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Quality Body Shop celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Homer Marquez

Time really flies when you're having fun and nobody knows this better than the good people at Quality Body Shop who, this year, are celebrating their 50th Anniversary as Floydada's premier body shop.

"It is amazing how fast half a century goes by; starting in 1962, the vision to stay open until next year was the main concern. Continuing to be in business for 50 consecutive years, owned and operated by the same family is definitely a milestone," agreed Quality Body Shop founder Johnny Bill Sue.

"The people of West Texas are the best," commented current co-owner Atha Sue as she described her family's gratitude towards their client base that includes generations of families.

Opening up their doors back in January 1962; Johnny Bill was the founder and owner of Quality Body Shop until 2000 when his son, Sheldon, bought the business from him.

As you visit with the Sue family, it's easy to see that the family's dedication to hard work and small town friendliness has played a major role in the shop's longevity. "Hard work is a given at our shop," commented Sheldon's wife Atha Sue, "experience is another factor in a quality repair."

Originally from Winnsboro, Texas, Johnny Bill and his family made their way to Floyd County in 1949. It was here that a young Johnny met his future wife Margie. At this time, Johnny was working part-time at Oden's Chevrolet with John McKinney in the auto body repair department. Once the two were married, the couple decided to move to Canadian, Texas in the late 50's. While staying in Canadian, Johnny Bill got a job with

Bob Lewis who owned and operated a body shop named Quality Body Shop.

There, Johnny Bill learned all he could from Lewis, who was more than willing to serve as Johnny mentor.

Johnny worked at the shop until he was drafted into the Army in 1958. While Johnny Bill served in the active reserves, Margie moved back to Floydada to be closer to her family.

After returning from military duty, Johnny Bill and Margie had their children Sheldon and Kelby. It was then that Johnny Bill decided to apply what he had learned from Lewis and planned to open his own shop. He opened the shop in January 1962 and named it Quality Body Shop after his mentor's shop; he also said that the name was easier to remember than Johnny Sue Auto Body Shop.

At first the shop was located on the corner of Wall and California Streets, but moved in 1965 to its current location on the corner of Wall and Missouri after they bought the building from the City Auto car dealership; the bigger building was well suited for Johnny's expanding business.

Business boomed for years to come as the auto body shop continually produced quality work in an ever changing industry.

"Every vehicle that is produced changes our industry... (even) paint is different than it was 30 years ago," added Johnny Bill.

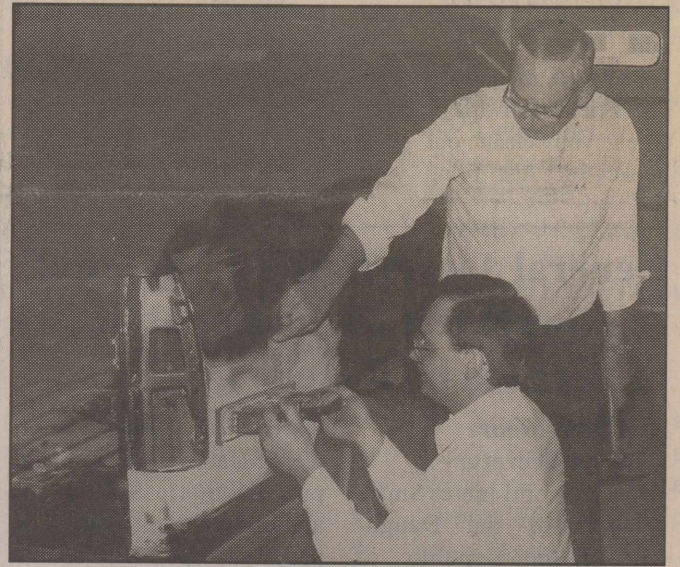
As the years progressed, Johnny Bill's son, Sheldon began to take a shine to the family business as he worked at the shop after school and during holidays. After he graduated in 1978, Sheldon continued to work at

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Courtesy Photos

The good people at a Quality Body Shop are happy to celebrate 50 wonderful years as one of Floyd County's premier auto body shops. Owned and operated by the Sue family; pictured above are the shop's founders Johnny Bill and his wife Margie (right) and the current owners (left) Sheldon, Johnny Bill's son, and his wife Atha. Pictured right are Jonnie Bill and Sheldon.



Keaton Presented Superior Service Award from Texas AgriLife Extension



Donna Keaton, Courtesy Photo

By Melissa Long
 CEA-FCS
 Floyd County

Donna Keaton, Office Manager for the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Floyd County was recently awarded the Superior Service Award, Texas AgriLife's highest employee recognition. "The honorees - 17 individuals, 29 team members and one Extension unit will receive commendation for outstanding achievements, thereby demonstrating leadership and commitment in our mission to improve the lives of people, businesses and communities across Texas and beyond through high quality, relevant education" states Ed Smith, Director of Texas AgriLife Extension. Donna is one of the 157

who were nominated for Superior Service Awards. She has been employed in Floyd County for the past fifteen years. It is because of Donna's diligence that effective programming can be carried out in Floyd County in Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H and Youth Development.

In addition to her office duties, she is an outstanding volunteer for Extension and 4-H as well. She has served on the FCS Committee, assisted with diabetes classes, participated in Walk Across Texas and the Issue Identification Forum. She has served as a 4-H leader, has judged on the county, district and state levels and has helped with all

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Elsa Cooper named 2011 Lockney Citizen of the Year



Photo by Homer Marquez

On Saturday, during the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Elsa Cooper was honored with the 2011 Lockney Citizen of the Year Award. Presenting the award was Brent Barker who is the son of 2010 award winner Barry Barker.

By Homer Marquez

It seemed that everyone was "Wild about Lockney" this past weekend as the Lockney Chamber of Commerce held their annual banquet this past Saturday.

The night was a rocking good time as guests enjoyed great food from the Texas Dinner Bell and music from county western group, Jimmy Burson and Texas Swing.

