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STUDENTS TO ENTERTAIN--Lockney Elementary students entertaining at the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night are Erin Mangold, Caitlynn Wiley, Alex Hall, Amber Dorman and Rebekah Thornton. Others to entertain will be Rythmn High Harmony. Not pictured Desiree DeLeon. Staff Photo

Floyd County Soil needs 4-10 inches of moisture

By Carmon McCain

Floyd County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 may need from four to ten inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity prior to spring 1999 planting, according to pre-plant soil moisture data released by the Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

At the time pre-plant soil moisture readings were made in November/December 1998, approximately 36 percent of the portion of Floyd County served by the High Plains Water District needed about four to six inches of moisture to bring the soil to field capacity. Approximately 62 percent of the area needed from six to eight inches of moisture, and the remaining two percent of the area needed from eight to ten inches of moisture.

However, two precipitation events have occurred since the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey was conducted. Precipitation totals ranging from a half inch to three inches were recorded within the 15 county Water District service area in late January.

"This precipitation reduced the soil moisture deficit. Therefore, it is extremely important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields before the start of pre-plant irrigation," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist.

A Water District publication, Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel And Appearance, can guide producers in assessing their soil moisture conditions. Anyone within the High Plains Water District service area can request a free copy by contacting the District's Lubbock office at (806) 762-0181.

If it is determined that pre-plant irrigation is needed to bring the soil to field capacity, it is recommended that it be done early enough so that the 1999 crop has a full soil moisture profile to draw on during the growing season.

Historical data shows that above average crop yields are more likely when the five foot root zone soil profile is at or near field capacity.

It is important to keep the soil in a condition that can easily absorb any precipitation that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. In addition, producers are reminded to utilize techniques such as furrow diking to keep rainfall from running off the field.

"Once moisture is stored in the soil, producers should help keep it there by limiting tillage practices that might turn moist soil to the surface, where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," said Crenwelge.

Copies of the regional and/or Floyd County soil moisture survey maps are available by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com

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.
Henry Bolton

Dist. #3 City Council:

Sheldon Sue (incumbent)
Robert Arneel

Dist. #2 City Council:

No candidate at this time.

In Lockney:

LISD: John Quebe & Dan Smith (incumbents)

Local talents will entertain

Chamber to host banquet

LOCKNEY--"Lockney Stars Shine Bright" is the theme for the 1999 Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet. The banquet will be held Saturday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

Anyone who has not purchased a tickets should call Phil Cotham at 652-3321. Seating is limited to 280 and only a few tickets remain.

Lockney's stars will shine bright as the entertainment is presented by Rythmn High Harmony, a group from Lockney High School, and individual students from Lockney Elementary School.

Members of the Rythmn High Harmony group are Liza Cuellar, Angel Blanco, Lilia Mondragon, P.J. Leal, April Ochoa, Calvin Collins, Thad Lusk, Amber Brown,

Brandi Wright, Danny Huggins, Lauren Mangold, Nicole Mosley, Jordan Lambert, Meredith Burson, Adam Jones, Bobbie Mann, Josh Quebe, Leticia Garcia, Connie Reynaga,

Melissa Sisk, Amanda Thompson, Susie Tambunga, Elizabeth Torrez, Lorena Bernal, Lisa Riley, Holli Carthel, Brandi Collins, Jarrett Thornton, Kendra Marion, and Vanessa Walker.

Others entertaining will be Erin Mangold, Desiree DeLeon, Caitlynn Wiley, Alex Hall, Amber Dorman and Rebekah Thornton.

The banquet will feature the naming of the 1998 Citizen of the Year by Malcom Moerbe. Moerbe was named the 1997 Citizen of the Year.

Chamber President Phil Cotham will make other presentations.

Cotham will present the president's gavel to Bobby Hall and he, in turn, will recognize the 1999 chamber officers and directors.

A \$100 gift certificate good at any Lockney business will be raffled during the evening. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

The menu will consist of chicken fried steak. The meal will be prepared by the Lockney I.S.D. Cafeteria workers.

Serving will be members of the National Honor Society and Student Council of Lockney High School.

Music will be provided by Zelda Ellison.

Artwork by Lisa Mosley's high school and junior high art students will be on display around the room.

Projects the chamber sponsors include: Citizen of the Year, the annual Chamber Banquet, Old Fashioned Saturday, Lockney Junior Livestock Show, A Holiday Affair, Christmas decorations downtown, Floyd County Fair booth, ribbon cuttings for new businesses, and other activities.

Council hires company to enforce city codes

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada City Council met Tuesday, February 16th, in regular session at City Hall with Mayor Hulon Carthel presiding.

The council heard from John Castro, Director of Community Services of the Plainview-Hale County Health Department.

Castro presented a proposal to the council about contracting health inspections with the city. This service would be separate or in the place of

state health inspectors that only come by about once a year.

The service would include regular inspections of restaurants, school cafeterias, nursing homes, day care centers, swimming pools, grocery and convenience stores. Also, they would test for sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

Castro said, "We currently have contracts with Petersburg, Hale Center and Abernathy. They pay us .27 cents a mile and our time."

Further inquiry by the council revealed the hourly wage for time involved would vary between \$8.00 and \$11.00 per hour. The city of Hale Center is paying around \$850.00 per year for this service.

The council took no action on this matter until further investigation.

The council did vote unanimously to hire Heath Shotts co-owner of Shotts Compliance Company of Lubbock for the purpose of providing

TexDot picks "Roadeo" best

By Mike Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor

On Friday, February 19th, the Floyd County Maintenance Section of the State Highway Department held their Annual Truck Roadeo.

The competition began with a pre-trip inspection. In this, each employee by himself and a judge, have five minutes to look over a truck from front to back. They must find five things wrong on a 'sabotaged' truck.

They are scored individually on the number of the five things they find

wrong. The second phase of the competition is the actual truck driving. They must drive through a series of difficult obstacle courses.

They are graded on their ability to maneuver a dump truck safely through a tight squeeze with measurements taken on each of the five courses.

Employees from Floydada that participated were: Shane Anderson, Adolfo Chavarria, Adelfino Aleman, Adam Gonzales, Tracy Webb, Dean Seymour, Franklin Harris, Randy Fowler, Danny Tinney, Robert Davis and Carroll Sims.

Judges were Gary Vick, Dayne Golightly, Mike Anderson and Kyle Harrison and Buddy Userry from the district shop in Lubbock.

The two local winners were Dean Seymour, 1st Place, and Tracy Webb, 2nd Place. They will advance to district competition in Tahoka.

They will compete against the top two drivers from each of the seven-two counties within the Lubbock district.

The top two drivers from the Lubbock district will advance to the state competition in Austin.



TEXDOT TRUCK ROADEO IN ACTION--Randy Fowler, Maintenance Technician III, drives through a maze of barriers last Friday at the Floydada State Highway Department. He participated in the Annual

Truck Roadeo sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. Eleven drivers from Floydada took part in the state wide competition.

Staff Photo

Study of the NWS rainfall report shows region with below average precipitation

Based on data from the National Weather Service's network of Co-operative Weather Observers, 1998 precipitation was well below average across most of the South Plains region.

One exception was in the extreme southern Panhandle, where precipitation was close to the annual average.

The driest location in the South Plains was Seminole, which received only 7.85 inches of precipitation last year. In contrast, Silverton received

the most rain in the area—a whopping 22.11 inches.

The average South Plains town received 13.89 inches of precipitation. A list of area towns with their total 1998 precipitation is as follows:

Abernathy--16.48 inches; Big Spring--14.14"; Brownfield--14.66"; Crosbyton--12.98"; Dimmitt--17.95"; Floydada--12.82"; Friona--15.51"; Hereford--16.59"; Jayton--10.51"; Lamesa--10.57"; Levelland--13.19";

Littlefield--16.34"; Lubbock--13.06"; Matador--13.91"; Morton--12.60"; Muleshoe--14.74"; Muleshoe Refugee--9.82"; Olton--15.78"; Paducah--14.59"; Plainview--14.68"; Seminole--7.85"; Silverton--22.11"; Snyder--10.56"; Spur--10.07"; Tahoka--11.98"; Tulia--21.10".

According to the NWS the 13.06 inches recorded in Lubbock made 1998 the driest year since 1993 when 12.75 inches fell.

LISD sets date for school board election and extends contracts

LOCKNEY--The Lockney school board met Thursday, February 11 in regular session. They called for the 1999 school board election and considered contract extension on building administrators and the athletic director during their regular session.

The board set the election of board members for May 1. First day to sign up was February 15 and will continue until March 17. Jackie Lou Holt is deputy in charge of signing up. Anyone wanting to sign up can come by the LISD Administration Office at 410 SW 4th. Judges for the election will be Kenneth Wofford, Maria Arrellano and Pete Mosley.

The terms of John Quebe and Dan Smith will be up. Both indicated they will run again.

