

Floyd County Historical Museum
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EATING HEALTHY IS LOTS OF FUN--The pre-school class of Melody Hysinger, in Floydada, enjoyed their lesson on eating healthy. Supplied with material from the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, and Dole Fruit, Melody helped her class celebrate Nutrition Month by showing the fun and tasty way to eat fruits and vegetables. Blindfolded with paper apple eye patches, each child was encouraged to guess the

type of fruit or vegetable Melody placed in their mouth. Each child waited in eager anticipation for his or her turn and before the round had been made, Melody had to promise more taste tests for the children. Shown here, beginning with the blindfolded boy, are: (left-right) Jordan Hambright, Mrs. Melody Hysinger, Matthew Hinton, Middy Ruddell, Katie McGowen, Kacy Powell, Mallory Graham, and Cassie Martinez.

New library in sight for year 2000

By Jerry Crawford
The Friends of the Floyd County Library (FFCL) have targeted the year 2000 as the possible construction date for the proposed new library. The announcement this past year of a \$100,000.00 commitment toward construction from the First National Bank of Floydada has placed the FFCL objective within reach.

Combined with funds and donations already secured by the FFCL, the organization now stands at the halfway point in efforts to fund a new library. The goal has been to construct a new library from private sources rather than making additional demands on the county tax burdens. This places the FFCL in a position to qualify for various grants from foundations interested in promoting public libraries.

The on-going project would see the current library, located on the second floor in the Floyd County Courthouse since the early 1950's, moved to a free standing building of its own. The library in the courthouse is limited in space, accessibility and operating hours. Although the county has continued to support and fund library operations, mounting multiple demands on a limited tax base have prevented the county from building a more suitable home for the public library.

Friends of the Floyd County Library have now released a proposed floor plan for the new single level 5000 square foot building (see plan on page 3). The planned structure is to be located on the east side of the courthouse in Floydada on Wall Street between West Texas National Bank and the old City Trim Shop.

Plans include a separate children's area, conference room, nearly 2000 linear feet of bookshelves, an area for periodicals, and a computer section

with public access to the internet in addition to work areas for the librarian and restroom facilities. Public entry would be from the south side of the building through a 25' wide landscaped courtyard running from Wall Street along the length of the building. The design incorporates the possibility of later adding a 2400 square foot community room area.

The FFCL will continue to support funding and delivery of the expanded library services in the new library. Greater accessibility and increased emphasis on services for the elderly will benefit the general population of Floyd County. More effective support for literacy programs and learning readiness programs in the new facility for pre-schoolers will assist parents in preparing their children to read. Enhanced access to information services available through the internet and inter-library loan programs will improve support for public education needs in the area and help local schools become more effective.

Residents of Floyd County can contribute to the early achievement of these goals by becoming members of FFCL, through making donations, and by supporting fund raising efforts of the organization. The current membership drive began this month and will continue through April. Anyone with an annual membership needs to renew before April 30. New memberships as well as renewals may be handled by contacting the membership chairman, Janice Lloyd, at 983-3446.

The next general membership meeting is slated for April 14. All members as well as anyone interested in the public library are invited to attend. Time, place, and program will be announced in April via this newspaper and the TCA Cable TV community service listings.

Water well controversy continues

By Juanita Stepp

FLOYDADA -- Following rejection of a proposed solution to the controversy over the water well drilled under the supervision of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Engineers, the Floydada City Council met behind closed doors to discuss possible litigation against the firm.

An executive session which began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 9:50 p.m. on Monday, March 23, yielded a motion to seek additional information before filing a lawsuit.

Councilman Eric Cornelius made a motion to drill an observation well near City Well #11, the well under discussion, and to request that High Plains Underground Water District conduct additional flow testing on other wells in the area. This would allow the city to have definitive figures for comparison in future discussions or in the event a lawsuit is filed against the engineering firm.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Clar Schacht. Voting in favor of the motion were Cornelius,

Schacht, Albert Hill, Dale Lawson, Sheldon Sue, and Jon Nielson.

City Manager Gary Brown estimated the cost of the observation well at about \$2,000.00.

The proposal rejected by the engineering firm was formulated after the city became aware that the well designed to increase the city water supply was not capable of pumping adequate water to do so. The city contends the reason for this is the small size of the gravel used to fill-in around the casing

Mayor Hulon Carthel had originally proposed that the city fulfill its contracted obligation concerning the well in return for the engineering firm drilling a second well at its own expense, using the minimum specifications required by the TNRCC. 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 indicated this would mean about \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 extra
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Few tickets remain for seating at Gala

This is the final week to purchase your tickets for the Floyd County Friends Benefit Gala. The Gala is held every year to raise funds for a Multi-Purpose Center to be located in Muncy.

The theme of the gala is "Vision of Harmony." In keeping with the theme, the Floyd County Friends have put together a package guaranteeing a night of musical entertainment.

The event will be held once again inside the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria, March 28th. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the Gala will kick off at 6:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are the same as last year--\$25.00 per person--or a reserved table for eight at \$250.00. The reserved table allows you guaranteed seating up close with your friends.

For your \$25.00 ticket you will be treated to a three course meal which includes a large rib-eye steak prepared

by Mac Sherman and his cowboy cooks. Caprock Industries is providing the meat for the gala and Lowe's Pay-N-Save will furnish all the other dinner trimmings.

Approximately 404-H youth along with Floyd County Friends board members will serve you at your table.

Guests will enjoy the type of surprise entertainment that the galas are famous for, plus dinner music, an auction, and a chance to win \$1,000 donated by the First National Bank in Lockney and the West Texas National Bank in Floydada.

The gala will also feature special entertainment by composer/pianist Doug Smith. Smith has 200 original compositions to his credit.

A blend of classical and country, Smith describes his music as "West Texas music."

Smith will play on a shiny black
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AUCTION ITEMS--The items for the Floyd County Friends Auction are piling up and ready to be transported to the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria for the March 28th Benefit Gala. Prices on the items range

from \$10.00 - \$750.00 and include a shotgun, artwork, an autographed Garth Brooks print, microwave and Department 56 collectibles. There will be a variety of ways to bid on the items, including a silent auction.

Wyatt to speak at banquet

FLOYDADA--West Texas artist and sculptor, Kenneth Wyatt, of Tulia, will be the guest speaker at Floydada's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, April 30th.

Tickets are now on sale for \$12.50 per person. Admission to the banquet will enable you to enjoy not only Wyatt's speech but also the chance to win an original Kenneth Wyatt print.

The ticket price also guarantees you a bar-b-que dinner.

As in year's past the Chamber of Commerce will present the Citizen of the Year Award, Extra Mile Award, Employer of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year Award to deserving citizens.

Employer of the Year nominations will be accepted until April 17th at the chamber office in Floydada City Hall.

Anyone wanting to nominate someone for Volunteer of the Year should contact Gary Brown at City Hall.

City election sign-up over

The sign-up periods for both Lockney and Floydada have expired.

Early voting is scheduled from April 15 through April 28 for both cities. The election will be Saturday, May 2. Candidates for the city elections are listed below.

CITY OF FLOYDADA

Positions up for election on the Floydada City Council include at-large council members Clar Schacht and Eric Cornelius, District 1 council member Albert Hill, and District 4 council member Jon Nielson.

Incumbents Schacht, Nielson, Hill and Cornelius have filed to seek re-election. Jimmy Crader has announced his intention to run against Hill for the District 1 council seat and Henry Bolton will be seeking election to one of the two at-large seats on the
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FHA/HERO STUDENTS ADVANCE TO STATE--Lockney FHA students competed in events at the Regional meeting in Odessa recently will advance to the state competition. Pictured are (l-r, back row) Lindi Miller, Melissa Schaeffer, Kenzie Stapp, Leah

Schumacher, Gretchen Quebe, Erin Schaeffer, (l-r, middle row) Lacey Aston, Tessa Stapp, Tracy Raissez, Amy Davis; (l-r, front) Holli Carthel, Tessa Stapp, Sarah Martin, Gloria Torrez, Shelly Pinales and Lori Garcia.

Lockney FHA/HERO advancing to State

LOCKNEY--The Lockney High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region I Conference held in Odessa on March 6 and 7th, 1998. Students placing in the STAR events will advance to the state competition.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive in which members participated at the regional meeting. These events allow students to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

Lori Garcia, Gretchen Quebe and Shelly Pinales competed in Skills for Life and placed 1st. Lauren Mangold placed 2nd in Focus on Children. Kenzie Stapp and Tessa Stapp competed in Chapter Service Project and placed 3rd. Melissa Schaeffer placed 2nd in Job Interview. All of these stu-

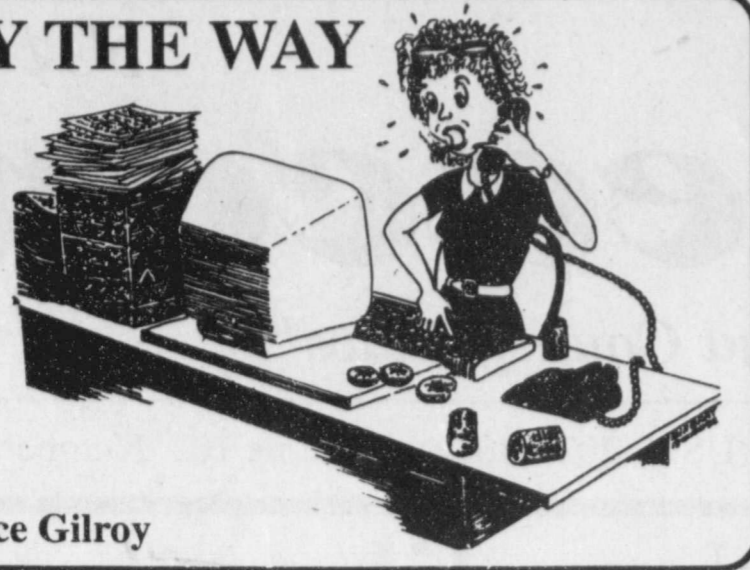
dents will advance to the State competition in Houston in April.

The new officer team for 1998-99 was elected to lead the region to greater heights. Lacey Aston and Leah Schumacher carried out their duties as Region I officers. Leah Schumacher was elected as the Region I National Officer Candidate.

