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GRUMPY PUMPKIN--This pumpkin, sitting in the front yard of Clar and Judy Schacht, should really try and lighten up and enjoy the singing witch and her dancing frogs frolicking in his pumpkin patch. The home, located at 904 W. Crockett in Floydada, will be a contender in the decorating contest. Staff Photo

Former Housing Director appeals her termination

FLOYDADA--Former Housing Authority Director Cindy Jeffries and her lawyer, Dan Hurley, appeared before the Housing Authority Grievance Board, Friday, Oct. 9, to discuss Jeffries' recent termination and to formally protest the decision made by the board.

Serving on the Grievance Board were: Joe Stepp, Judy Ballou, Ralph Jackson and Jimmy Cervantes. The board was legally represented by Charlotte Bingham, of the Crenshaw, Dupree and Milam Law Firm.

Housing Authority Board member Vickie Pleasant was not present for the meeting.

The grievance board consists of the Floydada Housing Authority Board, the same authority which was responsible for the termination of Jeffries.

Jeffries had been terminated August 14, 1997. The reason given for the termination was, "a lack of confidence" by the Housing Authority Board.

Jeffries did not speak before the board, however Hurley pressed the board for "more reasons besides the lack of confidence."

"We feel we know why she was terminated," said Hurley. "The only reasons in the minutes was 'lack of confidence'. We want to know fully and completely what the reasons

were." Joe Stepp, the president of the Housing Authority Board said, "We told Cindy all the reasons in executive session in order to protect reputations."

"One of the reasons was that some of the money we have was not presented to us on our financial reports. We aren't saying the money isn't there--we are saying it was not represented to us."

Stepp also said the board authorized payment in 1995 of overtime pay. "It was presented to us in 1996 and we had to go back and pay all this back overtime pay. It was right at \$3,000."

Stepp said the board felt some of their requests were not being fulfilled. "We feel there was a violation of HUD policy regarding child support payments, the personnel files were incomplete, the budgets were not prepared on time, and other forms were not prepared on time."

Hurley told the grievance board he felt "it was very clear there was a decision to terminate her prior to the meeting. We feel it was her (Jeffries) report to HUD about misconduct on Stepp's part which led to her dismissal."

"She complained to HUD that Stepp was exceeding the budget for

travel by 5-6 times. The timing coincides with her report and this is a clear violation of the Texas Whistle Blowers Act and the Federal Whistle Blowers Act."

Hurley also accused Stepp of profiting from his position on the board.

"He does repair work for the board and he gets paid," said Hurley. "He has abstained from the votes but he exceeded an income of \$1,000 in the past 12 months."

Hurley also accused Board Member Ralph Jackson of making accusations "close to slander". Hurley was referring to remarks Jackson said he made in executive session.

Executive sessions are closed to the public.

Hurley read a letter, dated, August 1, 1997, from Coy Watkins, of Watkins Bookkeeping, in support of Jeffries.

Watkins said, "...the Operating Reserve has been increased from approximately \$10,000 to approximately \$100,000 during her tenure as director."

Hurley urged board members Cervantes and Ballou to "be open minded" and ask others in HUD about Jeffries' performance, and to ask others how changes will affect the Housing Authority.

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LISD reviews recommendations for school drug testing policy

LOCKNEY--The Lockney Independent School District Board met Thursday for their regular meeting and discussed the drug testing policy and local policy updates.

Board members asked the principals what their recommendations were in regards to the drug testing and both Poole and Ellison stated they would like to see all students tested.

Jessie Garza, board member told those present he had called the pastors of the Mexican-American churches in Lockney and all but two responded.

One pastor was against the testing. He told Garza he was in Tulia when they tested the students and he didn't think it was the right thing to do.

The other pastors stated they would like to see the testing done and they would encourage their members to support the effort to help the kids.

Superintendent Lusk said he had information of a case in Indiana where the school won their lawsuit and they were testing all students in extra-curricular activities. He stated the suits in Tulia and Farwell are still pending.

Louie Bybee was concerned parents thought school personnel should be responsible for their kids 24 hours of every day. "We need to give kids a good atmosphere while at school," said Bybee. "However, we are not responsible for what they do after school is out. That is the parents responsibility."

Lusk brought up the suggestion to try a totally voluntary program and let the students and their parents give their okay for the testing as groups.

Board members concluded if each group got behind the program it had merit and could work.

John Quebe stated, "It would give a parent a tool to have his child tested."

"What we need to let parents know is that we want to get help for the kids and not to punish them," Jim Bob Martin said.

Work continues on a drug policy and will be discussed at a committee meeting is planned for the near future.

High School Principal James Poole reported on his visit with Jim Doucette of Lockney concerning the Economics and Leadership class he is sponsoring at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The class is taught by Dr. Akande, head of the business department, and Doucette teaches one class a month.

Lockney High School students who are interested in the class will be enrolled in Wayland and attend the 8:00 a.m. class starting in January. Students will receive 3 hours of college credit for completing the course. Poole stated he had talked with several students who were interested in attending.

The local DNA policy update concerning Performance Appraisal Evaluation of Teachers was approved. The

evaluation will be in accordance with the Professional Development and Appraisal System and each teacher will be evaluated each year. The appraisals will be made by the principals of the school in which the teacher teaches.

The appraisal system is based on observable behaviors, and includes a teachers implementation of discipline management procedures and focuses on student performance.

TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 56 was also approved by the board. Superintendent Raymond Lusk pointed out the changes in the election of board members. "If there are no contested races then no election needs to be held, but if there are contested positions then only those positions are to be listed on the ballot. Uncontested positions do not," Lusk explained.

"Changes made in the Policy Manual update are usually a single word or sentence to make clearer the meaning of the update," stated Lusk.

The motion to accept the changes was made by Bernie Ford and the second by John Quebe.

In regular business before the board Dan Smith read the minutes of the September meeting and they were approved as read. Current bills were reviewed and a motion was made to pay them. The financial report was reviewed.



DR. PUMPKIN WILL SEE YOU NOW--Dr. Pumpkin has joined the staff at Cogdell Clinic for a short time and greets all patients on top of his haystack. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Punkin Day decorating contest for businesses and homes on Friday, October 24. Cash prizes will be awarded. Anyone wishing to enter their home in the contest should call the Chamber at 983-3434. Staff Photo

Volunteers IMPACT young lives

IMPACT volunteer, Gary Brown reads to Trent Jones, a 3rd grader at Duncan Elementary in Floydada. Members of IMPACT have been offering their services, free of charge, to anyone in need of literary services.

Part of the IMPACT program is offering volunteers to Duncan Elementary to assist youngsters in their reading.

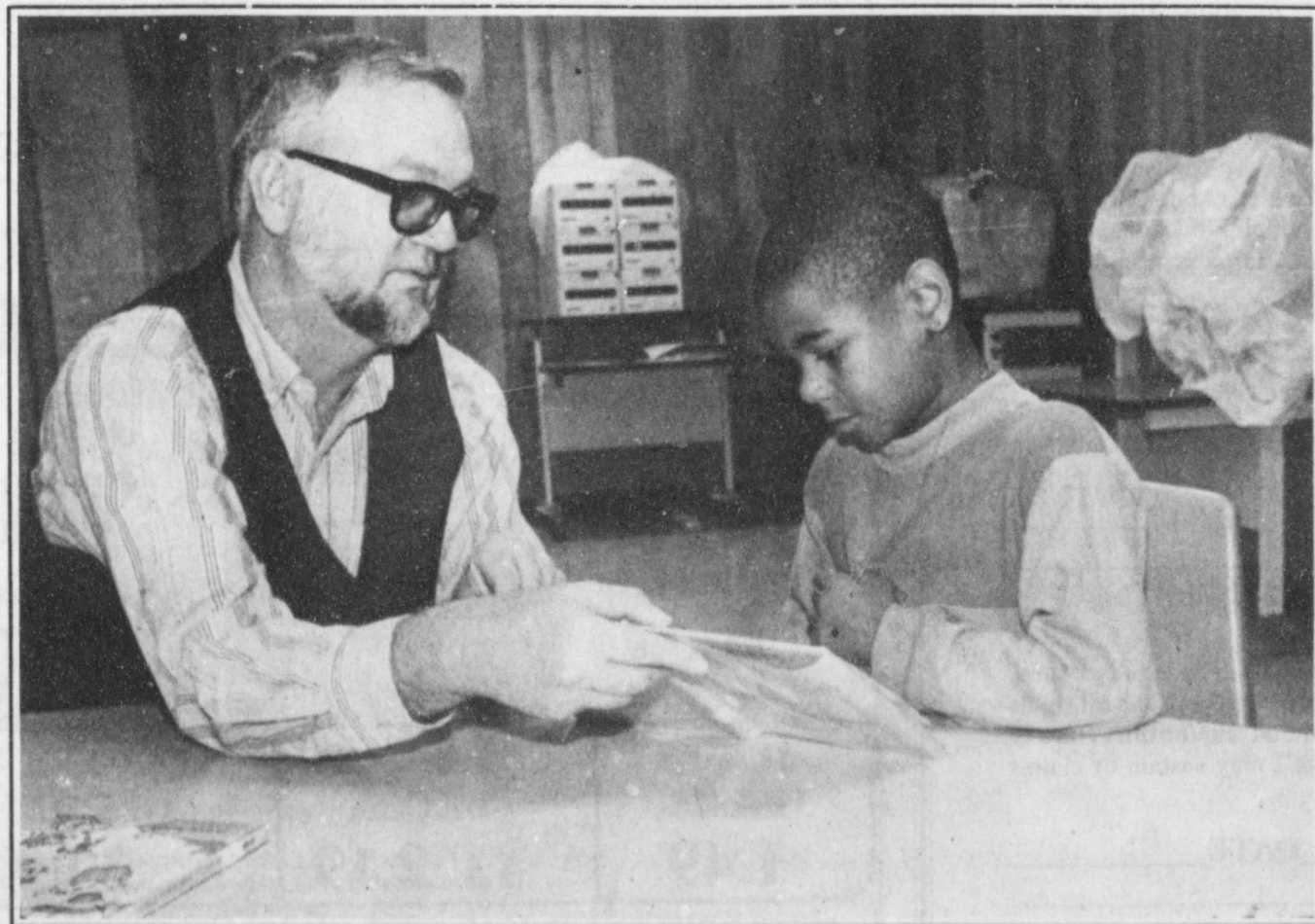
Volunteers are assigned a room and report at their designated time. They pick up their child and the two will spend private time together reading a book. The adult will read to the child or the child will read to the adult.

FISD has provided denim IMPACT vests which are worn by the volunteers.

Twenty-six IMPACT volunteers are already devoting time to A.B. Duncan.

IMPACT also offers GED services for those wishing to obtain a High School Diploma, conversational Spanish, English as a Second Language, citizenship classes, and literacy for those who want to learn to read and write.

Other volunteers in the reading program are: Ida Duran, Cynthia Cisneros, Ester Arellano, Billie Jordan, Sandra Schwertner, Ester



Arellano, Elza Mercado, Judy Dunlap, Dahlia Ruiz, Josie Torrez, Delores Cannon, Alice Baker, Jo Wester, Noma Lou Rainer, Mary Alice Davis, Roberta Hardin, Jackie Gregory, Frances Hambright, Janice Lloyd, Carol Reese and Elsa Cooper.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Janice Lloyd, or Rachael Castillo.