Along with the night's festivities, the Chamber honored Lockney resident Elsa Cooper as the recipient of the 2011 Citizen of the Year Award.

"I love Lockney" com-

mented Elsa Cooper as she described how she loved the city's small town attributes.

Presenting the award to Mrs. Cooper was Brent Barker, son of the 2010 winner Barry Barker.

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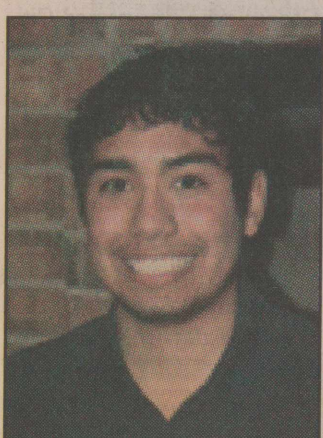
Mrs. Cooper moved to Lockney 18 years ago from Lamesa, where she owned a restaurant for 27 years. Elsa is the wife of longtime Lockney resident Jerry Paul Cooper.

The Chamber described Mrs. Cooper as a person who has always had a "tender heart for people in need

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Cortinas Wins AIChE National Student Paper Competition



Abel Cortinas, a senior chemical engineering major from Floydada, Texas, took first place in the National Student Paper Competition at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 17, 2011.

Cortinas presented his undergraduate research project on "Flow-Aligned Graphene/

PVA Nanocomposite Films," advised by Dr. Micah Green, an assistant professor of chemical engineering. Cortinas advanced to the national competition after taking first place at the Southwest Regional Competition at Texas A&M in March 2011. At nationals, he com-

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A love fund has been set up at American State Bank for the family of Rilla Sue and C.O. Woody. Donations may be made to the Love Fund Savings Account - Pamela Meador. The funds will be used to defray the cost of funeral expenses. Donations can also be made at any of the American State Bank locations.

LIFESTYLES

FLOYD COUNTY Unity Center NEWS

By Elaine LaBaume

On Saturday March 10th the Floyd County Friends Unity Center was the beautiful setting of the Quinceanera for Valerie Maria Reyes. Her escort was Gabriel Mendoza. Her chosen colors were pink and black. The Unity Center was decorated through out with these colors.

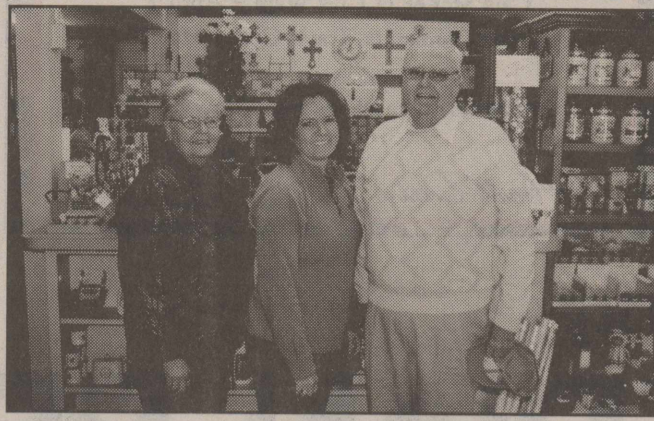
There were about 250 guests and they were treated to a delicious meal and a beautiful cake. The group then enjoyed dancing to the music provided by disc jockeys, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Ramon and Mr. Harvey Garza.

On March 31st the Unity Center will be turned into a

Dinner Theatre setting for the 17th Annual Gala. The colors for the evening will be silver and red for the theme of "Deep IN The Heart of Texas." Margaret Schacht of Schacht Flowers, Jewelry and Gifts and her brother, Clar Schacht, are providing the flowers for the centerpieces. A few tickets are still available. You can call Jon or Elaine LaBaume, go by D & J Gin in Lockney or by Nick Long's State Farm Insurance office in Floydada.

Floyd County Friends are so thankful for all the people that have supported the Unity Center all these years. Please come and enjoy an evening of fun "the biggest social event in Floyd County" of the year.

Gala Donations



Photos by Homer Marquez

On March 31st the Floyd County Friends will have their 17th Annual Gala at the Unity Center located in Muncy. Margaret Schacht, Schacht Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts and Clar Schacht, Windmark Insurance, will provide all the flowers for the table centerpieces. Pictured above (l-r) are Margaret Schacht, Shawnda Foster, 2nd Vice President, Floyd County Friends and Clar Schacht. Pictured below is Zach Cummings, Branch Manager of American State Bank in Floydada, presenting Elaine LaBaume, Secretary - Floyd County Friends, a \$1000 check. The donation will be used at the Gala for the \$1000 Giveaway. A few tickets are still available, \$30 each or \$280 for table of 8. For tickets call Jon or Elaine LaBaume, D & J Gin or Nick Long's State Farm office.



Vanderpool to teach class for photographers, writers

LUBBOCK - Photographer and author Rick Vanderpool will teach the class, "Creating Critical Thinking Skills for Photographers, Writers and Teachers" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting March 29 through May 3. The cost is \$50.

The class will originate in the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center ITV classroom and will be delivered to Crosbyton, Denver City, Levelland, Muleshoe and Plainview.

Vanderpool graduated from the University of Georgia's Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications in 1975. He worked as a staff photographer before opening an art studio in Athens, Ga. He has marketed and sold his creative output for nearly 40 years.

Vanderpool published "Looking for Texas" in 2000 which chronicled his travels of more than 20,000 miles in Texas over a five year period. He has produced mosaic prints of subjects ranging from Texas wildflowers, stars and spurs, to Texas barbecue joints, vineyards and windmills.

Session 1 - March 29, 2012
Which came first - images, or the words to interpret them?
What is an idea? What is the difference between a "good" idea and a "bad" one?
Where do ideas come from?
Zen - It's not just for wine anymore...

Session 2 - April 5, 2012

Which came first - words, or the images to inspire them?
What is discovery? A new idea? A new process/technique? A new world?
How do discoveries come about?