Other FHA members from Lockney attending the meeting were Gloria Torrez, Tracey Raissez, Holli Carthel, Amy Davis and Lindi Miller. Also attending were advisors, Trina Aston and Julie Ellison.

The Lockney Chapter members were among 1000 delegates attending the two day conference. The youth developed theme, A Sea of Opportunities with FHA/HERO, was carried out through workshops
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BY THE WAY



By Alice Gilroy

I am at a loss for words--believe it or not.

I've just watched some of the news about the two boys, 11 and 13 years old, who lured their classmates out of school, into an open field in Jonesboro, Arkansas--with a false alarm fire drill--and then opened fire on them with rifles and handguns. The boys hid in trees in a wooded area nearby.

As of now, 4 are dead and 11 are wounded.

The newsmen, towns people and school children are trying to find out why the boys would do this. People are obviously speechless and unable to cope with this horror.

The innocence of the murderers was obviously lost some time ago--the innocence of hundreds of Arkansas children, being shot at from nowhere, was lost today.

Of course the tragedy will be jumped on by gun control activists who will use this to push more legislation against gun ownership. Hysterical special interest groups will try to create federal programs to "fix our schools and help 'at risk' students", and at the same time demand the 10 Commandments be taken off the school wall.

There will be more discussion on gun control and the counselors being

called in to help children deal with this nightmare, than there will ever be about the truth behind what has happened to our society. Excuses will be made for the boys who made the choice to kill anyone in their way.

How do you explain this kind of evil to children? You can't explain it without also explaining the One who can help you fight that evil and win the war. We are losing the war because we have forgotten who our leader is.

I have a poem on my wall that I kept reading after I heard the news. I hope to have it put to calligraphy or needlepoint one day. Maybe it might help you sometime.

I AM

I was regretting the past and fearing the future.

Suddenly my Lord was speaking: "My name is I AM".

He paused.

I waited. He continued.

"When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets, it is hard. I am not there.

My name is not I WAS.

When you live in the future, with its problems and fears, it is hard. I am not there.

My name is not I WILL BE.

When you live in this moment, it is not hard. I am here.

My name is I AM."

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently the Lockney School Board decided when school will start for the 1998-99 school year. They said it had to start August 13 so the semester would end before the Christmas holidays. They said that if the students were out of school for two weeks for the holidays, they could not retain what they had previously learned. I have two problems with this.

The students are suppose to be learning things they can use for the rest of their lives and yet the school board says they cannot remember it for two weeks. And why can school be out for 1 1/2 weeks for basketball games and spring break without the students forgetting anything they have learned.

If you are concerned about the students education, why was UIL cancelled. These students have worked hard for weeks, all for nothing, just because some people wanted to go to a game.

To quote Jim Trelease, renowned speaker on education at Lockney on March 10th, "The most damaging thing in U.S. schools today is sports. It's just a game! Education is for life."

So will someone please tell me the real reason school must start so soon. Because it's not for the reasons given by the school board.

Beth Bramlet

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the advanced art stu-

Longhorn coaches say thanks for the memories

By Coach Dowell & Coach Hallmark

Thanks from Coach Dowell and Coach Hallmark

LOCKNEY--WOW!! What a year! This was just unbelievable and a dream come true. These kids have worked very hard for so many years to achieve this great dream. We just hope all the younger players, girls and guys alike, will see that it can be done and it was done right here in Lockney. These kids brought a lot of pride and unity to this community and this was a great way to cap off that excitement.

Our coaching staff would like to thank so many people who have contributed to our Basketball Program. A huge thank you goes out to the Lockney I.S.D. administration: Mr. Lusk, Mr. Poole, Coach Moerbe, Mr. Ellison and Mr. Cotham. Thanks for believing in this program and these young men. A special thank you to all the Lockney coaches who supported these young men in everything they do.

Also, we would like to thank the parents of these young men whose support for them and the coaches was a critical part of our season. And it

would like to thank all of the members of the community who showed their support of the students in our art department by coming to our 1st Annual Silent Auction and bidding on their artworks.

The proceeds helped fund a trip to Santa Fe over spring break, which allowed the students to experience art in a unique environment.

The students and sponsors had the opportunity to visit the Shidoni Foundry and Tesuque Glassworks, and watch craftsmen creating original works of art. We also toured the Museum of New Mexico and the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, the only existing museum devoted to the work of one woman.

What an incredible learning experience it was for students and sponsors alike.

We would also like to thank the First National Bank of Lockney for allowing us to use the Community Room for the auction, and the Chamber of Commerce for letting us exhibit the artworks at the chamber banquet.

The generosity of all who helped make the auction a success is greatly appreciated. You will never know how much encouragement your support gives to our aspiring artists.

Again, many thanks to all who made this such a positive experience.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mosley
Lockney High School

Lockney Council considers cable franchise renewal

LOCKNEY—Lockney City Council met Thursday, March 12 for their regular meeting. Items on the agenda included ordering an election, considering the cable franchise ordinance and discussion of several other items.

Councilmember Bill Anderson made the motion and J.D. Copeland the second to call for an election on May 2. Positions on the council for

Precincts 1, 2, and 3 will be open. Richard Zavala has stated that he will not run for the incumbent position in Precinct 1. Both Tina Graves, Precinct 2, and J.D. Copeland, Precinct 3, have signed up to run for their positions again.

The council reported they had received a franchise renewal agreement from Classic Cable. The contract was

reviewed and discussion was held on several things council members would like to have reworded. Each of the councilmembers reported complaints they had received on the service and the quality of the reception at times.

"Their track record is not good," stated Anderson.

"We need to make a list of specific problems to present to Classic and see how we can work them out," commented J.D. Copeland. The item was tabled until a later meeting.

Several reports have been received about vicious dogs inside the city limits and the council voted to look into what other cities are doing about certain dogs. The item was tabled until a study can be made.

Joe Luis Guerrero requested that

the council considers de-annexing his property at 502 N.W. 2nd Street from the city.

Mayor Marr stated that he didn't know if any property had ever been de-annexed from the city but there were steps that Guerrero would have to take in order for the council to consider his request.

In regular business before the council the bills were reviewed and approved for payment and the financial statement was reviewed.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Gary Marr; Councilmembers, J.D. Copeland, Tina Graves, Richard Zavala, and Bill Anderson, City secretary Charlotte Hooten, City Attorney Paul Lyle and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

City election sign-ups over

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CITY OF LOCKNEY

City of Lockney council members up for election are District 3 representative J.D. Copeland, District 1 council member Richard Zavala, and District 2 representative Tina Graves. Two incumbents, Tina Graves and J.D. Copeland, have announced for re-election.

Connie Duenas has signed up to run for election to the post in District 1 which Richard Zavala did not seek re-election to. Opposing her will be Jr. Brotherton.

In District 2, Graves has two opponents. Silvia Guerrero and Jimmy Kemp are also seeking that council seat.

J.D. Copeland in District 3 is being opposed by Roberto Luebano.

Election sign-ups continue for local hospital districts

By Juanita Stepp

Both Lockney General Hospital District and Caprock Hospital District will be holding elections on May 2. Sign-up information for these two entities appears below.

CAPROCK HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Directors Rob Heflin and Lee Battey are up for election this spring on the Caprock Hospital District Board of Trustees. Positions on the ballot are by petition. Anyone who would like to seek a position on the ballot may do so by obtaining and returning a completed petition.

Petitions may be picked up at Cogdell Clinic, 901 W. Crockett St.,

Floydada between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Maybelle Monreal. All petitions must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6.

LOCKNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Directors Claude Brown and Jack Covington are both going off the board of the Lockney General Hospital District this spring. Petitions for anyone wishing to have their name placed on the ballot are available at the Mangold Memorial Hospital Administrators Office, 320 North Main, Lockney. Petitions must be returned to the district by April 7.

Gala nears sell-out crowd

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Baby Grand piano, rented for the occasion by D&J Gin. He will be introduced with a number by 12 year old Molly Long, of Floydada.

Dinner music will once again be provided by Lucy Dean Record on piano, Brady Rasco on violin, Marvín Goodall on guitar, and Joe Ray on bass guitar.

Early arrivals will get a chance to view and place your bid on the numerous items featured in the silent auction.

Shawnda Foster is the auction chairman and she already has a full line of items, ranging in prices from \$10.00 to \$750.00 donated for the silent auction.

Donated items include: a porch swing, a shotgun, autographed memorabilia from the Lockney football and basketball playoff games, autographed sports items from Nolan Ryan and Troy Aikman, and artwork.

Controversy...

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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.

Fair Board sponsors Theme Contest

The Floyd County Fair Board is having a "Theme" contest for the Floyd County Fair that will be September 10-13.

Anyone can enter, kids and adults. The prize is a \$50.00 savings bond. Entries must be in by April 15, 1998. Send entries to Floyd County Fair Board, P.O. Box 602, Lockney, 79241.

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Courtroom Activities

In County Court, March 19, 1998, Rafael Hernandez, 35, of Floydada, was charged with Abuse of Aerosol Paint. He pled guilty was sentenced to 14 days in jail.

March 23, 1998:

Cody Dee DelaRosa, 17, of Plainview, was charged with Possession of Marijuana less than 2 ozs. There was no disposition on this case.

Troy Garza, 32, of Floydada, was

charged with Assault. No disposition.

Shawn Lee Nguyen, 20, of Plainview, was charged with Possession of Marijuana less than 2 ozs. There was no disposition on this case.

Shonda Spray and Dennis Lowell

Spray were charged with Cruelty to Animals. There was no disposition.

Martin Suarez Jr., was charged with Possession of Marijuana in Drug Free Zones.

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ATTENTION Residential Utility Customers
The City of Floydada will have Landfill Coupons ready for pickup at City Hall beginning April 1. You must sign for coupons in person.

ATTENCION Clientes Redisencial de la Ciudad
La Ciudad de Floydada tiene cupones para el Depósito de Basura que estaran listos para recoger, en la oficina de City Hall comenzando el primero de Abril.
Tienen que firmar en persona para recibir los cupones.

NOTICE
On your city utility bill, you will see a new category called MS. This \$1 charge is designated for mosquito spraying/vector control (control of rodents, birds, skunks, and mosquitos).