Contracts were extended for principals James Poole, Terry Ellison and Phil Cotham as well as Athletic Director Kurt Ashmore.

Superintendent Raymond Lusk reported the LISD Site-Based Committee has held their informational meeting and will meet again March 10, at 3:30 p.m. in the library at high school. They will discuss an update of district goals and needs.

The site-based committee consists of the school principals, the counselors, three teachers, a parent representing each school and a business person representing the community.

Items the committee will work on include school moral, staff development, budget input, the school calendar, and over-all school needs.

Board members voted to approve local Policy CQ. The update is a technology policy on computer usage.

Vocational Ag Advisor Ted Young reported to the board on the ag classes he teaches and the FFA program. He stated that he needs to work on a more complete program. He is hoping with the 8th graders coming up that he will have enough students interested in FFA to begin work on leadership skills.

There are currently 30 ag students, 11 FFA members and 24 junior members. To be an FFA member you have to have one semester in ag classes.

He stated there are 36 different semester classes that can be taught and he is working on setting up independent class study where the students can take a class they are interested in, and study on their own, or come in

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Floyd County youth entertain and compete at San Antonion Stock Show

Brady Rasco, 14 year old son of Darrell and Marva Rasco, of Lockney, was chosen to entertain with his fiddle playing skills at the 50th annual Livestock Show and Expedition in San Antonio, Saturday, Feb. 20th.

Rasco and other 4-H'ers competed at the San Antonio Stock Show, and was overheard in the swine barn play-

ing his fiddle. The superintendent of the swine show approached Rasco and invited him to open the swine auction.

Over 700 people heard Rasco perform "The San Antonio Rose", accompanied by Jimmy Burson, of Silverton, on his guitar.

The song was received enthusiastically by the San Antonio businessmen

and women who had come out to support the 50th anniversary of the Livestock Show and Expedition.

Rasco played before the Grand Champion Barrow which was sold for a record \$50,000.

Other highlights of the show included the record breaking sale of the

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BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

For anyone who is interested (and there have been quite a few), one of the "drug cases" from the April '98 round-up in Floydada is coming to trial on Friday, February 26, at 10:30 a.m.

Six people were arrested in April and charged with a variety of drug related charges after a long undercover operation in Floydada.

One of the men, Rudy Castaneda, of Floydada, has chosen to go before Judge Randy Hollums for trial and sentencing. If you are interested the courtroom is open to spectators.

The people who were arrested in Lockney after a similar undercover operation have yet to come to trial. If we find out ahead of time when those trials are, we will let you know so citizens can follow it through.

I received an interesting little story on the internet the other day. I've heard it before, so I figured I wouldn't use it because it had been around awhile.

Then I decided that if I liked it so much the first time I heard it, there are probably people out there who would appreciate hearing it for the first time.

It is entitled: "Keep the Fork"
"There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and have been given three months to live. As she was getting her 'things in order', she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested that she be buried with her favorite Bible.

"Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There is one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor.

The woman explained, "In all of my years of attending church socials and potluck suppers, I always remember that when the main course dishes were being cleared away, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

"So, I just want people to see me there in the casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them, 'Keep Your Fork....The best is yet to come.'"

Floydada Police Report

February 9th, at 4:21 p.m., police arrested Linda Ratliff, 40, of Floydada, on Hale County warrants.

February 12, Juan Martinez, 36, of Floydada, was arrested for Parole Violations.

February 13th, at 11:18 p.m., a 16 year old boy reported to police that someone had damaged his vehicle parked in the Pizza Gold parking lot. The tail light was broken and paint was scratched. The damage was estimated at \$1,448.

Also on the 13th at the same time, police were called to the Pizza Gold parking lot in reference to a disturbance. Oscar Salas, 38, was subse-

quently arrested for Public Intoxication.

February 13th, while conducting a traffic stop, police arrested Marivel Rodriguez, 22, of Floydada, for outstanding county warrants.

February 15th, at 11:16 p.m., police were called to a residence in the 200 block of W. Tennessee in reference to a dispute between two roommates. According to Police Chief Darrell Gooch, "We found Rafael Hernandez, 35, of Floydada, laying on a couch with silver colored paint on his face. A sock and paint can were seized. Hernandez was arrested for abuse of inhalants."

LISD Board hears reports from teachers and principals

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early before school begins.

Principal James Poole reported that high school is getting ready for the Oct-Act Play and UIL Literary events. LHS will again host the district UIL competition.

Principal Terry Ellison stated they are getting ready for UIL contests. The regular classes have been shortened by five minutes so they will have 25 minutes at the end of the day to prepare.

Principal Phil Cotham reported on the Math night held recently at the elementary school. He stated that 119 parents came. They had supper and the parents played the games the students are playing as a way of learning math.

He reported four new students have enrolled and the grant money the elementary school received was spent on additional books for the classroom.

Coch Ashmore stated in his report both basketball teams did an excellent job in a tough district. The boys and girls were very competitive and he was pleased with the effort they put forth.

He reported 26 boys out for varsity

track. The junior high track team has 35 girls and 25 boys. Bobby Ventura and Lisa Schumacher will coach the track teams.

There are 28 boys out for baseball. Fairchild will coach the team and Sutterfield will be his assistant. A crew of volunteers are in the process of rebuilding the dugouts and building a new press box as well as refurbishing the field. New lights have been installed.

In regular session the board members approved the reading of the minutes, reviewed the current bills and approved their payment. The financial statement was reviewed. 1998 taxes are 6 percent above the amount paid this same time last year.

Present at the meeting were Board members, Jim Bob Martin, Mike Mathis, John Quebe, Jesse Garza, Dan Smith, Bernice Ford, Louie Bybee, Superintendent Raymond Lusk, Principals James Poole, Terry Ellison and Phil Cotham; Ted Young Vocational Ag Advisor, Athletic Director Kurt Ashmore and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

Floyd County youth compete in San Antonio

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Grand Champion Steer for \$108,000. The 20 month old steer, which was bred by Byron Brock, of Lockney, was owned and shown by Kenda Wood, of Silvertown. The steer competed in the AOB (All Other Breeds division).

Kenda is a Briscoe County 4-H'er. A total of 26 Floyd County 4-H youth competed in livestock competition at the 1999 San Antonio Livestock Show on February 15-19.

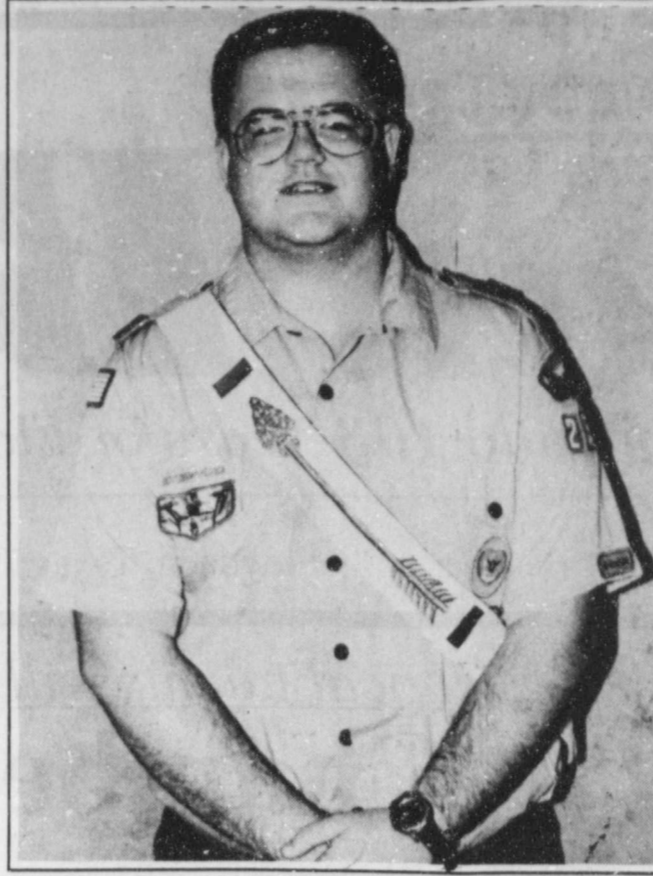
In the swine division Molly Long received 3rd with her lightweight Cross Barrow.

Brady Rasco received 13th with his lightweight Cross Barrow.

