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Area sees increase in cases of mononucleosis

Health care providers in the area have been swamped with patients suffering from what appears to be a new viral strain of mononucleosis. What may seem to be a case of the flu is very often turning out to be what was once called "the kissing disease". In the past "mono" was passed on through contact such as kissing. Now, according to studies being done by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and health care providers, there appears to be a change in the viral strain. "It is now believed to have become a droplet infection," said Floydada Internist Dr. Salman Ahmad. "It is being spread in the same way that the flu or a cold is spread. A sneeze droplet is spread to your hands from kleenex, from where the droplet lands, or from the infected persons hands. "No one is sure why, but this viral

strain has changed." According to Dr. Ahmad he has treated, since December, approximately 120 confirmed cases of mononucleosis. "Those cases were confirmed with blood tests," said Dr. Ahmad. "There are also approximately another 90 people who choose not to take the blood tests because of costs restrictions, who I diagnosed clinically as having 'mono'." The test for mononucleosis is a simple blood test and results are ready before the patient leaves the office. According to Ahmad, he has also heard of a large outbreak of this infection in Lubbock and Hale Center. "We are not seeing as much splenic enlargement as in the past," said Ahmad. "The symptoms vary and there is a wide spectrum. The patient could suffer from headache, weak-

ness, a drained feeling, low grade fever, joint pains, backache, muscle ache, nasal drainage and scratchy throat--many flu like symptoms." Recovery time is long--ranging anywhere from 2 weeks to 2 months. There is no treatment for the mononucleosis besides bed rest, lots of fluid and 'Tylenol'. "If the symptoms of sore throat and fever continue," said Ahmad, "it would be wise to be re-examined by your doctor. A viral infection can lead to a bacterial infection. You may need to be re-evaluated. A lot of different complications can come from mononucleosis such as pneumonia, and upper respiratory bacterial infections. Dr. Ahmad recommends if you are concerned to ask your doctor for a blood test confirmation.



ALL WET--Law enforcement officers were called to the west side of Floydada, Sunday, February 14, to check out a possible suicide attempt. A high speed chase ensued with police pursuing a woman driving a Dodge Neon. The woman drove straight through the intersection of Hwy. 62 and Crockett Street, became air-

borne and the vehicle landed in the playa lake on the east side of Hwy. 62 (top photo). She attempted to run south (across the lake) from her vehicle, however police were able to restrain her and return her to shore. She was transported by Floydada EMS to Methodist Hospital with minor injuries (bottom photo).

Staff Photo



3rd and 6th grade will move next year

FISD approves campus changes

By Darwin Robinson
The Floydada Independent School Board met last Thursday, February 11th in open session with Superintendent Jimmie Collins presiding. The board approved the moving of the 3rd grade from Duncan Elementary to Andrews Elementary and the 6th grade from Andrews Elementary to the Junior High School. The motion was made by Board Secretary Charlene Brown, seconded by Board Member Bill Dean and unanimously passed. These changes will be in place for the 1999-2000 school year. Duncan Principal Bob Campbell told the board, "We have enough furniture in storage and in the portable buildings to take care of those needs." It was pointed out that some repair work would be needed in a couple of Junior High rooms and the Science Lab. The moving of some class libraries was discussed and the possibility of updating some libraries with new books. All principals involved in this move seemed to share a positive outlook and

wanted what was best for the kids. In other business, the board approved the design and bidding for new High School Band uniforms. High School Band Director John Odom presented the need for 120 new uniforms and his daughter, Nicole, modeled the new design. The motion was made by Dean, seconded by Brown and the board unanimously approved the design and the purchase of the new uniforms. The motion to accept bids for the uniforms was made by Board Member Amado Morales, seconded by Board Member Steve Lloyd and unanimously passed. County Judge William D. Hardin swore in newly appointed board member, Jill Warren. She was selected by the board last month to fill the unexpired term of Jack Robertson in Precinct 5. Glenda Livingston of A.B. Duncan Elementary was chosen as "Teacher of the Month." She was recognized for her dedication and 21 years of teaching. Principal Bob Campbell said, "Mrs. Livingston is the cornerstone of

Duncan Elementary and our staff. I have faith in her and always stand by her decisions when I am away." Expense approval was given to Board Member Morales for his upcoming trip to attend the Annual Hispanic Students Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This conference is sanctioned by the Texas State Association of School Boards and is approved for school board credits. Board Member Dean made the motion to approve the May 1, 1999 date for the future School Board Election Day. It was seconded by Board Member Brown and unanimously passed. It was noted that March 17 was the deadline for filing and March 22 is the deadline for write-in approvals. Board Member Lloyd made the motion to appoint Laveta Morren as Early Balloting Clerk and Kelli Reddy as Deputy Clerk. It was seconded by Dean and approved. Also, Early Balloting Judge Maybelle Monreal was officially ap-
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Warren given Silver Valor Award

Lezlie Warren, a 1995 graduate of Floydada High School, and the daughter of Jill and Martin Warren of Floydada, was recently honored with a Silver Valor Award from the Air Force ROTC. Warren is a senior pre-med major at Texas Tech and a cadet in the Texas Tech Air Force ROTC. She was presented with the award during a ceremony, Thursday, February 4, at R.P. Fuller Track in Lubbock. The award recognized Warren's life saving efforts for a drowning victim in March 1998, while on Spring Break in Cancun, Mexico. Unknown to Warren, Michelle D. DeMaggio, C/ILT, a friend who was with Warren at the time of the incident, submitted a letter to the ROTC detailing Warren's efforts. According to DeMaggio, she, Warren, and Nathan Spillman, were sitting at the Melia Hotel pool in Cancun, Mexico looking out over the ocean. They heard a yell for help from a man they could see in the ocean. There was no lifeguard on duty, but after looking for help and the assurance there was someone on the way, the three went to the water's edge and noticed the man was far from shore. "It was a windy day and the waves were pounding him," wrote DeMaggio. "We decided we could not go in the water because we would get stuck there too. All we could do was wait. "After awhile, nobody could see the guy." DeMaggio said two men from the hotel brought out orange lifesavers, but they could not see the man in the water. "Lezlie noticed that more than five minutes had passed since the guy had

been under water," said DeMaggio. "Suddenly his body appeared in a wave." A lifeguard then started to make his way to the body. "Lezlie said we should be ready to give CPR if they could get the body to the shore because she knew the lifeguard would be too tired to do it. She wanted to give mouth to mouth and I was going to do the chest compressions. While we were waiting at the shore watching the water for any sign of the body, Lezlie was going over the procedures for CPR. Finally, the lifeguard found the body. He brought him back as fast as possible, but the body had been underwater for over ten minutes." The man was pulled onto the shore and, according to DeMaggio, at this time an older American man approached and told the group he knew CPR. DeMaggio backed off and turned the CPR over to Warren and the older man. "Lezlie did everything she could trying to breathe into the body, but his lungs were filled with water. She kept trying. After several minutes an ambulance arrived....Lezlie and Nathan helped strap the body down and carry the stretcher to the ambulance. Lezlie offered to go to the hospital to fill out paperwork and see how he was, but they would not let her..." "Lezlie did the most to try to save the boy's life. She knew that he had been underwater more than ten minutes and that it was very unlikely he could have lived, but she still wanted to do everything possible. She remained positive and always held on to the possibility that he could live. "I did not know it then, but the man that took my place to do CPR really



C/1 LT. LEZLIE WARREN

did not know what he was doing. Lezlie had to show and tell him what to do. She remained calm the entire time and had to make sure the man helping her was calm also. That was difficult because he was yelling at her, but she took control of the situation and showed him what he needed to be doing." According to DeMaggio, Warren called the hotel the next day and was told the boy had died. DeMaggio wrote, "It took a lot of courage for Lezlie to be so determined to save that guy's life...Lezlie took the initiative and did all she could to give him that help. I admire her for not hesitating. Her actions were almost instinctive." The award was given to C/1Lt Warren by Capt. Don Baker, assistant professor of aerospace studies at Tech. Baker said giving the Silver Valor Awards for displays of heroism to cadets in the Air Force ROTC is similar to the awards the U.S. Military gives.

Local Candidates

The deadline for declaring your intentions to seek office in a municipal, or school board election is March 17th. Already signing up for the races are:

- In Floydada:**
 - Mayor:** Bobby Gilliland, Albert Hill Sr.
 - Dist. #3 City Council:** Sheldon Sue (incumbent)
 - Dist. #3 City Council:** No candidate at this time.
- In Lockney:**
 - LISD:** John Quebe & Dan Smith (incumbents)

Win money in Old Settler's slogan contest

Would you like to win \$25? The Floyd County Pioneer Association is sponsoring a contest in an effort to find the best slogan that will emphasize the County in this last year of the millennium. The Association will present the winner of the contest with \$25. The entries must be in hand by no later than 5:00 p.m., March 8th. Don't
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City plans ways to demolish old "Huggins" house

Lockney council ends the year in the "black"

LOCKNEY--The Lockney City Council heard the audit report for the 1997-98 fiscal year during the Friday, February 13 regular session. Edd Henderson, Jr. and Darla Chappel, representing Edd Henderson and Company, P.C., gave the audit report for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Henderson reported the city ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$36,210. He stated the major revenues for the city were property taxes and the utilities. Those revenues are transferred into the general fund for operating expenses for the city. Other revenue received comes from interest, franchise taxes, intergovernmental entities, city farm rent, fines, permits, ambulance service, Community Center rent, mowing and service fees. Henderson concluded the report by stating that he had done some research on city taxes and according to his findings, "The city of Lockney has one of the lowest tax rates in the state of Texas for cities of its size." City Secretary Charlotte Hooten reported to the council the computer used by the city office is nearly full and will not hold much more data. After some discussion Roger Stapp made the motion to purchase a new computer for the city. The computer currently in use will be moved to the police department. Police Chief Jerry Edwards met with the council concerning traffic regulations on Main Street. Edwards stated he had been approached about parking problems on Main Street between Locust and College Streets, speeding, and pedestrians crossing around the hospital and care center. He proposed a double stripe between Locust and College to stop vehicles from crossing from the opposite lane and parking. Also a single yellow line down the rest of Main Street. Bil Anderson made the motion to approve the striping and the second was made by Roger Stapp. All

voted for. The speeding problem around the hospital will be monitored and possibly the speed limit lowered in that area. Edwards will look into painting pedestrian crosswalks which will give pedestrians the right of way when they cross in those areas. Lonny Hooten, Lockney Volunteer Fire Department Chief, met with the council to consider ways of demolishing the Huggins' house on East Locust Street. He stated that the house was too close to another house to burn and it would be better to clean all trash and brush from around the house before bulldozing it. They could then push it away from the neighbor's property and have a controlled burn. When asked why it could not be hauled to a landfill or the fairgrounds Mayor Gary Marr replied, "The cost to the city would be prohibitive to try and haul it all off after it was bulldozed, and we only have a permit from TRNCC to burn tree limbs at the fairgrounds." According to City Attorney Paul Lyle, all the paperwork for demolishing the house has not been completed and nothing can be done until it is finished. Raymond Lusk, Superintendent for LISD met with the Council and presented a proposal for the city to consider helping pay for the new lights at the baseball field. The baseball field, used by the high school baseball team, was given to the city several years ago by the John Bickley family. The lights had been up for many years and were in nearly unusable condition. The new lights will be installed on the existing poles. Paul Lyle stated that he would have to do some research on interlocal agreements and see if the city can help with the lights. The item was tabled. Lusk reported that work is being done at the baseball field and most of it by volunteer labor. New dugouts are
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BY THE WAY



By Alice Gilroy

A girlfriend of mine was telling me this week that she was enjoying her new internet and e-mail.