Session 3 - April 12, 2012
Which came first - the necessity or the invention; the function or the form?
What is creativity? Is it Art? Invention? Functional, decorative or purely whimsy? What the heck is ROYGBIV?

Session 4 - April 19, 2012
Which came first - imagination (1 percent) or perspiration (99 percent)?
Imagination vs. Research vs. Resource
Exposure = Intensity x Time

Session 5 - April 26, 2012
Teachers (and all resources) should *guide* students to interpret words & images...
It's always about the brain... Right side or left? Nature vs. Nurture...

Session 6 - May 3, 2012
Teachers (and all resources) should *inspire* students to express their thoughts/ideas in words and images...
Yin vs. Yang vs. Genesis
The most powerful four-letter words are *crea, tive, thin, king*.
For more information and to register, contact Kasey Reyes at (806) 716-2341.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margaret Jones

Spring, Glorious Spring, has finally arrived at last! Hopefully, the turbulent weather patterns of West Texas have subsided for a brief interlude. The earth is awakening all of nature with glorious colors to sharpen the senses and delight the eye. Early Spring rains fell ever so gently, caressing the parched ground as buds sprang forth reveling in all its splendor. The Red Bud in my backyard is gorgeous! My apple tree is showing off its huge fragrant blossoms. Renewal of Life has always been a favorite season. Hopefully you are taking the time to enjoy the Wonder and Majesty of it all.

Small towns, especially those in West Texas, have always battled against Time, Population, Industry, and the ever-present decrease in Agricultural prosperity. These, along with the Lack of business opportunity, have taken a toll on our fair city. Thirty-five years ago, due to the generosity of a church group, donation of an unused building became available as the place for Senior Citizens to gather...for a noon meal, fellowship with each other, play games or whatever. Through these many years a tremendous amount of fun activities have been held in the Center.

Yearbooks are full of pages of Birthday Parties, 42 and 84 Parties, Bridge Tournaments, Annual Christmas Parties, (with Santa Claus) visiting local Historians, comedians, and the list goes on. Lack of attendance has become an increasing fact that times like these may not be able to continue. Come join us for a time of Fun, Food, and Fellowship whenever it is possible. Call before 10:00 a.m. so there will be plenty of food for everyone. Our Menu appears in the paper each week following my column. We look forward to seeing you, soon!

Lovene Moore has recently returned from a trip to Auburn, Alabama. She drove to Waco to her daughter's (Sharon and Jeff Henson) home and from there they flew to Alabama for her granddaughter's wedding. Allison, daughter of Lovene's daughter, (Charlotte and Dave Sutton) was married to Lindsey Crosby. She said the wedding was beautiful and the weather and countryside was gorgeous. After the wedding Lovene returned to Waco to visit Sharon and Jeff for a few days. Lovene, we are so glad you had a great time and

returned home safely.

We are glad to welcome Richard Burton to the Center. He had been joining us for lunch for the last few weeks. We look forward to seeing you each and every day, Richard.

Let us continue to remember Boone Adams in our prayers. He is in the Swing-bed in the Lockney hospital. He is getting stronger an improving and hopes to return home soon.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Harold Bertrand on the death of his wife, Laurita. We hope Harold's health continues to improve.

Let us continue to remember those who have lost loved ones in the last few months. They need our prayers at a difficult time in their lives.

Thank you for remembering the Center with your memorials. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235.

In memory of C. O. Woody - Class of 1957

In memory of Opal Poole - Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap

In memory of Mrs. H. P. Bertrand - Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap

Recipe of the Week

Kentucky Spoon Bread
1 cup each - creamed corn, whole kernel corn and sour cream, 1 egg, 1 stick margarine, soft, 1 small package corn bread mix. Mix all ingredients in bowl with spoon, do not need mixer. Bake in glass pan, 9x13, 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

This is a recipe of Elaine Hill, long-time friend of Sing Women of West Texas.

Thought for the Week - Character is not an inheritance; each person must build it for himself.

MENU

APRIL 2 - APRIL 6

Monday - Rigatoni w/meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/dressing, mandarin oranges w/whipped topping, low fat milk

Tuesday - Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, tossed salad w/dressing, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, low fat milk

Wednesday - BBQ beef brisket, Ranch style beans, cornbread, buttered carrots, strawberries, low fat milk

Thursday - Crispy chicken on bun, tomato & lettuce, mayonnaise, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low fat milk

Friday - CLOSED

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

By Carolyn Cheek

The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who had donated books for our next book sale. We appreciate so much the generous donations of the books from your personal libraries. The proceeds from our sales help buy new books and other needed items for our local library.

Our next book sale will be the weekend Floydada celebrates Old Settlers' which is the last weekend in May. We will hold our sale on Friday and Saturday, May 25th and 26th.

Please continue to remember Friends of the Library when you clean out your bookcases. Just bring your

books to the library or call a Friends of the Library member and we will pick them up.

Also, please remember if you want to give a donation to the library give it through the Friends of the Library. We appreciate all donations given and will use those donations to buy new books for the library unless you have a specific place you want the donations directed.

And please support our library by using it to check out books for your reading pleasure. The library has its faithful readers but we could use many more of the Floyd County residents to read books from our wonderful library. Visit the library soon. Thank you.

General James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to hold meeting

By Linda Moore
Chapter Secretary

The General James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will be having their monthly chapter meeting on Monday, March 26th, 2012. The meeting will take place at the Lubbock

Garden & Arts Center, 4215 University, at 1:30 pm. All interested persons are invited to attend. The program topic will be the History & Development of the Railroad on the South Plains given by Bo Linn. Refreshments will be served.

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LOCKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Betty Jackson

The Center had a good week. Especially good on Thursday when Renee served her #1 rated chicken and dumplings. If you haven't eaten at the center, give it a try. The menus are posted here in the paper a week in advance. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday. Call by 9:30 a.m. in order to be counted for lunch. Don't forget coffee hour at 9:00 a.m.