Red Ribbon Campaign set for week of October 23-31

This year's Red Ribbon Campaign against drug abuse has been scheduled for October 23-31, according to officials with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, who will be helping to promote the annual event.

The Red Ribbon Campaign helps coordinate a wide range of substance abuse prevention efforts on the part of schools, businesses, prevention agencies, community groups, and religious organizations.

Kids, parents, and other concerned adults show their support for a drug-free life and future by wearing red ribbons on their clothing during this special time.

The Red Ribbon Campaign was founded in the wake of the brutal murder of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent in 1985. Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a 37-year-old father of three, was killed in the line of duty while investigating a multi-billion dollar drug marketing operation in Mexico.

The Texans' War on Drug program (TWOD) was the official state sponsor of the campaign through 1996. TCADA this year has been helping to update and produce the new program tools that communities can use in their own local campaign.

TCADA Executive Director Terry Bleier said: "One of the best preven-

tion tools we have in the fight against substance abuse is increased public awareness.

"The Red Ribbon Campaign offers us an excellent opportunity to help the public focus on the need for prevention work."

Bleier said many Texans have been involved in prevention work for years, and TCADA is making major efforts to emphasize the importance of prevention in its programs and contracting.

Helping to promote the Red Ribbon Campaign gives TCADA an opportunity to build support for new and existing substance abuse prevention initiatives in communities across the state.

Red Ribbon Campaign materials are available to the public at TCADA's 11 new Prevention Resource Centers. For information about the nearest center, call the toll-free number (888) PRC-TEXX.

The first Red Ribbon campaign was launched by groups of concerned parents in Illinois and Virginia. Congress officially recognized and extended support to the program in 1988.

Since then, millions of Americans have joined in participating in the program. The National Family Partnership, formerly the National Federation of Parents, is the official U.S. sponsor.

Molinar is Teacher of the Month

FLOYDADA -- The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees recognized Mary Molinar, a teacher at A. B. Duncan Elementary School, as the Teacher of the Month during the regular board meeting on Monday, October 13. She was introduced by building principal Rex Holcombe and received a certificate of recognition from FISD Board President Mitch Probasco. She is now one of nine who will be considered for a Teacher of the Year award at the end of the school year.

Board members authorized payment of monthly bills and approved the minutes from meetings held September 9, 18, and 26 following the reading by board secretary Charlene Brown.

The regular board meeting night was changed to the second Thursday of the month and meetings were scheduled for the period from now until February. School board meetings will be held November 13, December 11, January 15 (the 3rd Thursday), and February 12. Motion for this was made by Brown with a second by Bill Dean. Voting in favor were Brown, Dean, Mitch Probasco, Amado Morales, Jack Robertson, and Billy Joe Villarreal. Trustee Steve Lloyd was not present for the meeting.

The local school board approved a request from FHS Band Director John Odum that the district sanction by resolution participation of FISD students in The Association of Texas Small School Bands. This will allow local students to participate in audi-

tions, competitions and clinics held by the association. Motion to sanction the participation came from Robertson with a second by Morales. All voted in favor.

Board members also approved beginning the process to purchase a new school bus this year. The budget has set aside \$40,000 for the purpose of adding a new bus to the local fleet each year in an effort to keep all vehicles used on a daily basis roadworthy and safe for transporting students. Administrative Assistant Dick Van Hoose was instructed to proceed with the bid process necessary to obtain a new bus.

In his monthly report, Superintendent Jimmie Collins told the board that enrollment at this time stands at 1178 total with 422 on the Duncan Campus, 254 on the Andrews Campus, 172 at FJHS and 318 at FHS with another 12 at the Alternative School. According to the figures available, Collins said the district could look forward to remaining in Class 2-3A for the next two year period. The date set aside for the official count to determine status is October 24.

Collins also discussed board training credits and options for meeting the mandatory training requirements for both new and experienced school board members. He also pointed out that the school now has a new auditing firm and had each board member fill out a statement concerning their relationships to other FISD employees and any business dealings they have with the district as local business

people. The annual bad weather day set to coincide with the stock show is February 2, as previously announced stated Collins. This can be changed if necessary when the time nears, he added.

Board secretary Charlene Brown was asked to sign the proper documentation to place her name on the diplomas to be awarded to graduates in May. The signature of the board president and the other officials appearing on the documents are already on file or have been signed prior to the board meeting.

Collins next introduced a draft of a plan by the state to make teaching credentials a five year renewable certificate instead of the currently lifetime status a teacher can obtain. He said the plan so far is to convert all lifetime status licenses to five year certificates which will be renewable with 200 clock hours of staff development over the five year period. This averages out to five days of staff development training per year.

He said he did not know if this would be in addition to staff development already calculated into the school year or instead of those days. If it is in addition, Collins said he did not know if this would mean lengthening the teachers work period by five days or not. He told board members they would certainly hear more about this plan in the future because career teachers would not be pleased with it.



RIBBON CUTTING HELD--A ribbon cutting ceremony, sponsored by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, was held for the Wilson Agency at 119 W. College in Lockney. Participating in the ceremony were (l-r) Robin Satterwhite, chamber president; Rusty Wilson, Laura Wilson, Lydia Watson, Roland Watson, owners; Rosie Rendon, Phil Cotham and Barbara Kaylor, chamber directors. The Wilson Agency is a full service insurance agency with policies for Farm, Home, Auto, Commercial, Workers Comp, Liability, Crop, Mobile Homes, Watercraft, ATV's, Motorcycles, Bonds, Travel Trailers, and more. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Staff Photo

Floyd County Commissioners approve routine budget amendments and transfers

FLOYDADA -- Floyd County Commissioners met in regular session to handle a routine agenda. In addition to authorizing payment of monthly bills, the court heard a report from the two Extension Agents, J. D. Ragland and Melissa Long concerning recent activities in their departments.

Budget amendments and transfers were also approved to move \$500 from the general fund into the law library fund and to transfer \$15,000 into each of the four precinct accounts from the road & bridge fund.

Utilizing the general fund instead of a salary fund was authorized on a motion from Precinct 4 Commissioner Jon Jones with a second by Precinct 2

Commissioner RayNell Bearden. Voting in favor were Jones, Bearden and Precinct 2 Commissioner Lennie Gilroy. Precinct 3 Commissioner George Taylor was not present for the session.

According to County Judge Bill Hardin, the use of the general fund to pay salaries must be approved each year in order to remain within state guidelines for financial operation.

Monthly reports from elected officials whose offices collect fines and/or fees were also reviewed by commissioners. The County Treasurer, Mary Shurbet, presented her monthly and quarterly reports and gave a quarterly investment report concerning

certificates of deposit. Shurbet reported a beginning balance on September 1 of \$384,182.62 with receipts of \$283,474.00 and transfers in of \$258,026.78. Transfers out were \$258,026.78 and disbursements of \$161,906.56, leaving \$505,750.06 in county coffers as of September 30.

She also reported certificates of deposit totaling \$300,000 in the following amounts: Precinct 1, \$30,000; Precinct 2, \$45,000; Precinct 3, \$155,000; Precinct 4, \$70,000. CD's and other interest bearing accounts earned interest totaling \$45,705.15 during the fiscal year 1996-97 from October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997.

Insurance board considers roof discounts

The Texas Department of Insurance is considering mandatory discounts for hail-resistant roofs that could save some Texans as much as 35 percent on their homeowners insurance and 46 percent on dwelling/extended coverage insurance, depending on where they live.

The proposal would classify roof coverings on a 1 through 4 scale, with a Class 4 roof covering offering the best hail protection and the highest

discounts. The discounts would vary in eight different regions across the state for homeowners coverage and six regions for dwelling/extended coverage. Areas with the worst history of hail storms would be offered the highest discounts.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer says that if this proposal is adopted, it would be the first time homeowners anywhere will have the

opportunity to shop for impact-resistant roofs and save money on their property insurance rates.

Metal roof coverings have been excluded from the proposal because while they don't rupture in hail storms, the coverings do suffer cosmetic damage requiring replacement. There will be a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 1997 at the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin. This will be a time to get public input.

Races kick off Punkin Day Festival October 25

Punkin Day kicks off Saturday, October 25th, with a 5K Race at 9:00 a.m.

The mile long Fun Run begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Stroller Race around the Courthouse at 11:30 a.m.

There is a \$15.00 entry fee for the 5K and Fun Run. The cost covers the T-Shirt given to each racer and trophies and ribbons.

Preregistration, by Saturday, Oct. 18, guarantees you a T-shirt in the correct size. If you register at the race, T-shirts will be given on a first come first serve basis.

Race Registration and packet pickup begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Floyd County Farm Bureau on the corner of Missouri and Wall Street.

5-K runners may pick up packets and register on the day of the race from 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Fun Run participants may register on Saturday, October 25, from 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all 5K age categories will be awarded. Men's divisions are divided into age categories of: 0-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60+.

In the Women's division the ages are: 01-9; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50+.

In the other races, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded. Participants will also earn ribbons.

Coach Smith has also told A.B. Duncan students that any A. B. Duncan student who participates will be treated to an award party after Punkin Days and Coach Nixon and Coach Covington will award special points on grades.

A race registration card can be found on page 2 in this edition.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
As members of the Drug Awareness Panel, we wanted to thank Police Chief Jerry Edwards for organizing the Drug Awareness Program Tuesday, September 30. We are glad to be a part of this effort to educate the community on drugs. It is so encouraging to see 300 parents and concerned citizens coming together to learn more about the problems we face, and what we can do as parents and a community to take a stand. We commend him on a job well done!
Sincerely,
The Drug Awareness Panel
Lockney Mayor Gary Marr
District Judge Randy Hollums
County Judge Bill Hardin
District Attorney Becky McPherson
Juvenile Probation Officer Bruce Ballou
LHS Principal James Poole
STAND Clinical Supervisor Kay Brotherton
Gang Specialist Catherine Boring
Lockney City Councilman Bill Anderson

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THINK PINK--The Floyd County Unit of the American Cancer Society met this week to tie the pink bows to a large wreath and to pink cards. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and the pink bows signify awareness of the disease. The wreath will be displayed at Sue's Gifts during the month of October. Staff Photo

Housing director appeals termination

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"I would like you to talk to Kathy Hughes about Cindy," said Hurley.

"Our desire is for the truth to come out and for her to be reinstated, for back pay and any benefits she may have lost.

"Cindy lost a good job with a salary of \$28,000 a year." The board entered executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss action concerning the grievance hearing and reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Judy Ballou then made the motion to support the termination and Jimmy Cervantes seconded. Jackson voted in favor and Stepp abstained from the vote.

After the meeting, and in reply to the allegations, Stepp said, "I didn't even know Cindy complained to HUD about me. I could not have retaliated if I didn't even know."

Hughes, the Public Housing Revitalization Specialist of the Fort Worth District, was contacted by this newspaper and referred all questions to Marsha Hinojosa in the Public Affairs Office.

Hinojosa was asked about Jeffries work record and if HUD had any record of a formal complaint made by

Jeffries against Stepp, prior to her termination on August 14.

