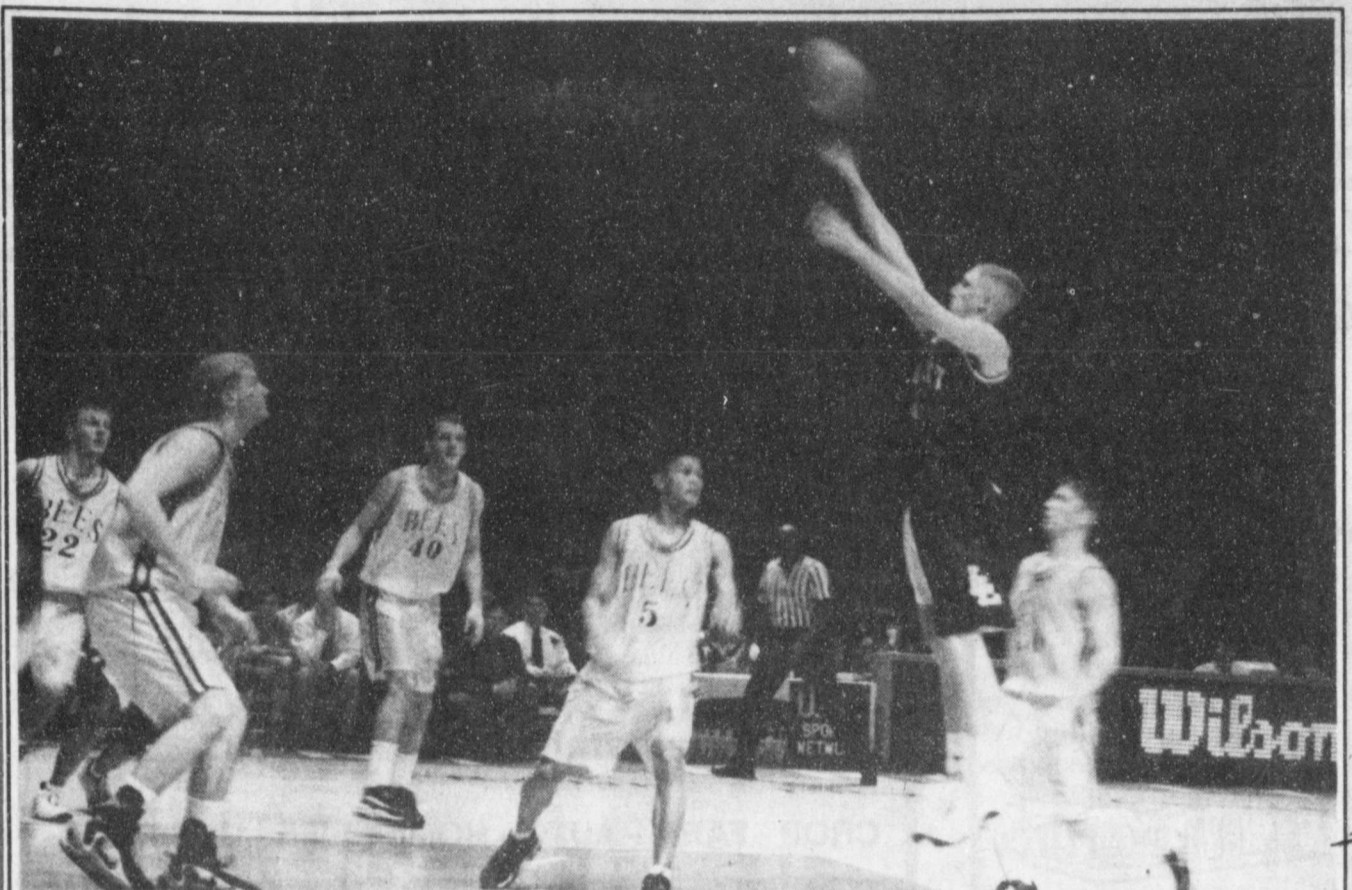


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Lockney Competes At State



THAD LUSK TAKES A JUMP SHOT--The height and blocking of the Little River Academy Bubblebees forced Thad Lusk to make his baskets from a distance. The Longhorns were shut down by the 'Bees at the Class 2A State Semi-Final competition in Austin, Friday, March 13. The final score was 77-47, ending the Longhorn season with a record of 19-7 and the Bees record at 36-1. The Bubblebees were then defeated on Saturday by Krum Bobcats, 64-52. The Bobcats have been to the State playoffs 15 times since 1954. This was the second try for the Bubblebees and the first time the Longhorns have competed in State Semi-finals.
 Staff Photo

Lockney defeated in first trip to State playoffs

Bees sting Longhorns

LOCKNEY -- Basketball season was late getting started due to post season play in football but this did not prevent the Longhorn Varsity from taking devoted Lockney fans all the way to Austin for a first hand look at the excitement and drama of State Semifinal Playoff competition in basketball. Coach Rodney Dowell and five LHS seniors, all of whom have been together since the seventh grade, spearheaded the Longhorn drive to state.

The unranked Longhorns stepped out on the floor of the Frank Erwin Center in Austin Friday, March 13, to play before a crowd of more than 10,000 against #2 ranked Little River Academy. The bad luck associated with the date may have been an omen of things to come as the team was defeated 77 to 47 before the day was

over.

Little River Academy sported fifteen players, nine standing six feet tall and more in their second trip to state finals. Lockney's ten players were split, half under and half at 6 feet or more as they made their first trip to the semi-finals. The statistical advantage and the pressure of a championship game stacked up against Lockney as the Longhorns fell behind early in the game and was unable to rebound from the deficit.

"We were awe struck," said Dowell. "That got to us big time." He indicated the only way to overcome this is to experience it and to move on.

According to Coach Dowell, "Academy did a good job handling our pressure. We have to have pressure to be successful. They played

good team basketball, moved the ball around, and did a good job of handling it.

"When we did make turnovers, when we did create missed shots, we couldn't capitalize. I knew Academy could run and their speed is deceptive. They are very well coached defensively and they executed very well."

Lockney was able to muster 16 points off of turnovers while LRA made 30.

The team averaged 37.5 percent of their attempted field goals during the game and made 31.3 percent of the 3-pointers tried. They were more consistent from the free throw line, making 66.7 percent of the nine shots they were allowed.

Jr. Walker had 14 points with an assist.
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Gala entertainment guaranteed

As in years past most of the entertainment at the Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala is kept a big secret before the gala.

Part of the enjoyment of the evening has always been the surprise appearances of special guests and the participation by the audience. This year will prove no different.

There is, however, one part of the entertainment the Floyd County Friends want to make sure everyone is aware of.

"Our special guest will be pianist and composer Doug Smith," said Floyd County Friends President Nick Long. "He has a top notch program--one you won't want to miss."

Smith has been playing music since the age of two and now has some two hundred original compositions to his credit.

Smith's family discovered his gift for music when the youngster sat down behind a very small organ and

began to play music, melodies, chords, nursery rhymes, Christmas hymns, and other songs he had heard.

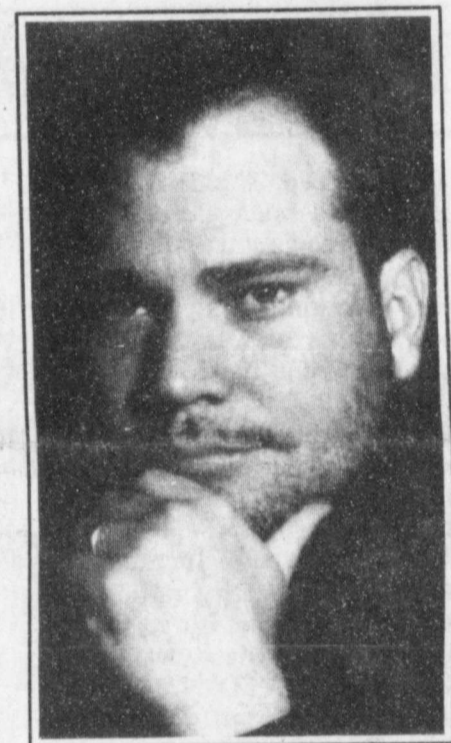
By the time he was in the first grade in his hometown of Kermit, Smith was playing concerts on that same little organ for students, teachers, parents and others.

By the time he was in junior high he was performing piano music in local churches, dances, various town functions, and had been featured on radio and television programs in West Texas. In high school he was making his own compositions.

Smith graduated Kermit High School in 1981 and began classes at Texas Tech. In 1982 Smith's first recording, "Just For You", was released.

From his first recording Smith learned that "his mission in life, his strength, his faith, and his love, was music."

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DOUG SMITH

Jimmy Owens' finds brought Coronado digs to area Coronado artifacts discoverer dies

Funeral services for Jimmy Owens, 47, of Floydada were held Sunday, March 15, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Floydada with Reverend Gene Hawkins officiating. Burial followed at Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Owens died in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on March 13, 1998.

Owens worked for the City of Floydada for 24 years and will be sincerely missed by all City employees. Gary Brown, City Manager, said "The City of Floydada has lost a world of knowledge about water and sewer lines, etc., it was all in his head. He was always willing to respond to any call. He was a very dependable person, always pulling his own weight and more."

Friends of Owens report that he was a master craftsman in many areas. Although self-taught, there was nothing Jimmy could not fix or build if he put his mind to the task. He was known to have completely restored an antique car, made spurs and bits for bridles, designed jewelry, and built beautiful clocks, several of which are in City Hall. Jack Alaniz stated "Jimmy was a good friend--a jack of all trades--literally the guy could build anything he wanted or needed. There will never be another Jimmy Owens, and he will be missed".

Owens' love of artifact hunting was instilled in him at an early age by his

Grandfather Hinsley. He spent endless hours with his metal detector digging in the area canyons for anything he could find. When local efforts began in 1991 to investigate the possibility of Coronado's 1541 presence in Blanco Canyon, Owens declared if there was evidence in the canyon, he would find it. After months of searching, he first found a single iron point followed by a copper crossbow point.

These finds convinced archeologists and historians of the importance of the site and started the chain of digs which has resulted in teams of workers coming to Floyd County at least four times a year since 1995.

The Associated Press release in April 1996 brought National attention to the site and brought many telephone calls and personal interviews Owens'.

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JIMMY OWENS is seen in this 1995 photo from the Avalanche Journal. He was showing off some of the artifacts he had found during his wanderings in Floyd County.
 Photo by Mark Williams

Floydada School Board abolishes position of FHS Assistant Principal

By Juanita Stepp

FLOYDADA -- The March regular session of the Floydada Independent School District is traditionally the session during which teacher contracts for the next school year are discussed and decided upon. The Thursday, March 12 meeting saw the board handling that business following an executive session to discuss performance and employment of professional personnel, teachers, teacher assistants and secretaries.

Three motions were made and passed by the board following the closed session.

Steve Lloyd made the motion to abolish the job of high school assistant principal. Charlene Brown seconded and all voted in favor of the

motion. The reasons given for discontinuing the job were, first, it is one way in which the board feels money could be saved and second, most schools the size of FHS do not have an assistant principal. The board said it should not create an undue hardship on the principal.

Mitch Probasco made the motion to renew contracts of professional personnel and teachers and to issue letters of assurance to teacher assistants and secretaries as recommended by administrators. Billy Joe Villarreal seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Jack Robertson made a motion to increase the local salary increment paid to ag teachers by \$1,500.00. Bill Dean provided the second. Voting in

favor of the motion were Probasco, Lloyd, Robertson, Dean and Brown. Voting against were Amado Morales and Villarreal.

Other business handled at the session included hearing a presentation by R.C. Andrews Elementary School Principal Charles Tyer concerning the retention and promotion policy for fourth and fifth grade students. Tyer told the board the current policy is not doing the job in that a student who fails in one grade is usually going to be a student who fails in the next grade.

"Summer school is not adequately solving the problem," said Tyer. "Two weeks full day or four weeks half day is not enough time for a student to

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City Hall and engineering firm work on problems with new well

Mayor Hulon Carthel reported to the council on the results of the meeting with representatives of Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper Engineers regarding the city well problem. He said that an acceptable solution had been proposed but would have to be approved by the firm's directors before it would be official.

Carthel stated that the city would fulfill its contracted obligation concerning the well under construction. The Engineering firm would drill a second well at its own expense, under the specifications noted by the mayor at the previous month's council meeting. The city would pay for the pump for the second well and for

the necessary piping to connect it with the city water supply.

Carthel said this would mean about \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 extra expense to the city, but would leave both wells pumping water for the city. This would mean the city would be capable of supplying all water needs for local residents and businesses even if there were no water allocation from Lake Mackenzie.

