased, except for the cornmeal. Most of the dehydrated vegetables come from California.

As products become more diverse and spicy, the mixing becomes more scientific, Carthel says. She still spends time in the kitchen, developing and tasting.

The latest introduction to the product line are soup mixes. Carthel has developed tortilla, cheese enchilada, and white bean and chicken soups. She expects to create three more va-

rieties before June because she is certain the soups will, one day, be the most popular item Sagebrush offers.

Sagebrush Mills, Carthel says, "started on a shoestring." But she considers herself fortunate because she was not required to live on the revenue from the sales. She was allowed to use the profits to invest in Sagebrush Mills.

She also further, rejected the notion of distribution in grocery stores, as Arrowhead Mills of Hereford had done. She did not want to begin by creating large volumes of the product. She preferred, instead, to give herself the chance to be creative.

Carthel says the hardest part about her business is juggling the different roles she must play. She still cooks for her family and picks her 13 year old daughter up from school everyday. She does bookkeeping at home on the computer. She still experiments with food, and, of course, she still mixes and packages it.

Furthermore, Carthel thinks about the marketing of the product. She must be aware of labeling laws; every ingredient must be noted. The package had to be designed, and she commissioned Lockney art teacher Lisa Mosley to create the logo. Carthel does little advertising; she relies on word-of-mouth and her trips.

Carthel is often away from home at sales events. She has been to the World Trade Center in Dallas to investigate and gain entrance into the gourmet store market. She travels to Canton for four days at the end of each month for its "Trade Days." She likes to show the product herself; sales representatives, she has found, do not want to cook the product for retail show samples.

She also likes to scout at these events. It is important to scout the competitions, she says, in order to devise a product which is original and superior.

Making good connections at a show will also expand her mail-order base. An expansive mail-order base is one goal; more business can be handled over the phone in Floydada.

Since gourmet foods are popular season items, Carthel is very busy during the fall holidays, but her family has always been supportive.

"They are learning to help more all the time," says Carthel. She discovered, for example, that her daughter, Cienna, is a fine salesperson on a trip to Canton.

Cienna is cooking some, and Anne says, she is becoming more indepen-

dent than she would if her mother was "looking over her shoulder." Carthel's husband and Mayor of Floydada, Hulon Carthel, can load and unload boxes with skill for Sagebrush, but has not yet become a comfortable cook. He has even inspired a slogan for Sagebrush products.

"The mixes are easy enough for my husband to cook - not that he would," Ann Carthel says.

Sagebrush Mills hired its first employee in January, 1996. Sarah Hinsley also has one child at home but finds time to do plenty of work, mixing spices and packaging. Hinsley's schedule and family duties have not conflicted with Sagebrush once. Hinsley and Carthel like working together.

"She has been a God-send as far as employees go," Carthel says.

Carthel says she will probably have to hire others one day. She has decided "part-time moms," like herself and Hinsley would make the best employees. They would enjoy the extra income and the activity of work could be especially redeeming to a mother whose children have grown.

Carthel and Hinsley work many hours together to create the product which is shipped out almost daily by United Parcel Service. At the day's end, the two will be covered with a film of flour and cornmeal and smell of garlic. They wear tennis shoes and t-shirts.

They listen to the radio and take a quick break when they have a chance at winning a radio contest. The pair has never won; their old rotary phone was not fast enough, they believe. Now they are equipped with a new phone.

Though her products are sold at Payne's Pharmacy in Floydada, Carthel's revenue is from outside the area. She has never sold great amounts locally. She thinks maybe since Sagebrush is a local product it had to be validated elsewhere.

The business has been between doubling and tripling in size every year. Their goals include expansion of the mail-order and franchise base. Being seen in pamphlets and brochures is important in Sagebrush's future. Corporate gift baskets, given by the corporation to its employees, is one idea Carthel wishes to explore.

Carthel began Sagebrush Mills by grinding corn into meal, and smiles when she remembers actually she is allergic to cornmeal.

Business Of The Week

FLOYDADA-Poole Well Service will soon be relocating to a new building, at 704 Matador Highway, across from Lighthouse Electric.

Raymond Poole, who along with his wife, Mary, owns Poole Well, has been working on wells since he was 16 years old.

Raymond began his career working for the recently deceased Guy Hinton, of Hinton Well Service in Ralls.

In 1965, at the age of 19, Raymond was drafted into the army and also married Alice. He spent 2 years in Vietnam and in 1967 a son, Ricky, was born. Raymond went back to work at Hinton and in 1972 a daughter, Rebecca, was born.

In 1974 Raymond purchased his own well rig and started Poole Well Service out of their home.

In 1980 the Pooles opened a business at 407 E. Houston which came to known as Poole Well Service Radiator and Muffler Shop.

"We closed the radiator and muffler shop in 1994," said Mary. "The well service took too much of our



(ON FLAT BED, L-R) SAM SEGURA, SIMON HERNANDEZ, EBERT PARVIN AND DAVID ROSALES; (STANDING, L-R) CHAD MOSELEY, RICKY POOLE, MARY POOLE, RAYMOND POOLE AND TOMAS HERNANDEZ

time." Poole Well sells and services Simmons Pumps and also does high speed bailing.

Three full time employees work at Poole Well: Ricky Poole, Chad Moseley and Tomas Hernandez.

Part time employees are: Simon

Hernandez, Sam Segura, David Rosales and Ebert Parvin.

"We appreciate the people in this county for their patronage of this business," said Mary and Raymond Poole.

"They have made this business a success."



GETTING READY FOR SHIPMENT--Anne Carthel, owner of Sagebrush Mills, stays busy packing her original soup recipes and corn mill products for shipment all over the United States. Staff Photo

Lockney City Council to rewrite zoning ordinances

LOCKNEY—During the February meeting of the Lockney City Council the council members voted to name a zoning commission and purchase a tractor. They passed a resolution supporting the Community Enrichment Act, sold several tax lots and signed a contract with the Floyd County Appraisal District.

The council again discussed rewriting the current mobile home ordinance so they would not have to vote on variances as applications are made for a permit.

Paul Lyle, attorney for the city of Lockney, stated, "I think before you spend the time rewriting an ordinance for mobile homes that you need to look at your zoning ordinance. It has been in place for a long time and needs to be updated. The mobile home ordinance could be addressed in the zoning ordinance."

Council member Bil Anderson asked Lyle "How big a change do you think it will involve?"

Lyle reported that he did not know but that he would suggest they appoint a public committee to make suggestions.

Bil Anderson made the motion, J.D. Copeland the second and the council unanimously voted for Mayor Gary Marr to appoint several citizens to a zoning board.

Marr stated that he would appoint a zoning committee and he would ask South Plains Association of Govern-

Election sign-up underway

Continued From Page 1
positions up for election are Tom Farris, Carmel Eastham and Denice Payne.

Floydada City Council has two people signed up to run for positions on City Council even though the city has not called an election at this time. Setting an election is on the agenda for the Thursday, February 20 meeting.

According to City Manager Gary Brown, Mayor Hulon Carthel has indicated he will seek re-election for a third and final term. Roxanna Cummings is seeking election to the District 3 council seat currently held by LeRoy Burns. The final post slated for election this year is the District 2 council seat held by Dale Lawson.

ments (SPAG) if there are any cities the size of Lockney that have rewritten their zoning laws recently.

After some discussion the council voted to purchase a Case Tractor from James Bros Implement and use the old tractor as a trade in. The tractor will cost \$9,500 after the \$7,000 trade-in. Bil Anderson made the motion and the second was made by J.D. Copeland.

The council voted to support Senate Bill 76 - the Community Enrichment Act. This bill would send a portion of the lottery money from tickets purchased in Lockney back to Lockney. According to Marr if Lockney had received the money in 1996 it would have amounted to

\$13,644. Rodger Stapp made the motion and the second was made by Richard Zavala.

Bids on several tax lots were opened and accepted. Dickie Hernandez bid of \$200 for Lot 9 Block 2, Tuttle Addition; Joventia Hernandez, \$200 for Lot 37, Block 2 Tuttle Addition; Maria Escalon \$1,050, Lots 2-5, Block 6, Muncy Addition; and Tammy and Tonya Hernandez, \$300 for Lot 39, Block 2 of the Tuttle Addition.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Gary Marr; Council Members J.D. Copeland, Rodger Stapp, Tina Graves, Richard Zavala, and Bil Anderson; City Secretary Charlotte Hooten, City Attorney Paul Lyles and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

Senior Citizens group celebrates anniversary

LOCKNEY - The Lockney Senior Citizens Center was established in 1987 by donations and memberships with approximately 350 members. Since that time, the center has lost 120 members by death.

"We have not had enough new members to replace numbers lost," said Jody Baccus, member of the Board of Directors.

The center serves lunch each day for \$2.50 and delivers to shut ins and disabled after surgeries, falls or illnesses. "This has been great for a number of our members," said Baccus. You can also call in for carry-outs (by 9:30). "We have pot luck dinners on Thursday nights at 6:00 and games following for members and guests."

The center also serves as a place for ladies to exercise three times a week and for members to play dominoes, 42, or whatever, each day.

The center is seeking donations, memorials and new members. "We need the help of the community to maintain our center as well as maintain our lunch prices," said Baccus. "The center receives no government funding."

LISD extends administration contracts

LOCKNEY--LISD board members met Tuesday night and extended the contracts of LISD principals Phil Cotham, Terry Ellison and James

Poole. The contract of Athletic Director Malcom Moerbe was also extended.

Trustees also hired Holly Norwood as High School Librarian to replace Kay Williams who retired for health reasons.

Thanks For Reading The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon!!

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VALENTINE ROYALTY -- Chosen as the King and Queen for Valentine's Day festivities at the Floydada Care Center were residents Odell Kerr, left, and Pauline Benefield, right. -- Staff Photo

Athena Study Club holds yearbook meeting

By Neta Marble
LOCKNEY—Gayle Jackson was hostess for the February meeting of the Athena Study Club. Yearbooks were passed out and discussion was held on upcoming programs. It was announced that Dorothy Hooten will be the hostess for the March meeting. Members present were Trish Davis, Laurie Hall, Shirley Hardin, Dorothy Hooten, Vida Hrbacek, Gayle Jackson, Barbara Mathis, Mary Louise McCarter, Donnie Meriwether and Pat Nelson.

Look Who's New!

TZOUANAKIS
 Alex and Judi Tzouanakis of Lexington, Kentucky, are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Sofi Jane. Sofi was born Monday, February 10, 1997 at 10:51 a.m. at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. She weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Sofi has an older brother Samuel Alexander who is 2 years old. Grandparents are Donald and Jane Bean of Floydada and Emmanuel and Susan Tzouanakis of Lexington. Great-grandparents are Susie Bean Autry of Silvertown, Texas, Glenna Sampson of Erie, Pennsylvania, and Maria Tzouanakis of Crete Greece.

Floyd County Lifestyles



FIVE GENERATIONS -- Bessie Glover, third from left, turned 95 on January 29. Her family honored her with a birthday celebration on February 2. Among those attending were (left to right) her granddaughter Lynn Campbell, great granddaughter Donna Penny, birthday celebrant Bessie Glover, daughter Juaneal Krambeck and great-great grandson Devin Penny. These five represent five generations in the same family. -- Photo Courtesy



JUNIOR ROYALTY -- Youngsters singled out for honors at Floydada Care Center included 6 year old Valentine Junior Queen Elizabeth Ibarra and 3 year old Valentine Junior King Randy Perez. -- Staff Photo

Floydada Care Center News

By Jo Wilbanks
FLOYDADA - Well, we are going right along with the month of February. Tuesday the ladies from the Companion 'N' Caring came and helped make Valentine corsages for the resident's Valentines party. They also came and styled the ladies hair. The ladies present were Dolores Cannon, Leona Neff and Shirley Varner. Mike Holster gave the devotion and played the piano and sang for us Thursday.

Perez, 3, son of Barbara and Robert Perez was Jr. King. They also received a crown, banner, red carnation and candy. Congratulations to all of you. Mike Holster came and played the piano for us. He played "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain", and other songs from the good ole' days. The Hesperian came out and took photos of the Kings and Queens. The amount collected for the voting was \$245, to be used for activities for the residents.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 was Lincoln's birthday. The residents did a crossword puzzle on his life, also they discussed some of the presidents that have been in office during their lives. Friday, Molly Stringer came and played the piano for us. Gail Ramsey, Shirley Varner, Dolores Cannon, and Nancy Rivello assisted with the singing. Carmen Revillo gave the devotion.

At 5 p.m. a dinner was served to residents, family, friends and staff. A beautiful red and white cake, decorated with red roses and hearts, iced with whipped cream was served to everyone. We have one resident whose birthday was February 14, Louis Arrendondo. Our birthday party is Thursday, (today) Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. Come and share with us. The residents having birthdays are Ophelia Sanders, Travis Parr, Louis Arrendondo, and Vincente Garcia.

Wednesday and Friday were Bingo days. We appreciate all our volunteers. At 4 p.m. Friday was the Valentine party. Odell Kerr was chosen King and Pauline Benefield was chosen Queen by the residents, staff, family and friends. They were crowned with beautiful crowns and a banner. They also received a long stem red rose and a box of chocolates. Also our Jr. Queen was Elizabeth Ibarra, 6, daughter of Cindy and Jesse Ibarra, and Randy

Clarence Guffee is back from the hospital. Thought -- A little more tired at the close of the day; a little less anxious to have our way; a little less anxious to scold and blame; a little more care for a brother's name. And so we are nearing the journey's end; where time and eternity meet and blend.



Valentine Corrections



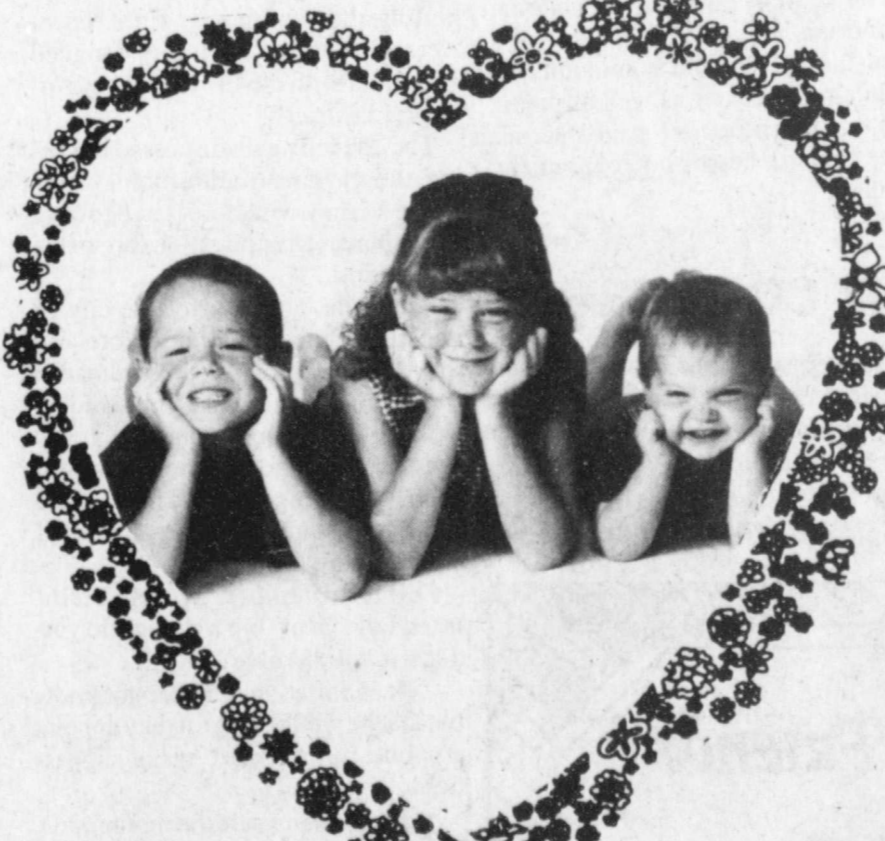
SANDI KINAST, 6, daughter of Bruce and Brenda Kinast, Abernathy. Grandparents: Lyn and Lou Kinast, and Doyle and Dorothy Turner of Floydada.