Hinojosa said she was unable to comment at this time.

"The people I need to get the answers from are out of town until the

end of the week," said Hinojosa.

Attending the grievance meeting were: board members; attorneys Dan Hurley and Charlotte Bingham; Sudie Cochran, Charlene Ledbetter, and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

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JO GOEN

FNB artist of the month

FLOYDADA--The First National Bank of Floydada invites the community and surrounding area residents to view an exhibit of new artwork by local artist, Jo Goen, during the month of October. Goen's paintings have been exhibited several times in the lobby of the bank; and, each exhibit has proven to be an interesting and memorable experience for art lovers.

Painting has been Goen's avocation for many years. Studies with instructors in various mediums have given her versatility. She has studied with Lonnie Mason, Ruth Barnett, Ben Konis, Ramon Froman, Mary Montandon, Connie Martin, William Henry Earle, and others.

"I paint for the pleasure, the joy of painting," said the artist. "A good painting is a sensual delight, like eating delicious food. I get excited about

color, people and their expressions," she added. Goen finds it fascinating to mix pigments obtaining the many possible color combinations in oil, and you will see that in her oil paintings. However, she also utilizes charcoal, pastel and watercolor. In this new exhibit, there are a number of small watercolor paintings.

Goen and her husband, Dale, have had the opportunity to travel to interesting and varied places. The most recent trip to Peru inspired a number of pastel and watercolor paintings of Peruvian people and places.

The public is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to see the most recent work of a Floydada artist during banking hours. The lobby will also be open on Saturday, October 25th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon for the Punkin Day art exhibit at which time the artist will be present.

Floyd County Lifestyles

Lockney local joins Bank One

LOCKNEY—East Texas Banker Larry McCain has joined Bank One, Longview as a business banker.

McCain, who has spent the past seven years as a business banker and vice president at Marshall's Bank One brings 25 years of financial experience with him, including 12 years in commercial lending.

Before joining Bank One, Marshall in 1990, McCain worked for First Interstate Bank of Santa Fe, New Mexico and United California Bank in San Francisco.

Longview Bank One President Steve Jones said, "We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Larry. He brings us years of experience and personal knowledge of business loan and deposit products."

McCain has been active in community organizations and hopes to bring that involvement to Longview. He is a former chairman of Growth Enterprises of Marshall and the Marshall Opportunity Enterprises Corp. and he has served on the boards of the Harrison County Housing Development Committee, the East Texas Regional Development Co., the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the Marshall Chamber of Commerce and the Metro Rotary Club.

His appointment to business banker in Longview came August 6. He will office at the Judson Road Bank One.

McCain is a 1982 graduate of the Southern Methodist University Graduate School of Banking in Dallas. He is the son of Larnce and Clara McCain of Lockney. He and his wife, Deborah, have two children.



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS PYLE

Pyle's observe 50 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle of Floydada celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 4, 1997. The anniversary couple were treated to a trip to Las Vegas by their children.

The couple has four children: Iantha Smith Smith of Fort Worth; Robert and David Pyle, both of Floydada; and Janie Mills of Memphis Tennessee. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

-- Courtesy Photo

Alpha Sigma Upsilon

By Maria Vasquez

It has been a wonderful beginning. Our Rush entitled "Sisters at Heart" was a smash. We had a good crowd. Our Vice President Vickie Derryberry and President Maria Martinez informed the attendees of our gathering and rituals.

Mrs. Arvizu decorated our dining tables with attractive placement names and crystal hearts that we were to keep. We also had a table decorated with past scrapbook materials.

Our cooks did some fantastic aromatic cooking. We all were able to enjoy delightful food.

Plans got started for this coming year. We plan to help the Trunk or Treat and have programs at every meeting. We have decided to perform our secret sister project differently this year. We are also in the process of making our basket for the November and December celebrations. Spouses and friends have been very helpful with our plans.

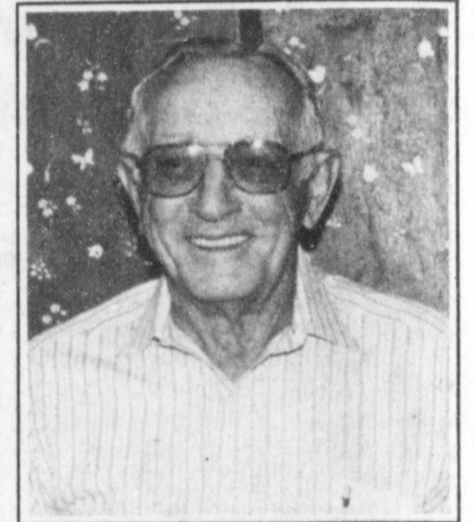
If you received an invitation earlier, you are still welcome to come.

Punkin Day



is coming soon

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER



VOLUNTEER IS NAMED—Bill Glasscock of Lockney has been named **Volunteer of the Month** at the Hospice Hands of West Texas. Glasscock is the number one helper around the business. He visits patients, picks up the mail, keeps the offices clean, makes coffee, and helps anywhere he is needed. The Hospice is located at 103 South Main Street in Lockney. Staff Photo

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. A very good hot lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you plan on eating lunch, please call before 10:00 a.m. This helps the cooks to know how much to prepare. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you.

On October 6th-9th, twenty-four of us from the First Baptist Church took a trip to Red River (to see the fall foliage and the beautiful trees), Taos, Santa Fe, and to Albuquerque to the Balloon Fiesta. There were around 400 hot air balloons in the sky at one time. It was very impressive. Those on the trip were: our drivers, Mike Holster and Bud Henderson; Donnell and Wilma Gowens, Bob and Charlene Alldredge, Thomas and Marie Warren, Bess Coen, Virginia Cage, Margaret Soudelier, Juanita Holster, Gordon and Darlynn Hambricht, Betsy Dempsey, Lorene Newberry, Millard and Glenna Watson, Dorothy Anderson, Billie Crawford, Jane McCulley and Jim and Margarette Word.

Lawrence Hall and Jean Beckner from Council Bluff, Iowa, relatives of the late Myra Hall, ate lunch at the center Friday, October 10th.

Congratulations to Fred and Polly Cardinal on their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrated Sunday, October 12th.

Congratulations to Diana Glover on winning the "free" car wash on the October drawing held at the center.

Thanks to Eric Cornelius at the Cornelius Conoco Service Station for making this possible to our center. You made another one of our members very happy.

Maxine Hall of Lockney, sister-in-law to Willie McCormick, was in Floydada Monday, October 13th and ate lunch at the center with Willie and also visited with friends.

Ruth Gilliland's son, Bill and his wife, Ann and granddaughter, McKaleigh of Abilene, were here visiting over this past weekend. Ruth's sisters, Sammie McCulloch of Amarillo and Gayle Scott and daughter, Robbyn of Tulsa, were also here visiting with Ruth and other relatives who live in Floydada.

Remember in your prayers the following:

Bill Gilbreath who had hip surgery last Friday.

J.W. Gilbreath who had gall bladder surgery last Friday.

Our sympathy to the family of Myra Hall.

Our sympathy to the family of Bob Owens.

Our sympathy to the family of Eula Mae Cates.

We are so happy to report that our paving project fund has come to a halt. We received enough money to payoff our debt as of Friday, October 10th. We want each one of you to know that we truly do appreciate your help. Many of you have donated several times to this project. It was a lot of money for us to come up with, and without your generous help we could not have done so. Our parking lot is now smooth and easy to walk on. Those donating since last Monday, October 6th are: Dale and Rita King of Houston; Pete and Wanda Hickerson; Mal Jarboe; Irene Wexler; Edna Patton in memory of Anita West; Betty Mitcham in memory of Preston "Peck" Badgett; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore in memory of Orville Marler; Ernestine Gilly of Amarillo in memory of Orville Marler; James and Sue Lovell in memory of Preston "Peck" Badgett;

Margaret Collier; Dorothy Campbell; C.O. and Jo Lyles; and Geraldine Callaway in memory of Preston "Peck" Badgett.

Our center is still in need of donations through memorials or just donating money toward every day expenses. We work on a very tight budget. Sometimes SPAG is not prompt with the money they send us so when it comes to the payroll and other unexpected expenses, paying the bills sorta get scary. So please remember the center when you need or want to make a donation. It is always appreciated. However, I will not be printing the names of those donating in the paper. We only print the names when we are working on a special project. When you are giving a memorial we do send cards to the bereaved family.

Thought for the Week:

As for old age, embrace it and love it. It abounds with pleasure, if you know how to use it. The gradually declining years are amongst the sweetest...and I maintain, that even where they have reached the extreme limit, they have their pleasure still.

MENU OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 24

MONDAY:
King ranch chicken, ensalda de frijoles, spinach-Mexican style, New Mexico biscocitos

TUESDAY:
Hot roast beef sandwich with brown gravy, tater tots or fries, peas and carrots, fruit salad

WEDNESDAY:
Turkey and dressing, gravy, green beans, grapefruit or orange section, wheat roll, pumpkin pie or bars

THURSDAY:
Pork chop, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, biscuit, baked apples or apple sauce

FRIDAY:
Glazed chicken (lemon or parmesan), kidney beans, zucchini, tossed salad/ranch, hot roll or combread, peaches

Recipe of the Week

Tin Can Ice Cream

1 cup milk
1 cup whipping cream
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 t. vanilla extract

Put all ingredients in a 1 lb. coffee can with a tight-fitting plastic lid. Place lid on can. Place can with ingredients inside a #10 can or a 3 pound coffee or shortening can, also with a tight-fitting plastic lid.

Place larger can with crushed ice around smaller can. Pour at least 3/4 cup of rock salt evenly over ice. Place lid on large can. Roll back and forth on a table or cement slab for 10 minutes. Open outer can. Remove inner can, remove lid. Use a rubber spatula to stir up mixture and scrape inside sides of can. Replace lid. Drain ice water from larger can. Insert smaller can; pack with more ice and salt. Roll back and forth for 5 more minutes. Makes about 3 cups.

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Llano Estacado Winery Grape Days

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Free admission includes a collector Llano wine glass and one glass of wine per person. Additional wine by the glass can be purchased. Food concessions catered by United Supermarkets Deli and Orlando's Italian Restaurant will be available.

Free entertainment throughout the day will feature Lubbock's nationally recognized Andy Wilkinson joined by Alan Munde and Joe Carr.

Since 1976, Llano Winery has expanded its production and has become the largest producer of premium wines in Texas. Llano Wines continue to win awards around the world and nearly 80,000 cases of premium wines are sold in over 30 states and in Europe.

From Lubbock, 3.2 miles east of 87 on FM 1585. For more information call 806/745-2258.

65th Wedding Anniversary

Edwin, Doris and Terri Wilcox and Tammy Elliott cordially invite you to help celebrate their parents and grandparents 65th Wedding Anniversary

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MR. AND MRS. GILBERT FAWVER

Fawvers celebrate 65 years

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert L. Fawver of Floydada will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary at a reception hosted by their children, Edwin and Doris Wilcox, daughter and son-in-law, Terri Wilcox of Lubbock, and Tammy Elliot of Plainview. The event is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, October 19, 1997 with a reception at the Wall Street Parlor of the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Fawver and the former Thelma Colston were married October 19, 1932 in Floydada. They have five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

-- Courtesy Photo

Lockney Senior Citizens

By Gladys Ragle

LOCKNEY--Well, the weather is surely cooling off so we know now we are into fall. The fall of the year is my favorite time. I guess if I were like some who have allergies it would be different for me, but I am one of the lucky one who doesn't have many allergies.