We learned this week of the death of Kyle Degge, a former Lockney resident who was currently residing in Allen, Texas. His parents are Douglas and the late Mary Glenn Degge. His memorial services were held March 19th in Allen, Texas. We extend our sympathy to his family. Memorial gifts may be made in his honor to Camp Blue Haven, HC 81, Box 304, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701.

The Lockney High School National Honor Society came

for lunch last Thursday. Our day is made brighter by their presence. Thanks for coming, kids!

Gene Brotherton is still undergoing daily radiation treatments and her place at the front desk is being filled by several volunteers. We appreciate you ladies! Gladys Bobbitt is spending time in Amarillo with her daughter who is recovering from major surgery.

Our congratulations to Elsa Cooper, who was named Citizen of the Year at the annual banquet on Saturday. Thanks for all you do, Elsa.

Everyone have a blessed week!

MENU

APRIL 2 - APRIL 6

Monday-Meat Loaf

Tuesday-Baked Potato

Wednesday-Chicken Fried Steak

Thursday- Spaghetti

Friday-Fish

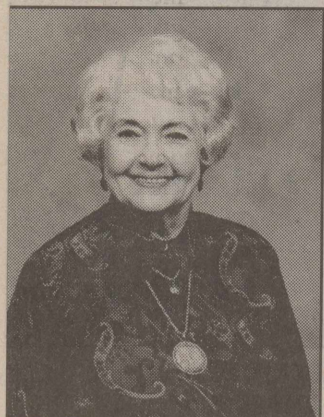
OBITUARIES

SCOTTY JOE GILBERT

Scotty Joe Gilbert, age 28, of Chesterfield, Virginia, passed away Sunday, March 18, 2012. Graveside services

were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at Grey Mule Cemetery in Quitaque with Rev. Rance Young of-

ficiating. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Quitaque.



MAXINE FRY MCCULLOUGH
July 5, 1917-
March 21, 2012

Maxine Fry McCullough, formerly of Midland, passed away on March 21, 2012, in El Paso, Texas, at the age of 94.

She was born July 5, 1917 in Lockney, Texas, the daughter of Robert Ernest and Ruby Britton Fry, early settlers of Floyd County. She was also the niece of L.D. and Ouida Britton. She was graduated from Floydada High School, and in 1938 received a BA degree in Journalism from Texas Tech.

After teaching journalism for two years in Littlefield and Grandfalls, she married

Hugh D. McCullough of Waco on August 21, 1940, in Floydada. They moved to Midland in 1941 where he worked for The Texas Company and later Sinclair Oil and Gas Company. In 1942, he became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and they lived in Newark, New Jersey; Washington DC; Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Ft. Worth, Texas. In 1950 they returned to Midland, Texas where Hugh became an independent geologist.

While at Texas Tech, she was a yearbook beauty, the 1938 Sun Bowl Princess, a member of Forum honorary (later Mortar Board), and in *Who's Who*. She also served as president of Las Chaparritas, which later became Kappa Kappa Gamma. She worked on the campus newspaper, and was the first female president of the student body. She later served as Midland's representative to the Tech Ex-Students' Association.

She was preceded in death, in 1991, by her beloved husband of over 50 years, Hugh McCullough.

Mrs. McCullough is survived by three children: Robert Fry McCullough (Kathy) of Sea Island, Georgia; Linda McCullough Mead of Mesa, Arizona; and Mary Kay Gray (Ken) of El Paso. Other survivors include one sister, Marilyn Slough of Austin; grandchildren, Bob McCullough (Rachel) of Atlanta, Georgia; Sharon Walker (John Gray) of Perry, Georgia; Lauren McCullough of Austin, Rick Mead of Mesa, Arizona; Erin Mead of Phoenix, Arizona, Geoffrey Barnett and Wade Barnett, both of Los Angeles, and Meredith Barnett of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Mrs. McCullough also leaves behind 5 great-granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland on April 21. Memorials may be made to the McCullough Youth Endowment at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701, VNA Hospice of El Paso, or to a charity of one's choice.

Notes may be sent to the family at 4813 Costa de Oro, El Paso, TX 79922.

and was a member of New Salem Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Buiel P Neff in 1970.

Ona Ruth is survived by her son, Donald R. Neff of Lubbock; daughters, Nell Johnson and husband, Jack of Austin, and Pat Smith and husband, Bill of Lubbock; brother, Verlon Wright of Shallowater;

six grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Memorials in Mrs. Neff's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 6630 S. Quaker Suite E, Lubbock, TX, 79413 or the Floydada Senior Citizen Center, PO Box 573, Floydada, TX, 79235.

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com



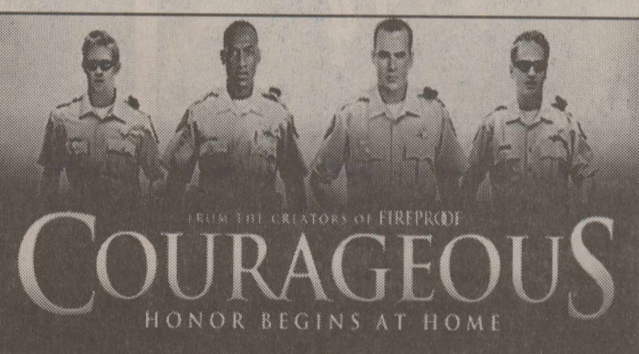
ONA RUTH NEFF

Ona Ruth Neff, age 91, passed away March 17, 2012.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 24, 2012 at New Salem Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada.

Interment followed at Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home. Visitation was held Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the church.

Ona Ruth was born on April 9, 1920 in Floydada to Wayne and Lillie (Roberts) Wright. She married B.P. Neff on August 9, 1937. She was a multi-talented, wife, mother, & homemaker who enjoyed gardening, sewing, and quilting. She worked as the cook at the Lakeview School, on the family farm, and managed the Lakeview Cemetery. Ona Ruth was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution



FREE MOVIE NIGHT

at First Baptist Church, Floydada, 401 S. Main
April 1, 2012 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center
Refreshments will be provided.
Childcare for children 1st grade and under.