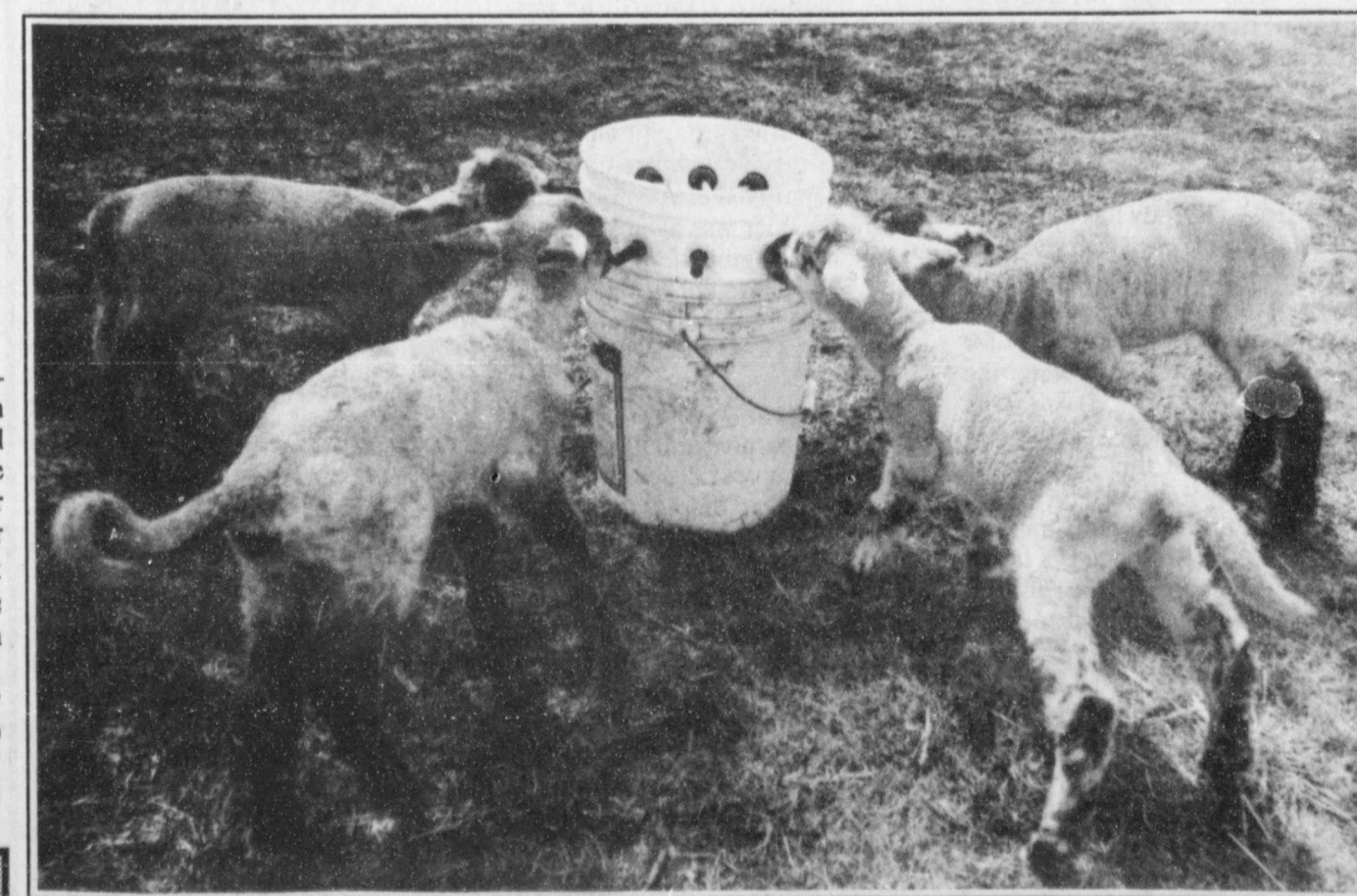
Council members indicated they were in agreement if the firm makes the offer official.

Paul Sharp and Jesse Morales met with the council to request that the council again support the summer baseball program with a cash contri-

bution of \$2,500.00. This was approved by the council with the stipulation that the city contribution would be decreased in future years until the Floydada Baseball Association can stand on its own. Motion was made by Clar Schacht and seconded by Albert Hill. All voted in favor.

Operation of the Floydada Municipal Swimming Pool this summer will be by a trio of local supervisors, Ruben DeLeon, Linda Edwards, and Katrina Gooch. The City will furnish the utilities and split the cost of chemicals on a 60/40 basis with the city paying 60 percent and the operators 40. The operators will retain the receipts

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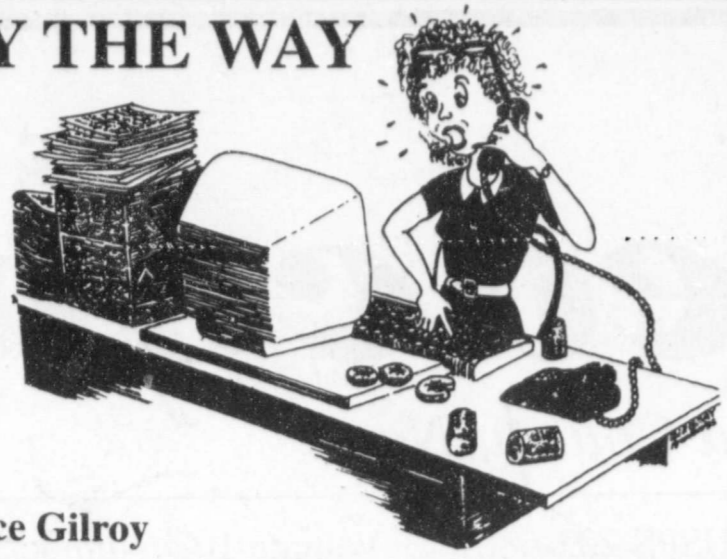


ORPHANS SCRAMBLE FOR LUNCH--These lambs, belonging to Ken and Terri Bloys, were orphaned at birth and now look to the Bloys for all their meals. At one time the Bloys were feeding 8 orphans all together. To make the matter simpler and fairer this bucket was designed to feed more than one at a time. The long tails on the lambs have not been docked yet and happily wag during feeding.
 Staff Photo

Office Closed

The Floydada and Lockney offices of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will be closed on Friday, March 20, so the staff can enjoy a day of Spring Break with family.

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

What a disappointing loss for the Lockney Longhorns Friday. They worked so hard to make it to State and it was a hard loss.

However, it was a great experience! The Lockney fans were thrilled to go to Austin and show their support and the Lockney folks definitely made an impression in Austin.

What fun it was to be a part of the whole thing. The Longhorn team can be proud of the excitement they brought to Lockney and to Austin!

I can't help but think that the boys couldn't have helped but be a little intimidated when they walked onto the floor at the Erwin Center.

I WAS INTIMIDATED!! Neta Marble and I were surrounded by professional sports photographers with large fancy cameras and rules a mile long on what we could and could not do on the sidelines.

I thought I would cry when they told us we couldn't use a flash to take pictures. I just knew nothing was going to come out of it. Then I would have to explain why we were lucky enough to be up close to watch the game--and still didn't get any pictures.

I wondered outloud if I could sneak a flash-but it was made perfectly clear I would be escorted out if I did.

It was definitely different for everyone. We all learned a lot. It will be different next time!

Oh By The Way--about 400 Lockney fans toured the Capital after the game and got the red carpet treatment from Pete Laney and his lovely and gracious wife, Nelda. (Pete is our State Representative and the Speaker of the House).

Some very brave staffers volunteered to take any Lockney person who wanted to go--up to the very top of the capital.

Since only 10 people could go at a time--that meant many many trips up those very long stairs. The climb up and down takes about 30 minutes. It is a very hard trip.

Obviously that meant a lot of waiting for the fans and a lot of walking for the tour guides. The guides more than earned their pay that day. I wondered if they were able to crawl out of bed the next day.

The Laney's also opened their Capital apartment for Lockney tours, and presented the Lockney Longhorns with the Speaker's gavel to put in their trophy case.

It was a great afternoon!

Smith and piano will entertain

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After three years in college, Smith left school and devoted his life to music.

In 1986 a second recording, "Mixed Emotions", was released. *Mixed Emotions* contained several famous tunes, but also an original composition called "Solitary Sunrise."

"After I cut "Solitary Sunrise" I realized there was hope for my composition and I didn't have to play music that someone else wrote," said Smith. "Solitary Sunrise" was followed by the self titled, "Smith"; a Christmas recording called "A Special Gift"; and the 1993 recording of "Stained Glass".

"When I recorded "Stained Glass", my wife, Deborah, had just given birth to our firstborn son, a few weeks before, so I was more inspired mentally, spiritually, and physically, than ever before in my life," said Smith. "When I sat down behind that instrument, it was as if my hands were guided by God!"

Smith says after witnessing the miracle of birth he sat down at the piano at the recording studio in Lubbock. One hour later ten songs had been recorded. Every note remains the same from the way he played them on that day. "Stained Glass" is the most honest musical testimony of my life," said Smith.

His latest recording is the "Piano Player."

"I prefer to call myself a piano player," said Smith. "Out here in West Texas, if an ole boy says he's a 'pianist', folks tend to look at ya awful funny."

"My music is sort of a three-way deal. It begins with God, the 'Source', passes through my soul, then out my fingers, then enters your ears, at which time you become the artist, not me. It's your mind reeling, your spirit moving, your heart speaking. I'm just the one between you and the 'Source' now, the middleman, if you will, and without you, my position is irrelevant and I've no reason to play the piano."

Doug Smith, his wife and two sons, are currently living on a cotton farm north of Lubbock.

Twelve year old Molly Long, of Floydada, will play a warm-up song for Smith. Long has been playing the piano since she was 5.

Dinner music will be provided by Lucy Dean Record, on piano; Brady Rasco, on the fiddle; Marvin Goodall, on guitar, and Joe Roy on bass guitar.

Tickets are selling fast to the gala and must be purchased in advance. Tickets may be bought from any member of the Floyd County Friends, at Nick Long Insurance in Floydada, or D & J Gin in Lockney.

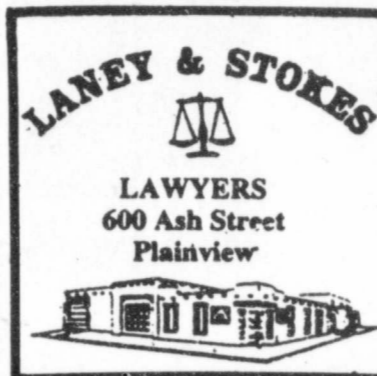
Doors open at the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m., March 28. Steaks will be provided courtesy of Caprock Industries and will be cooked by Mac Sherman. Lowe's Pay-N-Save will provide all the trimmings, and the First National Bank in Lockney and West Texas National Bank in Floydada will sponsor a \$1,000 giveaway.



PRESS CONFERENCE--(L-R) Thad Lusk, Devon Phillips, and Coach Rodney Dowell, answered questions from newspaper, television and radio media, after the Longhorns fell to the Little River Academy Bubblebees during Semi-Final Playoffs in Austin's Erwin Center on Friday morning, March 13. This week Coach Dowell was named Coach of the Year for the A-J All South Plains Basketball Class 2A Team. Devon Phillips was also named to the team.

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Floydada Police Report

Saturday, Feb. 28th, Floydada Police arrested Mark Green, 21, of Floydada in connection with the thefts of 7 flat bed trailers from Floyd County. The trailers were later sold in Knox City. Green was charged with Organized Crime Theft.

Also on the 28th, police were dispatched at 1:00 a.m. to a residence after a call came in on 911 that an intoxicated man had just left the residence.

The vehicle was located and stopped on Hwy. 62 on a traffic violation. The operator, Lloyd Wayne Muse, 40, of Floydada, was subsequently arrested for DWI.

A citation was issued to Maria Elena Torres, 30, of Floydada, after her dog bit a 9 year old child. The dog was released to the animal control officer.

Also on Feb. 28th, at 11:27 p.m., police stopped a vehicle on S. 12th Street. The driver, a 15 year old boy from Plainview, was arrested for DWI and Possession of a Prohibited Weapon. He was also charged with Failure to Identify to a Police Officer, No Driver's License and Theft.

A passenger in the vehicle, also a

15 year old boy, was arrested for Public Intoxication and Possession of Alcoholic Beverages.

March 6th, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Antonio Delgado, 23, was arrested for Failure to Appear from Floydada Municipal Court.

March 10th, Rafael Hernandez, 25, was arrested for Theft and Abuse of Inhalants and transported to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

March 12th, Tina Weeks, 28, of Floydada, was arrested for Outstanding Fines owed to the Municipal Court.

March 13th, at 8:30 a.m., two 15 year old females, were arrested at Floydada High School for fighting. There were both transported to PAC and released to juvenile authorities.

March 14th, at 11:15 p.m., police observed a vehicle run a red light at the intersection of 2nd and Missouri. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, Juan Rodriguez, 27, of Floydada, was arrested for DWI.

March 15th, at 5:43 p.m. police arrested Rudolfo Esquivel, 31, of Floydada, for Criminal Trespass.

CHD considers taking supervisory role in EMS

By Juanita Stepp
FLOYDADA -- Directors for Caprock Hospital District met in regular session March 17 at Nielson's Restaurant at 7:00 a.m. Among the topics to be discussed was the possibility of the hospital district taking an active role in the operation of Floydada EMS.

According to Board President Tom Farris, the EMS organization is considering dissolving the board which currently oversees operation of the Floydada ambulance service. Should this become a reality, Caprock Hospital District could become the source of leadership for the emergency medical service in Floydada.

"The district already has an ownership interest in the organization," said Farris. "We own the building, the ambulances and part of the equipment. It would not be a great hardship for the hospital district to oversee the EMS operation."