FLU SHOTS will be given by W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital **Thursday night** October 23 at the Senior Citizen Center, after the meal. They will be free to anyone over 65 years of age and \$10.00 for those under 65.

W.J. Mangold Hospital will start doing the blood pressure checks and blood sugar screening the first Tuesday in November (November 4) from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. They will be here on the first Tuesday of the month after that.

Wampler Hearing Aid Service will be here Thursday morning, October 23

and will be here on the fourth Thursday after that.

Weekly Words of Wisdom

A blind man knows that he cannot see, and is glad to be led though it be by a dog; but he that is blind in his understanding, which is the worst blindness of all, believes he sees as the best, and scorns a guide.

MENU

October 20-24
 Monday - Hamburger steaks, vegetables, salad, dessert
 Tuesday - Beef enchiladas, vegetables, salad, dessert
 Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad, dessert
 Thursday - Chicken strips, vegetables, salad, dessert
 Friday - Roast, vegetables, salad, dessert
 Meals come with coffee, tea and bread.

Breast cancer awareness month

In the ongoing effort to fight cancer, the Floyd County Unit of the American Cancer Society devoted the meeting on Monday to the discussion of patient services and emphasizing that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The board members present tied the pink bows that signify awareness of the disease and attached educational information cards which will be distributed to make others aware. A large wreath was covered with the pink cards and bows and will be displayed at Sue's Gifts during this month. Early detection and seeking medi-

cal help are keys to "beating the odds", and there is help available for anyone who has questions. Feel free to call 792-7126, the American Cancer Office in Lubbock.

There is a Reach to Recovery program that may be helpful to the cancer patient. This is a volunteer effort that helps to meet the emotional, physical, and cosmetic needs of the patient. It is one woman reaching out to share experiences and to give support to another. "There is never a charge for this valuable service", said Margie Fowler, patient services chairperson, "and we have volunteers trained to offer support."

1990 Study Club News

The 1990 Study Club met at Light-house Electric on October 8th at 7:00 p.m.

All members brought a salad or dessert for the meal. The meeting was called to order by President Angie Lipham. Tonya Gooch took the floor and assigned responsibilities for the Halloween Carnival. A motion was made to discuss changing club meeting time to 6:30 rather than 7:00. A vote was taken and meetings will re-

main at 7:00 p.m. The Santa on the Square Committee was instructed to begin making arrangements for that project.

Those attending the meeting were Angie Lipham, Tonya Gooch, Becky Ross, Pam Martinez, Libby Galvan, Quetha Graves, Stacy Nutt, Betty Ann Fortenberry, and Katrina Gooch.

The next meeting will be November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Becky Ross' house.

Dicksons celebrate wedding anniversary

Jack and Doris Dickson, formerly of Lockney, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 25, 1997.

The Dicksons now reside in Burleson. Friends who would like to congratulate the couple should send cards to 757 N.W. Douglas Street, Burleson, Texas 76028.

South Plains Hobby Club

CONNIE SANDERS HOSTS HOBBY CLUB

By Peggy Roberts

The South Plains Hobby Club met Wednesday, October 8th in the home of Connie Sanders.

Frances Hambright brought the program. She showed the group some of the beautiful holiday decorations she has made and gave instructions on how to make them. Those present made a Christmas decoration they will treasure.

The roll call was answered with a Halloween memory. These were varied and some were very funny. Most of the memories were of the Halloween carnivals that were held at country schools years ago.

Members present were Dot Cummings, Carlene Johnson, Kay Gilbert, Dovie Davis, Gleyenn Earle Cummings, Maurine Parks, Ruby Lee Higginbotham, Peggy Roberts and the hostess.

The next meeting will be November 12 in Floydada with Melissa Long, County Extension Agent, bringing the program on holiday foods. The Extension office is located at 100 S. Main Street.

"New things are good things and they fill our hearts with pleasure but the old things - those that touch the heart - they're the ones we'll always treasure."



FAMILY REUNION -- A Hinton family reunion was held in the Dougherty Community this past Labor Day weekend. Children, and their spouses, of the late James and Ada Hinton who attended included: (seated, L-R)

Christine Lyles, Lois Hughes, Harry Hughes, Henry Hinton, (standing) John Lyles, William Hinton and Olive Hinton.

Courtesy Photo

Hinton family holds reunion

A family reunion was held at the home of Henry Hinton in Dougherty over the Labor Day weekend. The descendants of the late James and Ada Hinton met for food, fun and fellowship.

The Hinton's living children and their spouses were all in attendance. Henry and Olive Hinton of Dougherty, William Hinton of Happy, Lois and Harry Hughes of White Deer and Christine and John Lyles of Hale Center.

Sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren of Henry at the reunion were James and Sharon Hinton and children Katie and Matthew, all of Dougherty; Ray and Linda Hinton and children Ralph, Eric and Carly,

all of Monte Vista, Colorado; and Dean and Kim Hinton and children Kyle and Brad, all of Wichita Falls.

William Hinton's son Bruce Hinton of Slaton attended.

The family members of Lois Hughes present were Wayne and Linda Hughes of Amarillo, Susie and Mike Powell of Dallas and Jean Hughes of Carrollton.

Christine Lyles' family attending were Linda Jaynes of Plainview; Glenn Lyles of Plainview; and Don, Tina and Jordan Lyles of Plainview.

Children and family of the late Maudelle Hinton Alexander were also at the reunion. They are David and Debbie Alexander of Lubbock; Claudia and Tommy Rambo of Hale Center; and Judy, Scott and Alexandra

Luce of Abernathy.

Joining the group for the Saturday evening meal were relatives of Sharon Hinton who were visiting her for the holiday weekend. They were Ruth Curtis of Tennessee, Hope Nicholson of Tennessee and Brad McMillian of Oklahoma.

The family had group meals for most of the reunion. Saturday night a special chuck wagon dinner was prepared and served by the Three C's. Frank Covington of Lubbock entertained after dinner with harmonica music and cowboy poetry.

Sunday morning the clan joined Henry and Olive Hinton for services at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

Look Who's New!



HUGHES

Roger and Tiffany Hughes of Floydada are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan LeAnn, born October 8, 1997 at 9:07 p.m. in Methodist Hospital in Plainview. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Reagan LeAnn was welcomed home by her sister, Tara, who is 6 years old.

Grandparents are Butch and Janice Hughes of Flomot, and Gary and Pam Bennett of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Clyde Rogers of Turkey; Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett and Mary Lewis, all of Floydada.

Great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bennett of Floydada and J.N. Richardson of Plainview.

CHEEK

God has given us another miracle, Rebekah Anne. Rebekah was born October 1, 1997 at 12:44 p.m. in the Denton Community Hospital in Denton. She weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Rebekah's proud sister is Hannah Elise, 3 1/2. Her proud parents are Jett and Nancy Cheek. Grandparents include Carolyn Cheek and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sumner of Lubbock.

We wish to thank everyone for all your prayers.



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MARGRETTE HOLMES

will be honored on her 80th birthday with a reception at Massie Activity Center 513 W. Georgia, Floydada October 18, 1997 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. No Gifts Please!

FLOYDADA REHAB & CARE CENTER NEWS

By Jo Wilbanks

FLOYDADA--Hi! How are you this cool crisp a.m.? It seems as if it tried to freeze this Tuesday a.m.

In this season, we experience the bountiful harvest, pumpkins, gourds, turning leaves. The days are growing shorter and less sunlight.

The Mt. Zion youth came on Saturday, October 4th, to sing for the residents. They were directed by Beverly Williams. Also, Mary Coleman came Saturday, October 11, to sing. The residents enjoyed the singing; come again.

Thursday was arts and crafts day. The residents decorated a basket with ribbon and a pumpkin and they made sequences with Karo syrup. All residents received one.

Dorothy Kerr is taking orders for pies; pecan \$7, other \$6. Donations will go for the residents Christmas fund.

We welcome three new residents;

Clara Mae Hicks, Minnie Gowens, and Terry Watson.

Our love and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Myra Hall, Hortense Jackson, Robert Owens, Eula Mae Cates, Lockney Care Center, Ivy Cox, Prairie House, Plainview.

The Floydada Care Center and other Extencicare will have a raffle for a 1997 car, KIA Sophia LS, blaze red. The donation for tickets is \$10.00. The winner will be notified by phone or mail. The drawing will be held December 12, 1997.

The donations will go to the Foundation for Alzheimer Research. You may get your ticket at the Floydada Care Center or from any staff member.

Until next time, be good to yourselves, and come sit a spell and visit. **THOUGHT:** Life is for living, love is for giving.

Sunday School class meets for lunch

LOCKNEY--Members of the TEL Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met for a luncheon Wednesday, October 1st in the home of Lucille Frizzell.

Mrs. Frizzell's home was decorated for fall and halloween.

Members present for lunch were Leona Watson, Alice Mitchell, Florine Ratliff, Agnes Frizzell, Ruby Hartman, Lou Aston, Georgia Ford, Edith Cooper, Elaine Gibson, Pat Whitfill, and Lucille Frizzell.

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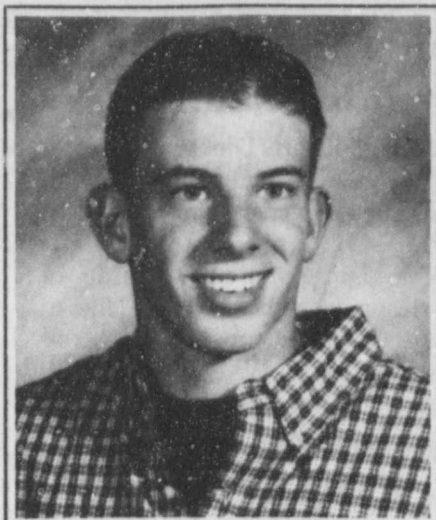


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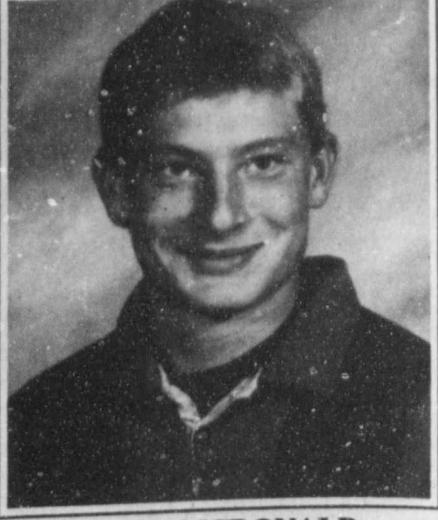
TEACHER OF THE MONTH -- Duncan Elementary Principal Rex Holcombe, left, announced Mary Molinar, center, FISD Teacher of the Month. Molinar received a certificate recognizing her efforts from FISD School Board President Mitch Probasco, right, at the regular session of the board Monday, October 13. Molinar will now be eligible for the Teacher of the Year award at the end of the school year. -- Staff Photo



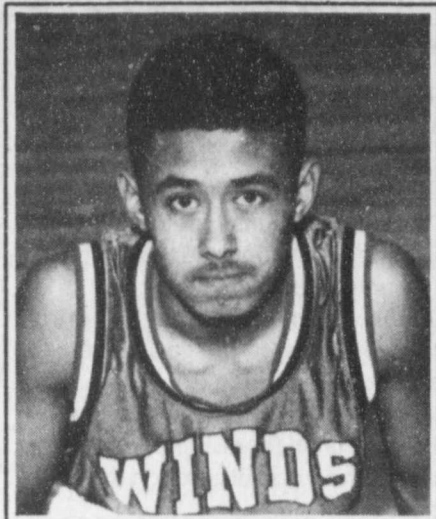
ADAM CUMMINGS



TARA MCCANDLESS



TYSON MCDONALD



MARIO NUNEZ



NEISHA SIMPSON



CALLIE WILSON

Outstanding students named to Junior Banking Board

Fifteen students from Lockney, Floydada, Olton, Silverton and Paducah have been selected to make up the West Texas National Junior Board of Directors.