We would like to thank everyone who called, came by, sent cards, brought food, or just simply prayed for our family during this difficult time. Losing a parent is hard, but to lose both parents within 2 months of each other is almost unbearable. Our community has helped ease our pain by being there for us. A special thank you to Moore-Rose Funeral Home, Hospice Hands of West Texas, the First Baptist Church for meals, and everyone who has contributed to the Love Fund.

*The Woody Family
Duncan, Carrie Sue, Pam, Zora
and families*

San Jose Catholic Church



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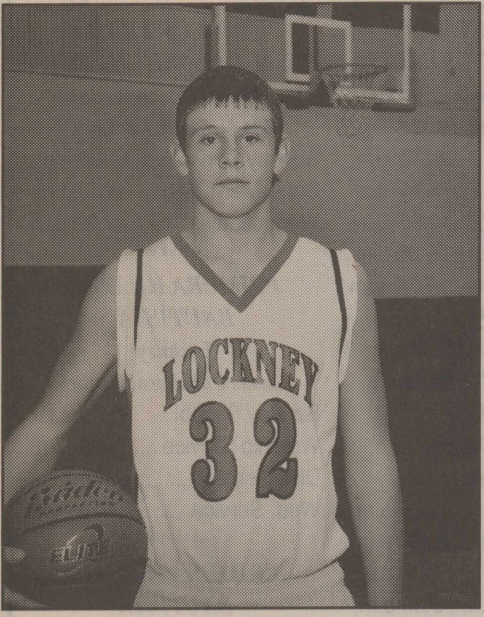
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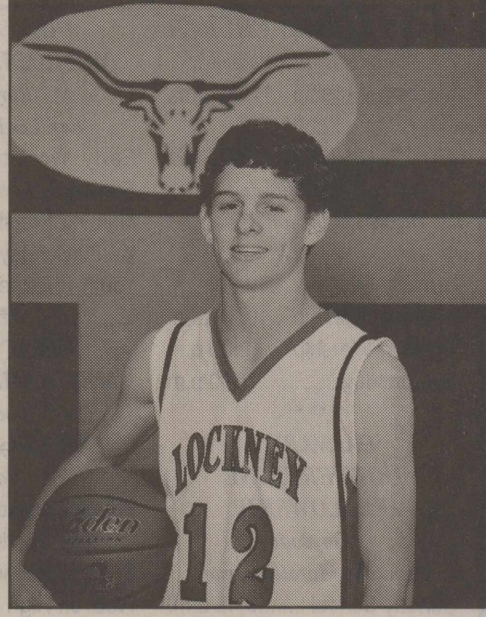
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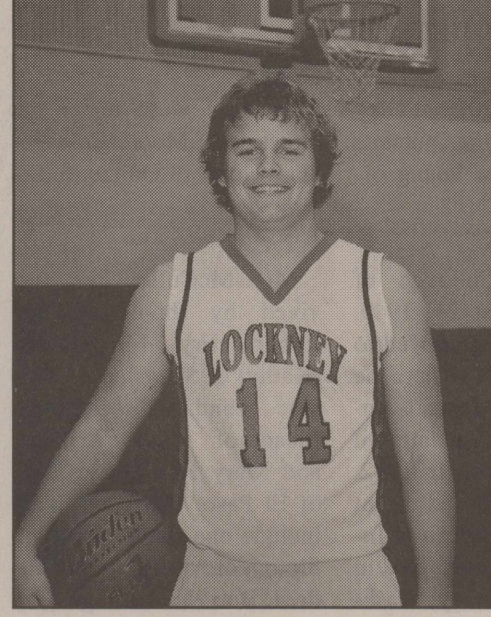