AUDREY ELIZABETH FIGARI, 2, daughter of Elizabeth and Ernie Figari, Dallas. Grandparents: Mrs. Ernest Figari, Houston and Mrs. Kinder Farris, Floydada. **THOMAS KINDER (T.K.) FARRIS III**, 2, son of Tom and Laura Farris, Floydada. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Alexander Jr., Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson, Pampa, and Mrs. Kinder Farris, Floydada.



STACEY KINAST, 9, daughter of Bruce and Brenda Kinast, Abernathy. Grandparents: Lyn and Lou Kinast, and Doyle and Dorothy Turner, Floydada.



LANDON, 6, **KRISTAN**, 9, and **KADEN LACKEY**, 2, children of Jay and Julie Lackey, Floydada. Grandparents: Roger and Bo Poage, Floydada. Great-grandmother: Billie Pate, Lubbock.



DAKOTAH CHANCE WATSON, 3, son of Ed and Melode Watson, Ralls. Grandparents: Kenny and De Chance, Floydada and Gary and Judy Watson, Beaumont. Great-grandparents: Raymond Chance, Ralls and the late Jo Chance; Joe and Pauniece Oglesby, Cross Plains; and Ed and Mary Watson, Seaford, Delaware. Uncle: Randy Chance, Canyon.



HUNTOR CAIN WATSON, 4 months, son of Ed and Melode Watson, Ralls. Grandparents: Kenny and De Chance, Floydada and Gary and Judy Watson, Beaumont. Great-grandparents: Raymond Chance, Ralls and the late Jo Chance; Joe and Pauniece Oglesby, Cross Plains; and Ed and Mary Watson, Seaford, Delaware. Uncle: Randy Chance, Canyon.

Lockney Senior Citizens

By Gladys Ragle
 We had 24 present on Thursday night, February 13 and I think for such a bad night that was a good crowd. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits and enjoyed a good meal and several went to the recreation room and played games. Attention Quilters!! The quilt is up and ready to be quilted. The regular quilting day will be Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and all those who want to, can eat lunch at the Center and stay in the afternoon and quilt. Of course, if you have other times you can come and quilt for a while, you are welcome to do that too. The sooner it is quilted, the sooner we can sell tickets and realize some money from it. Our sympathy goes out to the family of Hubert Davis on his passing from this life.

Also our sympathy goes out to Ruby Wigington and her family at the death of her husband James Wigington. Keep them in our thoughts and prayers. "Weekly Words of Wisdom" Part-time faith, like a part time job, will not fully support you. Saints are the sinners who kept climbing. **MENU**
Monday, Feb. 24 - Chicken stroganoff, vegetable, salad, dessert
Tuesday, Feb. 25 - Meatloaf, vegetable, salad, dessert
Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Chicken fried steak, vegetable, salad, dessert
Thursday, Feb. 27 - Baked chicken, vegetable, salad, dessert
Friday, Feb. 28 - Roast beef, vegetable, salad, dessert
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Lawson and Manus united in marriage



MRS. RUSSELL SCOTT MANUS
(nee Jana Leigh Lawson) Photo by R Photography

Jana Leigh Lawson and Russell Scott Manus exchanged wedding vows in a candlelight ceremony Saturday, February 15, 1997 at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Lockney, with the Rev. Tommie Beck officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dale and Chris Lawson of Floydada, and Bryan and Joy McCulloch of Lockney, and the granddaughter of Queen Annie Lawson of Floydada.

The groom is the son of Jeanette Manus of Fort Worth.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin. The bodice was adorned with pearls on Alencon lace with a "V" neckline and a basque waistline. The chapel length train was adorned with a cascading bow which was decorated with a rose motif. A waltz length veil was adorned with roses and pearls.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, English Ivy, stephanotis, and Lily of the Valley.

Sandra Nixon, of Grand Prairie,

cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a hunter green floor length dress adorned with a bow-neckline. She carried a bouquet of roses.

Tony Branch, of Fort Worth, was the best man. Ushers were Greg Lawson, brother of the bride, and Randy Manus, brother of the groom.

Candles were lit by Ashley McCulloch and Miranda McCulloch, nieces of the bride. Train attendants were Shay Chapman, Kimberly Gatlin, and Kristal McCulloch, also nieces of the bride.

Sandra Nixon sang "When Love Comes Home", "Love of My Life", and "The Lord's Prayer". Matt Chaffin played the organ.

A reception was held at the Lamplighter Inn in Floydada after the ceremony. Hors d'oeuvres, cake and punch were served.

Following a wedding trip to Orlando, Florida, the couple will be at home in Fort Worth.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word
FLOYDADA - Every Tuesday, starting February 18, there will be "42" and "84" played at the center beginning at 1:30 p.m. You do not have to be a member at the center. You do need to be 60 years or older with a desire to come and have a good time. Men and women are encouraged to take part. If you do not drive, someone will pick you up. You can call Letha Lightfoot at 983-2465 or the center at 983-2032 for more information or to make arrangements to be picked up. We would like to have several tables, so call and let us know that you want to play.

If you plan to eat lunch at the center, please call 983-2032.

Grace Jarrett's name was drawn Friday, February 14, to receive the large box of Valentine candy.

Peck and Frances Badgett became great-grandparents February 4th, with the birth of Connor Mitcham Badgett. Connor's parents are Kevin and Daphny Badgett of Plano, and grandparents are Mike and Phyllis Badgett of Arlington.

On President's Day, Monday, Feb. 17, I drove up and down the streets of Floydada enjoying all the beautiful United States flags waving in front of the many homes here in Floydada.

This is a wonderful project the Boy Scouts have taken on. I would love to see every home with a U.S. flag waving proudly in front of it on every special patriotic day.

Clarence Guffee has returned to the Floydada Nursing Home after spending several days in the hospital.

Lorena McKenny is still in the hospital recovering from heart surgery.

Wayne Bennett is back in the hospital.

Our sympathy to the family of Alan Benson.

"Thought for the Week" - Seek out the good in people.

Menu

Monday, Feb. 24: Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, cheese, picante, stewed tomatoes, pinto beans, apricots

Tuesday, Feb. 25: Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad with French dressing, frosted cake

Wednesday, Feb. 26: BBQ chicken, baby limas, yellow squash, wheat roll, lemon pudding

Thursday, Feb. 27: Chicken fried steak, white gravy, corn, peas and carrots, hot roll, pineapple

Friday, Feb. 28: Chicken strips, white gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat roll, apple cobbler

Recipe of the Week

Best Sugar-free Pie

Submitted by Mary Fulkerson of Lubbock

- 1 - 15 oz. can crushed unsweetened pineapple with juice
- 1 - small carton sour cream
- 1 - small box sugar-free instant vanilla pudding

Mix well and pour into a 9" baked pie shell. Sprinkle top with finely chopped pecans if desired.

Chill 2 hours or more and serve. Enjoy!

Memo's From College

University of North Texas

LOCKNEY—Lee Anne Galloway has been named to the President's List at the University of North Texas. She has a 4.0 GPA.

Miss Galloway is a sophomore, with a double major in Psychology and English. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Galloway of Lockney.

Graduates from

West Texas A&M
LOCKNEY—Debra Webb received her BS degree in Criminal Justice at West Texas A&M during December graduation ceremonies.

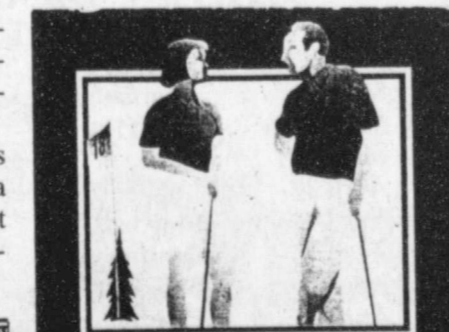
Webb was also named to the Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List a student must achieve a GPA of at least 3.25 while carrying 12 undergraduate hours.

Webb earns BS in

Criminal Justice
Debra Webb, of Lockney, was one of 397 students, at West Texas A&M University, who received their degrees during commencement ceremonies, Dec. 12.

She was also named to the Dean's List, after achieving at least a 3.25 G.P.A. with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Webb graduated with a BS in Criminal Justice.



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If you are considering donating your old clothes or furniture to a charity thrift store, the BBB suggests you do some homework. There are three types of thrift store operations. The first is a conduit-type shop which is run by volunteer church and civic groups and they usually distribute most of their proceeds to various charitable organizations, often community-based. There is also the thrift operation run by social service organizations. Here the thrift stores are operated as part of the charities' program activities, offering rehabilitation through employment. The third type is the charities that collect and sell used merchandise to raise funds for their own use. This type is very popular among veterans' organizations. If asked to donate for thrift purposes, don't hesitate to ask how the charity will benefit financially. If you are unsure, give the BBB a call at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890 - the Bureau

reports on hundreds of local charities as well as national charities.

Spring is just around the corner and so are con artists who prey on homeowners, especially senior citizens. These con artists show up at your door offering a variety of products and services from household products to magazines, from tree trimming to roof repair. Some may offer to pave your driveway with leftover materials, mow your lawn or remodel your home for a very low price. Before you pay anyone who uses this type of approach, the BBB offers these tips: Get the name and address of the company that the person represents. Get all details of the offer in writing and carefully review it and make sure you understand it. Verify that contractors have the proper licensing. Check the company out by calling the BBB at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890 and remember, any legitimate company that wants your business will be more than willing to allow you the time to check them out.

You have seen the newspaper and television ads - "NO PAYMENTS, NO INTEREST FOR SIX MONTHS!" "INTEREST FREE". Advertisements promising zero-percent financing seem to be everywhere. Many consumers tend to take these offers at face value. But in fact, unless you pay the bill in full when it comes due, you will have to pay back interest from the date of purchase. And frequently the interest rates are a lot steeper than for many bank cards. Here are some tips: Plan ahead. Look at your budget and determine whether you can afford to make the monthly payments without putting too much stress on your finances. Do some homework - compare prices and quality. Make sure you read and understand the zero-percent sales agreement. Ask when full payment is due. Find out what penalties would apply if balance is not paid by the stated date. Call the BBB at 763-0459 or (800)687-7890 to check the company out.

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Bradford's host party

By Euna Bradford
FLOYDADA - Former members of the Whirlers Square Dance Club met in the home of Floyd and Euna Bradford for a pot-luck dinner and Valentine party Saturday night, Feb. 15.

Those attending were Lavirn and Clementine Carthel, Wayne and Annabel Bramlet and Jim and Carol Huggins, all of Lockney; Bill and Lea Peacock of Roaring Springs; and Wayland and Margaret Jones, and Floyd and Euna Bradford, all of Floydada.



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VALENTINE KINGS AND QUEENS—Lockney Care Center residents and staff celebrated Valentine's Day with a party and the crowning of Hubert Frizzell as Valentine King and Grace Shelton as Valentine Queen. A group of students from Lockney Elementary School visited and two of their group were also crowned. Sidney Prather was crowned as Prince and Destiny DeLeon as Princess. Punch and cookies were served to residents and guests. Frizzell was not able to attend. Staff Photo

Alpha Sigma Upsilon News

By Maria Vasquez

The club met at the residence of Lori Morales in February. We enjoyed a good evening and great food.

The meeting began with the opening ritual which was followed by the business discussions. The Valentine Gala and the Easter Happening were discussed.

The meeting ended with the closing ritual and Sisterhood Circles. The theme was "Keep in Touch, I'm just a ring away."

Alpha Sigma Upsilon members and guests gathered at the home of Regina Nelson for the Valentine Gala on February 15th. The atmosphere was very romantic and put everyone in a festive mood.

After small talk and enjoying each other's company, we moved to the dining table decorated in a Valentine

motif. The meal was exquisite.

President Maria Martinez kept us in suspense until she announced the Sweetheart Valentine. The honor this year went to Anna Rivera. She was presented with a silver heart necklace and earrings.

The Valentine gift exchange followed. All eleven members and guests were delighted with their gifts. A short meeting was held to remind all to meet March 4 at Vicky Derryberry's home. Each member is to bring a dozen eggs for the Easter Party.

Vicky and Dale Derryberry were congratulated on the event of their February anniversary and she was honored as our Sunshine Person. The raffle gift was provided by Regina Nelson and won by Lori Morales. It was a lovely Moo-Collectible.

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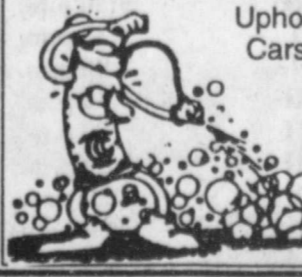
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SPORTS

Whirlwind Basketball Report

By Bill Gray
Lubbock Cooper 58, Floydada 51
 FLOYDADA - Floydada played one of its better District 2-3A road games of the season at Woodrow against the Lubbock Cooper Pirates on February 11. Although the Whirlwinds came out on the short end of a 58-51 score, they stayed close the

entire game. A series of Floydada turnovers and mistakes in the third quarter, coupled with some long-range shooting by the Pirates, spelled the difference in the outcome.

Coach Jim Knight commented, "We had some problems staying with our game plan late in the game and fell back into some of our old bad habits. We got into foul trouble and put them on the line at the critical point - plus Vernon Cooper and Tomas Barrientos fouled out in the final minutes. We played well at times, but just made too many mistakes when it really counted."

The Pirates held a slim 27-24 lead at intermission, but eleven Whirlwind turnovers in the third period allowed Lubbock Cooper to take command. Floydada committed 28 total turnovers to the Pirates' 17.

Cooper's Shane Shuttlesworth led all scorers on the floor with 20 points. Also scoring in double figures for the Pirates were Aaron Koy (19) and Will Truby (12). Vernon Cooper once again led Floydada's offense with 16 points. He had a hot hand in the first half with 12 points, but was limited to only two field goals after intermission. Cooper registered another double-double by pulling down 10 rebounds.

