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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**--Lockney Junior High Principal Terry Ellison, center, was named Citizen of the Year at Lockney's Chamber of Commerce banquet, Saturday night. He was joined at the event by his daughter, Tiffany Ellison (left) and his wife, Zella, (right).  
Staff Photo

## Russell's Equipment closes

FLOYDADA--After almost 40 years of occupying the corner of E. Houston and Hwy. 207, Russell's Equipment will auction off remaining inventory next week and lock the front door one last time.

"We've already stopped our retail sales," said owner Wayne Russell. "I still plan to service our customers (by order only) until there is an authorized dealer set up in Floydada for Crustbuster, Caldwell, Hamby and Tye."

"I'm also trying to set it up so people will still have a place to go for welding and steel supplies."

That is part of Russell's stock and trade--worrying about his customers. "If the buildings and lots (16 lots in all) don't bring a good price at the auction, I'm not going to sell them," said Russell. "I don't have to hurry and I would like to try and get another business to locate here in Floydada. This is a prime location and Floydada

doesn't need to lose another business. "This would be a good business for a young man--but you have to be dedicated. I started out with only \$2,000-\$3,000. For several years I took no income from the business. I put it all into my inventory."

Russell knows all about Floydada. Besides living here for almost 76 years, he has devoted much of his life to helping his customers through Russell's Equipment and helping other citizens through his service to the community.

Russell was elected Floydada Councilman in 1970 and kept that position for 21 years. He also served as Mayor of the City for 3 years.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and has served as Past Master of Floydada Lodge, Chapter, and Council.

He has served five times as Patron of the Eastern Star, as President of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce,

and is a past president of the Kiwanis Club and the Floydada Whirlwind Travel Club.

The name "Russell's" has been associated with farm equipment repair and sales in Floyd County for almost 70 years.

The company was founded by Edward Everett Russell in 1921. He opened a shop on East California Street, one block east of the courthouse.

The shop was located on a lot which W.M. Massie allowed Ed to occupy rent-free as long as the business remained in the Russell family.

Blacksmiths were needed to shoe horses, sharpen plows, repair wagons and perform other maintenance tasks. The blacksmiths were so essential that the town fathers often offered them free building lots as incentives to settle there.

The old time blacksmith shop had  
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WAYNE RUSSELL

## CRP meeting to cover contract provisions

A meeting concerning the provisions of Signup 15, will be held March 11, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Electric Community Room in Floydada. Trent Johnson, Floyd County Executive Director and Jon LaBaume, District Conservationists, will conduct this meeting. Everyone interested in offering acres for CRP is encouraged to attend.

CRP Signup 15 is scheduled for March 3 through March 28, 1997 to accept offers of environmentally sensitive acreage for 10 to 15 year contracts. CRP contracts that expire on September 30, 1997 may be offered for program year 1998. New land offered may be for program year 1998 and 1999. Any acreage that has been taken out under the early out provisions may also be offered at this time.

**ELIGIBLE LAND**  
Cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 2 of the 5 most recent crop years and is capable of being tilled is eligible to be offered in the CRP program. It must be physically and le-

gally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity.

Eligible cropland must also meet one of the following criteria to be offered for enrollment: 1) Have an Erosion Index (EI) of 8 or higher to be considered highly erodible land according to conservation provisions, 2) Be considered a crop wetland, 3) Located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area (CPA), 4) be devoted to any of a number of highly beneficial environmental practices such as filter strips, riparian buffers, grass waterways, shelter belts, well-head protection area, and other similar practices, 5) be cropland associated with, or surrounding, non-cropland wetlands.

Cropland, classified as HEL according to conservation compliance requirements, is eligible for CRP. Under the new regulation, the HEL provisions, 1/3 of the field needs to be HEL to qualify. However, whenever a partial field is offered and the  
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**TONY'S LAST CHANCE**--KFLP's owner and station manager, Tony St. James (left), tries desperately to tape the mouth of Lion Eric Cornelius before he begins taping commercials for the annual Lions Club Radio Days, set for this Saturday, on KFLP 95.3 FM, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Tony, however, did not have enough tape to cover the mouths of all the Lions in Floydada. Proceeds from the commercials, sold by the Lions, goes to benefit Lions Crippled Children's Camp, eyeglasses for needy children, local scouting programs, local youth activities, Lions Diabetes Camp and Lions Eye Bank. Tune in Saturday to hear the Lions laugh their way through your ads and their attempts at radio broadcasting.

## Ellison, Hooten and Martinez honored

# Chamber honors citizens

LOCKNEY--Terry Ellison was named 1996 Citizen of the Year at the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday, March 1. Others receiving special awards were Kenny Hooten and Arcenio Martinez.

Dr. Donald Blakeslee presented a program on Coronado and his venture into Floyd County in 1541.

Karen Hooten, 1995 Citizen of the Year introduced Terry Ellison as the 1996 Citizen of the Year and presented him with the traveling trophy. "It has been said that 'Life is not made up of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, of which smiles and kindnesses, and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart,'" Hooten stated. "It is precisely those qualities that describe Terry Ellison."

Ellison was born in 1943 and graduated from Aspermont High School in 1963. He attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in history and speech.

He worked for a summer on a ranch guiding young boys from the Hendrick's Children's Home in Abilene and then on an oil barge off the coast of New Orleans for a year before going back to school and earning a teaching certificate.

Ellison taught school at Aspermont and Dimmitt and in 1977 he returned to school and got a Masters Degree in Education from West Texas State University. In 1985 the family made the difficult decision to come to Lockney when he was offered a position as the junior high principal. In 1992 he earned his Superintendent's Certification from Sul Ross University. He is a member of Phi Kappa Delta (an organization for school administrators).

He and his wife, Zella, a teacher at Lockney High School, are the parents of a daughter, Tiffany. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Lockney where he is vice chairman of deacons and also teaches a men's Sunday School class. Ellison is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is currently a 32nd Degree Mason. He has been a member of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce for several years and served as president in 1996-97.

According to Hooten, "To describe Terry Ellison would be to say that he is a dedicated man... dedicated first to his God, then to his family, to his church, to his community, and very importantly to his school children. Whatever their environment, whatever their circumstances, Terry Ellison loves and cares for each and every one of his students... and the students seem to know that... and they, in turn, love and trust their own Mr. E."

Kenny Hooten was recognized as the Fireman of the Year and presented

with a certificate. He is a certified EMT and has been a member of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years. Also receiving a certificate for the extra work they do in keeping Lockney beautiful were Arcenio Martinez and Kenny Hooten.

Speaker for the evening, Dr. Donald Blakeslee, a professor at Wichita State University and a member of the Coronado Trail Association, gave the program on Coronado and his expedition into Texas in 1541. He showed slides of various digs in Texas and New Mexico and artifacts that have been found. Some of the slides showed the Comanchero Indian trails that can still be seen in the area.

He told the group that Coronado had come up through Western Mexico to the Zuni Pueblos, moved across the Rio Grande to the Pecos Pueblo in New Mexico and then onto what Coronado reported in his journals as 'a country as devoid of landmarks as the open ocean'.

He showed slides of the digs in Blanco Canyon, south of Floydada, and explained the finds that he and his students and local archeologists have found and their importance to this area. He stated that over 30 crossbow points have been found and they will be compared to those found related to the De Sota expedition.

"Some of the artifacts are buried 4 to 8 inches below the surface and some of the items have been found on the surface where the wind and water have eroded the ground around them. These finds have made the work easier," Blakeslee stated. "We feel that

there is much more to be found and will continue to come at every opportunity we get."

Along with the chain mail glove and crossbow points that have been found are shards of pottery, horse-shoe nails, a horseshoe and other related items. "You folks live in a fantastic area," he stated. "All that we find will be exhibited in your museum in Floydada. It has a terrific collection at this point and it will continue to grow as more finds are made."

He concluded, "We are excited and you should be also."

The theme for this years banquet was "Past, Present and Future". Chamber President Terry Ellison served as Master of Ceremonies. Lockney Mayor Gary Marr recognized guests and Floyd County queens. The invocation was given by Bro. Harold Abney pastor of the First Baptist Church and the Benediction by Russell Harris pastor of the Main Street Church of Christ.

Retiring Chamber President Terry Ellison presented Robin Satterwhite with the presidents gavel and announced the new officers. Phil Cotham will serve as Vice President, Doylene Dipprey, Secretary; Tina Graves, Treasurer; and J.D. Copeland as Historian.

