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Floyd County Friends Gala to welcome Knights of the West

Rusty Hudelson's "Knights of the West" will be the featured entertainment at the Floyd County Friends Gala, March 27th.

The "Knights of the West" began performing together in 1990 as The Texas Dust Devils but soon latched on to a new name. The Knights of the West, after performing in a castle one summer. Since that time, they have traveled throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma performing their own brand of original Swing-a-Billy country tunes, cowboy tunes, western swing, traditional and con-

temporary country. The Knights also occasionally perform as the "Knights of the 50's, and 60's", and work as a dance band.

All members of the band are affiliated with the Creative Arts Department of South Plains College in Levelland. Music Director and show host, Rusty Hudelson, is an instructor of voice and piano, various music ensembles, and hosts a biweekly television show, Country Jukebox, from the Tom T. Hall stage at SPC.

Rusty is the keyboardist and has written over 500 songs, all available

on his MMI label.

His wife, Schahara, sings, plays bass guitar, and serves as manager for the band.

The Hudelson's daughter, Tania Moody sings and yodels. She also performs under the alias of Gaynelle Strawbuck, queen of the cowgirl comedy and yodeling.

Tania's husband, Stuart Moody, is the engineer and drummer for the "Knights of the West". He teaches sound reinforcement at SPC and was formerly the studio manager for the college.

The fiddle slot is filled by the popular crowd pleaser Brent Smith.

John Hartin is billed as the "fastest guitar in the West". His Johnny Cash impersonation and his original gospel tunes are some of the highlights of the show. He was recently inducted into the Nebraska Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and Lubbock's Hall of Fame.

"Celebrate the Dream" is the theme for this year's Gala, which will also feature a filet mignon steak dinner served in style to guests in an elegant setting.

There is limited seating for 288 people at a cost of \$25.00 per person. If you want a reserved table for 8, the cost has stayed the same at \$250.00.

Harvey Allen, of Floydada, will also treat guests to harmonica melodies, accompanied by Kay Crabtree, of Floydada, on his piano.

A silent auction will be on display in the foyer of Lockney Elementary.

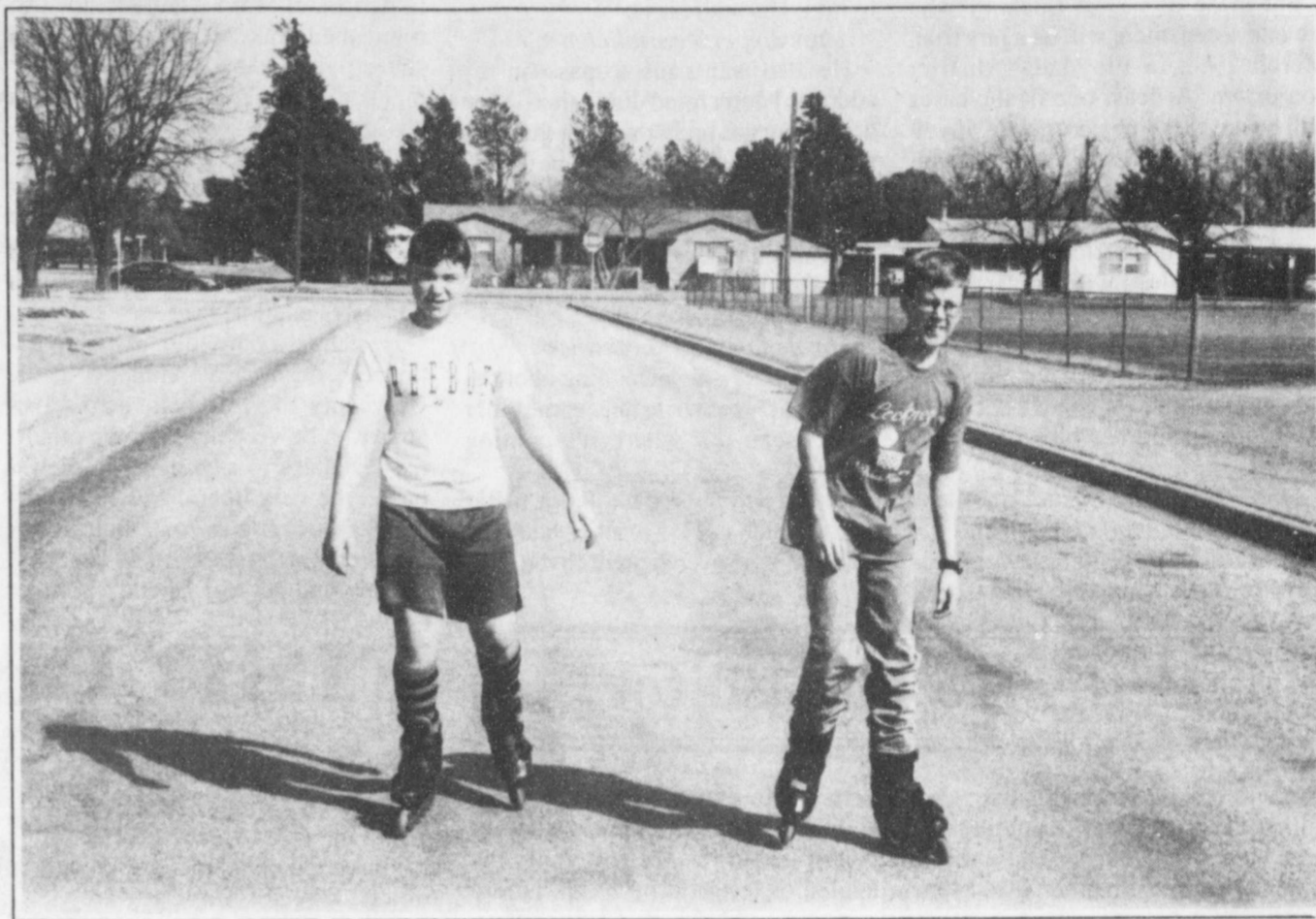
The grand prize will be a \$1,000 giveaway, courtesy of the First National Bank Lockney and West Texas National Bank.

The Floyd County Friends currently have \$380,000 in assets to apply toward the Unity Center building project. "We are currently working to make our goal of \$500,000," said Long. "When we do, the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation will give us the remaining \$100,000 we need to build the first phase of the Unity Center."

Tickets are on sale at Nick Long Insurance in Floydada, and D & J Gin in Lockney, and from all Floyd County Friends board members.



KNIGHTS OF THE WEST



SPRING BREAK ROLLERBLADERS--Two Lockney Junior High students, Cullen McQuahae (left) and Brandon Gilroy (right) were out enjoying the nice "Spring Break" weather this past Monday. The pretty weather was ideal for outdoor activities and for just having fun. Staff Photo

Council approves water grant

LOCKNEY--The Lockney City Council met in regular session Thursday, March 11. They passed a resolution authorizing work to continue on a water systems grant, heard a proposal on joining Plainview in an expanded health department service area, and discussed payment on the lights at the baseball field.

The council is presently working with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) on a grant from the Texas Community Development Program to pay for an additional water system for the City of Lockney.

At the present time a water well at Aiken is under consideration. It will be a supplement to the city's water allotment from Mackenzie Lake and the water wells currently being used by the city.

Councilmember E.L. Brotherton, Jr. made a motion to pass a resolution authorizing SPAG representative, Tommie Evans, to submit an applica-

tion for a water systems grant to the Texas Community Development Program. The second was made by J.D. Copeland and all voted for.

John Castro from the Plainview Health Department met with the council and asked the City of Lockney to consider joining with the Plainview Health Department in an expanded service area. The department currently works with disease prevention and environmental concerns. The cities of Hale Center and Abernathy have joined the program.

Castro explained that approximately sixty percent of the cost is paid by the state and the cities of Hale Center and Abernathy pay a fee for the services they use. Some of the money is charged back to businesses for inspections.

The department takes care of immunizations needed by school children and adults, does testing for TB, STD and HIV. They inspect restaura-

nts and check for proper handling of food, inspect grocery stores or booths at special events that provide food for human consumption. Other areas include checks on sewer problems or any unsafe or unsanitary condition.

He stated that if Lockney went with the program an ordinance would have to be passed to give the inspectors the authority to enforce the codes set forth by the State of Texas.

Brotherton asked about washing machine water that was run out on lawns rather than into the sewer lines and was told that this is called "gray water" and it is against state law for citizens to run washing machine, dishwasher, sink or shower water out onto the ground. Also it is against the law for cesspools to be pumped out onto the ground.

Marr thanked Castro, who is formerly from Lockney, for coming and

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Floydada Lady 'Winds Powerlifter headed to state



Amanda Green

Amanda Green went to Cisco, Texas to compete in the Regional Women's Powerlifting meet on Saturday, March 6 and returned home with a 3rd place finish and a qualifying total that allows her to compete in the State meet.

Amanda will lift in Killeen on Friday, March 26 as the first ever Floydada girl to make it to either the

Regional or State meet.

Amanda had a personal best squat of 265 pounds, 50 pounds more than her previous best. "I knew when she got the 265 up on the squats she was going to have a good day," said Coach Kennedy.

Amanda followed her squat with a 115 pound bench press, which put her in fourth place after the first two lifts. The most amazing part of her day came in the deadlift because she was nursing a sore hand.

"We knew that she needed to total 650 pounds to automatically qualify for State. After she lifted 195 pounds on her opening deadlift, we decided to try 270 pounds on her second attempt, which would give her the 650 pounds total she needed to go to State."

"When she pulled that 270 with the sore hand, I was very, very proud of the way she competed," stated Coach Kennedy.

Amanda then lifted 275 on her third deadlift, which gave her a total of 655 pounds, and placed her third in the meet in her weight class.



OLD SETTLER'S REUNION SLOGAN WINNER--Nettie Ruth Whittle (center) won the slogan contest of the Floyd County Old Settler's Reunion. Whittle originated the slogan contest fourteen years ago. She received \$25 for her slogan, "Celebrating the past with hope for the future." Floyd County Pioneer Association members presenting the check are Connie Bertrand (left) and Flora McNeil (right). Staff Photo

LISD accepts resignations and renews contracts

LOCKNEY--The school board met in regular session Thursday night, March 11. They renewed contracts for teachers, counselors, and the tech coordinator. Resignations were accepted for several teachers. Also on the agenda was the discussion of an energy management policy.

Resignations were accepted from Jontha Mercer, a teacher for 42 years; Will Brewer, the assistant Band Director; Cheryl Ladd, junior high teacher, and LaDale McCallister, head girls basketball coach.

Energy Systems Associates, Inc., a professional engineering company from Austin, did research on the utilities used by the school district. Their report showed LISD to be below the regional average in Energy Cost Index (cost per square foot) and Energy Utilization Index (consumption per square foot).

The research showed Lockney Elementary School to be 51 percent below average in EUI and 14 percent below average in ECI. The junior high and high school building was 37 percent below average in EUI and 42 percent below average in ECI.

Several years ago the Lockney school system entered into an agreement with the W.D. Wesley Company in Lubbock to regulate the usage of utilities in the school buildings. Each individual building was wired with automatic switches to turn the utilities on and off at designated times in order to conserve energy and lower the fuel bills of the district.

According to Superintendent Raymond Lusk, the system has worked quite well but in light of the information received from Energy

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Floydada City Council buys new Caterpillar track loader

By Darwin Robinson

The Floydada City Council met in regular session Tuesday night, March 9, with Mayor Hulon Carthel presiding.

The council approved the last meetings minutes, the paying of monthly bills and the necessary monthly money transfers.

The first major business taken care of by the council was the unanimous approval of the bid of \$160,425.86 by Caterpillar on a new Model 953-c Track Loader. Councilman Clar Schacht made the motion and Coun-

cilman Albert Hill seconded it.

The bid included a \$27,527 trade in for the old track loader, which leaves a net difference to be paid of \$132,898.86.

A guaranteed minimum repurchase price of \$65,000, after 60 months or 5,000 hours, is also written into the Caterpillar bid.

City Manager Gary Brown said the city is working out the financing for the track loader.

Delivery date could be three months or possibly earlier.

Councilman Hill made the motion

to retain the same City Swimming Pool operators that the city had last year. It was seconded by Councilman Sheldon Sue and unanimously passed.

The pool operators are Linda Edwards, Katrina Gooch and Ruben DeLeon. All three are certified Life Guards and in CPR.

Paul Sharp, representing the Floydada Baseball Association, told the council, "We are here asking you to donate any and all money you can to help us. We are on target right now."

"Association wise, we are in the process of putting in a new sprinkler

system on the big field. Our plans are to try to add a sprinkler system each year until we get all three of the fields done. A system cost about \$2,400," he added.