"The major problem with the ambulance service at this time," said Farris, "is a desperate need for volunteers to serve the community through this avenue. The EMS needs a larger trained pool of people to take calls and meet the emergency medical needs of the community."

The board also discussed the need to appoint a liaison for the board who could work closely with the EMS staff.

Board members present at the session indicated they were favorably

inclined toward the proposed change in operation. The matter was tabled for further consideration at the April meeting.

Board members approved the minutes of the February 17 regular meeting and the minutes of a special session on March 3 for calling the spring election. Financial reports were also reviewed and approved as presented.

The board also approved the proposed demolition of dilapidated structures located on a lots owned by the various taxing entities. The project cannot be carried out until all taxing entities involved in ownership of the lots have approved the demolition.

Rainey Varner was again accepted as the source of grounds maintenance from April 15 through November 15. He will be paid \$150.00 per month for this service, a sum equal to that paid last year.

Eric Givens presented the UMC update to the board. According to his reports, the clinic did not do as well in February as it had in January. Total losses for the month were calculated at \$13,821.84. Patient traffic remains up and the overall trend is much improved over last year said Givens. A portion of the loss can be attributed to the fact that the cost of a replacement for Dr. Salman Ahmad, who was on paid vacation for much of the month, were calculated into the monthly losses.

Courtroom Activities

In County Court March 6, Rudolfo Esquivel 29, of Floydada, was charged with Criminal Trespass/habitat.

March 17, Angel Perez and Jesse Salas were charged with Theft by Check of \$20.00 or more but less than \$500.00.

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FISD discusses retention program

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grasp a major subject like math, science, and language arts or reading. Teachers are not inclined to retain a student whom they perceive to be a disruption or a problem and face having another year with that student," said Tyer. "This will be an incentive to the teacher not to make social promotions and an incentive to the student to learn the material and keep up with classmates."

According to Tyer, a plan has been developed by the faculty and the campus committee which would offer an innovative way to meet the needs of these students while allowing them to remain in the mainstream of their own class group. It can only apply to students between the fourth and fifth grade and between the fifth and sixth grade. Sixth grade students would have to be handled in the traditional manner since they will be going to junior high, not remaining on the Andrews campus.

Tyer suggested using the proposed Remediation and Retention Program (R-R Program) and provisionally promoting the students who are failing classes in math, science, language

arts, reading or social studies. These students could then take the regular major classes for the higher grade while simultaneously taking the failed lower grade class. Courses to be given up in exchange for the lower grade classes are music, art and physical education.

This action could be taken following a recommendation by a campus committee composed of the principal and all involved teachers who will develop individualized contracts to be signed by the principal and the parents or guardian of the student. At periodic intervals, the committee will meet to evaluate the progress of the student. When it is determined that sufficient remediation has taken place, the student will be allowed to resume a normal schedule in the higher grade.

If the student does not make acceptable progress, they will be placed in the lower grade on a regular schedule. The program will not be used for students who are failing three or more subjects nor will it be used for students who do not meet promotion requirements due to excessive absences.

Tyer recommended that the sum-

mer school setting be used to remediate students who are not passing the TAAS test at their level. "An intensive tutoring on this level would be able to accomplish that," said Tyer.

Lloyd made a motion to adopt the policy. This was seconded by Brown and all voted in favor of the motion.

Teresa Hollums was named Teacher of the Month. She received a certificate recognizing the honor and a gift certificate as a reward. Hollums was introduced by Junior High Principal Monty Hysinger and she will be eligible for consideration as the Teacher of the Year at the end of the current school year.

Meta Chavarria was appointed election judge for the May 2 trustee election with Frances Hambright to serve as alternate election judge. Board members also marked ballots and prepared them for mailing in the Education Service Center Board of Directors election.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by board secretary Brown and approved as presented. The board also authorized payment of monthly bills and adopted the textbooks recommended by the local textbook committee.

Administrative assistant Dick Van Hoose presented the tax report stating that collections at this time stand at \$1,586,728.96 or 93.27 percent complete. This compares to the same time last year when collections were 92.74 percent complete.

Six resignations were accepted during the meeting, effective with the end of the current school year. Resignations were submitted by Joyce Williams, homemaking instructor, and Debra Wagner, science and history teacher, both currently at Caprock Communities Learning Center (CCLC), Angela Westgaard, language arts, Sheila Ward, reading, and Sally Lyles, history, all currently at FJHS, and Roy Martinez, girls basketball at FHS. Williams and Lyles are retiring after long careers in the teaching field.

Career Awareness group now forming

An Explorer Post Career Awareness group is now being formed in Floydada. The effort is being sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America in cooperation with the Floydada Police Department and the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Floydada city Hall.

Membership is open to young men and ladies of high school age who think they might be interested in a career in law enforcement or the emergency services. Membership fee is \$10.00 per year.

Tickets now on sale for March 28th Gala

City discusses water well, pool management and sales of lots

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from the pool as well as the concession sales. Schacht made the motion which was seconded by Sheldon Sue and approved by unanimous vote.

Donna Henderson will be the election judge for the city in the May 2 election. Jimmie Lou Stewart will serve as the alternate judge. Motion for this came from Schacht with a second by Eric Cornelius. The vote was all in favor.

Demolition of the structures on Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 9 Honerhea addition, Floydada (physically located in the 500-600 Block of North 12th Street) were discussed and approved. The structures are located on taxing entity owned lots and are in very dilapidated condition. All entities will have to approve the demolition before it can be carried out. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Cornelius. All were in favor.

Cornelius made a motion to approve Ordinance #807 which would authorize the addition of \$1.00 to each monthly utility bill for the purpose of Vector Control. This is described as mosquito, rodent, and bird control. The motion was seconded by Dale Lawson and approved by unanimous vote.

City manager Gary Brown reported that the water lines beneath the proposed highway rebuilding sites have been relocated. He added that there may be some located later which the city has no record of, but all that can be done at this time have been completed and will be valved in by the end of March. He also said the highway department has indicated start of road construction will likely be delayed by about 45 days.

Resolution #241, ratifying participation in the cogeneration project with West Texas Municipal Power Association (WTMPA) was unanimously passed on a motion by Schacht with a second by Sue. The resolution details two changes in the agreement. The first is that participation will be on a percentage basis rather than on a megawatt basis, so the city will have a 1.237 meg interest in the project. The second change is that the buy back provision for the power not used by Floydada will be for the life of the bonds rather than for a five year period.

Brown also requested that the council authorize the creation of a sign ordinance that can be specific for the entire city. He told the council the only sign regulation on city books is in the zoning ordinances and covers only areas along major highways through town.

This regulation states only that signs must not exceed 50 square feet and must pertain to the business located on the lot they are erected on. There are no current regulations to govern signage in any other area of town said Brown. The council expressed a desire to see an ordinance developed to handle potential future problems concerning signs.

Ordinance #808 was adopted by the council. This ordinance allows the city to handle dangerous dog problems by the methods prescribed by Section 822.0422 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. This will clarify the city position on dangerous animals and allow the city to be the same as the state in handling such situations. Motion was made by Hill and seconded by Cornelius. All voted in favor.

March 10th conference will address breakthrough treatment for epilepsy

Epilepsy Foundation for the South Plains (EFSP) runs a monthly support group meeting for patients and family who have seizures or epilepsy. On March 10, 1998, 7:00 p.m. a special presentation will be made on the breakthrough treatment of epilepsy by the Cyberonics Brain Stimulator, in the 1st floor conference room by the Emergency Department of Highland Medical Center (50th and University).

Dr. Dasheiff will speak and show videos of the surgery and patients who wear the device.

The Western Texas Epilepsy Association (WTEA) in conjunction with the group of Epilepsy doctors in Lubbock announced the availability of a breakthrough treatment for epilepsy, an implantable vagus nerve stimulator, recently approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Richard George has surgically implanted four patients within the last month with this "pacemaker for the brain," the first new treatment modality for epilepsy in more than 100 years.

The Lubbock group, which consists of neurologists and neurosurgeons from all three major hospitals and Texas Tech, are the first in the West Texas area and among the first in the nation to offer the NeuroCybernetic Prosthesis (NCP) System for patients with refractory epilepsy-those who are unable to control epileptic seizures with traditional drug therapy or brain surgery. The implantable device consists of a generator and a nerve stimulator electrode which transmits antiepileptic electrical signals to the brain through the vagus nerve in the neck.

"I am very excited that this new

therapy is available for the people of Western Texas," said Dr. Richard Dasheiff, Epileptologist at Texas Tech. "The frequent and violent seizures characteristic of refractory epilepsy can often control the life of a patient.

The NCP System brings new hope to patients with uncontrollable epilepsy, for a higher quality life."

Implantation of the device is accomplished during a one to two hour outpatient surgical procedure.

Thank You for your vote and support in the Democratic Primary on March 10. I look forward to your continued support in the November General Election
Mary Shurbet
Floyd County Treasurer

You and Your Family Are Cordially Invited to Attend Our 72nd Annual Stockholders Meeting of Consumers Fuel Association, Lockney
Thursday, March 26, 1998
Lockney Elementary School Cafetorium

Dinner Will be Served at 7:00 p.m. Followed By A Business Session
One (1) Director will be elected
DOOR PRIZES
(Gift Certificates from Local Merchants)

Business Of The Week

FLOYDADA--Williams Florist, located at 128 W. California in Floydada, opened in August 1982.

The Florist is owned by James and Cyndi Williams. James is an adult probation officer for the 110th Judicial District and helps his wife at the shop on week-ends and in the evenings.

Cyndi, a former school teacher, manages the shop and is the main designer.

James is a Floydada native and met his wife at Lubbock Christian University. They have been married for 29 years and have two children: Austin, 22, and Ashleigh, 18.

Williams Florist is a full-service florist that offers fresh and silk flowers and plants; snack, gourmet and fruit baskets; and balloons and Day Spring greeting cards.

Cyndi will take care of any of your floral needs for weddings, parties and funerals.

As a member of FTD and AFS wire services, Williams Florist has an outstanding reputation in the floral community.

The Williams regularly attend seminars and floral shows to update their floral knowledge and skills as well as to associate with other florists. The Williams are also mem-



CYNDI WILLIAMS

bers of professional organizations such as SAF (Society of American Florists), and AFMC (American Floral Marketing Council). These organizations keep members abreast of all new products and developments available in the floral industry.

The Williams are members of City Park Church of Christ. They are both

active in community and school activities--serving in volunteer positions for many organizations and events. Cyndi has also served on the FISD School Board.

Williams Florist is open Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The shop will open on Saturdays when needed.

Monthly sales tax rebates received

March 1998 sales tax rebates made to Floyd County cities from the state comptroller's office have been received, with Floydada showing a decrease for the month when compared to rebates for the same period in 1997 and Lockney displaying an increase.

Total rebates received in Floyd County this month were \$14,955.31, an increase of 7.95 percent overall when compared to the \$13,853.21 received in March of 1997. The year to date total rebates received in Floyd County are \$46,853.64, an increase of 5.32 percent over the \$44,483.64 received to date in 1997.

Lockney displayed an increase of 27.31 percent over the same period for 1997 in over all receipts. The city's March check was in the amount of \$5,148.14 compared to \$4,043.56 received in 1997. Total Lockney rebates to date in 1998 are \$14,507.62 or 6.92 percent more than total rebates at this time in 1997.

Floydada's check from the state comptroller's office was in the amount of \$9,807.17 showing a decrease of 0.02 percent from the \$9,809.65 payment received in March 1997. Total rebates for the year now stand at \$32,346.02 compared to \$30,915.39 at this time last year. This represents

an overall 4.62 percent increase.

March 1998 rebates and percentage of change for area cities are listed below.

Quitaque; \$1,108.19, -28.95%
Silverton; \$2,431.52, +59.76%
Crosbyton; \$5,823.45, -25.94%
Ralls; \$5,417.86, +2.04%
Abernathy; \$7,500.42, +4.19%
Hale Center; \$4,078.11, -19.45%
Petersburg; \$1,461.70, -11.76%
Plainview; \$172,116.91, +5.70%
Lubbock; \$1,758,134.77, -0.93%
Mataador; \$1,354.49, -24.67%
Roaring Spgs; \$1,456.86, -30.71%
Tulia; \$17,808.72, -13.33%

March payments totaling \$147.8 million in local sales tax rebates went back to 1,090 Texas cities and \$15.5

million to 118 counties, according to the state comptroller's office. This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected on sales in January and reported to the comptroller in February 1998 by businesses filing monthly returns.

Sales taxes are collected by merchants and forwarded to the state which retains a 6.25 percent share and returns the city sales tax portion to each city, county, or special interest district such as hospital districts or qualifying transit systems. Neither Floyd County, Lockney General Hospital District or Caprock Hospital District levies a sales tax at this time.

Gala tickets now on sale!

I would like to thank those who voted for me in the Democratic Primary and ask for your continued support in the November General Election.
Marilyn Holcomb
Candidate for Floyd County Clerk

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Jones and Helms united in marriage



MRS. KEVIN HELMS
(nee Kimberly Jones)

Kimberly Jones and Kevin Helms were joined in marriage during a double ring ceremony Saturday, March 14th, 1998, in the First Assembly of God Church in Plainview.