Student directors held their first meeting September 30 at the Cotton Patch restaurant in Plainview. Daniel Hernandez of Paducah was elected Chairman of the Board and Callie Wilson of Lockney as Secretary.

Present at the meeting were the junior directors, their parents; James Doucette, Ronnie Hardin, Mark Hodges, Judy Jackson, Paul Sharp, Rita Huges, DeLoris McWilliams and Morris Wilcox.

Ronnie Hardin asked each student to introduce themselves and their parents. He also discussed the purpose and objectives of the Junior Board.

James Doucette welcomed each member to the board. He discussed why the bank is interested in reinvesting back into the community and the importance of small independent banks to rural communities.

Representing the First National Bank in Lockney are Callie Wilson, Tyson McDonald, and Adam Cummings.

Callie Wilson is a senior at Lockney High School and the daughter of Rusty and Laura Wilson. She is president of the National Honor Society, vice president of the student council, treasurer of the senior class and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She plays varsity basketball and tennis, enjoys art, reading, riding and trying to train horses.

Adam Cummings is a senior at Lockney High School and the son of Zach and Sandra Cummings. He holds offices in the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Senior Class. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, USA, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He participates in UIL Literary Criticism and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He plays football, basketball and runs track. Special interests include collecting C.D.'s, movies, bowling miniature golf, weight lifting sports and art.

Tyson McDonald is a senior at Lockney High School and the son of Marlon and Sherry McDonald. He is a member of Future Farmers of America, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He plays football and basketball and enjoys raising cattle, welding and agriculture. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church and the church senior high youth group.

Mario Nunez, Tara McCandless, and Neisha Simpson represent the West Texas National Bank in Floydada.

Mario Nunez is the son of Herlinda Castaneda and a senior at Floydada High School. He is Student Council President, Senior Class President, a member of National Honor Society and FFA. He participates in football, basketball and track and is a member of the First United Methodist Church Youth Group. Nunez hopes to graduate as valedictorian and attend Texas Tech with a major in Pre-Medicine or become a math teacher.

Tara McCandless is the daughter of Don and LaNell McCandless and a senior at Floydada High School. She is President of National Honor Society, Student Council Reporter and Student Advisor for FFA. She participates in basketball, cross-country and the First United Methodist Youth Group. She plans to attend South Plains College for two years then transfer to Texas Tech and major in ag business or accounting.

Neisha Simpson is a senior at Floydada High School and the daughter of Scott and Trena Simpson. She is a member of the National Honor Society at Floydada High School. She plays basketball and tennis, is a member of the yearbook staff and the First United Methodist Church Youth Group. She is the current Lions Club Sweetheart. Miss Simpson plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Management Information Systems (MIS).

Selected by the Olton State Bank are Rhett Lively, Shawndi Hall, Lacy Bunce.

Trey Ziegler, Jared Francis and Shauna Kingery represent the First State Bank in Silverton.

Daniel Hernandez, Charlie Horton and Ginger Mahorney represent the West Texas National Bank in Paducah.

Members will hold their meetings in each of the towns represented and hear programs on banking and related fields.



FREE BOOK WINNERS -- Teacher Robbie Odom and A. B. Duncan Elementary School student Laci Nixon were the recipients of \$25.00 credit to be used at the Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by the Duncan PTA Tuesday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 15. The pair won their book fair shopping spree for participation in the PTA meeting on Monday evening. -- Staff Photo

LOCKNEY SCHOOLS will dismiss at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17.

FISD schools will let out at 2:30 p.m. Friday, October 17.

Floydada Band earns Division I rating at festival

FLOYDADA--The Floydada High School Whirlwind Band earned a Division One from all three judges at the Plainview Marching Festival in Bulldog Stadium, Saturday, October 11.

The Band was also chosen as the Outstanding AAA Band at the contest and Mary Jane Cisneros was picked as the Outstanding Drum Major in the class.

The festival is sponsored by the Plainview High School Band and the Wayland University Band. It is a warm-up contest for those bands who are marching at their U.I.L. Marching contest on Saturday, October 18.

Twenty-one area bands participated. The Floydada Band competed against bands from Lubbock Cooper and from Friona.

Floydada will participate in the Region 16 U.I.L. Marching Contest this Saturday, October 18, at Texas Tech's Jones Stadium. They are the last band in class AAA and will march at 6:45 p.m.

"We hope many people will be able to attend the contest and support the Band as they try to achieve their ultimate goal of a First Division," said Band Director John Odom.

The Bands twirlers, Resa Mercado, Breanna Burge and Micah Marble will also compete with each twirler doing an individual solo and as a group in a trio.

A First Division in a solo and the trio will qualify these young women to participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

4-H, The People of Tomorrow

By J.D. Ragland, CEA-Ag Floyd County

Youth of today should be preparing themselves to become leaders for tomorrow, and that is where 4-H can play an important part.

4-H projects allow 4-H'ers to investigate areas that might be career opportunities for tomorrow. Project opportunities are unlimited; they are limited only by a youngster's imagination. Projects allow 4-H'ers to develop skills, ideas and knowledge to the fullest potential.

4-H clubs provide leadership, organizational, educational and recreational experiences. Through these clubs 4-H'ers learn the democratic process, self-expression, self-esteem and group cooperation.

Through meeting, programs, recreation and achievement events, 4-H'ers learn to share, to be good sports and to accept recognition gracefully. They learn each time they perform at a club, county and district event that regardless of whether they place first or last, they're winners because they have worked and achieved.

From their first projects in family and consumer sciences and agriculture, youth develop as they progress to bigger and larger projects. As 4-H'ers round out their years in 4-H, they become mature, self-confident, self-supporting young adults ready to take their place in society and become worthwhile citizens. As former 4-H'ers enter the work field they can be found in every career field available.

Enthusiasm and optimism have always been admirable qualities of American youth says J.D. Ragland and Melissa Long, Floyd County Extension agents. Youthful exuberance, combined with the guidance and experience of adults, provides an unbeatable combination, that result in a positive 4-H experience.

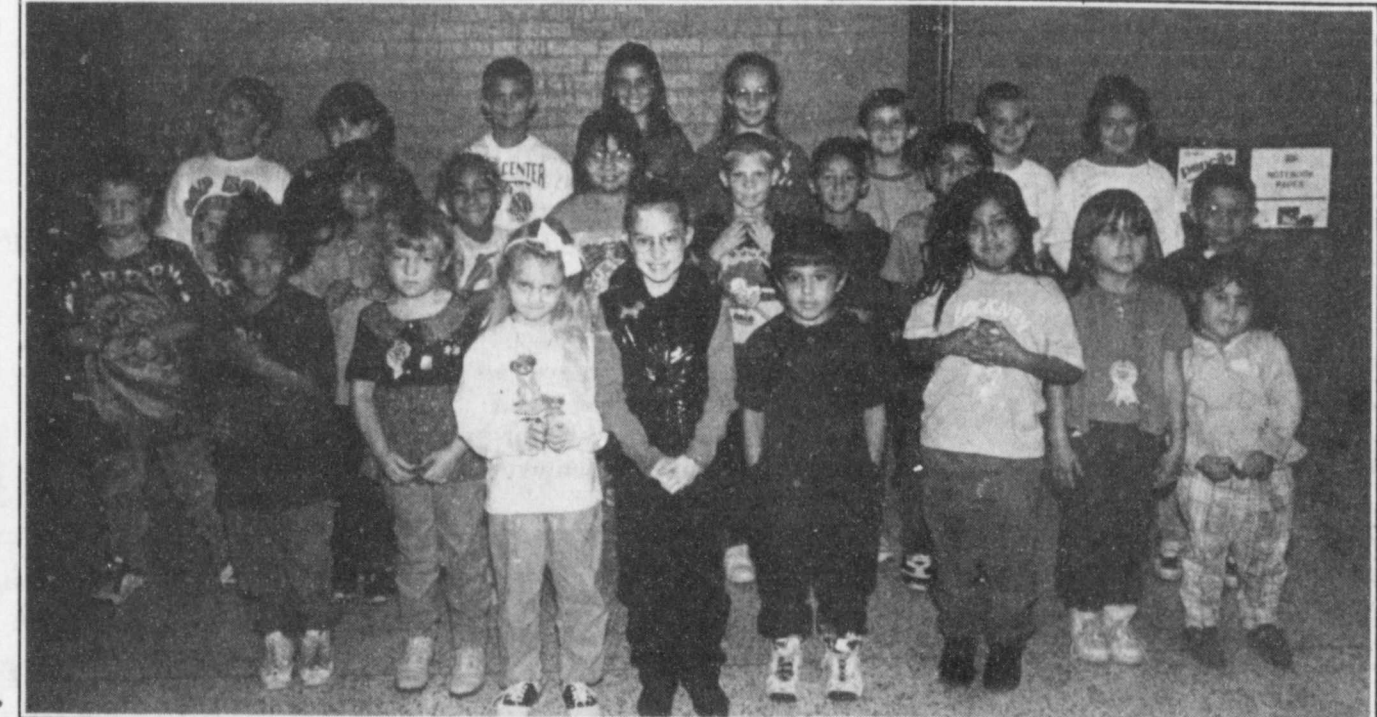
4-H'ers from all economic, ethnic

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

- October 20-24
- Monday**
 Breakfast - Juice, cinnamon toast, milk
 Lunch - Ham, macaroni with cheese, green beans, pears, hot roll, milk
- Tuesday**
 Breakfast - Juice, oatmeal, toast, milk
 Lunch - Frito pie, baked beans, pickle spears, brownie, cornbread, milk
- Wednesday**
 Breakfast - Juice, pancake sausage on a stick, milk
 Lunch - Pizza, corn, tossed salad, peaches, milk
- Thursday**
 Breakfast - Juice, pancake, syrup, milk
 Lunch - Beef tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, jello with fruit, cornbread, milk
- Friday**
 Breakfast - Juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk
 Lunch - Chili dog, french fries, tossed salad, fruit, milk
- Keep up with your hometown by subscribing to this newspaper!**

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LITTLE LONGHORNS NAMED—Chosen as Little Longhorns at Lockney Elementary School for the week of October 13-17 are (l-r, back row) Wade Lopez, Shelly Pachiano, Cagan Cummings, Heather Hennagan, Karah Hrbacek, Dahlen McCarter, Ty Young, Amanda Bueno; (l-r, center row) Dustin Morgan, Veronica Solorzano, Ashley Valdez, Grizelda Solis, Matthew Adair, Dimitri Cortez, Martin Melendrez; (l-r, front row) Polly Gomez, Tessa Saul, Anna Sherman, Heather Brock, Derek DeLeon, Maria Sanchez, Brendi Morales, Sabrina Guerrero, and Steven Gonzalez. Staff Photo



Lockney Band Boosters would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations to help with the renovation of the football concession stand.