Michael Black also had a double-double with 12 points and 11 boards (eight on the defensive end). Floydada out-rebounded the taller Pirates 29-21. Michael Palacios scored 9, Justin Payne 6, Tomas Barrientos and Mario Nunez 3 apiece, and Paulo Mendoza 2. Payne was 2-of-5 from 3-point range.

The game became very physical down the stretch. Floydada cut the Pirate lead to only six points in the final two minutes, thanks to a pair of steals by Vernon Cooper. The 'Winds converted the steals into a pair of easy lay-ups, but the Pirates' Will Truby hit both ends of a 1-and-1 to extend the Cooper lead by 8 at the 1:11 mark.

The foul situation and physical contact almost got out of hand in the game's waning moments. "It got pretty rough there at the end, but I was proud of the way our kids were able to keep their composure," said Coach Knight. Vernon Cooper fouled out with :29 remaining, and Barrientos also drew his fifth at the :11 mark. Justin Payne connected from 3-point range with just a few seconds remaining, but the Pirates countered with a field goal at the buzzer for the final margin of victory.

Littlefield 60, Floydada 54

The Whirlwinds closed their 1996-97 basketball season with a 60-54 loss to Littlefield at Whirlwind Gymnasium on February 14. As was the case in so many games this year, the 'Winds were in the game until its final seconds. The game marked the final appearance of Whirlwind seniors Vernon Cooper and Tomas Barrientos. Both were honored in pre-game ceremonies.

Cooper completed his Floydada career with a game-high 20 points, which included a 3-of-6 effort from 3-point range. Michael Palacios, Michael Black and Ticen Harper each had 6 points. Justin Payne hit a 3-pointer en route to 7 total points.

The Wildcats were led by Kyle Brown and Steve McCain who each had 14 points. Dorsett Jefferson also

was in double figures with 10. The taller Wildcats had a slight edge in rebounds, 35-32, with 15 of those coming on the offensive boards. Those offensive rebounds paved the way for several put-back shots by Littlefield under its own basket.

Floydada led 15-11 at the end of the first period, but the momentum switched to the Wildcats midway through the second stanza. That momentum change enabled Littlefield to grab a slim 30-28 lead at intermission.

The Whirlwinds regained the upper hand in the third period 42-40, but got into foul trouble in the final eight minutes. Littlefield took advantage of several Floydada turnovers in the closing moments. The Wildcats owned the fourth quarter outscoring the 'Winds 10-12 for their final margin of victory.

Bill's Notes

Floydada played well in its season finale against the taller and more-experienced Wildcats - especially after losing in double digits in the teams' first meeting at Littlefield.

At 10-20, it was a disappointing season as far as wins and losses are concerned. However, the influence of the Jim Knight era became more evident as the year progressed. The system is solid, and all it takes is a little more development of some of the underclassmen who gained valuable experience this year.

Although they had several tight games slip away in the closing minutes, the 'Winds were very competitive in most of their district losses. There are many bright spots upon which to reflect. For one thing, the 'Winds will lose only two seniors to graduation this year (Vernon Cooper and Tomas Barrientos). While they are both very valuable and will be missed, there are a number of talented players returning who will help form a sound nucleus for the coming years. My hat is off to coaches Knight and Burns for the jobs they have done. Those winning seasons are now within reach, and it's probably going to be sooner than a lot of people might expect.

Lockney's 8th Grade Girls Basketball Report

LOCKNEY 39 PETERSBURG 37

The LJHS 8th grade girls defeated Petersburg by two points in their home game on February 14. Elizabeth Torrez racked up 12 points to lead the scoring. She hit 5 field goals and 2 free throws.

Ten points were garnered by Karlon Hooten and Brandi Collins. Both girls hit 5 field goals.

Lexi Jones made 3 points with a field goal and a free throw. Two points were added by Crystal Martinez and Lindsey Mathis.

Scores by Quarters
 Lockney...12...4...17...6
 Petersburg...8...13...5...11

LOCKNEY 23 OLTON 32

The Lockney 8th graders finished their season in Olton.

Elizabeth Torrez led the scoring with 8 points. She made 1 field goal and hit 6 free throws.

Lexi Jones contributed 6 points with 2 field goals and 2 free throws. Brandi Collins made 2 field goals and 1 free throws for 5 points.

Traci McQuah sank a field goal in the 3rd quarter for two points.

Scores by Quarters
 Lockney...8...6...5...2
 Olton...2...11...12...7



FLOYDADA JV BOYS -- FHS JV Boys Basketball Team members for the 1996-97 season included: (back row, l-r) Coach McNew, Chad Turner, Dane Sanders, Cody Stovall, Justin McGuire, Chris Sanchez; (middle row, l-r) Andy Williams, Jeff Lyles, Dusty Anderson, Royanne Mercado - manager; (front row) J.J. Morales and Jesse Garza.
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JV GIRLS -- Girls listed on the 1996-97 FHS JV Girls Basketball Team are: (back row, l-r) Mary Jane Cisneros, Coach Eddleman, Tamisha Burks; (middle row, l-r) Cynthia Chavez, Lindsey Reddy, Mandy Emert; (front row, l-r) Cindy Suarez, Nichole Hartline, Karen Wyrick and Maria Rangel.
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8TH GRADE BREEZERS TEAM -- Hitting the court for the 1996-97 FJHS 8th Grade Breezers Team were: (back row, l-r) Coach Burns, Orlando Perez, Tyrel Fuller, Trey Holmes, Zack McNew, Leon Guzman, Robert Dunlap; (middle row, l-r) J.D. Chapparo, Anthony Cervantes, Brad Cruz, Eric Gomez, Jesse Delgado, Josh Caballero; (front row, l-r) Marcos Valadez, Ruben Castillo, Joe Cuba, Julian Medellin, Jim Perales and Matthew Rainwater.
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1996-97 FHS FRESHMEN GIRLS -- Members of the 1996-97 Floydada High School Freshman Girls Basketball Team include: (back row, l-r) Mary Beth York, Kylan Sanders, Coach Robin Nixon, Kocrist Burks, Erin Dawdy; (middle row, l-r) Deniece Williams, Kember Everett, Laci Martinez, Veronica Morales, Resa Mercado; (bottom row, l-r) Amy Alvarez, Gracie DeLaFuente, Veronica Galvan and Analisa Enriquez.
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1996-97 FHS Freshman Girls Basketball Report

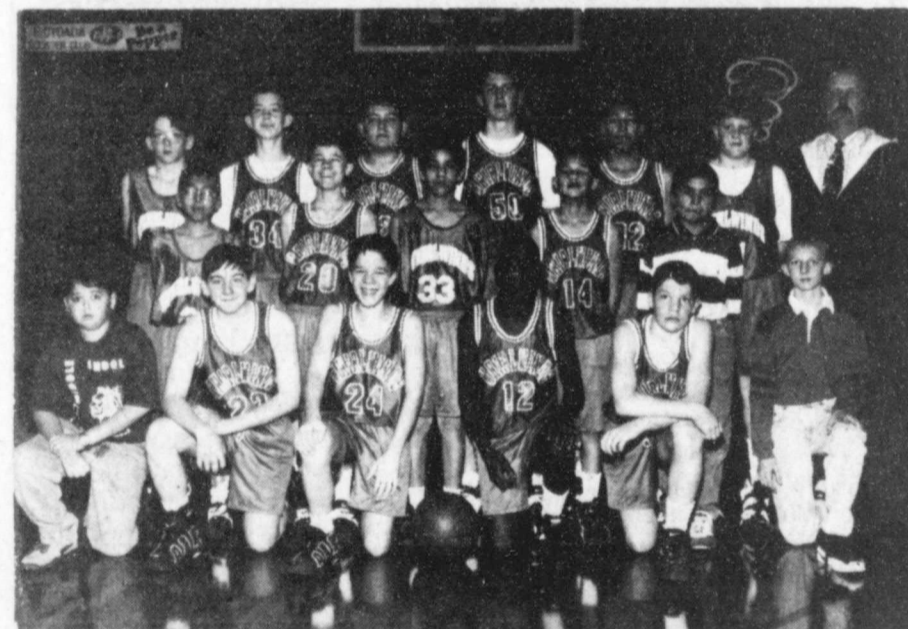
By Coach Robin Nixon

FLOYDADA - Wow! What a fantastic year for 14 young ladies on the Floydada High School 9th grade team. Starting out the year, this team wasn't given much of a chance winning. Due to the lack of experience during their junior high years, the adjustment to high school competition was a challenge in itself. With hard work, dedication, and a BIG HEART, these young ladies met the challenge and accomplished more than they ever thought was possible. Finishing the year with a 9-7 record, only losing three district games, winning the Motley County Junior Varsity tournament, and placing 3rd in district tournament, is a HUGE accomplishment and a building block for the future "Lady Winds". I don't know if the girls really understand the

impact they have made!

On a personal note - I just wanted to say what an honor and a pleasure it has been to coach in this program. It is not everyday that you have the opportunity to coach young ladies who want to be successful and willing to work to gain that success. This group truly is the meaning of TEAM! I also wanted to add how very proud I am of the junior varsity and varsity girls teams! Way to go! It shows that hard work, believing in yourself and teammates will prevail every time.

CONGRATULATIONS on such a super year! The freshmen girl's team consists of: Gracie DeLaFuente, Marybeth York, Veronica Galvan, Analisa Enriquez, Ronni Morales, Laci Martinez, Kylan Sanders, Ida Segura, Resa Mercado, Denise Williams, Erin Dawdy, Kember Everett, Kocrist Burks, and Amy Alvarez.



FJHS 7TH GRADE TEAM -- Playing on the 1996-97 FJHS 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team were: (back row, l-r) Matthew Kirk, Brad Yeary, Alan Arvizu, Sean Holster, Aaron Hernandez, Zach Emert, Coach Burns; (middle row, l-r) Johnathan Martinez, Scott Nixon, Anthony Suarez, Amado Morales, Martin Medellin; (front row, l-r) Eric Enriquez, Tye Wood, Justin Reeves, Edward Porter, T.J. Fuller and Cory Hurt.
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Floydada Whirlwind Varsity Baseball Schedule 1997

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
2/20	River Road	T	4:00 p.m.
2/22	New Deal	H	2:00 p.m.
3/1	Sanford-Fritch (DH)	H	1:00 p.m.
3/7	Lockney	T	5:00 p.m.
3/11	Childress	H	4:00 p.m.
3/13-15	Floyd Co. Tournament	TBA	TBA
3/18	Dimmitt	H	5:30 p.m.
3/21	Abernathy (DH)	H	12:00 p.m.
District Games:			
3/25	Cooper	T	5:30 p.m.
3/28	Denver City	H	5:00 p.m.
4/1	Littlefield	T	5:30 p.m.
4/4	Seminole	T	7:00 p.m.
4/8	Roosevelt	H	5:30 p.m.
4/11	Brownfield	H	5:30 p.m.
4/15	Slaton	T	5:30 p.m.
4/18	Denver City	T	7:00 p.m.
4/22	Cooper	H	5:30 p.m.
4/25	Seminole	H	7:00 p.m.
4/29	Slaton	H	5:30 p.m.
5/2	Brownfield	T	5:30 p.m.
5/6	Roosevelt	T	5:30 p.m.
5/10	Littlefield	H	1:00 p.m.

Have a great week!

LHS JV Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
March 10	Plainview	There	7:30
March 17	Abernathy	There	1:00 (2)
March 24	Plainview	There	7:30
March 31	Lubbock Cooper	Here	5:30
April 3	Lubbock Cooper	Here	5:30
April 7	Floydada	Here	5:30
April 14	Crosbyton	Here	5:30
April 19	Floydada	There	2:00 (2)
April 21	Crosbyton	Here	5:30
April 26	Abernathy	Here	12:00
April 28	Floydada	There	6:00
May 5	Dimmitt	Here	6:00

Whirlwind JV Baseball Schedule 1997

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
3/8	Lubbock High	T	1:00 p.m.
3/10	Plainview	T	5:00 p.m.
3/29	Plainview (DH)	H	1:00 p.m.
4/7	Lockney	T	5:30 p.m.
4/12	Roosevelt	T	2:00 p.m.
4/14	Plainview	T	5:00 p.m.
4/19	Lockney (DH)	H	2:00 p.m.
4/21	Lubbock High	H	5:00 p.m.
4/26	Lockney & Abernathy (DH)	T	TBA
5/3	Crosbyton (DH)	H	1:00 p.m.



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Nazareth & Tulia earn first place trophies in Lockney Shootout

LOCKNEY--The Nazareth 7th grade girls and boys, 8th grade boys and Tulia's 8th grade girls came out on the winning end of the Lockney Junior High Shootout and carried home the four first place trophies.

Lockney's 8th grade boys team garnered third place. The Lockney 7th grade boys, 7th and 8th grade girls teams each placed second.

First game of the Shootout was won by Tulia. Petersburg defeated 35-30.

Lockney's 8th Grade girls lost to the Nazareth girls 48-24.

In the second game of the bracket Brandi Collins led the scoring for the Lady Shorthorns with 15 points. Adding points to the scoreboard were Karloq Hooten with 6, Michelle Gross with 2 and Elizabeth Torrez and Desha Smith 1 each.

A tough Nazareth 7th grade boys team overpowers Lockney 55-23

Mo Collins led the scoring drive for the Lockney boys team. He racked up 12 points. Frankie Gonzales sank 6 points. Two points each were added by Manuel Ramirez and Chad Johnson. Freddie Gonzales hit 1 free throw.

Lockney's 7th grade girls lost to Nazareth 32-30

Jenna Ford scored 8 field goals for 16 points. Adding 4 points each were Alana Gallaway and Vanessa Walker.

Two points were contributed by Amber Wood and Linsi Jones. Sara Davis made a free throw for one.

Lockney 8th grade boys stun Nazareth 45-30

Tauren McDonald scored half of the baskets made for 20 points. He was assisted by 8th graders Jaime Salazar with 8, Chase Graves 8, Tyler Bybee 4, Jeremy Butler 2, Chris Ascencio 2 and A.J. Thornton 1.

Tulia walks over a cold Petersburg team 45-13

Tulia 7th graders come out ahead of Petersburg 32-28

Tulia 7th grade girls are hot - Lockney is not 33-6

The hot Tulia 7th grade girls team defeated the Lockney girls.

Chelsea Brown scored 4 points and Becky Gonzales 2 points.

Lockney 8th grade boys lose close one to Petersburg 51-46

Tauren McDonald scored in double digits with 27 points. Jeremy Butler scored 7 points, Kelsey Schumacher 6 points and A.J. Thornton 6 points.

Lockney 7th grade boys defeat Petersburg 36-32

Frankie Gonzales led the Lockney 7th grade boys in scoring with 17 points. Mo Collins followed with 11, Chad Johnson with 4, Freddie Gonzales and Wade Miller with 2

each.

Nazareth's 7th grade boys roll over Tulia 48-17.