One of her first e-mail letters was going to be to her U.S. Senator. She was going to give him a piece of her mind about the impeachment vote. She was really enjoying getting everything off her chest but then she chickened out about sending the letter. She said she didn't want them to think she was nuts because she ranted and raved too much.

I told her she didn't have to worry about anyone in a Senator's office thinking she was nuts. I was sure her letter was mild compared to some they get.

I used to work in the mail room of Senator Tower's office. We were on the 4th floor. The Senator's office was on the ground floor. We were put on the 4th floor for the safety of the really important people on the ground floor. If you're going to send a bomb to your Senator you can rest assured that he will never see it. The mail room people will blow up first.

I never had to open up packages and look for bombs but I did get to read some very interesting letters.

"Gabriel" was a steady correspondence to the Senator. "Gabriel's" return address was the state mental hospital.

"Gabriel" was the angel who was going to announce the arrival of the "Messiah", and he always had a very interesting message for us. He had his own little file.

For some reason there was also a large number of people who worried about "computer chips" in their brain or in the brain of someone they loved. All of them wanted the Senator to help them in some way--unless of course

they thought he was part of the conspiracy.

One lady was convinced her husband had a "computer chip" implant in his brain. She told the Senator that her husband was a pilot for American Airlines and she felt like he had been "abducted" on one of his flights by "aliens". The aliens had implanted him with this mind control thing-a-ma-gig and she was afraid for the safety of the passengers on his plane.

She wanted the Senator to see to it that her husband was taken off his job so he couldn't fly anymore.

I always figured he just wasn't getting his "honey-do" jobs done and she probably just made up that story about the computer chip.

I filed her under "overworked housewife".

Then there was the lady who knew there was a conspiracy going on against her by all the dogs in the neighborhood.

She wrote the Senator that everytime she went to the bathroom and flushed the toilet, all the dogs in the neighborhood barked. She wanted the Senator to make them stop. (There is a conspiracy in my house similar to that--everytime I'm in the shower someone flushes the toilet.)

I don't know what the point of all this is except to say--don't worry about giving your Senator a piece of your mind. It's his job to listen.

Oh By the Way--if we really do have computer chips in our brain, I sure would like the RAM on my memory chip increased.

Think about this--"If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees!"



A view from The Lamplighter

By Ken Towery

It was unbelievable. There he was. On national television, no less. Being interviewed by Cokie Roberts, who is now with ABC, but who, when I knew her, was with National Public Radio.

The Senators were taking a break from one of their "deliberations", and Senator Byrd of West Virginia, the so-called "conscience of the Senate", the man who warned the White House not to "tamper with this jury", meaning, of course, the United States Senate, had stepped out to get a little fee exposure on America's T.V. screen.

Byrd, you may remember, was the distinguished senator who, after sending early signals that he was going to be an independent voice of reason in the impeachment trial of William Jefferson Clinton, then switched his thinking (one hopes it was his thinking) and offered the motion to dismiss all impeachment charges against the President. In that motion he was joined by every other Democratic Senator, save one who was quickly informed of the errors of his ways. It was that vote that so encouraged Mr. Clinton (and all those people to whom he had lied and had lied for him), for it indicated that there would never be enough votes to replace Mr. Clinton with Mr. Gore.

Cokie knows Washington like few reporters. She essentially grew up in the political atmosphere of that city. Her father, our readers will remember (or at least some of our readers

will remember) was a well thought of Democratic Congressman from Louisiana named Lindy Boggs. He was killed in a plane crash in Alaska many years ago, when I worked in Washington. His wife took his seat for awhile, if memory serves.

Anyway, it was an extremely friendly interview, and very informative. Cokie asked Byrd for his thoughts on the matter, and he was exceedingly forthcoming. Did the Senator think Mr. Clinton was guilty of the crimes alleged in the House of Representatives' charges?

Yes, he said, he did. He continued to talk...(that's one thing about Byrd, he can't stop talking). He told Cokie, and the American people, that he believed Clinton had indeed committed the crimes alleged. He said further that he believed Mr. Clinton was guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors", and that his offenses warranted impeachment and removal from office.

Why then, Cokie asked, was he prepared to vote to acquit the President, if he felt in his own heart that the President was guilty of the crimes charged?

The good senator explained. Removing Mr. Clinton would just be too disruptive, the economy was good, etc., and in view of all the circumstances "I can just turn my back" on the matter for the next two years.

Think about it for a moment. Here is the "conscience of the Senate", a man who has taken an oath to uphold

the Constitution, (and who, at the drop of a hat, will lecture fellow senators on their duty to "uphold the Constitution"), and who, further, had taken another solemn oath to do "impartial justice" in the unhappy duty of judging Mr. Clinton's fitness for office. And, after deeply searching what passes for his conscience, decided he can just turn his back on his duty for the next couple of years.

And sure enough, he did. He joined every other member of his party, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Monyihan, Mr. Dodd, and a number of "moderate" Republicans, to acquit the man most of them had spoken of as having acted "irresponsibly", and/or "reprehensibly, deplorable, unacceptably." But when push came to shove, there they were, willing to turn their back on the matter, and their oath to do "fair and impartial justice."

It is all so sad. It is made even sadder by the knowledge that Senator Byrd is not the only member of that august body who feels his ties to his party are stronger than his ties to his oath, and to common decency.

Byrd was at least honest, momentarily. He at least acknowledged that Mr. Clinton was guilty of the charges, even if he was going to vote to retain him in office. Many others who join Byrd in party caucus make the excuse that yes, he lied under oath to a grand jury, yes he obstructed justice (and in doing so, denied a young American woman her just day in court), but somehow it's alright, because "it's all about sex", and that "it doesn't rise to the level of removal from office."

They would prefer to pass a resolution saying the President has been a naughty boy and they want their constituents to know they don't appreciate it. Then, they say, the Senate can

"get on with the nation's business." As if the criminal acts of a President of the United States is not "the nation's business."

But Byrd was not the only member of the Senate to be seized with the disease of intellectual dishonesty. Not that it was any surprise, but he was joined in lockstep by every other Democrat in the Senate and several

Lockney Police Report

February 2, Lockney Police detained and issued citations to two 16 year old juveniles and a 15 year old juvenile all from Floydada for violation of the juvenile curfew ordinance. The juveniles had been stopped for a traffic violation.

February 3, a 13 year old girl complained to police of being assaulted at the junior high school after school. Police detained a 14 year old girl on the assault charges and transported the youth to the Parent Adolescent Center in Floydada and turned her over to juvenile authorities.

February 5, police were dispatched to a business in the 400 block of S.W. 4th in reference to a domestic disturbance. Jerald Mack Johnson, 31, of Lockney, was arrested for Family Violence Assault and taken to the Floyd County Jail.

Police were also contacted about another domestic assault in the 500 block of S.W. 5th Street. The 18 year old victim declined to file a criminal complaint.

February 6, police received a complaint from a business owner in the 100 block of E. College about several individuals breaking a glass to the business. A 17 year old and two 16 year old youths were issued citations

to the municipal court for Reckless Damage.

Also on February 6 police received a citizen report of an intoxicated driver in a brown Buick on U.S. 70. Police located the vehicle and arrested Elisio Garza Guerra Jr., 28, of Floydada. He was charged with DWI.

February 7, a resident in the 100 block of N.E. 4th reported that two hydraulic jacks were taken from the outside of his residence sometime between 1/31 and 2/07.

February 8, Mike Hernandez, 21, of Lockney, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from the District Court on a Motion to Revoke his probation on a burglary charge.

February 12, Lasaro Gonzales, 20, of Lockney, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from the district court on a Motion to Revoke his probation on burglary charge.

Alfred Nunez, 19, of Lockney, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from the county court for Assault.

February 13, police responded to a complaint of a loud party in the 500 block of S.W. 6th. Police found several minors at the residence without adult supervision consuming alcohol. Police seized several containers of alcohol and issued one citation.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
I would just like to voice my opinion on sports in our schools. I as a parent enjoy seeing my child get to play. I, like a lot of other parents support and encourage my children sports.

I have a real problem with our athletic program and what it is teaching our kids. I feel like if there is thirteen players on a basketball team they should all play every game. Even if it's just a few minutes a game.

What does TEAM mean? If all the kids work out the same amount of time and are committed to practices, I believe they should all play. The only way for these kids who don't get to play to improve, is by playing them. What does it do to their self-esteem to sit on the bench game after game? There will always be some players who are alot more talented and gifted than others, but don't deny the ones who are not as talented the opportunity to improve and maybe become one of the best.

We have alot of kids in Jr. High who have already given up in sports, because it wasn't important enough to let them play in football or basketball. There is plenty of potential from alot of kids if they were given an opportunity to play with the ones who play all the time. They need to learn to play together as a TEAM.

I realize sports is very competitive and involves alot of commitment and hard work, but it shouldn't come down to just winning. I believe the focus should be on the kids and giving them our encouragement to work hard and for the coaches to give them an opportunity to play and be a team player. I would gladly see my child sit his turn out so everyone on the team had an opportunity to play.

I just believe we as parents, coaches and athletic directors should reevaluate what sports is and what we're teaching our kids. Just let the kids learn to play together and develop as a TEAM.

There is so much emphasis on sports in our school and I want my child to know that sports isn't what will get him through life. Sports isn't everything. Sports is something extra, but we need to be teaching our kids the right things. Winning isn't everything.

In life our kids will realize they will not always be on top. There will be disappointments. As long as you do your best hold your head high. You don't have anything to be ashamed of.

I just hope that you can read this and be open-minded and think about

how you as a parent of a kid who plays all the time would feel if it were your child not getting the chance to play but sit on the bench when you go and support your child game after game.

Also think about how that child feels sitting on the bench or even standing on the sidelines game after game. Our kids are who make up sports. All I ask is give everyone the same opportunity. Our kids deserve that and they deserve to have the chance to prove themselves.