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Your help is greatly appreciated !!

7th grade Shorthorns find end zone

By Coach Rodney Dowell
LOCKNEY--After an impressive defensive series that cut the Hart

Shorthorns opening drive short the young Lockney team realized how they needed to play to win games.

After a blocked punt the Hart Shorthorns struck first with a six yard run and made the two point conversion attempt to go ahead 8-0.

Once back out on the field the Shorthorn offense responded with a twelve play fifty-two yard drive. The Horns offensive drive was fueled when quarterback Cody Bayley hit Jordan Martinez with a 38 yard pass to begin the march to pay dirt. Bayley did the honors with a six yard run but the Horns were unable to convert its two point attempt leaving Hart in the lead 8-6.

"For our kids to rise to the challenge after Hart scored was a massive step in the right direction. However we have to step up that same way on all our special teams because that's what lost the game for us this week," says Dowell.

After the Lockney score the Hart team scored on the ensuing kickoff with a 78 yard run back. The two point conversion was denied and this ended all scoring with Hart up 14 to 6.

The Hart team didn't seal the victory without a close call and a Big Drive by Lockney. When the young Lockney team gained possession of the ball with only 58 seconds to go they pushed all the right buttons. The Shorthorns moved the ball 47 yards deep into Hart territory before time ran out and Marcus Thornton was tackled at the one yard line.

"This late drive was very impressive and Matt McPherson's catch was a great play that gave Lockney the boost they needed to mount a scoring drive. All our kids did a great job in the hurry up offense.

"I was very proud of the way our offensive and defensive line played. I was also extremely excited about the play of our linebackers Ben Sherman, Marcus Thornton, Jordan Martinez, and Todd Cotham. Looking back it's amazing how much these young men have improved and I think they deserve a big pat on the back. Great Job Guys - Now, Lets Beat Bovina!"

We play Bovina at home at 5:00 p.m. next Thursday. Hope to see you there.



8TH GRADE BREEZERS -- Members of the 1997 FJHS 8th grade Breezers team include: (Front row (L-R)) Jose Ramos, Anthony Suarez, Justin Reeves, Rocky Reyes, Jonathan Martinez; (2nd row) Chris Hartline, Tye Wood, Edward Porter, T.S. Fuller, Chris Herrera, Benny Terrell; (3rd row) Coach Evans, Scott Nixon, Stephen Mendoza, Chad Rodgers, Amado Morales, Daniel Lopez; (4th row) Frank Hernandez, Juan Gonzales, Sean Holster, Michael Rea, Zach Emert; (back row) Brad Yeary, Matt Kirk, Chad Hinkle, Martin Garcia, Allen Arvizu and Aaron Hernandez. Photo by R Photography



FJHS BREEZERS -- Members of the 1997 7th grade Breezers team include: (back row L-R) Chase Tipton, Adrian Martinez, Jeremy Duran, Eric Garza, Stephen Cuevas, Brady Rainwater, Tanner Battey; (4th row) Coach McNew, Josh VanHoose, Chase Mitchell, Chris DeChant, Bryce Bowley, Dustin Covington, Chris Wiley, Dustin Griggs, Coach Evans; (3rd row) Kellen Wyrick, Joseph Cuevas, Victor Yannis, Tyler Helms, Jacob Morales, Josh Galvan, David Rodriguez; (2nd row) Ricardo Sanchez, Jr. Hernandez, Andrew Arvizu, Chris Wickware, Johnny Garcia, Scotty Gilbert, Jason Aleman; (front row) Larry McNew, Ruddy Castaneda, Daniel Ochoa, Frank Hernandez, Corey Hayter, and Tyler Battey. Photo by R Photography



LINED UP AND READY TO RACE -- This group of enthusiastic people are preparing to run in the annual Punkin' Day Fun Run scheduled for Saturday, October 25. People of all ages and abilities are encouraged to enter and have fun. To sign up, see race registration form on Page 2 of this edition. -- Staff Photo

Longhorn Band vies at Wayland Marching Festival

By Carol Huggins
LOCKNEY--The Lockney Longhorn Marching Band and Drum Majors were recognized as Outstanding at the marching festival held in Plainview Saturday.

In spite of the inclement weather the band received a First Division rating and Drum Majors Rita Mann and Lauren Mangold were named as Outstanding Drum Majors in the AA band competition.

The festival was sponsored by the Wayland Pioneers and Plainview High School.

The band will be competing in the U.I.L. Region XVI Marching Contest, Saturday, October 18 at Texas Tech's Jones Stadium in Lubbock. The Lockney Band will march at 3:45 p.m.

Band members would like to invite everyone to come and watch their performance.



MONTY TEETER AND ROEL CISNEROS

Farm Bureau sends Cisneros to annual fire school training

Roel Cisneros volunteer fireman of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department attended the 68th Annual Texas Firemen's Training School, July 20-25. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, was held on the Texas A&M University campus.

Firemen chose their courses at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Training, Fire Department Pump Maintenance, Specialized Fire Protection, and Disaster Rescue Training.

Fireman Roel Cisneros was sponsored by Floyd County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job of fire fighting and fire prevention,

125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"The Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe Volunteer Fire Departments are effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said President Bob Stallman of Columbus. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the fireman will help the Floydada Volunteer Department to better serve the residents of Floyd County."

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- You can remember the fertilizer rate, see population, herbicide rate and yields on a farm you rented 10 years ago, but cannot recall your wife's birthday.
- You have fibbed to a mechanic about how often you greased a piece of equipment.
- You have used a velvetleaf plant as toilet paper.
- You have driven off the road while examining your neighbor's crops.
- You have borrowed gravel from the county road to fill potholes in your driveway.
- You have buried a dog and cried like a baby.
- You have used a tractor front-end loader as scaffolding for roof repairs.
- You've used your castrating knife to slice an apple.

Randy Koonce

Brownie Scouts share camping experiences

FLOYDADA--The Floydada Brownie Scouts attended Camp Rio Blanco Sneak Preview on October 10, 11 and 12.

Troops attending from Floydada were 375, 382 and 426. The troops arrived on Friday night with a total of 119 girls from 12 Brownie Scout troops attending. After sack dinners, the leaders attended a meeting to receive activity schedules for Saturday.

On Saturday, the girls were kept busy on a Peter Pan Shadow Hunt. They went from station to station in search for his shadow.

Station one was our environmental search, where the Brownies found different plants and animals.

Station two was the no fire outdoor cooking, where they made tin can ice cream.

At station three, songs and games were learned by all.

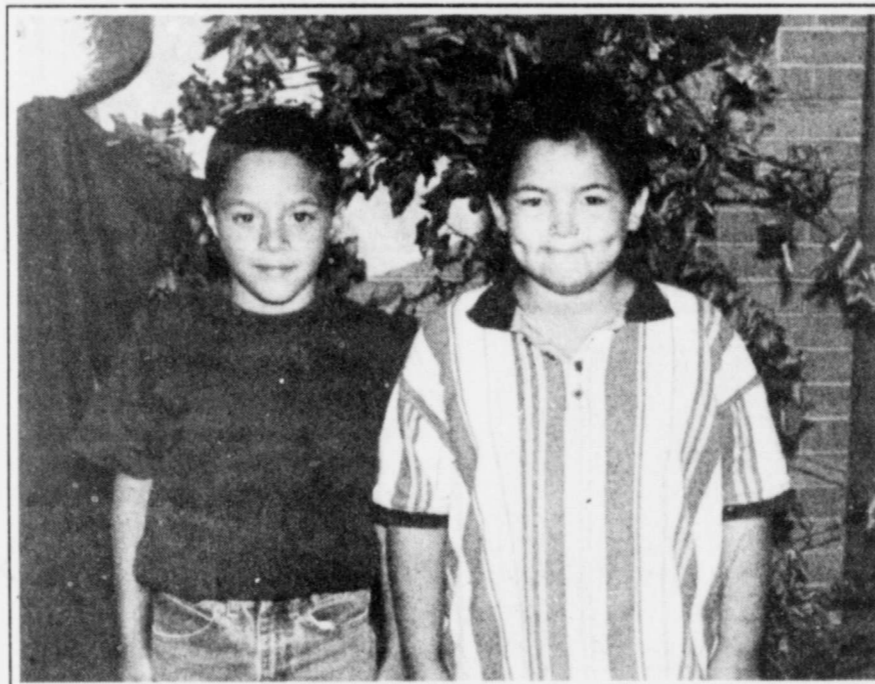
Station four was enjoyed by the girls as they learned about crafts such as stain glass, Peter Pan hats, bath salts and making shadow drawings.

At station five, the girls went on a hike searching for Peter Pan's shadow. Then on to dinner and an inside campfire where all troops put on skits and had a sing along. New songs were sang as well as old ones.

A good time was held by all.



RESPECT THE EARTH RECYCLE!



LAB PALS SELECTED-- Selected as CEI Computer Lab Pals for the week of October 13-17 at Lockney Elementary School are Adrian M. Luna and Miguel Duran. Staff Photo

Silver Spurs Horse Club meets

By Ashley Brock
The Floyd County 4-H Silver Spurs Horse Club meeting was called to order by Kacie Young on Monday, October 6 at the Lockney Co-op office.

Ashley Brock led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tiffany Taylor led the 4-H Motto. The roll was called by Laura Miller and Tiffany Taylor gave the treasurers report.

Marcia Phillips reported on two ideas she had for money making projects. One was to sell raffle tickets for a pair of boots and the other was for Marcia to bring a board with a cowboy painted on it and a hole cut out for the head so that little kids could stick their heads in it and be a cowboy. Tyler Phillips moved that the club does both and Ashley Brock made the second.

Horse judging practice will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The next horse judging practice will be held on October 18, 1997.

Laura Miller gave the program about horses in history. After the program the club members played the game Horse Bowl.

Tasha Powell served refreshments and gave Marcia a surprise cake for all the hard work she has done for the club.

The next meeting will be held on November 3. We all had fun at the 4-H Silver Spurs Horse Club Meeting.