8th grade Nazareth girls lead Tulia 43-22

Tulia's 8th grade boys also fall to Nazareth 45-23

Nazareth girls win final game over Lockney 37-14

Chelsea Brown and Lolly Luna scored 4 points each to add 8 points

to the scoreboard in the last game of the Lockney Junior High Shootout. Also scoring were Kelli McLain, Mica Edwards and Melissa Schaeffer. They each made a field goal to contribute 6 points.

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8TH GRADE GIRLS — Members of the 1996-97 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team included: (back row, l-r) Melinda Eubanks, Bonnie Dunlap, Vanessa Garcia, Coach Dara Ware, Kelsy Pierce, Tamara Black, Valorie Hartline, Cindy DuBois; (front row, l-r) Cienna Carthel, Alicia Hinojosa, Amanda Barnett, Sylvia Nunez, Erin Ralston, April Molinar, Mandy Holbert, Erica Delgado and Lana McCandless.
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7TH GRADE LADY BREEZERS TEAM — Members of the FJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team were: (back row, l-r) Robin Kirk, Jurahee Jones, Abby Sanders, Lindsey Whitten, Coach Dara Ware, Kim Reyes, Heather Ware, Jessica Castaneda, Trisha Coursey; (front row, l-r) Rebecca Warren, Joanna Johnston, Amanda Rendon, Ashley Hale, Tara Williams, Marisa Barrientos, Ashley Martinez, Jenna Payne and Christy Castillo.
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1996-97 LHS Longhorn Varsity Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
February 28	Tulia	TBA	5:00
March 4	Crosbyton	There	5:00
March 7	Floydada	Here	5:00
March 11	Dimmitt	Here	5:00
March 13, 14, 15	Floyd County Tournament		TBA
March 25	Tahoka	There	5:00
March 28	Crosbyton	Here	5:00
April 1	LCHS	Here	5:00
April 4	TBA	TBA	TBA
April 8	Hale Center	There	5:00
April 12	Shallowater	There	1:00
April 15	Olton	Here	5:00
April 18	Tahoka	Here	5:00
April 22	Hale Center	There	5:00
April 25	LCHS	There	6:00
April 29	Olton	Here	5:00
May 2	TBA	TBA	TBA
May 6	Olton	There	5:00
May 9	Hale Center	Here	5:00

1996-97 LHS Longhorn Track Schedule

DATE	VARSITY	J.H.
February 28	Abernathy	----
March 8	Floydada	???
March 14, 15	S-L-E	S-L-E
March 21, 22	Lockney	*(Spring Break)
	W.H. Hallmark Invitational	
March 28, 29	Hart	Hart
April 4, 5	J. H. District	Amar. H.P.
April 5	Dimmitt	
April 10, 11	**Lockney**	**District
April 18, 19 ?	Abernathy -- Regional Qualifiers	
April 25, 26	*Abilene -- Regional Meet	
May 8-10	*Austin -- State Meet	

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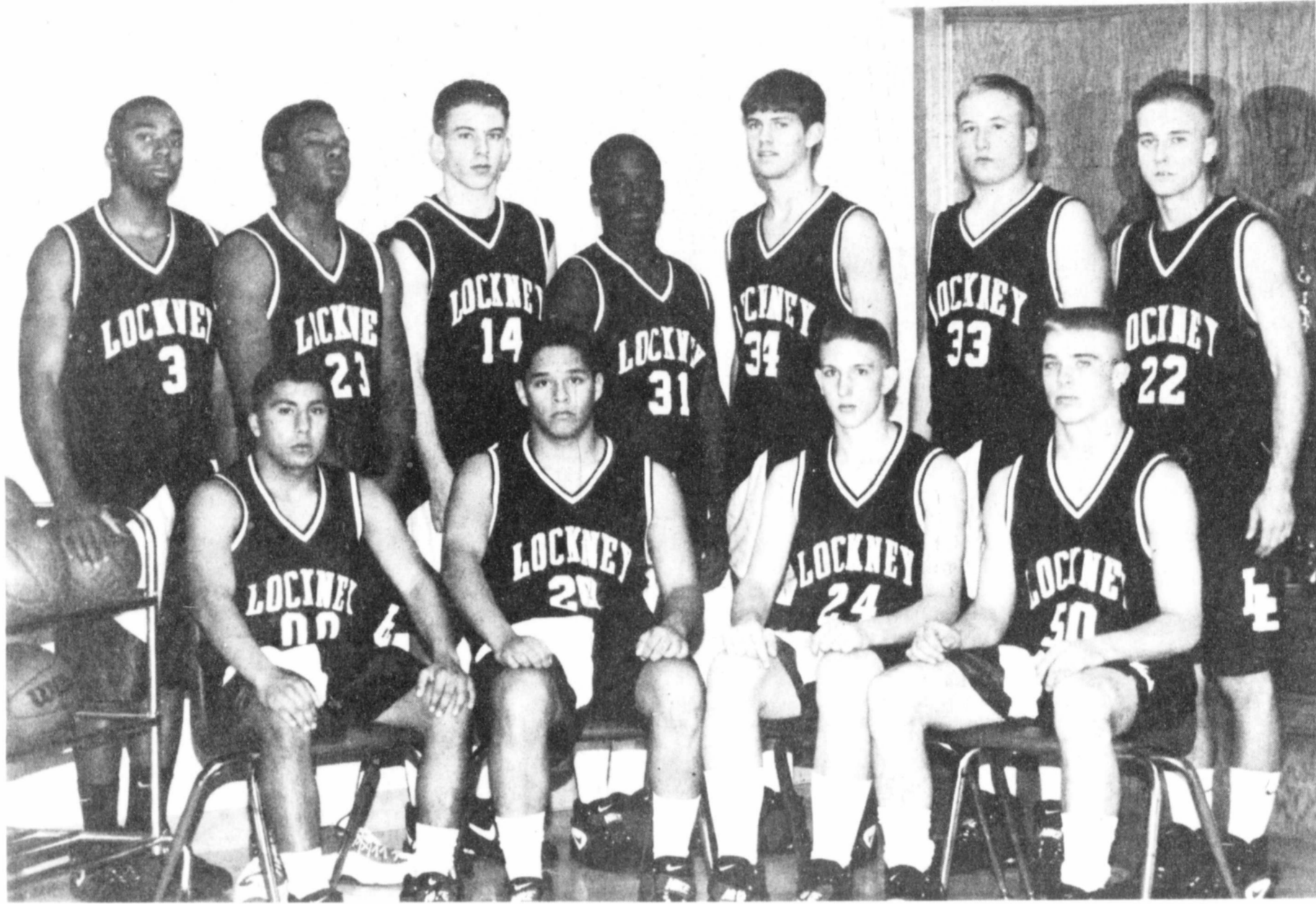
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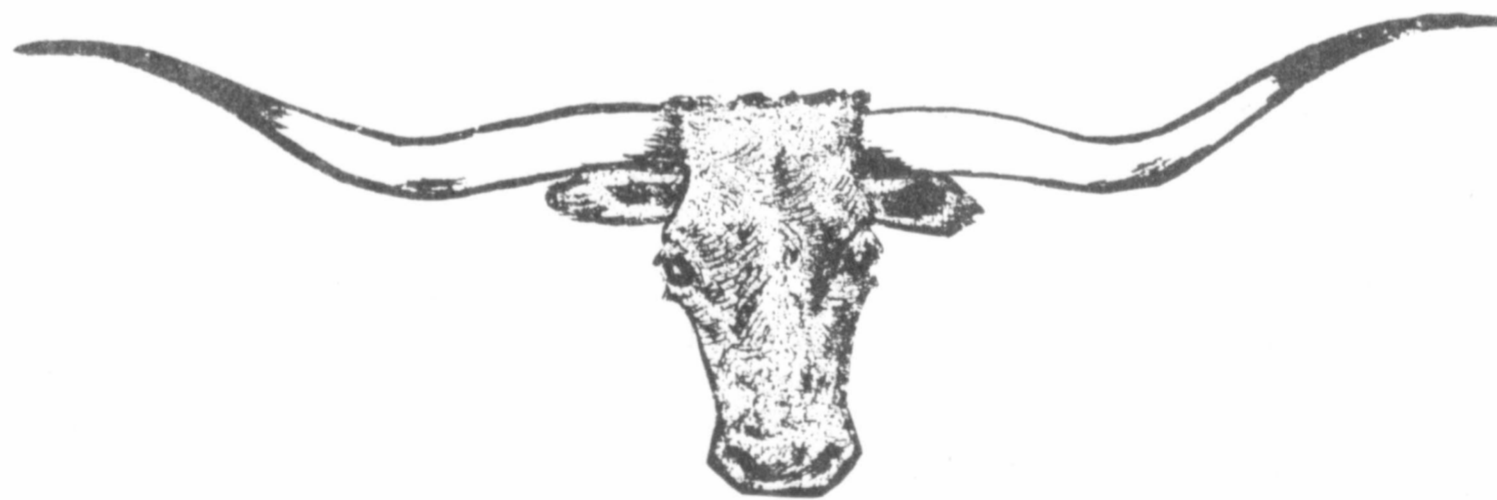
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LOCKNEY VARSITY TEAM—Members of the 1996-97 3-2A District Championship Longhorn Basketball Team are (l-r, back row) Devon Phillips, J.R. Walker, Adam Cummings, Charles Van Zandt, Marcel Rosenast, Bradley Veal, Corbin Kellison; (l-r, front row) Willie Luna, David Martinez, Thad Lusk, and Josh Lambert. The team ended the district season with a 9-1 record.

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The Lockney Longhorn Basketball Team



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THROUGH THE HALLS



VALENTINE WINNERS--The winners of the Parent & Child Valentine Box contest in room 2E at Duncan Elementary were: (l-r) Michael Shuping, for Best Work, Eric Rainwater, 3rd, Veronica Tamayo, 2nd, Rena Garza, 1st and J.J. DelaFuente, Grand Prize.

Local 4-H'ers shine at Ft. Worth and El Paso shows

By J.D. Ragland, CEA-AG
Three Floyd County 4-H members exhibited junior market steers at the 1997 Ft. Worth Stock Show held, January 28 - February 1. Results included: Chase Mitchell Beedy received first place honors in class no. 6 of the European Cross division. Also Jurabee Jones placed 4th with her Shorthorn steer and Ty Heflin exhibited 8th place; both steers were Lightweight Shorthorns.

During this same time the San Antonio Junior Heifer Show was taking place and Eric Bartlett exhibited his Shorthorn Scramble heifer.

The El Paso Stock Show was held January 31 - February 3. 4-H swine exhibitors were Tate Greer, 10th place Heavy Weight York. Other 4-H'ers participating were Meredith and Spencer Schacht.



SYMBOLS OF AMERICA--The 2nd grade Gifted and Talented Class at Duncan Elementary are responsible for the school's bulletin board decorated in red, white and blue "Symbols of America." The three girls who built a replica of the White House are: (l-r)

Britnee Brotherton, Katie Beth Crossland and Casey Campbell. Also working on the America project were: Jacob Reddy, Drew Maddox, Taryn Rainwater, Taylor Beedy, Dustin Ochoa, Michael Arneel, Cynthia Martinez and Jarrett Kirk. Staff Photo

Floydada School Menu

Feb. 24-28

- Monday:** Breakfast - Juice, cinnamon toast, milk
Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot roll, milk
- Tuesday:** Breakfast - Juice, rice cereal, toast, milk
Lunch - Corn dogs, tater tots, pickle spears, peaches, milk
- Wednesday:** Breakfast - Juice, toast, jelly, milk
Lunch - Baked chicken, sliced potatoes, peas, orange, hot roll, milk
- Thursday:** Breakfast - Juice, pancakes, syrup, milk
Lunch - Beef cheese chalupas, pinto beans, tossed salad, chocolate pudding, cornbread, milk
- Friday:** Breakfast - Juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk
Lunch - Chili dogs, french fries, tossed salad, cake, milk

Have a good week!



1996-97 FLOYDADA JR. HIGH TWIRLERS -- FJHS Twirlers are Heather Ware, daughter of Dale and Vicki Derryberry and Lindsey Whitten, daughter of Randy Whitten.

Lockney School Menu

Feb. 24-28

- Monday:** Breakfast - Pancakes or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Lasagna or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, corn on the cob, tossed salad, fruit, milk, Italian bread
- Tuesday:** Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

- Breakfast - French toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Baked fish or chicken salad sandwich, macaroni and tomatoes, green beans, fruit, milk, hot roll
- Friday:** Breakfast - Oatmeal or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit, milk, gingerbread with topping

FJHS Seniors: All That & Then Some

By Lydia Mendoza

FLOYDADA — Five 1997 graduating seniors are being highlighted this week.

Angel Aleman, 18; Parents: Minnie Soliz; Most Significant Accomplishment: Winning district in baseball; Pet Peeve: People who ask too many questions; Favorite musical group: 2 Pac; Best memories of high school: Baseball; Motto: Whatever it takes to get it done! Who do you admire most: My grandmother because she has always been there for me; Plans after graduation: Go to college.



Tomas Barrientos III, 18; Parents: Tomas and Elisa Barrientos Jr.; Most significant accomplishment: winning district in baseball; Favorite comic: Spiderman; Favorite food: Pizza; Best memory of high school: Baseball; Pet Peeve: People who ask too many questions; Motto: Baseball-Baseball-Baseball- & more Baseball; Plans after graduation: go to college.



Christina Chavarria, 18; Parents: Armando and Estefana Chavarria; Most significant accomplishment: Graduating from high school; Favorite TV Show: Home Improvement; Best memories of high school: Every day is a memory for me; Major concern about the future for your generation: Drugs; Who do you admire: My parents because there's no one like them and they are the best person's that God will ever give me; Motto: Never give up and think positive not



negative; Plans after graduation: Try to find a job then decide whether to go to college.

Tammy Cisneros, 18; Parents: Lionso and Maria Cisneros; Most significant accomplishment: Being drum major for two years and being able to graduate; Favorite TV show: Party of Five; Best memories of high school: all the fun we had in band and on band trips, acting stupid when we had free time, but getting the job done when it was time to get busy; Major concern about the future for your generation: That everyone gets a good job, thinks about what they want to do in life and that nobody does drugs the way they do now; Who do you admire: My parents for raising me, loving me and caring for me the way they do. Without them I don't know where I'd be because they are the one's that encourage me to do good, and no matter how hard I "fall" they're always there to put me on my feet again; Motto: When learning a lesson everyone tends to stumble a bit, but it's those who fall the hardest that actually learn what is trying to be taught; Plans after graduation: join the U.S. Marine Corps, get married in about 10 years, have 3 children and then continue my career in the Marines.



Marcus Collins, 18; Parents: Clara Porter and Nat Collins; Most significant accomplishment: Getting to graduate; Favorite TV show: Living Single; Favorite color: Blue; Favorite hobby: collecting model trucks; Favorite musical group: 2 Pac; Motto: Take your time in life and everything will come true; Plans after graduation: Driving trucks.