Sherrie Griggs

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LOCKNEY READING BUDDIES--Volunteers reading with students at Lockney Elementary School this year are (l-r, front row) Rita Webster, Wilma Brown, Inez Mosley, Clementine Carthel; (l-r, middle row) Barbara Mathis, Vida Hrbacek, Jinna Sue Turner, Naomi Johnston, Edythe Clarke, Sherry Coker, Denise Doucette, Sharon Hunt, Faye Barker, Joyce Wilson; (l-r, back row) Farril De Foor, Russell Harris, Russ Byard, Claude Brown, Frank Duckworth, Jack Covington and Art Barker. Not pictured are Kathleen Thornton, Cheryl Edwards, Virginia Sissney, Myrtle Gibson and Patsy Ford. The reading buddies read, or have the students read to them, on a regular basis. Staff Photo

FISD considers concession stand bids

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proved by the board.
A Coca Cola concessions proposal for the schools was tabled until a Pepsi proposal could be received and reviewed.
Both companies are in competition and gift monies of \$60,000+ are at stake for the school system.
Board Member Brown made the motion to table the proposal. It was seconded by Board Member Dean and unanimously passed.

The board accepted the resignation of R.C. Andrews Elementary school teacher, Bobby Rainer. He will be retiring at the end of this school year.
In closed session, the board reviewed nine school Administrative contracts and then unanimously approved each one on its individual merits.
A 5% dollar increase was added to each of the one year contracts.
The approved contracts were: Administrative Assistant Dick Van

Hoose, Special Education Director Sheree Cannon, Athletic Director Tim Daughtrey, Technology and Federal Programs Director Rex Holcombe, A.B. Duncan Elementary Principal Bob Campbell, R.C. Andrews Elementary Principal David Hutton, Floydada Junior High School Principal Monty Hysinger, Floydada High School Principal Joe Christian and Caprock Counties Learning Cooperative Principal T.W. Gaussoin.

Lockney Council handles city business

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being completed as is a new press box.
Bil Anderson reported on the new sign which will go up at the Lockney Community Center. He was told the American Legion Post had been named for W.W. Landrum, a Lockney boy who was killed in World War I. He needed more information on when the building was given to the city before it was decided what the new sign needed to say.
A variance for a mobile home on N.E. 4th was requested after the home

had been moved onto the lot. Brotherton made the motion to approve the variance after the owner had come by city hall and filled out the required paperwork. Voting for the variance was Brotherton, Copeland and Stapp. Voting against the motion was Anderson and Graves. Anderson and Graves stated the application should have been filled out before the mobile home was moved in.
Regular items before the council included the reading and approval of

the minutes of the January meeting, the paying of current bills and reviewing the financial statement.
Present at the meeting were Mayor Gary Marr, Councilmembers J.D. Copeland, Rodger Stapp, Tina Graves, Bil Anderson, E.L. Brotherton Jr., Chief of Police Jerry Edwards; City Secretary Charlotte Hooten, City Supervisors Dickie McCarty, Kenny Hooten, and Arcenio Martinez, Edd Henderson Jr., Darla Chappel, Raymond Lusk, and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

Slogan contest underway

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forget to add your name, address and phone number to your entry. If your club, group, or organization is making an entry, put an individual's address and phone, to be contacted.

along with your group name and slogan. The judges will not know the names of the people making the entries, so as to insure fairness and impartiality.
The winner will be announced in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon March 11th edition. Jot down your idea for a one line slogan for this year's Old Settlers' Reunion theme, and send it to Connie Bertrand, Route 2 Box 63, Floydada, 79235. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Bertrand at her address or call her at 983-2900.

Courtroom Activities


In County Court February 11: Alfred Nunez, 20, of Floyd County was charged with Assault. There was no disposition on this case.
Jeremiah Rodriguez was charged with Assault. There was no disposition on this case.
Erminio Yannis, 47, of Floydada, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition on this case.

Lions Camp to celebrate 50 years

The Texas Lions Camp, located near Kerrville, Texas will celebrate its 50th Anniversary at Camp on Saturday, March 13, 1999.
Everyone is invited to attend this special celebration of service to children with physical disabilities and diabetes. Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. Tours, musical entertainment, antique automobiles, and other attractions will be part of the day's agenda. Tickets for Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang Barbecue Lunch, served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., will be \$7.50 at the door.
The Texas Lions Camp began a half century ago as a result of the Lions of Texas who decided to help the victims of the disabling polio epidemic that swept the country. The camp's charter was approved in April 1949 and the camp was formerly dedicated in 1953. That first summer, the Lions Camp served 236 children. Today, more than 40,000 children with physical disabilities and diabetes have experienced the joys of summer camping.
The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by lions and private donations. Children attend the no cost to themselves or their families. For more information on either the camp or the 50th Anniversary celebration, contact the Texas Lions Camp at (830) 896-8500.

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Local Masons conducting blood drive

United Blood Services and Floydada Masonic Lodge would like to ask all eligible blood donors to donate the gift of life on Friday, February 26, 1999. The drive will take place at the Masonic Lodge Hall from 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.
All blood donors will receive a Free T-shirt and a mini physical including checks on temperature, blood pressure and iron levels. Please join us for this community event and help save a life. To sign up for the drive please call Doyle Walls at 983-2329. Appointments are helpful, but not required. Please take time to Give the Gift of Life!

CHD reports another good month at clinic

By Darwin Robinson
The Caprock Hospital District Board of Directors met Tuesday morning, February 16th.
Those present at the meeting were: Director of the Board Tom Farris, Board Members, Lee Battey, Jeffery Johnson, Denise Payne and Kyle Smith. Visitors were: Dr. Salman Ahmad, Jeanine Helms of the Cogdell Clinic and President of PNS Paul Ackerman.
Last meeting minutes and financial reports were approved by the board and there were no property bids to be discussed.
\$18,090.49 was approved for payment regarding Indigent Health Care Claims.
The board passed the Issue Election Order for the May 1, 1999 election.
Also, approved was Laveta Morren as Early Ballot Clerk and Kelli Reddy as Deputy Clerk.
Director Farris told the Hesperian, "The clinic made a profit for the second straight month. It is real busy and doing well."
The meeting was adjourned.

Even small ads get read in this newspaper! Advertising works!



NEWLY APPOINTED FISD BOARD MEMBER SWORN IN--Jill Warren was sworn in by Judge William D. Hardin at the Floydada Independent School board meeting last Thursday. Warren fills the unexpired term of Jack Robertson in Precinct # 5. Staff Photo

Floyd County cities show increase in tax rebates

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$318.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties. This was a 9.5 percent increase over February 1998.
"February sales tax rebates reflect holiday season sales by Texas retailers. It appears that retailers had a very good Christmas, an indication of Texas' strong economy and high consumer confidence," Rylander said.
This month's payments to cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1998.
Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$293.6 million to Texas cities, 9.9 percent higher than last February's payments. Rebates of

\$24.5 million to Texas counties were up 9.5 percent over February 1998. Another 9.7 million went to 37 special purpose districts around the state.
February sales tax rebates to selected cities were:
Floydada: \$14,347.25 compared to \$14,177.22 in February 1998, an increase of 1.19%.
Lockney: \$6,090.29 compared to \$5,637.04 in February 1998, an increase of 8.04%.
Petersburg: \$3,184.04 compared to \$3,541.58 in February 1998, a decrease of 10.09%.
Lorenzo: \$2,703.47 compared to \$2,840.14 in February 1998, a decrease of 4.81%.
Ralls: \$8,306.67 compared to \$10,448.32 in February 1998, a decrease of 20.49%.
Idalou: \$5,890.70 compared to \$5,679.89 in February 1998, an increase of 3.71%.

Lockney Chamber Banquet Tickets
Now On Sale: \$5.00
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First National Bank of Floydada STATEMENT OF CONDITION

First National Bank of Floydada of Floydada City
Name of Bank City
in the state of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1998.

ASSETS	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	2,663
Interest-bearing balances	0
Held-to-maturity securities	12,788
Available-for-sale securities	23,434
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	12,450
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	27,212
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	845
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	26,367
Trading assets	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	190
Other real estate owned	6
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	1,715
Total assets	79,613
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	79,613
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	
Noninterest-bearing	9,991
Interest-bearing	59,150
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases):	
With a remaining maturity of one year or less	0
With a remaining maturity of more than one year through three years	0
With a remaining maturity of more than three years	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	478
Total liabilities	69,619
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	200
Surplus	500
Undivided profits and capital reserves	8,975
Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities	319
Total equity capital	9,994
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	9,994
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	79,613



FLOYDADA REHAB & CARE CENTER VALENTINE KING & QUEEN-Friday, February 12th Dorsee Warren and Tanis Pesina were selected to be the King

and Queen at the Annual Valentine's Supper. Many family and friends were present at the celebration. Staff Photo

Floyd County Lifestyles

Alpha Sigma Upsilon has Valentine social in Lubbock restaurant

By Lori Morales
Alpha Sigma Upsilon met on February 13, 1999 for a Valentine Social.

The evening included a nice dinner at Don Pablos in Lubbock, followed by a secret sister gift exchange.

The 1999 Sweetheart was won by Maria Lopez. Maria was given a gift from the chapter.

Dalia won the raffle, that was brought by Anna.

Our next meeting will be held on March 9th.

Floydada Rehab and Care Center News

By Patricia Hill A.D.
Hello! Floyd County from the resident's and Staff at Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

We have had a busy week around here, getting ready for the Resident's and Family Sweetheart Dinner, which is Thursday February 11th at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP as soon as possible if you haven't already; the number is 983-3704. We would love to have you.

Floydada Rehab and Care Center TLC Unit and Staff would to thank Mrs. Alma Dunn for the T.V. that she donated. It is greatly appreciated, thanks so very much.

Also to the 4-H for making the Valentine's door decorations for the resident's doors.

We apologize for the cancellation of the Alzheimer's Family Support group in January. It was canceled due to bad weather. We will meet this

month February 25th.
Also our Resident Birthday Party will be February 18, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. FRCC resident's will be going on a bus ride to McDonald's if the weather stays as nice as it has been, we are really enjoying the sunshine.

Monday the resident's had ice cream cones for snack's on the patio. (mmm good!)

FRCC is starting a Family council if you are interested or would like to know more information about it please call Patricia or KiKi at the center. This is something positive for our residents and Family members. We really need your help and support.

That's all for now God Bless until next time.

Thought:
Luck is taking a chance when you have no choice.

Destiny is making a choice when given the chance.

Doucette speaks to leadership class

By Dean Williamson, Director of Public Relations

"Be true to your own beliefs" was the message Jim Doucette told the 14 area high school seniors as he kicked off the spring semester of the Doucette Leadership Program at Wayland Baptist University.