The bride is the daughter of James and Virginia Jones of Plainview and the granddaughter of Helen Jones of Kress. The groom is the son of Adrain and Ann Helms of Floydada. The Reverend Neil Unwin, Pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Plainview officiated the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white satin gown designed with a "V" neckline and long illusion and beaded lace sleeves on a satin and lace bodice embroidered with sequins and pearls. The back of the dress featured rowed satin

roses and a cathedral train highlighted with sequin and pearl cutouts. Her tiered fingertip illusion veil was held by a circle headpiece of white satin roses, pearl sprays and white satin flowerets. She carried a cascade of Tineke, Vendela and champagne roses with pitosporum and limonium tied with tulle and Midori ribbons.

The bride carried a handkerchief that belonged to her maternal grandmother, the late Mrs. Lillie Chambers, as "something old"; her white pearlized pumps were her "something new"; "something borrowed" was a matching diamond studded pearl necklace and earring set belonging to Mrs. Clinton Thrasher of Plainview; and a blue garter was her "something blue".

Serving as Matron of Honor was Mrs. Justin Unwin of Plainview. She wore a burgundy Shantung gown featuring cap sleeves and scoop neckline, empire waist and a long straight skirt. She carried a bouquet of Madam Delbar roses and pink enchantment lilies.

The flower girls were Brityn Helms of Floydada, niece of the groom, and Guin Joyce of Plainview, friend of the bride.

Tyler Helms and Trey Helms, both nephews of the groom from Floydada, served as candlelighters.

Ushers for the wedding were Kary Helms of Floydada, brother of the groom, and Justin Unwin of Plainview, friend of the bride.

Don Cheek of Grapevine, a friend of the groom, acted as best man.

The guest registry was attended by Mrs. Darren Morphis of Plainview, friend of the bride. Halie Helms of Floydada, niece of the groom, handed out programs. Vicki Machen of Plainview, friend of the bride, handed out brass wedding bells. Mrs. Kyle Thompson of Plainview, friend of the bride, handed out bubbles.

Wedding music was performed by pianist, Mrs. Cliff Jernigan of Plainview. Mrs. Albert Thrasher of Plainview was the vocalist.

The wedding reception was hosted by the bride's parents in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table was adorned with a three tiered white wedding cake set on pillars with a fountain inside the lower level. A large cascade of burgundy roses draped from the top to lower tier of the cake. The Precious Moments cake topper held a picture of the bride and groom. Pink punch was served from a silver punch bowl. Pink and white mints in the shape of cowboy boots were served from a silver tray. Nuts were served from a crystal heart-shaped dish. The table was covered with a white lace floor-length cloth, hosted by the bride's parents.

The groom's table was covered with

an ecru linen cloth. The chocolate cake was in the shape of a wagon wheel. Coffee was served from a brass coffee urn. Chocolate cowboy boot-shaped mints were served from a brass tray. Nuts were served from a crystal heart-shaped dish. A large tray held an assortment of fresh vegetables. The table held a farm scene centerpiece. It was hosted by the groom's parents.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Helms of Floydada. It was held in the fellowship hall of First Assembly of God Church in Plainview on Friday, March 13, 1998.

On February 19, 1998, a Pound Shower was given the couple in the home of Mrs. James Smith. Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Woody Spencer, Mrs. David Morphis, Mrs. Vernon Thomas, and Mrs. Sam Nunley hosted the affair.

A Household Shower was hosted by Edna Gilly, Juanita Teeple, Mrs. Jim Mull, Mrs. Sam Nunley, Mrs. Eddie Carter, Mrs. Howard Stokes, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Leroy Tipton, Mrs. Albert Thrasher, Mrs. Clinton Thrasher, Mrs. Rex Davey, and Mrs. Neil Unwin in the home of Edna Gilly on February 28, 1998.

On February 28, 1998 the bride also was honored with a lingerie shower. It was hosted by Mrs. Justin Unwin, Tory Thrasher, Mrs. Kyle Tompson, Mrs. Darren Morphis, Mrs. Darren Whalen, and Melody Taylor in the home of Mrs. Wayland Richardson.

The bride is a graduate of Plainview High School and was until recently, employed by Gebco's Corporate Office in Plainview. She is presently a junior at Wayland Baptist University.

Helms is a graduate of Floydada High School, and attended Texas Tech University. He is currently a senior at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. He is engaged in farming in Floydada.

After their wedding trip to Nashville, Tennessee, the couple will make their home in Floydada.

Floydada Senior Citizens

By Margarette Word
The center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older, we need your at the center eating lunch and taking part in the fellowship. Our meals are very good. Call 983-2032 if you plan on eating lunch with us.

Dr. Keith and June Patzer has just returned after spending several days in their mobile home at Colorado River Thousand Trails near Columbus visiting Bill and Norma Feuerbacher. They left there and went to Fredricksburg. Their son, Bart and Kellye Patzer of Austin, met them and spend the night with them.

Our sympathy to Madge West and family on the loss of Shane Cunningham.

Our sympathy to Jim Word on the loss of a brother.

Our sympathy to Helen Guthrie on the loss of her son, Jimmy Owens.

Our sympathy to Marie and Thomas Warren and other family members on the loss of their son-in-law.

Bill Wright is back in the hospital. You may write him at 3010 Edgemont Drive, Abilene, Texas 79605.

W. B. Cates is in the Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

C.M. Leatherman is in a Amarillo hospital with pneumonia.

Jr. Simpson is in rehab at Lubbock.

Reverend Claude Porter, who was the minister at Calvary Baptist Church before moving to Pecos, had their home destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. A love fund has been started for them. If you are interested in helping, you may mail your check to the Calvary Baptist Church and they will see

that it is passed on to the Porters.

Kacky Jackson had cataract eye surgery on March 12th.

Letha Lightfoot has recently had cataract eye surgery too.

Ruth Trapp has been in the hospital recently but is now back at the Floydada Care Center.

R.G. Dunlap is at Prairie House in Plainview. His room is 125A and I'm sure he would like to receive a visit or a card.

Grace Jarrett has recently been in the hospital at Canyon with pneumonia. Her daughter, Nedra lives there and was able to help her as she recovered from her illness. Grace is at home now feeling real good.

"Thought For The Week"
Animals are such agreeable friends; they ask no questions, pass no criticism.

George Eliot

MENU

March 23-March 27

Monday: Fish nuggets, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat roll, canned peaches.

Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian vegetables, garlic bread, lime gelatin.

Wednesday: Chicken w/squash, unfried refried beans, Mexican corn, flour tortillas, cinnamon bananas.

Thursday: Tuna croquettes, creamed sauce, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, tossed salad w/ Ranch, hot roll, minced pie.

Friday: Ham salad, whole wheat bread, tator tots, broccoli & cheese, tomato slices, hot roll.

Milk or beverage of choice served with each meal.

Lockney Senior Citizens

By Gladys Ragle
LOCKNEY—Our group is still down some in attendance on Thursday nights, but with some better weather we hope it will increase.

Our community lost three more of its prominent citizens lately with the passing from this life of Owen Thornton, Doug Meriwether and Bobbie Kellison.

Our condolences go out to each of these families and we hope God will comfort them in this time of their loss. This community will miss each one of them.

The cove base around the new carpet at the center is in memory of Myrtle Taylor and donated by Arvie and Gene Newton.

The memorials made to the center for the month of February 1998 are appreciated very much.

In memory of Cap Carthel are donations by Nadine B. Foster, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCormick;

In memory of Dan Teuton are donations by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCormick;

In memory of Bernice Miller are donations by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCormick, and Maxine Hill;

In memory of Rodney Pyatt are donations by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCormick;

In memory of Joe Cumbie are donations by Nita Macken;

In memory of Mary Lou Bollman are donations by Mrs. Almeda Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Hartman,

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Brotherton;

In memory of Myrtle Taylor are donations by Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, Paul and DeLinda Glasson, Mrs. Almeda Phillips, The Dairy Queen Girls, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hartman, Georgia Ford, Mrs. Odie Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Brotherton, Virginia and Gene Owens, and Judy Griggs;

In memory of Robert Lee Smith are donations by Almeda Phillips;

In memory of Dorsey Baker are donations by Georgia Ford, Dan Hanst, John Hanst, and Thelma O'Brien;

In memory of Mrs. Dale Laceywell are donations by Georgia Ford.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"
Man's creed should not be live and let live, but live and help live.

MENU

March 23 - March 27

Monday: Barbecue beef, vegetables, salad and dessert

Tuesday: Baked chicken, vegetables, salad and dessert

Wednesday: Roast, vegetables, salad and dessert

Thursday: Meat loaf, vegetables, salad and dessert

Friday: Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad and dessert

Meals served with coffee, tea and bread.

Family and Community Education Council meet

By Lillian Smith
Regular meeting of the FCE Council was held March 12 in the council room.

President Karen Miller read information about the history of the origin of St. Patrick's Day beginning in 1737 in Ireland and it still continues to be a national holiday there. But only a secular holiday in the United States.

A game was played identifying spring flowers from descriptive clues.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and roll call was answered by seven members.

Plans were made on necessary preparations for the District Meeting to be held on March 31 in Tullia. Floyd County delegates are Bennie Dutton and Vivian Curtis and accompanied by Karen Miller.

Members attending the District Meeting are Jonelle Fawver, Melissa Long, Maye Williams, Ruth Scott and

Juanita Poole and delegates.

Floyd County is to furnish paper goods, cookies, and bread for the early morning coffee.

Melissa stated five 4-H members would be modeling at Senior Citizens on March 6. The District fashion show will be held on April 4. Mrs. Long said at least half of the one hundred plus 4-H members would be entering in some contest.

On May 8 members of the Homebuilders Club will spend a day in Lubbock guests of the Harmony Club.

Members attending the annual meeting were Gladys Widener, Karen Miller, Maye Williams, Jonelle Fawver, Ruth Scott, Melissa Long and Lillian Smith.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be held on August 27, 1998.

Floyd County Lifestyles

Matter of Fact

by Rick Perry, Texas Agriculture Commissioner

A new survey from the International Food Information Council shows that Americans strongly support the use of biotechnology to improve the nation's food supply. Fifty-four percent of those surveyed said that biotechnology has already benefited them. Three out of four consumers surveyed said they are sure to benefit from scientific advancements of their food over the next five years.

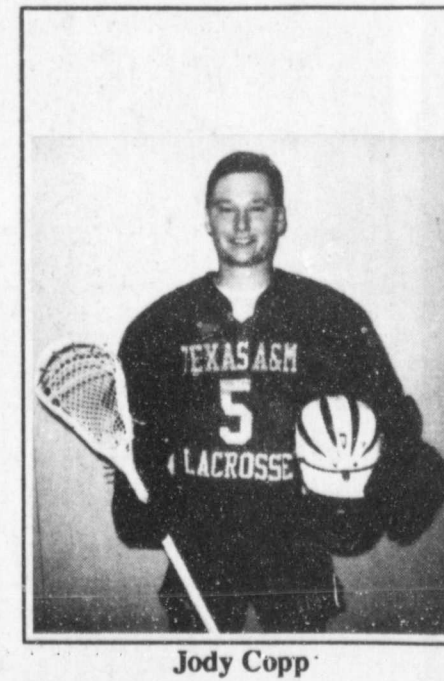
Americans recognize the long-term value of biotechnology in their lives: the environmental benefits such as protecting crops from insect damage while reducing pesticide use; and the potential for fresher, healthier and better tasting

fruits and vegetables.

This survey also tells me that U.S. consumers don't buy the unsubstantiated scare tactics from those who say that science doesn't belong in the supermarket. It's a shame that folks all over the world don't share the same confidence in our food supply as U.S. shoppers do. Consumers' fears and government skepticism in Europe and Asia only hurt the very people biotechnology can help and throw a roadblock toward ensuring a plentiful, safe food supply for a rising global population.

If we can't accept scientific advancement, we'll never win the race against world hunger.

Copp makes Texas A&M Lacrosse team



Jody Copp

Jody Copp, son of Rick and Lana Copp of Matador, is a member of the Texas A&M Lacrosse Team. Jody is an Ag-Business major at Texas A&M University at College Station.

Copp, a 1994 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, has one sister Kayla, an eighth grader at Motley Jr. High.

Grandparents are Jackie and Edna Duke and Bill and Margie Womack, all of Floydada.

Have a Good Week!

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National Honor Society inducts three

FLOYDADA--Three young ladies were inducted into the Floydada Chapter of the National Honor Society during ceremonies held Wednesday, March 11.

Shonda Smith, Meredith Schacht, and Royanne Mercado, were chosen for the honors because they have demonstrated outstanding abilities academically and in student leadership and community service.

Royanne Mercado, daughter of Roy and Elza Mercado, is a junior at FHS. She is a cheerleader, Student Council Reporter, Junior Class President, and the 1997 Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Ambassador.

She was also named to the list of Who's Who Among American High School students and was named Miss Floydada for 1998.

Royanne is involved in UIL One Act Play, Literary Criticism, Accounting, and Ready Writing. She has also served her school by raising money for the Junior/Senior Banquet and the Cheerleading fund, and served as statistician for the basketball teams.

In Student Council, Royanne has collected toys for the Toys for Tots Organization, and raised money for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Meredith Schacht, daughter of Clar and Judy Schacht, is also a junior at FHS.

She has been a Who's Who Among American High School students for 2 consecutive years, a J.V. Cheerleader, Freshman and Sophomore Student of

the Month, and the 1997-98 Miss Floydada.