City Manager Brown said, "The city is getting the water to the park with big enough lines to handle the watering with sprinklers. We are doing one park at a time."

Sharp commented on the fund raising last year, "We had a pretty poor fund raising year compared to other years. I guess the overall economy caught up with us too. We were down

about half on our sponsorship. "We ended the year with about the same amount of money. But we needed to do a lot of improvements and didn't have the funds to do them."

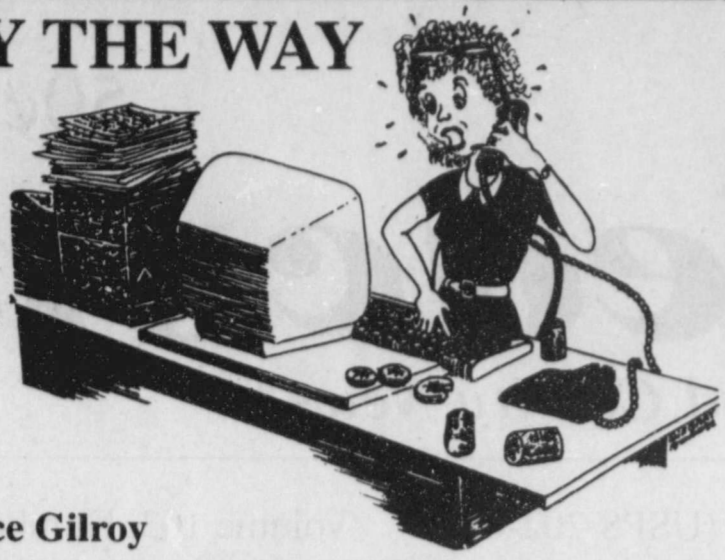
"We are hoping we can do a little better job on our fund raising through our sponsors," he said.

The motion to allocate the \$2,000 budgeted by the city to the Baseball Association was made by Councilman Sue, seconded by Councilman Eric Cornelius and passed unanimously.

The motion to appoint Donna

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BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

For those of you in Lockney who are interested, there will be a jury trial, March 29th, in Floydada's district courtroom. At least one of the cases will be on a Lockney drug case. If you want to watch the proceedings you can call the District Attorney's office, or the District Clerk's office, or Judge Randy Hollums office, to find out what time the trial will be.

Ken Towery, who writes the Lamplighter, has joined the 20th century just in time for the Y2K bug to come along and set him back 100 years.

As of this week, he and my mom are on the Internet (sometimes).

He wants to pass on his e-mail address for those who would like to talk

to him. His address is:

chowdipper@earthlink.net.

He also wants me to pass on my address. I don't mind doing that--I just don't want anybody thinking they can send me something important for the paper. I don't check my e-mail everyday. Sort of like my mail in town--I don't check that everyday either.

You can e-mail me at:
Floydada@texasonline.net

Remember--the nice thing about e-mail is if you write me something tacky I can tell where it's coming from!

In that way it is a whole lot better than regular mail. I wish I had that much control over Letters to the Editor!



A view from

The Lamplighter

By Ken Towery

A couple of relatively small items, writ very large, appeared in the news the other day. Governor Bush announced he was forming an exploratory committee to see if the necessary financial support is available for him to run for the Presidency.

There was nothing really newsworthy about the Bush announcement. Very few people believe he's not going to make the race, and even fewer believe the money will not be there when he needs it.

The other item was the appearance, in Austin, of Ward Connerly, the distinguished Californian who led that states fight against preferential treatment of American citizens, by their government, on account of their race.

Mr. Connerly, who is black, and who, along with about 80 percent of his fellow Americans, believes preferential treatment is wrong, did not receive a whole hearted welcome in our states capitol.

He came, we are told, at the invitation of conservative students at the University of Texas, who themselves appear to be very much in the minority. Needless to say, the local newspaper, the very liberal Austin American Statesman, now part of the multi-billion dollar Cox outfit, advised Mr. Connerly to get lost. So did a number

of politicians. The newspaper does not like what Mr. Connerly says, and would much rather not have to report it. The politicians simply don't want outsiders to rock their boat.

Personally, we think that boat needs rocking. The use by government of laws, rules, and regulations to grant some citizens preferential treatment on account of their race is wrong, in our opinion. It was wrong when the shoe was on the other foot and it is wrong now.

Any American citizen who wants to weigh in on the side of fairness is welcome, in our view. To make it short as possible, a federal appellate court ruled that the manner in which the University of Texas chose its incoming law class was unconstitutional, since it gave preferential treatment to black students over white students. That upset the academic community, since they seem to believe they are entitled to set their own rules and have the taxpayers pay for whatever they decide.

Needless to say, that community is busy trying to figure out ways to circumvent the courts ruling. Given their ingenuity, and their call upon tax funds, one can only guess at the outcome. Our guess, in the long run, is

that the academics will win the war, even if they have lost the battle.

Nevertheless, Mr. Connerly came to Texas to give support to those who support the courts ruling. That's what upset the local liberal newspaper, most of the UT academic community, and, unfortunately, more than a few state politicians. So we go to the next step.

Mr. Bush is going to run for the Presidency. When that happens, and it will happen, he is going to have to take a position on the matter of preferential treatment in the awarding of various governmental goodies, including government contracts, government scholarships, the whole bit. We expect he will spell all that out when he finally makes his announcement. If he doesn't, he will be forced to do so during the campaign.

In any event, his decision, and his reasoning, will go a long way in determining whether he gets the nomination. The governor will be between a rock and a hard spot on this and several other issues. Before he cooks the rabbit, he must first catch the rabbit.

Within the Republican party, the voting base is very much opposed to preferential treatment, as is a majority of the general electorate. It is only among black voters, who form the most dependable Democratic voting

bloc, that the idea of preferential treatment finds widespread acceptance. On this particular issue Mr. Bush will have a choice. He can please the editorial writers at the Austin American Statesman, and most others in the national media, or he can please the base of his own party. On this particular issue, there's not much middle ground.

Accordingly, this issue, plus a few other social issues, will define the governors leadership potential on the national level. Given the personalities involved in the Republican primary race, any position other than that advocated by Mr. Connerly will be risky indeed.

On an entirely different subject: We noted a press report recently that identified Mr. Charles Black as an unofficial adviser to Governor Bush in his run for the roses. That was not good news for Bush supporters, if it is true, whether they know it or not.

It was Mr. Black, you may remember, who master minded our own Senator Phil Gramms similar effort a few years ago. That campaign did not cover Mr. Black with glory, and Gramm suffered the consequences. Of course, anyone can claim to be an unofficial adviser. A multitude can claim that honor.

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Letter To The Editor

We will repeat our policy, once again. Letters left in drop boxes, unsigned, will not be considered for publication in this newspaper. All letters must include signature, address, and phone number of the writer. We will verify the authenticity of the author of all letters mailed or left in drop boxes before printing.

To the writer of the letter left this week, I recommend that you take your complaint straight to the people you referred to in your letter.

Floydada Police Report

February 25th, police received a complaint from a business owner in the 100 block of S. 5th, who stated someone had entered the building and moved items around. Nothing was stolen. Police Chief Darrell Gooch said, "This is the 2nd time this has happened at this location."

February 26th, police arrested Geraldine Rodriguez, 23, of Floydada, for outstanding traffic warrants from the City of Floydada.

February 28th, at 2:30 p.m., police received a report of a possible stolen

vehicle. The vehicle was located and the operator, John Henry Mendez, 21, of Floydada, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. It was later determined the vehicle was not stolen.

March 7th, at 2:00 a.m., police stopped a suspicious vehicle on Price Street. The driver, Ybaldo Chavez, 22, of Floydada, was subsequently arrested for DWI.

March 13th, at 8:54 p.m., police were called to a residence in the 300 block W. Jeffie in reference to a domestic disturbance. According to Gooch, "police could hear screaming and hollering from inside the residence when they drove up." Charles Ray Wall, 46, was subsequently arrested for Domestic Violence.

Local Candidates

The deadline for declaring your intentions to seek office in the May 1st election, is March 17th, for council and school board and April 5th for Caprock Hospital. Already signing up are:

In Lockney:

Mayor:
Gary Marr
Council Dist. #4
Bil Anderson
Council Dist. #5
Rodger Stapp
LISD: John Quebe & Dan Smith (incumbents)

In Floydada:

Mayor:
Bobby Gilliland
Albert Hill Sr.
Henry Bolton
Dist. #3 City Council:
Sheldon Sue (incumbent)
Robert Arneel III
Dist. #2 City Council:
Rachael Castillo
Ruben Barrientoz
Caprock Hospital District & Lockney Hospital District
There are three at-large positions coming open on both hospital boards. To file your intentions to seek this office you must return 25 names of hospital district voters by April 5, 1999.

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FISD Board approves personnel

FISD Board on Tuesday, March 9, approved the hiring of personnel, and after a three hour executive session also hired the personnel presented by Athletic Director Tim Daughtrey.

Trustee Amado Morales made the motion to hire the athletics personnel with the exception of Coach Glen Gleghorn. There was a unanimous vote in favor of this motion.

After this vote, Trustee Charlene Brown made a separate motion to hire Glen Gleghorn as girls basketball coach. Steve Lloyd seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were: Brown, Lloyd, Morales, Bill Dean, and Billy Joe Villarreal. Voting against

were Mitch Probasco and Jill Warren. The motion carried.

The board voted unanimously to hire the professionals and paraprofessionals as presented by all principals, Administrative Ass't. Dick Van Hoose, Technology Director Rex Holcombe, and Sheree Cannon.

Board President Mitch Probasco presented a certificate of appreciation to the Teacher of the Month, Sharon Kurklin. Kurklin is a special education teacher at Floydada High School.

Brown made the motion to approve the bid of \$216.37 per uniform made by Fruhauf for 120 band uniforms. Probasco seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Miss Floydada deadline near

FLOYDADA--The deadline for entry into the Miss Floydada Pageant is March 26th.

The pageant will be held April 10, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

There are five age groups for the Miss Floydada pageant. Tiny Miss competition will be for 2-4 years old. Little Miss girls will compete in the 5-7 year category. Junior Miss will be 8-10 years, and Young Miss will be 11-14 years.

Miss Floydada will include ages 15-18 years.

Anyone interested in the pageant should call the Floydada Chamber of Commerce at 983-3434.

Correction

Rachel Castillo was left off of the candidate list last week. She is challenging Ruben Barrientoz in Dist. #2, City Council-Floydada. She declared her intentions March 5th.

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Principal gives reading progress report to LISD

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Systems Associates a buy-out offer has been made to W.D. Wesley Company. The system is costing approximately \$15,000 a year and the contract can be bought out for \$24,000. A maintenance agreement with the company will be kept. A motion was made and seconded and all voted for.

Elementary School Principal Phil Cotham gave a report on the Kindergarten Texas Primary Reading Inventory assessment tests that are required for kindergarten students. The tests are to assess strengths and weaknesses. The kindergarten students did well in knowing the names and sounds of letters but their comprehension and thinking skills are not developed yet. Another test will be given at the end of the year to see how they have advanced. This is the first time the kindergarten class has been tested. A similar test is given to the first and second grade classes.

Coach Ashmore reported to the board on the costs of a sprinkler system at the football field. Total cost for materials will run \$3800. The labor will be provided by volunteers. This item will be on the next agenda.

School board members cast ballots for Region 17 ESC Board of Directors, Positions 2 and 5. Chris Roberts of Levelland and Billy Harrison of Abernathy were running for the two positions.

In regular business before the board, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the current bills reviewed and approved for payment, and the financial statement reviewed.

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

Commissioners buy new road grader for Pct. #1

By Darwin Robinson
The Floyd County Commissioners met in Special session Monday, March 15th with County Judge William D. Hardin presiding.

Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden made the motion to advertise for the purchase of a new motor road grader for Precinct #1. It was seconded by Commissioner Jon Jones and unanimously approved.

Two farm contracts were also approved by the commissioners. One was south of Aiken to clean out a water way and the other one was southwest of Floydada to build terraces in a lake for soil conservation.

Commissioner Bearden made the motion to accept the nine volunteers for the 1999 Salary Grievance Committee. It was seconded by Commissioner George Taylor and unanimously approved.

The Grievance Committee for this year consist of: Mary Pierce, Beth Eckert, Ralph Jackson, Maria Brown, Molly Stringer, Tom Jordan, Judy E. Howard, Mary Turner and Lupe Stewart.

The motion to post a yield traffic sign at the intersection of County Road 110 and County Road 77 on the south side of County Road 77 was made by Commissioner Lennie Gilroy, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously approved.

The commissioners approved a State of Texas Resolution concerning continued funding for soil and water conservation in Floyd County.