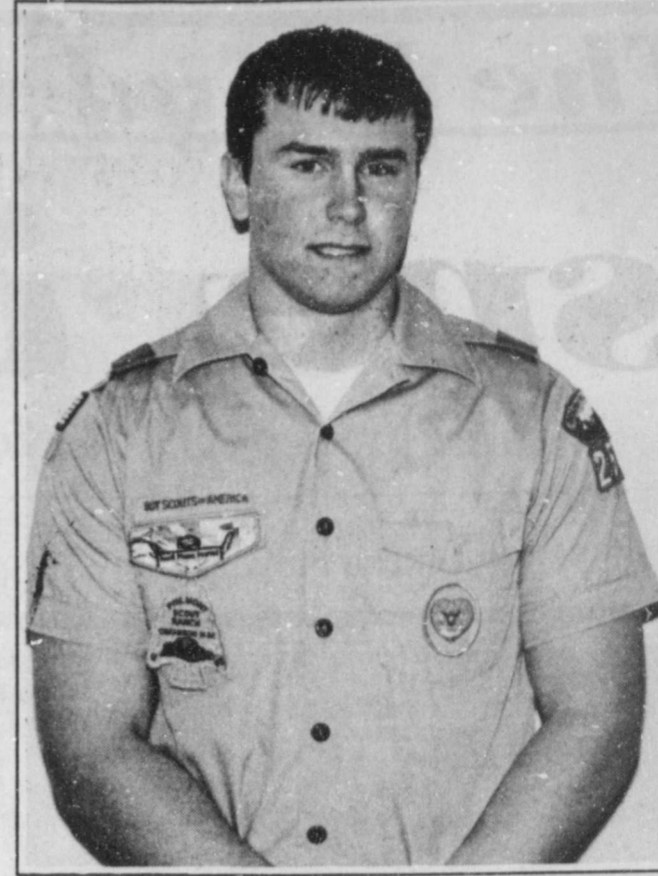
Other swine exhibitors included Jason Nut, Ashley Norrell, Morgan Norrell, Ryan Monreal, Brandon Monreal, Brady Ragland, Kellen Wyrick, Kim Green, Cynthia Martinez, Jonathan Martinez and Aaron Hernandez.

Lamb exhibitors were: Tyler Phillips, Amanda Hancock, Nathan Hancock and Sarah Martin.

Beef participants were Tye Wood, 4th Heavy Maine; Payte Beedy, 4th, Medium Angus; Chase Beedy, 6th Medium Maine; and Mandi Wood, 7th



ADAM JONES



BRETT MCQUHAE

Ceremony to honor Jones and McQuhae

LOCKNEY--Adam Jones and Brett McQuhae will be honored with an Eagle Scout ceremony at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 28 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. A reception will follow in the Garden Room. Both scouts are members of Lockney Troop 259.

Jones did his Eagle project by leading the Mission Class at the First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School. He researched the project, visited with missionaries and put together the class work. He taught the teachers and they

led four classes a day for a week. Jones is a Senior Troop Guide and teaches new scouts their skills.

He is the son of Archie and Glenda Jones and a senior at Lockney High School.

As his Eagle project, McQuhae built a sandbox for the Pre-K and Kindergarten students at Lockney Elementary School. He planned and designed the sandbox and was assisted by other scouts in building it.

McQuhae's main scouting interest is back packing. He has completed a

62 mile backpacking trip and spent ten days camping at Philmont.

He is the son of Charlie and Marie McQuhae and a senior at Lockney High School.

To attain the honor of an Eagle Scout at least twenty-one merit badges must be earned. Fourteen are required subjects and the others can be the scouts choice. According to scoutmaster Bill Hunter, "It takes 3 to 4 years to complete the required work. All work must be documented and taken before a board

Council hires company to enforce city codes

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code enforcement services for the city.

Councilman Clar Schacht made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Jon Nielson.

Shotts Compliance Company will enforce present city codes. Some city codes may need to be restructured and some new ones may need to be adopted later.

Thirty day warnings will be issued for junk cars in yards, vacant lot trash and weeds, old deteriorating buildings and other city code violations. If the warnings are not heeded, then citations will be sent to the owner.

Legal advisor Jean E. Shotts, Jr. told the Hesperian, "We are currently under contract with the cities of Sundown, Idalou and Abernathy."

A specific schedule and inspection list will be discussed later with City Manager Gary Brown.

Another motion to reject a request for the keeping of potbellied pigs in the city limits was made by Councilman Albert Hill. It was seconded by Councilman Dale Lawson.

The discussion by the council referred to an existing city code (Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Section 4-1 (c)) concerning swine. This code would apply to potbellied pigs.

The motion to reject the request passed.

In other business, the council heard from Kay Howard of A & J Howco Services of Lubbock. Howard spoke in the discussion session of the public hearing to close out the 1996 TCDP water project.

Howard said, "First we received a grant for \$250,000.00. We incorporated all the expenditures that dealt with the water development board, the development loans, the financial advisors and the acquisition of the land involved."

"The development of the two wells and all their cost were added to that. The \$250,000.00 grant was put on the actual construction cost. The extra construction line items that Floydada paid was \$301,186.83.

Other general administration fees and computer controls purchased brought the total paid by the city from all funds to \$399,129.24.

Another public hearing was held by the council to discuss a possible Community Block Grant Project for the 1999/2000 year.

Howard told the board that the deadline for applying for this grant was April 20, 1999. It would be for possible sewer, drainage and community development projects.

Heavy Simmental.

Also exhibiting steers were Ty Arjona, Holly Arjona, Luke Baker and Jurabee Jones.

In the heifer division, Sence Foster received 2nd place with her Chiannia heifer in the Junior Show and 1st place and Reserve Grand Breed Champion in the Open Show.

The names of the FFA competitors and winners will be published next week.

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

Lockney Scouts celebrate Scout Month

Lockney Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are joining some 1.5 million Scouts and leaders throughout the country in celebrating Boy Scout Month during February. Cub Scout Pack 259 members held their Blue and Gold Banquet last night (Wednesday). Troop 259 Boy Scouts went on a compass course hike Saturday at Jim Doucette's ranch in northeastern Floyd County.

The Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910 by William Boyce and a group of businessmen, educators and political leaders. Boyce had lost his way in London and was led to his destination by an English Boy Scout who refused payment for his "Good Turn." The American Boyce was so impressed by the boy's kindness that he met with Lord Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts in Great Britain. He liked what Baden-Powell told him and knew that boys in the United States would want to be Scouts too.

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth. The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto, and the Scout Slogan.

Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. In the outdoor setting, Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. Local councils operate and maintain Scout Camps. The South Plains Council, of which Troop/Pack 259 is a member, operates Camp C.W. Post near Post and Camp Tres Ritos near Taos, New Mexico. Lockney Scouts attend Camp Post or Camp Tres Ritos every summer, and in 1997 several Troop 259 Scouts participated in the National Council's high adventure program at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

square foot," he added.

It was discussed that a 16,000 square foot building would cost around \$416,000.00 to \$480,000.00 at those prices.

No action was taken on this matter. Councilman Cornelius made the motion to advertise for bids for city employee's health insurance. It was seconded by Councilman Hill and unanimously passed.

The council changed the date for the March regular council meeting to March 9, 1999.

A closed executive session was held to discuss the City Manager, vehicle reimbursement for the City Manager and the salaries for all employees.

No action was taken on these matters following the closed session.

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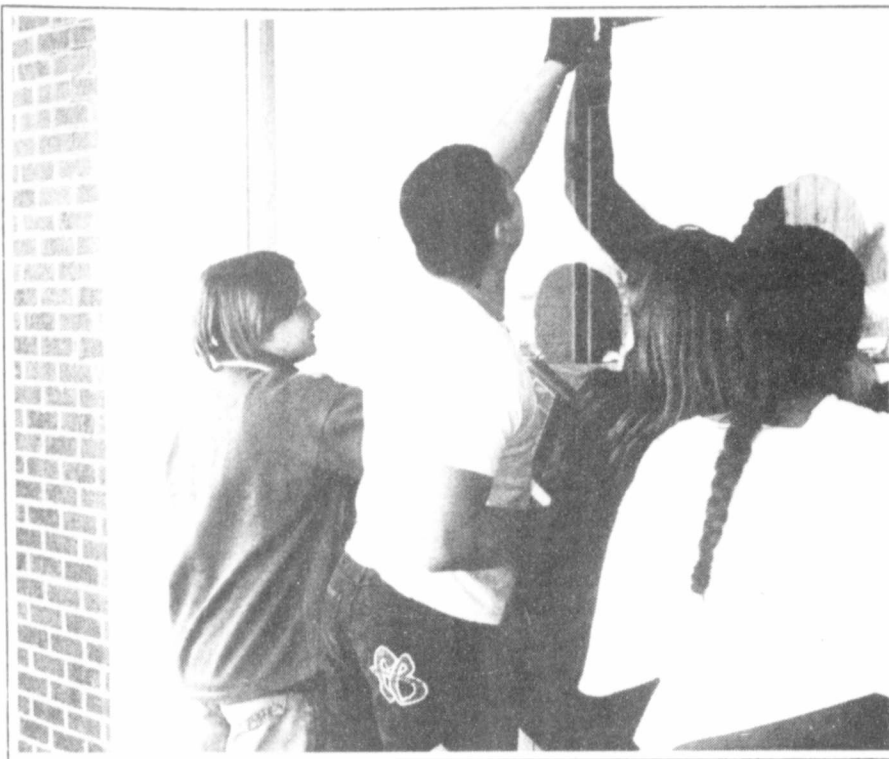
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TEXDOT TRUCK ROADEO FLOYDADA WINNERS-Dean Seymour (right) won 1st Place and Tracy Webb (left) won 2nd Place in the local State Highway Truck Roadeo competition last Friday. Both will advance to the district meet in Tahoka. Staff Photo



BETTER THAN TAKING THE TAAS--These Lockney High School students were doing community service work around town while the sophomores were taking the TAAS test. Windows were washed, the parks cleaned, and residents at the Lockney Care Center visited. Staff Photo

4-H looking for support for commemorative stamp

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the 4-H program in 2002, the 4-H Agents Association has applied to have a 100th Anniversary 4-H Commemorative Stamp issued, like that released in 1952 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of 4-H. This stamp will be the "centerpiece" for our 4-H Centennial celebration.