Meredith has received departmental recognition in Ag. 101, Algebra I, and Geometry.

As part of FFA teams she has been to state in Dairy Products, and Sr. Chapter Conducting. As part of the Entomology Team, Meredith won state and was third high individual. She has also been a chapter officer her sophomore and junior year, and a district officer her junior year. Meredith has also been part of the swine project and has competed in stock shows in El Paso, Fort Worth and Houston.

She was a part of the Courtesy Corps at the 69th Annual State FFA Convention, and attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

This past summer Meredith was chosen to attend the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo, and also attended the Clarendon FFA Leadership Camp.

Meredith is also an active member of the Floydada Baptist Church Youth Council and Ministry Team. She sings in the choir and teaches Vacation Bible

School.

Shonda Smith, daughter of Stacey Smith and Victor Smith, is a junior at FHS.

Shonda has served as head J.V. Cheerleader, served on the yearbook staff, as student council representative, junior class reporter, and on the prom committee.

She has participated in basketball, track, cross-country, UIL Literary Criticism, served as manager, and has also been a member of the band.

Shonda has played in band concerts at the nursing home and served on the teacher appreciation committee, the community relations committee, and the awards assembly committee in Student Council.

She has taught Vacation Bible School at her church, visited residents in nursing homes on holidays, helped with church auctions and bakes sales for the youth, and baby-sat children in her church.

A reception in the FHS Library followed the induction ceremony. NHS members, their parents, teachers and other family and friends were treated to refreshments.



NHS MEMBERS--Current members of the Floydada Chapter of the National Honor Society include: (back row l-r) Stephen Dotson, Jennifer Noland, Jamie McGuire, Neisha Simpson, Lisa Martinez, Katie Smith, Mario Nunez, Tyson Whittle (front row l-r) Tara McCandless, Shonda Smith, Royanne Mercado, Meredith Schacht, Crystal Driver

Staff Photo

THROUGH THE HALLS



CHARACTER DAY--Students in Kindergarten at A.B. Duncan Elementary School held a character day on Friday, March 13. The children came to school dressed as their favorite fairy tale character. Among the usual

princesses and princes were a few knights, kings, a grumpy dwarf, Rapunzel, Cinderella, and a nursery rhyme or two including Little Jack Horner.

Staff Photo

LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 23 - MARCH 27
Monday:
 Breakfast - Blueberry Muffin, cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch - Sloppy Joe/Grilled cheese, potato rounds, fruit, cake, milk
Tuesday:
 Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Lunch - Ham/Peanut-Butter-Jelly sandwich, green peas, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk, hot rolls
Wednesday:
 Breakfast - Rice, toast, cereal, juice, milk
 Lunch - Chicken spaghetti/Burrito, green beans, salad, fruit, milk, Italian Bread
Thursday:
 Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk
 Lunch - Hamburger/Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, potato wedges, milk
Friday:
 Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk
 Lunch - Salmon patties/Corndog, pinto beans, scalloped potatoes, fruit, milk, cornbread



TEACHER OF THE MONTH -- Fisd board president Mitch Probasco presented Teresa Hollums with a certificate honoring her as the Teacher of the Month for March.

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FHS Class of 1988 is seeking missing members

The Floydada High School Class of 1988 is planning a ten-year reunion. Addresses for the following 1988 graduates are being sought. Anyone who knows the address of anyone listed below may contact Becky Ross at 983-3289 or Denise Holcombe at 983-3205.

Addresses are needed for Norma Barrientos, Cynthia Billegas, Janie Bueno, Paul Cazares, Rod Davis, Suzanne DeLeon, Esmo Delgado, Roger Gonzales, Tina Lara, Vicki Martinez, Gabriel Mendoza, Reymundo Perez, Wally Rodriguez, Brad Seans, Greg Strickland, and Gloria Vargas.



FHS NEW NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS--The National Honor Society Chapter at Floydada High School inducted three new members last Wednesday. They include: (L-R) Shonda Smith, Royanne Mercado, and Meredith Schacht.

Staff Photo

Floydada School Menu

March 23-March 27

Monday:
 BREAKFAST-Juice, cinnamon toast, milk
 LUNCH-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk
Tuesday:
 BREAKFAST-Juice, oatmeal, toast,

milk
 LUNCH-Corn dog, tator tots, applesauce, gingerbread, milk
Wednesday:
 BREAKFAST-Juice, sausage, toast, milk
 LUNCH-Spaghetti w/meat saude, carrot sticks, English peas, pineapple, hot roll, milk
Thursday:

BREAKFAST-Juice, Pancake, syrup, milk
 LUNCH-Beef taco, pinto beans, tossed salad, conbread, pears, milk
Friday:
 BREAKFAST-Juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk
 LUNCH-Chili cheese sandwich, French fries, tossed salad, cobbler, milk

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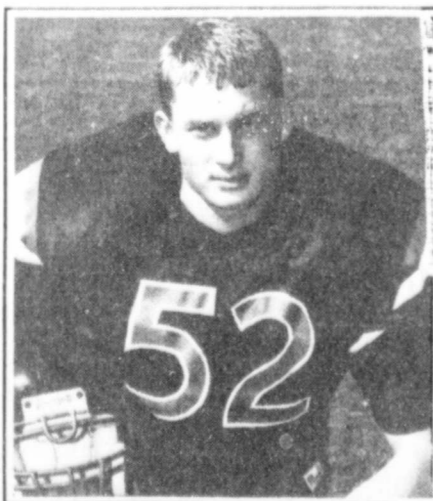


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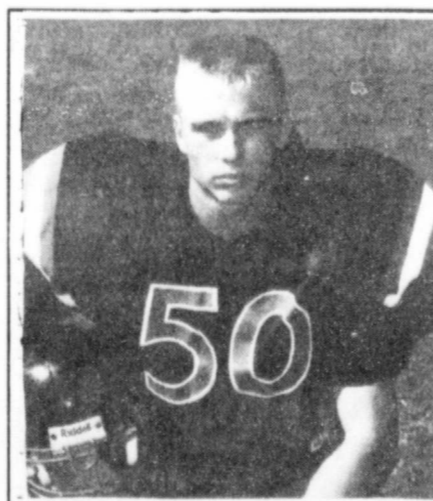
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Football All-State Honorable Mention players Tyson McDonald and Josh Lambert have been invited to play football in the Down Under Bowl in Australia.



TYSON McDONALD

They will be departing June 21st. The total cost for each boy is \$2,600.00. Tyson & Josh will be raising their own money. Anyone donating money will be eligible to win two all-expense paid trips to the Down Under Bowl.



JOSH LAMBERT

Payne qualifies for National Junior Golf Tournament

By Nick Long
FLOYDADA--Justin Payne of Floydada took 3rd place in a regional qualifying tournament of the Junior Golf Cup at the Columbia Lakes Resort south of Houston on Saturday, March 14th. The Floydada High School Senior carded a 4-over par 76 to earn one of the four qualifying positions to the National Golf Cup Tourney in June at Charlotte, North Carolina.

There were 8 regional tournaments across the United States that qualified 4 players each for the national competition. The top 4 scores from 36 holes of play at Charlotte will then make the U.S. team to play in the Junior World Cup in Scotland later in the summer.

Payne is playing in the age 17-18 category and will be 18 years old when he competes in Charlotte. He is the son of Stan and Denice Payne of Floydada.

SPORTS

Whirlwind tracksters take fourth at Seminole Invitational Tournament

By Nick Long
The Floydada Whirlwinds Golf Team finished 4th in a 15-team field of the Seminole Invitational at the Gaines County Golf Course on March 12th. Hobbs, New Mexico and Seminole had identical rounds of 821 to lead the tourney. Then Hobbs won first place in a playoff. Levelland took 3rd place with a 330, and Floydada was 4th by carding a 344.

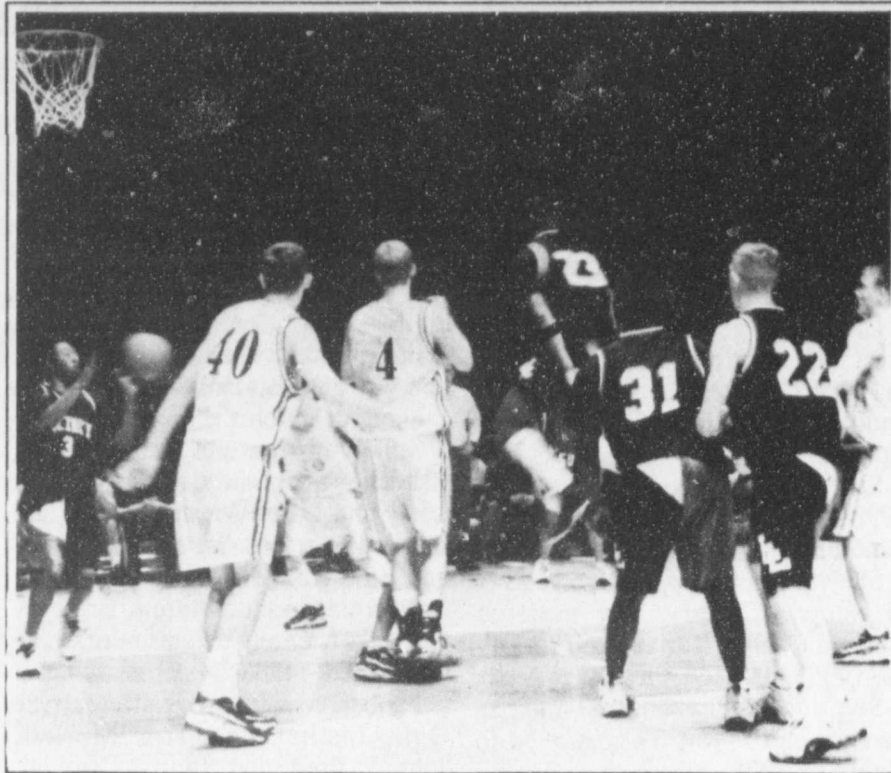
Justin Payne, senior, led Floydada with a 4-over par 6 and won first medalist honors. Jamie Cooper of Seminole and Travis Funk of Hobbs were 2-strokes back at 78. Funk took the

runner-up medalist in a playoff. Other Floydada scores included Jeff Lyles with an 84, while Jeremy Hernandez, Clint Fypp and Jordan Chaparro shot the same score of 92.

The Whirlwinds will return to the Gaines County Golf Course on March 26th for the first of four rounds of District 2 3A play. The other district tournaments will be March 31st at Brownfield, April 9th at Floydada, and final district tourney will be hosted by Slaton at the Idalou Country Club on April 16th.

Other team results of Seminole Invitational were: 5th place Stanton 347;

6th place Slaton 360; 7th place O'Donnell 362; 8th place Kermit 363; 9th place Eunice, NM 364; 10th place Seminole "B" 365; 11th place Frenship JV 368; 12th place Lamesa 375; 13th place Brownfield 383; 14th place Friona 392; 15th place Morton 394.



UP TO GET OVER -- JR Walker (#23) went up in the air to lob the ball over the heads of the taller Bumblebees and give Charles Van Zandt (#31) a chance to shoot during playoff action against the Little River Academy team. -- Staff Photo

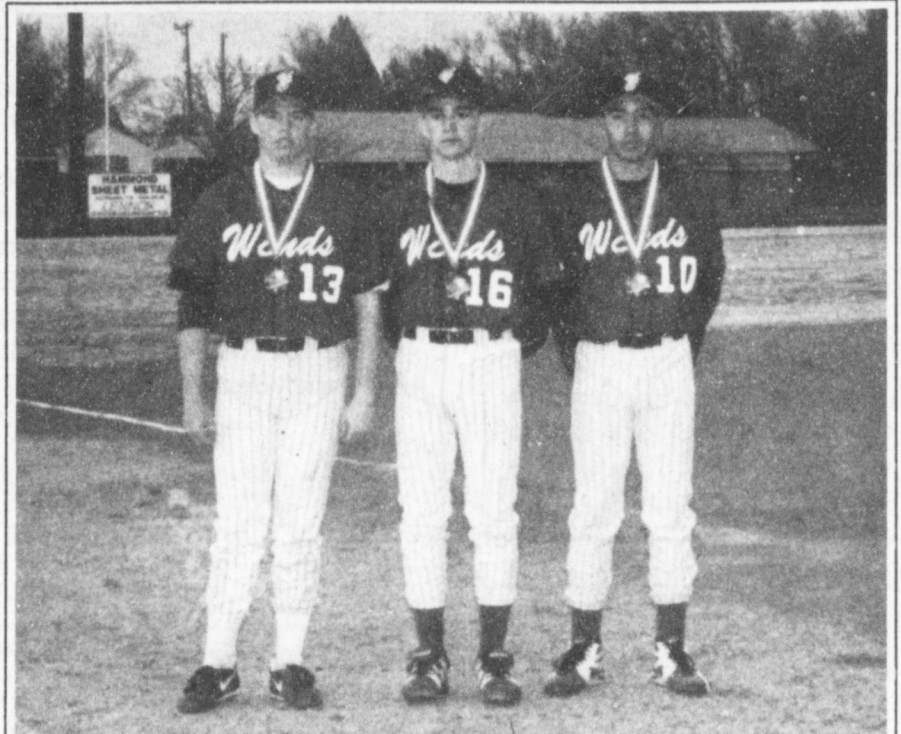
Bumblebees sting Longhorns

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 assist and a block. Charles VanZandt and Devon Phillips each made two assists and four steals with Phillips making 10 points. Thad Lusk scored 12 points and had an assist and two steals.