NOTICIA
En su bill del city, va mirar una categoría nueva que es MS. Este cobro de un \$1.00 esta designado para esprayar los mosquitos (Aparte de controlar otros animales como: pájaros, mofetas, mosquitos).
Thank You. City Staff
Gracias. City Hall



CARGILL DONATES PICTURES--Cargill Hybrid Seeds presented pictures with photos of children who have been killed in farm accidents to Lockney Junior High, Lockney Elementary School, and the Lockney FFA Department. The pictures are sponsored by the West Texas Chapter of Farm Safety 4 Just Kids. Accepting the pictures are (l-r, Terry Ellison, Principal at Lockney Junior High; Phil Cotham, Lockney Elementary School; Ted Young, Lockney FFA and representing Cargill Hybrid Seeds, Johnny Arjona and Robert Casillas. Farm Safety programs will be presented in Lockney and Floydada schools later in the spring and a day camp will be held in Floydada in July. Staff Photo

Business of the Week

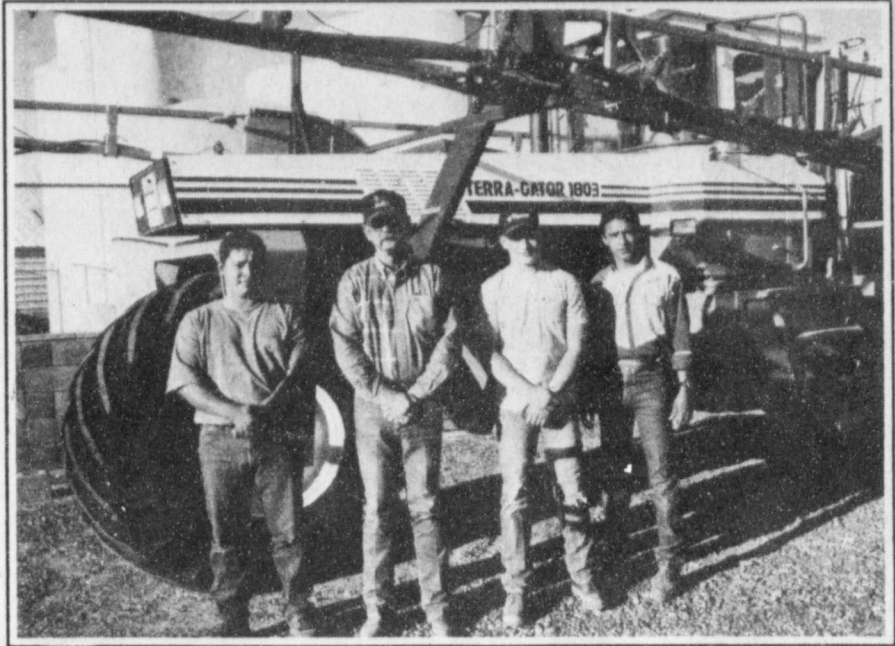
Kellison Fertilizer and Spraying opened for business in Lockney at 109 East Locust in 1978. Rick Kellison is the owner.

The company sells liquid and dry fertilizer, all types of agriculture chemicals, feed, and seed. They are dealers for Mel-Roe spray applicators and Linn Livestock Equipment.

Custom application is also available with the big rigs. They are designed for row crop application and can be used on flat unbedded land and CRP acres. The width and design of the tires on these rigs cause less soil compaction than conventional tires on smaller applicators.

The window for applying the fertilizers and herbicides is small and weather conditions many years makes it smaller. The large rigs cover acres quicker.

Kellison recently purchased a Tye No-Till Drill and will be doing custom application of grass seed in CRP and behind wheat.



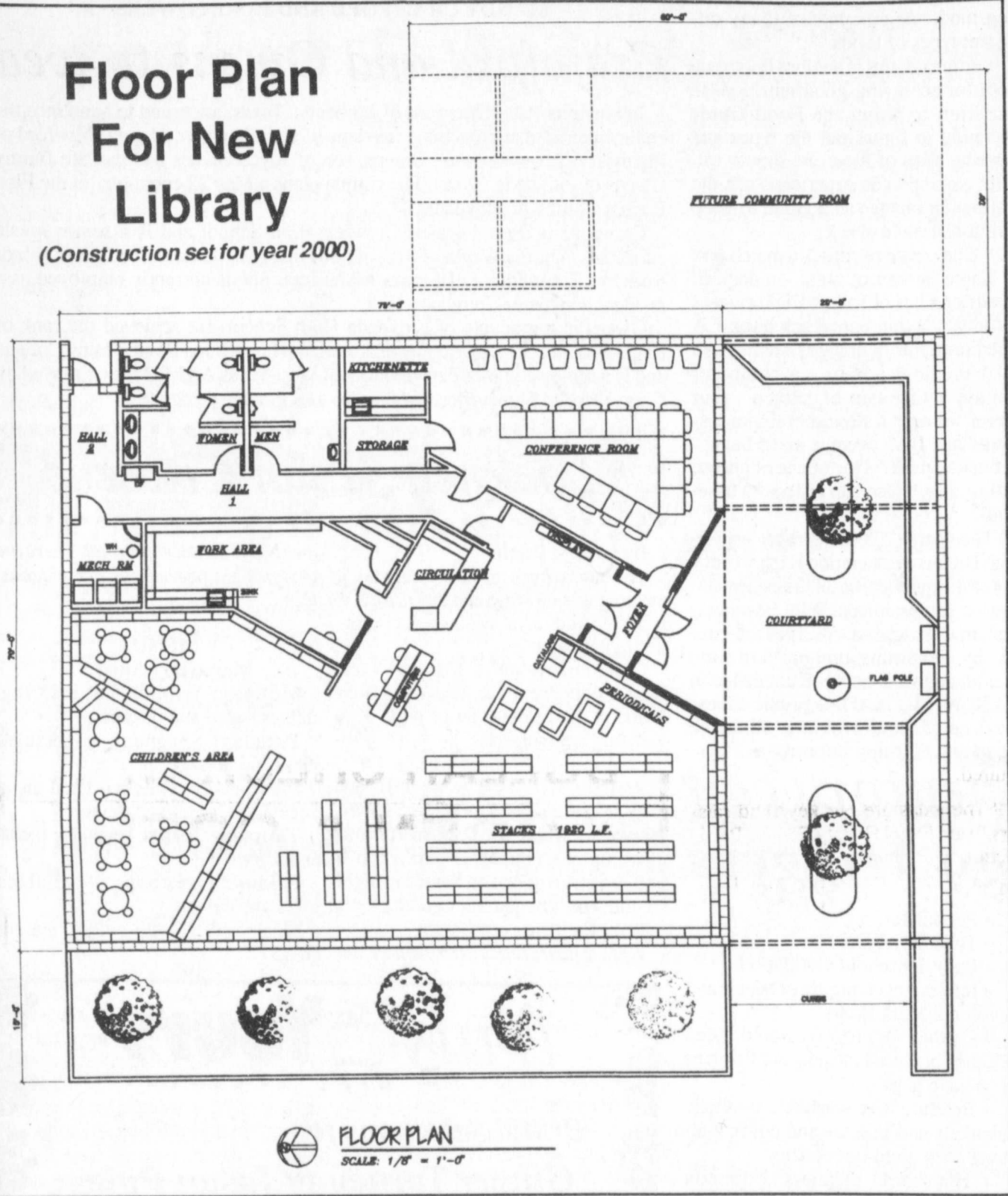
KELLISON FERTILIZER AND SPRAYING--RICHARD GUERRERO, RICK KELLISON, TYSON MCDONALD AND SALVADOR MARTINEZ

Kellison employees two men full time and part-time helpers as-needed for the season. Employed at the present time are Richard Guerrero, Salvador Martinez and Tyson McDonald.

Kellison and his wife Kathy are Lockney natives. She is a teacher at Lockney Elementary school and they are the parents of three children, Kori, Corbin and Kristen.

Floor Plan For New Library

(Construction set for year 2000)



Court costs help fund police training schools

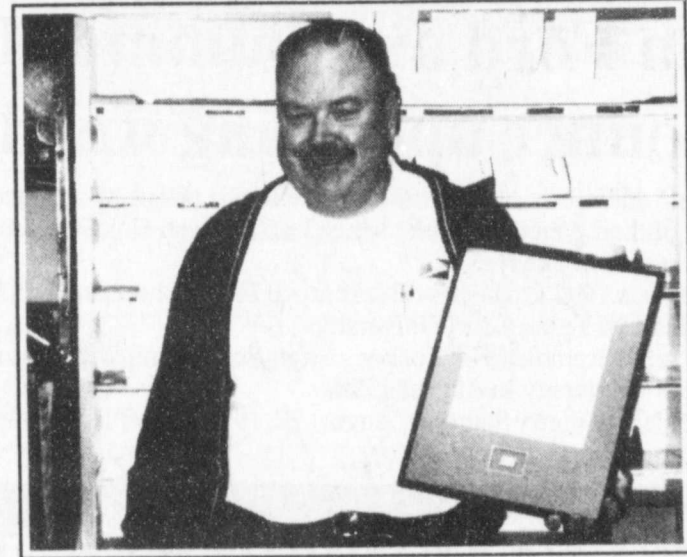
State Comptroller John Sharp today delivered more than \$6 million in supplemental training funds to 2,147 local law enforcement agencies across the state. Floyd County law enforcement offices will share this fund.

The city of Floydada Police Department will receive \$1,004.55; the city of Lockney Police Department will receive \$828.41; and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office will receive \$1,268.56; for a total of \$3,101.52.

The 1998 payments to local law enforcement agencies came from the \$2 court costs for criminal offenses, including traffic fines, assessed and collected on or after January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997, and remitted to the Comptroller's Office. Payments of the previous year's collection are made by the Comptroller each February.

Training schools for law enforcement can cost between \$55-\$75 per officer. A class on crime scene investigation or fingerprinting will cost \$125. A 560-hour basic peace officer certification class costs between \$775 and \$800.

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Journalism scholarships offered

Applications are now being accepted from high school seniors and from junior and senior college students for two \$500 college scholarships, according to Alice Gilroy, publisher of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

The Hesperian is a member of the West Texas Press Association, the world's largest press organization due to the vast geographic area it encompasses. The association will be presenting scholarships to two future journalists in the print media from the area served by the WTPA. The scholarships will go to students whose career goals include working with a community newspaper.