Each year the Postal Service gets about 40,000 such requests. Only 30-35 commemorative stamps are issued each year. Twelve members of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee evaluate applications and indications of support, and make recommendations for subjects to the Postmaster General. The more public support, the more likely the subject will be chosen. In order for this to happen, you must act quickly.

The Committee evaluates stamp proposals based on these criteria: Subjects must stand the test of time, be consistent with public opinion, and have broad national interest.

Stamps should feature American subjects.

Historical events will be considered only on anniversaries in multiples of 50 years.

Only events and themes of widespread national appeal and significance will be considered.

Stamps won't be issued to honor organizations that exist primarily to solicit or distribute funds (fraternal, political, sectarian, or service/charitable). They won't be issued to honor commercial enterprises, or schools.

Massive public support will be necessary ...to make the 4-H Centennial stamp application stand out from all the others! We are asking 4-H members, 4-H Leaders, 4-H Alumni, parents, sponsors, supporters, and elected officials at local, state, and national levels to send letters of support for the issuance of a 4-H Centennial Stamp in 2002. Please write to: Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Development, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 4474E, Washington, D.C. 20260-2437. These must be there by the end of March.

In addition to getting the maximum number of 4-H supporters writing directly in support of the stamp, we hope each will write or email at least one elected official (county, state, or fed-

eral) urging that the official write in support of the stamp. To email your elected Congressional Representative, log on to: <http://www.house.gov/writerp/>

The U.S. Senate website is <http://www.senate.gov/> It will identify your Senator's office address and phone number. Each Senator decides how best to use Internet services. Their email addresses aren't posted on the website. You may need to call the office to ask for the email address. You may also phone the US Capitol switchboard at (202)224-3121 and an operator will connect you directly with the Senate office you request. If you wish, you may write to your Senator: Office of Senator (Name) United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510

Please explain why you think a 4-H Centennial Stamp should be issued in 2002. Tell how you are (or were) involved in 4-H, how 4-H, how 4-H has impacted your life, or why it is special to you.

Photography contest entries due April 1st

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
Announcing the National 4-H Photography Contest! Deadline for submissions is April 1, 1999!

Please submit photos to: Mr. Kelly Carpenter, Merchandising Coordinator, 2001 4-H Calendar, National 4-H Supply Service, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland, 20815. The Deadline for submissions is April 1, 1999!

Thirteen photographs will be selected for the 2001 Calendar and these original photographs will be gallery mounted and framed before they are returned to the winners. They will also have a brass plate engraved with the title and photographer's name. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Council Headquarters from September 1999 through November 1999. They will also be available on our website. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than October 30, 1999.

VERY IMPORTANT: Submissions will be considered only if they include the following information:

1. Full name and age of the person submitting photograph.
2. Affiliation with 4-H.
3. Complete return address (for UPS delivery -no P.O. boxes).
4. Telephone number.
5. List of awards that submitted photographs have received (county, state, 4-H or other).
6. The photographer's thoughts about the photograph, in 25 words or less.

World Day of Prayer is March 5th

By Martha Farris
For over a century, the call has gone out to men, women, and children around the world to join together on the first Friday of March of a "time of informed prayer and prayerful action," the motto of the World Day of Prayer. This year, the day will be Friday, March 5th, and the significant observance will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m.

This year of 1999, the program is written by the women of Venezuela and called "God's Tender Touch." The scriptures and messages all reflect on the "mothering" or tender thoughts of God as nurturing, compassionate, forgiving, yet strongly supportive and liberating. In many countries around the world women are treated as lesser beings. God's love for humanity is total and fierce, yet tender.

Churches joining with the First United Methodist in presenting this informative and moving program are: First Baptist, First Christian, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic, Spanish Assembly of God, Mr. Zion Baptist and Trinity Church. Offerings received on that day, Friday, March 5th, will help support ecumenical ministries toward justice and peace for all nations.

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TEXDOT TRUCK ROADEO INSPECTION TIME-Tracy Webb (left), Maintenance Technician II, of the Floydada State Highway Department participates in the inspection portion of the competition last Friday. Judge Kyle Harrison (right), Preventive Maintenance Coordinator of Lubbock looks on in the Annual State Truck Roadeo sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. Staff Photo

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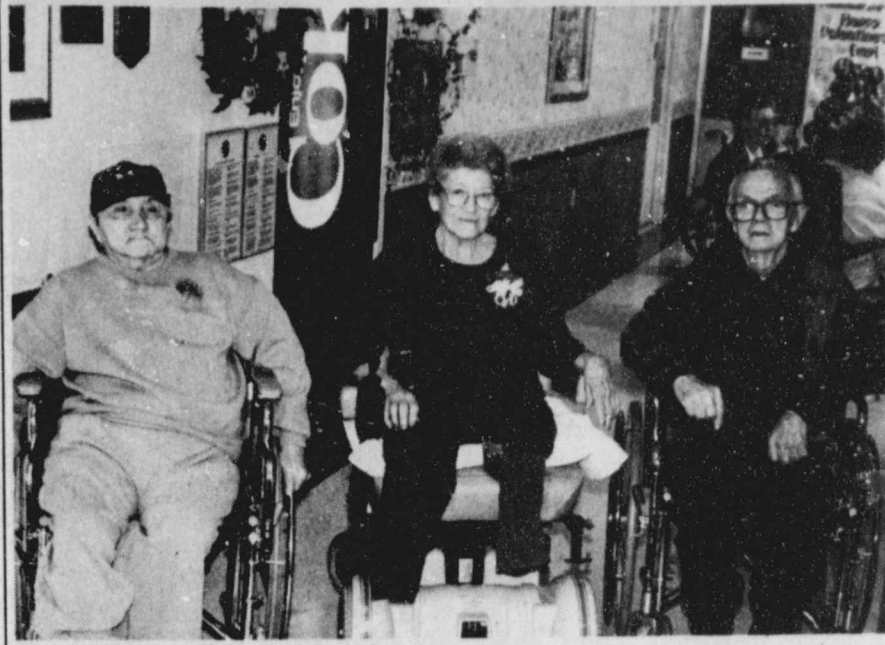
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THE FLOYDADA REHAB & CARE CENTER MONTHLY BIRTHDAY HONOREES-(l-r) Louis Arrendondo, Wilma Payne and Travis Parr were honored with a birthday party last Thursday. Others celebrating birthdays this month, but not present, were: Vicente Garcia and Dorsee Warren.
Staff Photo

February birthday's celebrated at Center

By Lorilla Bradley
Thursday, February 18th was birthday celebration time at the Rehab and Care Center with members of the City Park Church of Christ hosting. The honorees were seated in a special place in the lobby. Each one wore a lovely corsage, compliments of Williams Florist and Card Shop. We were sorry Mr. Garcia, Mr. Arrendondo and Mr. Warren were unable to take part in the festivities. We hope they are feeling better soon. The poem was read and all joined in singing the "Happy Birthday Song." Mrs. Parr was a guest of her husband and Mrs. Warren attended even though her husband was unable to attend. A special guest of all the honorees was Margie Fowler. Each honoree received a special gift to fit their special needs along with a tasty treat. Birthday cards were given by the Home Staff. The next celebration will be Thursday, March 18, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to be with your friends and loved ones at that time.

February is "Happy" month...
With times to celebrate
And birthdays we will not forget.
They make us all feel great!
We honor Mr. Arrendondo
At this his special time...
And may each day be better
Than the one he left behind!
Mr. Parr is counting
His many years and days
And thinking how he spent them
in so many different ways!
Vicente Garcia we honor...
...He dates from 1920...
Although his steps have slowed a bit
He'll celebrate "aplenty!"
Salutes to Mr. Warren
on this his special day...
May time for him be happy
In every sort of way!
A special one welcome
...Her name is Wilma Payne...
She's helped so many people
their health and joy to gain!!!
To cheer these special people
Lets do the Birthday Song...
So everybody join us
and sing out good and strong!