This course was dedicated to Doucette for his desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.

James Doucette, owner of several cable television systems, is paying the tuition and fees for the students from Kress, Lockney, Nazareth and Plainview high schools to enroll in Wayland Baptist University's program.

The students receive concurrent credit at their schools and the university as they participate in the James

Doucette Leadership and Scholastic Associates program, which is an extensive leadership and economics program.

"By the end of this semester you will be your own measurement of success," Doucette told the students.

The students are enrolled in American Economics System 2304, being taught by Dr. Benjamin Akande, chair of Wayland's division of business.

In this course the students study leadership and learn how to strengthen their own skills.

"The time you are putting into this now, at an early age," he said, "will pay off for you later."

The spring Doucette Leadership class at Wayland includes Susan Book, Lori Maurer and Jessica McGilvray of Nazareth High School,

Dela Sanders of Plainview High School, Jessica Kern of Nazareth, Lauren Mangold of Lockney High School, Memoree Jones of Kress High School and Neishay Barnes, Aaron Green and Adam Springer of Plainview High School and Vivek Patel, Mandy Milner, Kim Kiker and Heather Hurt of Tulia High School.

The leadership class is built around a theme of working with students who realize that the purpose of life is a life of purpose.

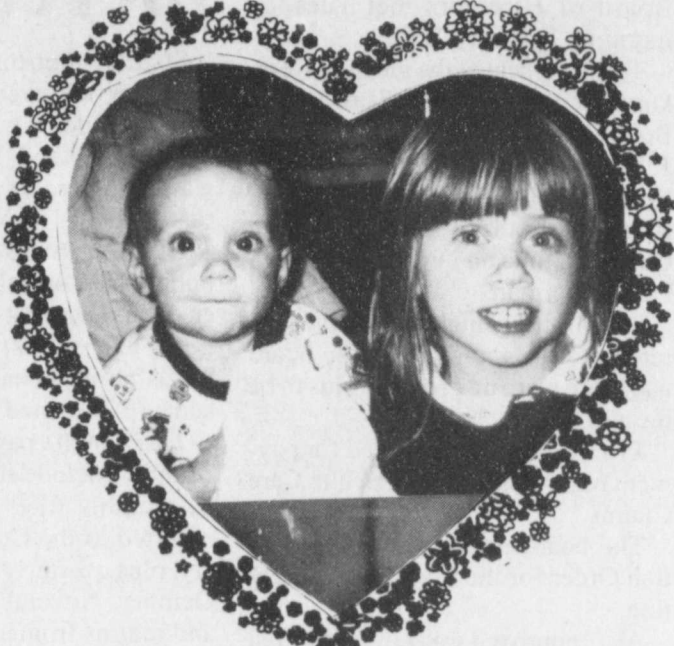
"I live by my own set of beliefs, they are engraved in me, they are part of me," said Doucette.

"The inception of this program started as a dream" Dr. Akande said.

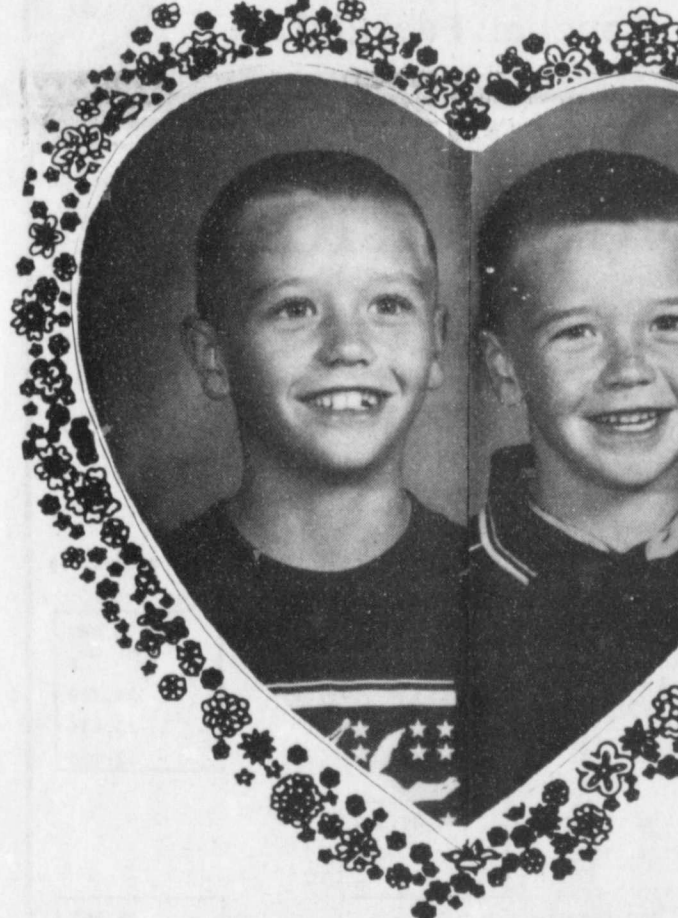
"It has turned into a reality and uses economic and leadership skills to prepare students for the biggest challenge of all...life."



RAMON LARA III, 7 1/2 months, son of Ramon and Kathy Lara Jr. of Brownwood. Grandparents are: Robert and Connie Luna of Floydada and Ramon and Eva Lara Sr. of Stephenville. Great-Grandparents are: Leandra Barrientos, Presentacion and Maria Santos Luna of Floydada and Leonardo and Andrea Lara of Del Rio.



ASHLEY DANIELLE, 4 and DELANEY NICOLE LUCKE, 11 1/2 months, children of Marty and Delinda Lucke. Grandparents are: Cecil and Linda Jackson, Floydada and J.B. and Ava Lucke of Anson. Great-grandparents: Margaret Jackson and Clovis and Polly Myrick all of Floydada.



BRYCE, 9 and TRAVIS JONES, 6, sons of Larry and Jill Jones of Paducah. Grandparents: Nell and Babe Jones and Roger and Bo Poage all of Floydada. Great-Grandmother: Billie Pate of Lubbock.



"How about putting hangers on your shopping list?"



"I remember when the teachers' lounge was a lot more laid back."

More Valentine pictures

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Hospice Hands of West Texas
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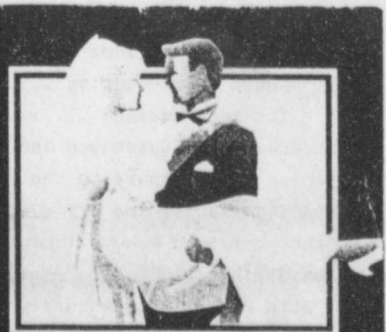
This six-week course will help you deal with the feelings and issues that arise when suffering from the loss of a loved one. Not only will the discussions help you realize that your fears and confusion are normal, but also that you don't need to hurt alone.

1st Session: Thursday, March 4 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

If interested, please call us
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652-3000 or 1-888-795-1212

Family Support Group

For Alzheimers & other related diseases
February 25th, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Floydada
Call Kiki Wilcox at 983-3704
Floydada Rehab & Care Center for more information

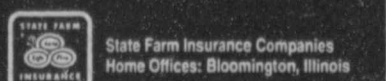


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FISD "TEACHER OF THE MONTH"-Third Grade Teacher Glenda Livingston of Duncan Elementary was honored as "Teacher of the Month" by the FISD board last Thursday. Livingston was recognized for her dedication and her 21 years of teaching. Staff Photo

Maria Rebecca Briones is the daughter of Diana and Silvester Briones. Becky believes her most significant accomplishment is "making it where I am at right now without flunking one grade." Her favorite hobbies are reading, writing poems, and playing volleyball. Her favorite song is "Nobody Knows" by The Tony Rich Project. After graduation Becky plans to maybe go to college or go to New Jersey with her aunt and find a job.

Amanda Green is the daughter of Susan Green and Sam Green. Amanda feels her most significant accomplishment is "staying with Mr. Lockwood through high school." Her favorite food is soft tacos and her favorite musical person is Shania Twain. Amanda plans to attend Tarleton State University after graduation.

Zan Daniels is the daughter of Sue Daniels. Zan believes her most significant accomplishment is "graduating from high school." Her favorite television show is "Will and Grace." Her favorite book is "To Kill a Mockingbird." After graduation Zan plans on attending college.

Lockney School Menu

- MENU
February 22-26
Monday**
- Breakfast**-Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Fish Sticks/Ham, pinto beans, corn, fruit cored, milk.
- Tuesday**
- Breakfast**-Pancakes with syrup, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Pig-in-a-blanket/P.B.J. Sandwich, scalloped potatoes, green peas, fruit, milk, peanut butter cookie.
- Wednesday**
- Breakfast**-Burrito, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Beef Enchiladas/Corndog, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
- Thursday**
- Breakfast**-Ham, scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch-Macaroni and Cheese/Sloppy Joe, green beans, salad, fruit, milk, Hot Rolls.
- Friday**
- Breakfast**-Cinnamon Rolls, Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Hamburger/Chicken salad sandwich, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.

Floydada School Menu

- MENU
February 22-26
Monday**
- Breakfast**-Cinnamon toast, milk, juice.
Lunch-Corn Dog, tater tots, applesauce, gingerbread, milk.
- Tuesday**
- Breakfast**-Sausage, toast, milk, juice.
Lunch-Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, carrots, cake, hot roll, milk.
- Wednesday**
- Breakfast**-scrambled eggs, toast, milk, juice.
Lunch-chili, pinto beans, spinach, peaches, cornbread, milk.
- Thursday**
- Breakfast**-Pancakes, syrup, milk, juice.
Lunch-pizzas, corn, pickle spears, pears, milk.
- Friday**
- Breakfast**-cereal, graham crackers, milk, juice.
Lunch-chili dog, French fries, tossed salad, sherbet, milk.



OPEN DIVISION WINNERS--Dylan Afill (front) placed first, Chuck Afill (l, back) placed second and Phil Cotham (r, back) placed third in the Open Division of the 1999 Lockney Scouts Pinewood Derby Race. Courtesy Photo



FISD NEW PROPOSED BAND UNIFORM DESIGN-Sophomore Nicole Odom modelled the new band uniform design for the FISD board last Thursday night. The board voted to buy new band uniforms for the coming school year of 1999-2000. Staff Photo

Floyd County 4-H Silver Spurs Club

By Laura Miller
 The Floyd County 4-H Silver Spurs Horse Club met on Monday, February 8th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hugh Miller home.

President Tyler Phillips called the meeting to order. Hagen Johnson led us in the pledge of allegiance and Mathew Miller led us in the 4-H motto and pledge. Rachel Miller gave a mini demonstration on the horse's job through the years. Rachel also called the role and read the minutes from the last meeting.