Roy Ray was introduced as the new director. Hold Over Directors are Jerry Edwards, Ronnie Hardin, Robert Webb, Terry Ellison, Mac Sherman, Barbara Kayler, Mark Sherman, Phil Cotham, Robin Satterwhite, Kelly Pachiano, Marilyn Anderson and Doylene Dipprey. Ap-

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**WE APPRECIATE YOU**--Lockney Volunteer Fireman Kenny Hooten is presented with a certificate of appreciation from Lockney Chamber President Robin Satterwhite (r) at Lockney's Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night. Hooten was named Fireman of the Year and also thanked, along with Arcenio Martinez (not pictured), for their extra service to the community.  
Staff Photo

## Prize to be awarded for Old Settler's theme

Plans for the this year's Old Settler's Reunion are already underway. This will be the 69th year of the popular reunion, held this year on May 24.

The Floyd County Pioneer Association is now making plans for arts and crafts booths, noon bar-b-que on the square, and awards for Pioneer Man,

Pioneer Woman and Pioneer Couple.

There will be a \$50.00 prize handed out to the person or group who submits the best parade theme. Anyone wishing to submit an entry should contact Jinna Turner, at the First National Bank in Lockney, or Ken Holt or Clar Schacht at Farm Bureau in Floydada.

## Applications sifted for FISD superintendent

FLOYDADA -- Seven FISD trustees met the evening of Tuesday, March 4, to begin the review process for selecting the next Floydada Independent School District superintendent.

According to board president Mitch Probasco, 43 applications were received for the position which will be vacated by retiring superintendent Jerry Cannon. Probasco stated that only one application came from within the local school system.

"We had applications from all over

the state," he said. He indicated that this is the first of probably two sessions to weed out applicants and select the final few to be interviewed and seriously considered for the position.

Attending the session were board members Probasco, Steve Lloyd, Charlene Brown, Trena Simpson, Billy Joe Villarreal, Jack Ronertson and Amado Morales. Also attending were Dr. William Dean, Joe Stepp and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.





**LIBRARY BENEFITS FROM GRANT--** Librarian Doylene Dipprey is enjoying the renovations and equipment at Lockney's library made possible by a grant. See related story. Staff Photo

## Lockney Library receives Tocker grant

LOCKNEY—Doylene Dipprey, librarian at the Lockney Library, has received a grant totaling \$5,810.00 from the Tocker Foundation of Austin. With the money she has been able to purchase a copy machine, outside book drop, additional book shelves, storage cabinet and a desk for the library.

The Tocker Foundation distributes funds for support, encouragement and assistance to small rural libraries serving 12,000 or less. Grants were available for 120 small rural libraries this year. Five libraries in this area received grants.

According to Dipprey, Floyd County had recently painted and carpeted the library and furnished her with a typewriter.

## Lockney Chamber honors it's citizens

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pointed Directors are Ted Young, Charlie McQuhae, J.D. Copeland, Tina Graves and Neta Marble. Retiring as a director is Judy Jackson.

The banquet was held at the elementary school cafeteria. The walls were decorated with a wide array of artwork by Lisa Mosley's high school art class. Zelda Ellison provided the dinner music. Ham and all the trimmings were prepared by the cafeteria workers and served by members of the Lockney High School National Honor Society and the Lockney High School Student Council. Sponsors of these organizations are, respectively, Laurie Satterwhite and Heather Stowe.

## Floydada 4-H hold monthly meeting

**By Bonnie Dunlap**  
FLOYDADA--The Floydada 4-H meeting for the month of February was held on the 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Massie Activity Center in Floydada. President Cody Stovall called the meeting to order. The American Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mandi Yeary and the 4-H Motto and Pledge by Dusty Duke. Rebecca Warren gave the inspiration and Randi Duke gave a mini-demonstration on 'How to make new wood look old'. A project report on the Stock Shows at Ft. Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, and Houston was given by Molly Long.

The meeting's program, that Cienna Carthel was in charge of, was baked goods made and donated by 4-Hers that were auctioned off by auctioneer, Jimmy Kemp from Lockney. He taught the 4-Hers how to auction items. Community Service was presented by Bonnie Dunlap, which was donating the auction item funds to the Floyd County Library. Nick Long told about money donations to 'Bucks Bunny' for this year's Benefit Gala. Instead of last year's 'Pack the Pig' we now have a new creature to give your donations to.

Door prizes, provided by Lacie Haynie, were won by Cody Stovall and Judy Dunlap. Recreation materials were provided by Chelsea Haynie. Hulon and Anne Carthel and Brent and Sarah Sanders were the Parents in Charge. Refreshments were provided by LaRae Gilliland, Brooke Hayes, Katie and Abby Sanders, and Kimberly and Alyssa Bennett. The next 4-H meeting will be on March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

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**BUCKS BUNNY AT BANK--**Bucks Bunny is making an appearance at Floydada's First National Bank this week, hoping for donations to the Multi-Purpose Center. The Bunny will be auctioned off at the Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala, March 29. Whoever buys Bucks will take possession of whatever money has been stuffed inside him throughout the month.

Bucks will be very busy visiting banks, community organizations and roaming the streets in Floydada and Lockney. Art teacher Roseanne Bishop (left) is Buck's creator and Sherry Colston (right) is one of the Floyd County Friends Board members who will make sure Bucks meets everyone in the community. Katie Sanders dubbed the name Bucks Bunny. Staff Photo

**Ticket sales are brisk for the Friends Benefit Gala. Don't be left out--get yours now!**

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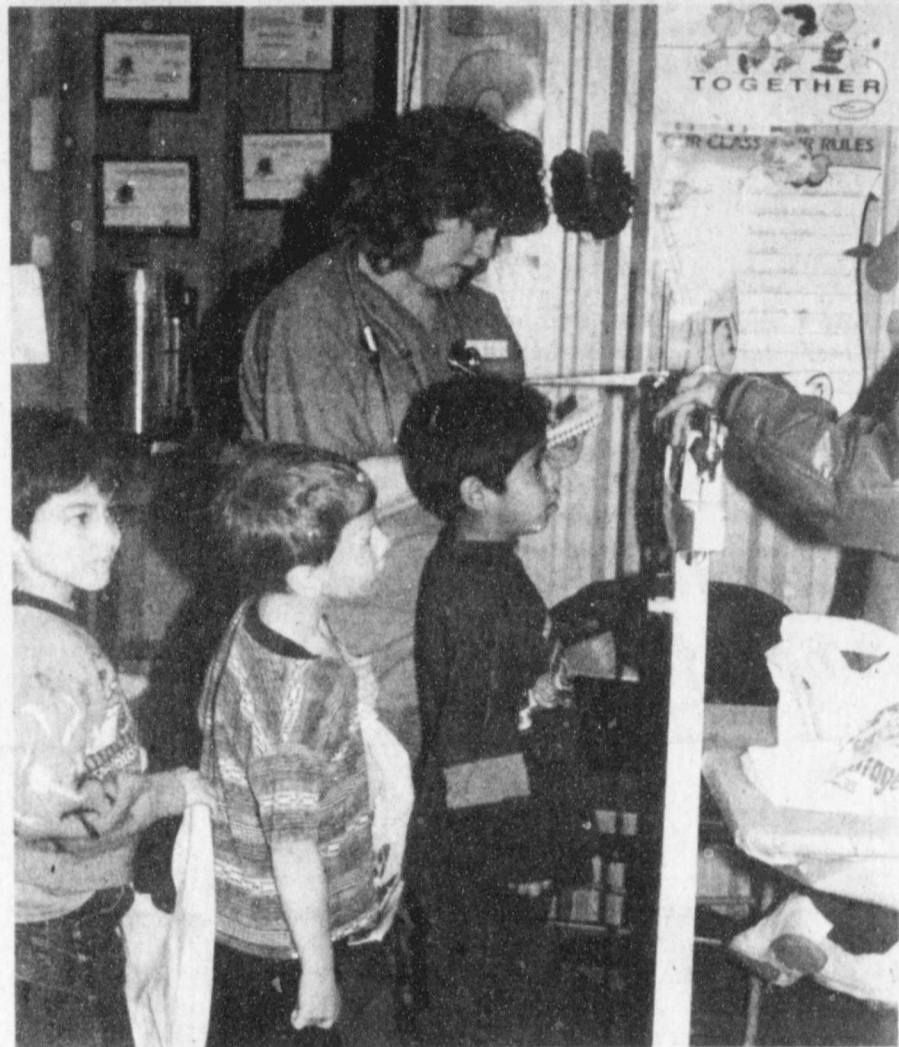
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# Floyd County Lifestyles



**HEART HEALTH FAIR --** Health care personnel volunteered time last Friday to hold a heart health fair at A. B. Duncan Elementary School. Students from Pre-K to Grade 3 visited six stations, receiving information on healthy snacks, heart and lung disease prevention, dental care, and height and weight (depicted above). They were also treated to a tour of the interior of the Floydada EMS ambulance. -- Staff Photo

## Harmony Club meets

**By Doris Snodgrass**  
The Harmony FCE Club met Monday afternoon, Feb. 24, in the club room at the Harmony Community Center with Arvie Schulz as hostess. Vivian Curtis, president, called the meeting to order.  
Roll call was answered by "name a property right we don't have now that we used to have."  
Karen Miller read the minutes of last meeting. The minutes were approved.  
Our club will sponsor a driving license course, tentatively set in March.  
The District FCE meeting will be April 4, in Colorado City this year.