Scouts visit Six Flags Park

By Carol Huggins

LOCKNEY - Lockney Girl Scouts Troop #154, along with other scouts in the area, took a chartered bus trip to Dallas to attend Six Flags special "Holiday in the Park" session.

It was a jam-packed trip with the girls leaving Lubbock at 7 a.m. on Saturday and returning at 5 a.m. on Sunday. The girls enjoyed movies on the bus on the way down and lots of sleep on the way home.



STUDENTS SELECTED AS LITTLE LONGHORNS—Chosen as Little Longhorns for the week of February 17-21 at Lockney Elementary School are (l-r, back row) Isaac Bernal, Michael Rodriguez, Melissa Hernandez, Ashley Hernandez, Cristina Pesina; (l-r, middle row) Drake Carrasco, Ryon Aull, Camille Gonzales, Marisa

emy Gonzales, Avery Aston, Gabriel Ortiz, Trevis Thomas; (l-r, front row) Sofia Ascencio, Estella Rodriguez, Caitlann Wiley, James Mercado, Heather Brock, Courtney Long, Brandi Ventura, Angel Flores and Joshua Lerma; and not pictured Laura Solorzano. Staff Photo



BOARDING THE BUS -- Lockney Girl Scouts from Troop 154 prepare to get on the bus for a trip to "Holiday in the Park" at Six Flags Over Texas. Left to right are Lisa Garcia, Leticia Guerrero and Melanie Huggins. -- Courtesy Photo



LAB PALS CHOSEN—Students chosen as CEI Lab Pals at Lockney Elementary School for the week of February 17-21 are Richard Martinez and Lucy Salazar. Staff Photo

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Texas Soil and Water Board to conduct demonstration program on playa basins

By Mark Griffith
Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Halfway

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) has been contracted by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) to conduct a demonstration program of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) regarding agricultural production operations within or adjacent to playa basins. Playa basins are located in the panhandle and southern plains region of Texas occupying part or parcel of 46 counties. Within this region is approximately 20,000 playa basins, or prairie potholes as they are sometimes referred, and production agricultural is commonly expressed in nearly all playa basins of the rural landscape.

The significance of these naturally occurring depressions is they focus surface runoff as recharge for the Ogallala aquifer. This collection and filtration characteristic has earned playa basins the distinction as "nature's kidney" of the Texas High Plains hydrologic system. They are considered environmentally sensitive landforms and are listed as part of the national wetlands.

The 73rd Texas Legislature designated TSSWCB as "the lead agency in the State for activity relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution." Agriculture of the Texas High Plains is a diverse expression of production operations. Silviculture is the care and cultivation of forest trees and may be found in limited circumstances on the Texas High Plains as Christmas tree farms.

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is caused by diffused sources that are not regulated as point sources. NPS pollution is normally associated with

runoff from agriculture, silviculture, urban and constructive activities. Such pollution is the result of human-made or human-induced alteration of the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of water resources. In practical terms, nonpoint source pollution does not result from a discharge at a specific single location (such as a single pipe), but generally results from land runoff, precipitation, atmospheric deposition, or percolation.

Possible nonpoint source pollutants associated with agricultural and silvicultural activities include nutrients, pesticides, organic matter, sediments, and animal wastes. These pollutants may be transported to surface waters in solution with runoff water, suspended in runoff water, or absorbed on eroded soil particles. The primary concern about agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollutants regards the possible entry into groundwater resources such as the Ogallala aquifer of the Texas High Plains.

In 1994, TSSWCB began a state-wide voluntary compliance program directed at controlling nonpoint source pollution associated with agricultural and silvicultural production operations. The general purpose of the program is to provide the needed incentive to landowners or operators for the installation of soil and water conservation land improvement measures consistent with the purpose of controlling erosion, conserving water, and/or protecting water quality.

The program is centered upon the voluntary development and implementation of a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). This plan is a site specific plan reflecting the production operating parameters of the individual farm or ranch. Upon the producer signing a District

cooperator's agreement, TSSWCB will develop the plan for the producer and their particular production operation. The plan is then forwarded to the TSSWCB state office in Temple for review. Approval and certification by the state board along with the implementation of the plan into the farm or ranch operation excuses and exempts the producer from any class action litigation concerning nonpoint source pollution. Producers may qualify for cost-share assistance to help facilitate the WQMP implementation.

Many producers of the Texas High Plains region have participated in the program since its inception in 1994. Some producers have taken their conservation plans developed by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to the local soil and water conservation board to be augmented as a Water Quality Management Plan. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service can assist the producer in developing their own environmental management plan which can be submitted to the local soil and water conservation board with a cooperators agreement as a WQMP.

In the near future, producers having a partial or fully implemented WQMP will be contacted by TAEX regarding the use of their farm or ranch as a demonstration site. This voluntary agreement along with others in the region will form a pool of demonstration sites reflecting the diversity of agricultural production operations in the Texas High Plains. Demonstration tours will be organized, announced, and conducted for those interested in the program. Best Management Practices (BMP), or best implementation methods or techniques for a particular site, will be demonstrated to transfer the incorporated technology to producers whose WQMP may be partially implemented or those producers considering the benefits of the program in general. Extension specialists will be available to producers regarding plan development and implementation for their particular operation.

For further information contact Mark Griffith, Extension Assistant, with the High Plains Research Foundation by telephone at 889-3315 or Fax inquiries to 889-3416.

Texas producer named National Cotton Council president for 1997

William T. Lovelady, a Tornillo, TX, cotton producer, will lead the National Cotton Council in 1997.

Elected at the industrywide organization's annual meeting, Lovelady succeeds Tom W. Smith, a California cooperative official, who becomes Council board chairman.

Elected Council officers also elected were vice presidents, James E. Echols, merchant, Memphis, TN; and G. Stephen Felker, manufacturer, Monroe, GA.

Re-elected Council officers were Kenneth B. Hood, ginmer, Gunnison, MS; Wayne Martin, crusher, Lubbock, TX; and Willis H. Willey, III, warehouseman, Memphis, TN. Jack Hamilton, producer-ginmer, Lake Providence, LA, was re-elected treasurer.

Also re-elected were Phillip C. Burnett, executive vice president; Gaylon B. Booker, senior vice president; and A. John Maguire, vice president/Washington Operations.

Floyd County Farm News

Boll weevils, boll worms, pigweed and johnson grass on cotton farmers hit list as key pests

By Penny Banks

Cotton farmers have a "hit list" of four key pests -- the boll weevil, bollworm, pigweed and johnsongrass -- that account for most of the pesticide applications applied to Texas cotton crops, according to a statewide survey of cotton growers released last month from Texas A&M University.

The survey showed that 73 percent of insecticide applications target boll weevils and bollworms. Almost all herbicide applications target pigweed or johnsongrass, which both rank among the world's 10 worst weed pests.

Insecticides and herbicides were the primary chemical aids used, but others were fungicides to reduce diseases, plant growth regulators to reduce late season vegetative growth and related insect and harvesting problems, and harvest aid chemicals such as desiccants and defoliant.

To assess the use of integrated pest management (IPM) techniques and crop protecting chemicals for specific insect and weed pests, Texas A&M sampled 1,522 cotton growers in 1994 who represented 14.4 percent of the state's 5.4 million acres. Cotton is the leading cash crop in Texas, generating more than \$1.6 billion for farmers, and Texas currently leads the nation in cotton production. Pest losses to the crop exceed \$200 million annually.

Herbicides were applied on 96 percent of acreage due to the widespread presence of weeds and the yield and harvesting losses associated with high weed populations. Growers applied most herbicide applications with ground equipment either before or after planting, not during the growing stage of the plant.

Insecticides were applied on more than 2.7 million of the 5.4 million acres

grown in 1994. Four chemicals -- methyl parathion, malathion, azinphos methyl and profenofos -- made up 64 percent of all applications applied. Growers applied nearly 90 percent of insecticides after planting. Forty six percent of these were applied aerially.

Sixty-four percent of cotton farmers qualified as "IPM producers," meaning that they scout their crop, use economic thresholds and use 70 percent or more of other IPM tactics important in their region such as stalk destruction, crop rotation and pest-resistant varieties.

The goal of IPM is to combine all practical and effective control strategies to maximize net profits to producers while reducing exclusive reliance on chemical pesticides. Over the cotton IPM program's 25 year existence, annual insecticide use had decreased from 19 million pounds annually to the current amount of 4.2 million pounds in 1994.

Ninety percent of the Texas cotton crop was scouted, and only half was treated with insecticides. Growers surveyed cited economics, pest population levels and conservation of beneficial insects as factors in making treatment decisions. More than half of Texas growers planted pest resistant varieties and rotated crops and/or chemicals to reduce pest problems.

Support for this survey was provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Rechargeable battery recycling program launched by TNRCC

By Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is bringing a nationwide battery recycling program to Texas. "Charge Up to Recycle!" will help Texans conveniently recycle Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) rechargeable batteries.

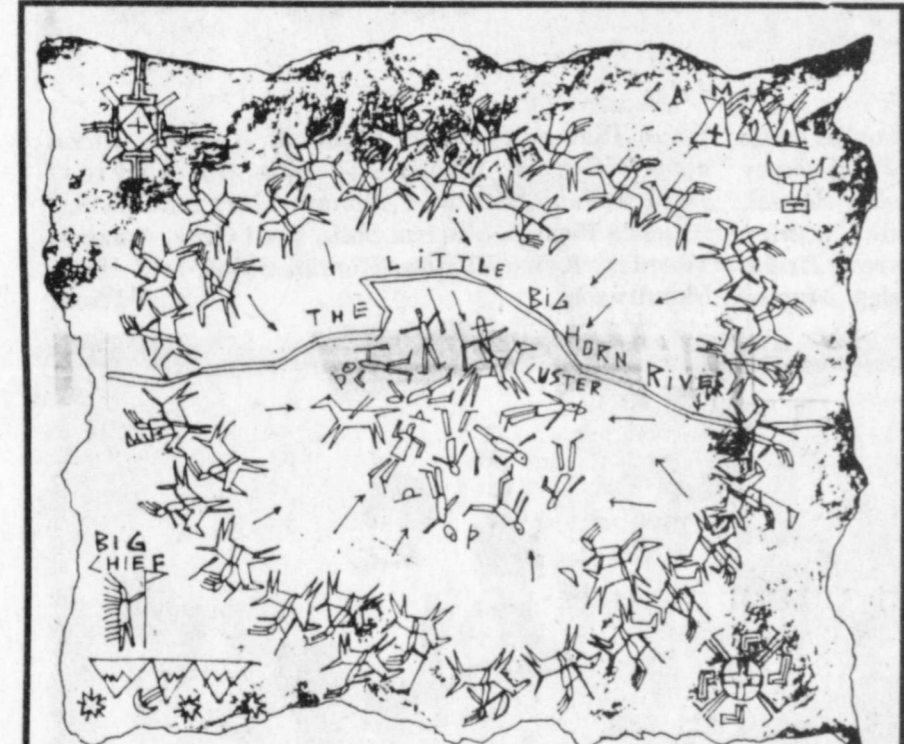
Ni-Cd batteries are used in products such as cellular and cordless telephones, cordless power tools, camcorders and remote control toys. Under the "Charge Up to Recycle!" program, Texans can take Ni-Cd batteries for recycling to participating retail stores and community recycling sites. "Charge Up to Recycle!" also will collect Ni-Cd batteries from businesses and public agencies, such as hospitals and fire departments.

The TNRCC is working with the non-profit Rechargeable Battery Recycling Cooperation (RBRC) that operates the "Charge Up to Recycle!" program. By participating in the program, Texans are conserving the

earth's natural resources by preventing Ni-Cd batteries from entering landfills throughout the state.

Batteries collected under "Charge Up to Recycle!" are shipped to a state-of-the-art recycling facility in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. The recycled nickel and iron aren't used to make stainless steel. The recovered cadmium is used to make new rechargeable batteries.

To find out where to take Ni-Cd batteries for recycling, call the TNRCC toll-free at 1-800-64Texas, or call "Charge Up to Recycle!" at 1-800-8-BATTERY. More information also is available on the Internet at www.rbrc.com.



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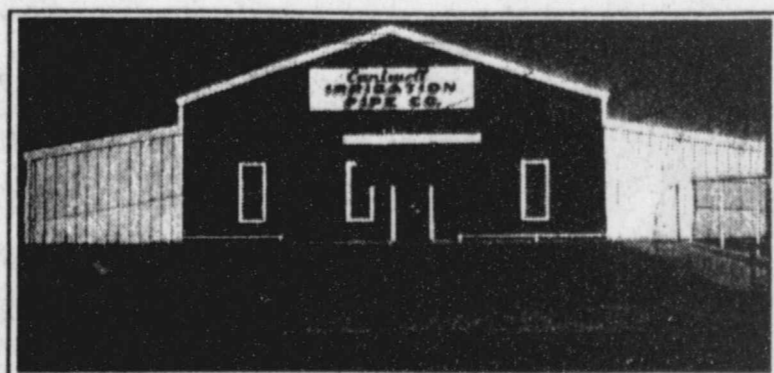
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National Cotton Council will navigate U.S. cotton's course in sea of changes ahead

The National Cotton Council will be more important than ever to U.S. cotton continued viability because changes the industry experienced over the past decade are minor compared to those looming ahead.

That message was relayed by Council President Tom W. Smith to those attending the industrywide organization's 59th annual meeting. "The U.S. cotton industry, especially during the past 10 years, has experienced its share of change, and the majority by far has been good," the Bakersfield, CA, cooperative official told delegates representing the 17 cotton-producing states. "The National Cotton Council has been a central figure in an environment of change and, in fact, has been the catalyst for much of it."

Smith urged leaders from all seven industry segments to stay at the Council table and find workable solutions to the industry's chief policy issue and challenge. The main policy issue, he said, is whether there is a need for change in the cotton program, particularly the 3-step competitiveness plan, which has kept raw cotton import quotas open week after week. Smith

single out thin profit margins at both the farm and at the textile mill as the most pressing industry concern.

Those margins, Smith said, are "too thin at the farm to allow cotton to compete effectively for acreage, and too thin at the textile mill to permit higher raw material prices to be passed through in yard and fabric prices."

The thin margins exist at this time, Smith said, when governments around the world have committed to reduce spending for agricultural programs. He said that resolve is reflected in U.S. farm policy, as evidence by the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and in the GATT and NAFTA trade agreements.

"Our industry is in the process of adjusting to a new kind of market orientation—one which permits the marketing loan and its competitive provisions to be continued, but one which also functions with less help from government," Smith said. "This kind of market orientation maintains an aggressive approach to meeting price competition, but with reduced government spending. It therefore puts more of the price competitiveness burden upon growers."