The resolution included: "WHEREAS, there are many public benefits received from SWCD programs such as: the protection of local land values and local tax bases; protection of agricultural productivity base; sustaining local economies, providing watershed protection and flood control; reducing sedimentation in streams, rivers and lakes; increasing or sustaining stream flows, enhancing groundwater recharge; enhancing local municipal and industrial water supplies, improving fisheries, wetlands and aquatic systems; maintaining stability of the state's overall water budget; maintaining a healthy wildlife population; helping protect threatened and endangered species; improving air quality; providing community services through soil interpretations for agricultural and community development; and improving quality of life."

The meeting was adjourned.

Advertising and editorial deadline is Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.



SIGNING UP FOR "WALK ACROSS TEXAS"-Participants are signing up for the Walk Across Texas program offered through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Floyd County. County residents in teams of eight will attempt to walk the mileage from Floyd County to South Padre Island. The program promotes improved health with regular physical exercise. To enroll, go by the County Extension Office and

ask for an individual registration form and a team form. Signing up (l-r) are County Judge Bill Hardin, Melissa Long, Dorothy Hooten, Jordan Cornelius, Skyler Cornelius and Julianne Cornelius. Miles walked will be counted from April 4 until May 29 with the Kick Off Event taking place Thursday, April 1, 5:30 p.m. at Floydada Park.

Staff Photo

Council discusses park lighting

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told him the item will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

LISD Superintendent Raymond Lusk met with the council at the last meeting and asked if the city would be willing to pay part of the expenses of installing the lights at the baseball field. The city owns the baseball field which is used by the high school and older summer league teams.

City Attorney Paul Lyle stated at that meeting he would have to do some research and see if the city could pay for part of the lights.

Mayor Gary Marr reported, in the absence of Lyle, that one taxing entity cannot donate to another taxing entity. "In other words," stated Marr, "we can not spend city money on a project the school has undertaken and completed. If they had come to us before they started the project we might have figured out a way to have helped them."

A motion was made by Councilmember Tina Graves to retain the Edd Henderson C.P.A. Company as the City's audit firm. The second was made by J.D. Copeland and all voted for.

Jesusa Nuncio has asked for a variance to move a mobile home onto a lot on N.E. 7th. Nuncio has met the requirements set forth by the mobile home ordinance. Councilmembers voted to approve the variance with the stipulation that all requirements be met after the home is in place within the allotted time period.

Get Your Gala Tickets Now!!!



"Your Honor, does a tie go to the defendant?"

Genero and Angie Zapata met with the council and asked that their February water bill be lowered. They explained they had a broken water line on their side of the meter during the last snow and did not know it until it had been leaking several days. The meter is some distance from their house and a neighbor found the problem. Members of the council agreed to accept payment of \$179.00, which is one half of the bill.

Discussion was held on replacing the heating and cooling system at City Hall. The unit presently in use was installed in 1962 and is inefficient. Councilmembers agreed to call for bids on the project.

During departmental reports Chief of Police Jerry Edwards related to the board information on a bill by Rep. Denney to take the money cities under 5,000 receive from traffic fines and turn it over to the States Road and Bridge fund.

"We don't get to keep all the money we get from fines anyway. A portion already goes to Austin," Edwards stated, "and what we do get to keep goes towards items in the city and police budget. Denney is from Austin and evidently does not realize problems small towns have in furnishing items the police and fire departments need."

"The bill will come before the legislature and I want our State Representatives and Senators to be made aware of what it would take out of the small cities coffers," he continued.

Marr stated he and the councilmembers would write to the representatives and encourages the public to also write or call.

Edwards also reported that the police department would be giving programs on safety at the elementary school. Trooper Bud, the robot, will be present at the program.

Programs on DWI's will be given at high school. Vehicle crashes in Lubbock that have been videoed by EMT's at the scene will be shown.

Councilmember Bill Anderson reported they are presently working on the bathrooms at the Lockney Community Center.

He stated, "We are researching information for the new sign to be erected. We would like to recognize the American Legion group that built the building and the man they dedicated it to."

"Records show that his name was Landrum and he was killed in World

War I." Anderson stated that he would like to visit with anyone who has any information on what the sign read when it was the American Legion building.

Anderson also related his feelings on a disaster plan for the city and the county. "We can't wait until something drastic happens and then expect a plan to come together. We need to begin working now."

Castro related several meetings were coming up in the near future in Lubbock on that subject. Marr said he would find out when they are and he, Anderson, and Edwards would try to attend some of the meetings and bring home information.

Arsenio Martinez reported to the council on the pesticide classes he recently attended in Amarillo. This will give him a certification in the use of pesticides.

In regular business before the board the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, current bills were reviewed and approved for payment, and the financial statement reviewed.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Gary Marr; Councilmembers J.D. Copeland, Tina Graves, Bill Anderson, E.L. Brotherton, Jr.; City Secretary Charlotte Hooten; Chief of Police Jerry Edwards; City Supervisors Dickie McCarty, Kenny Hooten, Arsenio Martinez; John Castro from the Plainview Health Department; and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

Floyd County walkers to log up miles for health

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
If Ernest Tubb could waltz across Texas for love, couldn't you and a group of friends walk across the Lone Star State for health?

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program that will spark some friendly competitions in Floyd County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or even biking. The kickoff activity for Floyd County is April 1 at Floydada Park and Walking Trail beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension office and other places around the community," says Melissa Long, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No. 1 problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease.

Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," a TDH report stated.

"Participating in Walk Across Texas is not only a great way to get involved with our community, it's a healthy habit," Long added.

To participate in Walk Across Texas, first get a team together. Biking and jogging teams are limited to four people. Choose a team captain and name your team. Fill out a registration form available at the Floyd County Agricultural Extension Office.

"Competition kicks off on Sunday, April 4 and ends May 29th. Come out and plan to have lots of fun," Long said.

For more information, call Extension office at 983-4912. Walk Across Texas results will be posted at the Floyd County Courthouse.

CHD amends indigent policy

FLOYDADA--Caprock Hospital Board of Directors met March 16th and approved a change in the indigent health care policy.

According to Board President Tom Farris, "We are re-writing and amending the Indigent Health Care Policy and it should be ready for approval at the April board meeting. The major change that we unanimously adopted during this meeting was to make a \$30,000 cap per indigent person per fiscal year."

Indigent health care claims approved by the board this month amounted to \$2,745.20.

During the financial report the board was told that CHD had a balance of \$571,000 in the bank.

Paul Acreman, CEO of Physician Network Services, told the board the

clinic had another profitable month. "The 1999 year to date net income for the clinic is \$6,763.00," said Farris. "The clinic is continuing to show improvement."

The board also approved a bid by Randy Varner for maintenance of the hospital grounds. For the time period of April 16, 1999 - November 15, 1999, the district will pay Varner \$170.00 per month for maintenance of the grounds.

Present at the meeting were directors; Tom Farris, Kyle Smith, Lee Battey and Jeffrey Johnson. Absent was Denise Payne.

Also attending the meeting were: Maybelle Monreal, Dr. Salmon Ahmad, Paul Acreman, and David Battey Jr.

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Anthony (Tony) Wilkins and Dina Livingston Wilkins and Livingston

Jerry and Glenda Livingston of Floydada announce the engagement of their daughter, Dina Livingston to Anthony (Tony) Wilkins, son of Maurice and Cynthia Bowers of Houston.

Miss Livingston is a graduate of Floydada High School and Texas Tech University, with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education.

Wilkins is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Houston Baptist University. He was an Outstanding Scholar in Theology and a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society. He is now a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Wilkins and Livingston plan a June 19, 1999 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Courtesy Photo

Birthdays celebrated

Julia Baker and her great grandson, Eric, celebrated their birthdays together March 14th.

Eric is 3 years old and has the same birth date as his 82 year old great grandmother.

A host of friends and relatives en-

joyed cake and punch at 6:00 p.m., and a meal at the 50 Yard Line. Eric and Julia were joined by Mike, Sammie, and Rita Sports.

The two traveled to Arizona to watch a great granddaughter, Kelli Friar, in a tumbling match.

Sliding into Home

By Ed (Poppy) Marks

I walked down the hall to my Father's room lost in thought. The lights in the ceiling seemed to glide past my head, with only my footsteps to keep time. I knew my father was dying, and the next few hours would be the last we would ever share together in this life. The room was dark except for the light at the head of my father's bed, which cast a glow over his body. The silence was broken by the sound of oxygen bubbling through the water container that stood by his bed. All the times I had spent with him were happy times, but now a solemn presence gripped the atmosphere of the room.

As I looked at his frail body, my mind would not accept it. I kept thinking he would get up from his nap and be ready to go to work any minute.

My two sisters stood beside him, Shirley softly touching his silver hair and Dortha holding the family Bible. Jerry and Jimmy, my two brothers, sat in silence. The strain of sadness was etched in their faces, like in a stone sculpture.

Each one of us kids carried a part of him in us though we didn't realize it. Shirley got his feisty ways and sometimes could be hell to deal with. But once she got her teeth into something she never let go, and she was a good one to have in your corner.

Dortha got his heart of gold and was a spring of love. I don't suppose there was ever a hateful bone in her body; love and kindness were always her guiding forces. Jimmy got his gift of gab and I don't suppose he ever meet a stranger. I guess he could talk you into or out of most anything. Jerry is the builder, and like my father, he always looks for the good in everything and everyone. I guess they just never think about people or projects in a negative sort of way. My father was a natural born story teller, and since I was the youngest child, I became his most ardent student.

My father was a poor man. He had nothing of value when he departed for glory, yet he left each one of us with something money can't buy. He gave each of us a gift that makes us special and unique. We seem to be different, yet the same.

Though we had not spoken of it, we knew he would not die alone, and the room was often filled with friends and family. They would come and go, checking on us, and their presence was always welcome.

Nurses would come in on a regular basis taking vital signs. On one such occasion, a young nurse, checking his pulse, looked at me with kindness in her eyes. "You know he won't recover, don't you?"

At the time I was thinking about baseball and how my father loved the sport.

"I know," I said, "He's on third base trying to get to home plate."

The night wore on, and I volunteered to stay while the others sought needed rest. In the stillness of the early morning hours, I began to reflect on my relationship with my father. I had always wanted to make him proud of me, but felt I had always let him down. Suddenly he looked straight into my eyes, reached for my hand, and said.

"Ed, I am very proud of you."

How could he have known I had been wanting to hear those words? I knew there was a presence in the room I could not understand with my human mind. I had waited forty-five years to hear those words.

Later that morning the family returned, and my father's condition worsened. His breathing was more shallow, and the nurses came more often. We knew his journey through life was about to end. The young nurse was listening to his heart with a stethoscope. She looked at me with tears beginning to form in her eyes.

"I think he's sliding into home," she said.

Everyone began to cry, we held hands and formed a circle and prayed. It dawned on me that the last act of this dying man was to bring the family together one last time. I believe the Bible teaches that of all the gifts, love is the greatest. I just want to say, thanks Dad.

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Lockney Health and Rehab Center

By Rebecca Rodriguez, A.D.
Hello to everyone from Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center.

We would like to welcome a new resident to our home. Agnes Jones from Lockney. She is a very sweet lady, and she loves conversations! We are very happy to have you here with us, Agnes. We hope you enjoy your stay here.

We would like to recognize some girl scouts who came to deliver paper flowers to all of our residents this past week. We really appreciate it.

The following poem is dedicated to the memory of Gloria Mason:

My Unseen Guest

God walks the trail with me each day,

He is my Friend, my Guide,
However long or steep the road,
He's ever by my side.

He sits with me in evening hush;
We speak, we laugh, we pray,
And my heart sings a joyful song...

He's never far away.
And through each dark and lonely night,

He's guarding from above.
In perfect peace, I rest secure
In His eternal love.

Lee Simmons
We would also like everyone to keep the family and friends of Gloria Mason in your prayers. We lost her on Sunday March 14, 1999.

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FIVE GENERATIONS---Five generations gathered in Lubbock for a photograph this week. Seated great-great grandmother, Flora Fawver of Lubbock, holding Callie Ruth Criswell of Levelland. Standing (l-r) grandmother, Anne Carthel of Floydada, father Casey Criswell of Levelland and great grandfather, Carlton Fawver of Floydada.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. Our menu for lunch each day is at the end of this article and also on channel 2 T.V. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you. If you plan on eating lunch please call the center 983-2032 by 10:00 a.m.

Congratulations to Rev. Ione Sedinger. Her name was drawn for March "free car wash" that Eric Cornelius of Cornelius Conoco Service Station offers to the members at the center. Thank you Eric for making another one of our members happy.