Dinner will be served. The total expenses for the meeting, including lunch will be \$11.50.  
Karen Miller gave the program Private Property Rights.  
Maye Williams directed a game on presidents for recreation.  
Refreshments were served by the hostess, Arvie Schulz, to the following: Ruth Scott, Juanita Poole, Vivian Curtis, Maye Williams, Bennie Dutton, Karen Miller, Doris Snodgrass.  
The next meeting will be on March 10. This will be a joint meeting at Harmony with the Homebuilders Club as guests.

## Floydada Senior Citizens

**By Margarette Word**  
FLOYDADA - The center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you plan to eat lunch, please call the center at 983-2032 by 10 a.m.  
If you are interested in playing "42" or "84", please call the center and make plans to attend on Tuesday afternoons around 1:30 p.m.  
Rebecca Smith will be 100 years old this week. A reception in her honor will be held at the Floydada Nursing Home on Friday, March 7, from 2-3 p.m. Her family wants her friends to drop by and help her celebrate her 100th birthday. She was born in 1897.  
I had a tumor removed from my left wrist, Friday, Feb. 28. I have a bandage that looks like a boxing glove.  
Jean Jones is to have surgery this week.  
William and Faye Bertrand are home after spending a few weeks vacationing at Port Isabel.  
Since I am more or less home-bound, I do not know any news about our seniors so maybe next week I will

have more news to report.  
Remember to pray for those still in the hospital and for the ill in our community.  
"Thought for the Week" -- Great Occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily. St. Frances de Sales

**Menu**  
**Monday, March 10:** Salisbury steak, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, wheat roll, pears, cookies  
**Tuesday, March 11:** Baked ham, navy beans, carrots & zucchini, tossed salad/French dressing, cornbread, pineapple cobbler/cake  
**Wednesday, March 12:** Carne Guisada, potatoes O'Brien, broccoli, tortilla or cornbread, peaches  
**Thursday, March 13:** Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll, gelatin  
**Friday, March 14:** BBQ chicken, corn cobbets, green beans, biscuits, coleslaw, mince or raisin pie, or cobbler

Have a great week!

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## Floydada Care Center News

**By Jo Wilbanks**  
FLOYDADA - Well, it seems as if March comes in like a lion, as we were in Plainview Saturday and came out of a store and large snow flakes were falling. Perhaps it will go out like a lamb. This is an old wife's tale my mother used to tell us kids and her mother told her too.

A lot will go on in March, the first day of spring, St. Patrick's Day, World Day of Prayer, Palm Sunday, holy week and Easter. Doctor's Day is March 30th.

Mrs. Rebecca Smith will be celebrating her 100th birthday Friday here at the center, from 2 - 3 p.m. Friends are invited to come share her day.

We welcome a new resident, W.B. Eakin.

The residents enjoyed the devotional and Bingo on Tuesday and Friday and all the churches who came on Sunday. First United Methodist came and shared some songs with us Sunday.

Unicare is asking for a social history of our residents, about their life. We have a special resident, Mattie Wester, who finished college in her latter years. Also, Mr. Clarence Guffee taught school and was superintendent of a country school. We are asking family members to please assist us in getting some information of your loved one who is a resident here. A book of memories will be assembled.

### Joy and Sorrow

For your life to come to blossom, you must feel both joy and pain. Flowers can't burst forth in color, with just sunshine, and no rain. If you learn to please Him always, in all things you say and do, You'll accept the pain and sorrow, then the joy will come to you.  
Edna Fontaine

## American History class tours museum

**By Sundae Zachary**  
The South Plains College American History Class was pleased to tour Floyd County Museum.

The class was fascinated by the many things that most of them have not seen before. They were very entertained by looking back into their ancestors lives to see how they lived.

They also listened to the oral history tapes that have been recorded by certain individuals in this area that had given a brief description of their lives in Floyd County. The students enjoyed listening to the people giving interviews, telling their stories about early life on the south plains.

The tour was given by board of directors, Carolyn Jackson and Rhonda Lyles, and the president of the Floyd County Museum, Sherry Colston.

The American History class meets on Tuesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. and is taught by Ed Mason of South Plains College. Each semester there are a variety of classes given to the surrounding areas in Floydada by South Plains College.



**ARTISTS OF THE MONTH--**The students at R.C. Andrews Elementary will be the featured artists of the month at Floydada's First National Bank. A few of the students who will be displaying their work are: (l-r) Aide Arizpe, 4B, Katy Gooch, 4C, Robert Wagner, 5A, Anqualita Perez, 6A, Bryce Bowley, 6D, and Antwonnette Acy, 5D. Art teacher Gail Hale stands in background. Staff Photo

## RCA students featured as artists of the month

FLOYDADA--To emphasize National Youth Art Month and to recognize Public School Week in March, the First National Bank of Floydada is happy to present an exhibit of study and artwork by students of R.C. Andrews Elementary School and instructor, Gail Hale.

"There are many who still think of art as strictly extra-curricular. I believe that it is important to give young people the opportunity to develop talent in art as well as in other fields of study and endeavor," said Martha Farris, coordinator of the bank exhibits.

"The Floydada Independent School District has a program of art instruction at the elementary, junior high, and high school level. The community can be proud of that; for, there are school districts which don't offer the same opportunity.  
"The entire R.C. Andrews School has participated in this," said Gail.

"The 4th graders have worked on pencil and map color still lifes and the 5th graders feature Cray-pas oil pastels and puppets. Byzantine mosaics created with multi-textured paper will be shown by the 6th grade class."

In two weeks the bank display will

change and the 5th grade class will bring in chalk still lifes and sixth grade will display their calligraphy.

"This exhibit has been planned since last year," said Farris; and, Gail is to be commended for the attractive way she has chosen to exhibit her students' work. We hope that parents and friends will come in to see and appreciate her effort."

Another Floydada artist is sharing the March exhibit. J. Royce Bradshaw will use the wall space in the lobby to show his work in photography. Bradshaw has exhibited before in the bank, and his work is familiar to art lovers in the area.

Look Who's New!

**CHEEK**  
Jonathan, James, and Elizabeth Cheek, announce the arrival of their brother, William Tennent, born February 22, 1997, in Ventura, California. Parents are Derek and Lori Cheek.

Grandparents are Carolyn Cheek of Floydada; Don Cheek of Joshua, Texas, and Jim and Betty Herrington of California.

**CRAIG**  
Dani and Morgan Craig are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby sister, Taylor Ann Craig, born February 22, 1997, in Farmington, New Mexico. Parents are Sharon and Clark Craig.

Grandparents are Dale and Carolyn Smith of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Alta Smith, also of Floydada.

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# Russell Equipment closes

**LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS**

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no electricity and all services (such as sweep sharpening) were done by hand. Edward retired after 20 years, at the age of 75.

His son Carl took over the business in 1941 and improved the facility with running water and electricity. Further expansion included portable welding and disc rolling services.

Because of failing health, Carl sold the business in 1958, to his son Wayne. Wayne Russell then added farm equipment sales and service. With expansion came the move to its present location.

A modern office and more shop area were built, adjoining property was purchased and a large warehouse was erected in 1968.

The warehouse was later enlarged to provide for steel and welding supplies inventory. It housed the company trucks and also acted as the warehouse for Crustbuster wholesale and retail parts. Another warehouse was constructed in 1983 to accommodate expanding inventories of equipment.

Russell's Equipment and Supply has been the exclusive dealer for Crustbuster, Caldwell and Hamby farm equipment. Russell's has also distributed supplies from three welding supply companies.

"The only thing I didn't keep doing with the family business was the blacksmith service," said Russell.

Russell was born in Floydada and spent almost all of his life in this area. "The family moved out of Floyd County to south of Dougherty, for a short period, and I entered the McAdoo High School in my freshman year. I didn't get to graduate because near the end of my senior year I developed appendicitis. The appendix ruptured and I developed gangrene and periodontitis. I nearly died. I was the last patient operated on in the old Guthrie Hospital."

Russell continued with the family farm and married his wife, Roberta, in 1938. The have one daughter, Dell

Gray, of Floydada.

He continued to farm even after he took over the family's in-town business.

"I made the decision to close around Dec. 1996," said Russell. "My eyes are getting bad and the main artery in my leg is bad. The doctor told me I had to stay off my feet more. Walking around on concrete for 10 hours a day was not the doctor's idea of staying off my feet."

"After I made the decision to close, my wife told me she had been praying for two years that I would quit. I have a very peaceful feeling about my decision."