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margaret Word
FLOYDADA--The center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you. If you plan on eating lunch please call 983-2032 by 10:00 a.m. Deota Odam spent Valentine's Day weekend in Hale Center with her daughter, Virginia Waits. A grandson, Jeff Waits and family of Livingston, a granddaughter, Elaine and her husband, Kerry Siewert and daughter, Heather of San Angelo, Dee Rushing of Plainview and Deota's sisters, Jimmie Hollomon and Odessa Cage, both of Lubbock were also in Hale Center over the weekend. Dr. Keith and June Patzer and their son, Dr. Bart and Kellye Patzer of Austin spent Valentine weekend at Lake Texhoma. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Turner on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We do appreciate you remembering the center when you need to make a memorial or just a donation to the center. In my last weeks article I listed memorials and the Hesperian mis-read my notes. It had Reverend Lupe and Mrs. Rando - Leon and Bill Ferguson. It should have read family members of Reverend Lupe and Janie Rando were remembered by Leon and Bill Ferguson. Brother Rando lost a nephew and Janie lost her mother and a sister recently. We appreciate the Fergusons making a donation to the center in memory of the Rando's lost loved ones and we regret the error. Those making memorial donations since last weeks article for: **Travis Lightfoot** were Odell and Genelle Breed, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Smitherman; **Ruth Gilliland** were Odell and Genelle Breed, Don and Gayle Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fawver, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Smitherman; **Jean Jones** were Don and Gayle Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fawver, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Ruth Hammonds; **Ann Smith** were Don and Gayle Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Smitherman, Ruth Hammonds; **Bob Kendrick** were Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fawver, Ruth Hammonds; **Arvin West** was Ruth Hammonds; **Jean Campbell** was Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fawver. Our sympathy to the family of Rubie Ratjen. Our sympathy to the family of Billy Sandefur. John McKinney is home after a long hospital stay.

Beth Faulkenberry had surgery last week. Pete Hickerson spent a few days last week at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. Marie Tardy is now in rehab. Pray for those above and pray for rain. "Thought For The Week" The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear. Socrates

MENU
March 1-5
Monday-Meat Loaf, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, Italian dressing, cornbread, chocolate pudding.
Tuesday-Baked chicken, scallop potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, ranch dressing, wheat roll, frosted spice cake.
Wednesday-Burritos verde, lime roce, squash casserole, lettuce tomato salad, chilean salad dressing, empanadas, di calabaza.
Thursday-Beef Roast, candied sweet potato, wax or green beans, sliced onions, wheat roll or cornbread, pineapple gelatin.
Friday-Chicken patty on bun, fried potatoes or tots, broccoli and cheese, lettuce tomato slices, carrot cake.

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Floyd County Lifestyles

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Gladys Ragle
Well, we continue to have pretty cool nights but then it warms up during the day. Short-lived cool fronts come down every few days and keeps the cycle going. **REMEMBER:** The Millenium Singers from Plainview Senior Citizens will be here Thursday night to sing for us. They are directed by Hall Nall who was a Lockney resident many years ago. Please fix extra food for the potluck supper. If there are some of you who would like to hear them sing but do not want to come eat you may come about 7:00 p.m. and we would love to have you. Claude Brown has been having back problems and will start treatment in two weeks in Lubbock. We hope the treatment works for him. Jody Baccus was taken to her son's

house in Lubbock last weekend for a few days before coming home. We wish her well. "Weekly Words of Wisdom" Middle age: that difficult period between youth and retirement when you have to take care of yourself. If you think you are too old for growing pains--try spading a garden.

MENU
March 1-5
Monday-Chicken strips, vegetable, salad, dessert.
Tuesday-Beef and macaroni, vegetable, salad, dessert.
Wednesday-Chicken fried steak, vegetable, salad, dessert.
Thursday-Fried Catfish, vegetable, salad, dessert.
Friday-Enchiladas, vegetable, salad, dessert.

Floydada Rehab and Care Center

By Patricia Hill, A.D.
Hello, Floyd County from the resident's and staff at Floydada Rehab and Care Center. How is everyone, things are just fine around our place. Can you believe that March is at our front door already. Spring is around the corner. Just a reminder that the Alzheimer's Support group will meet Thursday February, 25th. Thursday the 18th, was the residents birthday party. Mrs. Dorothy Kerr made strawberry and sugar tree cakes. Punch was also served. Floydada Rehab and Care Center has a new resident, Earl Vaughn welcome to our home. New are employee's Cindy Ybarra,

Patsy Sanchez, Ofelia Flores and Shannon Christain. FRCC also has a new social worker, Sherrie Reid, welcome to our home. FRCC is always looking for some good entertainment. If you have talent and want to show it off call us. Maybe you have a dog that can do trick or just whatever. The residents love pets, music and etc. We are still in need of family members to be a part of the Family Council. If you are interested please call the home 983-3704. Family members I am sorry if some of you didn't receive your calendar for February. Please call me if this happens again. If the weather stays nice the residents will be going on a van ride to McDonald's.

Look Who's New!

EISENBROCK
Russell and Teresa Eisenbrock of Lewisville are happy to announce the birth of their son, Aaron Michael. He was born February 16, 1999. Aaron weighed 6 pounds and 10 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are William and Sharlie Eisenbrock of Kingwood and Travis and Geraldine Gentry of Floydada. Great-grandmothers are Minnie Gowens of Floydada and Willie B. Gentry of Slaton.

WINN
Shannon and Spring Winn of Corsicana, announce the birth of their son, Bodhi Cole Winn. Bodhi was born at 2:03 p.m. on February 16, 1999, at Navarro Regional Hospital in Corsicana. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Julian and Joyce Lipham of Floydada and paternal grandparents are Lotus and Sue Winn of Lubbock. Bodhi also has a host of cousins.

JACKSON
Michaela Jackson is proud to announce the birth of her baby sister Kailee Brienne, born February 17, 1999 at 11:48 a.m. in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches in length. Parents are Brad and Jennifer Jackson of Floydada. Grandparents are Cecil and Linda Jackson, Floydada; Kenneth Brooks, Borger; Dixie Cochran, Childress. Great-grandparents are Margaret Jackson, Floydada; Clovis and Polly Myrick, Floydada; and Nettie Gambol, Childress.

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Family Support Group
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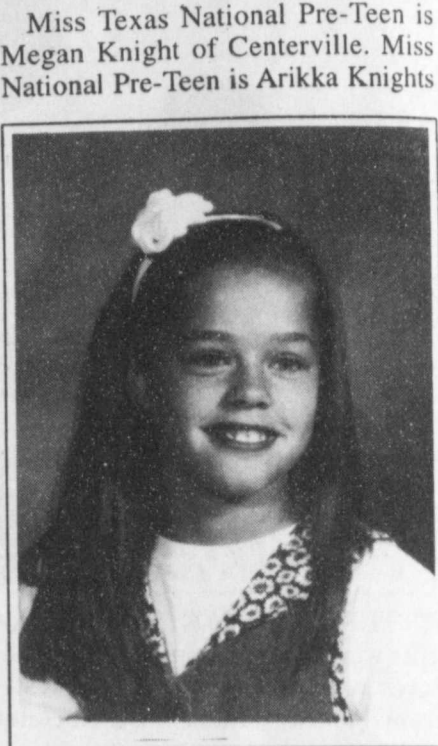
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SPRING LIPHAM WINN was honored with a baby shower on Saturday January 23, 1999. The shower was held at the Kinslow House, in Corsicana. Relatives attending were: Joyce Lipham, Julianne Cornelius, Angie Lipham all of Floydada, Charlotte Harte, Paula Nelson and Autumn Smith of Daingerfield. The group spent the weekend with in Corsicana and attended different functions, including a birthday celebration at Don Jose's for Charlotte Harte.

Reeves to compete in National contest

Miss Marla Reeves of Floydada will be competing in the 1999 Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Program, to be held in Waco March 19-21. The Miss National Pre-Teen Program is now in its 19th year. It was the first competition of its kind founded to reward girls ages 9-12, the first to include academics as a judging criteria, and first to offer opportunities for college scholarships to girls this age. The new Miss Texas National Pre-Teen Title Holder will receive a cash award, crown, sash, trophy and her sponsorship and airfare paid to the National Program, to be held in Orlando, Florida in November. Candidates will be judged on academics/achievements, interview, formal presentation, and personality projection. Miss National Pre-Teen is teamed up with "Youth Power" to encourage youth to be drug free. State Candidates also can participate in the Holiday Gift Program to benefit needy children and the "Just Chill" program to learn anger management skills.



MARLA REEVES from Maine, and Miss National Pre-Teen Princess is Shalyn Ming from Texas.

Wilks and Swaffar united in marriage

Mikki Wilks and Brad Swaffar were married Saturday, February 13th, 4:30 p.m. at the Little Chapel of Brookhollow in Ransom Canyon. Bill Smith officiated the ceremony. Honor attendants were Shelly Hane of Lubbock and Gene Swaffar of Woodrow.