Congratulations

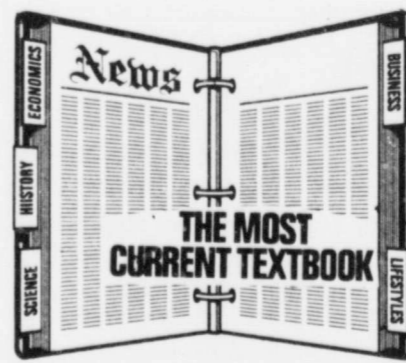
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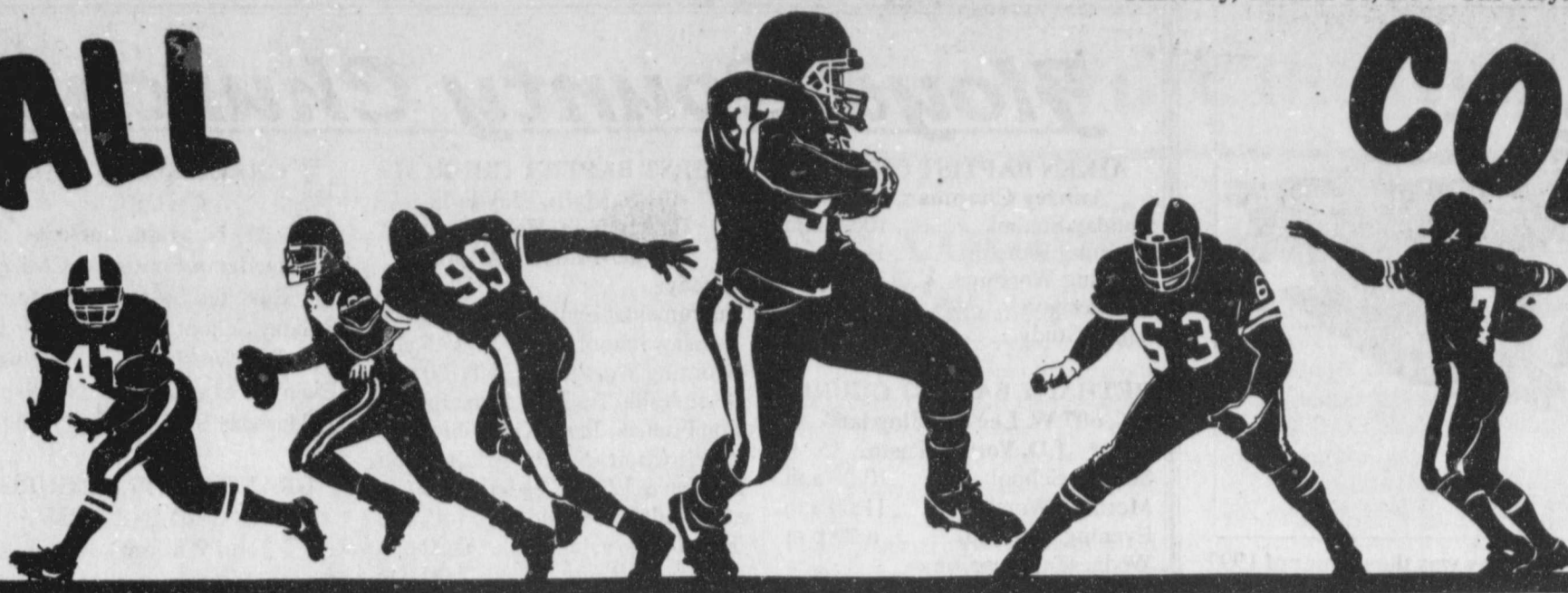
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FOOTBALL



CONTEST

WEEKLY PRIZES ARE:

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Weekly winners will be announced in the next week's issue of the Hesperian-Beacon & prize checks will be mailed to the address on their entry form.

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest Official Entry Form

Cut on the dotted line.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62			63	64	65	66	67	68

Tie Breakers

circle winner and write total combined score in football

LOCKNEY vs. BOVINA



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FLOYDADA vs. DENVER CITY



Contest Rules

Any subscriber or purchaser age 7 or older is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week per person.

To play, circle on the official entry form, the numbers of the teams you believe will win this week's games. To indicate a tie, circle the numbers of both teams playing the game. Also write a guess of the combined total points to be scored by the two teams listed in each of the tie-breaker footballs. Circle the team you believe will win. Circle both teams if you think the game will end in a tie.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday. No photocopies will be accepted and no mail entries will be considered.

Three cash prizes are awarded each week. In the event of ties (the same number of correct games & equal scores on tie-breakers) prizes will be combined & shared by those tied. The tie-breaker scores will be used only in the event of a tie on the number of games correct.

Print your name & address plainly on the official entry form & double check your choices; before clipping out the entry form & depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Entries are limited to one per person per week. Weekly winners are limited to one per household.

South Plains Gin 1. Dimmitt vs. 2. Tulia	Sterley Spraying 3. River Road vs. 4. Sanford-Fritch	First National Bank in Lockney Member FDIC 5. Dalhart vs. 6. Friona	American State Bank Member FDIC 7. Slaton vs. 8. Seminole	Ray Lee Equipment 9. Cooper vs. 10. Brownfield
First National Bank of Floydada Member FDIC 11. Littlefield vs. 12. Roosevelt	West Texas National Bank Member FDIC 13. Hale Center vs. 14. Highland Park	Floyd County Farm & Ranch Supply 15. Lockney vs. 16. Bovina	Cargill Hybrid Seed 17. Hart vs. 18. Olton	Floydada Power & Light 19. Abernathy vs. 20. Crosbyton
Floyd County Farm Bureau 21. New Deal vs. 22. Idalou	Floydada Coop Gin 23. Ralls vs. 24. Post	Schacht's Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts 25. Happy vs. 26. Kress	Lighthouse Electric 27. Springlake-Earth vs. 28. Nazareth	Payne Family Pharmacy 29. Farwell vs. 30. Valley
Tipton Oil & Butane 31. Motley County vs. 32. Sudan	Muncy Elevator 33. Whiteface vs. 34. Petersburg	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada 35. Anton vs. 36. Smyer	City Auto 37. Lorenzo vs. 38. O'Donnell	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Lockney 39. Silverton vs. 40. Lazbuddie
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Producers Coop Elevator 51. Baylor vs. 52. Oklahoma	Clark Pharmacy 53. Kansas vs. 54. Colorado	KFLP Radio 55. Arizona Cardinals vs. 56. Philadelphia Eagles	Attebury Grain 57. Carolina Panthers vs. 58. New Orleans Saints	Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon 59. Jacksonville Jaguars vs. 60. Dallas Cowboys
Providence Farm Supply & Grain 61. New England Patriots vs. 62. New York Jets	R. Photography 63. San Francisco 49'ers vs. 64. Atlanta Falcons	Hale Insurance & Real Estate 65. Seattle Seahawks vs. 66. St. Louis Rams	Cornelius Conoco 67. Washington Redskins vs. 68. Tennessee Oilers	

Floyd County Farm News

Ag commissioner candidates speak

By Roger Haldenby
Both candidates vying for the job of Texas Commissioner of Agriculture came center stage at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) quarterly Board of Directors meeting Wednesday. The meeting was held in conjunction with The Farmer-Stockman Show and drew a large crowd that included area bankers, agribusiness persons and farmers as well as PCG Board members.

Susan Combs, fourth generation rancher of Brewster County, and Pete

Patterson, 21-year legislator of Lamar County, each spoke on the importance of agriculture to the state's economy and the reasons they would be the best choice of voters in the upcoming November election.

Later in the meeting National Cotton Council President Bill Lovelady reported to PCG's members on the activities of his organization at the federal level. He expressed appreciation of PCG's solid support of NCC in its efforts to represent the cotton industry in the national arena. PCG is the

producer representative organization standing as advocate for cotton in the 25-county area surrounding Lubbock, Texas.

Lovelady expressed the opinion that by more efficiently managing risks and by maximizing margins, U.S. producers could maintain their position in the world market. One of the primary ways to achieve this is to continue work on developing even more efficient production techniques and technologies.

Boll weevil rears snout in southern areas

By Roger Haldenby
The boll weevil reared its snout yet again at the recent quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

The Board heard that, as predicted, boll weevil numbers have exploded to record levels across the entire 25-county area represented by the organization. Following crippling controversy over the past two years and a negative vote in the August referendum to create a Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Zone, PCG was forced to discontinue its 34-year dia-

pause control efforts.

However, cotton producers in the southern and southwesternmost parts of PCG's 25-county area continue to experience devastating losses and control costs associated with this pest.

In response to producer input from these areas, the PCG officers and Board resolved to go to battle again, this time to persuade the Texas Department of Agriculture to open a 60-day comment period to hear proposals and plans on the possibility of reorganizing the current Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Hardest hit producers are in two areas. Howard, Martin, Midland and southern Dawson County cotton farmers are working toward development of a small boll weevil control program to protect their area. Similarly, others in Yoakum, Terry, Gaines and northern Dawson Counties are drawing themselves together to battle the pest.

The PCG Board promised to continue to lend its experience, resources and full support to both these areas as they embark, on a smaller scale, into the process of eliminating the cotton boll weevil from their fields.



PRODUCERS TOUR CI RESEARCH CENTER--A group of Mid-South and Texas producers toured Cotton Incorporated's Research Center in Raleigh, North Carolina recently. Cotton Incorporated conducts the Cotton Research and Promotion Program which is funded by producers and importers through assessments on raw cotton and the cotton content of imported products. Tour participants saw first-hand how

CI works to build markets for U.S. Upland cotton and cotton products. Participants in the tour are (l-r) Mackie McWhirter, Connie McWhirter, Mark Clem, Georgia Clem, Renee Jones, Larry Jones, Arlene Nixon, Robert Nixon, Brad Martin, Elton Robinson, (Farm Press) Susan Conner, Ronnie Neal, Luann Neal, Randall Conner, Sherri Stanton, and Danny Stanton. Courtesy Photo.

NativeScape program encouraged

By Rick Perry
The Texas Department of Agriculture has kicked off the TEXAS GROWN NativeScape certification program to encourage homeowners, businesses, schools, botanical gardens and others to landscape with plants indigenous to their area of Texas.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said the program is designed to promote water conservation and nursery sales of native Texas plant species. The nursery industry is the state's fourth-largest agricultural sector.

"The program is for proud Texans-native and naturalized-who recognize

the beauty and economy of using Texas native plants and want to make a long-term contribution and commitment to water conservation," Perry said. "We want to see NativeScape everywhere from public parks to botanical centers to home gardens."

A Perry initiative adopted in conjunction with comprehensive water legislation during the last session of the Legislature requires state agencies to buy native Texas plants for landscaping, providing cost and quality are equal to non-Texas species. NativeScape expands on the new legislation by including any location that is landscaped.

TDA will provide a list of wholesale and retail growers, garden centers and landscapers that can supply Texas natives, defined as "a species of plant or plants from parentage which is generally recognized to be indigenous to the state of Texas." Natives include flowers, shrubs, trees, ground covers and grasses.

Resources are also available through the Native Plant Society of Texas, the National Wildlife Research Center, The Texas Association of Landscape Contractors, the Texas Association of Nurserymen, regional growers' organizations and state agencies. They can provide names of plants recommended for each area of the state and information on selection, landscaping and maintenance.

"Even Texas natives must be properly selected so they're adaptable to soil and climate conditions in a particular area of the state," Perry said. "Then folks will see the benefits of fewer pests and diseases and less water use."