Smith, however, foresees a bright future for U.S. cotton. He noted that "the Council has a new on-line risk management tool to help guide its members in making production and marketing decisions;

*GATHERS and NAFTA have fulfilled Council expectations by opening foreign markets to U.S. products, especially textiles, and a shift of cotton textile imports from the Far East to Mexico and Central America is positive because a very high percentage of those products contain U.S. cotton;

*the lack of mechanization and modern production methods points to further declines in foreign cotton production, unless large subsidies are paid to those foreign growers;

*the U.S. cotton industry has market building programs in place to combat the sharply expanded global production of low-cost polyester that is taking aim at the world's fastest growing markets;

*the U.S. textile industry invested more than \$20 billion the past decade on modernization and expansion, and the processing/distribution system now can handle crops of 20 million

bales or more; and
*there are many technologies in place and on the horizon, such as the boll weevil eradication program, insect and herbicide resistant cotton varieties and precision farming techniques, that promise to help U.S. cotton producers maintain their technological edge in the world marketplace.

"U.S. growers have a competitive edge in technology, and it will be important to maintain it," Smith said. "That's why I believe support for agricultural research appropriations must continue to have a high priority. It is

one of several specific actions aimed at achieving a major goal identified by the Council's strategic planners—reducing production, processing and distribution costs throughout the system. The brand of market orientation confronting us now demands that we do everything possible to squeeze the costs out of the system."

Smith said the Council will continue its active role in working for favorable government policy, which "will almost certainly be debated every year as spending measures are considered by Congress. And whether or not Con-

gress passes another farm bill in the year 2002, the National Cotton Council must keep a strong focus on a host of other Washington policy issues—including trade, tax policy, research appropriations and regulatory issues."

As the unifying force of the U.S. cotton industry, the Memphis-based National Cotton Council has a mission of ensuring the ability of all industry segments to compete effectively and profitably in the raw cotton, oilseed and value added product markets at home and abroad.

Cold weather care tips for livestock given

Low temperatures and cold, blustery winds can result in extra distress for your livestock and pets.

"With the cold weather and negative wind chill factors, prior planning is a necessity," Jerry Hawkins, Clarendon College Agriculture Department Chairperson said. "Animals expel more energy when the weather is cold. You may think they are shivering because of the cold, but actually all animals shiver to generate

more heat for the body." Hawkins recommended a few easy tips for protecting your animals:

*Provide plenty of high energy and high fiber feed. Adequate amounts of roughage are needed for livestock. An animal's digestive process actually creates heat.

*Protection from the wind is important for all animals. Barns, groves of trees, brush piles, and the like are

suitable for large livestock. Dogs and cats should be provided outside houses or moved indoors, such as in a garage. Avoid moving animals in and outdoors too much. The drastic temperature changes are not healthy for your pet.

*Supply plenty of fresh water. Keep ice broken off the top of tanks, troughs and watering dishes.

*If hay shavings are used for bedding, keep them warm and dry.

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TNRCC modifies and updates outdoor burning regulations

By Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

Since Texas began regulating outdoor burning in 1973, the Outdoor Burning Rule (ODB) has been modified as specific needs arose, causing some ambiguity and inconsistency. To address this, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) last year began a comprehensive analysis of the rule with an eye toward improving consistency and producing an updated, streamlined rule reflective of today's needs. The new Rule was approved on August 21 and became effective September 16.

The principal underpinnings of the ODB Rule remain. Outdoor burning must not pose a nuisance; traffic hazards must be avoided; and air quality must be protected. But the new Rule does have some basic conceptual changes. First, fire is explicitly recognized as a viable management tool with no practical alternative for certain types of forest, range, and ecological management, and also for risk reduction for removal of fuel overloading. Also, the Rule differentiates between fire used for disposal and fire used for management.

As with the old Rule, there are general requirements regulating all outdoor burning, with the exception of fire training, certain domestic waste burning, disposal of diseased animal carcasses, and hydrocarbon burning from pipeline breaks and oil spills. These are as follows:

Before the start of prescribed or controlled burning for forest management, the Texas Forest Service shall be notified.

No burning is allowed within the corporate limits of a city or town unless municipal ordinances permit burning.

Burning shall be allowed only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, landing strip, navigable water, or off-site structure containing sensitive receptors, such as people with respiratory problems, sensitive vegetation or livestock, or anything negatively affected by smoke or heat.

If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating

the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.

Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet from any structure containing sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the affected occupant.

Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction or demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations:

(1) The initiation of burning shall begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day no later than one hour before sunset, and shall be attended at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In cases where residual fires or smoldering objects continue to smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.

(2) Burning is not allowed if wind speed is predicted to be less than six miles per hour or greater than 23 mph during the burn or during periods of actual or predicted National Weather Service documented temperature inversions.

The new Rule also contains exceptions for specific burn situations. The principal changes are:

Fire Training - Written notification to the appropriate TNRCC regional office must be made, but approval is automatic if not denied within 10 working days. Dedicated high-frequency (at least weekly) training facilities must submit to the regional office an annual letter of intent to continue training, but daily notification of training is no longer necessary. For facilities with less frequent training, an annual letter is required, as is notice 24 hours prior to burn.

Domestic Waste - Such burning is allowed if no governmental entity provides or specifically authorizes waste collection service. Domestic waste is waste generated on the site of a private residence and includes

such things as kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging, clothing, grass, leaves and branch trimmings. Examples of wastes not considered domestic wastes are tires, non-wood construction debris, furniture, carpet, electrical wire, and appliances.

On-site Burning of Trees and Brush - If there is no practical alternative, it can be done for right-of-way maintenance, landclearing, and maintenance along water canals if there are no negative impacts on sensitive receptors. Only materials from the immediate property may be burned.

Crop Residue Burning - Such burning is allowed when there is no practical alternative and when there is no negative effect on sensitive receptors.

Governmental Off-site Burning of Vegetative Matter - Trees, brush and other plant growth that pose a threat to public health and safety, but which can not be burned at the location of origin because of a potential to cause a nuisance or traffic hazard, may be burned at another governmentally-controlled site with approval from the regional office. Such burns are allowed only where there is no practical alternative and may not occur more frequently than once every two months. It is the governmental entity's responsibility to prove there is no practical alternative, and there is a threat to public health and safety. This does not apply to landfill sites.

Coastal Salt-Marsh Management Burns - It is no longer required that maps showing the location of a burn contain a legal land description, and burn areas are not limited to 640 acres. Proper notification maps require a USGS or equivalent map showing landmarks. The landowner also no longer must provide transportation for TNRCC personnel.

Hydrocarbon Burning - Such burning is only for emergency remediation of a pipeline break or oil spill to prevent additional, more severe, environmental damage, and cannot be used for disposal of a petroleum product or clean-up wastes such as absorbers.

It should be noted that adherence to the ODB Rule does not absolve one of potential liability from burning, nor does it exempt one from complying with all other applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or orders.

Texas Beef Council releases annual report on beef checkoff activities

Investments by Texas beef producers in checkoff activities conducted within the state, nation and world in fiscal year 1996 are highlighted in the recently published Texas Beef Council (TBC) annual report, says Chance Thompson of Breckenridge, TBC chairman.

"TBC's board of directors mandates that all programs conducted by TBC's staff with checkoff dollars be highly measurable as to the intended result," Thompson said. "Texas producers will see from this annual report that TBC has conducted cost-effective programs with accountability that have provided value to consumers and cattle producers alike."

One side of this year's annual report lists highlights of projects conducted by TBC in Texas to strengthen beef's position in the marketplace. The report covers the fiscal year from Oct. 1, 1995, to Sept. 30, 1996. The other side of the report lists national and international activities also conducted with beef checkoff dollars over the same period by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF).

The annual report shows that Texas, the No. 1 cattle population state, received \$13,206,527 in checkoff dollars (96 percent of which came from Texas producers) and \$208,468 in interest and other income. TBC sent \$6,276,231 to the Beef Board as its 50 percent share of all checkoff dollars collected. Of the remaining 5-cent share, Texas sent \$2.5 million to NCBA, all of which helped fund additional national beef promotion, education and research programs.

TBC programs operated on approximately \$2.8 million with the remaining funds left in reserve at the direction of the TBC board.

Here are some highlights of what these checkoff dollars helped fund in the last fiscal year:

* A close working relationship between TBC and the Texas affiliates of the American Heart Association and American Cancer Society, which contributed to the 14 percent increase in physicians nationwide who recommend beef two to three times per week.

* A partnership with HEB that helped move 1 million additional

pounds of shoulder clods through a new cut called the Texas-Style Short Rib.

* A partnership with Wendy's that increased ground beef summer sales by 5 percent in Houston and 4 percent in Dallas.

* Bringing the No. 1 cooking personality in Mexico on a tour of Texas beef in cooperation with USMEF. The resulting Mexican media coverage provided the industry an estimated publicity value of \$500,000.

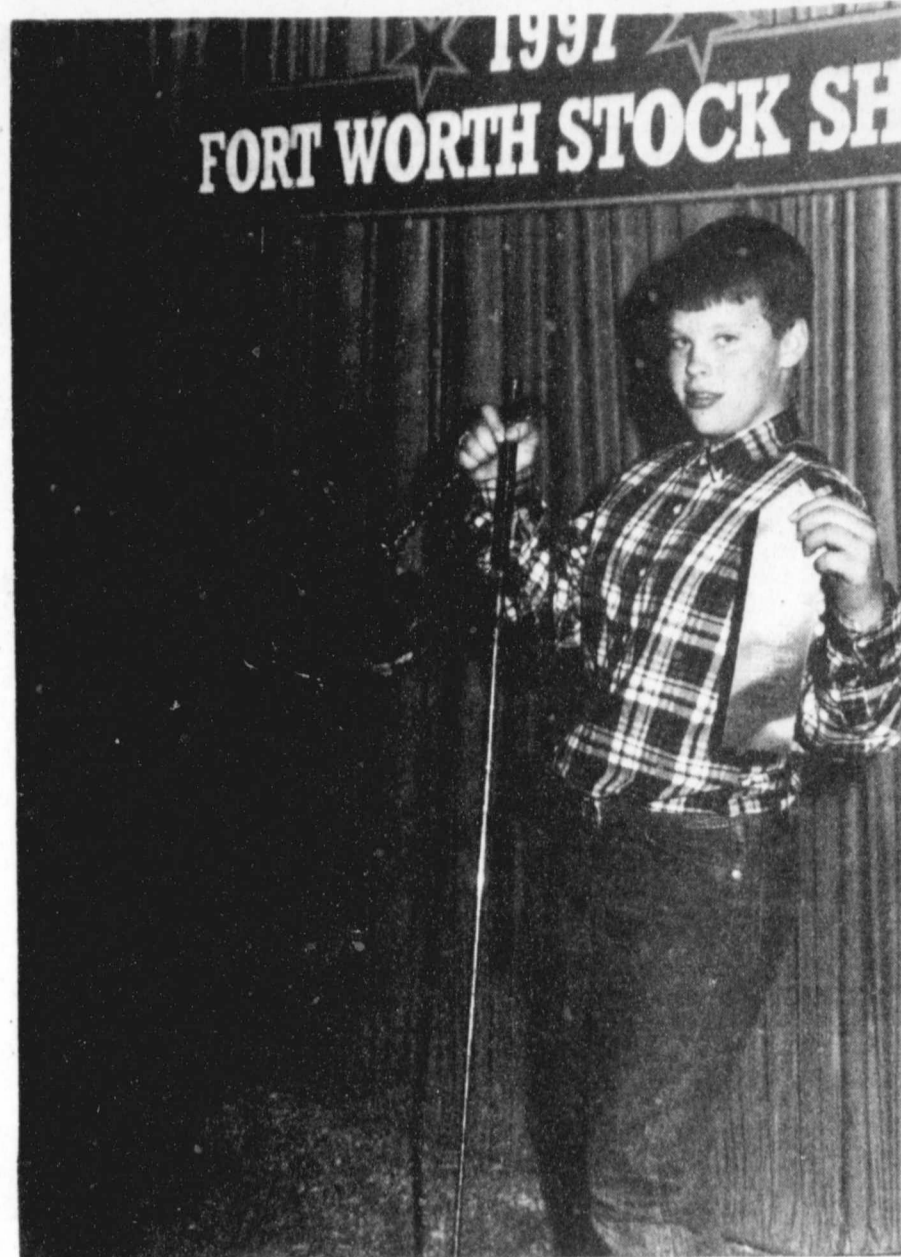
* An interactive satellite Town Hall meeting that provided producers with valuable information on how their checkoff dollars are spent. A total of 98 percent of participants called the program a useful source of information.

"All programs that we conduct in

Texas are in accordance with the national plan," Thompson said. "This year's annual report signifies how this state-national relationship pays dividends to producers through the beef checkoff program."

The annual report will be available to producers through their county extension agents and auction markets. Annual reports also can be requested by writing or calling TBC at 8708 Ranch Road 620 N., Austin, Texas 78726; (512) 335-2333.

The financial information in this report is summarized. For complete information, please request an audited financial statement from TBC.



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Starrh elected 1997 president of Cotton Council International

Fred L. Starrh, a producer from Shafter, CA, is the new president of Cotton Council International (CCI), the export promotions arm of the National Cotton Council (NCC).

Formerly CCI first vice president, he succeeds James E. Nichols, a merchant from Memphis, TN, who is now board chairman. Starrh has held a number of industry leadership positions, including chairman of Cotton Incorporated and chairman of NCC's Producer Steering Committee.

Other CCI officers elected for 1997 are first vice president—Bruce K. Groefsema, cooperative official, Bakersfield, CA; second vice president—Ernst D. Schroeder, merchant, Bakersfield, CA; and treasurer—J. Larry Nelson, ginner, Edmonson, TX. Phillip C. Burnett will remain CCI Board secretary.

New directors are: Winford R. McGehee, merchant, Memphis, TN; Heiko Meyer, merchant, Memphis, TN; and Hans G. Kretchmer, cooperative official, El Paso, TX.

Re-elected directors include Texas residents: Wayne Martin, crusher, Lubbock, TX; Paul A. Ruh, merchant, Richardson, TX; David Stanford, cooperative official, Lubbock, TX; and Van A. May, cooperative official, Lubbock, TX.

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Signs of drug abuse

By Sam Parker, Executive Director of Floyd, Hale, Lamb County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc.

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Marion Pritchard,
Students/Ed.
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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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.
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Preschool Choir 6:45 p.m.
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Discipleship
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Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
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3rd Saturdays:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
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Rev. Ted Samples, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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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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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.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
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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.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
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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.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
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3rd Sunday, Elder Don Martin
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Fellowship Luncheon -
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Last Sunday with evening service

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
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Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLO GETSEMANI
308 Mississippi
Rev. Thomas G. Lopez
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Service 6:00 p.m.
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Family Night 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
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Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Lockney 652-2181
Gabriel W. Ortiz, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Natividad Luna, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.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.
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308 W. Tennessee
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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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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500 W. Houston, Floydada
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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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.

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.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Reverend Ione Sedinger
Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Tommie Beck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
U.M.Y. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

PRIMER IGLESIA 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.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor
Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Ernest Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLO 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.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Elbert Fadallan
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 7:30 p.m.
(Tuesday and Friday)
Phone: 983-5878

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
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.