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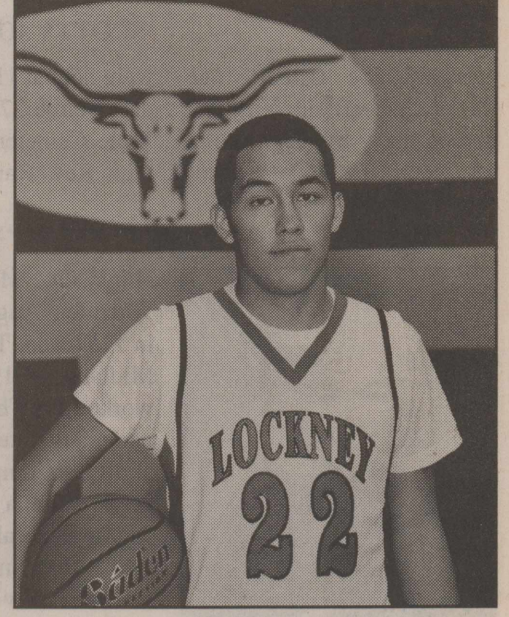
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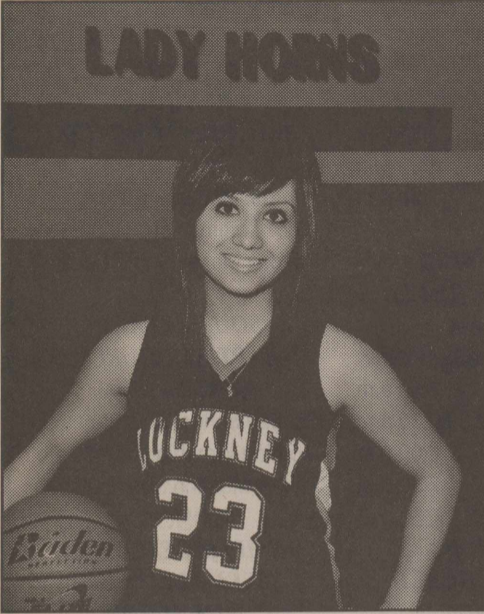
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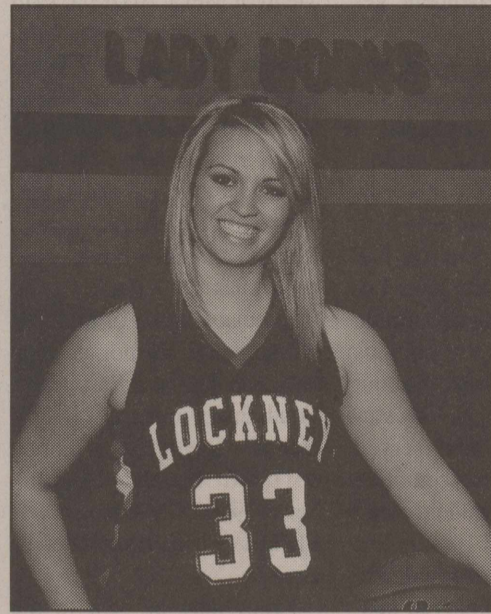
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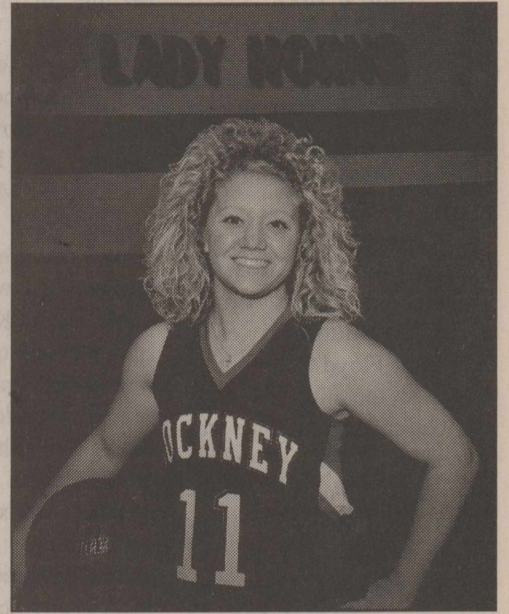
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1st Team All-District
Offensive MVP
Texas Girls Coaches Association
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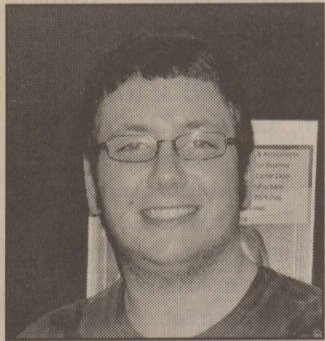
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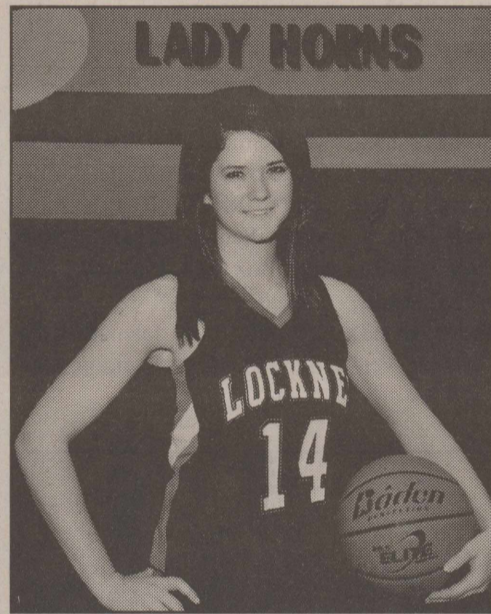
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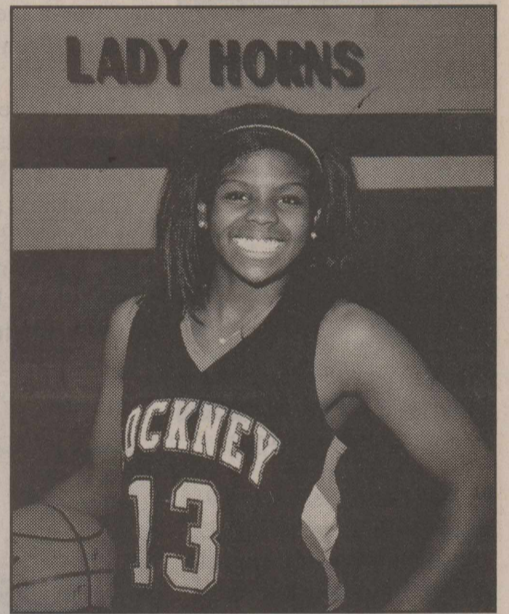
SUNNY WILLIAMS
LHS-Senior
District 1-1A
All-District