Through the Bob Craig Memorial Scholarship program, a graduating high school senior and a college junior or senior will each be presented with a \$500 scholarship. The scholarship is named in honor of longtime *Hamlin Herald* publisher Bob Craig,

who died in 1981. He served 18 years on the WTPA board in all offices, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer from 1969.

The scholarship will be divided into payments of \$250 per semester for two semesters for each of the two scholarship winners. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded.

Each applicant must fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

Last year's recipients were Mike Finger of Dhanis, near Hondo, a senior journalism major at the University of Texas at Austin, and Brian Brisendine, a graduate of Brownfield High School, who entered West Texas A&M University in Canyon last fall as a journalism major.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers and to high schools throughout the West Texas region as well as to college journalism departments. Prospective applicants may secure a form from the school journalism department or counselor or the local newspaper office. Applicants must be from the area served by the WTPA membership.

Applications and essays must be sent to M. Gene Dow, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Drawer 1200, Seminole, Tx. 79360, and must be postmarked on or before June 15, 1998.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the directors of the West Texas Press Association and will be announced at the Association's 68th Annual Summer Convention, July 23-25, 1998, at the Midland Hilton at Midland, Texas.

Texas prisoners not paid for work

By Glen Castlebury
Public Information Officer
Texas Department of Criminal Justice

The Texas prison system is unique in many important ways, but it still attracts certain "myths" that inmates might wish were true and taxpayers hope aren't true.

Wake Up-Early!

The mention of "off hours" brings up the myth about prisoners sitting on their duffs all day. Not in Texas!

Most citizens are surprised to learn that in Texas prisons, the day starts with wake-up call at 3:30 a.m. Breakfast starts at 4:30 a.m. and work starts about 6 a.m.

Work? Yes, every able-bodied inmate in the Texas prison system works a full day's job every day. No other state prison system can make that statement. And in Texas, not one prisoner is paid one dime for working and again, no other state system can say that.

Lots of Work-and No Pay

The largest majority of Texas inmates work in prison support jobs-cooking, cleaning, laundry and maintenance of the system's 107 prison units. Texas prisons have won national acclaim for their cleanliness, the product of constant elbow-grease by inmate crews! With the system as large as it is, many prison support functions

must run 24 hours a day.

About 10,000 inmates work in the system's agriculture jobs which last year produced almost \$50 million worth of edible crops, livestock and cotton for the prison system on 139,000 acres of farm and ranch land.

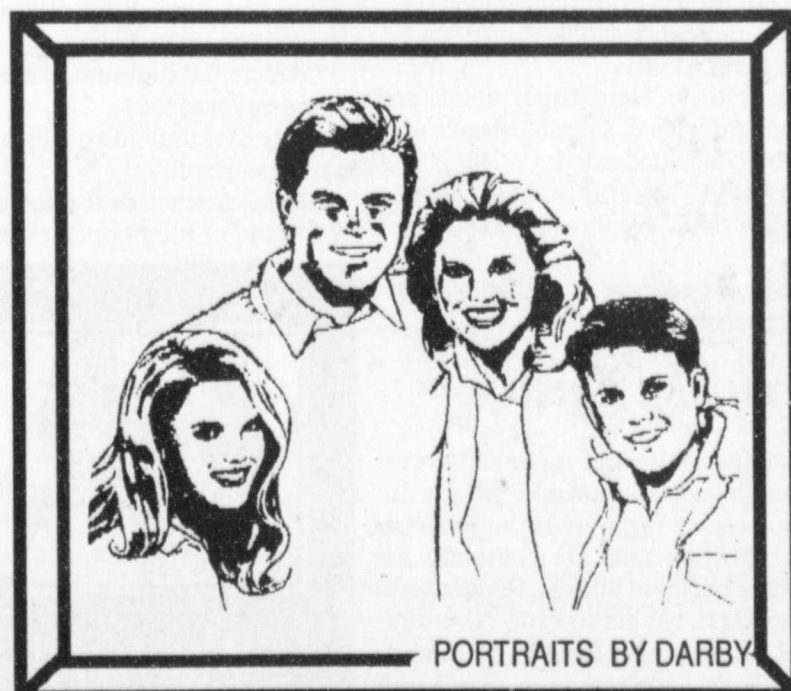
(Prison units which don't have enough land to be in the agricultural program still produce several million pounds of fresh vegetables each year to donate to local food banks for the needs.)

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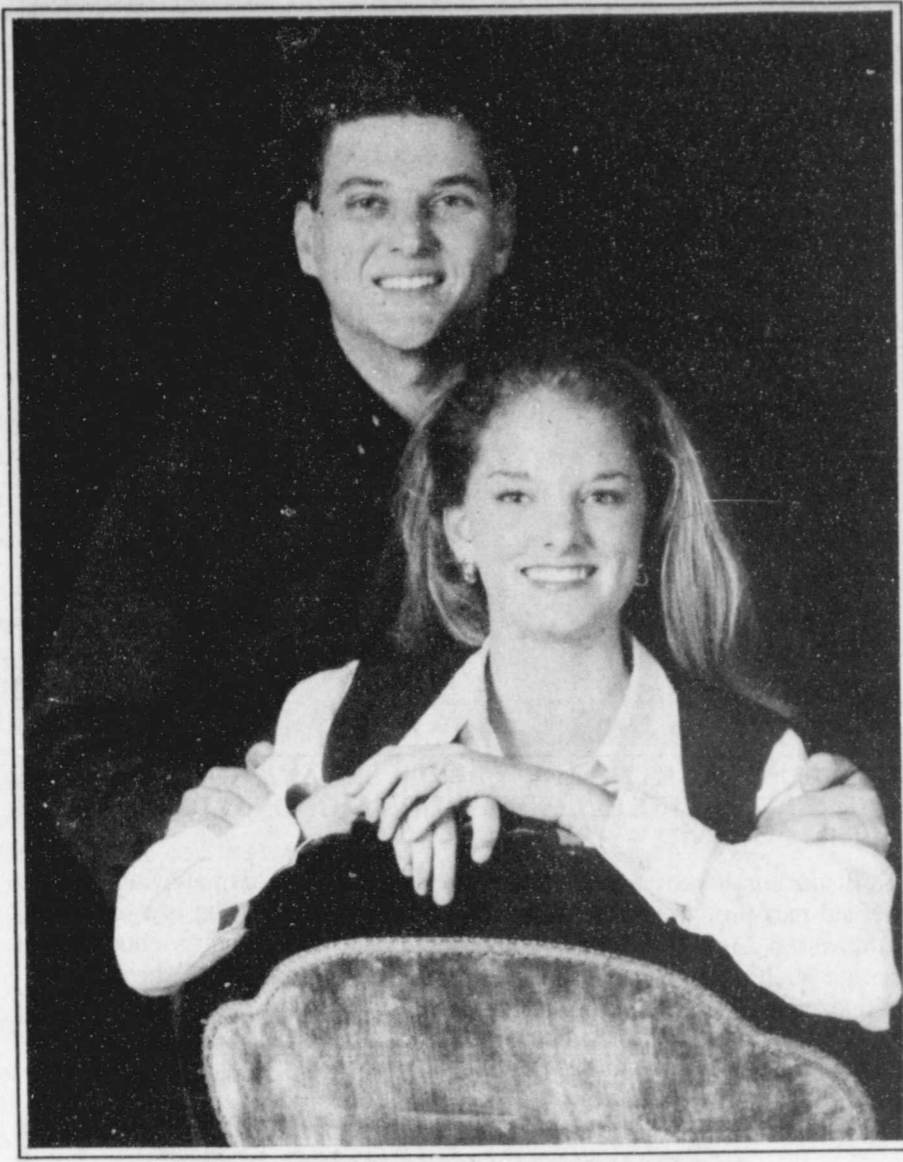
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RYAN HOLT FORD & SUMMER LEE LAX

Ryan Ford and Summer Lax announce upcoming wedding

Steve and Janis Lax of Burkburnett, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Summer Lee Lax, to Ryan Holt Ford, son of Ray and Ann Ford of Lockney.

Miss Lax is a 1995 graduate of Burkburnett High School and will be a May 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University.

Ford is a 1993 graduate of Lockney High School and will graduate from Texas A&M University in August 1998.

The couple will marry Saturday, August 22, 1998 at the First Baptist Church of Burkburnett.

Floydada Senior Citizens

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you. If you need more information about the activities at the center please call 983-2032. We serve very good hot meals each weekday. Check the menu at the end of this article and plan to eat with us. If you do plan on eating, please call the center and let them know.

Congratulations to Ruth Adams. She won the drawing for the March free car wash at Cornelius Conoco Service Station. Thank you Eric for making another one of our members a happy person.

Lovene and Edell Moore spent a few days last week in Waco visiting their daughter, Sharon and family.

Lovene Moore and Jane McCulley went to Lubbock Saturday, March 21 to attend a Texas Federation of Women's Club, Caprock District meeting. Lovene was one of eight past presidents of the District who were honored at the meeting. The meeting took place at Four Points Hotel in Lubbock.

Ladies, many of you use to crochet and knit years ago but no longer do so. Do you have some yarn that you would like to get rid of? I donate my time to crochet toboggans for street people and for the angel trees at Christmas time which many churches take part in.

I have a friend who volunteers many hours in Fort Worth working with street people through the Beautiful Feet Program. I have sent several boxes full of these toboggans. I can use any color balls and skeins of yarn. Jim and I will be glad to pick up the yarn. I blend colors using up all the yarn. It takes about 5 ounces of yarn to make one. Please call me at 983-3194 if you would like to donate some yarn.

Terrestrial Teriyaki Sauce

1 (6-ounce) can pineapple juice
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 cup brown sugar

1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 cup teriyaki sauce marinade
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Combine pineapple juice and cornstarch in a small saucepan. Mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients and heat over medium heat. Stir constantly as mixture begins to thicken. Reduce heat as mixture begins to boil. Allow to cool before serving. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Bridal Selections Available for...

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Dalawna Meloy & Grant Stovall
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Floyd County Lifestyles

Balance and moderation is popular around the world

From Melissa Long, Floyd County CEA-FCS.

Despite differences in cuisines, dining habits and health practices, the concept of "balance and moderation" exists as a general dietary guideline throughout many cultures, says Melissa Long, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences in Floyd County. It is important to reflect upon those differences now, during March, National Nutrition Month.