LITTLE LONGHORNS NAMED--Students at Lockney Elementary School selected as Little Longhorns for the week of February 15-19 are (l-r, back row) Jessica Cruz, Tania Pesina, Mary Alcozar; (l-r, front row) Tanner Hulcy, Coby Tannahill, Greg Zavala, D.J. Rosales, John O'Connell; (l-r, row 2) Hilda Salazar, Candi Balderas, Cynthia Zavala, Crystal Silva, Audrey Arjona, Angel Suber, Eric Flores; (l-r, front row) Crystal Carrillo, Katy Davis, Jessica Pena, Jill Bramlet, Zeke Ballejo and Hugo Mondragon. Staff Photo



ART COMPETITION WINNERS--Students from Lockney High School and Junior High who placed in the 1999 West Texas Regional Scholastic Art Awards at Wayland Baptist University recently were (l-r, back row) Cameron Kemp, Tessa Stapp, Kenzie Stapp and Leslie Cuellar; (l-r, middle row) Jalee Dietrich, Tyler Snow, Velvet Johnson, Janee Hrbacek; (l-r, front row) Todd Cotham, Jeremy Stapp, and Rusty Keaton. Staff Photo



ART WINNERS AT WAYLAND--Lockney High School and Junior High School winners in the 1999 West Texas Regional Art Competition held recently at Wayland University were (l-r, back row) Jeffrey Hunter, Alana Gallaway, Josh Quebe, Luke Baker, Nicole Mosley, Jordan Lambert, Marc Wilson, Bobbie Mann, Frank Guerrero, Calvin Collins, Chad Johnson; (l-r, front row) Kelly Crawford, Daniel Banda, Matt Smith, Lacey Aston, Michelle Smith and Noelia Balderas. Courtesy Photo

Howard Payne news

Floydada natives Christopher and Stephen Dotson earned academic honors for the 1998 fall semester at Howard Payne University. Christopher Dotson, a computer information systems major and Stephen Dotson, a chemistry major, were named to the Dean's List. Christopher and Stephen are sons of Carl and Judy Dotson. Students must record a grade point average of 3.65 to 3.99 for the Dean's List.

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Free breakfast to kick off "Farm Safety 4 Just Kids" membership drive

A free breakfast will kick off a membership drive for Farm Safety 4 Just Kids. The breakfast will be held Saturday, February 27 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lockney Community Center.

Everyone in the county is invited to join this organization that works towards informing the public on how to protect youth from farm accidents.

By becoming a chapter member, you will receive the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids quarterly newsletter and a discount on the member pricing in the catalog you will receive. In addition to these benefits, you have the opportunity to play an active role in keeping future generations safe in one of America's oldest traditions, farming.

As a chapter member, you will also have the satisfaction of knowing that your membership contribution is supporting local farm safety efforts. You can protect the youth in your community by distributing safety information, conducting educational programs, staffing displays and giving presentations, and motivating action to create safe farm environments.

Each year Farm Safety 4 Just Kids chapter volunteers increase farm safety awareness in their communities through farm safety day camps, school programs, safety displays, walkabouts and hazard hunts, family farm seminars, and public service

announcements.

In the fall of 1986, 11-year old Keith Algreen suffocated in a gravity flow wagon of shelled corn on his families Iowa farm. After her son's unforeseen death, Keith's mother, Marilyn Adams began a campaign to promote farm safety awareness. In the process, she discovered that an alarmingly high number of children are injured and killed on farms each year. In an effort to spare others from the heartache of losing a child in a preventable farm accident, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids was formed.

The free breakfast is being sponsored by Cargill Hybrid Seeds, Inc. Other sponsors of the chapter program is Pioneer Hybrid Seed, Inc., Nationwide Insurance Foundation/Farmland Insurance, The University of Iowa's NIOSH Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health, Deere and Company, New Holland.

Andreas Foundation, Harvest States Foundation, IDPH "Love Our Kids" License Plate Fund, Kinze Manufacturing, Inc., Land O'Lakes, Marshfield Medical Research & Education Foundation, National FFA Foundation, *Successful Farming* magazine.

For more information contact Johnny Arjona at Cargill Hybrid Seeds, Inc.

THROUGH THE HALLS

Texas Tech news

Randi Jo Henderson, Mandy Hunter, Kay Lynn Lusk and Tikka Smith were among more than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Randi Jo was on the President's List. She is the daughter of Randy and Nancy Henderson of Lockney.

Mandi Hunter was on the President's List. She is the daughter of Bill and Kathy Hunter of Lockney. Kay Lynn was on the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Raymond and Martha Sue Lusk of Lockney.

Tikka was on the President's List. She is the daughter of Dan and Reeda Cay Smith of Lockney.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

United Scholarships

By Rana McDonald

Kayla and Shayla Turner were recognized as the recipients of United Supermarket Employee Scholarships during the third annual Honors Convocation February 7th at the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy in Amarillo, Texas.

Kayla and Shayla, twin daughters of Terry and Zahn Turner of Floydada, are members of the class of 2001 at the Texas Tech Pharmacy School and candidates for a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The United Supermarket Employee Scholarships are awarded to candidates who are employees of United Supermarkets and are funded by United Supermarkets.

The Texas Tech School of Pharmacy is the first new pharmacy school to be built in Texas in more than 40 years. The school opened in August 1996 and the Turners are members of the school's second class.

West Texas A&M news

Jennifer Lynn and Brady Marr were among more than 1,100 West Texas A&M University students receiving academic honors for the 1998 fall semester. Three hundred and two students were named to the President's List, and 893 students earned mention on the Dean's List.

Jennifer Lynn was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Jonell Lynn of Lockney. Brady Marr was named to the Dean's List. He is the son of Gary and Linda Marr of Lockney.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS--Cub Scout Division winners of the 1999 Lockney Pinewood Derby are (l-r, back) John O'Connell, 3rd place; Rion Aull 1st place; Zachary Montandon, 2nd place;(l-r, front) Ryker Cabler, Best Paint Job; Martin Melendrez, Cubbiest; Derek DeLeon, Looks Most Like a Car; and Sidney Prather, Most Creative.

Courtesy Photo



FLOYDADA PINEWOOD DERBY PARTICIPANTS

Floydada Cub Scouts run Pinewood Derby

Saturday, February 6th, twenty one Cub Scouts from Floydada Pack 357 and ten outlaws competed in the annual pinewood derby held at the Floydada Scout Hut.

Cub Scouts racing were: Joseph Segura, J.C. Chappell, Javier Vasquez, Trevor Sharp, Joe Louis Suarez, Dusty Hicks, Brady Jump, Abel Cortinas, Eladio Saldana, Samuel Guerra, Daniel Saldana, Jenaro Segura, Harvey Garza, Christopher Hayter,

Ross Baldwin, Ricky Suarez, Randy Webb, Justin Chavarria, Jorge Avila, Kendall Smart and Cameron Calahan.

Outlaws racing were: Donna Webb, Tracy Webb, Robert Webb, Curtis Emert, Harvey Garza, Kimberly Garza, B.J. Chappell, Adolfo Chavarria, Jon Paul Chavarria, and Denise Calahan.

Winners of their class were: Tiger Cubs: 1st, J.C. Chappell and 2nd, Joseph Segura. Wolf Cubs: 1st, Javier

Vasquez; 2nd, Brady Jump and 3rd, Joe Louis Suarez.

Bear Cubs: 1st, Samuel Guerra, 2nd, Jenaro Segura and 3rd, Harvey Garza.

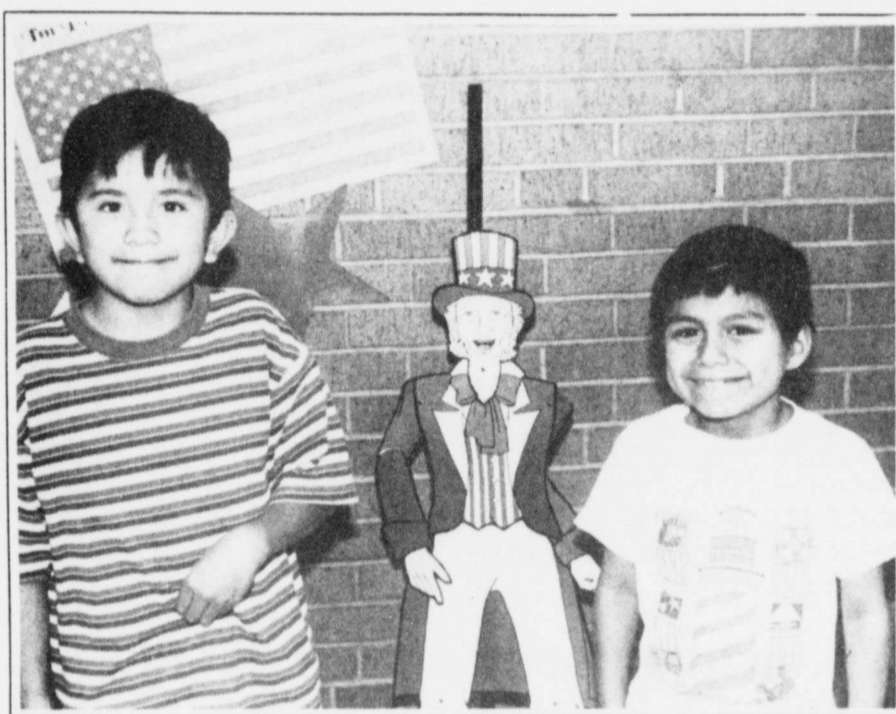
Webelos Scouts: 1st, Kendall Smart, 2nd, Randy Webb and 3rd, Justin Chavarria. Outlaws: 1st, J.C. Chappell; 2nd, Curtis Emert and 3rd, Robert Webb. King of the Ramp: Overall Trophy went to J.C. Chappell.

Cub Scouts to run Pinewood Derby February 20th

Saturday, February 20th, Cub Scouts from Comanche Trail District will be competing in the annual District Pinewood Derby. This year's

Scouts from Lorenzo, Ralls, Crosbyton, Floydada, Matador and Post will compete in 4 classes and anyone can race in the Outlaw Class.