Parents of the bride are Kim and Patsy Wilks of Post. Parents of the bridegroom are Sue Barnes of Lockney and Gene Swaffar of Woodrow. The couple plan to live in Floydada.

Shop locally & have a nice day

Christine Byerly
will be honored with a
90th Birthday Party
Saturday, March 6th, 1999
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the
Garden Room of the
First Baptist Church
401 S. Main, Lockney

You are cordially invited to
Il Penseroso's
Spring Bridge
Tournament

Date: Monday March 1, 1999
Place: Lockney Community Center
4141 578 - Lockney, Texas
Time: Registration 9:00 a.m.
Bridge Play begins 10:00 a.m.
Cost: \$12.00 per player

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THROUGH THE HALLS



TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE--Rion Aupil pours his soft drink can tabs into the container for the Ronald McDonald House. They are trying to collect 100 forty-gallon drums of the pop-tabs by March 31, 1999. The Ronald McDonald House generates funds through the rewards of recycling. Schools become partners and generate funds used for the daily operation of the House. Staff Photo

Floyd County 4-H Council plans upcoming activities

By Lindsey Mathis
The Floyd County 4-H Council met Thursday, February 11, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at Main Street Pizza in Lockney. The meeting was called to order by President Tyler Phillips.
The group discussed the Adult Leader Appreciation Party and set April 6th as the tentative date. Erika Miller and Lindsey Miller are co-chairmen of the event. The theme will be "All American Picnic."
Next the council talked about taking a group of 4Hers to the Texas Tech Collegiate 4-H Leaders Conference on March 27 from 9:00-4:00. The next item on the agenda was the county camp. The date has not been set but it will be held at Roaring Springs. Last year Briscoe County hosted Floyd County. This year it will be Floyd County's turn to be host and in charge of activities and meals. Anyone with an idea for an activity is asked to call the Floyd County Extension Office.
With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Whirlwinds open track season at LCU

By Coach Lightfoot
FLOYDADA--A small group of Floydada runners got the track season under way at Lubbock Christian University's indoor track Saturday in the Early Bird Relays.
Junior Justin McGuire, just three days after the basketball season, led the way for the Whirlwinds when he clocked an outstanding early-season time of 52.9 seconds on the third leg of FHS's 4x400 meter relay. The time was one of the top clockings of the entire meet, which included class 5A powers Odessa Permian, Odessa High, Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock Coronado and Abilene High among the dozen schools present.
The FHS quartet won its heat in 3:40.7 with sophomores Tyrel Fuller (57.0) and Jermaine Wickware (55.7) opening the relay while senior Cody Stovall anchored in an impressive 55.1. The Winds easily won their heat and finished sixth overall out of 18 teams.
Senior Joey Snell closed a 5:35.3 in the 1,600-meter run and freshman Rocky Reyes turned in an 11:57.5 in the 3,200-meter run. Fuller raced to a 6.72 in the 55 meters and junior David Lightfoot clocked a 9.25 in the 55-meter high hurdles.
The Whirlwinds open the 1999 outdoor track and field season on Saturday, March 6 when they host the 21-school Whirlwind Relays.

1999 Whirlwind and Lady Winds Track Schedule

March 6 Whirlwind Relays - Floydada
March 12 (Friday) Shallowater

March 13 - 21Spring Break

March 20 Lockney
March 27 Post
April 2 (Friday) Idalou
April 10 New Deal Mean Green Relays
April 15, 16 (Thurs., Fri.) District 7-2A Championships @ Lockney
April 23 (Friday) Regional Qualifiers (Abernathy or Lamesa)

April 24Junior/Senior Prom.....

April 30 - May 1 Region 1 Championships @ Abilene/ACU
May 8 Open
May 14-15 State Championships @ Austin

1999 Floydada Whirlwind J.V. Baseball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
0 2-27	- Saturday	Roosevelt	Roosevelt	1:00
03- 04	- Thursday	Tulia	Floydada	5:00
03-22	- Monday	Dimmitt	Floydada	5:00
03-27	- Saturday	New Deal (2)	New Deal	1:00
03-29	- Monday	Ralls	Ralls	5:00
04-01	- Thursday	Lockney	Lockney	5:00
04-05	- Monday	Idalou	Idalou	5:00
04-10	- Saturday	Abernathy (2)	Floydada	1:00
04-17	- Saturday	Ralls	Floydada	10:00 AM
04-19	- Monday	Lockney	Floydada	5:00
04-24	- Saturday	Idalou	Floydada	1:00
04-26	- Monday	Abernathy	Abernathy	5:00

Don't do drugs! Or drugs will do you.

JHS Senior '99 Spotlight

Carissa DeAnn Coursey is the daughter of Sara and Roger Coursey. According to Carissa "a hard thing to do is to be able to look at people and see what their soul is like instead of just seeing a body. I now realize that when I talk to people, I can hear what they are saying--not just what their "mouth" is saying!" Her favorite book is Chicken Soup For The Soul. Carissa Plans to attend Texas Tech University after graduation.



Maria Elena Chairez is the daughter of Guadalupe and Faustino Chairez. Elena sees her most significant accomplishments 'to be where I am as a senior and to have accomplished all my goals that I set for myself." Her favorite subject in school is Spanish and her favorite comic strips are "Garfield" and "Snoopy." Elena plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland and Major in cosmetology or maybe later majoring in nursing.



Maria Rea is the daughter of Maria Luisa and Jose Rea. Maria believes that her most significant accomplishment is "making it to be a senior...and to appreciate the teachers and all their help." Her favorite television show is "Family Matters" and her favorite food is chicken enchiladas. Maria's plans after graduation are to get a job and help her parents for all that they did for her.



College News

Lori Cheek, Junior student at Wayland Baptist University has been recognized on the President's List for the fall semester.
The President's List recognizes students who receive a 4.0 grade point average for work tackled during the past semester. The students who qualified for the list maintained top grades while handling a class load of at least 12 semester hours.



LITTLE LONGHORNS NAMED--Students at Lockney Elementary School selected as Little Longhorns for the week of February 22-26 are (l-r, back row) Brady Tannahill, Jasmine Rendon, Emma Morales, Matthew Ortiz, Richard Salazar, Lucy Garcia; (l-r, row 2) Ruben Guerra, Walker Kemp, Tyler Ellison, Johnathan Coleman, Alysha McDonald, Cassandra Carrillo, Ryker Cabler, Luis Bernal, Jacob Luna; (l-r, front row) Jonathan Jimenez, Leslie Jackson, C.J. Garrison, Christopher Franco, Tanya Hernandez, Joshua Silva, Valerie Cuellar, Valerie Luna. Staff Photo

Lockney 4-H Club hears cake decorating program

By Sarah Martin
LOCKNEY--On Monday, February 15th the Lockney 4-H Club met at the Lockney Community Center.
A program on cake decorating was lead by D'Lee Powell. Several 4-Hers decorated cakes which were then donated to each of the Lockney schools.
Members who participated in the county stock show were recognized.
An announcement was made about the 4-H Leadership Retreat which is to be held by the Tech Collegiate 4-H Club March 27th. The sign-up deadline for the Retreat is March 1st.
The American Pledge was led by Kathy Kelley and the 4-H Motto and Pledge was led by Jana Miller.
The meeting was concluded with recreation and refreshments.

1999 Longhorns & Lady Horns Track Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
March 6	Floydada
March 12-13	Springlake-Earth
March 19-20	Lockney W.H. Hallmark Invitational *Spring Break*
March 26-27	Hart
April 2	Idalou
April 9-10	Dimmitt
April 15-16	LockneyVarsity District
April 23-24?	Regional Qualifiers Meet
April 29-May 1	AbileneRegional Track Meet
May 13-15	Austin State Track Meet

Head Track Coach -- Bobby Ventura
Track Assistants -- Todd Hallmark & Lisa Schumacher

Floydada School Menu

March 1-5
Monday
Breakfast-Cinnamon Toast, milk and juice.
Lunch-Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, pears, hot roll and milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast-Sausage, toast, milk and juice.
Lunch-Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, peaches, hot roll and milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast-Jelly, toast, milk and juice
Lunch-Chicken Spaghetti, corn, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, hot roll and milk.

Thursday
Breakfast-Pancakes, syrup, milk and juice.
Lunch-Beef and cheese chalupas, pinto beans, tossed salad, jello, corn-bread and milk.

Friday
Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, milk and juice.
Lunch-Hamburger, french fries, tossed salad, cobbler and milk.