In China, the concept of "yin" and "yang" encourages the balance of foods classified as "yin" — items that are typically raw, soothing, cooked at low temperatures, white or light green in color — with those classified as "yang" — most high-calorie foods, foods cooked in high heat, spicy or red-orange in color. Some foods, such as boiled rice, are believed to be neutral and therefore are considered staple foods. The Chinese are advised to keep a balance of these two opposing forces and avoid the extreme of both.

Aspects of the "yin-yang" diet theory are also found in many other Asian cultures. A similar system of balance focused on a "hot" and "cold" classification of foods is practiced in the Middle East and in parts of Latin America. In Mexico and other Latin American countries, foods are characterized as "hot" and "cold", independent of their temperature or physical properties and are used therapeutically to restore the "natural balance" of the body. "Cold" foods include most vegetables, tropical fruits, and dairy products. Foods that are considered "hot" are meats, most grains, garlic, chili peppers, oils and alcohol.

In the United States, current dietary

recommendations embrace similar principles to achieve balanced nutrition. The Food Guide Pyramid is the framework that balances the types and amount of foods that contribute to a healthful eating style.

"Regardless of one's cultural background, moderation and balance are key to a healthful eating plan," said ADA president Polly Fitz, R.D. (registered dietitian). "This means balancing out a variety of food selections over the course of a few days and eating moderate amounts of many different types of foods."

Portion control is another important tool for achieving good nutrition. In addition to using the Food Guide Pyramid to figure out the types and serving sizes of food one should eat, Fitz recommends Americans use the following images as a guide to keep portion sizes in check:

- * One ounce of meat - a match box
- * Three ounces of meat - a deck of cards or a bar of soap
- * Eight ounces of meat - a thin paperback book
- * A medium apple or orange - a tennis ball
- * A medium potato - a computer mouse
- * One cup of lettuce - four green leaves
- * A slice of bread - a cassette tape
- * An average sized bagel - a hockey puck
- * One ounce of cheese - four dice
- * One cup of fruit - a baseball

The nearly 70,000 member American Dietetic Association is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. With headquarters in Chicago, ADA serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition, health and well-being. Established in 1990, NCND is ADA's public education center and provides objective food and nutrition information.

Household inventory can reduce allergy triggers

Inventory of household allergy triggers can ease suffering

Allergy sufferers can help control allergy triggers by doing a "household inventory."

"Your home should be a safe place, but for sufferers of allergies and asthma, it can be a source for triggers that set off a reaction," said Dr. Robert Moore, a pediatric pulmonologist at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "One of the best things you can do to control allergies and asthma is to do a thorough inventory of household triggers."

Knowing what is most likely to bring on an attack is crucial. This may involve keeping an asthma "diary" of possible causes or skin testing for allergies to narrow down the suspects.

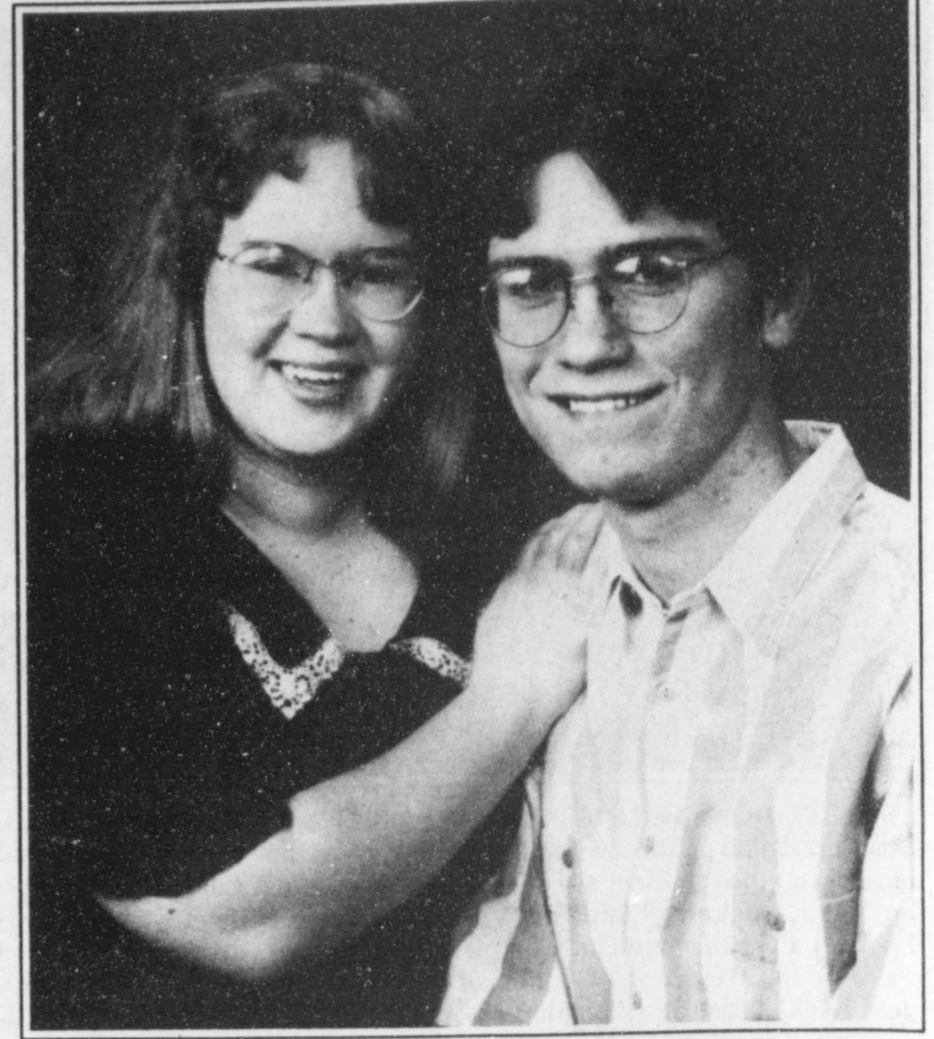
"Finding triggers isn't always easy," Moore said. "Once you have a good idea, though, it's important to limit your exposure."

Common household allergy and asthma triggers include:

- Overstuffed furniture, shelves and other dusty surfaces
 - Excessive humidity which spurs dust mite growth
 - Rugs, another dust mite source.
- Bare wood or tile floors are best.

- Pet dander
- Tobacco smoke
- Poor household ventilation
- Infrequent changing of heater and air conditioner filters
- Clothes not properly stored. Keep clothes in closed closets and woolens in plastic bags.
- Bedding. Use washable synthetic blankets and pillows and cover mattress with aired-out plastic.
- Household cleaners. Common cleaners such as ammonia, baking soda and nonchlorine bleach are less likely to trigger an attack than will more chemically based products.
- Live plants, bathrooms, garbage pails, basements and other potential sources of mold. Clean regularly to avoid mold growth.

"Of course, there is no such thing as a completely allergy- and asthma-free house," Moore said. "But by taking steps to control possible triggers, the potential for attacks can be greatly reduced."



MANDY CRAWFORD AND JASON OWENS

Crawford and Owens to wed

Johnny and Patty Crawford of Mobeetie, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mandy Crawford of Plainview, Texas, to Jason Owens, son of Joyce Owens and the late Jimmy Owens of Floydada, Texas. The couple plans a May 22 ceremony in the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Crawford is a graduate of Crowley High School and is a senior music education major at Wayland Baptist. She has been listed on the Dean's Honor Roll and is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. She is currently employed as a resident assistant at Ferguson Hall.

Owens is a graduate of Floydada High School. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He attended South Plains College and is a senior graphics design major at West Texas A&M. He is employed by Great Western Directories in Amarillo as a graphic designer.

Lockney Senior Citizens

By Gladys Ragle

The attendance at last Thursday's meeting was up some and that is a good sign of better days. We hope it continues to get better.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marr on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Well, it won't be long until we change our clocks again. On Sunday, April 5 is when we need to run our clock up one hour. It is best to do it before you go to bed on Saturday night so you won't be late for church.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"

When you are fleeing temptation you

are always on the right road. There are no stop signs on the road of righteousness.

MENU

March 30 - April 3

Monday: Salmon patties, vegetables, salad and dessert

Tuesday: Spaghetti, vegetables, salad and dessert

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad and dessert

Thursday: Fajitas, vegetables, salad and dessert

Friday: Porkchops, vegetables, salad and dessert

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Taylor G - as always original and clever... the line others imitate. 3 styles here... More to come.



Navy linen separates from Alfred Dummer make perfect Spring Suits

Ivy is a casual group that includes a khaki-colored washed linen pant suit and khaki shorts and straight skirt. This group is highlighted by several tops and a lacy sweater in brick red. Lots of good looks here.

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KIDS CLEAN UP -- Jill Golden's second grade class Elementary School students took to the outdoors for a round of spring cleaning in the school yard. -- Staff Photo

South Plains Hobby Club tours Breedlove Dehydration Plant

By Peggy Roberts
The South Plains Hobby Club toured the Breedlove Dehydration Plant in Lubbock on Wednesday, March 11, 1998. Nearly one billion men, women and children in the world are suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition. In the United States, over 12 million children go to bed hungry each night because the cupboard is bare. Millions of pounds of food are wasted each year in our state because there is not enough storage room or enough refrigerated space to keep it from spoiling. The answer is

Breedlove Dehydrated Food, a Project of the South Plains Food Bank. After receiving dehydrated food left over from Desert Storm and subsequently touring dehydration facilities in California, the Food Bank saw an opportunity to bring a proven system to Lubbock. The plant is capable of producing 3.5 million pounds of highly nutritious, good tasting food per year, that has a shelf life of 2 years at a cost of less than 3.5 cents per serving. Mary Louise Breedlove King, who gave 29 acres of land on which to build the processing plant. Shortly

after, two local businessmen, H.A. Sessions and J.T. Talkington, donated a 48,500 square-foot building and 42 acres of land located at North Loop 289 and Martin Luther King Boulevard. The plant became operational in 1995. The tour was very interesting and we met some of the nicest people. We also enjoyed a bountiful and delicious lunch at the plant. The next meeting will be April 8th at the home of Connie Sanders. Frances Hambright will bring the program.