DYLAN AUFILL, Representing Lockney High School, competed in number sense at the TMSA state meet in San Antonio at UTSA, bringing back a First Place Trophy. This meet, held March 17, consists of schools from all over Texas including several private schools from the Houston and Dallas area. Pam Fulton is the UIL Number Sense coach. Dylan is a senior at Lockney High School and is the son of Chuck and Ronda Aufill of Lockney.



SYANN FOSTER
LHS-Senior
District 1-1A
All-District



TANAE RAMOS
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Lady Horns fall to New Deal but beat Tahoka

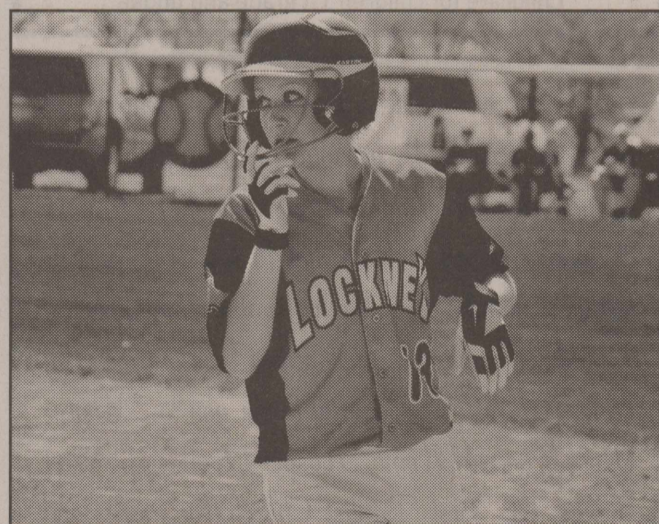


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By Randy Jackson

On March 20th, the Lady Longhorns were unable to overcome a late scoring run by New Deal which handed the Lockney their first district loss on the season. The Lady Horns bounced back on Saturday March 24th against non-district 2A opponent Sanford Fritch. Lockney outscored Sanford-Fritch 4-2 to earn the victory.

The Lady Horns returned

to district play against district opponent Tahoka on Monday March 26th. Lockney held Tahoka scoreless until the 5th inning, where Tahoka scored two runs off of two Lockney errors, to tie the game. Tahoka was able to continue their scoring run in the 6th innings while shutting down the Lady Horns to take the lead 4-3. In the top of the 7th inning, Tahoka increased their lead by a run, when they

scored for a lady Horn error. In the bottom of the 7th, Sunny and Dixie Williams paired with Katie Jackson to score 2 Lockney runs to tie the game and force an overtime inning.

During the top of the 8th inning, the Lady Horn defense went to work. Jackson recorded a strike out on Tahoka's first batter. Tahoka catcher Bingham got a hit into deep left field. Left fielder Tanya Hernandez connected on a throw from left field with catcher Sunny Williams to throw the batter out at home. The lady Horns ended the top of the 8th inning catching a high fly ball. Meagan Dunn and Kennedy Hallmark both connected with the ball getting on base and setting up the situation for the Lady Horns to score. Tanya Hernandez singled filling the bases for Jennifer Ybarra. Ybarra was walked to bring in Meagan Dunn for the Lockney winning run.

The Lady Horns hold a 9-3 overall record and are 5-1 in district.

Lockney Varsity hits track in Crosbyton

On March 23, the Lockney Varsity Track Team headed to Crosbyton for a track and field meet.

The varsity girls would have a good day as Mackenzie Kemp finished first in the discus event with a 90' 10" throw. In the

shot put event, Mary Sammann finished second with a 29' 1.5" throw; Kemp place fifth. Tanae Ramos finished first in the long jump and placed first in the triple jump with a 33' 6.5" jump. In the high jump, Roberts placed third.

In the 400 relay, Lockney

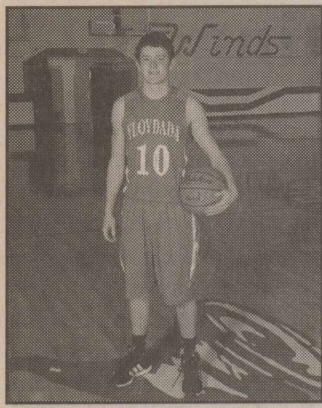
finished first with a 53.41 time. Kennedy Hallmark place second with an 18.51 time in hurdles. Hallmark also finished second in the 300 hurdles and Belt finished fourth.

Ramos place first in the 100

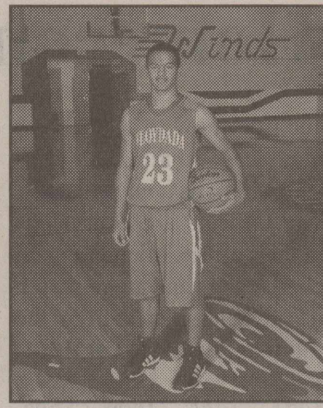
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FLOYDADA SPORTS

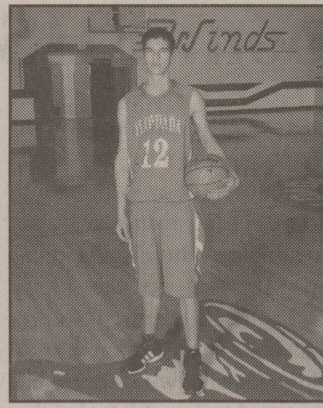
Floydada announces basketball All-District



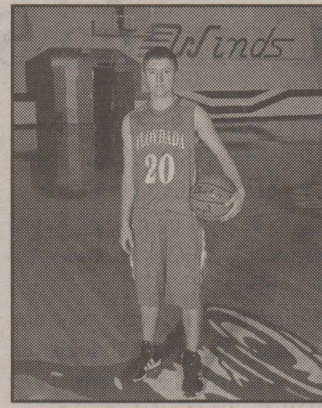
HADEN LIPHAM
FHS-Senior
District 2-2A
All-District



JORDAN WOODY
FHS-Junior
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All-District



RUBEN DELEON
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TYLER RENFRO
FHS-Junior
District 2-2A
All-District Honorable
Mention

By Coach Renfro

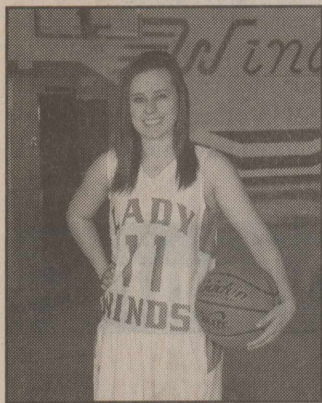
Floydada had four basketball players receive district honors in the district 2-2A all district selections.

Woody led the team in several categories during district play, averaging 13.2 points and grabbing 4.2 steals per game.