Wayne Russell is not the only one ready to retire. His longtime secretary and office manager, Effie Foster, will also be calling it quits after 24 years. "I'm going to relax and concentrate on my alterations."

Son-in-law Bill Gray has worked with Wayne since 1979. He is currently exploring other options and is eager to branch out in other areas.

"My newest employee, Remigio Tamayo, has been with me for 12 years," said Russell. "He was the only one I was worried about--but I think he is also set up with another job."

Wayne and Roberta plan on enjoying their retirement together, traveling in their R.V. and visiting their four grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

"I still have a strong feeling for the City of Floydada," said Russell. "I appreciate the customers and people of Floydada who have supported our business all of these years. Up until a few years ago, I had a couple of customers who had traded with all three generations of the Russell family."

Hopefully the city block that now houses Russell Equipment will soon be busy with an enterprising businessman or businesswoman--but in the meantime--Wayne Russell has earned his retirement and he plans on enjoying the fruits of his many years of labor.

By Gladys Ragle

It was really a joy to see 50 people at our February 27 meeting. I hope the attendance will continue to grow. Everything cannot always be kept to please everybody, so all of us need to be tolerant and cooperative to make things work and be able to keep the center going.

The quilt is coming along nicely and I hope everyone who quilts will feel free to come in and quilt when you feel like it and can. Wednesday is the main day, the day the group meets to quilt.

Most of our people who have had surgery or been sick are doing as good as they can with the exception of Hershel Carthel who is still serious in Lockney Care Center. Remember all of them in your prayers.

The position of cook at the Senior Center is open for applications. For more information call 652-3830, 652-3655, or between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. you may call Lockney Senior Citizens 652-2745.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"

Handicaps were never meant to be handcuffs. It is the overcoming of great obstacles that forms heroes.

**MENU**

- Monday, March 10** - Beef enchiladas, vegetables, salad, dessert
  - Tuesday, March 11** - Lasagna, vegetable, salad, dessert
  - Wednesday, March 12** - Chicken fried steak, vegetable, salad, dessert
  - Thursday, March 13** - Chicken casserole, vegetable, salad, dessert
  - Friday, March 14** - Roast beef, vegetable, salad, dessert
- Meals are served with coffee, tea and bread.

**Control bagworms now for best results**

Bagworms are one of the major pests of junipers and other trees and shrubs in the South Plains. Insecticide control is most effective in late May and early June when the bagworms are small.

In the spring, bagworm larvae emerge from hatching eggs inside last year's bags and begin feeding on leaves. Soon they begin to construct their own protective bag of silk, twigs, and leaves, making them camouflaged and hard to see. As the larvae and their bags continue to grow, control becomes more difficult.

Bagworms feed throughout the summer months, building their bags until the bags are about 1 1/2 inches long. In the fall, the bagworms become adults, mate, and the females lay eggs inside their bags. Then they overwinter in these bags in trees and shrubs.

Since the bagworm only completes one generation a year and spreads very slowly from plant to plant, picking the bags off infested plants in the winter will help a lot toward controlling this pest. But if bagworms were present on the plant last year and control measures were not applied, chances are very good that an insecticide will be needed this spring.

Insecticides which can be used to control bagworms include sevin, dursban, diazinon, malathion, and orthene. To obtain effective control, thorough coverage of the foliage is important. Always read and follow label instructions when applying insecticides.

# Hepatitis B: What parents should know

Submitted By Connie Barnett  
Lockney School Nurse

Hepatitis B is one of the viruses that attacks the liver. It can cause permanent liver damage and scarring, severe illness and, in some cases even death. It is the number one cause of liver cancer in the world. Hepatitis B infects one out of every 20 Americans at some time in his or her life. One out of 100 people will die from the virus, and 9-10 of these will become carriers (infected with the virus, able to transmit the disease to others). Every week hundreds of teenagers get Hepatitis B. Like most viral illnesses, once Hepatitis B virus is contracted, there is no cure.

Hepatitis B virus is transmitted by blood and body fluids. This may include: Having sex with someone of unknown Hepatitis B status; sharing needles, toothbrushes, or razors with classmates or roommates; coming in contact with someone's blood; and/or tattoos or body piercing with unsterile equipment. You DO NOT get

Hepatitis B from sneezing, coughing, or holding hands. But with all the ways someone could contract the virus, it's scary. But, as parents, you can do something to protect your child from this potentially fatal disease, by getting them immunized with the Hepatitis B vaccine.

The series consist of 3 injections over a period of 6 months; initially, second dose one month later, and a third dose, five months from the second dose. To provide full protection the series must be completed. Your health care provider can arrange a schedule that meets your needs.

Texas Department of Health offers Hepatitis B vaccine to all children born on or after November 1, 1991, all 11 year old children, and children ages 11 thru 19 years who are considered high risk. The risk factors listed above are not exclusive. To find out more about the Hepatitis B vaccine, you may contact the Texas Department of Health in Lubbock at 806-744-3577.



**LOCKNEY CHAMBER DIRECTORS**--This year's directors of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce are: (back row, l-r) Robin Satterwhite, Phil Cotham, Robert Webb, Charlie McQuhae; (middle, l-r) Roy Ray, Neta Marble, Doyle Dipprey, Tina Graves; (front l-r) Terry Ellison and J.D. Copeland. Not pictured are: Jerry Edwards, Ronnie Hardin, Mac Sherman, Barbara Kaylar, Mark Sherman, Kelly Pachiano, Marilyn Anderson and Ted Young.  
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# Girl Scouts tour KFLP

By Lauren Powell  
FLOYDADA--Girl Scout Troop #56 took a field trip to Floydada's Radio Station, KFLP for a guided tour around the studio and a chance to see how radio comes to life.

They showed us how to make commercials. They use blank C.D.s that have some background music, and if you mess up or say the wrong thing, you just erase it on the computer. They also showed us the song line-up and let us talk on the air. A few of us goofed, but we all laughed and had a great time.

Also this month, Carrie Summers came and taught us how to cleanse, and put make-up on the correct way. She works for Aristry Cosmetics. We learned a lot and had a great time learning. When we were done putting our make-up on, we all looked beautiful.

This has been a fun month for us.

**Recipe of the Week**

# Mexican Sweet Bread

Submitted by Augustina Martinez

- 3 cups flour
- 6 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 4 tbs. shortening
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla, or
- 1 tsp. cinnamon (or both)

Combine all dry ingredients, egg and shortening. Mix by hand. Mix lukewarm milk and vanilla -- pour into mixture. Mix well by hand and knead until smooth.

Cover with dish cloth and place a bowl, upside down, on top of mixture. Let it set for 10 minutes. Roll dough and place into a rectangle cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees or 350 degrees until brown.

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**VICTORIA ELIZABETH DE LA FUENTE**, daughter of Rosa Maria De La Fuente of Floydada, Texas, was born December 14, 1996. She weighed 8 pounds and 8 ounces. Grandparents are Delores De La Fuente and the late Manuel De La Fuente of Floydada, Texas.

**JONATHAN TYLER REED**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Reed of Plainview, Texas, was born February 3, 1997 at 8:26 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces. Grandparents include David and Margaret Widger of Houston, Texas and Bob and Virginia Reed of Hart, Texas.

**BRITTANY NICOLE JIMENEZ**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jimenez Jr. of Lonestar, Texas, was born February 10, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 2 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Placido Garcia of El Paso, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jimenez Sr. of Lockney, Texas.