Greg Garrett of Lexington N. Carolina was here this past week visiting his mother Mary Garrett and his grandfather Jim Word and other relatives.

Beth and Bruce Atkinson of Missouri was here over last weekend visiting her father Jim Word and other relatives.

Marie Tardy is home after a long hospital and rehab stay. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Opal Earp fell and broke a hip last Sunday.

Last Saturday evening the Singles met at the center for a Pot Luck Sup-

per and to play games. There were 10 who braved the cold weather and enjoyed a fun evening.

Mary Kay Hale gave a memorial donation in Memory of Rubie Ratjen and Odessa Graves.

Thought For The Week--- Showing love is more important than proving a point

Thomas R. Fletcher

MENU

March 22-26

Monday-Hamburger steak, brown gravy, baked potato, okra or carrots, apricots, hot roll, oatmeal cookie.

Tuesday-Turkey, cranberry sauce, cornbread dressing, green beans, tossed salad, thousand island dressing, hot roll, apple cobbler.

Wednesday-Cube steak with tomato sauce, baked beans, okra or greens, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad.

Thursday-King ranch chicken, ensalada d frijoles, mex style spinach, tortilla or crackers, new mex biscocitos.

Friday-Taco salad, baby limas, harvard beets, tossed salad with ranch dressing, pumpkin crunch or bars.

Lubbock Lake Landmark to celebrate Archaeology Awareness Month with festival and many activities

By Cecilia Carter

A series of workshops and tours to observe Archaeology Awareness Week at Lubbock Lake Landmark will begin April 9- 18, 1999. The annual festival is designed to promote a better understanding of archeology, and to celebrate this region's long, rich cultural heritage.

Weekend activities and presentations on pottery reconstruction and archaeological excavation techniques will provide hands on learning opportunities in archeology. Visitors also will have a chance to learn about traditional Native American lifeways through activities such as basket weaving and spear throwing.

Volunteers will provide guided tours into the Landmark's archeological site and through its exhibitions in the Nash Interpretive Center. Tour times are 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, 1:00 p.m. and

3:00 p.m. on Sundays.

A special presentation offering new insights into Coronado's exploration of the Llano Estacado will be given by guest speaker Richard Flint at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 11th. The week's activities will culminate with a dedication ceremony for an 11-foot, 6,800 pound bronze sculpture of a Columbian mammoth and its 1,200 pound baby. The celebration is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17th.

"For decades the bones of ancient animals such as bison and mammoth, as well as prehistoric weapons and tools have been discovered here. The focus of the tours is on how and why the Landmark conducts its excavations. It's a premier archaeological site in North America, and this festival is a good opportunity for people to come out and enjoy learning about ancient peoples and animals that lived on the

Llano Estacado," said Sue Shore, museum educator.

All Archaeology Awareness Week activities and tours are free of charge. Park admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. For information or to request special assistance, please call (806) 742- 1116.

Once the site of an ancient, spring fed watering hole, Lubbock Lake has produced evidence of an unbroken human presence spanning 12,000 years. Today, guests of this archaeological preserve may enjoy interactive exhibits and hands on activities at its Nash Interpretive Center. An outdoor sculpture garden features extinct species of animals discovered at the site, including a giant short faced bear, mammoth, ancient bison, and giant armadillo.

The excavation sites may be ob-

served at viewing stations situated around a one mile archaeological trail or by scheduling a guided tour. Native plants, wildflowers, and animals of the region are highlighted along a four mile nature trail.

The Landmark's on going public programs and its two annual community festivals provide guests with creative learning experiences in archeology, as well as cultural and natural history.

The Lubbock Lake Landmark is operated jointly by the Museum of Texas Tech University and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park. It is located at 2401 Landmark Drive on Lubbock's northwest edge (accessible via marked Loop 289 exits, or following signs at US 84 (Clovis Road) through Landmark Lane to Landmark Drive).



A LEARNING EXPERIENCE-Alice Gilroy, Editor of the Hesperian-Beacon, is shown giving a visual lesson on the production of a newspaper to a large group of kindergarten children last Friday. Two groups of kids on tour of the newspaper office and the local library were a welcome sight at the downtown square. Staff Photo

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Mark Jones and Christy Wilbanks

Jones and Wilbanks

Philip and Jo Wilbanks, of Floydada and Brenda Wilbur, of Lubbock are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christy Wilbanks and Mark Jones son of Alan and Laverne Jones of Slaton. The couple will exchange vows July 10, 1999 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton.

The bride elect is a graduate of Coronado High School and is currently employed by the Blackeyed Pea Restaurant in Lubbock.

The bride groom graduated from Slaton High School and South Plains College. He is employed as a diesel mechanic at South Plains Leasing in Lubbock.

Courtesy Photo

Reduce cancer risks by knowing dietary factors

Existing scientific evidence suggests that about one third of the cancer deaths that occur in the US each year is due to dietary factors. Another third is due to cigarette smoking. Therefore, for the majority of Americans who do not use tobacco, dietary choices and physical activity become the most important modification determinates of cancer risk.

Many dietary factors can affect cancer risk: types of foods, food preparation methods, portion sizes, food variety, and overall calorie balance. Cancer risk can be reduced by an overall dietary pattern that includes a high proportion of plant foods (fruit, vegetables, grains, and beans), limited amounts of meat, dairy, and other high fat foods, and a balance of caloric intake and physical activity.

The American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 1-800-ACS-2345, and can provide more information about reducing cancer risks. Whether you have questions about nutritional guidelines and want to know the major diet and activity factors that affect risks for the seven most common cancers, or you just want information on antioxidants, barbecuing, calcium, supplements of vitamins, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

FACTS ON DIETARY GUIDELINES

Choose most of the foods you eat from plant sources. Eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Eat other foods from plant sources, such as breads, cereals, grain products, rice, pasta, or beans 6-11 times daily.

Limit your intake of high-fat foods, particularly from animal sources. Choose foods low in fat. Limit consumption of meats, especially high-fat meats.

Be physically active and maintain

a healthy weight. Be at least moderately active for 30 minutes or more on most days of the week. Stay within your healthy weight range.

Limit consumption of alcohol beverages, or don't drink at all.

FACTS ON SERVING SIZES
Does 5 or 6 servings of fruits and vegetables or 6-11 servings of grains sound like a lot? Well it's not really. Following is a list of serving examples for each of the major food groups.

Bread, Cereal, Rice, Pasta
1 slice bread; 1 ounce ready-to-eat cereal; 1/2 cup of cooked cereal, rice or pasta.

Floyd County Lifestyles

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Gladys Ragle
LOCKNEY--Well, we went from spring weather into winter weather again and it is not even Easter yet! Maybe Spring will get here sometime soon.

Eddie Douglas came home last Friday and will be under Hospice care. We should all remember her in our thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. David (Pat) Frizzell remains in UMC in Lubbock and is still taking treatment for her condition. Let us all keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Hopefully she will be home one day before too long.

Milton (Sonny) Sutton had surgery in a Tucson, Arizona Hospital last week and the doctors seem to think they have gotten all of his problem

taken care of. He is due home in Plainview soon. He is a brother of Geneva Barclay and Gene Newton.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"
Failure is the path of least persistence. The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give to others.

MENU

Monday - Enchiladas, vegetables, salad, dessert

Tuesday - Pork chops, vegetables, salad, dessert

Wednesday - Barbeque chicken, vegetables, salad, dessert

Thursday - Hamburger steak, vegetables, salad, dessert

Friday - Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad, dessert.

Matter of Fact

Susan Combs
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Growing up in Texas, my parents gave me this piece of advice: "Don't just stand there. Do something."

I've always tried to live by those words. If I believed I could make a difference in this industry that I so love, I've tried to do something. That is why I'm looking forward to serving as your Texas agriculture commissioner.

When I look around at all the possibilities — all the opportunities this dynamic industry has to offer — I get excited about the future of Texas agriculture. I look forward to getting out and promoting this great industry and talking about its unlimited potential in the 21st century. I look forward to working with everyone from producers to retailers so Texas agriculture can meet the needs and demands of consumers around the world.

Vegetables
1 cup raw leafy vegetables; 1/2 cup of other cooked or chopped raw vegetables; 3/4 cup vegetable juice.

Fruit
1 medium apple, banana, orange; 1/2 cup of chopped, cooked, or canned fruit; 3/4 cup of fruit juices.

Milk, Yogurt and Cheese
1 cup milk or yogurt; 1 1/2 ounces of natural cheese; 2 ounces processed cheese.

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dry Beans, Eggs, and Nuts
2-3 ounces of cooked lean meat, poultry, fish; 1/2 cup of cooked dry beans; 2 tablespoons peanut butter, 1/3 cups nuts, 1 egg.

And with your help, I'll also be tackling issues important to all of us: issues that range from opening doors so more of our young people can discover rewarding careers in agriculture to cultivating global markets and attracting more value-added processing to the Lone Star State.

Texas remains a state of great promise. It's a land where nothing is impossible if you get out and "do something" about it. That's the vision, the commitment and the philosophy I bring with me and will work by as your commissioner of agriculture.

Keep smiling & have a nice day

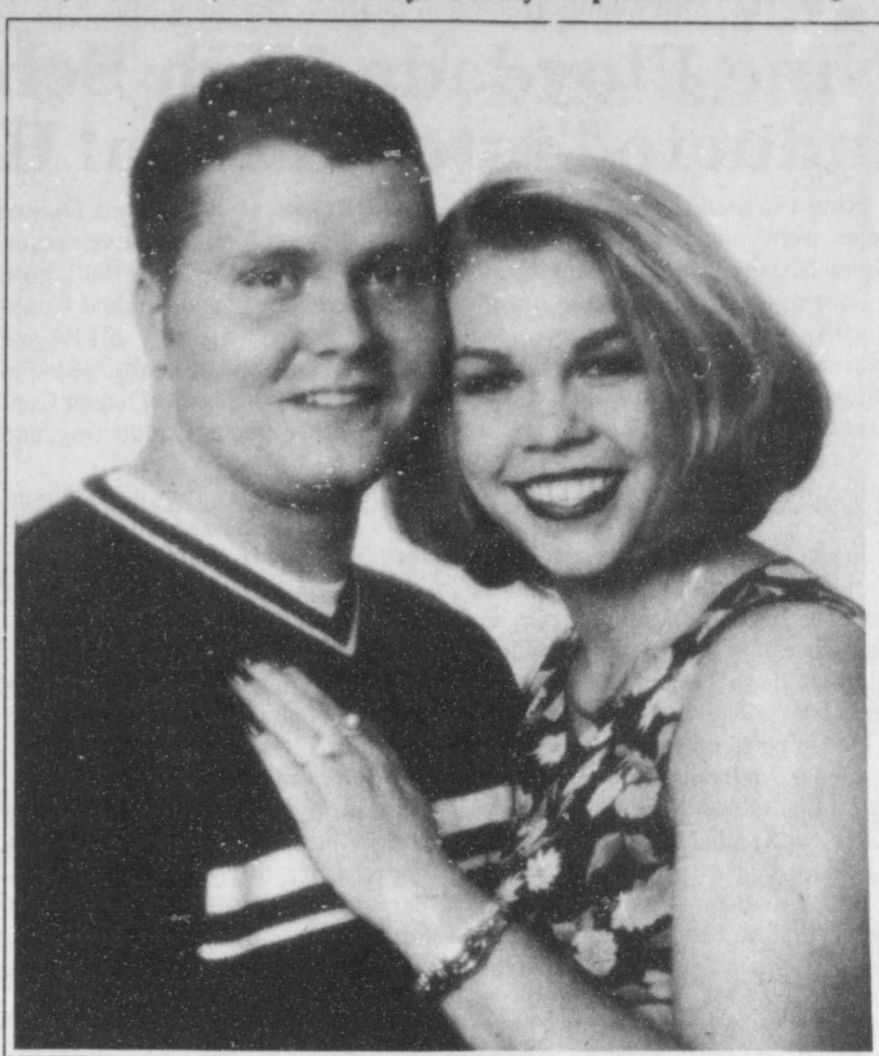
Put Yourself in Your Children's Shoes

Do you ever wonder what your child is thinking about you?

- "My Mom turned into a monster because I spilled soda on the sofa."
- "Mom and Dad are drinking again-that means we are going to get it tonight."
- "I can't let my friends come to my house because I am ashamed of how poor we are."
- "All my Mom ever does is yell at me."
- "Oh, boy! Mom and Dad are gone tonight - we can watch anything we want on TV."
- "Football is fun, but I wish Dad wouldn't always treat me so bad when we lose."
- "Running away seems like my only escape!"
- "All I hear is what I do wrong."



SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL-Duncan and Andrews Elementary kids were enjoying "Spring Break" this past Monday in a driveway on the West side of Floydada. The up-coming basketball pros are: Michael Arneel, Michael White, Justin White, Mason Lipham and Haden Lipham
Staff Photo



Chelsea Lynn Patridge and Michael David Webb

Patridge and Webb

Greg and Susan Patridge of Lockney announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelsea Lynn, to Michael David Webb, son of Lynn and Andra Adams of Big Spring, and Jerry Webb of Arlington.

Miss Patridge is the granddaughter of Dan Ruth Kimball of Edmonson and Calvin and the late Imogene Patridge of Plainview.

Miss Patridge is a 1996 graduate of Lockney High School. She now attends Howard College in Big Spring, pursuing a career in dental hygiene. Chelsea is employed by Bealls Department Store and Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency.

Webb is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School. He attended Western Texas College and is now a correctional officer at the Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

The couple will be married May 22, 1999 at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

Courtesy Photo

Seymour hosts 1990 Study Club

The 1990 Study Club met on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Misty Seymour's with Tracy Brogden as co-hostess.

The meal was served first and it consisted of lasagna, vegetable lasagna, garlic bread, salad, peanut butter pie and cinnamon and sugar pastry roll-ups.

We then discussed business. Every member needs to bring diapers and

wipes to the next meeting for the day care center.

Those members present were: Tracy Brogden, Libby Galvan, Katrina Gooch, Delinda Lucke, Stacy Nutt, Misty Seymour and Shana Stambaugh.

The next meeting will be on April 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Delinda Lucke's with Stacy Nutt as co-hostess.

Have a good week!

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Nine Floydada High School students inducted into National Honor Society

Nine Floydada High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society, Thursday, March 11th.

Joining NHS members Shonda Smith, Royanne Mercado, and Meredith Schacht, were: Daniel Dotson, John Dunavant, Mandy Emert, Amanda Green, Christine Pesina, Lindsey Reddy, Kylan Sanders, Amanda Williams, and Mandi Yeary.

Junior Daniel Dotson is the son of Carl Nelson and Judy Dotson. He is a leader in his church youth group and a member of FCA's Leadership Council. He is also a Student Council member.

He has participated in UIL in Number Sense, Mathematics, Science, Athletics, Band State Solo and Ensemble, concert and sight reading, and marching band.

John Dunavant is a senior and the son of Phil and Susan Dunavant. He has participated in many leadership contests in FFA, and has been involved in Student Council and FCA.

His UIL activities include football, powerlifting, and several FFA contests such as Quiz Team, horse judging, and cotton classing. He has also been a TAAS tutor.

Mandy Emert, a junior at FHS, is

the daughter of Roger and Dianne Emert. She has been an active participant of Lady Winds basketball, golf, JV cheerleading, and Student Council. She is also a member of FFA and an Ag officer. She has participated in UIL activities such as Jr. Chapter Conducting, Sr. Chapter Conducting, and Poultry.

Senior Amanda Green is the daughter of Sam Green and Susan Green. She holds the offices of Parliamentarian in Business Professionals of America, and Treasurer in the Spanish Club.

She participated in Varsity basketball for 3 years, receiving Honorable Mention All-District her sophomore and junior years, Defensive player her sophomore year, and the Fighting Whirlwind award her junior year. As a powerlifter, this year, she qualified for regionals where she placed 3rd and then qualified for State.

Christine Pesina, a junior, is the daughter of Delfino and Mina Pesina. She is an active member of the Spanish Club and has participated in UIL Band. She has been a TAAS tutor for sophomores.

Lindsey Reddy, a junior, is the daughter of Rick and Kelli Reddy. She has served as a reporter for the

FFA Chapter and attended the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar and was elected a Seiko student this year. She has participated in UIL activities such as track, golf, basketball, and cheerleading. She is also involved in many FFA activities, including Poultry Judging and Chapter Conducting Team.

Kylan Sanders is a junior and the daughter of Mark and Dee Sanders. She has participated in UIL activities including Jr. Quiz team, Sr. Quiz team, Entomology Judging team, basketball, and tennis. She is also a part of the United Methodist Youth Group.

Junior Amanda Williams is the daughter of Monte and Kellie Williams. She was elected Seiko student and has received departmental recognition in Biology I, Entomology and Food Technology. She has served as Junior Class Vice-President, and FFA Parliamentarian.

Mandi Yeary is a Senior and the daughter of Max and Vikki Yeary. She is the vice-president of Business Professionals of America, Secretary of the Spanish Club, and currently serves on the Golden Spread Emmaus Chrysalis Board of Directors.

FHS Senior '99 Spotlight

Shonda Ann Smith is the daughter of Stacey Burge and Victor Smith. Shonda considers her most significant accomplishments are "being inducted into the National Honor Society as a junior and growing into the person I am now and having the good morals and maturity at my age." Her favorite colors are red and black and her favorite food is seafood. Shonda plans to attend South Plains College and major in sonography ultrasound.

Raphael Steiner is Floydada High School's AFS student this year. His host family is Mr. and Mrs. Mac Willson. Raphael believes his most significant accomplishment is being and living in a foreign country for a year. Raphael has many favorite things, such as television shows: "Full House," movie: "Titanic," any book by John Grisham, food: pizza and spaghetti, hobbies: hockey, snowboarding. After graduation at FHS Raphael will be going back to Switzerland. There he will have one more year of school and then he hopes to attend a university.

Rita Coronado is the daughter of Francis and Ricky Coronado, Sr. Rita considers her most significant accomplishments to be "going throughout my school years and never failing a grade, being able to get along with all my teachers and friends." Her favorite two books are *The Holy Bible* and *The Scarlet Letter*. Her favorite foods are enchiladas and cheeseburgers. Rita wants to wait a couple of years before going to college. At that time she hopes to become a registered nurse or a secretary. She wants to prepare herself for the "real world."



FISD TEACHER OF THE MONTH-Sharon Kirkman of Floydada High School was honored as the Teacher of the Month last week at the FISD board meeting. President Mitch Probasco presented Kirkman with a certificate. She has been teaching 12 years at FISD and a total of 26 years. She was recognized for her excellence in teaching special education in the Resource Class. Staff Photo

Lockney School Menu

March 22-26

Monday

Breakfast-Ham, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch-Chili Dog/PBJ sandwich, French fries, fruit, carrots, milk, cookie.

Tuesday

Breakfast-Pancakes, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch-Ham/Grilled Cheese, sweet potatoes, pinto beans, fruit, milk, cornbread.

Wednesday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch-Nacho Grande/Chicken Salad sandwich, corn, salad, fruited gelatin, milk.

Thursday

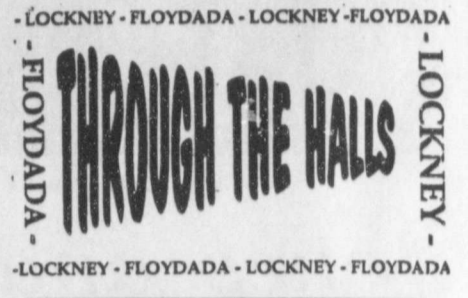
Breakfast-Sausage, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch-Hamburger/Corndog, lettuce, tomato and pickles, French fries, fruit cobbler, milk.

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon Rolls, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch-Taco Bell Burrito/Tuna Sandwich, corn, salad, fruit, milk, cookie.



3 on 3 Basketball Tourney
The Lockney High School Student Council is holding a *3 on 3 Tournament* March 25 at 4:00-6:30 at the Lockney High School Tennis Court.
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*4 member team-\$20.00
*To sign up call 652-2569, 652-3684, or 652-2155.
*All teams must be registered, and money paid, by Tuesday, March 23.
Hot Dogs, Chips and Cokes will be available for \$3.00
Prizes will be awarded
Proceeds will be used for a Student Council Scholarship



FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY NEW INDUCTEES-Last Friday at the Floydada High School auditorium nine new members were presented and received into the Honor Society. They are: (l-r) Christine Pesina, Amanda Williams, Amanda Green, Mandy Emert, Lindsey Reddy, Daniel Dotson, John Dunavant, Mandi Yeary and Kylan Sanders. Staff Photo



FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS COMPETED IN UIL CONTEST-Pictured are the band students that participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble contest held in Lubbock on February 27th. (l-r) Frank Hernandez (Div. I, class 3, Tuba Solo), Nicole Odom (Div. I, class 1, Clarinet Solo), Sean Holster (Div. I, class 1, Piano Solo & certified to State), Daniel Dotson (Div. I, class 1, Trumpet Solo & certified to State), Resa Mercado (Div. I, Solo Twirler), Breanna Burge (Div. I, Solo Twirler) and Mindy Smart (Div. I, Solo Twirler). Also, Brass Quartet, Daniel Dotson, Sean Holster, Patrick Odom and Jeremy Hernandez (not pictured) - Div. I, class 1, Ensemble & all certified to State. Staff Photo

Plans underway for Pre-School Clinic in Lockney

LOCKNEY--A Pre-School Clinic will be held April 6, 1999 at the Lockney Elementary School from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Parents of pre-school children are

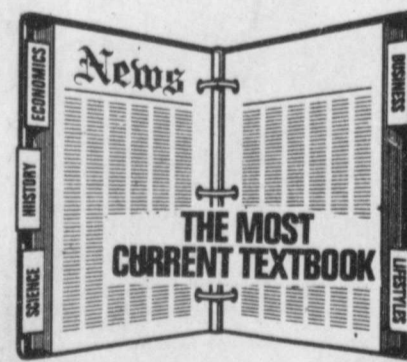
asked to bring a birth certificate, immunization records and the child's social security card. The clinic is being sponsored by Kappa Kappa Iota.

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ORDINANCE NO. 817 of The City of Floydada

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA ENTITLED "STRUCTURAL STANDARDS"; PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR THE CONTINUED USE AND OCCUPANCY OF STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF FLOYDADA AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF CONSTRUCTION; IMPOSING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION AND PENALTY.

(For a complete copy of the Ordinance, see City Secretary.)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

Article 2

SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES

General Provisions

SECTION 13.21

This Ordinance shall be known as the Substandard Structure Ordinance of the City of Floydada and it is adopted pursuant to authority of Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 13.22

Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide minimum requirements for the protection of life, health, property, safety, and welfare of the general public from the hazards and dangers of substandard structures; to establish minimum standards for the continued use and occupancy of all structures, regardless of the date of their construction; to provide for giving proper notice to the owner of the structure; and to provide for a public hearing to determine whether a structure complies with the standards set out in this Ordinance.

SECTION 13.23

(a) Application: The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all structures, buildings or portions thereof, regardless of the date of construction, all related structures and their...

...which it adopts shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct and independent provision and such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect upon completion of publication of the caption and penalties as provided by law.

SECTION 5: The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause the publication of the descriptive caption hereof together with the civil and criminal penalty provisions for violation thereof.

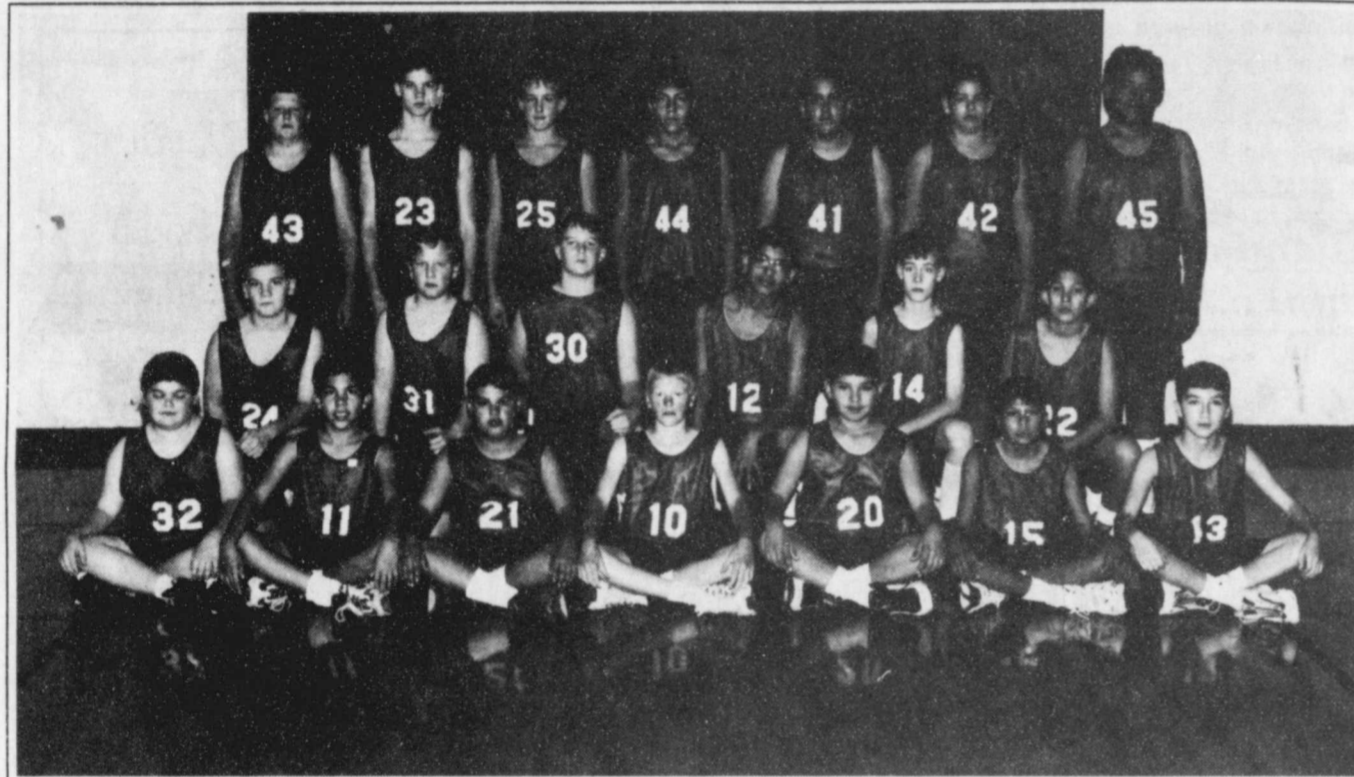
PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 9th day of March, 1999.