Willie Luna had 7 points and an assist. Anthony Poole had one point and Kris Jones made a successful block during their time on the floor. Calvin Collins had two assists and Ryan Graves made three points. Abel Rosales was also a contributor to the team effort.

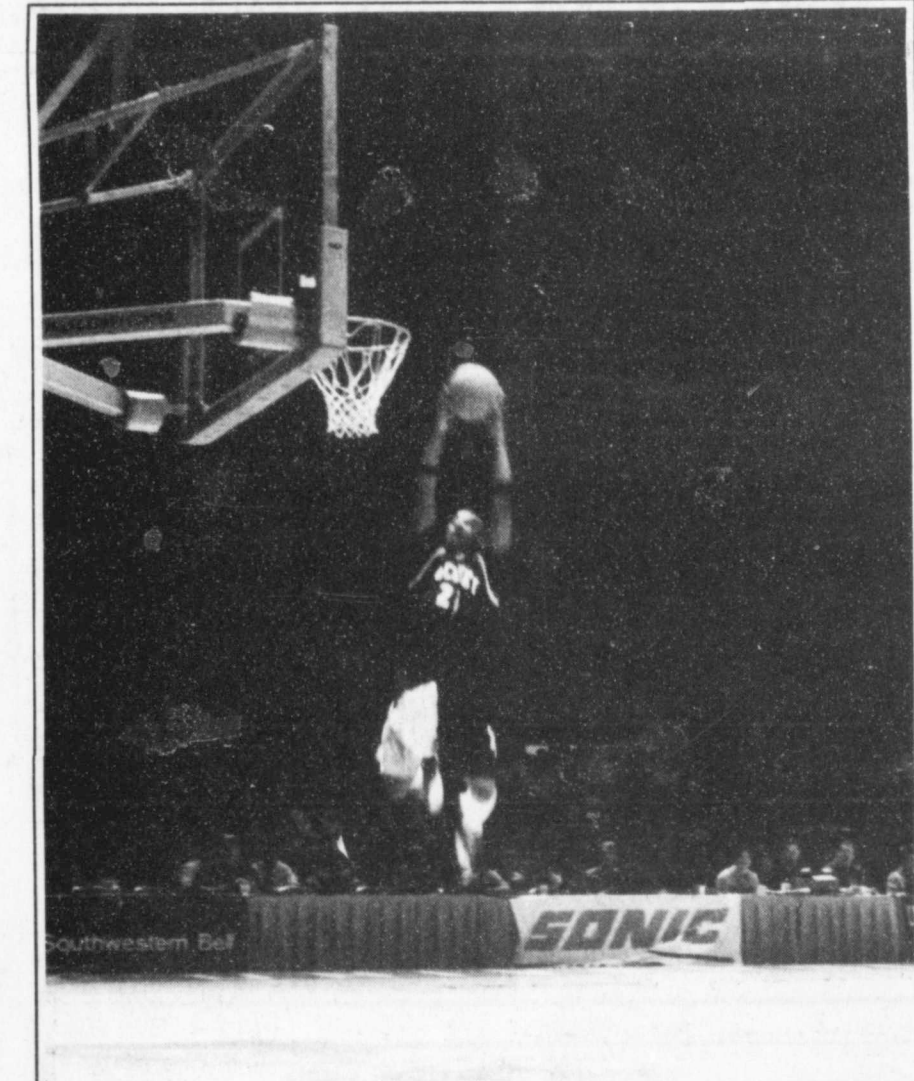
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	1	2	3	4	FG	3-Pt.	FT	RB	TP
Lockney Longhorns	15	8	9	15	5	1	3	3	14
LRA	18	17	20	22					

VanZandt	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	4	1	1	5	10	0	0	0	0
Lusk	6	0	0	5	12	0	0	0	0
Luna	2	2	1	0	7	0	0	1	0
Poole	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Rosales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graves	1	1	0	3	3				



ALL-TOURNAMENT PLAYERS -- FHS Whirlwind baseball team members selected to the All-Tournament Team in the 1998 Floyd County Baseball Tournament last weekend included (left to right) Dusty Duke, Dusty Anderson, and Richard Casillas. -- Staff Photo

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ALONE AT THE NET -- JR. Walker took advantage of a chance to take the ball and make it to the net at Lockney's end of the court in the Frank Erwin Center at state playoffs in Austin last Friday. -- Staff photo

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"The United States is at the top of the worldwide agriculture market," said Bob Stallman, President of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Ag Day is an opportunity to make the public aware of the incredible impact agriculture has every day in our society, as well

as celebrate the outstanding achievements of American farmers and ranchers."

Ag Day's 1998 theme is "Growing Tomorrows." This theme points to the increasing demand that will be placed on agriculture in the future. With the world's population at 5.5 billion today, it is expected to soar to 7.9 billion by the year 2020. Agriculture's ability to produce more and more food will be critical for this growing population.

Fortunately, America's farmers and ranchers have already made great progress in increasing productivity.

For example, in 1960 the average farmer fed 25.8 people. By 1994, however, the average American farmer had increased his productivity five times, feeding 129 people both in the U.S. and abroad.

"Despite the booming population, American agriculture is up to the task," Stallman said. "Modern farming practices and state-of-the-art technology have allowed American farm-

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Recent advances such as precision farming are playing a big role in increasing farm productivity. Sophisticated Global Positioning Systems help reduce waste by using satellites and computers to map out a field and let the farmer know exactly where and when he needs to plant seeds, apply fertilizer and crop protection chemi-

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Biogenetics have also increased the amount of food that each plant produces. Geneticists isolate desirable plant traits (such as disease resistance) and incorporate them into new plants, resulting in much higher crop yields.

Ranchers have also used technology to produce leaner cuts of beef. Today's

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Farmers and ranchers have also worked hard to preserve the land. Farmers have employed contour farming (planting crops around hillsides rather than up and down) and reduced tillage practices to prevent erosion. Ranchers have addressed erosion by making use of sod waterways, diversions, and catch basins.



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Whirlwinds snap five game losing streak

By Coach David Kennedy
FLOYDADA -- The Floydada Whirlwinds ended a five game losing streak on their way to a second place finish in the Floyd County Baseball Tournament held in Floydada and Lockney March 12, 13, & 14. A first round victory over Crosbyton snapped the Whirlwind losing streak and a second round victory over New Deal propelled the 'Winds into the championship game against the Childress Bobcats.

WHIRLWINDS 14 CROSBYTON 4

Sophomore right-hander Brandon Wickware pitched three innings of shutout baseball after giving up 4 runs in the first inning to lead the 'Winds to their first victory of the 1998 season. Wickware struck out 3 and walked 3 as the 'Winds rolled up 14 runs to down the Chiefs 14-4. Richard Casillas went 2 for 3 and drove in 2 runs, Derek Martinez, went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's and Gabe Rodriguez went 2 for 3 and drove in a run to lead Floydada offensively.

Casillas started the scoring with a two run triple in the bottom of the first as he drove in Ruben Barrientoz and Dusty Duke. Casillas would score later on a wild pitch. Jason Campbell scored after stealing second and an RBI from Chad Turner. Turner crossed the plate on an RBI single by Rodriguez who scored when Martinez doubled to left field giving the 'Winds a lead they would never relinquish.

The Whirlwinds added two more runs in the fourth when Dusty Anderson drew a bases loaded walk to drive in Barrientoz and Duke scored on another bases loaded walk by Turner.

A six run fifth inning helped the 'Winds secure their first win of the season as the game ended due to the 10-run rule. Campbell drove in Duke and Casillas with a single to left-center. Turner drove in Anderson with a single to left and Campbell scored on an error by the Crosbyton pitcher. Rodriguez tripled to right-center and Martinez drove him in with a double to left. Duke drove in Martinez by forcing the Crosbyton second baseman into an error.

Coach David Kennedy summed up the victory by stating, "This was just what we needed after losing five in a row. Brandon Wickware pitched well after a shaky start and Ruben Barrientoz finished the game by throwing only seven pitches in the top of the fifth. Offensively, we were aggressive on the bases and the kids hit the ball like they are capable of hitting it. All in all, this was a quality performance."

Individual statistics	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	POA
Floydada							
Ruben Barrientoz, 2bp.	3	2	0	0	1	1	3
Dusty Duke c	2	3	1	1	1	0	4
Richard Casillas lf	3	2	2	2	1	0	2
Dusty Anderson rf	1	1	0	1	3	1	0
Jason Campbell 1b	4	2	1	0	0	0	4
Chad Turner, ss	3	1	1	3	1	0	1
Cody Stovall, cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
Gabriel Rodriguez, 3b	3	2	2	1	0	0	2
Derek Martinez dh/2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
Brandon Wickware p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	14	9	12	7	5	15

Score by Innings:	R	H	E	
Whirlwinds	600	26	14	9
Chiefs	400	00	4	4

Note: 1 out, 1 runner LOB at game end

Errors: Hartsell 2(2), Van Hoose (1), Martin (1), Rogers (1), Duke (1), Turner (1)
 LOB: Crosbyton 6, Floydada 6
 2B: Justus (1), Duke (1), Martinez 2(2)
 3B: Casillas (1), Rodriguez (1)
 SB: Hartsell (1), Rogers (1), Barrientoz (1), Duke (1), Campbell (1)
 Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO AB BF
 Floydada
 Wickware 4.0 4 4 2 3 3 16 21
 Barrientoz 1.0 0 0 0 0 1 4 4
 Crosbyton
 Van Hoose 2.1 3 6 3 3 4 11 15
 Martin 2.0 6 8 4 4 1 14 18
 Winner-Wickware 1-0; Loser-Van Hoose; Save-none; WP-Van Hoose (1), Wickware (1); PB-Justus (1), Duke (1); CI-Duke; HBP-by Wickware (Fink), by Van Hoose (Duke)

FLOYDADA 7 NEW DEAL 6

The Whirlwinds needed pitching and timely hitting to defeat the New Deal Lions in the second round of the Floyd County Tournament. Dusty Anderson struck out 8 and scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to defeat the Lions. Dusty Duke went 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's, Richard Casillas hit a three run homer, Jason Campbell drove in a run and went 1 for 3, as did Gabriel Rodriguez. Corey

Clemens went 1 for 3 and Dusty Anderson went 1 for 4.

After giving up a solo homer in the top of the first, the 'Winds answered by Casillas hitting a 3 run shot to give the 'Winds the lead. The Whirlwinds added a run in the third when Duke singled, stole second, then third and Campbell doubled to drive in Duke.

The Lions battled back to tie the game in the top of the fourth before Duke double to drive in Clemens and Ruben Barrientoz. However, the two run lead would not last long as the Lions once again knotted the score at 6 apiece in the sixth.

The bottom of the seventh proved to be New Deal's undoing as Anderson lead off with a double to left. Two batters later, Rodriguez singled to right and drove in Anderson for the game winner.

"What a nice way to win a ball game. The kids hung in there and fought to the end. This should give us a great boost of confidence," Coach Kennedy said. "Now we get another chance at Childress and the Champions."

Individual statistics	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	POA
Floydada							
Ruben Barrientoz, 2bp.	1	2	0	0	3	1	1
Dusty Duke c	3	2	2	2	1	0	10
Richard Casillas lf	4	1	1	3	0	3	1
Dusty Anderson rf	4	1	1	0	0	3	2
Jason Campbell 1b	3	0	1	1	0	4	1
Gabriel Rodriguez, 3b	3	0	1	1	2	2	0
Chad Turner, ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cory Clemens dh	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Derek Martinez dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cody Stovall, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	7	7	7	6	11	21

Score by Innings:	R	H	E			
Whirlwinds	301	200	1	7	7	5
Lions	100	302	0	6	5	3

Note: 1 out, 1 runner LOB at game end

Errors: Montoya (1), Martinez 2 (2), Duke (1), Casillas (1), Anderson (1), Turner (1), Clemens (1)

LOB: New Deal 3, Floydada 7

2B: S. Freeman (1), Duke (1), Anderson (1), Campbell (1)

HR: Miller (1), Casillas (1)

SB: Miller (1), S. Freeman 2(2), S. Freeman 2(2), Barrientoz (1), Duke 2(2), Campbell (1), Clemens (1)

Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO AB BF

Floydada

Anderson 5.2 5 6 2 6 8 21 27

Barrientoz 0.1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Casillas 1.0 0 0 0 0 2 3 3

New Deal

Garcia 5.0 5 6 6 5 10 21 26

Martinez 1.1 2 1 1 1 1 6 7

Winner-Anderson 1-2; Loser-Garcia; Save-none; WP-Garcia (1), Anderson 2 (2); PB-Miller (1), Duke (1)

FLOYDADA 2 CHILDRESS 13

The Whirlwinds fell to the Childress Bobcats in the championship game of the Floyd County Baseball Tournament. Childress scored 13 runs on 13 hits and made no errors to earn top honors. The 'Winds only managed 2 runs on five hits and made 5 errors to finish second behind a very good Bobcat team.