Lockney School Menu

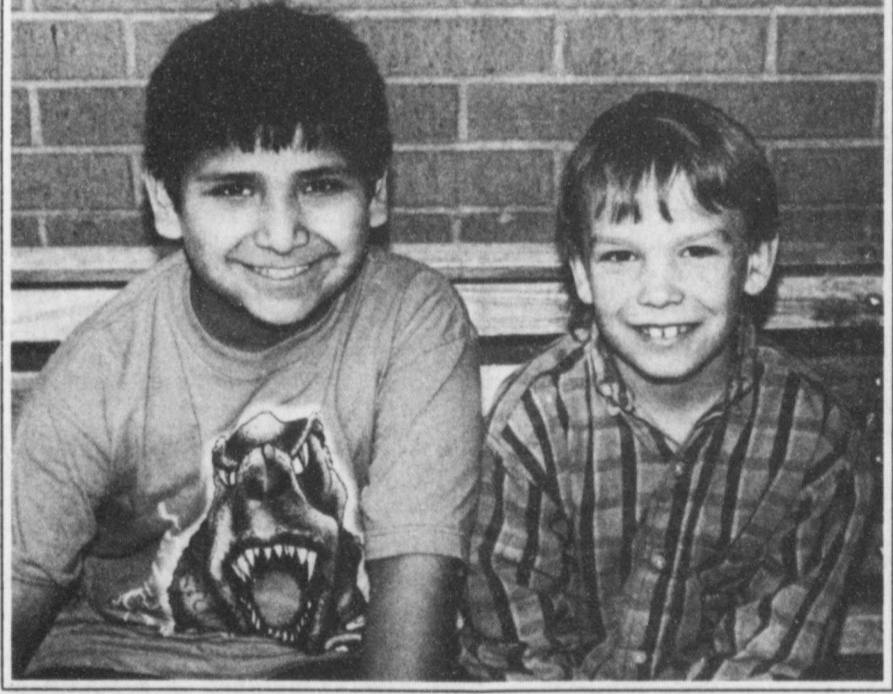
March 1-5
Monday
Breakfast-Blueberry muffin, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Chicken Quesadillas/Ham and Cheese on bun, salad, pinto beans, fruit, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast-Pancakes, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Steak Fingers/Grilled Cheese, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

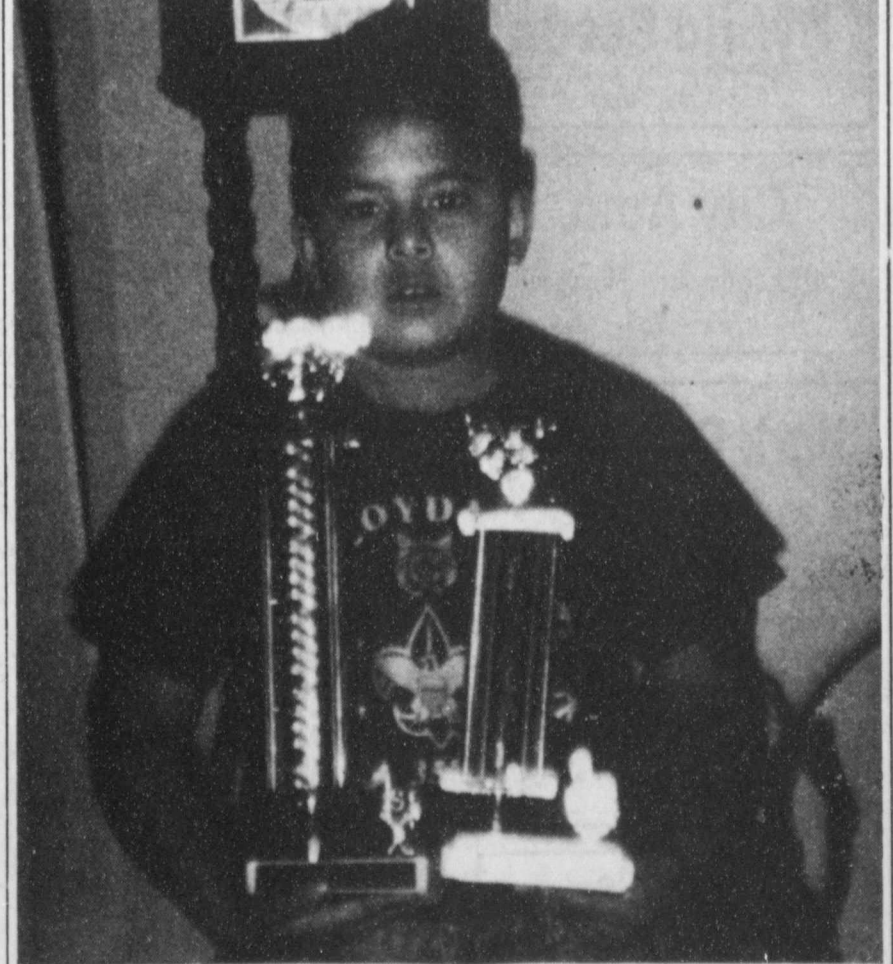
Wednesday
Breakfast-Sausage, hash browns, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Burrito/Salmon Patty, salad, corn fruit, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast-scrambled eggs, ham, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Chicken Noodle Soup/P.B.J. Sandwich, salad, fruit, carrots, crackers, milk.

Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon rolls, sausage, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch-Hamburger/Corndog, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk.



LAB PALS NAMED--Selected as C.E.I. Lab Pals at Lockney Elementary School for the week of February 22-26 were Richard Salazar and B.J. Collis. Staff Photo



GUERRA WINS PINWOOD DERBY RACE--Samuel Guerra was the 1st place winner of the Bear Division, Comanche Trail Pinewood Derby race held in Floydada last weekend. Guerra placed 1st in the local derby also. He is the son of Eliseo and Veronica Guerra. Courtesy Photo

LadyHorns 9th Grade Basketball Report

LOCKNEY 34
NEW DEAL 19
The 9th Grade Lady Horns defeated New Deal by a whopping 34-19.
Alana Gallaway led the scoring for the girls. She had 12 points with 5 field goals and 2 free throws.
Vanessa Walker added 8 points with 3 field goals and 2 free throws. Linsi Jones made 1 field goal and 1 free throw for 3 points.
Adding 2 points each with field goals were Velvet Johnson, Margaret Blanco, Amber Wood, Sara Davis and Jet Gilly. Trisha Day hit a free throw for 1 point.
SCORES BY QUARTERS
Lockney 14 25 27 34
New Deal 2 5 11 19

1999 SHORTHORNS & Lady Shorthorns TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION
March 12-13	Springlake-Earth
March 19-20	W.H. Hallmark Invitational ...Lockney
March 26-27	Hart
April 8	Abernathy
April 22	Junior High DistrictAbernathy

Head Track Coach -- Bobby Ventura
Track Assistants -- Todd Hallmark & Lisa Schumacher

Lockney Class of 1959 is looking for...

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Gloria Gonzales
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Patsy Reeves
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The 40th Reunion will be held August 13, 14, 15th

Southwest Crops Production Conference scheduled for March 11

By Shawn Wade
The Southwest Farm Press, a division of Interac Publishing Corporation, and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. will be sponsoring the 1999 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo on Thursday, March 11 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. This will be the first Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo and producers can look forward to a day of outstanding presentations from 10 expert speakers. Highlights include new cultural practices, prospects for herbicide-tolerant and pest-tolerant cotton varieties, and the opportunity to visit with over 40 agricultural product suppliers. Registration for the event is free to all participants. A total of four continuing education units (CEU's) for

private pesticide applicators will be provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Also the Texas Certified Crop Advisers Program will offer a total of five CEU's for crop consultants. Producers can reserve their place by calling Plains Cotton Growers at 806-792-4904 or by sending in the registration form included with upcoming issues of Southwest Farm Press. Tickets for a catered barbecue lunch will be available to all participants at \$7 each. Additional sponsors for the event are the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

Pre-register for 1999 Southwest Crops Production Conference Mar. 11

By Shawn Wade
Producers looking for an opportunity to hear the latest production prospects for cotton, corn, peanuts and other crops are invited to attend the 1999 Southwest Crops Production Conference and Expo March 11, in Lubbock. The Conference is free to those attending and will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Ban-

quet Hall. Those planning to attend are being asked to pre-register by calling either Plains Cotton Growers at 806-792-4904 or by sending in the registration card included in recent editions of the Southwest Farm Press. Education credits for private pesticide applicators and for Texas Certified Crop Advisers will be available as well.

National Cotton Council agrees on Step 2 efforts to revitalize program

By Shawn Wade
Delegates to the National Cotton Council have agreed on a unified position regarding the effort to revitalize the recently ended Step 2 portion of the 1996 Farm Bill's Cotton Competitiveness Provision. Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) is supporting the NCC policy and will work with the NCC to revitalize the Step 2 Program. The NCC's Step 2 policy includes agreement by the industry to seek procurement of additional funding for the Step 2 with safeguards to prevent the depletion funds in the middle of a marketing year. It will also include:

- * Language supporting the continued use of the current world price formula for loan redemption purposes;
- * A return to the 1.25 cent trigger level for Step 2;
- * Discontinuance of the use of Step 2 values when calculating Step 3 when the monthly projection of season-end US stocks falls below 16 percent;
- * Reducing the number of weeks of non-competitive prices from 10 to 4 trigger import quotas under Step 3;
- * Cap the quantity of Step 3 import quotas that can be landed during the marketing year at a level equal to 5 weeks of domestic mill use; and
- * To include the option for Step 2 payment recipients to receive those payments in cash or generic certificates.