Mayor, Hulon Carthel
Attest: Karen E. Lawson, City Secretary



REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS-Floydada Junior High Students were winners at the Regional Science Fair at Texas Tech on March 5 & 6. Blue Ribbon Winners in 1st Division were: (back row, l-r) Chase Mitchell, Kimberly Green, Courtney Clemens, Ashley Norrell and Janna Szydloski. Red Ribbon Winners in the 2nd Division were: (middle row, l-r) Kayla Stovall,

Bryce Bowley, Ragan Beedy, Courtney Campbell, Kenneth Griggs and Skyler Cornelius. White Ribbon Winners in the 3rd Division were: (seated, l-r) Denise Rainwater, Sandra Sanchez and Jay McGaugh. Special Awards for Creativity went to Kayla Stovall, which included a \$25 cash prize and Jay McGaugh, which included a \$40 cash prize. Staff Photo



LOCKNEY SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM-Members of the 1998-99 7th Grade Short-horns are (l-r, back row) Justin Stoerner, Kirk Wilson, Norberto Trevino, Chas Westbrook, Anthony Galvan, Jeran Butler, Michael Martínez, Paul Hernandez, Ty Sergio Solis and Paul Amador. (l-r, front) Cody Gardner, Juan Guzman, Arjona, Oscar Delgado, (l-r, center) Scott Stapp, James Orr, Justin Wright, A.J. Rosales, Mike O'Connell, and Paul Peralez. Photo by Bobby Hall

Lockney FHA Compete in STAR Region I conference and will advance to State Leadership conference

By Tessa Stapp
The Lockney Chapter of Future Homemakers of America attended the Region I conference held in Amarillo on February 26th and 27th. Our chapter was among 400 delegates attending the two day conference.
The Lockney chapter had 25 members attend this meeting. They received an award for having the most students attending from the 2-A area. The theme this year was "FHA/HERO: Spotlight on Excellence," which was carried out during the workshops and general sessions when the students became involved in the issues facing today's youth.
Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were career choices, violence, alcohol and drugs, sexual awareness, leadership and accomplishing goals. Keith Davis from the New York Giants was the motivational speaker.

Students Taking Action for Recognition (STAR) events are competitive events in which members participate at the regional meeting. Lockney had three teams of students that participated. Amber Brown competed in the Illustrated Talk category and placed fifth. Lindsey Mathis and Melissa Schaeffer competed in Applied Technology and received fourth place. Lacey Aston, Lindi Miller and Kenzie Stapp competed in Focus on the Children and placed second.

All participants will advance to the State Leadership Conference to be held in Corpus Christi, April 22-25. Leah Schumacher also carried out her officer duties, as Region I National Officer Candidate.
Local members attending the conference were: Kenzie Stapp, Lindi Miller, Lacey Aston, Amy Davis, Tessa Stapp, Amber Brown, Lindsay

Mathis, Melissa Schaeffer, Brittany Aston, Kaci McLain, Kelli McLain, Yara Guerrero, Michelle Smith, Velvet Johnson, Jet Gilly, Vanessa Walker, Lindsey Mayo, Lisa Garcia, Leticia Garcia, Melissa Sisk, Justin Brown, Jordan Lambert, Josh Quebe, Eddie Amaya and Leah Schumacher.

REMINDER

City of Floydada utility bills are due each month on the 20th. In March, customers will have until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 22 to pay their bill in full or they could be disconnected.

Council discusses increase in airport fuelage fee and emergency committee

Continued From Page 1
Henderson as Election Judge and Paul Sharp as Alternate Judge for the May 1st municipal election according to Resolution No. 251 was made by Councilman Schacht. It was seconded by Councilman Hill and unanimously passed.

The council passed a zoning variance request to build a carport at 813 Cedar closer than five feet from the property line. Owners Earnest and Sheryl Back made the request with permission from neighbor Bob Campbell and the Floydada Planning and Zoning Commission.

During the Public Forum time, Councilman Schacht emphasized the need for the county to have an Emergency Planning Committee. He said, "I think we need to do all we can to get this County Emergency Committee lined up. I don't know what we can do to get it going, but we need a county coordinator."

Mayor Carthel added, "I think we have gotten more people aware of it. This is one of the best things I think we have going for us."

"We already have a plan, but somebody must have the authority to give orders to key people in an emergency. Hopefully something will come out of this."

"If something doesn't happen in the next six months, let's put it on the agenda," the mayor said.

Following the Public Forum, the council voted unanimously to raise the fuelage fee at the Floydada Airport by

five cents per gallon. Councilman Cornelius made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Hill.

City Manager Brown said, "This nickel per gallon will be collected for the city to use in repairs and maintenance on the airport."

"The Airport board is in favor of this raise and it is trying to get together about \$100,000 for a rebuild on the whole airport. In thirty to sixty days they may have commitments on this," he stated.

Mayor Carthel added, "There is \$18,453 in the Airport Fund right now. Remember the first time we tried to do this, there was around \$30-45,000 in the fund. We have spent a lot on maintenance."

"If the city could come up with \$100,000, then you could look at probably five or six years after the reconstruction with almost no maintenance."

"If the revenue situation improves by doing this (increase in fuelage fee), then we will have enough money at the end of five or six years to maintain the runway."

"Remember there will be 1,000 feet more runway to maintain and it will be 25 feet wider," he said.

Councilman Cornelius told the council that there was not much new concerning the recreation/swimming pool facilities at this time. The committee is still investigating prices and possibilities of remodeling the old pool.

The council voted unanimously to

accept the bid of the First National Bank of Floydada to finance the lease/purchase of the city's new fire truck. It will be a 6.00% fixed rate.

Councilman Cornelius made the motion and it was seconded by Councilman Sue.

In other business, the council passed unanimously the adoption of Ordinance No. 817 for structural standards for the city of Floydada. Councilman Hill made the motion and Councilman Cornelius seconded it.

The new ordinance reads as follows: "An ordinance of the City Council of the city of Floydada, Texas, amending Chapter 13, Article 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the city of Floydada entitle 'structural standards'; providing standards for the continued use and occupancy of structures within the city of Floydada and procedures for the abatement of substandard structures regardless of the date of construction; imposing civil and criminal penalties for noncompliance; providing a severability clause; providing for an effective date of said ordinance and providing for the publication of the caption and penalty."

A special council meeting was designated by the mayor to be held at 7:30 a.m. on March 23rd concerning a deadline for the 1999/2000 TCDP grant.

Following two closed Executive Sessions discussing personnel and possible litigation the council adjourned.

Thornberry appointed Vice Chairman of Military Procurement Sub-Committee by Floyd Spence



March 15th, House Armed Services Committee Chairman Floyd Spence announced that he had appointed U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX13) to be the vice Chairman of the Committee's Military Procurement Subcommittee.

"One of the things I've tried to do as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee," Spence stated, "is move promising young members into positions of increasing authority so they can have a greater say in the national

security debate. Mac has more than proved himself since he came on board a few years ago.

"He is an effective advocate for the defense facilities in his District, and someone who I believe will play a significant role in setting U.S. defense policy in the years to come. In short, he is just the type of leader we are looking for on this Committee, which is why I appointed him to this job."

The Military Procurement Subcom-

mittee is charged with overseeing the annual authorization for procurement of military weapons systems and components, which includes full scale development and systems transition and the military application of nuclear energy.

As Vice Chairman, Thornberry will be the Subcommittee's second highest ranking majority member behind Subcommittee Chairman Duncan Hunter.

Sales tax rebates down for Floydada and Lockney

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$172.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties. This was a 5.8 percent increase over March, 1998, and a 7.4 percent increase for the first three months of 1999, compared to the first quarter of 1998.
"Texas' economic growth continues, and consumer confidence remains extremely high," Rylander said. "Retail sales in many communities are above the levels of one year ago."

Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$159.4 million to Texas cities, 7.8 percent higher than last March's payments. However, rebates of \$13.4 million to Texas counties were 13.3 percent lower than allocations of \$15.5 million in March 1998. Another 5 million went to 38 special purpose districts around the state.

The state's eight transit systems shared \$236.5 million, up 9.4 percent over \$216.1 million allocated in March 1998.

March sales tax rebates to selected cities were:

Floydada: \$8,116.97 compared to \$9,807.17 in March 1998, a decrease

of 17.23%.

Lockney: \$3,488.32 compared to \$5,148.14 in March 1998, a decrease of 32.24%.

Petersburg: \$1,670.87 compared to \$1,461.70 in March 1998, an increase of 14.31%.

Abernathy: \$7,328.48 compared to \$7,500.42 in March 1998, a decrease of 2.29%.

Silverton: \$1,258.66 compared to \$2,431.52 in March 1998, a decrease of 48.23%.

Quitaque: \$1,032.73 compared to \$1,108.19 in March 1998, a decrease of 6.80%.


Lorenzo: \$1,387.46 compared to \$1,255.00 in March 1998, an increase of 10.55%.


Crosbyton: \$5,019.11 compared to \$5,823.45 in March 1998, a decrease of 13.81%.

Ralls: \$5,501.77 compared to \$5,417.86 in March 1998, an increase of 1.54%.

Idalou: \$3,328.00 compared to \$4,677.44 in March 1998, a decrease of 28.84%.

New Deal: \$493.70 compared to \$360.64 in March 1998, an increase of 36.89%.






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Rain gauge readings show much needed precipitation

By Carmon McCain

Some much needed precipitation fell across most of the 15 county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area in January and February 1999, according to rain gauge readings taken at more than 350 soil moisture sites maintained by the District.

"Total precipitation recorded in the rain gauge network for these two months ranged from less than 0.5 inches in Bailey, Cochran, Deaf Smith, and Parmer counties to 2.5 inches in portions of Crosby and Floyd Counties," said Water District Agriculturist Becky Britten.

Most of the moisture occurred in January 1999 when National Weather Service forecast offices in Amarillo and Lubbock officially recorded 2.67 inches of precipitation and 1.35 inches, respectively. Both stations received only trace precipitation in February.

District personnel read rain gauges to obtain data for the annual preplant soil moisture survey and the precipitation enhancement program. The rain gauge network provides important

information to help District personnel determine how much precipitation actually reaches the ground as storm systems move across the area.