Offensive highlights of the game for the 'Winds were a solo homer by Dusty Anderson, a 2 for 3 performance by Jason Campbell, a 1 for 1, 1 RBI game for Cory Kirk, and a 1 for 3 game for Ruben Barrientoz.

Regarding the game, Coach Kennedy stated, "Childress is a very solid team. They hit the ball very well and have great team speed. They scored 54 runs in three games this weekend which shows that they are tough to beat. I am proud of the efforts of our kids this weekend. We played very well and we should be proud of that fact."

Individual statistics	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	POA
Floydada							
Ruben Barrientoz, 2bp.	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
Dusty Duke c	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
Richard Casillas plf	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Dusty Anderson dh	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Jason Campbell 1b	3	0	2	0	0	3	1
Gabriel Rodriguez, 3b/2b	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
Cory Kirk lf/3b	1	0	1	1	2	0	0
Derek Martinez dh/2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brandon Wickware p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chad Turner, ss	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Cody Stovall, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals	21	2	5	2	4	2	17

Score by Innings:	R	H	E	
Whirlwinds	010	001	2	5
Bobcats	203	053	13	13

Errors: Barrientoz (1), Clemens 2(2), Turner 2(2)

LOB: Bobcats 7, Floydada 6

2B: Banks (1), Clemens (1)

HR: Miller (1), Anderson (1)

SB: Love (1), Rodriguez (1), Montgomery 2(2), Banks (1), Campbell (1), G. Rodriguez (1)

CS: Montgomery (1)

SH: Duke (1)

SF: Rodriguez (1)

Pitching: IP H R ER BB SO AB BF

Floydada

Casillas 4.1 7 8 6 3 5 18 23

Barrientoz 1.2 6 5 4 2 1 13 15

Childress

Oronia 6.0 5 2 2 4 2 21 26

Winner-Oronia, Loser-Casillas 0-3; Save-none; WP-Casillas (1); PB-Montgomery (1), Duke 2(2); HBP-by Casillas (Montgomery)

Sports

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Floydada boys take third at Shallowater Invitational Tourney

By Coach Randall Lightfoot
FLOYDADA -- A bit of the experienced and established blended with the up and coming as the Floydada High School boys track team finished a surprising third in the 10-team Shallowater Invitational Friday evening, March 13.

Senior hurdler Mario Nunez returned to track competition for the first time since last year's regional finals in double gold medal form after severely injuring his ankle during basketball season. Taking over for Gabe Rodriguez—who was with his baseball teammates in the semifinal game of the FHS tournament—on the first leg of the 400 meter relay, Nunez got the Whirlwinds off to an auspicious start as he and relay mates Michael

Black, Tyrell Fuller and Darryl Henderson upset the field in a first-place time of 45.49.

Nunez came back in his specialty, the 110 meter high hurdles for another first place finish. Trailing after the first six hurdles, Nunez powered into the lead over the seventh barrier and steadily increased his advantage over the remaining three hurdles to post a winning time of 15.98 seconds. He topped off his evening with a 44.31 in the 300 meter hurdles for sixth.

The biggest news of the night for the 'Winds came in the short sprints. Fuller, only a freshman, gave a sign of things to come when he pulled the sprint relay team from third to first on his leg of the relay. He came back in his varsity debut in the 100-meter dash to easily win his heat in 10.33 and finish third. The power-running freshman then stunned the crowd in the 200 when he blazed through the home stretch to claim victory in a time of 22.99, one of the fastest times in the area this spring, regardless of school size.

"Fuller impressed a lot of people Friday night," FHS track coach Randall Lightfoot said. "He ran about as well as I've ever seen any freshman run."

Occasionally, you see a young runner who can compete in longer races, but it's rare that someone Tyrell's age can compete this well in the short sprints. If he had been in the same heat as the winners in the 100, I believe he would probably have won that."

The 1,600-meter relay, the showcase event for the Whirlwinds the past two years, shook off the cobwebs of its early performance as Justin McGuire, Cody Stovall, Black and

Richard Casillas had the crowd on its feet during a tight four-lap duel with Sundown. The 'Winds finished two yards behind the Roughnecks but Floydada's clocking of 3:35.18 was just three seconds slower than the team's district championship performance last April. The time is even more impressive when considering that both Stovall and Casillas had played in the semifinals of FHS's baseball tournament then jumped into a car for the ride to Shallowater.

Sophomore sensations Henderson and McGuire gave FHS a punch in the triple jump by finishing third and fourth, respectively. Henderson led the event until the final round. His last jump was long enough for victory, but he fouled by less than three inches. McGuire improved his seasonal best in the high jump a whopping four inches as his leap of 5 feet, 10 inches earned him a tie for third.

Black earned Floydada some rare points in the sand. The rapidly improving junior took fourth in the long jump with a leap of 19-1, the biggest leap by a Whirlwind in several years.

In the junior varsity division, freshmen Brad Cruz and Jermaine Wickware produced some quality performances. Cruz won his second straight 1,600-meter crown with a 5:38.11 clocking. Wickware added another silver medal to his collection with a 56.79 in the 400.

Sophomore Brandon Wickware earned a third place medal in the shot put with a heave of 37 feet, three-quarters of an inch. Josh Caballero, yet another highly promising freshman, took the bronze in the 3,200-meter and then finished sixth behind Cruz in the 1,600 in 5:52.22.

Third annual W.H. Hallmark Relays slated

The Lockney High School W.H. Hallmark Relays are slated for Friday, March 20th and Saturday, March 21st. Events will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Everyone who is going to assist are asked to report at 2:45 p.m. on Friday and at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday.

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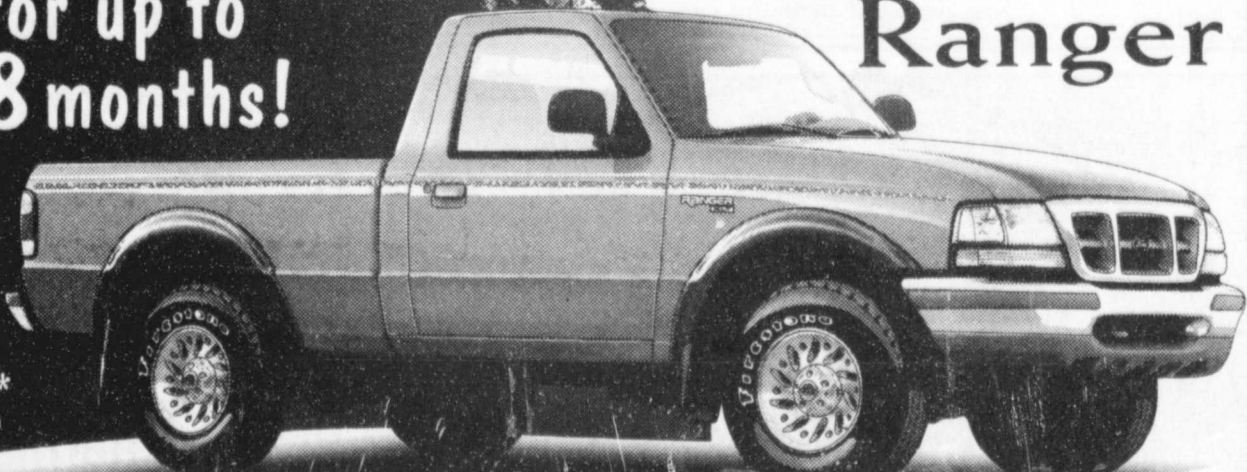
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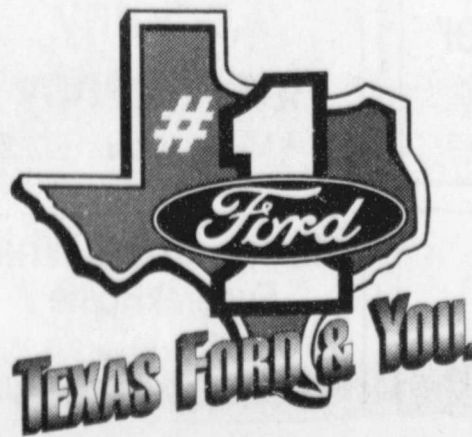
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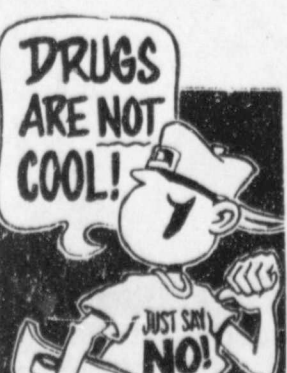
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Kid's Krusade scheduled at Floydada's Trinity Church

FLOYDADA -- Trinity Church of Floydada will begin a Kid's Krusade this Sunday, March 22, with Pam Pratt and friends. This promises to be a really exciting time. There will be games, treats, prizes and lots of puppets illustrating bible stories thrilling to both children and adults. There will be a three-foot-long chocolate candy bar for the person bringing the most visitors to the Kid's Krusade.

Pam will be speaking in the 10:40 a.m. Sunday morning worship service. The official Kid's Krusade will begin

at 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening. Monday thru Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Basically the ages are from four through twelve. There will be several adults present to assist and supervise the children in any way needed. Kids are invited to enjoy this time of worship on their level. Adults are welcome to come also.

For more information feel free to call 983-3949 or 983-5499. Trinity church is located at 500 West Houston, at the "Y" across the street from the Floydada Dairy Queen.

Grace Fellowship to host Cowboy Camp Meetin'

LOCKNEY--Grace Fellowship's first Cowboy Camp Meetin' was such a blessing that Lockney church has decided to make the "meetings" a regular occurrence every other Monday evening.

Cowboys, Trey Johnson and Corey Ross--founders of "Cowboy Ministries", will return to Grace Fellowship, Monday, March 23.

Trey, a College National Finalist in Team Roping, will minister the Word, and Corey will lead the praise and worship.

Trey is a native of Andrews, Texas and stays busy with preaching and rodeos. He has won several large rodeos and ropings.

Corey is a native of Odessa and graduated from Odessa High School before moving to San Angelo. His family owned Angelo Indoor Arena.

Corey has been involved in music all of his life and has not only sung all over the United States but he has also traveled to London, England to sing.

He will be recording his first album this year.

"Cowboy Ministries" started in April 1997. The young duo minister

about 15-20 times per month all across the country. They have been instrumental in starting churches in El Paso, and Odessa.

Trey and Corey will also join Glen Smith, of Post, at a Cowboy Church in Lubbock beginning April 2.

Cowboy Ministries has a large Bible study in Canyon and has been featured on Prime Time television for two months including several live television programs.

You don't have to be a cowboy to attend and enjoy this service. Everyone is welcome.

Trey and Corey have proven to be a very special blessing to young adults, and children are also thrilled by real cowboys telling of their love for Jesus and the change in their lives since coming to know Christ.

Grace Fellowship Church is located at the north end of Main Street in Lockney, across the street from W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital.

For more information on "Cowboy Ministries" call Ed Marks, at 652-3157.

"Saddle up and ride with the Lord. You won't regret it."

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Henry Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
607 W. Lee St., Floydada
J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third, Lockney
Frank Duckworth, Evangelist
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada
Gene McCarty, Minister
Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
(Summer 8:00 p.m.)

EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G.A. Blocker
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
701 W. Missouri, Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Evangelistic 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Night Service 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
401 S. Main, Floydada
Gene Hawkins, Interim Pastor
Michael Holster
Music/Adm./Sr. Adults
Les Reed, Interim Youth Dir.
Sunday:
Instrumental Ensemble 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training, Nursery, Mission Friends, Team Kid, Bible Drill, Youth Choir, Senior Adult Choir, Deacon & Wives Leadership Study, and Adult Bible Study 4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Celestial Ringers 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's Choir 4:00 p.m.
Study Hall 5:15 p.m.
Evening Meal 5:45 p.m.
Prayer Time (All Ages) 6:30 p.m.
Nursery, Preschool Choir, RA's, GA's Sanctuary Choir, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
Matt Chaffin, Music Minister
Debbie Wiley, Youth Minister
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir & Youth 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
RA's and GA's 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
3rd Saturdays:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:
Baptist Women 3:00 p.m.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Wendell Horn, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, alg. 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Tommie Beck, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women,
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL CME
Floydada
Rev. James Jenkins
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
211 N. Main, Lockney
Interdenominational Church
Rev. Ted Samples, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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

IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS
404 E. 6th St., Lockney
Lupe Banda, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Russell Harris, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday, Elder Don Martin
4th Sunday, Tom Taylor

PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Pedro Villareal, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
Ambassadors 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Luncheon -
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PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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

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

SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLO GETSEMANI
308 Mississippi
Rev. Alejandro Ruiz Jr.
983-2864 or 983-5286
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Family Night 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father John Olig
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Rosary recited 1/2 hour before each Mass
Phone: 983-5878

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Christian Training 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St. Lockney 652-2181
Gabriel W. Ortiz, Pastor
Olga L. Martinez, Youth Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Rev. Ramiro Coss
515 E. Missouri, Floydada
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO LIBERTAD
203 SE 2nd, Lockney
652-2793
Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

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


TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
652-3704
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY CHURCH
500 W. Houston, Floydada
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Thornberry votes to eliminate legal headache

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry voted this afternoon for legislation that would help eliminate one of the "legal headaches" landowners face when they try to take the federal government to court in a dispute over private property rights.