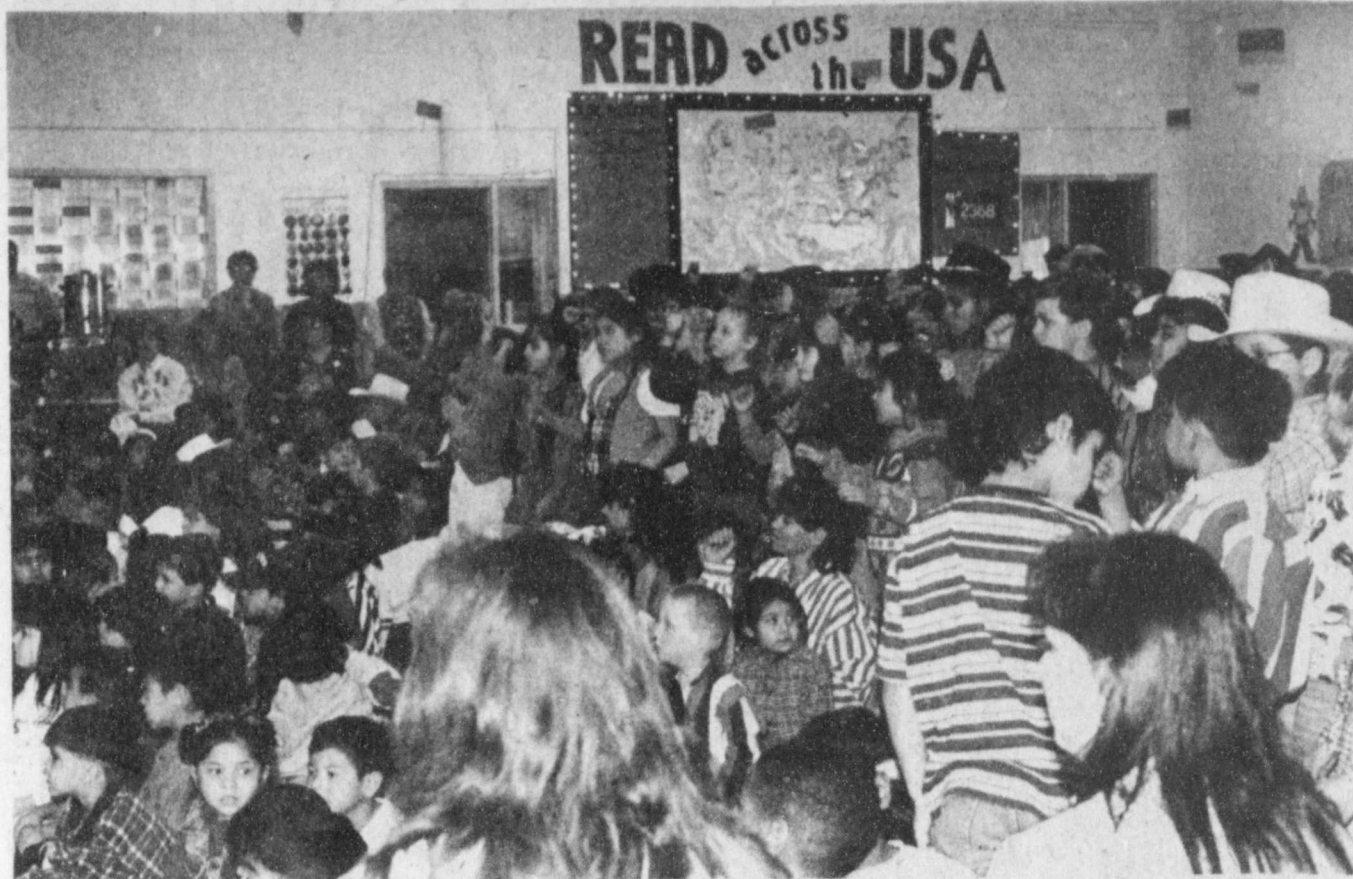
**GABRIELLE MONIQUE RODRIGUEZ**, daughter of Marivel Rodriguez of Floydada, Texas, was born February 17, 1997 at 2:26. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 1/2 ounces. Elvira Rodriguez of Floydada, Texas is the grandmother.

**CHELSEY NICOLE ELLIS**, daughter of Modesto and Juanita Ellis of Floydada, Texas, was born February 23, 1997 at 11:27 a.m. She weighed 5 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Guadalupe and Rosa Duran of Floydada, Texas and Eva Gonzalez of Plainview, Texas.

**STEVEN COLE POPE**, son of Steven and Carrie Pope of Plainview, Texas, was born February 25, 1997 at 11:04 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Grandparents include Wayne and J. D. Paschal of Plainview, Texas, Jo and Dave Bernt of Plainview, Texas, and Charles Pope of Lubbock, Texas.

**AARON CHARLIE RUIZ**, son of Joann Amador and Gilbert Ruiz of Lockney, Texas, was born at 4:34 p.m. on February 25, 1997. He weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce. Grandparents include Juanita Martinez and the late Carlos Amador of Lockney, Texas and Florentino and Pauline Ruiz, also of Lockney, Texas.

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**READ ACROSS THE USA** -- Duncan students are using evenings at home to Read Across the USA. Students are credited a mile per book read or read to them at home. The trip began about a month ago

here in Floydada. A "Hoedown" was held last Thursday to celebrate more than 2000 books read to arrive at Nashville, Tennessee. The next scheduled stop is Washington, D.C. -- Staff Photo

## FHA convention scheduled for April

Representatives for the Lockney Chapter of Future Homemakers of America will be attending the 1997 State Leadership Conference along with 4000 members and advisors from Texas. "FHA/HERO: A Dream Come True!" is the theme of the 1997 meeting which will be held in the Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas, April 17-19.

Attending from Lockney High School will be Tracy Raisse, Becky Lambert, Shanna Mathis, Eloisa Soliz, Lacey Aston, Lindi Miller, Kenzie Stapp, Tessa Stapp, Leah Schumacher, Gretchen Quebe, Rita Mann, Connie Reynaga, Erin Schaeffer, Lauren Mangold, Leticia Garcia, Sarah Martin, Johnnie

Mosley, Meradith Burson, and Nicole Mosley. Advisors are Treena Aston and Julie Ellison.

Members will be challenged to set goals and quest for success through programs and projects in FHA/HERO by developing creative and critical thinking skills, family communication skills, practical knowledge and vocational preparation. Inspirational, dynamic keynote speakers and presentations by members will highlight the two day conference. Interest sessions concerning teen issues and programs that FHA/HERO provides will be held for members to attend.

The business of the Texas Association, Future Homemakers of America, will be conducted during the House

of Delegates session, Friday, April 18, 1997. Recognition of the competitive events, participants, and installation of the 1997-98 state officers will climax Saturday afternoon's session. These officers, elected through chapter participation throughout the state, will be placed in office by a nominating committee. A newly elected president will receive the gavel from Aubrey Salaiz, outgoing president, from Edinburg High School in Edinburg, Texas.

Future Homemakers of America is an organization sponsored by the Home Economics Division, Texas Education Agency, with Gay Nell McGinnis, Director and Sharon Reddell Pierce, State Advisor.



**LITTLE LONGHORNS**—Lockney Little Longhorns the week of March 3-7 are (fourth row, l-r) Jessica Ochoa, Tommy Combs, Ty Arjona, Joel Ascencio (third row, l-r) John Vasquez, Ben Cook, Casey Kennedy, Ty Young, Eddie Lee Fortenberry, Graden Long, Mary Alcozer, (second row, l-r) Polly Gomez,

Beth Das, Krista Rascoe, Sydnee Williams, Lauren Stewart, Derek Franco, (first row, l-r) Savannah Ascencio, LaTasha Peralez, Bryan Cooper, Eric Flores, Ryker Cabler, and Tiffany Luna.

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## FHS Seniors: All That & Then Some

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

**A m i s h a** Bhakta, 18; Parents: Natvar and Sita Bhakta; Most Significant Accomplishment: Graduating High School; Favorite TV show: *Sister, Sister*; Best memories of high school: Friends and Teachers; Pet Peeve: People driving slow when I'm really in a hurry; Major concern about the future of your generation: Drugs and violence; Who do you admire: My parents because I look up to them and appreciate what they have done for me; Plans after graduation: Go to college and major in accounting.



**S h o n d a** Emert, 18; Parents: Curtis and Vickie Emert; Most significant accomplishment: Being a good student all through high school; Favorite movie: *Tin Cup*; Best memories of high school: Going out with friends and spending time with my boyfriend; Pet Peeve: When girls pretend they are everyone's friend; Who do you admire: Mr. Lockwood because he knows how it is in college and watches out for everyone; Plans after graduation: Go to college; Motto: PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!



**C h r i s** Enriquez, 18; Parent: Olga Enriquez; Most significant accomplishment: Being 1996 District Champs; Favorite subject in



school: Band; Best memories in high school: Baseball games and band trips; Pet Peeve: People talking behind other peoples backs; Who do you admire: My Mom because she raised me on her own and I think she did a good job of it. She has always showed me that she loves me; Plans after graduation: Attend WTAMU; Motto: "When times get tough don't ever quit No Matter What!"

**N o r m a** Alisia Gonzalez, 17; Parents: Jose and Josefina Gonzales; Favorite TV show: *Lush Life*; Favorite movie: *Bed of Roses*; Favorite hobbies: Reading; Favorite Comic: *Blondie*; Favorite song: *Love of a Lifetime*; Best memories of high school: Being a library aide; Plans after graduation: Work.



**E m i l i o** Guzman, 18; Parents: Beatriz and Arthur Castillo; Most significant accomplishment: NHS; Favorite subject in school: Pre-Cal; Favorite color: Blue; Best memories of high school: Hanging with my friends; Major concern about the future for your generation: Drugs, crime, and diseases; Who do you admire: Mr. Lockwood because he doesn't let you give and will do whatever it takes to increase your level of education; Plans after graduation: Attend college.