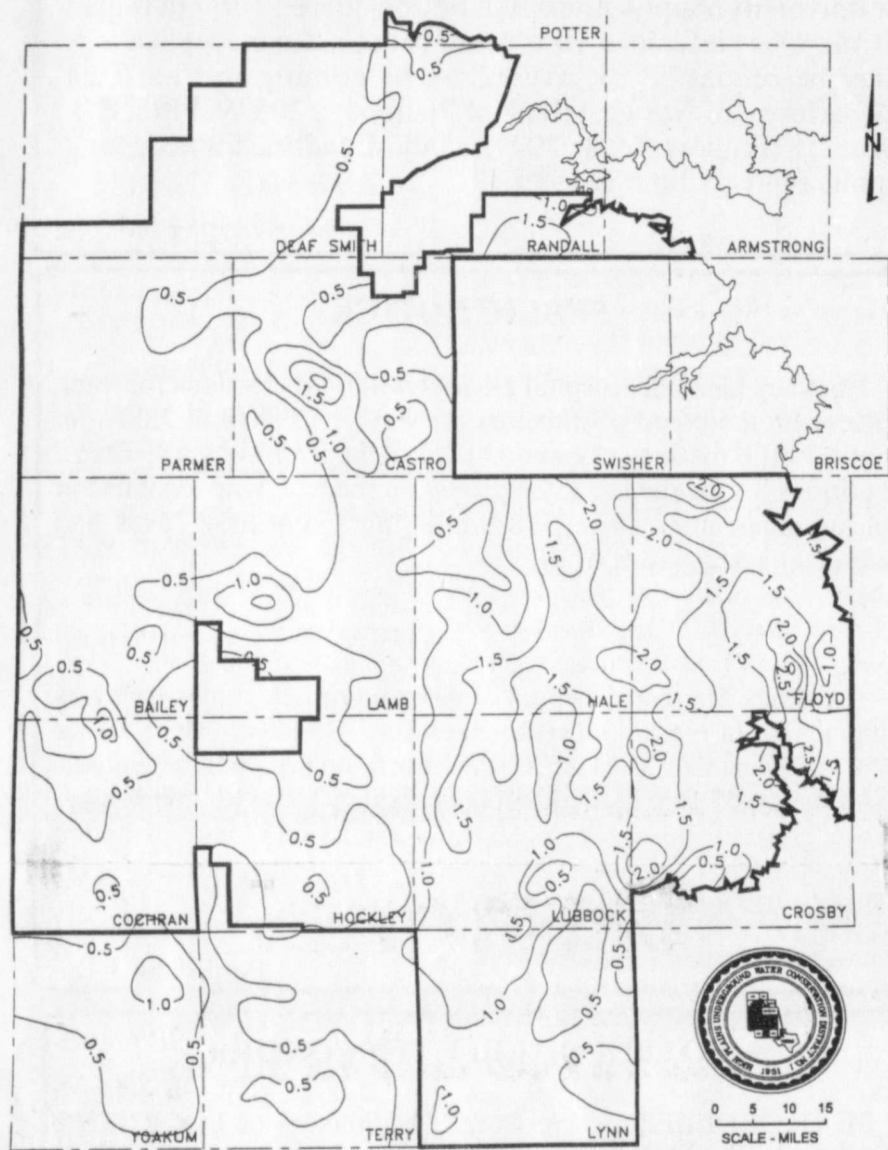
Although people are tired of hearing about it, local National Weather Service officials say the El Nino weather phenomenon (now La Nina) is still an important weather event impacting the Texas High Plains region.

"The waters of the Pacific coast that were once warm with the El Nino phenomenon have now cooled as a result of La Nina. This affects weather patterns and is causing the mild winter that we are currently experiencing," said Walter R. "Andy" Anderson of the Lubbock National Weather Service office.

Anderson told attendees at the March 11th Southwest Crops Conference and Exposition that a strong La Nina pattern usually means limited spring precipitation. "We are looking at above normal temperatures and below average precipitation throughout the spring with a chance to return to normal conditions later in the summer as the La Nina phenomenon decreases," he said.

RAINFALL FOR JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1999

BY HIGH PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 1



Tech researching phosphorus application through pivots

The Texas Tech University Plant and Soil Science Department has received a \$10,000 grant from High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock to evaluate the feasibility of applying phosphorus through center pivot sprinkler systems, as well as defining water quality constraints which may limit or even prevent phosphorus applications through center pivots. Phosphorus is an essential element in cotton production.

The project goal is to determine the proper relationship between fertilizer solutions applied through center pivot sprinkler systems (fertigation) and the range of ground water qualities that exist throughout the the High Plains Water District.

The native ground water quality in the area has varying quantities of calcium and magnesium that can potentially cause problems when mixed with phosphorus. Chemical reactions between phosphorus, calcium, and magnesium cause precipitates, or solids, to fall out of solution and clog nozzles used in center pivot sprinkler systems.

The initial portion of the project will be conducted in a plant and soil science department laboratory where different combinations and quantities of fertilizer will be mixed with water bearing varying levels of calcium and magnesium to determine the ratio at which precipitates become a problem. Research may show that phosphorus cannot be applied through a sprinkler system without clogging in certain areas of the Water District with high levels of calcium and magnesium in the ground water.

"We believe that fertigation offers the producer a better approach to manage one of his most expensive inputs and to insure that nutrient supply does not limit yield and water use efficiency of his crop," said Dr. Dan Kreis, professor of crop physiology. Kreis is heading the research project, which began March 1 and ends December 15, 1999.

Ultimately producers could use maps identifying the water quality in

the area of their farms and the data gained by Dr. Kreis' research team to guide them in setting the correct flow rate of their injector pumps when applying phosphorus through their proper amounts of phosphorus in a timely manner to satisfy the needs of growing crops, according to Water District Manager A. Wayne Wyatt.

"This appears to be a more efficient method to apply fertilizer than banding or sidedressing," said Wyatt. "In many instances, plant feeder roots are cut during sidedress fertilizer applications. As a result, the plants must focus energy on regenerating the roots rather than valuable reproductive growth for fruit production."

The results of this study will be published in a future issue of *The Cross Section*.

TNRC announces waste management seminar

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in partnership with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Wes-Tex Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. and South Plains Association of Governments are pleased to announce the upcoming workshop, "Alternative waste management and marketing thru agricultural composting."

The workshop will take place on March 25, 1999 at the Ko Ko Palace, 5201 Avenue Q, Lubbock Texas, with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. Since there is limited space available please save yourself a spot by calling Ms. Tammy Brown at (806) 762-8721. Lunch will be provided by the Wes-Tex Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. Office.

The workshop will focus on the development of composting as an alternative management practice for feedlot manure and diverting urban organics into compost. Speakers will include Mr. Malcolm Beck with Gardenville Inc. Mr. Beck is a nationally known speaker, composter and author. He has presented workshops and seminars throughout the United States and overseas.

Other speakers include: *Staff from the Texas Department



Floyd County Extension News

By J.D. Ragland Agent - Ag

What are the issues and concerns that need to be addressed in Floyd County to help the citizens and our total county in the years ahead? What can be done to assure a better quality of life and prosperity in the 21st century as we plan for the future?

Everyone interested in a better future for themselves, their family and their community is encouraged to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum on Monday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada located at 203 W. Kentucky, said J. D. Ragland and Melissa Long, Floyd County Extension agents. The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups and organizations to identify issues and concerns. Once needs are identified, focus teams will be organized to develop specific plans of action.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester P. Fehlis of College Station, Extension Service deputy direc-

tor. "We especially want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through partnerships with other groups and organizations."

The Futures Forum process will help the Extension Service develop its long-range plan for the next four years-2000 to 2003, Fehlis said. However, he emphasized that the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common issues and define a process whereby these issues can be solved to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state. He noted that participating agencies, groups and organizations can better focus on issues and programs related to their missions and interests and the needs of the local people. "We view this as a partnership effort with all of us working together for the future of Texas," Fehlis said.

So, if you want to have a voice in the future of Floyd County, be sure to attend the Futures Forum on Monday 7 March 29th, 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. This is your opportunity to help shape the future! Please RSVP to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m., March 19, at 983-4912.

of Transportation (TxDOT) to discuss the new compost specification. This specification allows composted manure and other organic material to be utilized on all TxDOT construction and maintenance projects.

*Dr. Don Cawthon with Texas A&M Commerce to discuss new composting technologies. Dr. Cawthon was the winner of the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards in the category of agriculture for his work on composting.

*Mr. David Moore president of Grow More, Premium Organic Products. Mr. Moore is a successful composter in the Stephenville and

Dalhart area and will be speaking on partnerships with dairy operators and private composters.

Many other speakers will be participating in the program as well as a short field trip to view composting technologies at South Plains Compost Inc. So make those reservations early.



Producers get new perspective on ultra narrow row cotton

By Tim W. McAlay

Producers attending the Beltwide Cotton Conference here this week gained a new perspective on Ultra-Narrow-Row (UNR) cotton production from a panel of producers, ginners, millers and cotton merchandisers.

A panel of four cotton producers representing the nation's four major cotton-producing regions agreed that UNR production typically returns higher yields with lower input costs, but not without a few complications along the way.

"I've seen our UNR yields range from 800 to 1,500 pounds per acre in the last two production years. We started UNR production in 1997," said West Texas cotton producer John Blount of Hale Center. "For those of you that are considering it, I will tell you that weed control is an essential ingredient in this type of production."

"You'll have fewer herbicide options for weed control with UNR, but

if you don't keep those fields clean of weeds and grass you'll face harvesting and quality problems. Using growth regulators to keep plants from getting too tall is important. We didn't put out our growth regulator at the right time last year, and we had more bark in our cotton at the gin than I anticipated"

California grower Dan Burns said he was able to cut equipment, labor and irrigation costs with UNR cotton last year but his initial seed cost was almost double that of conventional production. Even so his UNR cotton produced 130 pounds more per acre last year than his conventional cotton, and lint quality was good. Burns hopes to one day see a half-bale per acre yield advantage from his UNR cotton.

Tennessee grower J. Michael Escue said UNR cotton gives him more crop rotation flexibility in planting other crops such as corn and soybeans. On his farm, lower late season insect costs with UNR cotton is often offset by higher initial seed cost. He also noted that defoliation is a more complex operation with UNR cotton, but said he plans to continue this system on his acreage.

Georgia grower Allan Baucom plans to plant 100 percent of his 1999 acreage to UNR cotton after two successful UNR seasons in 1997 and 1998. He emphasized that growers need to consult their ginners and merchandisers before raising UNR cotton, to make sure they can properly clean and market the crop.

Kenneth Hod, a Mississippi ginner, said gins can successfully clean UNR cotton as long as they are willing to invest in new equipment or modify their existing equipment.

"We can't afford to slow our gin down just to accommodate UNR cotton, so if producers don't want to see higher costs from ginning UNR cotton, they need to do all they can to keep the lint clean in the field at harvest," Hood said. "It's also imperative to cover moduled cotton after harvest, to help maintain quality until it can be delivered to the gin."

Georgia cotton miller Southworth

Bryan said millers are still concerned about the quality of stripper cottons, including UNR cotton. He said that the fine trash often found in stripped cotton is not compatible with textile cleaning equipment, and urged producers to push for a bale labeling system that would differentiate stripped cotton from picked cotton.

"That's the first step in coming up with a uniform quality grading system that would put stripper cotton on par with picked cotton, in the millers' eyes," he said. "Until that occurs, growers are likely to face discounts at the mill for stripped cotton."

Alabama cotton merchandiser Stuart Frazier said UNR cotton is still an unknown quantity because of its highly variable lint quality.

"Lint quality is the key to profitable merchandising because we are trad-

ing in a world market that demands quick sales of price competitive products," Frazier said. "We need more research into improving UNR lint quality--research aimed at what farmers can do to improve quality in the field, not just at what ginners can do with their equipment."

"I know producers are looking for ways to cut production costs and improve yields, but I wouldn't jump into UNR production until you know you have a market for that product as it comes out of the field and out of the gin."



A Glance at the MARKETS

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Obituaries

LELA FOWLER

Graveside services for Lela Fowler, 77, of Crosbyton were held at 2:00 p.m. March 13, 1999 in Crosbyton Cemetery with the Rev. Chris McCauley of Paducah officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, March 11, 1999, at her residence.

She was born March 26, 1921, in Coryell County. She married Norlan J. Fowler on November 23, 1938, in Crosbyton. He died September 11, 1992. She was a Methodist and a member of the Big Four Quilting Club. She was a nurses aide at Crosbyton Clinic Hospital for 15 years. She moved to Crosbyton in 1938.

Survivors include a son, Randy J. of Floydada; two daughters Janice St. Clair of Crosbyton and Norlena Fulford of Brownfield; a sister, Virginia "Jenny" Ray of Crosbyton; six grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

GLORIA MASON

Services for Gloria F. Mason, 71, of Plainview were held at 2:30 p.m., March 16, 1999, at the Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ with Mike Prather, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Plainview Cemetery under direction of Wood-Dun-ning Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mason died Sunday, March 14, 1999, at Lockney Care Center.

She was born July 15, 1927, in Childress and attended schools in Plainview. She married John Mason on February 5, 1946, in Plainview.

Mrs. Mason was an artist and member of the Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Cheryl Bradley of Lockney and Donna Beville of Claytonville; a son, Ray "Rusty" Mason of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice Hands of West Texas in Lockney or the Plainview Hospital Auxiliary.