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.

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.

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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JAMES WIGINGTON
Services for James Eldon Wigington, 70, of Lockney were at 10 a.m. Friday, February 14, 1997, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Vance Mitchell of the First Assembly of God Church in Floydada, officiating. Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Lockney.

Mr. Wigington died Wednesday, February 12, 1997, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born September 18, 1926 in Floyd County, Texas. He attended Floydada Schools. He served in the

U.S. Army during World War II. He married Ruby Carrell on January 24, 1947 in Clovis, New Mexico. He was a Blacksmith. He was a member of the Lockney V.F.W. and the Assembly of God Church.

He is survived by his wife: Ruby Wigington; one son, Jimmy Wigington of Austin; two daughters, Nancy Cave of McAllen, and Joyce Carrell of San Antonio; one brother, Donald Ray Wigington of Aurora, Colorado; one sister, Virginia Strickland of Lockney; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT
By Mac Thornberry

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U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry has joined over 70 other members of the House of Representatives in introducing legislation that would give Texas and other states a greater share of federal highway funding, and a greater say in how these funds are being spent.

"For too long, Texas and other states with large rural areas have been getting the short end of the stick with regard to federal highway funding," Thornberry said. "For instance, for every dollar we contribute as a State to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, we get only 80 cents back. What this meant in 1995 was that Texas contributed just over \$1.5 billion to the Trust Fund and received just \$1.2 billion in return.

"This isn't fair to Texas and isn't fair to any state with large rural populations. We've got to restore a sense of fairness to the Trust Fund, so that states like Texas receive a more equitable share of federal funding. While we're at it, we also need to restore a sense of flexibility to the Fund, so that states also receive a greater say in how these dollars are being spent.

"The bill we introduced will do that. It's my hope we can move it quickly through Congress and send it on to the President for his signature later this year."

The legislation is called the ISTEIA Integrity Restoration Act of 1997 (ISTEIA is an acronym for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.) A follow-up to a nearly identical bill that was introduced in the 104th Congress, the legislation is designed to accomplish two main objectives. First, it would change the formula by which federal highway funds are allocated. Under this bill, Texas would get back 95 percent of its contribution to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, instead of 80 percent. Second, the bill would give states more flexibility in using federal highway funds by eliminating many of the unnecessary federal mandates which go along with them.

In addition, Thornberry noted that the legislation would also streamline the federal bureaucracy by condensing 12 federal transportation programs into only one.

According to Thornberry, the ISTEIA Integrity Restoration Act is the result of a joint effort by a coalition of 20 states, including Texas. The coalition is also known as STEP 21, for Streamlined Transportation Efficiency Program for the 21st Century.

The ISTEIA Integrity Restoration Act has been referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

COURTROOM ACTIVITIES

In County Court Feb. 13, 1997, Santiago Manuel Soliz pled guilty to Resisting Arrest. He was fined \$500.00 plus court costs.

Also on Feb. 13, Toribio Sanchez, 35, of Floydada, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition on this case.

In J.P. Court Pct. 1-4, for the months of August 28, 1996-February 18, 1997, there were 534 cases filed. Of those cases:

79 civil suits were filed in the Justice Court, along with 3 small claims civil suits; 2 tickets for improperly tagging a deer; 17 administrative hearings; 15 felony warrants were issued; 6 death inquests were made and 94 magistrate warnings of rights were given.

Also in J.P. Court Pct. 1-4, on October 25 the following bad check warrants were issued against:

Marlon Williams, of Claude, by Friends Convenience Store; Delias Davenport, of Lubbock, by Pizza Gold; Robbie Wright, of Spur, by Allsup's; Marcus DeLaFuente, of Floydada, by Pay-N-Save; Diane L. Mansell, of Tulia, by Perry's; Thomas Garza, of Plainview, by Friends; Brent Burnett, of Plainview, by Friends; Crissela Raisse, of Lockney, by Brenda Watson; Olga D. Cera, of Hereford, by Friends; Joel Guerrero, of Matador, by Friends; Jesus A. Rodriguez Jr., of Floydada, by Pay-N-Save; Billy Craig Dubois, of Lockney, by Nielson's;

On November 22, bad check warrants were issued against: Rudy Palacios, of Ralls, by R-Photo; Kay Gomez, of Hale Center, by R-Photo; Vern C. Haney, of Tulia, by Pizza Gold;

December 5, R-Photo filed a bad check complaint against Natalie

Blades, of Childress. January 9, R-Photo filed bad check complaints against Mrs. J.E. Hoover, of Paducah, and Roy Fuentes, of Guthrie.

January 27, 1997, Perry's filed a bad check complaint against Sarah DeLaFuente, of Floydada. Also on January 27, Lowe's Pay-N-Save filed a bad check complaint against Patricia L. Sepulveda of Lockney.

Public Intoxication charges were filed in J.P. Pct. 1-4, against: James David Thomas, 42, of Floydada, on September 3, 1996; Damian Diaz Diaz, 34, of Edmondson, on Feb. 3, 1997; Ramon Torres Mireles, 40, of Hale Center, on February 3, 1997.

Charges of Making Alcohol Available to a Minor were filed against: Chris Lee Hacker, 21, of Floydada, on November 14, 1996; Joey Enriquez, 21, of Floydada, on December 2, 1996; Reynaldo Rene Gomez, 20, of Floydada, on December 2, 1996; Paul Russel Chandler, 23, of Wichita Falls, on December 2, 1996.

Minor In Possession Charges were filed against: John Allen Foster, 20, of Dumas, on October 21, 1996; Alisa Dell Schroeder, 19, of Windthorst, on November 8, 1996; Tessa Catherine Schreiber, 19, of Windthorst, on November 8, 1996; Danny Joe Clampitt, 19, of Wichita Falls, on December 2, 1996; Brady Jay Anderson, 19, of Littlefield, on January 6; Leslie Rain McCandless, 20, of Lubbock, on January 6; Francisco Maldonado Jr., 20, of Floydada, on January 6; Anthony Curtis Emert, 20, of Floydada, on January 6.

Disorderly Conduct Charges were filed against: Ubaldo Dondiego Chavez, 19, of Dougherty, on October 14, 1996; and Vicente Rodriguez III, 19, of Floydada, on November 12, 1996.

February sales tax rebates arrive

February sales tax rebates for Floyd County cities were disbursed on Valentine's Day, February 14. The rebates come from the state comptroller's office and Floyd County totals continue to lag behind 1996 rebates, showing a decrease when compared to the same time last year.

Total rebates received in the county this month were \$19,010.43, an increase of 2.75 percent when compared to the \$18,500.43 received in February of 1996. Year to date totals now add up to \$30,630.36 or 2.30 percent behind the February 1996 total of \$31,352.68.

Lockney displayed a 17.15 percent increase for the month when compared to rebates for the same period in 1996. The city's February check was in the amount of \$6,006.50 compared to \$5,126.94 received in February, 1996. Year to date totals for Lockney are \$9,524.62 compared to \$8,501.96 in 1996, a 12.02 percent increase.

Floydada's check from the state comptroller's office was in the amount of \$13,003.93, showing a decrease of 2.76 percent from the \$13,373.49 payment received in February of 1996.

February 1997 rebates and percentage of change for other area cities are listed below.

Quitque; \$3,575.18, +21.03%

Silverton; \$2,794.08, +39.13%
Crosbyton; \$8,380.21, +20.35%
Ralls; \$10,577.35, -10.99%
Abernathy; \$10,419.97, +5.23%
Hale Center; \$6,848.21, +70.01%
Petersburg; \$3,369.54, +24.44%
Plainview; \$295,528.70, +7.02%
Lubbock; \$2,817,274.43, +2.14%
Matador; \$2,679.93, -13.35%
Roaring Spgs; \$1,370.14, -9.67%
Tulia; \$24,171.22, -5.00%

February payments totaling \$260.8 million in local sales tax rebates went back to 1,088 Texas cities and 117 counties, according to the state comptroller's office. This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected on sales in December and reported to the comptroller in January by businesses filing monthly returns as well as quarterly filers for the months of October, November and December and annual filers for 1996.

Sales taxes are collected by merchants and forwarded to the state which retains a 6.25 percent share and returns the city sales tax portion to each city, county, hospital district or transit system. Neither Floyd County nor Lockney General Hospital District and Caprock Hospital District levies a sales tax at this time. No qualifying transit system, which could also levy a sales tax, operates within the county.

Texas probationers increase

From the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Some 428,000 Texans were on probation during the past year, an increase of four percent over the previous year, according to Texas Department of Criminal Justice figures.

The probationers included 56 percent felons and 44 percent misdemeanors.

TDCJ last year provided \$197 million to help fund the 122 local Community Supervision and Corrections Departments and the 3,373 local community supervision officers who supervise offenders given probation as

an alternative to prison.

Susan Cranford, director of TDCJ's Community Justice Assistance Division, said that the number of probationers increased by 19,524 in 1995 and by 18,581 in 1996, even as the state's expanded prison population increased by 44 percent from 92,000 to 133,000.

In addition to probationers and prison inmates, 80,000 convicted lawbreakers are on active parole after serving prison time, bringing to 641,000 the total number of adult offenders in Texas, or about one of every 20 adult Texans.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. LEE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILLIAM J. LEE, Deceased, were issued on the 14th day of February, 1997, in Cause No. 5359, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to: Elzada Lee and David W. Lee.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to such Independent Executor in care of the attorney of said Independent Executor:

Graddy Tunnell
LaFONT TUNNELL, FORMBY, LaFONT & HAMILTON, L.L.P.
P.O. Drawer 1510
Plainview, Texas 79073-1510.

Dated the 14th day of February, 1997.

Elzada Lee, Independent Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM J. LEE, Deceased

David W. Lee, Independent Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM J. LEE, Deceased

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CONTRACTORS NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTAINANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in Floyd County covered by Project No. 6007-33-001 will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas, 79404 until 1:45 p.m. on February 28, 1997 and then publicly opened and read.

A list reflecting the highways and limits along with applicable specifications relative to the Contract is available for inspection at the TxDOT office in Floydada, on US 70, at FM 784, in Floyd County.

Bidding proposals are to be requested from:

JoAn Gilley, Contract Administrator
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, TX, 79404
Phone 806-748-4426

The estimated cost for this project is \$72,977

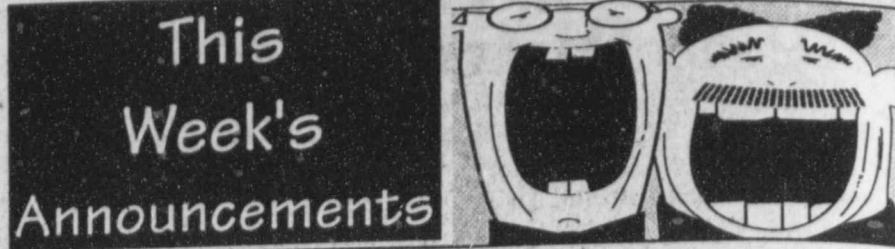
Interested parties are encouraged to attend a pre-bid meeting on Friday, February 21, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. in Lubbock, 135 Slaton Rd.

Only Cashier's Check or Money Order or Teller's Check on a State or National Bank, on a State or National Savings and Loan Association or a State or Federally Chartered Credit Union for \$1,500 is considered acceptable. This proposal guaranty must be in the amount stated and may be payable at or through the institution issuing the instrument or may be payable at or through a bank. The Department will not accept personal checks, certified checks, other types of money orders and bid bonds.

This is a waived project-bidding proposals issued to prequalified contractors and bidders questionnaire contractors upon request.

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AFTER-PROM PARTY PLANNING MEETING
There will be a Floydada High School After-Prom party planning meeting Monday, Feb. 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Floydada High School cafeteria. All FHS junior and senior parents are urged to attend!

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 is welcome. Meetings are at the Caprock Hospital, 901 W. Crockett. Anyone interested may call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

FLOYD COUNTY MEN OF INTEGRITY
Floyd County Men of Integrity, a local chapter of Promise Keepers, will meet Monday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. All men are invited to this time of fellowship.

LOCKNEY SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army Store in Lockney is open and accepting winter garments.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Energas

DATE	HIGH	LOW
Feb. 12	31	30
Feb. 13	32	29
Feb. 14	52	30
Feb. 15	60	34
Feb. 16	67	36
Feb. 17	68	41
Feb. 18	68	47

LOCKNEY CHAMBER BANQUET
The Lockney Chamber Banquet will be Saturday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at Lockney Elementary School Cafeteria. Dr. Blakeslee will speak on the Coronado Expedition into Floyd County. Tickets are available at the First National Bank in Lockney.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE

The City of Floydada, Floyd County, Floydada Independent School District, Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, and Caprock Hospital District have acquired certain real estate properties through Sheriff's Sales and are offering the following properties for sale to the general public:

- 1. Lot 2, Block 4, Original Town 215 W. Price
- 2. Lot 15, Block 9, Original Town 515 E. Grover
- 3. Lot 3, Block 10, Original Town 510 E. Price
- 4. Lot 9, Block 12, Original Town 601 E. Grover
- 5. Lot 11, Block 12, Original Town 605 E. Grover
- 6. Lot 6, Block 13, Original Town NEW 1/97 503 E. Ross
- 7. Lots 15-16, Block 13, Original Town 515 E. Grover
- 8. Lot 13, Block 14, Original Town 409 E. Grover
- 9. N 1/3 of Lot 16, Block 15, Original Town 300 E. Grover
- 10. Mid 1/3 Lot 16, Block 15, Original Town 315 E. Grover
- 11. Lot 7, Block 31, Original Town 402 E. Grover
- 12. Lot 8, Block 31, Original Town 400 E. Grover
- 13. Lot 12, block 32, Original Town 507 E. Lee
- 14. Lot 1, Block 33, Original Town 630 E. Grover
- 15. Lot 2, Block 33, Original Town 628 E. Grover
- 16. Lot 9, Block 33, Original Town 601 E. Lee
- 17. Lot 12, Block 33, Original Town 607 E. Lee
- 18. Lot 13, Block 35, Original Town 509 E. Jackson
- 19. Lot 14, Block 35, Original Town 511 E. Jackson
- 20. Lots 15-16, Block 35, Original Town 513 E. Jackson
- 21. Lot 1, Block 36, Original Town 428 E. Lee
- 22. Lot 4, Block 36, Original Town 420 E. Lee
- 23. Lots 6-7, Block 36, Original Town 404 E. Lee
- 24. Lot 1, Block 37, Original Town NEW 1/97 316 E. Lee
- 25. Lots 3-4, Block 37, Original Town 308 E. Lee
- 26. Lot 6, Block 37, Original Town 304 E. Lee
- 27. Lot 7, Block 37, Original Town NEW 1/97 306 E. Lee
- 28. Lot 8, Block 37, Original Town 300 E. Lee
- 29. Lot 9, Block 37, Original Town 301 E. Jackson
- 30. Lot 12, Block 37, Original Town 311 E. Jackson
- 31. Lot 13, Block 37, Original Town 313 E. Jackson
- 32. Lots 7-8, Block 38, Original Town NEW 1/97 204 E. Lee
- 33. S 1/3 Lot 9, Block 38, Original Town 206 1/2 E. Lee
- 34. Pt 10, 11, Block 38, Original Town 200 E. Lee
- 35. Pt 12, Block 38, Original Town 200 1/2 E. Lee
- 36. Lots 9-10, Block 41, Original Town 5/96 200-202 W. Jackson
- 37. Lot 9, Block 48, Original Town 200 W. Virginia
- 38. Lot 12, Block 48, Original Town 216 W. Virginia
- 39. Lot 5, Block 53, Original Town 5/96 408 E. Jackson
- 40. Lot 6, Block 53, Original Town 406 E. Jackson
- 41. Lot 12, Block 53, Original Town 409 E. Virginia
- 42. Lot 13, Block 53, Original Town 411 E. Virginia
- 43. Lot 2, Block 54, Original Town 514 E. Jackson
- 44. Lot 5, Block 54, Original Town 508 E. Jackson
- 45. Lot 6, Block 54, Original Town 506 E. Jackson
- 46. Lots 7&8, Block 54, Original Town 502 E. Lee
- 47. Lot 9, Block 55, Original Town 601 E. Virginia
- 48. Lot 10, Block 55, Original Town 603 E. Virginia
- 49. Lot 16, Block 55, Original Town NEW 1/97 616 E. Virginia
- 50. Lot 4, Block 56, Original Town 620 E. Virginia
- 51. Lot 11, Block 91, Original Town NEW 1/97 310 W. Kentucky
- 52. Lot 14, Block 103, Original Town 312 E. Tennessee
- 53. Lot 15, Block 103, Original Town NEW 1/97 319 E. Tennessee
- 54. Lot 4, Block 116, Original Town 516 S. Wall
- 55. Lot 10, Block 116, Original Town 5/96 509 S. Main
- 56. Pt Lot 8, Block 120, Original Town 501 E. Tennessee
- 57. Lot 14, Block 121, Original Town 631 E. Georgia
- 58. Lot 10, Block 127, Original Town NEW 1/97 607 S. Main
- 59. Pt 9, 10, 11, Block 133, Original Town 500 W. Crockett
- 60. Lot 15, Block 133, Original Town 510 W. Crockett
- 61. Lot 5, Block 2, Bartley Heights Addition NEW 1/97 216 E. Crockett
- 62. N64 Lot 9, 10, 11, Block 8, Bartley Heights Addition 1116 S. Wall
- 63. Lot 4, S/2 S, Block 1, Honerthea Addition 206 N. 12th

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Contact City Secretary's Office at City Hall for location of above lots.
- 2. All bids shall be mailed or delivered to the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, 114 W. Virginia St., Floydada, Texas, P. O. Box 10, Floydada, Texas 79235-0010.
- 3. Bids will be accepted until a bid has been approved by at least one taxing entity.
- 4. All property will be sold without warranty and in present condition.
- 5. The reward of a bid will be made as soon as each taxing entity reviews and approves the bid.
- 6. Payment will be made in cash.
- 7. The above taxing entities reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.

City of Floydada
Hulon Carthel, Mayor

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TURNER'S AUCTION SERVICE

POB 445 Lockney, Texas 79241
BILL TURNER TY WILLIAMS MATT WILLIAMS
(806)652-2521 (806)296-6085 (806)296-5174
Tx. Lic. #9206

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

AUCTION

FURNITURE • APPLIANCES • TOOLS

Saturday, February 22, 1997 • Sale Time 10:00 a.m.

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The Alma Baxter family would like to thank everyone for the various expressions of sympathy sent our way. What a blessing and comfort to be surrounded by friends, food, cards and flowers. Each gesture has meant so much and will continue to be appreciated. Our family will always have a great admiration for the Total Home Health Care of Plainview and Floydada, the Lockney Volunteer Firemen, the staff at W.J. Mangold Memorial, and the Lockney Care Center personnel. Thanks to all who worked to comfort and care for her. 2-20p

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God Bless,
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I would like to say a word of thanks to the Floydada Coop Gin for buying my Grand Champion Pig, "Swankie". Thanks to Floydada Businessmen and Farmers for buying my Breed Champion Hereford, "Tigger". I would also like to thank everyone who helped and supported me throughout my years of showing. Joe Womack and Michael and Kim Hinsley, you all have made this year great. Mr. Standlee and Mr. Bowcom, thank you for everything—I could not have done it without you. Kelli Bertrand
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Lamplighter
By Ken Towery

O.J. Simpson is back in the news, on a couple of different fronts, and Johnnie Cochran, the black attorney who decided to play the "race card" in O.J.'s murder trial, is out making the rounds, autographing his new book and holding front page interviews about the difficulties black people have getting a fair trial in our society. Our President is comfortably in office for a second term, after having successfully demagogued the race issue in his most recent campaign. He, as did Jesse Jackson, appeared at numerous black churches urging a large turnout of those who had suffered so mightily at the hands of whites.

Too, there was another little incident down in Florida, where the usual pattern of burning and looting took place after a black man was shot by a white policeman. The press did not dwell upon why the man was shot, since they were so busy telling us of all the racial injustice the blacks have had to endure in St. Petersburg, and elsewhere.

The latest contribution to peace and tranquility among the races is a new book by Carl Rowan, the noted black columnist for The Washington Post (and former Ambassador under appointment by Lyndon Johnson), warning of an impending race war in America, brought on, of course, by the "racism" of whites. Rowan ought to be an authority on racism, since he has practiced it in his columns for many years. And gotten rich in the process.

Enough is enough. We've about had it up to here with this business of the white race, and specifically the white male, being condemned for all of the ills of this world, and, against our better judgement we propose to say something about it, finally.

We had not intended to comment on those divisive racial issues that now seem endemic in our society. We do so now only because there appears no end to the effort to Balkanize America for political purposes. The O.J. Simpson trial, and its aftermath, plus the "million man march" on Washington and subsequent unfortunate comments by the President, have surfaced feelings that practically everyone knew existed, but which no one talked about honestly for fear that otherwise normal divisions within our "multicultural society" might be exacerbated.

Actually, the continuing concern over the outcome of the Simpson trial is merely a sidebar to the much bigger picture of what has gone wrong in our society. We are told by the national media, and have been told since the days of LBJ's Great Society, that American white people are "racists", though no one seems to define exactly what a "racist" is. While no one seems to know what it is, exactly, everyone seems to know it's bad, very bad. Certain black politicians, white liberals, robed clergymen, befuddled feminines, all have had a field day with the term. And the message is always the same: everyone is pure of heart except the dastardly white male, especially the rightwing, white "Christian" male. Even President Clinton accepted and adopted the term in his quest for reelection. He told us that "white racism" may "be the black man's burden, but is the white man's problem." In other words, it is the white man who is to blame. It is he, and only he, who must look into his heart and take corrective action. It is he who must feel the guilt. It is he, and only he, who must address the "problem."

Even Louis Farrakhan did better than that. He at least told the black man that part of his problem lay within himself, that he should begin to accept responsibility for his own acts, that he must begin to accept responsibility for his own children. Despite Farrakhan's at times incoherent ramblings, despite his propensity to blame white people for black people's real and imagined problems, his underlying message to black men was, we believe, beneficial to both black and white. All people, whether white or black, would benefit from accepting responsibility for their own acts. And certainly society would benefit.

But once an American can be made to feel "guilty" about just about anything, he is a sitting duck for any political demagogue who comes along. If he can be made to feel "guilty" of racism, he must purge himself by spending the rest of his life proving his lack of racism. He can do this, of course, by handing political power over to those who most loudly decry racism. They are, quite naturally, the most pure of heart.

For years we have been told by black politicians (the Reverend Jesse Jackson leaps to mind) and white liberals that it is the white man who is responsible for the world's wars, it is he who is responsible for the "oppression" of all who are not white, it is he who is responsible for the overpopu-

lation, the squalor of "third world" countries. It is "he" who invented the practice of slavery, who single-handedly sailed his ship to the coast of Africa, rowed ashore, took up his sword, or his trusty, single-shot musket and wandered into the jungle, rounding up slaves.

(Actually, the tribal chieftains of Africa, who warred among themselves then as they do now, who killed their "brothers" simply because they were members of a different tribe, and took slaves in the normal course of everyday life, and then sold those slaves to white slave traders, were every bit as much a part of the slave trade of yesteryear as were the whites. But that is part of the denial that afflicts black politicians and white liberals alike. To admit it, to be truthful about it, would be harmful, psychologically as well as politically. To admit that black tribal chieftains were part of the deal, that they supplied the commodities sought by slave traders, would confuse the issue by spreading the blame. White people would no longer be the sole villains. And the idea that whites are not solely to blame is just not acceptable. It would not be politically "correct.")

Never mind that the evil practice of slavery existed in Africa long before the white man ever set foot on that continent. Never mind that the practice of slavery was ended in white countries long before it was ever ended in black countries, where, in some instances, it is still practiced today.

Never mind that it was also the "he", who, after much struggle and bloodshed, finally devised a system of government in which all people, black, white, brown, yellow, can have a say in how they are governed. The idea of democracy, of representative government, did not come out of Asia and sweep the world. It did not come out of Latin America. And it certainly did not come out of Africa.

But one looks in vain for some recognition, in today's "mainstream" media, and today's bastions of "higher education," of what Western culture, or Western thought, has contributed to civilization. Such recognition would "offend" certain groups. Not only would it offend certain groups, it would obviously offend a goodly portion of the faculty at many of our most esteemed institutions of "learning." Yale University, for instance, recently turned down a \$20 million bequest rather than fulfill the benefactor's wish that a portion of his gift be used to teach courses in western civilization.

Certainly it can be said that the modern white man has failed to create Utopias in those countries where he does in fact run things. Certainly, he cannot be held entirely blameless for many of the ills in our own country. He has, for instance, stood by while a perfectly good Constitution, bequeathed to him by his forbears, has been all but stripped of its meaning. He has stood by while the ideal of a "color blind" society has been turned into a society of "set asides," of "affirmative action," of "head starts," of preferential treatment for various groups. He has stood by, complaining but cowed, while a relatively peaceful society has been turned into a society where families must lock their doors, fearful of their fellow citizens.

But has he, the Western white man, made a bigger mess of his society than has been made by black men in Africa? Has he made a bigger mess than has been made, over the years, by the yellow men of Asia? Or has he made a bigger mess of those governments and societies where he might be considered to be the dominate influence than has been made in, shall we say, Latin America? We think not.

If the white man is such a terrible "racist," if he tends to be so "oppressive" of "people of color", why, pray tell, are the Haitians so anxious to come here? Why do they crowd into Europe, or America? Why are millions of people from Latin America so willing to undergo such hardship in order to get here, by hook or crook? Why did so many hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese risk life and limb to get here? Why have we been flooded by Nigerians, and Ethiopians? Why is it so difficult to even get a taxi driver, whether in New York or Houston, who can speak English?

One would think, if the charges of "white racism" are anywhere near accurate, the movement of "people of color" would be in the opposite direction. Ships and planes sail to Asia, Africa, and Latin America, as well as from those regions. And it would probably be a lot easier to leave this country than it was to get into it, legally or illegally.

The idea that "racism", whatever it is, is something that resides solely within the breast of white people is absolute hogwash. Whether the term is used to define what we would call "racial awareness," (which, as we see it, is good) or to define the practice of judging individuals by their color, rather than their virtue, (which, again as we see it, is bad) it is nevertheless not confined to white people. It is

present in all people.

We have not travelled, and worked, in all the countries of this world, but we have travelled, and worked, in a goodly number of them. And, countries aside, we have travelled, and worked, among people of all colors, black, yellow, brown, as well as white. We have crawled on our knees, picking cotton, pulling carrots, picking tomatoes, harvesting onions, with people of whatever color, earning the same wage and doing the same labor. And we have sat across from them in their spacious, air conditioned offices at various places around the globe. We found no difference among them, at whatever level, when it comes to their comparing themselves with other people. There were many instances where individuals would voice a willingness to trade places with us, because of where we called home. But never to trade their individuality for our own, no matter their skin color.

It is entirely normal for individuals to wish they lived in better or different surroundings, but it is only those who are psychologically sick who bemoan their own being, their own identity. And it is only the sickest of politicians who would capitalize on the emotionally sickest in our society.

One of the worst aspects of societal development in America during the past several decades, in our opinion, is the fostering, by politicians and would-be politicians, of racial divisiveness in our country. We cannot blame black politicians for this any more than white politicians. It was Lyndon Johnson, after all, who, under the guise of "bringing Americans together" laid the groundwork for racial divisiveness with his Great Society programs, with "affirmative action", with "set asides", with "head starts" and other programs of preferential treatment for politically favored groups. America has been in various stages of racial turmoil every since.

The idea that the power of government should be used to provide preferential treatment for various groups in our society was fought over for years in our political processes. The argument was finally decided in favor of the proposition that government ought not, and in fact could not, institute laws that deliberately separated people, then treated one group more favorable than another. "Whites Only" rest rooms, and "whites only" drinking fountains, became a thing of the past. White school children began riding the same school bus as black children. Legal, officially-approved barriers came down all across society.

People of good will on both sides of the racial fence in American tended to think that was a good thing. The power of government, which ostensibly speaks for all the people, ought not be used to provide preferential treatment, under the law, for special groups of people.

But a funny thing happened on the road to equal protection and equal treatment under the law. It may have been the right thing to do, but clearly it posed political problems for America's liberal community. Politics is nothing if it is not promise, and promises. It did not take liberal politicians long to realize that a legally "color blind" society would leave them little room to promise one group special, and favorable, preferences over another group.

In due course, those laws designed to do away with preferential treatment for people of one race, as opposed to people of another race, were turned upside down. Through a series of judicial rulings, executive fiats, and Congressional "refinements" of various laws, the federal government, and in many cases the state and city governments, instituted practices that effectively moved various groups, and people in those groups, to the head of the line. Any negative reaction to this preferential treatment was, and is, deemed "racist."

While the white man, and particularly the white "Christian" man, takes the brunt of public castigation, he is by no means the only victim of government-induced racial or gender based preferential treatment. Also included as victims would have to be those well meaning people of whatever color, or whatever race, or whatever gender, who desire to take their place, and contribute their bit, as individuals or leaders in a democratic society. The likelihood of being labeled a "coconut", or an "uncle Tom" by demagogues of their own community has kept many good people out of the political arena, good people who have much to contribute.

As long as American politics and government are predicated on preferential treatment for selected groups, it is axiomatic that those who rise to the top (politically speaking), in those groups will be individuals who are the most demagogic at promising the most benefits for that group, at the expense of other groups.

And as long as that happens, there will be no real peace among the races, or the people who make up those races. That may be good for t.v. talk shows, and it may be beneficial for certain political demagogues, but it is not good for our country.





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