Dempsey hosts 1934 Study Club

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m. in the home of Betsy Dempsey with Wilma Gowens as co-hostess. The meeting was called to order by president Lorene Newberry. Roll call was answered with "A Healthy Statement" with twelve members answering roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There was no business to attend to, but it was mentioned that Jim Word had recently lost a brother and Marie Warren had lost her son-in-law. Cards will be sent to each of these and also a get well card will be sent to Margarette Word.

Wanda Turner introduced Erika Miller and Melissa Long, Floyd County Extension Agent, as our guests. Mrs. Long gave a program on osteoporosis and the prevention of it by maintaining our calcium supply to keep our bones strong. Mrs. Long passed out information and also some

recipes for calcium rich foods. Erika Miller gave a program she presented at the 4-H Round-Up at College Station last year where she won 2nd place in the State Meeting. Her program was on the need for calcium to keep our bones in good condition. It was titled "Invest in Your Bones". The program was very informative and well presented. Being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Frieda Simpson.

Dips and crackers and a frosty orange cooler drink was served to the members by our guests to present some food rich in calcium. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses to the following members: Mamie Bunch, Jo Davis, Bill Ferguson, Effie Foster, Queen Annie Lawson, Nell McClung, Flora McNeill, Lorene Newberry, Frieda Simpson, Wanda Turner and the hostesses Betsy Dempsey and Wilma Gowens, and guests, Erika Miller and Melissa Long.

Floydada Rehab & Care Center News

By Jane Martinez
We've had a lot of things happening at the Care Center this week. Each Monday thru Friday we have a 10:30 a.m. devotional and a 11:00 a.m. exercise session. And we have been trying to keep entertainment scheduled on the weekends.

Companions N Caring gave the residents a St. Patrick's party on Tuesday, March 17th. They sang Irish songs and served cookies and ice cream. We would like to thank Dolores Cannon, Jo Wilbanks, Leona Neff and Frances Miller for all the work they did for this party. On Thursday, March 19th we celebrated the birthdays of our residents for the month of March. We also want to thank the ladies from the City Park Church of Christ for giving this party for our residents. All of the residents look forward to this party each month. Mary Coleman came to the Care Center on Saturday, March 21st to entertain the residents with her talking animals. The residents seem to enjoy Mary's animals. Here are some meetings that you need to remember. On Thursday, March 26th we have the Family Support Group meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist church. On Friday, March



Look Who's New!

Josh, Jordan and Jared Lambert, Colby and Cory Miller would like to announce the arrival of their new cousin, Spencer Drake Ard. Spencer weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces and stretched to 21 1/2 inches long. He was born Friday, March 20, 1998 at 7:54 a.m. to parents Jim and Sharon Ard of Weatherford, Oklahoma. Grandparents are Bobbie and Jackie Spencer of Lockney and Connie Ard and "Bubba" Ard, both of Holbart, Oklahoma.



GRANT STOVALL AND DALAWNA MELOY

Stovall and Meloy engaged

Don and Sherry Meloy of Wolforth, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dalawna Sher Meloy, of Lubbock, Texas, to Grant Thomas Stovall, also of Lubbock. Stovall is the son of Robert and Darlean Stovall of Floydada, Texas. An 3:00 p.m. wedding is planned for Saturday, May 23, 1998 in the Trinity Church at Lubbock. Meloy is a 1996 graduate of South Plains College with an associate degree in science. She currently attends Texas Tech University and is employed as a junior high coach at Trinity Christian Schools in Lubbock. She is a member of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABCO). Stovall received an associate of science degree from South Plains College in 1992 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University in 1994 with a major exercise sports science. He is currently attending Texas Tech University Health Science Center. He is a certified athletic trainer and a Master of Physical Therapy. He is employed by SportsCare of Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

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DESIREE BRADFORD

Granddaughter of Bradfords will compete at state

Desiree Bradford of Crosbyton has been selected for state competition as a piano soloist. She is the granddaughter of Jerry Bradford and the late Houston Bradford of Floydada, and Leo Cole of Tahoka. She is the daughter of Charles and Lori Bradford of Crosbyton.

Home educated and classified as a junior, Bradford has been playing for three years. She is a student of Bill Murphy of Murphy Piano Studios in Lubbock and plans to major in music performance in college.

Bradford began her journey to state in February by winning a local competition for eleventh and twelfth grade students sponsored by the Texas Music Teachers Association. This advanced her to competition in one of five Texas districts.

She appeared with students from El Paso, Amarillo, Lubbock, and Abilene in a March 14 recital at Tech's Hemmele Recital Hall. Bradford is one of ten selected to vie at state level in San Antonio later this year.

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LJHS earns 1st place in UIL competition for 5th time

LOCKNEY—The sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Lockney Junior High placed first overall for the fifth consecutive year at the U.I.L. District Literary Competition with 657 points. Second place went to Olton with 402.6 points; third place to Highland Park with 263.9 points; fourth place to Hale Center with 290.3 points; fifth place to Hart with 186 points and sixth place to Bovina with 101 points.

The competition was held in Olton on March 10-11, 1998.

NUMBER SENSE

8th Grade: 3rd, Amber Wood; 3rd, Jenna Ford.

7th Grade: 3rd, Cody Bayley; 4th, Ben Sherman.

SPELLING

8th Grade: 1st, Liz O'Connell; 3rd, Amber Wood; 4th, Lisa Molina.

7th Grade: 4th, Katie Kelly.

6th Grade: 5th, Amanda Hancock; 6th, Isaac Bernal.

IMPROMTU SPEAKING

8th Grade: 3rd, Kacie Young.

7th Grade: 1st, Laci Schumacher; 3rd, Jancee Hrbacek; 4th, April Dorman.

6th Grade: 1st, Cheryl Reed; 2nd, Justin Wright; 3rd, Scott Stapp.

ORAL READING

8th Grade: 2nd, Mary Lou Zavala; 3rd, Alana Galloway.

7th Grade: 1st, Brady Rasco; 2nd, Jalee Dietrich; 4th, Nathan Burson.

6th Grade: 1st, Britta McDonald; 2nd, Paul Amador; 4th, Justin

Stoerner.

DICTIONARY SKILLS

8th Grade: 2nd, Melanie Huggins; 4th, Liz O'Connell.

7th Grade: 4th, Nicole Thomas; 5th, Jalee Dietrich.

6th Grade: 1st, Cathy Bernal; 4th, Isaac Bernal.

MODERN ORATORY

8th Grade: 2nd, Liz O'Connell; 3rd, Dusty Thompson.

READY WRITING

8th Grade: 5th, Melanie Huggins.

7th Grade: 5th, Ben Sherman.

6th Grade: 1st, Cheryl Reed; 2nd, Kirk Wilson; 6th, Cammy Lass.

CALCULATOR

8th Grade: 1st, Brandon Alvis; 2nd, Sara Davis; 3rd, Lindsey Mayo.

7th Grade: 1st, Nicole Thomas; 2nd, Garrett Mathis; 3rd, Armando Pinales.

6th Grade: 1st, James Orr; 2nd, Cheryl Reed; 3rd, Angela Prather.

MATHEMATICS

8th Grade: 2nd, Amber Wood; 3rd, Lindsey Mayo; 4th, Jenna Ford.

7th Grade: 1st, Todd Cotham; 3rd, Cody Bayley; 4th, Will O'Connell.

6th Grade: 2nd, Kirk Wilson; 5th, Amanda Hancock.

MAPS, GRAPHS AND CHARTS

8th Grade: 1st, Melanie Huggins; 2nd, Brandon Alvis; 3rd, Wade Miller.

7th Grade: 1st, Garrett Mathis; 3rd, Cody Bayley; 6th, Rusty Keaton.

6th Grade: 1st, James Orr; 2nd, Kirk Wilson.

SCIENCE

8th Grade: 3rd, Cody Liles.

7th Grade: 6th, Maria Anguiana.

LISTENING SKILLS

7th Grade: 2nd, Will O'Connell.

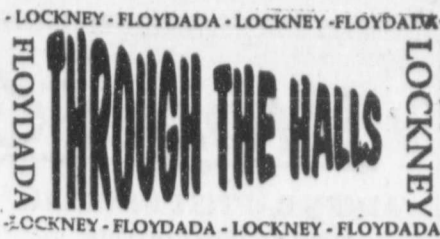
R. C. Andrews Achievers

FLOYDADA -- Faculty Member of the Week at R. C. Andrews Elementary is Dana Crossland. Crossland grew up in Hale Center, Texas. She graduated from Texas Tech University and has been teaching for 15 years. Her favorite foods are chips and hot sauce and her hobbies and interests include reading, needlework, going places with Chance and Katie Beth and shopping. Crossland thinks the best things about RCA are the wonderful teachers and students who are fun to work with.

The second Faculty Member of the Week is Israel (Buc) Sanchez. Sanchez grew up in Floydada and graduated from Floydada High School. His family includes wife Diane and sons Chris (a junior at FHS) and Andy (4th Grade). He has been involved with a school for 6 years. Mexican Food is his favorite and, in his spare time, Sanchez enjoys reading and watching wrestling. Mr. Sanchez thinks the best thing about RCA is how the faculty works to educate our children.

4th Grade Student Of The Week is Marla Reeves. Marla's favorite subject is reading. Her favorite food is pizza. Her family includes her Dad, Mike, her Mom, Stacy and her brother, Justin. Marla enjoys ballet, gymnastics, basketball and 4-H. She thinks the best thing about RCA is getting to see your friends.

5th Grade Student Of The Week is Katy Gooch. Katy's favorite subject is Math. Her favorite food is strawberries. Her parents are Dennis and Tonya Gooch and has a sister, Breann.



RCA ACHIEVERS -- R.C. Andrews Elementary Achievers for the week of March 23-27 include (left to right) Marla Reeves, Dana Crossland, Katy Gooch, Israel Sanchez, and Veronica Garcia. -- Staff Photo



LITTLE LONGHORNS NAMED--Selected as Little Longhorns for the week of March 23-27 at Lockney Elementary School are (l-r, back row) Ty Young, Victor Martinez, Cherise Ventura, Cristina Pesina, Ben Cook; (l-r, row 3) Lanie Moerbe, Tana Saul, K.K. Kelley, Veronica Solarzano, Amos Poole, Tyson

Carthel; (l-r, row 2) Wendy Morales, Caitlann Wiley, Jennifer Rincon, Paloma Estrada, Tanner Morris, Taylor Hill, Angel Bueno; (l-r, front row) Jodie Rodriguez, Ellisa Vasquez, Lexi Terrell, Sidney Prather, and Patrick Doucette.