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## Lockney JETS Team earns first place at regional competition

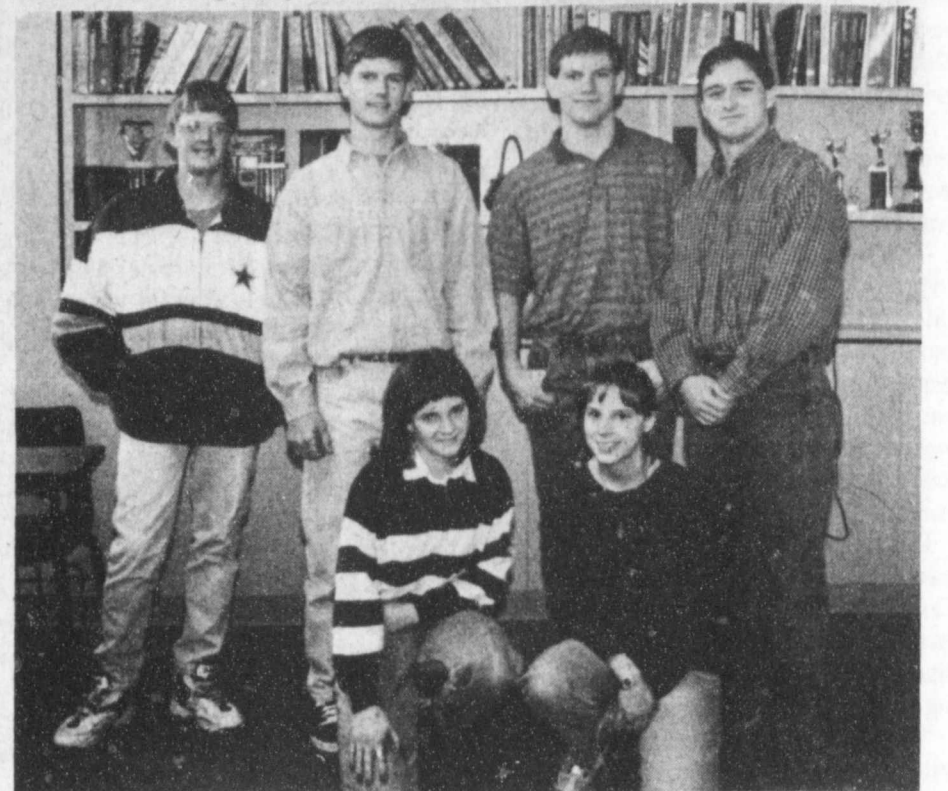
LOCKNEY - The Lockney High School JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) team placed first in the Regional TEAMS Competition at West Texas A&M University on Saturday, March 1, 1997. The team included Dewayne Jones, Tim Mitchell, Jennifer Lynn, Marcel Rosenast, Lindi Miller, and Danny Huggins. The Lockney team scored higher than any participating school, regardless of size.

TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) is a unique and challenging academic program that introduces students to an "engineering team" environment. Students are provided opportunities to refine their academic abilities and build problem-solving skills by working in cooperative groups modeled

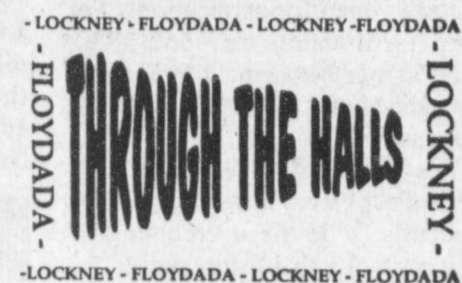
after engineering teams.

TEAMS allows students to work in an open-book, open-note, open-discussion format. Students are asked to apply higher-order thinking skills in the areas of mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, interpretation of visual information, computer applications, and reading analysis and inter-

pretation. The TEAMS exam includes two parts. Part 1 includes multiple-choice questions based on given scenarios to determine regional and state rankings, while Part 2 questions are extensions of questions in Part 1, and are scored by a national panel of engineers to determine national rankings announced at a later date.



**JETS TEAM PLACES FIRST**—The Lockney High School JETS team placed first in the Regional TEAMS Competition at West Texas A&M University on Saturday, March 1st. Members of the team are (l-r, back) Danny Huggins, Marcel Rosenast, Dewayne Jones, Tim Mitchell; (l-r, front) Lindi Miller and Jennifer Lynn.



### This Week In Lockney Schools

#### LOCKNEY SCHOOL TRANSFERS

The deadline is May 1, 1997 for parents to fill out transfer forms for the 1997-98 school year. The forms are available at the Superintendent's Office, 116 W. Willow. For more information call 652-2104.

#### BAND BOOSTERS MEETING

Lockney Band Boosters will meet in the band hall at high school Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Upcoming fund raisers will be explained and plans for the band banquet will be made. All parents are urged to attend.

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

Lockney Athletic Boosters will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 10 in the foyer of the new gym to discuss the Lockney Track Meet.

#### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The LEARN representative will be at the Lockney High School Library, Thursday, March 13 from 6-8 p.m. to fill out the FASA forms for the college 1997 fall semester. Parents need to bring W-2 forms and any papers needed to fill out the forms. For more information call Patsy Ulmer at 652-3325.

## Lockney School Menu

March 10-14

**Monday:**  
Breakfast - Oatmeal, cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk

Lunch - Oven fried chicken or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, broccoli and rice casserole, peaches, green beans, milk, rolls, carrot cake

**Tuesday:**  
Breakfast: Cheese toast, cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn dog, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, Italian bread, milk, strawberry shortcake

**Wednesday:**  
Breakfast: Rice, toast, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch: Ham & cheese stromboli or Sloppy Joe, corn on cob, applesauce, pinto beans, milk, cornbread, oatmeal cookie

**Thursday:**  
Breakfast - Toast with jelly, cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk

Lunch - Burrito Deluxe or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, tossed salad, fruited gelatin, salsa, milk, sopapillia

**Friday:**  
Breakfast - Sausage, cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburger or chicken salad sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, milk, peanut butter cookie

## Floydada School Menu

March 10-14

**Monday:**  
Breakfast - Juice, toast, jelly, milk  
Lunch - Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, milk, hot roll

**Tuesday:**  
Breakfast - Juice, oatmeal cereal, toast, milk  
Lunch - Pig in blanket, corn, baked beans, pears, milk

**Wednesday:**  
Breakfast - Juice, sausage, toast, milk  
Lunch - Lasagna, English peas, carrots, cookie, hot roll, milk

**Thursday:**  
Breakfast - Juice, pancakes, syrup, milk  
Lunch - Pizza, tossed salad, corn on cob, vanilla pudding, milk

**Friday:**  
Breakfast - Juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk  
Lunch - Grilled chicken patty on bun, french fries, tossed salad, orange, milk

## Floyd County Stock Show Association

### GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 10, 1997

7:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Electric Meeting Room

All parents of stock show exhibitors are urged to attend.