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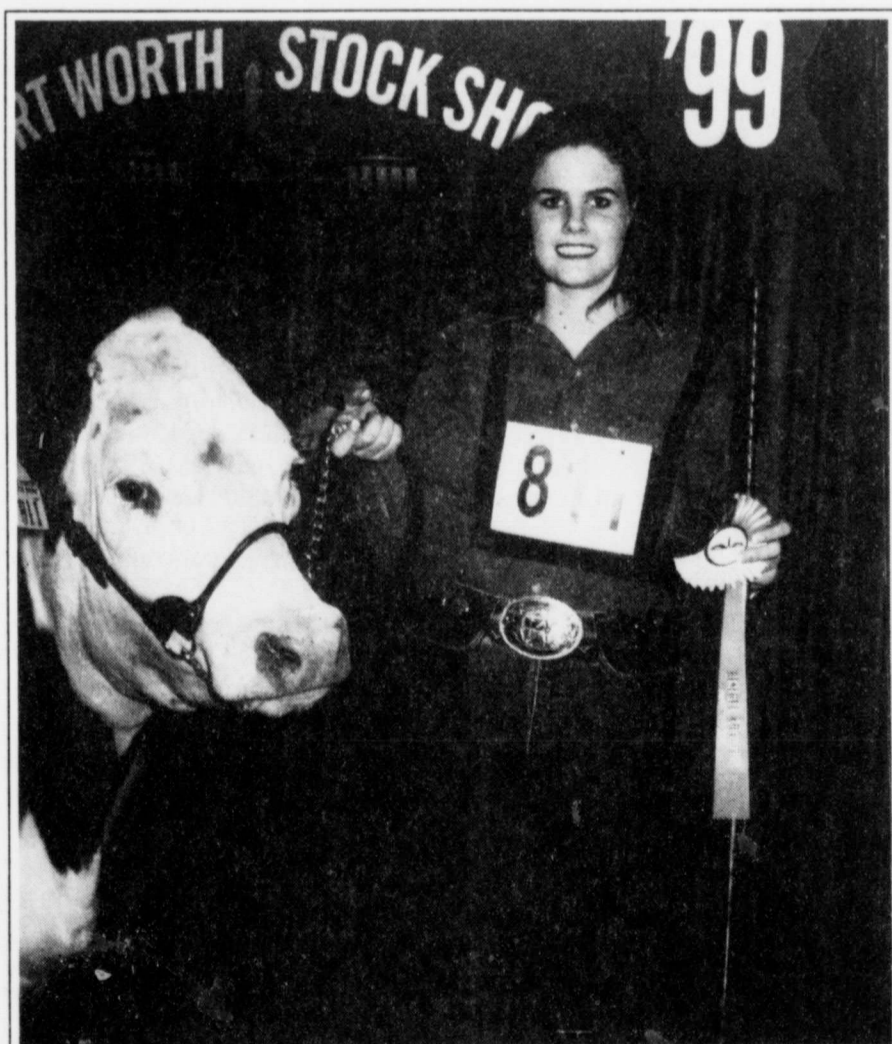
LAB PALS NAMED--Selected as C.E.I. Lab Pals at Lockney Elementary School for the week of February 15-19 were Joe Perez and Anthony Hernandez.



THE TRAVELING CHEMISTRY SHOW--Floydada Junior High was the site of The Traveling Chemistry Show demonstration last Friday. Chemistry Instructor Joy Stovich (behind the flame) of West Texas A&M University is illustrating a scientific principle with fire and certain chemicals. Stovich blew chemical powder in front of a blow torch held by student Ross Bennett. Other students observing are Hunter Hagood, Jeremy Lloyd.



FORT WORTH--Payte Beedy, a 4-H member from Floydada, exhibited a first place heavy weight steer in the European Cross classes of the Junior Steer Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth on February 5th.



FORT WORTH--Kristen Kellison, of Lockney exhibited the Reserve Champion Hereford Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the 1999 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth, which ended February 7th.



GYMNAST WINNERS AT USTTA MEET AT TOP OF TEXAS--(back row, l-r) Johanna Dawdy, 1st & 8th, Jennifer Rainwater, 1st & 3rd, Jon David Beard, 2nd & 3rd, (front row, l-r) Alexis Holbert, 4th & 6th, Blanca Suarez, 1st & 3rd and Elizabeth Suarez, 1st & 2nd.

Staff Photo

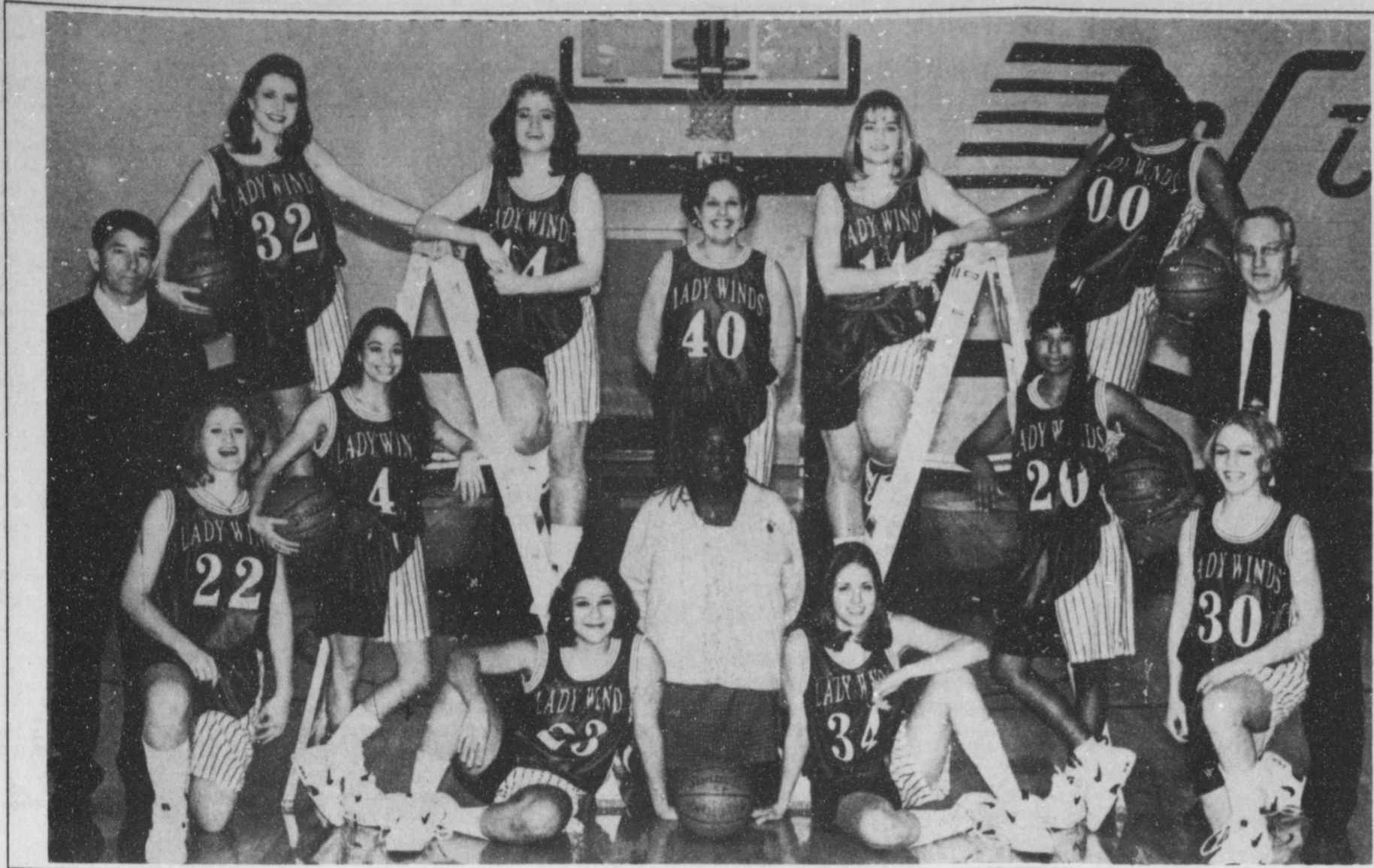
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The only time a driver need not stop is when meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway (divided highway), or when the bus is stopped in a loading zone and pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

Have a good week!



1999 LADY WINDS VARSITY-(back row l-r) Mandy Emert, Lindsey Reddy, Mary Jane Cisneros, Amanda Williams, Tamara Black, (middle row, l-r) Coach Eddleman, Gracie DeLaFuente, Manager Kocrist Burks, Jessica Castaneda, Coach Gleghorn, (bottom row, l-r) Erin Ralston, Cynthia Chavez, Kylan Sanders and Lana McCandless.

Staff Photo

Lockney Lady Horns end season in playoff game

LOCKNEY--The Lockney Lady Horns ended their 1998-99 season in a playoff game with New Deal. When the final buzzer sounded they were one field goal away. The final score was Lockney 48 and New Deal 50.

The girls played February 12 at Hale Center.

Nicole Mosley led the scoring for the Lady Horns. She scored a double digit 16 points with 8 field goals. She had 2 offensive and 1 defensive rebound and 1 deflection.

Courtney Cummings added 8 points to the scoreboard. She made 1 three-point and 2 two-point field goals and 1 free throw. She had 3 defensive rebound 1 steal, and 1 assist.

Brandy Collins sank 3 field goals and 1 free throw for 7 points. She made 2 offensive and 4 defensive rebounds, 5 deflections and 1 steal.

Tessa Davis and Jenna Ford each added 5 points with 2 field goals and 1 free throw. Davis had 1 offensive and 1 defensive rebounds. Ford had 2 offensive and 2 defensive rebounds,

1 deflections, 1 steal and 1 assist.

Dana Martinez scored 1 field goal and 2 free throws for 4 points. She had 1 offensive and 2 defensive rebounds 2 deflections, and 10 assists.

Meradith Burson contributed 3 points with a field goal. She had 1 offensive and 3 defensive rebounds 2 deflections, 1 steal and 2 assists.

Coach McCallister's Comments

Overall, the New Deal playoff game was one of the most complete games we played all year. I was so proud of our intensity and defensive effort. I really feel like our team stepped up and rose to the occasion. I am so proud of what the girls achieved this year. We had an outstanding season and were in the mix of the playoff picture in one of the toughest 2A districts in the state. I thought our seniors did a good job of leading us to a 17-10 record this season.

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Lockney	9	19	10	10
New Deal	15	14	11	10

Lockney comes out on short end in game with Abernathy

LOCKNEY--Lockney had a cold night on Abernathy's court February 5. The score at the end of the game stood 52-78.

Calvin Collins scored 15 points with 6 field goals and 1 free throw, to lead the scoring for the Horns.

Thad Lusk was right behind in the scoring with 14 points. He hit 6 field goals and 2 free throws.

Jordan Lambert added 3 field goals and 4 free throws to his score sheet.

Mo Collins made three points with 1 field goal and 1 free throw.

Ryan Graves made 2 three-point and 1 two-point field goals for 8 points.

Adding two points each with field goals were Josh Quebe and Eddie Amaya.

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Lockney	13	28	36	54
Abernathy	21	36	52	78

Lockney loses to Floydada by four points

LOCKNEY--The Lockney Longhorns were behind four points when the final buzzer sounded in their game with Floydada. The score stood at 64-68. The Horns were playing at home on February 2.

Calvin Collins put the ball through the hoop with 8 field goals and 5 free throws. He led the scoring with 20 points.