Staff Photo



LJHS 8TH GRADE UIL TEAM



LJHS 7TH GRADE UIL TEAM



LJHS 6TH GRADE UIL TEAM

Lockney FHA-HERO advances to state

Continued From Page 1
and general sessions where members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth.

Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were family ties, substance abuse, self-esteem, child abuse, leadership, etiquette, handwriting analysis, and home economics careers.

Future Homemakers of America is Floydada School Menu

March 30-April 3

Monday:

BREAKFAST-Juice, toast, jelly, milk

LUNCH-Ham, macaroni w/cheese, green beans, hot roll, peaches, milk

Tuesday:

BREAKFAST-Juice, pancake sausage on stick, milk

LUNCH-Pig in blanket, corn, mixed greens, pineapple, milk

Wednesday:

BREAKFAST-Juice, sausage, toast, milk

LUNCH-Chicken spaghetti, carrots, green peas, cookie, hot roll, milk

Thursday:

BREAKFAST-Juice, pancake, syrup, milk

LUNCH-Beef chalupa, pinto beans, tossed salad, Jello w/fruit, cornbread, milk

Friday:

BREAKFAST-Juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk

LUNCH-Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, chocolate pudding, milk

a youth organization that has kept the family as its central focus. Future Homemakers of America is considered the "best kept secret". Members learn leadership and life skills related to parenting and child development, management, interior design, food science, institutional maintenance, hospitality, and career awareness.

Lockney School Menu

March 30-April 3

MONDAY

Breakfast - Oatmeal, toast, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch - Pigs in a blanket or a Burrito, corn, pears, carrots, milk

TUESDAY

Breakfast - Eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch - Fish sticks or corn dog, pinto beans, cole slaw, peaches, cornbread, milk

WEDNESDAY

Pancakes w/syrup, toast, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch - Baked chicken or Grilled cheese sandwich, green peas, mashed potatoes w/gravy, cobbler, milk, hot rolls

THURSDAY

Breakfast - Rice, toast, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch - Tacos or PBJ sandwich, pinto beans, salad, pineapple in gelatin, milk, cornbread

FRIDAY

Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburger or tuna sandwich, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit, milk, cupcake

When The Dust Clears The Savings Will Be Gone!

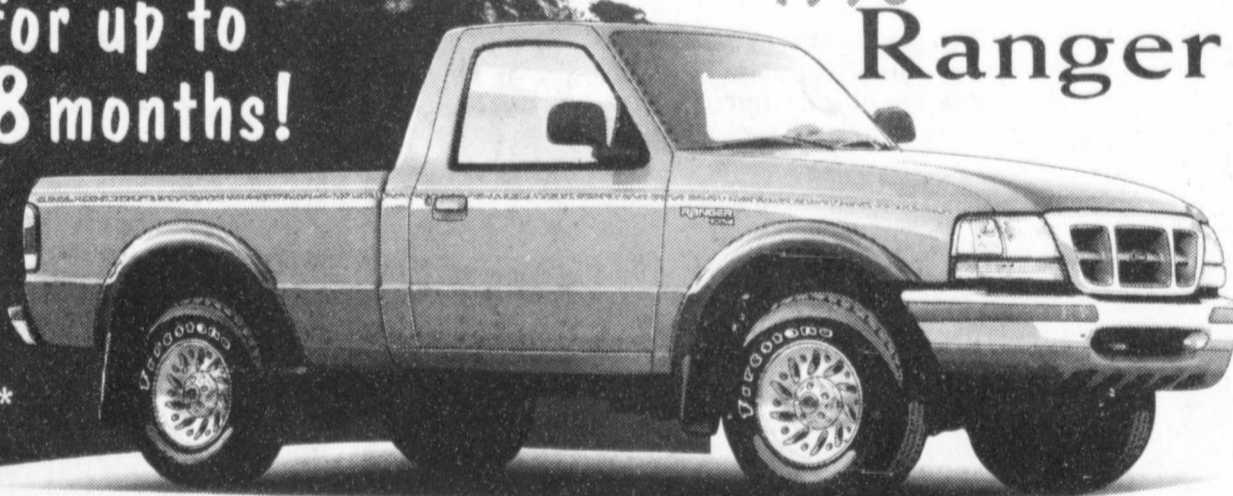
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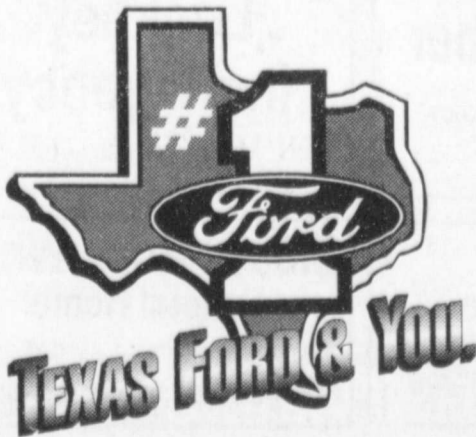
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The Paper Pulpit

By: Pastor Henry Russell



Put Your World Back Together

A father was engaged in reading the evening paper. His young son kept wanting his attention. Not wishing to be disturbed, he saw a picture of our nation. He quickly tore it to bits. Handing all the pieces to his son said, "Here son, put the world back together." Thinking this would take a long time, he settled back to his reading.

Very shortly, his son returned, every piece in it's right place. Puzzled, his father asked him how he did it so quickly? "Well," replied the boy, "I didn't know how to put the world back together, but on the back side was a picture of Jesus. When I got Him in the right place, the world was too."

This lesson we could all learn. Jesus instructs us in Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." What a different world it would be, answers would come to the problems of our nation. Homes would be so different if Jesus was in His rightful place. Lives would take on new meaning. When our own personal world seems to be falling apart, and answers seem to fly away, pause for a moment. Is Jesus number one in our lives? Do our plans include Him also? Jesus made this offer to a troubled world, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man will hear My voice, I will come unto him and will sup with him and he with Me."



PRAISE TEAM TO TRAVEL TO OKLAHOMA--Members of the Anointed by God Praise Team from Templo Libertad Church, of Lockney, traveled to Tipton, Oklahoma last week to participate in a praise worship meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Banda are youth leaders of the group. Members include Lolly Luna, Roseanne Castillo, Crystal Castillo, April Bueno, Felicia Hipolito, Patty DeLuna, Mandy DeLuna, Abel Luna, John Gutierrez, Oscar Lucero, Dominique Guerrero, and Kevin Gutierrez.



Nice People Can Reduce Their Lying

By Ron Trusler

It's not always "bad people" who lie. Nice people can have trouble with lying too.

It usually happens when you are trying to be nice to another person--trying not to hurt their feelings. Here's how it occurs--You are invited to do something that you really don't want to do. But you don't want to offend them, so you make up some sort of an excuse, like, "I have to work late." The majority of the time we lie to keep from offending another person in a scenario like that.

It is hard to say "No" without feeling like we have to qualify it. We feel that we have to prove that we really can't respond to an invitation by telling them why we can't. There are times it may be appropriate to just say, "I don't want to do that." You have to be the judge of that. Most of the time

we would be better off to say something like, "I won't be able to" and leave it at that. Your "not being able to" may be that you need some time to yourself, your family, etc. These things are just as important as any other type of appointment.

If you are hounded more by "Why not?" You could repeat what you just said, maybe by adding, "I am sorry, I just will not be able to." Normally, if you keep using a "stuck-record" type of response, the other person will accept your answer. If they persist more than that they are being rude and rather nosy. Stick to your guns--don't feel like you have to qualify every answer you give. It may help reduce your lying.

(Ron Trusler is Executive Director of Central Plains MIMR and Substance Abuse Center. He may be reached at 806-293-2636.)

The Size of a Man

By: Edward G. Marks

Can you tell how big a man is just by looking at his size? Or foretell of his nature just by looking in his eyes?

It can't be done by such simple means. You have to look at a lot of other things.

You judge a man by what's in his heart and soul. And how much effort does he give to reach his goal.

You look to see if he's got the right stuff. When times are hard and the future looks rough.

Will he be there for you when your back's against the wall? Will he be the one that is standing mighty tall?

When others throw up their hands and cry. He's the one that says let me try.

When all looks desperate and others give up. He's the one that always seems to measure up.

You see the worth of a man is not in his gold. The worth of a man lies within his heart and soul.

How do you judge the size of a man? You look for the one who says "I CAN".

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Floyd County Farm News

\$13 million allocated Assistance available for EQIP

Nutrient management tips given

**From J. D. Ragland
Floyd County CEA-AG**
Recent heavy rains in many parts of Texas have left some farmers wondering about possible losses of fertilizer that already has been applied. The three plant nutrients required in greatest amounts by most crops are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). These nutrients are essential for the normal growth and development of plants. Of the three, N is by far the most dynamic and the one most subject to loss. Weather conditions and soil microbes play important roles in these processes.

For most agricultural crops, except legumes (such as soybeans or alfalfa) which can fix their own N from the atmosphere, N must be supplied as fertilizer each year to furnish adequate amounts for crop production. Once in the soil, N can undergo a number of chemical changes which influence its availability to crop plants and the potential for loss. When organic matter (plant or animal residues) containing a good supply of N is applied to the soil, soil microorganisms break down the material releasing the N in a process called mineralization. This N is in a mineral form and is immediately available for plant uptake. In contrast, if the added organic matter is low in N (corn stalks, wheat straw), a process called immobilization occurs where the N is used by the microbes for their own growth and is not available to plants.

Mineral N also is subject to various

transformations in the soil. Once organic N has been mineralized into ammonium-N (NH₄⁺-N), other soil microbes can convert it into nitrate-N (NO₃⁻-N) through a process called nitrification. Because it has a positive (+) charge, NH₄⁺-N is attracted to and held by negative (-) charges which occur on particles of soil. The soil basically acts like a magnet to attract the nutrient. In contrast, the negative charge caused by the chemical structure of NO₃⁻-N prevents it from attaching to the soil. As a result, NO₃⁻-N is much more subject to loss by leaching. This is of greatest concern in coarse-textured, sandy soils which have a high permeability and rapid water infiltration.