**LAB PALS**—Lockney Elementary Lab Pals for March 3-7 are (left-right) Crystal Carrillo and Janet Leal.

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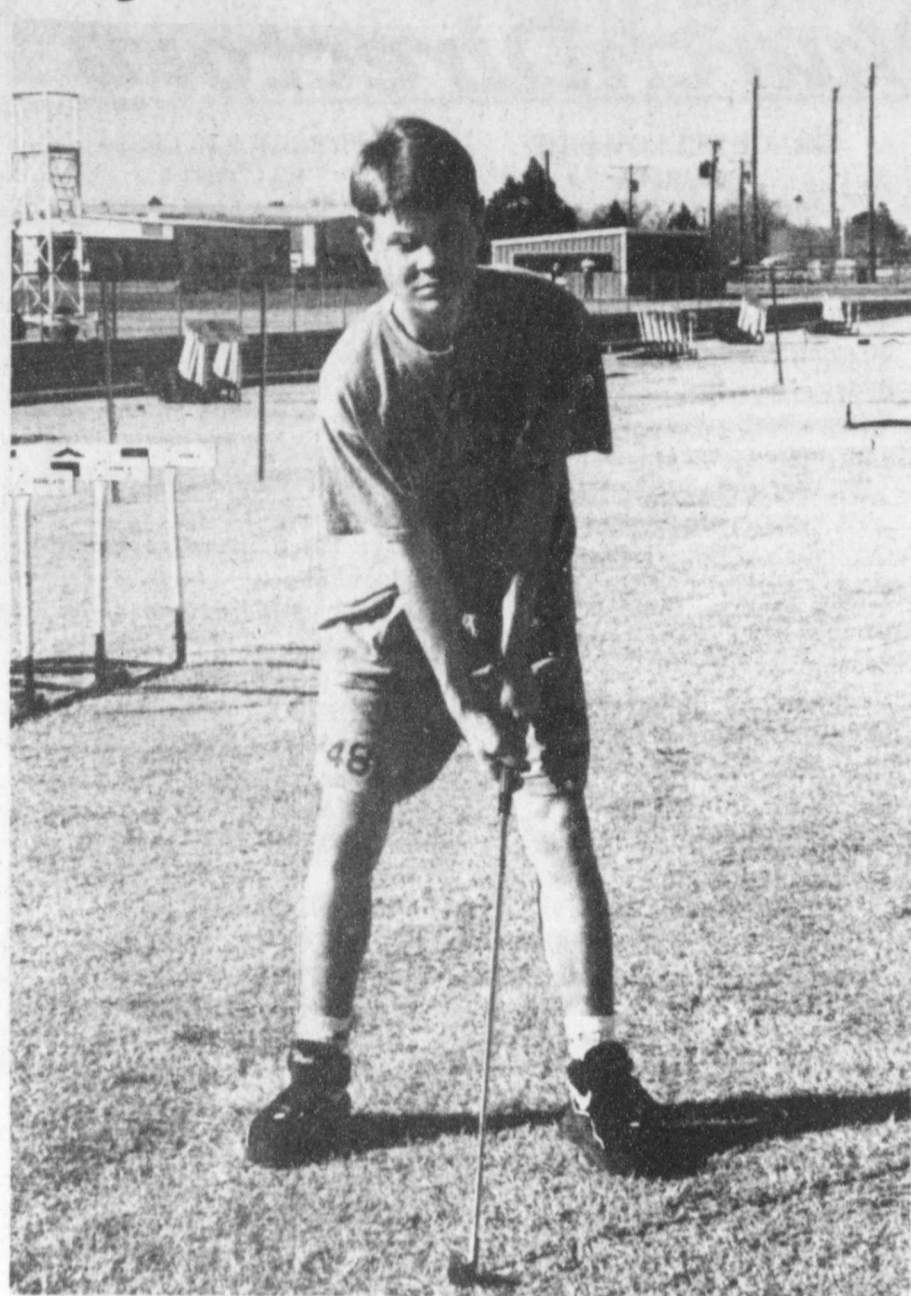
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## Payne is medalist on home course



JUSTIN PAYNE

By Nick Long  
 FLOYDADA - Justin Payne of Floydada fired a 6-over par 78 on Friday, February 28, to win medalist of the Floydada Invitational at the Floydada Country Club. Slaton won the team title of the 10-school tournament with a round of 337. Floydada finished in the middle of the pack and tied with Morton for 5th place with a 358.

Payne edged Dain Elder of Slaton and Ronnie Lamar of Morton by one stroke in the medalist play. Elder and Lamar carded identical rounds of 79 to tie for runner-up medalist. Rick Johnston of Slaton was 4th with an 80.

Floydada's scores included Payne's 78, Jeremy Hernandez 88, Josh Tipton 95, Jeffrey Lyles 97, and Jordan Chapparo 97. Other Whirlwinds that played as individuals were Dane Sanders 99, and Dustin Jones, 145.

The team standings were: 1. Slaton 337; 2. Post 342; 3. Farwell 349; 4. Motley County 349; 5. Floydada and Morton 358; 7. Friona 366; 8. Lubbock Christian 396; 9. Olton 407; and 10. Claude 427.

The Whirlwinds next golf tournament will be at Friona on Thursday, March 6, with a 10:00 a.m. tee off.



# SPORTS



**LOCKNEY ALL-DISTRICT PLAYERS NAMED--** Members of the 1996-97 Lockney Longhorns and Lady Horns named to 3-2A All-District Basketball Teams are (l-r, back row) Kim Martinez, All District; Corbin Kellison, Honorable Mention; Thad Lusk, Honorable Mention; (l-r, front row) J.R. Walker, All

District. Adam Cummings, All District; Nicole Mosley, Honorable Mention; Charles Van Zandt, Honorable Mention; Callie Wilson, Honorable Mention; Stacy Bigham, All District; and Devon Phillips, Most Valuable Player.

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## Lockney Longhorns start baseball season with 4-2 win

By Coach David Norwood  
 LOCKNEY--The Lockney Longhorns opened the 1997 baseball season with a 4-2 victory over the Tulia Hornets. The Longhorns started the season off with a bang, by scoring two runs in the bottom of the first. Miguel Guerrero got the Horns started by slamming a double off the center field fence. Josh Lambert brought Miguel around by slopping a two-run homer on his first at bat for the season. Tulia fought back in the top of the second to make the score 2-1 after two complete innings. The Horns' next scoring opportunity came in the bottom of the third. Chad Stapp started the inning by drawing a base on balls and Carson Johnson moved Chad into scoring position with a single to left field.

A base on balls by Josh Lambert loaded the bases and brought Bradley Veal to the plate. An RBI single by Bradley increased the lead to 3-1 after 3 complete innings. A single by Miguel Guerrero and an RBI single by Ryon Graves gave the Longhorns a 4-1 lead after five.

The Horns managed to shut down the Longhorns bats with excellent pitching and defense. Jordan Lambert

started the game and pitched five strong innings. Jordan forced twenty-five hitters, gave up only two hits, and struck out eight. Josh Lambert came in the sixth inning to earn his first score of the season. Josh pitched two innings, and gave up one hit while fanning four.

### COACHES COMMENTS:

Coach Sutterfield and I were extremely pleased with the kids performance Thursday. Jordan and Josh did a great job on the mound and our overall team defense was near perfect. We hit the ball when we had runners in scoring position, but we still need to improve at the plate. It was really nice to start the season off on a good note. We are still a very young baseball team, with Chad Stapp being the only senior, but if the kids will continue to work and improve we could be very competitive.

### Score by Inning

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tulia	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Lockney	2	0	1	0	1	0	-

### Winning Pitcher

Jordan Lambert  
 Josh Lambert-save

2nd Base Miguel Guerrero  
 Home Run Josh Lambert

### Pitching

Jordan Lambert 5: 6 Strike Outs  
 Josh Lambert 2: 4 Strike Outs

### Hitting

Miguel Guerrero 2-3 2 runs scored  
 Josh Lambert 1-2 2 run HR:  
 2 RBI  
 Bradley Veal 1-3 1 RBI  
 Ryon Graves 1-3 RBI  
 Carson Johnson 1-3