Jordan Lambert completed 7 field goals for 14 points.

Josh Quebe made 3 two-point, 1 three-point field goals and 1 free throw for 10 points.

Mo Collins connected with 4 field goals and 1 free throw for 9 points.

Thad Lusk had 3 field goals and 1 free throw for 7 points.

Ryan Graves hit a three-pointed for 3 points.

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Lockney	10	32	47	64
Floydada	15	25	6	22

Lockney Longhorns end season with loss to New Deal Lions

LOCKNEY--The Lockney Longhorns ended their basketball season with a 69-51 loss to the New Deal Lions. The game was played on the Horns home court on February 9.

Thad Lusk led the scoring with 18 points. He made 7 field goals and 3 free throws.

Jordan Lambert added 8 points to the scoreboard with 4 field goals. Mo Collins contributed 6 points with 3 field goals.

Adding 5 points to his score sheet

was Ryan Graves. He had 1 three-point field goal and 1 two-point field goal.

Calvin Collins added 4 points with 1 field goal and 2 free throws.

Josh Quebe and Kris Jones added three points each. Each had a field goal and a free throw.

Field goals by Daniel Banda and Abel Rosales gave them 2 points apiece on the score sheet.

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Lockney	11	9	13	18
New Deal	14	20	20	15

Lady Horns win last game of regular season 52-40

LOCKNEY--The Lady Horns won the last game of their regular season. They defeated the New Deal Lady Lions 52-40 at home on February 9.

Leading scorer for the game was Brandy Collins. She made 16 points with 6 field goals and 8 free throws. She had 7 offensive and 5 defensive rebounds, 6 deflections, and 4 steals.

Scoring 11 points each were Dana Martinez and Nicole Mosley. Martinez had 1 three-point and 1 two-point field goals and 6 free throws. She made 2 defensive rebounds 5 deflections, 2 steals and 1 assist. Mosley

made 1 three-point and 4 two-point field goals. She had 1 offensive and 2 defensive rebounds, and 3 deflections.

Jenna Ford score 8 points with 2 field goals and 4 free throws. She made 3 offensive and 3 defensive rebounds, 3 deflections, 2 steals, and 2 assists.

Tessa Davis made 4 points with 2 field goals. She had 2 offensive and 2 defensive rebounds, 1 deflection, 1 steal and 2 assists.

SCORES BY QUARTERS

Lockney	17	5	18	12-52
New Deal	12	10	9	9-40

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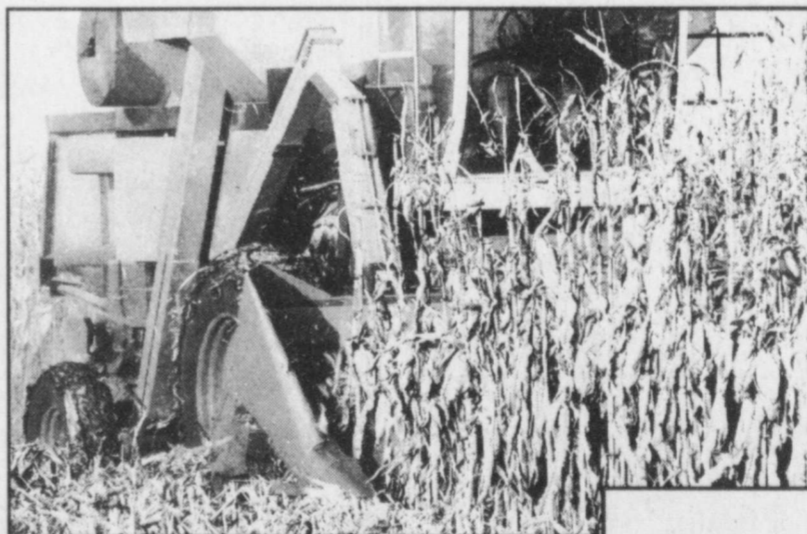
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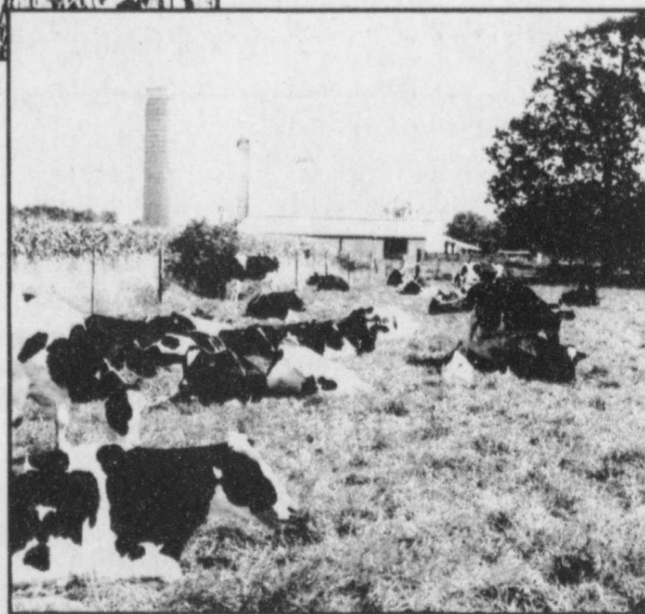
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FJHS BOYS BASKETBALL REPORT

7TH GRADE BOYS FLOYDADA BASKETBALL

FLOYDADA 29
IDALOU 26

The 7th grade Breezers won a close game against Idalou with a score of 29-26.

Blake Pope and Daniel Garcia were the leading scorers for this game with 8 points each. Gerald Henderson scored 7 points with three shot being on the free throw line. Ross Bennett scored 5 points with one 3 point shot. D.J. Summers added 1 point with a free throw.

Floydada	4	11	12	12
Idalou	12	3	4	7
FLOYDADA	41			
ABERNATHY	35			

By Coach Evans

The 7th grade Breezers finished the 98/99 basketball season undefeated

with a record of 13-0. This group of young men started the season as a mystery to me. They came out and won the Idalou tournament at the start and never looked back.

The team walked through the first half of the district with no team really pushing them. I challenged them to continue the hard work because I knew the monkey was going to crawl on their back as a team that had not lost. I continually called them the ugliest team that had not lost a game.

They found out each week in the second half of district that they would have to respond as each team was better than the first time.

These young men not only met my challenge to improve they showed the rest of the district that they would be a force to contend with in the future

by not becoming complacent and resting on what they had done in the first half of the season.

I again challenge them to work hard this off season to continue to improve to become bigger, stronger and faster, so they will continue what was started by them.

In their final game the Breezers beat Abernathy for their final win.

The leading scorer for this game was Chris Wickware with 15 points. Ross Bennett had 14 points with two of the shots being 3 point shots. Daniel Garcia scored 10 points with one shot being a 3 point shot. Blake Pope added 2 points.

The Breezers came out working hard to win the district.

Floydada	12	11	13	5
Abernathy	8	6	12	9



1999 LADY WINDS FRESHMEN-(back row, l-r) Abbie Horn, Jenna Payne, Heather Ware, Brenna Dawdy, Trisha Coursey, Robin Kirk, Ashley Hale,

Jurahee Jones, Rebecca Warren, (front row, l-r) Tara Williams and Coach Fitzgerald.

Staff Photo

State Legislature considers monies for eradication of boll weevils

By Shawn Wade

Boll weevils are definitely on the minds of many folks in Austin as the Texas Legislature gets to work during its 76th Legislative Session.

An emergency proclamation by Governor George W. Bush and reported plans by other legislators to introduce legislation that would appropriate additional monies for the 2000- and 2001 biennium are all positive signs for Texas cotton producers.

Governor Bush issued his emergency proclamation February. It included a call to add \$25 million in the Texas Department of Agriculture budget appropriation for the purpose of paying a portion of producer assessment costs in active boll weevil eradication during the current budget cycle.

Proposed legislation affecting the 2000-2001 biennium is expected to total between \$50-70 million. Under the current law state appropriated monies cannot be used to pay already existing debt. That means without a change in the current law debt already incurred in the 7 counties removed from the South Texas/Winter Garden eradication zone and the Lower Rio Grande Valley would remain unre-solved.

Texas Farmers Union meets for annual convention

By Wes Sims

Delegates to Texas Farmers Union's (TFU) annual convention, held here February 5-6, reaffirmed their commitment to family farm agriculture as the nation's best and most stable system of food production. Policy adopted during the convention calls for a federal farm program that provides commodity price stability and marketing flexibility for producers.

"As producers, we are walking a tight wire, where the smallest problem can trip us up and send us tumbling," said TFU President Wes Sims, a dairy producer from Sweetwater.

Sims points to the \$6 billion farm assistance package passed by Congress in October 1998 as evidence that federal farm policy is inadequate. "We are grateful that Congress recognized the crisis in rural America and passed this bill, but ad hoc disaster assistance is little more than a net under the tight wire we are walking. Federal farm policy is broken, and we need to fix it by correcting problems in our trade laws and adopting policies that enable family producers to make a living from their operations," he said.

Producer prices in 1998 were low for most all commodities. In some parts of the country, wheat prices sank to \$2.06 per bushel, the exact price of wheat in real dollars in 1866. Today's cotton prices are lower than they were 50 years ago. In December 1998, pork prices hit pre-Depression era levels. At the same time, retail food prices have remained unchanged.

Another problem facing producers, and one which was addressed by convention delegates, is that of agricultural market concentration. In many agricultural sectors, four or five corporations buy, process and market as much as 80 percent of all U.S. production. TFU would like to see more competition in this area. Delegates adopted policy which calls for greater price transparency, mandatory country of origin labeling of food and better enforcement of U.S. antitrust laws.

Keynote speakers included National Farmers Union (NFU) President Leland Swenson, NFU Vice President of Government Relations Tom Buis, and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency Deputy Administrator Larry Mitchell.