EDNA MAE MCMURRAY

Services for Edna Mae McMurray, 77, of Lubbock will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 1999 in the Abbey Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home with Reverend Richard Craven of New Testament Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Monday, March 15, 1999 in Lubbock.

She was born on October 24, 1921 in Floydada. She retired from Mrs. Bairds in 1988.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George McMurray on March 31, 1990.

Survivors include five sons, George of San Diego, California, Larry of Huntington Beach, California, Eddie of Arlington, Gary and David, both of Lubbock; a sister, Maxine Shuler of Charlotte, North Carolina; a brother, Dale Griffin of Floydada; 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

DON RIDDLE

Services for Don Riddle, 42, of Austin were held at 2:00 p.m. March 16, 1999 in Abbey Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Harris officiating and John Shaw assisting.

Riddle died Tuesday, March 9, 1999, in Austin.

He was born September 14, 1956, in Amarillo. He graduated from Monterey High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy. He moved to Abilene in 1985 and attended Hardin-Simmons University, where he received a master's degree in Psychology. He worked for Travis County with the MHMR Care Program for eight months. A daughter, Stephanie preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Jeremy and Donovan, both of Lubbock; his mother, Mrs. Butch Gilliland of Floydada; his father, George Riddle of Big Spring; two sister, Sue Walker of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Karen Gilliland of Albuquerque; and two grandchildren.

A special thank you to each one who sent me a Christmas card or gift and for my birthday, the flowers, cards, visits, calls and for keeping me in your prayers.

*Thank you,
Wilma Payne*

The Barn

By E.G. Marks

The house was alive with laughter, with kids running through playing. It felt good to be home safely after being in Vietnam only days earlier. But I needed time alone to sort things out. It's funny how the mind works, as much time as I spent to myself, I only wanted more.

The old barn seemed to call to me as she had done a hundred times as a child, and as a child I answered her call once more. Walking to her I thought of the storms she had weathered, and although she was somewhat tattered, she still stood.

A piece of tin flopped on one end, and her wooden sides were weather-beaten from lack of paint and too much West Texas sand. On one end was a shop where tools were kept and ideas hatched. On the south side, there was a shed that led out to a large corral. On one end a stable stood where saddles were kept, behind that a loft where hay and feed were kept.

As I opened the old wooden gate leading to the lot, it squeaked softly, as though she were whimpering with the pain of life. I stood under the shed and she seemed to cradle me with her compassion, as a mother cradles her young in a storm.

I was transported to a simpler time, when innocence filled my heart and adventure possessed my soul. I would sit for the longest time and listen to

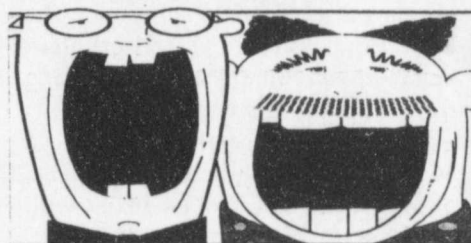
my father and uncle talk about life around the turn of the century. I never got tired of hearing their stories, though they would always end up in an argument.

I learned many lessons about life here, and much wisdom was passed down. It was here that I learned the difference between boys and girls. I smoked my first cigarette here, and also learned a hard lesson from my father about the dangers of fire, a lesson I will never forget.

I tried my hand at flying off the top of the old barn with nothing but an old sheet around my neck. Upon arriving at my destination, somewhat bruised and shaken, I learned about the aerodynamics of a bed sheet.

I rode many a bucking calf, dreaming of being a rodeo star. I would sit in the saddles and look out over the little valley dotted with sage brush and bear grass. I gave chase to many a bandit and Indian.

As I walked back to the house, I took one last look. The loose tin flopped as if waving good-bye. A sadness came over me. I knew I could never again return to those happy days of childhood. The old barn is gone now, but not the memories. When life begins to consume me, I go back to that old barn in my mind, to a time when innocence filled my heart and adventure possessed my soul.



This Week's Announcements

FLOYDADA 4-H CLUB MEETING

Floydada 4-H Club will meet Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the MAC. Officer elections will be held. The community service is cup towels for the Senior Citizens Center.

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Lockney High School Student Council is holding a 3 on 3 Tournament March 25 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Lockney High School Tennis Court. All teams must be registered and money paid by Tuesday, March 23rd. Prizes will be awarded and proceeds will be used for a Student Council Scholarship. To sign up or for more information call 652-3684 or 652-2155.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB

The Whirlwind Booster Club will hold their next meeting on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Floydada High School cafeteria. There are several items to be discussed. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

RURAL NURSE RESOURCE CNA CLASSES

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR) will have 2 Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) classes. Classes will be 5 weeks long. Enrollment starts Monday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Night classes starts 6:00 p.m., Monday March 29th. Day classes starts 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 29th. To receive application packet or for more info call 983-8096.

STOCK SHOW ASSOCIATION MEETING

A Stock Show Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse Electric Community Room. General membership meeting.

RNR CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. will be sponsoring Preparing for Childbirth classes in conjunction with Mangold Memorial Hospital of Lockney. This six week series begins Monday, March 22nd from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. To receive application packet call 983-8096 or Mangold Memorial at 652-3373.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's monthly report, filed with us on this 14th day of December, 1998 and have found the same to be correct and in due order and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$ 505,989.47

Firsit National Bank Certificate of Deposits \$ 685,000.00.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 14th day of December, 1998.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's monthly report, filed with us on this 8th day of February, 1999 and have found the same to be correct and in due order and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$ 576, 696.07.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's monthly report, filed with us on this 11th day of January, 1999 and have found the same to be correct and in due order and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$ 516,066.59.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lockney General Hospital District will hold elections for three places on the board of directors on May 1, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Lockney High School in Lockney, Texas. Petitions for candidates to be placed on the ballot are available at the administrator's office, 320 North Main in Lockney, Texas, and are due back by April 6, 1999.

Lockney General Hospital District tendra elecciones para tres lugares en la mesa de directores el dia 1 de Mayo, 1999, de las 7:00 de la mañana asta las 7:00 de la noche en la escuela secundaria en Lockney, Tejas. Peticiones para candidatos que estaran puestos en la boleta estaran obtenible en la oficina de el administrador, 320 North Main en Lockney, Tejas deben de estar regresadas para el dia 6 de Abril, 1999.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION ORDER

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Directors of LOCKNEY GENERAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT, of Floyd County, Texas, that a regular election of Directors of such District be held in such district on the first Saturday in May, 1999, being the first day of such month, at the Lockney High School, in the City of Lockney in the District, for the purpose of electing three directors of the district to succeed Bill Glasscock, Bill Sherman and Terry Jones whose terms expire on such date; that Mary Fewell be hereby appointed presiding judge of such election, and that the polls in such election shall be open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.; that notice of such election be given by publishing a true and correct copy of this Order, in both English and Spanish, in the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, a newspaper of general circulation in the area of this District, one time not less than 5 days prior to the date of such election.

This 18th Day of March, 1999.

/s/ Claude Brown
President, Lockney General District

Jerry Johnson
ATTEST:
/s/ Jerry Johnson
Secretary,
Lockney General Hospital District

NOTICIA DE ELECTION ORDEN

Por Orden de la Mesa Directiva de Lockney General Hospital District, de Floyd county, Tejas, la eleccion regular de los Directores de dicho distrito se llevara a cabo en el primer Sabado de Mayo, 1999, el dia primero del mes, en la facultad de la ciudad, de la escuela segundria en Lockney, en el distrito, con el proposito de elejir tres directores de dicha Mesa Directiva para suceder Bill Glasscock, Bill Sherman and Terry Jones de quien periodo expitar en esa fecha; La Senora Mary Fewell a sido elegido para presidir dicha eleccion. El lugar de esta eleccion estara abierto a las 7 de la mañana y cerrara a las 7 de la noche; este anuncio de esta eleccion esta dado y publicando una copia de verdad y corecta de esta Orden, en Ingles y tambien en Español, en el Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, un periodico de circulacion general en la area de este distrito, una vez no menos de 5 dias.

Este dia 18 de Marzo, 1999.

/s/ Claude Brown
Presidente, Lockney General Hospital District

Jerry Johnson
TESTIGO:
/s/ Jerry Johnson
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The Country Preacher

By Pastor Darwin Robinson

WHY AREN'T YOU CRYING?—It was a cold winter Sunday afternoon in East Tennessee. I was visiting and came upon an old house set back in the woods.

One of the two old bachelor brothers that lived there had visited our services. So I thought I would stop by and invite him to visit again.

I stepped upon the old porch and knocked on the door. I was greeted by the old gentleman who had visited.

He invited me to sit down by a cozy fireplace. I sat to the right side on an old wooden chair. A bedroom door was just to my right and behind me.

I asked if he was by himself and he assured me that he was. With my open Bible I began to read him some verses.

It wasn't long until I heard the bedroom door open behind me. I looked back and his brother was standing in the door with a claw hammer dangling in his hand.

I twisted my chair around and said something to the effect like "Hey!"

He was crying great big crocodile tears and asked me, "Why aren't you crying?"

I nervously asked him, "Why should I be crying?"

He said, "Because my mother died last year and you should be crying."

Now being a man, I don't cry too much, but here was a case where I thought, why not?

However, no tears would come through my scared and twitching eyes.

I stood up and faced him, closed my Bible and began a slow backward exit toward the front door.

As I walked backwards in my manly retreat, I began preaching something like "You both need to get in church and trust in the Lord."

To my amazement, the old gentleman in the bedroom doorway, reached back into the room and dropped the hammer with a thud.

It was, however, too late for him to get friendly now. I was already on my way out. My car keys were in my hand as I leaped from that broken down old porch.

MORAL OF THE STORY: "If you are a real man, only cry when you have to, especially if it will save your life."



Don't Wear Out Your Welcome

By Ron Trusler

When you are "company" at some one else's house, you can wear out your welcome real fast, if you are not careful. It doesn't matter how closely related they are to you, be careful and keep the following in mind. You might be invited back.

1. Don't stay too long.

Some people camp out for days. You begin to think they are moving in. Most company starts to get a little old after 2 or 3 days (some within a few hours.). I know, a lot depends on who and how long it's been. Remember, I'm speaking in general here. Just keep in mind that your length of stay is important to get cleared and understood before you come. At least, don't leave them guessing and trying to hint around to find out how long you will be hanging around.

2. Pick up after yourself.

Some people live like they don't know how to clean up or pick up anything. You can live like that if you want at your house but if you are at someone else's house pick stuff up! If you have kids, make sure they do too.

3. If you smoke, do it outside.

Remember, some people are allergic even to the smell. Besides, most people who do not smoke are not real excited about smelling your smoke, even if they are not allergic. When that stuff gets in a house or clothes, it seems to linger forever. It's best to not even ask if you can smoke inside. They may be too shy to say, "No." You take the initiative. Don't be lazy. Go outside without being told.

4. If you want special food items, buy them.

You may like certain things or have a diet that you want to stick to. Do not expect your host to furnish it. You take care of that yourself.

5. Buy some food yourself.

This is specially true if you are there for a couple of days or longer. It's expensive to feed a bunch of people! Don't be a free loader. Don't just offer and let them say, "No, that's OK." They're normally too polite to say, "OK, buy something." Make a real effort.

6. If you ask to help, you may get in the way, especially in the kitchen.

If you help in a way that requires you asking a lot of questions, your host would, probably, just as soon as do it themselves. Take on a task that requires very little asking, if possible.

The kitchen may be the hosts' sanctuary, where they can stay busy. It may be nice and homey to have little children "helping" in the kitchen but it could be driving your host up a wall. Keep your kids out of the kitchen.

7. Be aware of your hosts favorite things favorite chair, TV programs, food, habits, etc..

Don't violate everything. Most men have favorite chairs. Don't just assume you are invited to sit in it. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out a favorite chair. Don't insist on watching your program or playing your favorite game. That's the beauty of having more than one TV in the house.

8. Don't wait to be entertained.

You could suggest something or often times your guests might be perfectly happy for you to take off and do something on your own. That gives everyone a break. Remember, you are the guest. In some cases that may be an honored position or it may be assumed. It is honored if you've been invited. It is assumed if you invited yourself. If it is the latter, your stay may be more of a convenience for you than it is completely pleasurable for your hosts. Have a nice visit!!!

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AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Henry Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday:
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J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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Floydada
Glenn Truett, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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Sunday:
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday:
Children's Choir 4:00 p.m.
Evening Meal 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Time (All Ages) 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Youth 7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.

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Monday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Lockney
Russ Byard, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
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Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

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Interdenominational Church
Rev. Farril De Foor, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Christian Counseling Available

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

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

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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Lockney
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Wednesday:
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Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

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Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
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Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
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