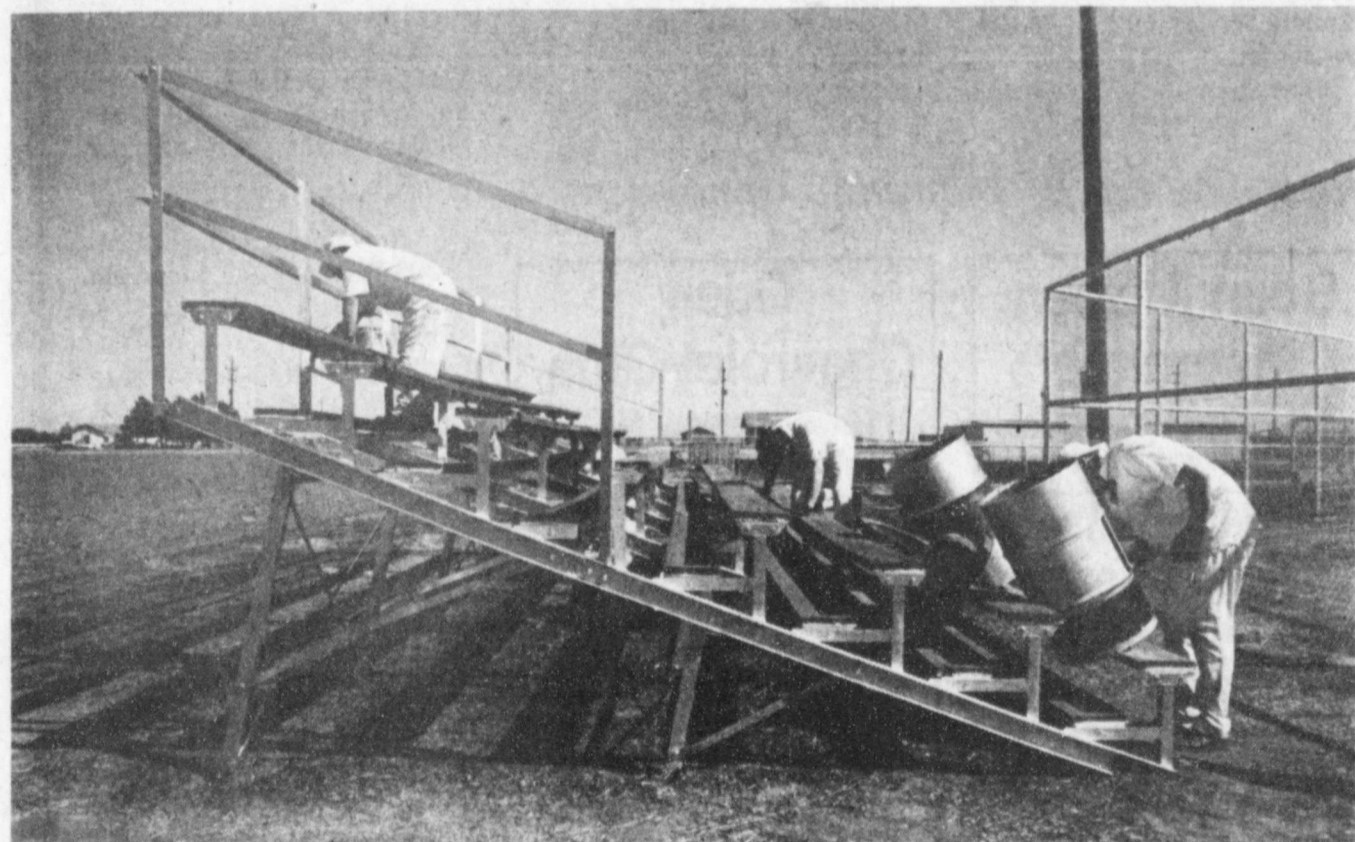
## Lady Winds 2nd at Abernathy

By Coach Martinez  
 FLOYDADA - The Floydada Lady Wind Track Team placed second overall this past Friday in Abernathy. Placing in events were as follows: Amanda Williams was 2nd in long jump with a jump of 14'-1/4". Amanda Green placed 3rd in triple jump with 28'-2 1/2". Kocrist Burks placed 2nd in shotput with 27'-3". Tara McCandless placed first in the 2 mile run with a time of 13:45.85, and Marybeth York placed second with a time of 16:07.04. Deniece Williams was first in the 100 meter with a time of 13.48 and Katie Sanders finished third with a time of 14:16. In the 400 meter run, Tamisha Burks placed 2nd with a time of 72.76. Lindsey Reddy ran a 59.87 and placed 1st while Amanda Williams placed 2nd with a time of 60:42 in the 300 meter hurdles. Deniece Williams placed 2nd in the 200 with a time of 29.91. Tara McCandless won the mile run with a time of 6:21.54.

The Sprint Relay team made up of Katie Sanders, Amanda Green, Maria Rangel and Deniece Williams placed 2nd with a 55:93. The 800 Relay team made up of Katie Sanders, Maria Rangel, Lindsey Reddy and Amanda Williams placed 2nd. The mile relay consisting of Tamisha Burks, Tara McCandless, Amanda Green and Amanda Williams placed 2nd with a time of 4:56.70.

"This was our first meet of the year and it was a good one to start the year off with", said Coach Martinez. "There is a lot of work that needs to be done. Track is not a sport where you depend on a lot of coaching strategies, but on technique, form, and a lot of heart and determination. The Lady Winds will perform at home this Saturday, March 8, in the Whirlwind Relays."

Have a good week!



**INMATES RENOVATE BASEBALL FIELD**—The Lockney Crew from the J.B. Wheeler Unit at Plainview begins renovation on the Lockney Little League Baseball Field. The inmates, sponsored by the Lock-

ney Police Department, are painting, mowing, picking up litter, and landscaping the outlying area of the baseball field.

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**Floydada Baseball Association Summer Baseball Sign-up**

**When:** Thursday, March 13 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
 Friday, March 14 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, March 15 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Jr. High School Gym

**T-Ball (ages 5-7\*) \$20.00**  
**Minor League (ages 8-10\*) \$25.00**  
**Major League (ages 11 & 12\*) \$25.00**  
**Babe Ruth (ages 13-15\*) \$40.00**

(\*age as of July 31, 1997)

**CONGRATULATIONS CY COWART**

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# Initiative and Referendum: An idea whose time has come for Texas

**By State Senator Tom Haywood**  
I recently attended a committee hearing to discuss the merits of initiative and referendum where many of the proposal's opponents testified that Texas does in fact already have a system of I&R in place, namely the ballot box. Though there is some truth to this argument, considering the numerous constitutional amendments that Texans have been asked to vote on in the past and the annual election process, those opposed to I&R just seem to miss the point. Initiative and referendum is not intended to replace the powers already vested in the citizens of this state, it is intended to enhance those powers. A bill being proposed by Senator Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound), I have agreed to support, will do exactly that, enhance and extend the power of all Texans in determining the future of this great state. Initiative and referendum offers the citizen of Texas a true voice in government. As the special interests seem

to exert a greater and greater influence over our legislative process, the good folks of Texas need a new vehicle to get their voices heard. Initiative and referendum will offer them this opportunity and give citizens a definitive "check" on the system. With the perception of a detached, special interest driven legislature becoming more and more prevalent, it is vital that folks have a direct way to enact laws that are in the best interest of all Texans, not just the chosen few. Currently, 24 other states offer their citizens this opportunity, and I believe

it is long overdue for Texans to have it as well. If the citizens of this state feel that tougher laws are needed to fight crime or that educators need a pay increase or that environmental laws need to be strengthened, they can band together and propose an initiative that all of Texas can vote on. If passed, the initiative will become the law of the land. Politicians are often reluctant to take on many of the more controversial issues even though the average citizen can clearly see the need for change. The initiative proposal currently

being considered will remedy that problem by empowering the citizens to take matters into their own hands. If the politicians in Austin pass laws that many feel are detrimental to the well being of Texas, for instance the Robin Hood School funding program that takes money from property wealthy school districts and gives to property poor ones, voters have a way to say NO through the referendum process, and overturn these bad laws. Many people have raised real concerns that if initiative and referendum does become a reality in Texas, this

state could end up with problems similar to those in California. However, the California system has been acutely scrutinized and safeguards are being built-in to the proposed Texas system of I&R that will help us avoid the dangers and pitfalls that have so afflicted initiative and referendum in other states. Besides, this is Texas, not California, and I have much more faith in the judgement of the good folks in this state than the judgement of those folks on the "left" coast. As we here in Texas have recently celebrated another year of our inde-

pendence, I believe the time has come to grant the citizens of this state true independence from the special interests, political corruption and big money politics and pass the proposed initiative and referendum bill. Texans have a right to determine what direction their state will take as we approach the new century. With initiative and referendum, Texans will have the opportunity to become directly involved in shaping this states future. For the people of Texas, initiative and referendum is an idea whose time has come.

## Mental retardation awareness is urged in month of March

March is recognized nationwide as Mental Retardation Month. Locally, persons with developmental disabilities and their families receive services through Central Plains Center for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse. Central Plains Center's main offices are in Plainview with branch offices in Muleshoe, Tulia, Floydada, Dimmitt, Friona and Littlefield. Mental retardation is a condition that appears in a person before the age of 18 in which IQ is below 70 and personal and social behaviors do not meet what is expected for the person's age and culture. People with mental retardation may mature at a slower rate and experience difficulty in learning, understanding the behavior of others, and determining their own appropriate social responses. Children with mental retardation grow into adults with mental retardation; they do not remain "eternal children". Mental retardation is not a disease, nor should it be confused with mental illness, although the two terms are often confused. Unlike mental retardation, mental illness is not associated with a particular level of intelligence, may occur at any age and is often temporary and reversible. However, both conditions can occur in one individual. Mental retardation cuts across lines of race, education, social and economic background. It can occur in anyone. Hereditary components are known to account for only a fraction of the cases. There are well over 350 causes of mental retardation, and in three-fourths of the cases the specific cause is unknown. About 87 percent of all people with mental retardation are mildly affected and in many respects are indistinguishable from people who do not have mental retardation. Even though mental retardation is not "curable", it is preventable in some cases. Preventative measures begin with proper prenatal care for the expectant mother. A pregnant women should see her doctor regularly, eat right, get enough rest and abstain from alcohol and drugs unless prescribed by her physician. She should avoid illnesses, especially the German measles. If there is a history of genetic defects in the family, genetic screening will enable the couple to make an informed decision about having children. Other preventable causes of mental retardation are head injuries, illnesses, and malnutrition. These can occur before birth, during delivery, or later in life. Children should be taught safe habits - such as using seat belts and wearing safety helmets when riding bikes, skate boarding or roller skating to prevent head injuries. It is very important for children to receive proper immunizations to prevent illnesses and to receive medical care when ill. High fevers can cause brain damage which could result in mental retardation. Children need plenty of protein in their diets to ensure proper brain development. People with mental retardation are more like everyone than they are different. They have needs to be valued, accepted, included, productive, and given the opportunity to reach their full potential. They have feelings just like everyone else and are sensitive to other people's feelings and to how others treat them. They also have the same rights as other citizens such as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, the right to live with dignity and respect, and the freedom to make their own choices. If you or someone you know may benefit from the services of Central Plains Center, or if you would like more information, contact Aaron McCullough at (806)291-4433.

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