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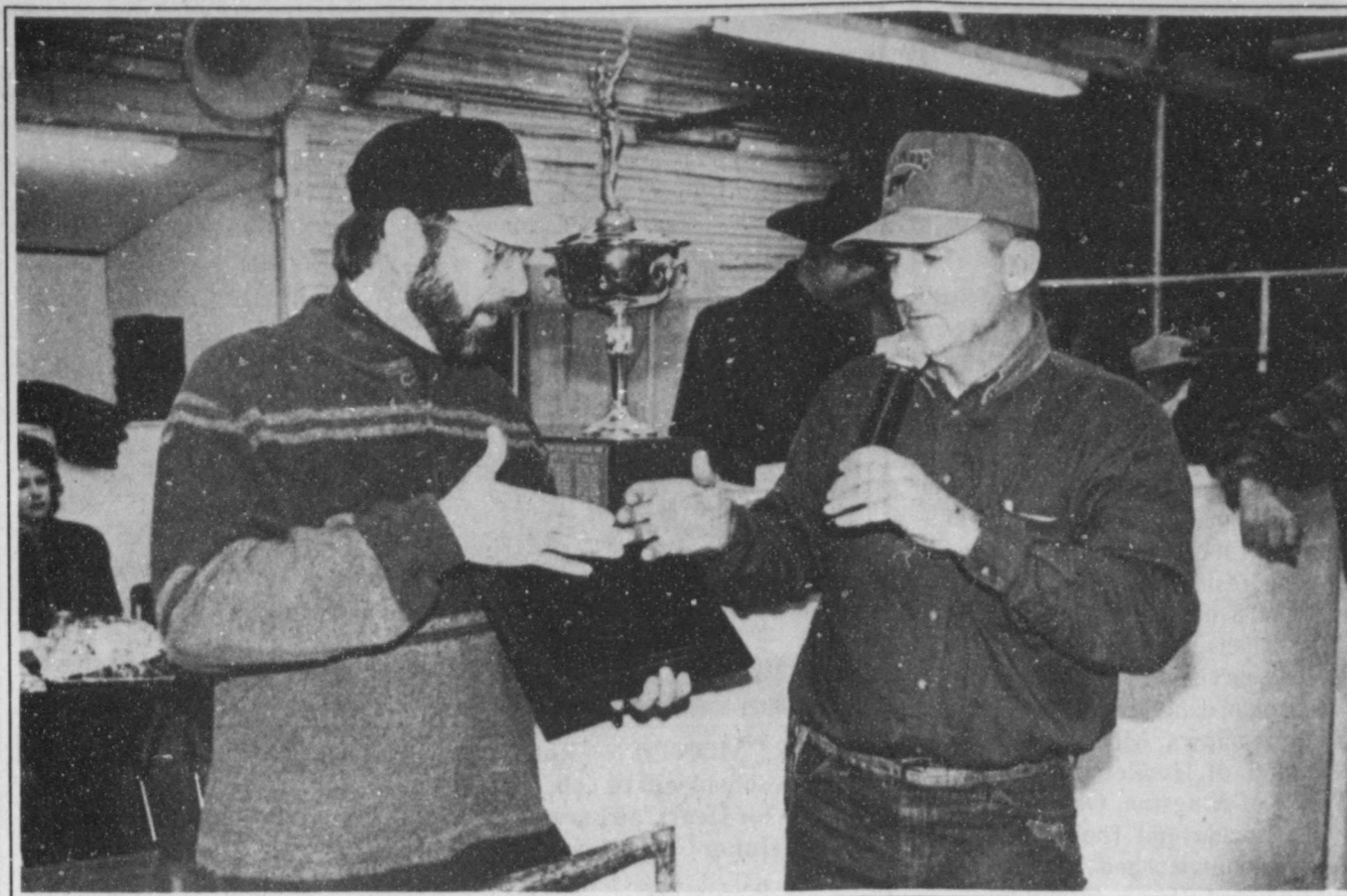


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THANKS--(Right) Joe Jones, president of the Floyd County Stock Show Association, presents Josh Quebe with a plaque at the Stock Show Sale thanking him for serving as president of the association for five years. Staff Photo



KEEPING US ORGANIZED--(Right) Joe Jones, president of the Floyd County Stock Show Association, presented Ginger Mathis with a plaque at the Stock Show Sale thanking her for 6 years of serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. Mathis is now stepping down from the position. Staff Photo

National Cotton Council projects the 1999 upland cotton crop at 17 million bales

By Fred Middleton

U.S. cotton producers are projected to produce 17 million bales of upland and ELS cotton in 1999. National Cotton Council economists said at the Council's 60th anniversary meeting, February 6th.

In their annual economic outlook, the Council's Economic Services staff said the crop will be produced on 13.5 million acres, an increase of about one percent from last year's actual acreage. Upland cotton area is projected at 13.2 million acres, a 1.2 percent increase from last year. ELS cotton area is projected to be 279,000 acres. The acreage projections were obtained from the Council's annual early season Planting Intentions Survey. Respondents to the survey indicated their intent to increase upland cotton acreage in the Southeast and Southwest by 1.1 percent and 4.3 percent, respectively, but to decrease upland acreage by one percent in the Mid-South and 10 percent in the Far West.

Dr. Kent Lancelos, a Council economist, noted that many growers in all states will reassess their acreage intentions as planting time approaches and some may choose to plant more or less cotton than they indicated in the survey, which was done from mid-December to mid-January.

"With grower prices for cotton below 60 cents, corn below \$2 and soybeans below \$5, producers see virtually no profit potential in any crop. With a lack of economically viable options, many producers are taking a 'wait-and-see' attitude. As a result, weather, financing and small changes in price could play a larger than normal role in determining 1999 U.S. cotton acreage," he said.

Dr. Mark Lange, director of the Council's Economic Services Department, estimated domestic mill use will increase slightly in 1999 to 10.8 million bales. However, he said if the Step 2 component of the 3 step cotton competitiveness program is not funded again, mill use would remain near the

1998 level of 10.4 million bales. He noted that domestic mill use is being suppressed somewhat by the influx of cheaper textile and apparel imports from Asia, which "now must find homes for much of the (textile) inventory they have or are now producing."

Council economist Kevin Brinkley noted that in addition to exchange rate differentials between the U.S. and Asia, domestic mill use is being pressured by a growing capacity of man-made fiber, mainly polyester, in the world market.

"Many cotton producing countries are now producing textile products for global and local consumption with a higher man-made content," Brinkley said. "These products are being sold domestically to consumers who historically purchased exclusively cotton-rich products. India, Pakistan and China are all significant cotton growing countries with a tradition of consuming high cotton content products."

Council economist Debbie Vivien reported that 1998 textile imports are expected to reach 12.3 bale equivalents, up from 10.5 million bales equivalents the previous year, with most of that due to growth in Mexico, the U.S.' largest trading partner. She said the Council believes textile imports should slow slightly in 1999 reaching 12.5 million bale equivalents because of the expected depreciation of the U.S. dollar over the course of the year. She estimated raw cotton imports for 1999 to reach 200,000 bales.

Regarding exports, Vivien estimated U.S. cotton textile products should surpass the 1998 record level of 4.1 million bale equivalents, reaching 4.4 million bale equivalents in 1999. U.S. raw cotton exports in 1999,

she projected, will be below trend unless an effective competitiveness program is enacted. If a program is put in place, U.S. raw cotton exports could approximate 6 million bales.

Concerning the world situation, the economists project 1999 production at 87.6 million bales, with the U.S. accounting for the increase over the 1998 level of 85 million bales. Mill use should be 85 million bales with the weakened demand situation producing an increase in world stocks to 43.8 million bales the first world ending stocks to use ratio in excess of 50 percent since 1985.

"The world raw cotton situation remains a troubled and very uncertain market," Lange said. "The many possible actions by China, the uncertain nature of Latin American economic performance, the World's increasing dependence on the U.S. consumer to buy more and more cotton each year and the amazing path of the U.S. economy all hold the world's cotton market participants in an ever heightening degree of anxiety."

As to the price situation, Lange said there is extraordinary potential volatility for U.S. cotton new crop prices. Failure of industry agreement and Congressional action on a modification of cotton's current 3 step competitiveness program, he said, could place downward pressure on new crop prices on the New York Cotton Exchange. On the other hand, industry agreement and Congressional approval of the competitiveness situation would most likely support new crop prices.

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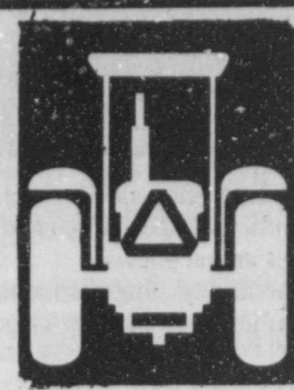


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Floyd County Farm News

Planning required for drip irrigation systems

By Tim W. McAlavy

Drip irrigation systems are perhaps the most water-efficient way to irrigate vegetable crops, but producers need to plan carefully and do some homework on available resources before they install a drip system, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service irrigation specialist Jan. 19th at the West Texas Vegetable Conference here.

"You have to do a lot of planning beforehand in order to get a good system that meets your needs," said Dr. Dana Porter, Extension irrigation specialist based in Lubbock. "And you have to ask yourself some hard questions."

"You have to ask...How much water do I have? Is my well and water consistent? Is my well and water source reliable? What is the quality of my water?"

Drip irrigation is more water efficient and energy efficient than other systems and can help producers reduce some input costs if the system is equipped for chemigation (applying fertilizer and ag chemicals in the water).

"Drip irrigated crops often yield more than furrow or center pivot irrigated crops, and there is less long term labor required with a drip irrigation system," Porter said. "But there also are a few drawbacks."

"Producers with drip systems cannot use deep tillage to combat certain crop pests and they often have fewer crop rotation options. Seed germination is another concern. Because the water is applied below ground rather than at the soil surface. And drip systems can require more intensive management than furrow or center pivot irrigation."

Producers who decide to switch to drip irrigation should consult with a drip irrigation engineer or consultant who can help them design a system suited to their needs, fields and crops, the irrigation specialist said.

"Most drip systems rely on a buried tape to place irrigation water near the plant roots. These systems must be designed well and properly equipped," she said. "After you come up with a design that factors in field

topography, well limitations, crop options, tape spacings and crop water needs, you should focus on learning your system and its key components. "A good drip system will include

effective filters. These help protect components in the system, and help minimize detrimental effects of contaminants such as sand, sediment, algae, bacteria and calcium carbonate. Filters also help maximize the life expectancy of a drip irrigation system."

Knowing how irrigation water moves in the soil also helps producers pick the right drip system and get the most from a system after it is installed, the irrigation specialist said.

"When you hire a consultant, engineer or firm to design and install a system, you need to ask several questions up front. Inquire about the system's life expectancy how many years use can you expect to get from it with proper operation and maintenance?" Porter said. "Will they provide you with operating guidelines and some initial operations training? Does the system and components come with a warranty? And, what are my initial installation costs, long term operating costs and annual maintenance costs?"

Producers should also take into account the 'learning curve' period after they choose and install a drip irrigation system, she said.

"Running a drip system profitably and efficiently is quite a bit different than furrow or center pivot irrigation," Porter said. "In most cases, producers find that it takes one to three years of in season experience to learn their system and the irrigation management strategies it offers."

Porter was one of 11 featured speakers at the 1999 West Texas Vegetable Conference. This year's day long educational event attracted more than 150 producers and vegetable industry representatives from Texas and adjoining states.

Disaster Assistance Floyd County ASA

A producer meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Friday, February 19th at the MAC in Floydada to discuss the Disaster Assistance Program.

A Glance At The MARKETS

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