Nitrogen loss also can occur from fine-textured, clay-like soils under high rainfall conditions. When the soil becomes saturated, some soil microbes may utilize the oxygen (O₂) from NO₃⁻-N for respiration. In this process, called denitrification, nitrate is converted into N gas which can volatilize into the atmosphere. This process is only of concern when the soil is waterlogged for an extended time (3 to 5 days), but can result in significant losses of N (30 to 50%).

Phosphorus and potassium are less dynamic than nitrogen. That is, they are not as subject to leaching and do not volatilize. Heavy rainfall may move these nutrients downward in the soil somewhat, but only in sandy soils. Of course, any nutrient which has been applied on the soil surface may be lost in runoff. Timely and effective

incorporation of surface applied fertilizers is important to minimize such losses.

Several best management practices related to timing and methods of fertilizer application can help minimize potential losses of N due to leaching and volatilization. Applying N fertilizer as close as possible to the time of crop demand is very important. Applications made just prior to planting are less likely to experience environmental conditions that may result in loss. In addition, most crops do not require large amounts of N in the very early stages of growth, but do require an adequate supply throughout the growing season. As a result, split applications of fertilizer N can help ensure a steady supply, and reduce chances of loss due to heavy early-season rains.

Predicting nitrogen losses following high rainfall conditions is difficult. Application of supplemental N fertilizer may be required to compensate for losses. Careful monitoring can be used to follow crop progress in fields suspected to have a problem. Sidedress applications should be made as soon as possible if any early symptoms of deficiency are noted, such as yellowing of lower leaves. Soil and/or tissue testing also may be used to evaluate nutrient status, and to make decisions about the need for additional fertilizer.

Contact J. D. Ragland at the Floyd County Extension Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 983-4912 for additional information.

USDA has announced the new 1998 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for Texas agriculture producers. Over \$13 million were allocated for financial assistance.

"There is a strong demand for voluntary conservation efforts and EQIP helps farmers and ranchers meet the demand with financial, technical and educational assistance, as well as incentives," said Ronald Harris.

Understanding the following points will help you better evaluate your potential for participating in EQIP and the steps you must follow to make a successful application.

You are in control;
You choose who will develop your plan and apply the conservation practices called for in the plan. EQIP is one program tool that can solve resource problems identified in your conservation plan. You choose if you want to participate. This is a voluntary program.

Why should you participate?
EQIP is one program by which USDA funds will be made available for conservation work. Resource management planning for your farm will give you a better handle on managing your valuable natural resources. If you wish, a single plan can be developed that will apply to some or all Federal and State natural programs or laws.

Who can participate?
Farmers and ranchers.

Under certain conditions, organizations such as districts with taxing authority, sporting clubs, scout troops, and cooperative grazing associations and districts are eligible. The land you own or control must be in an identified priority or have a State

identified priority natural resource concern such as water quantity, Land in the program must be either cropland, rangeland, pasture, hayland, forest land, or other lands on which crops or livestock are produced.

Who can participate?
State and local governments, including school districts and supported schools.

Conservation Planning
You must have a conservation plan for the farm or ranch unit of concern. Your plan becomes the basis for a 5 to 10 year contract. Conservation plans can be developed at your own cost by your non-NRCS sources, but all practices must meet NRCS standards and can be reviewed by NRCS.

Application Submission
EQIP applications will be accepted throughout the year. However the ranking and selecting of offers of producers will occur periodically during designated periods. The initial ranking period will be from May 4-29, 1998. Applications prior to May 29, 1998 will be ranked and those offers, which provide the greatest environmental benefits at the least program cost, will be funded. Additional ranking period will be conducted until all funds are obligated. Planning can be done anytime during the year. The evaluation of applications is competitive. Applications will be ranked favorably by providing the most environmental benefits at the least cost. Payment rates and percentages are not fixed. Offering to

accept a lower percentage of cost-share or incentive payment will likely improve your application's ranking. Federal cost-share for structural and vegetative practices cannot exceed 75 percent of the installation costs. Incentive payments may be made to encourage producers to use land management practices that might not otherwise be performed without the incentive. You are strongly encouraged to develop your conservation plan and submit your application as early as possible.

Payments
EQIP offers up to \$10,000 per person per year, \$50,000 per contract. Nationally half of EQIP's funding is targeted to livestock operations.

Payments are also available for the construction of practices or as incentives to encourage the adoption of innovation conservation practices. Payments cannot be used for technical assistance in developing plans.

Contact your USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or USDA-FARM Service Agency (FSA) to learn more about EQIP and how you can take an active role in protecting the natural resources in Floyd County as well as the economic well being of your farming operation for you and future generations. For more information, contact your local USDA-NRCS office at 806-983-2352 or the USDA-FSA at 806-983-3763 or go by the USDA building at Highway 70 East.

Melon producers urged to develop market identity

By: Joe Bryant
West Texas growers need to capitalize on their reputation for quality watermelons by borrowing a page from the playbook of cantaloupe producers in Pecos and growers of specialty crops in California and Florida, area melon producers were told during a day long production short course here (February 12).

A regional marketing program, developing product identity through brand names or trademarks, and adding value to the melons will help growers build long term demand for their crop and increase their profitability, said speakers at the short course.

Profitably marketing what they produce "is one situation where you'll have to save yourself," said Dr. Charles Hall, economist and horticultural marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station. "We really need to look at a coordinated marketing strategy."

Many marketing challenges can be

overcome, Hall said, "by viewing each other as partners rather than competitors." By coordinated marketing, he said, growers can meet quantity demands of buyers and influence in legal ways the price paid to growers.

"If you ask supermarket produce buyers what is important to them, they'll tell you quality, a product recognizable by the consumer and one that has a distinct quality which sets it apart from others of its kind", Hall said.

Growers must pay attention to consumer demands and their response to products, said Hall and Dr. Frank Dainello, Extension Service horticulturist and vegetable specialist from College Station. Consumers want a 10-12 pound melon, not a 35 pound melon, Hall said.

"We've got to identify niche markets," Dainello stressed. "One of the really big emerging markets is the food service industry. We're missing opportunities there."

Adding value to the melon might

include providing two or three small, dessert size melons in a bit of netting as a 'pack of melons', or offering the product in a different form, such as melon balls or salad chunks, they said.

Ann Hartman of Denver City, recently named by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to represent areas of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana on the National Watermelon Promotion Board (NWPB), explained that group's research, promotional and educational activities to help growers and handlers. "Yoakum and the surrounding counties have a tremendous future in watermelon production", Hartman said. "All we need to do is band together."

She noted that 26 growers in Yoakum County produced some 16 million pounds of melons last year. County Extension Agent Tadd Knight said that represented \$2 million to \$3 million in gross receipts for the county.

Other speakers at the short course, cosponsored by the NWPB and the Yoakum County office of the Extension Service, focused on specific aspects of melon production.

In applying pesticides, "you've got to rotate the classes of chemicals you use," said Dr. Jonathan Edelson, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service entomologist from Lane, Oklahoma. He said proper application of pesticides-the rates, distribution, volume and weather conditions-is critical.

"Under one set of temperature and weather conditions you may get coverage. But under cooler temperatures, with the same sprayer and chemical, you may get less coverage," Edelson said.

Fruit blotch, a disease which can make melons unmarketable, is seed-borne, explained Dr. Tom Isakeit, Texas Agricultural Extension Service plant pathologist from Weslaco. He outlined cultural and chemical methods to control the problem.

Dr. Roland Roberts, Extension vegetable specialist from Lubbock, discussed ways to overcome limiting factors in melon production. "We need wind protection all season long," Roberts emphasized. He recommended planting a windbreak row of elbon rye or headless sorghum between each three to six rows of melons "For every foot (of windbreak) above the

canopy of your plant, the windbreak will provide 10 feet of protection," he said.

Results of variety tests on the South Plains and other parts of Texas were reported by Dr. David Bender, vegetable research scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Lubbock. He described characteristics of 17 seedless, 17 seeded and 18 other varieties. "One of the big trends (in watermelon breeding) that I think will enhance the market for seedless melons is the development of a long type," Bender said.

Dainello discussed merits of using drip irrigation and plastic mulch in watermelon production. "Look at this as risk management," he advised. "We've got to figure out how to get the most out of the least amount of water," he said.


Planning ahead is the key to financial success in production, said Extension economist Dr. Jackie Smith, Lubbock. "It starts with knowing what it costs you to produce an acre of watermelons. There's no magic to it." He suggested a user-friendly software package from the Extension Service, "BudPro," to help growers map their production costs and determine prices needed for their crop.

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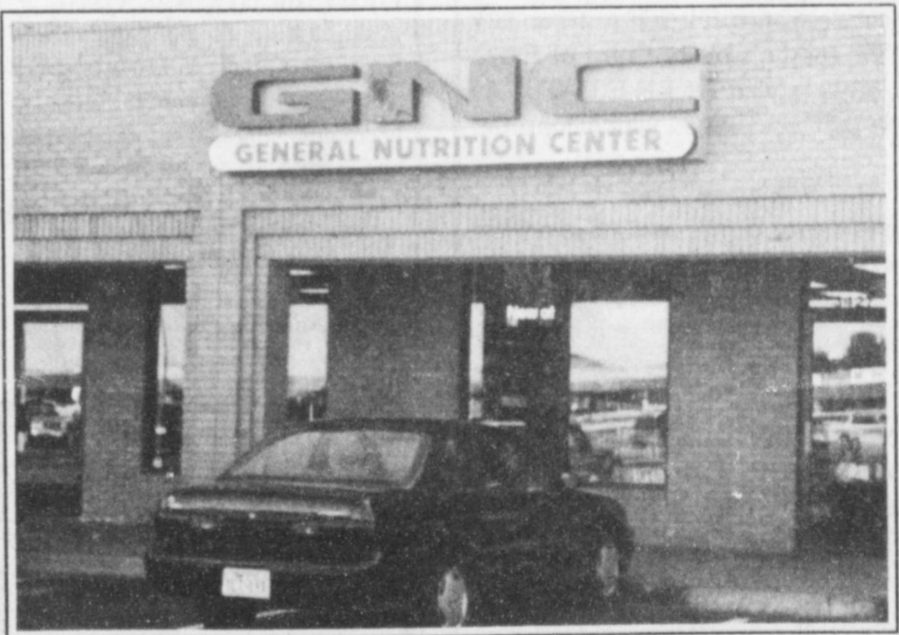
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