Sixteen from Texas named to National Cotton Council leadership positions

By Fred Middleton
Sixteen Texas cotton industry members have been elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council. The group was elected at the NCC's annual meeting, February 5-8 in Memphis, TN. Van A. May, a cooperative official with Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock, was re-elected as an NCC vice president. Mark D. Williams, a producer from Farwell; Ron Harkey, a warehouseman with Farmers Cooperative Compress in Lubbock; and Hollis G. Sullivan, a crusher with Valley Coop Oil Mill in Harlingen; were elected as Council directors. Bill Mikeska, Mikeska Gin, Eola; and W. David Stanford, a cooperative official with Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock, were re-elected directors. Paul A. Ruh, a merchant with Paul Reinhart, Inc., in Richardson, was elected president of Cotton Council International (CCI), the Council's export promotions arm. J. Larry Nelson, a ginner with Edcot

Gin Company in Edmonson, was elected as CCI first vice president and Hans G. Kretzmer, a cooperative official with SWIG, Inc., in El Paso, was elected as CCI second vice president. Re-elected CCI directors include May, Stanford; Clett A. Lowman, III, a producer from Kingsville; and Wane Martin, a crusher with Plains Co-Op Oil Mill in Lubbock. Woody Anderson, a producer from Colorado City, was re-elected as a vice chairman of the American Cotton Producers (ACP). Williams also was elected as ACP Southwest regional director. Jim Ed Miller, a producer from Ft. Hancock, was elected as Texas chairman for the ACP. Myrl D. Mitchell, a ginner with Four Way Gin Company in Lenora, was elected as first vice president of the National Cotton Ginners Association. Miller; Randy Kennedy, a ginner with Citizens-Shallowater Coop Gin in Shallowater; and Lee Tiller, a ginner with Smith Gin Cooperative, Inc., Odem, were elected as chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, respectively, of NCC's Texas state unit.



Stenholm and Dunavant to be speakers at April 9th PNG meeting

By Shawn Wade
William B. Dunavant, Jr. and Congressman Charles Stenholm have been confirmed as speakers for the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) 42nd Annual Meeting April 9, 1999. PCG's meeting will be held in the Civic Center Theater at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. Dunavant will be asked to discuss the current situation regarding the cotton market and present his thoughts about cotton's prospects during the 1999 marketing year. Congressman Stenholm will be discussing the current legislative climate in Washington and his thoughts on the future of crop insurance reform, Step 2 and other important cotton issues. In addition to the speakers currently announced reports will also be presented by PCG President Don Langston and Executive Vice President Steve Verett. Updates will also be presented on the status of the Plains Cotton Improvement Program and boll weevil eradication. The afternoon of April 9th the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be presenting a producer workshop tentatively entitled "Managing the Boll Weevil on Your Own in 1999". Focus of the event will be taking a step by step walk through boll weevil management during each stage of cotton crop development. Attention will also be placed on what producers should expect as they enter into diapause treatments as part of a full-scale eradication program. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Floyd County Extension News

By J.D. Ragland Agent - Ag

Howdy folks straight from downtown pumpkin capital USA Floyd County America. Since last visit I'm pretty much like that Willie Nelson song "On The Road Again." That's right that good ol' stock show time of the year will keep ya on the road. We finished up our Floyd County Show Auction on February 1st which by the way went extremely well. This year's sale grossed about \$140,000 which was excellent considering our farming year. But you know it seems to me, no matter how bad things are folks always seem to pull through and support our county youth and that's one of the things I enjoy most about the folks in Floyd County. Two 9ths. Swine exhibitors had a 13th and 19th placing. "The life I love is making shows with my friends." O' well it's not exact, but it's pretty close and dang sure true. It was on to San Antonio the following week February 13-20. O' but I almost forgot, my boss was over on February 9th and conducted his Annual Performance Review on me. No, it's nothing weird, it's just a fancy way of saying an annual check up. Any way guess everything was in working order cause he said I still had at least another year as a county agent. Meanwhile back to San Antonio. We a total of 26 youth exhibit livestock. County Steer exhibit livestock. County Steer exhibitors received a 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th placings while swine exhibitors had a 3rd and 13th. We will be leaving for Brenham this Wednesday and will be there the 24-28, then Houston March 1-6. Ever wonder why ya can't get hold of a county agent during the month of February. Well this article outa clear that up. "And I just can't wait to get on the road again." Ya'll come to see us. Til next time Howdy! Cause I just hate to say goodbye.

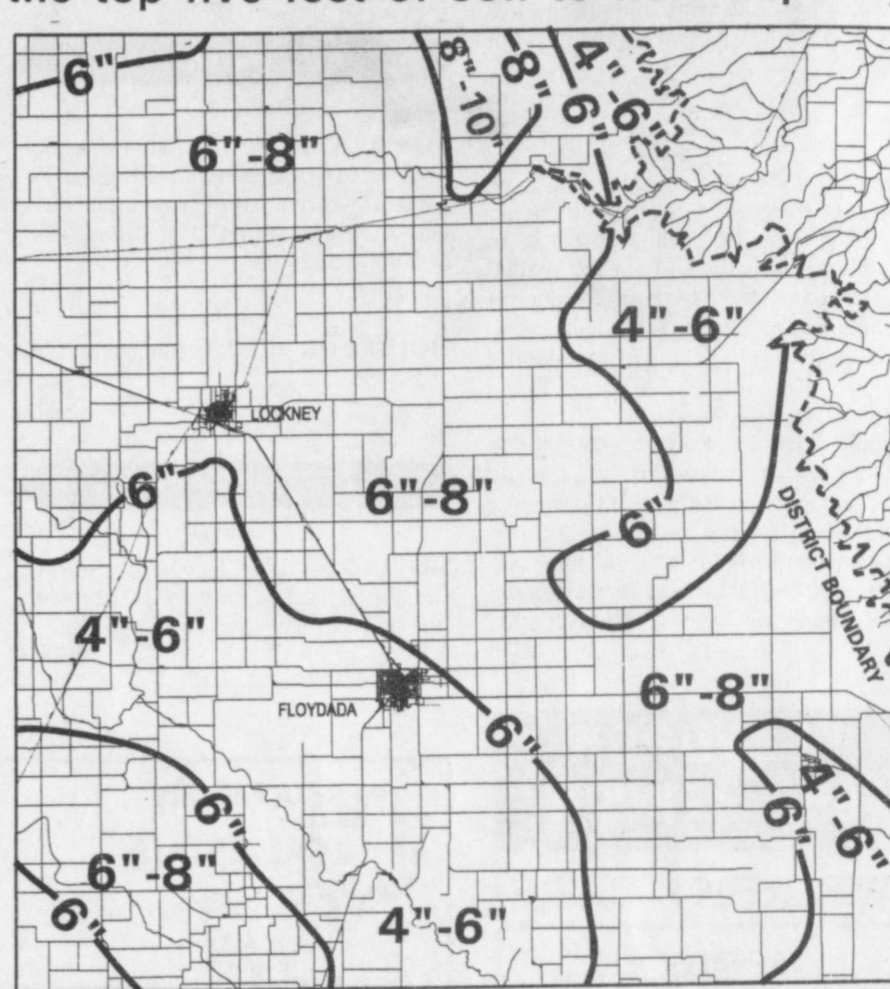
National FFA Week - February 22-26

By Danna Kelemen
Texas FFA members join thousands of other high school students across the country in observance of National FFA Week, February 22-26, 1999. The National FFA organization is made up of more than 450,000 students preparing for leadership roles and career opportunities in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The organization has over 7,000 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. The Texas FFA was chartered in 1929 and currently has the largest membership in the national organization with 975 local chapters and 55,521 members. Texas FFA membership represents approximately 13% of the national membership total. The Texas FFA Association headquarters is located in Austin and in 1997-98 presented over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to members. There are approximately 1,500 ag-

303 center pivot sprinkler systems currently operating in Floyd County

By Carmon McCain
Approximately 303 center pivot sprinkler systems are currently in operation within the portion of Floyd County within the High Plains Under-ground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area, according to a recent District inventory. This represents an additional 93 center pivot sprinkler systems installed in the county since the 1995 inventory. Given an average cost of \$35,000 per center pivot sprinkler system, the 303 pivots in operation within Floyd County represent a \$10,605,000 investment in water conservation by local agricultural producers. "This inventory shows that farmers are making huge investments to be more efficient in applying ground water for irrigation," said Ken Carver, High Plains Water District Assistant

Floyd County inches of water needed to wet the top five feet of soil to field capacity



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