Called the *Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act*, the bill would allow individuals who believe their property was unjustly taken by the federal government to file suit in either the U.S. Court of Federal Claims or U.S. District Court. Under current law, which dates back to the 1887 Tucker Act, property owners are restricted to choosing between filing suit in the Court of Federal Claims for monetary relief or U.S. District Court for injunc-

tive relief. Because of this split jurisdiction, Thornberry noted, neither court can provide full relief to a landowner whose property has been taken by the federal government. Moreover, he added, the government often claims that property owners have filed suit in the wrong court, bouncing them back and forth between the Court of Federal Claims and the District Court in what has become known as the Tucker Act Shuffle. The legislation approved today would change that by giving property owners the right to file suits for monetary relief or injunctive relief in either the Court of Federal Claims or U.S. District Court. "It's bad enough for property own-

ers when the federal government comes in and tells them they can't use their land," Thornberry stated. "But what can make the situation even worse is that people often get Washington's version of a legal headache when they take their case to court. This bill will help put an end to that by eliminating one of the hurdles

landowners face when they file suit against the federal government. Hopefully, it will also help save them some of their time, money and patience along the way." The *Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act* passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 230-180. It will now be sent to the Senate for consideration.



Floyd County Farm News

Workshops offer farmers price risk management help

By Joe Bryant / Texas Agriculture Extension Service
A farmer may not be able to control price, but he can control how and when he prices his crop, say agricultural economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "The cotton farmer can take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities only if he is prepared to evaluate the various alternatives," said Dr. Jackie Smith, professor and Extension Service economist.

To help farmers evaluate such opportunities, the Extension Service will hold a series of one-day, in-depth introductory cotton marketing workshops. The programs will be March 30 at Plainview, April 1 at Levelland, April 2 at Friona and April 3 at Seminole.

These educational programs support a statewide risk management initiative funded by the Texas legislature. Instructors will be Dr. Carl Anderson, professor of agriculture economics and cotton marketing specialist with Extension Service, College Station, and Smith.

Participants must register for any of the four courses by March 25. Each workshop begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. The registration fee of \$30 includes an extensive set of materials, but doesn't include lunch. Spouses are encouraged to attend, one fee will cover both and include one set of materials. A workshop at any site will be canceled if 10 registrations for that site haven't been received by March 25.

Registration forms are available at

offices of the Extension Service in the participating counties of Hale, Hockley, Cochran, Lubbock, Parmer, Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Gaines, Terry and Yoakum.

"All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly related to the futures market," Smith said. "This requires that much of the workshop involve a study of the basics of futures and options."

He suggested that producers wishing to attend but unfamiliar with the futures market visit their county agent before the workshop and check out an audiotape and a handout which introduce use of the futures market for forward pricing.

Topics which will be covered in each workshop are an overview of price risk management, introduction to futures, localizing the future-basis, introduction to options, estimating costs of production, comparison of pricing alternatives, developing a marketing plan, the cotton situation and outlook, and organizing a marketing club.

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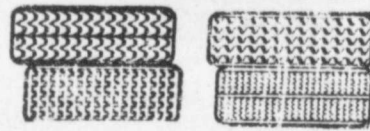
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Cotton News

PLAINS COTTON GROWERS 41ST ANNUAL MEETING

By Shawn Wade
Preparations for the 41st Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting are almost complete and PCG is proud to announce their speakers for the event.

Keynote speaker for the Meeting will be Congressman Larry Combest of Lubbock. Also on the agenda are Mark Lange, Director of Economic and Information Services for the National Cotton Council in Memphis and Ms. Carla West, Producer Relations Representative with the NCC in Washington, D.C.

Reports will also be heard from outgoing PCG President Jackie Burris and Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

A producer workshop "Adjusting Cotton Production Systems for Boll Weevil Management" will be held on Friday, April 17th, 1998 following PCG's annual meeting that morning.

PCG is sponsoring the workshop to ensure that cotton growers from the area are made aware of the management safeguards available to help survive what appears will be a very serious weevil problem in 1998. The workshop will begin with CEU registration at 1:30 p.m. and the program will start at 2:00 p.m.

Speakers and panelists include representatives from Texas Tech University, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, and area crop consultants.

The agenda includes:
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Q & A and Wrap Up

PCG INVOLVED IN CORRECTING FLAWS IN FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE COTTON PROGRAM

The job of correcting the flaws in the Federal Crop Insurance cotton program has become a regular source of work for the cotton industry. Plains Cotton Growers continues to be involved in this process.

Recent discussions with the USDA Risk Management Agency has reopened the issue in 1998.

RMA officials have agreed to take another look at several areas of concern to producers. Among the issues which the RMA has agreed to look into are a reexamination of the rating procedures and structure of cotton premiums, the need for improvements in the quality adjustment coverage for cotton, the need for replant coverage comparable to that offered for other crops and the need for another look at prevented planting provisions for cotton.

It is hoped that the latest round of talks will provide workable solutions in the future to many of these issues.

LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO HELP SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Legislation designed to help sub-Saharan African countries passed the House of Representatives this week despite concerns from the U.S. cotton and textile industries that it will not lead to any significant improvements in the targeted area.
According to Plains Cotton Growers the end result will probably be an increase in the transshipment of cotton goods and apparel through the sub-Saharan region from Asian markets.

The legislation in question is the African Growth and Opportunity Act of 1998, H.R. 1432.

Cotton and textile industry officials vow they will continue to work for changes in the legislation as it moves to the Senate for consideration. Industry officials noted that the changes necessary to make the legislation successful are relatively simple and should improve the ability of the bill to be successful.

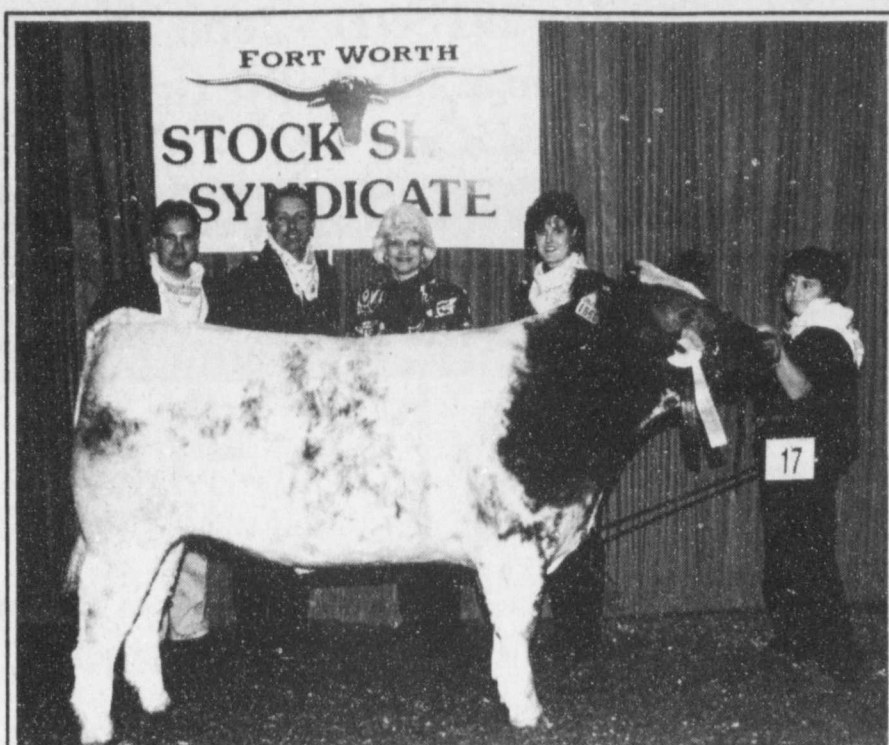
TDA ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON NORTHWEST PLAINS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION ZONE

By Roger Haldenby
Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that the Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting public comment until April 13 on a proposal to create a new smaller boll weevil eradication zone from the existing statutory Northern High Plains Zone.

The proposed zone, the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, would consist of about 450,000 acres of cotton in five counties: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer. A public hearing will be held at Earth City Hall, Earth, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2nd.

Written comments should be sent to Katie Dickie-Stavinoha, Special Assistant for Producer Relations, TDA, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 by April 13.

If the small zone is created, an advisory committee will be seated to gauge whether there is interest in pursuing a comprehensive boll weevil eradication program within the new zone.



TOM THUMB FOOD AND PHARMACY BUYS LOCAL ANIMAL -- Kelli La Baume Childre (4th from left), public relations manager, was among the Tom Thumb Food and Pharmacy buyers at the recent Ft. Worth Stock Show. She was the purchaser responsible for buying this Reserve Champion Shorthorn Steer belonging to Mandi Wood (right) of Floydada for \$6,000.00. Pictured with them are other company personnel, left to right, store directors Dwayne Craven and Larry White, and public relations director Connie Yates. La Baume, the daughter of Jon and Elaine La Baume of Floydada and sister of Coy La Baume of Plainview, handles public relations for 52 stores in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Area. Wood is the daughter of John and Betty Ann Fortenberry of Floydada. Courtesy Photo

A New Look At The Emu

By Tom Thomason
Texas Emu Association

Emu were in great demand several years ago, and that resulted in escalating prices which could not possibly self-sustain.

Emu producers were growing birds for the purpose of selling them to other producers to grow even more birds. The premise was that there was not enough supply to meet any kind of demand for products.

The animals are easy to raise, have a good feed-conversion ration, and take very little land. Many of the people who invested in the industry during the high-price days had little or no agricultural background and few started with any kind of business plan. The unrealistic prices of a exotic market prevented the market for breeding stock from continuing to grow, and prices started to fall. That forced the industry to begin processing and developing oil and meat products.

Emu oil is known to be deeply penetrating and to have anti-inflammatory properties. After ten years of treating over 500 patients in Australia, medical researchers found that emu oil was effective in reducing pain from burns, bruising, and sore joints. They also found that emu oil was effective in reducing wounds and diminished irritation from eczema. A professor of dermatology at Boston University recently wrote that emu oil is also effective in regenerating hair growth by "waking up sleeping hair follicles". Many companies are capitalizing on these and other anecdotal evidence and have developed analgesics, shampoos and hair conditioners, lotions and creams, and bath soaps.

Most of the scientific research on the efficacy of the oil has been funded by private enterprise and is therefore proprietary. However, more research findings are beginning to surface. The American Emu Association has funded research on emu oil as a burn wound treatment. Results to these studies, conducted by the Texas Tech University's Timothy J. Harner Burn Center, are expected to be published this spring. Additional research is being conducted on emu oil as a skin thickening agent in the elderly. Thinking skin, a sign of aging, bruises and cuts more easily. It also loses its elasticity, and that causes wrinkles. Preliminary results from this current re-

search indicate that emu oil thickens the skin of the elderly by as much as 14%. Emu oil appears to be a natural anti-aging agent.

Over the past three years, the emu industry has made significant progress in developing markets for emu oil. Publication of the Emu Oil Guidelines last year provided the oil distributors and processors with the information they needed to produce a clean and shelf stable product. Working with the American Oil Chemists Society (AOCS), the American Emu Association is now developing Emu Oil Standards and a certification program that will allow for free market competition driven by consumer demand.

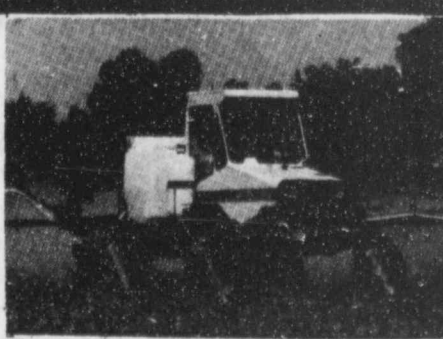
The red meat from the emu provides low fat and high nutrition and is similar in taste and texture to beef. It is tasty and versatile, but the emu industry has learned that it is not necessarily meant for the average cook. When overcooked, the meat can become dry and tough. The meat distribution companies that are the most successful today are those who have targeted the food service industry and those who have developed value-added products.

From white linen restaurants to local bar and grill establishments, emu meat is beginning to appear on the menu. Value-added products include jerky, meat sticks, pepperoni, breakfast sausage, and everything in between. Consumer acceptance of these products is very high and the distribution companies are beginning to see major market penetration. A recent example is that of a Texas based cooperative, Emu Marketing Unlimited, that recently received a purchase order for meat snack sticks to be sold in Army and Air Force Exchanges.

The picture of the emu industry today is very different than it was three years ago. There are very few ranchers actively trying to sell birds as breeder stock. The industry focus is on developing and marketing products. The industry has established affiliations with other agricultural groups and continue to pursue the avenues that enhance their position. They have gained acceptance from the agricultural community and the products are being well received by consumers. After lean times, the future looks bright, and industry leaders are cautiously optimistic that the demand will soon begin to exceed the supply.

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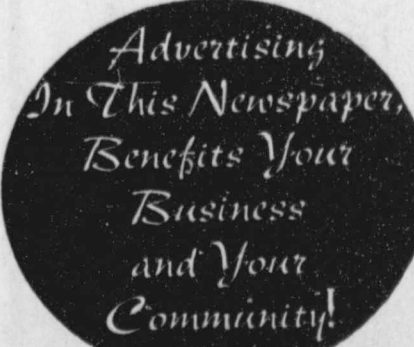
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