Sites registered by TDA will be awarded an 8x10-inch weatherproof applique designating the location as an official TEXAS GROWN

Agreement brings welcome relief

The agreement on budget and taxes hammered out recently by Congress and the White House offers America's farmers and ranchers welcome relief from estate taxes, but falls short in some critical areas, according to Monty Teeter, Floyd County Farm Bureau president.

"Estate tax reform is a clear victory for America's farmers and ranchers," Teeter said. "Farm Bureau at all levels fought hard to gain immediate estate tax relief and our efforts helped win an exemption of more than double the current \$600,000. The \$1.3 million exemption for family farmers beginning next year clearly gives us a win we can build on in our efforts to kill the death tax."

The agreement also provides a measure of relief from capital gains taxes, lowering the top rate from 28 percent to 20 percent and the middle-income rate to 10 percent. The proposal, however, does not include indexing of capital gains for inflation, which continues to be a Farm Bureau priority.

"Capital gains tax relief on the sale of agricultural assets such as land, the value of which is closely tied to inflation, is far less meaningful when inflation is not considered in the tax formula," the Floyd County Farm

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Arjona's exhibit at State Fair and South Plains Fair

By J.D. Ragland, CEA-AG Floyd County
Floyd County 4-H member Holly Arjona exhibited her steer at this year's State Fair of Texas held September 29 - October 3 in Dallas. Holly's steer received 5th place in the Heavy Crossbreed Division. A total of 207 head of steers were shown at this year's show.

The Arjona's also competed at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock, September 15 - 19. Holly placed 8th in the Medium Weight and 9th in the Heavy Weight. Ty received 7th in the Light Heavy Weight with three crossbreed steers.

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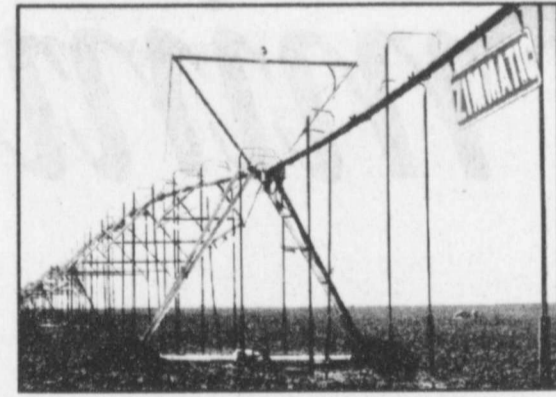
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Ford earns first place in weekly football contest

Determining the first place prize in the Hesperian-Beacon Football contest this week was not an easy task. Five entries missed six games, necessitating the use of not one, but both tie-breakers to name the prize winners.

Earning the \$25.00 first place prize check was Mark Ford of Lockney. He selected Slaton to beat Floydada with a total combined score of 35 (Floydada 14 - Slaton 21), as did Robert dela Fuente of Floydada. Moving to the second tie-breaker, Ford selected Lockney to beat Hart with a total combined score of 56 (Lockney 47 - Hart 22), 13 points off the actual total. His check will be mailed to him in Lockney.

Winning second place was dela Fuente with his selection of Lockney to win and a total combined score of 48, just 21 points off the actual score. He will receive the prize check of \$15.00 at the address on his contest entry.

Harold Abney of Lockney earned the third place check for \$10.00 by choosing Slaton to beat Floydada with a combined point total of 38, three points over the actual score. He will receive his prize check at the address on his entry.

Earning honorable mention with six misses were Brent Sanders and Beth Tye, both of Floydada. Each of these two chose Floydada to win over Slaton, missing out on the top prizes.

Missing seven games this week were Jean Hale, Travis Gentry, and W. H. Simpson of Floydada and Lockney contestants Landon Cotham, Bobby Jones, and Steve Stansell. Eight errors were made by Dickie McCarty, Randall Stapp, Cody Bayley, Mark Sherman, Warren Mitchell, Pam Fulton, Pat Stansell, and H. G. Graham, all of Lockney, and Dwayne Wilson, Deneen Marricle, and Larry Kirk of Floydada.

Missing nine games were D&PL Quality Assurance of Aiken, Amy Davis, Alvin Hayes, Tony Caballero, Homer Ragland Jr., Tim Stansell, and Javier Bernal of Lockney as well as Lucio Vasquez and Franklin Harris of Floydada.

There were a total of 72 entries this week. 37 came from Floydada and 35 from Lockney. Contestants are again reminded no mail entries will be con-

sidered. Entries must be dropped in contest boxes at the Floydada or Lockney office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday each week. If the office is not open when you bring your entry, please use the drop box on the door. Both offices have one and any entry dropped in before 5:00 p.m. on Friday will be valid.

Take any opportunity you can to let contest sponsors know you appreciate their bringing the contest to you each week. The upcoming holiday season is a great time to do business at home.

GAME SCORES LAST WEEK

1. Brownfield 7 vs. 2. Seminole 40
3. Denver City 18 vs. Littlefield 14
5. Roosevelt 7 vs. 6. Cooper 28
7. Bovina 14 vs. 8. Hale Center 17
9. Olton 7 vs. 10. Highland Park
11. Sanford-Fritch 7 vs. 12. Tulia 9
13. Perryton 13 vs. 14. River Road 10
15. Dalhart 12 vs. 16. Dimmitt 28
17. Friona 45 vs. 18. Muleshoe 6
19. Idalou 8 vs. 20. Abernathy 7
21. Ralls 14 vs. 22. New Deal 21
23. Post 59 vs. 24. Crosbyton 0
25. Kress 42 vs. 26. Motley County 0
27. Sudan 21 vs. 28. Nazareth 0
29. Farwell 8 vs. 30. Springlake-Earth

31. Valley 0 vs. 32. Happy 34
33. O'Donnell 7 vs. 34. Petersburg 28
35. Whiteface 6 vs. 36. Inton 13
37. Smyer 0 vs. 38. Lorenzo 32
39. Cotton Center 8 vs. 40. Silvertown 55
41. Kansas 7 vs. 42. Texas Tech 17
43. Missouri 11 vs. 44. Kansas St. 41
45. Iowa St. 17 vs. 46. Texas A&M 56
47. Oklahoma 24 vs. 48. Texas 27
49. Colorado 29 vs. 50. Oklahoma St.

51. Nebraska 49 vs. 52. Baylor 21
53. Atlanta Falcons 23 vs. 54. New Orleans Saints 17
55. Buffalo Bills 6 vs. 58. New England Patriots 33
57. Cincinnati Bengals 7 vs. 58. Tennessee Oilers 30
59. Detroit Lions 27 vs. 60. Tampa Bay Buccaneers 9

61. Green Bay Packers 24 vs. 62. Chicago Bears 23
63. Miami Dolphins 31 vs. 64. New York Jets 20
65. Philadelphia Eagles 21 vs. 66. Jacksonville Jaguars 38
67. Carolina Panthers 14 vs. 68. Minnesota Vikings 21

- TIE-BREAKERS**
- Floydada 14 vs. Slaton 21 (combined total points 35)
- Hart 22 vs. Lockney 47 (combined total points 69)



KACI MATHIS, Lockney 4-H member was recently recognized at the Texas 4-H Awards Program Luncheon in Dallas during the State Fair of Texas. Kaci's State Winning Family Life Education Record Book entitled her to a trip to Washington D.C. and the Diane Welch Family Life Education Scholarship presented at the Awards Recognition Luncheon.

Courtesy Photo

Matter of Fact

by Rick Perry, Texas Agriculture Commissioner

When summer rains hit the Hill Country, a 70 million year old secret was uncovered near the town of Boerne. City employees discovered 20 inch wide four inch deep dinosaur tracks.

That discovery got me to thinking - not so much about paleontology - but about history and how we humans, who do not weigh tons, can leave our footprints for the future.

I think the answer is obvious and it fills elementary play grounds, junior high hallways, and high school parking lots with noise energy and promise. Of course, I'm talking about getting involved with young people.

The Texas Education Agency estimates that for the 19997 school year,

1.5 million of the state's 3.8 million school children are at risk. These young citizens might never finish their education because they don't believe anyone cares.

Our challenge then is to show them we care. Work with young people whenever and wherever you can, whether it is mmentoring at a local school, volunteering with 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, or any number of other worthwhile organizations, teaching Sunday School or just taking the neighborhood kids fishing.

Sure it takes time and effort, but that is a small price to pay for leaving your footprints for the future.



ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry

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Thornberry to inspect Russian & Ukrainian nuclear weapon sites on 5-day mission

U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry (TX-13) left for Russia and Ukraine Monday, October 13, on a five day fact finding mission focusing on the security of the Russian nuclear weapons arsenal and current U.S. efforts aimed at keeping the weapons and material in this arsenal safe, secure and out of unfriendly hands.

"One of the greatest threats we face as a Nation comes from the spread of nuclear weapons," Thornberry stated. "It's a threat which both the Directors of the FBI and CIA have testified about, and one which the Joint Chiefs of Staff have stated we cannot ignore. Despite these warnings and despite increasing evidence that rogue nations and terrorist groups are trying to obtain or make weapons of mass destruction, real questions remain about the ability of the Russian government to keep their nuclear stockpile secure."

"The purpose of this mission is to take a look at these efforts and determine what more-if anything-the United States should be doing to assist them in this area. Since 1991, we've spent nearly \$2 billion dollars on the Cooperative Threat Reduction program helping Russia and the former Soviet states safely store, transport, and dismantle nuclear and chemical weapons. One of the things we've got to ask ourselves is how our efforts in this area can be strengthened and made more effective."

"I think this question is particularly relevant in light of recent statements by Boris Yeltsin's former security chief Alexander Lebed that as many as 100 suitcase-sized nuclear devices were missing from the Russian arsenal and couldn't be accounted for." Thornberry will be the first member of Congress to inspect Russian nuclear weapons sites since Lebed's claims regarding the missing nuclear devices were first reported in the

press. A member of the House National Security Committee, Thornberry has been a strong proponent of strengthening American Nonproliferation efforts. His work to preserve U.S. funding for these efforts has won him praise from Senator Richard Lugar, the author of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, as well as the defense periodical, Armed Forces Journal.

The fact finding mission to Russia and Ukraine is being authorized by the National Security Committee. Accompanying Thornberry on the mission will be U.S. Representative Vic Snyder, a Democrat from Arkansas and fellow member of the National Security Committee. Also going along will be representatives from the Office of Nonproliferation and National Security within the Department of Energy and the Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction within the Department of Defense.

The group is scheduled to leave Monday afternoon and return to the U.S. Sunday, October 19. During the five day mission, the group will tour various facilities within the former Soviet nuclear establishment, including an SS-19 missile base in Pervomaysk, Ukraine, the Sergiev Posad missile dismantlement facility outside Moscow, the Russian Ministry of Atomic Energy's (MINATOM) LUCH Facility, the Kurchatov Institute, and MINATOM's Institute of Theoretical and Experimental Physics.

Meetings are also scheduled with senior government officials from Russia and Ukraine, as well as Thornberry's counterparts in the Russian Duma and Ukrainian Rada. "With the Pantex Plant in my District," he noted, "I'm particularly interested in talking with these individuals about Russia's plans for plutonium disposition and areas where we could work together."

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