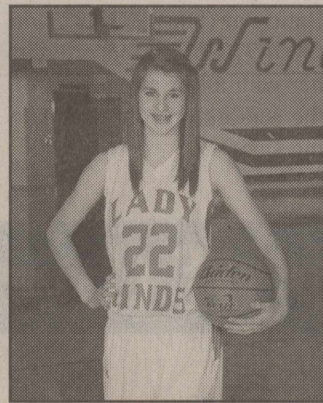
Haden Lipham averaged 12.9 points per game for the district campaign while pulling down 5.0 rebounds and getting 2.1 steals per game.

Tyler Renfro led the team in rebounding during district with a 5.5 per game average.

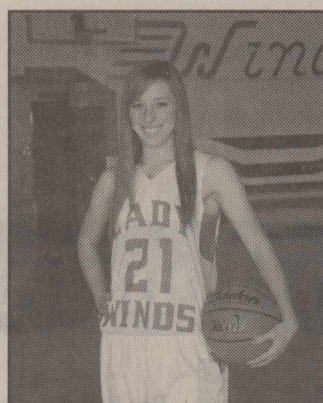
Ruben Deleon, Jr scored 7.5 points per game, grabbed 5.1 rebounds per game, and passed out 20 assists.



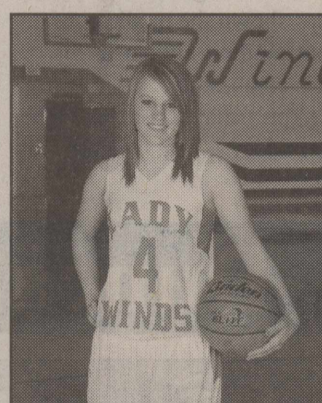
NIKKI SEYMOUR
FHS-Senior
District 2-2A
All-District Honorable
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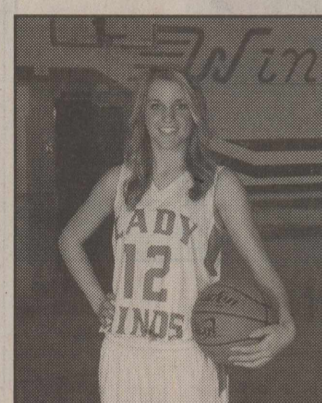
REBEKAH HALL
FHS-Freshman
District 2-2A
All-District Honorable
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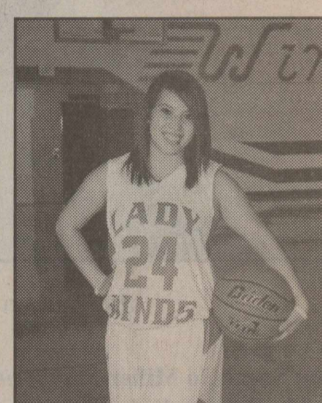
SARAH JO MILLER
FHS-Senior
District 2-2A
All-District Honorable
Mention



SARAH SANDERS
FHS-Senior
District 2-2A
All-District Honorable
Mention



AVERY MILLER
FHS-Senior
District 2-2A
1st Team All-District
Texas Association of
Basketball Coaches
All-Region Team



LIZ SUAREZ
FHS-Senior
District 2-2A
All-District Honorable
Mention

Photos by Bobby's Photographic Memories
Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Team

4-H Fashion Show Held

By Melissa Long
CEA-FCS
Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H'ers strutted their stuff at the county 4-H Fashion Show, Tuesday, March 20th at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office meeting room.

embellished or recycled garments and completed an interview process to select those advancing on to district competition on Tuesday, April 10 at the Abernathy Elementary School.

4-H'ers, their respective categories and placings included: Junior Buying Ca-

sual - Lauren Franks - 1st, Junior Buying Dressy - Payton Teeple - 1st, Korleigh Webb - 2nd, Junior Buying Specialty - Kylie Ricketts - 1st, Kaimee Webb - 2nd, Junior Construction Casual - Kendal Hughes - 1st, Junior Construction Specialty - Tasha Schlueter - 1st, Intermediate Buying

Casual - Tristan Schlueter - 1st, Intermediate Recycled & Embellished - Hannah Franks - 1st, Clover Kid Construction Casual - Lindee Miller - Participation.

All first place winners will advance to the district show along with senior Malory Graham who will compete in the Buying Specialty category.



Courtesy Photo

Floyd County 4-H members who participated in the County Fashion Show included (front row, l-r) Lindee Miller, Lauryn Franks, Payton Teeple, Kendal Hughes and Kaimee Webb; (back row, l-r) Tasha Schlueter, Hannah Franks, Tristan Schlueter, Kylie Ricketts and Korleigh Webb.

Wind's Face Cats on Diamond

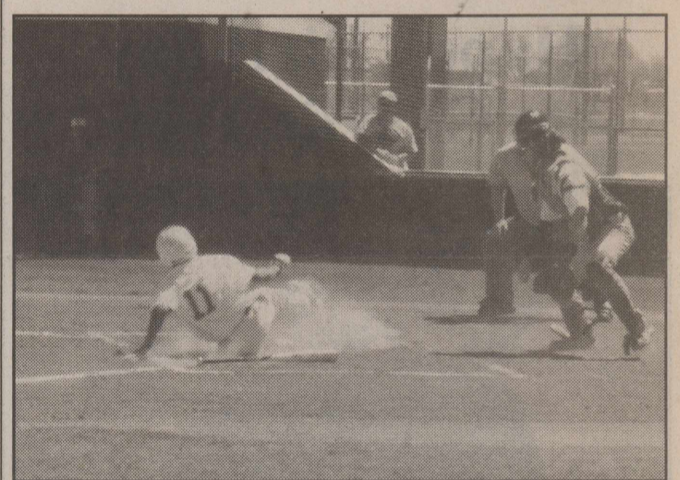


Photo by Homer Marquez

By Coach Seago

In the baseball world, wins are great; but the GODS don't always smile down on you. Its moments like this that makes you remember that you have to get better each day.

district game and one non-district game with the same outcome both days with two 3-2 losses.

The week began with a 3-2 lose to district rival Idalou on Thursday 3/22 as the Whirlwinds traveled to Idalou in Lou of a rain delay

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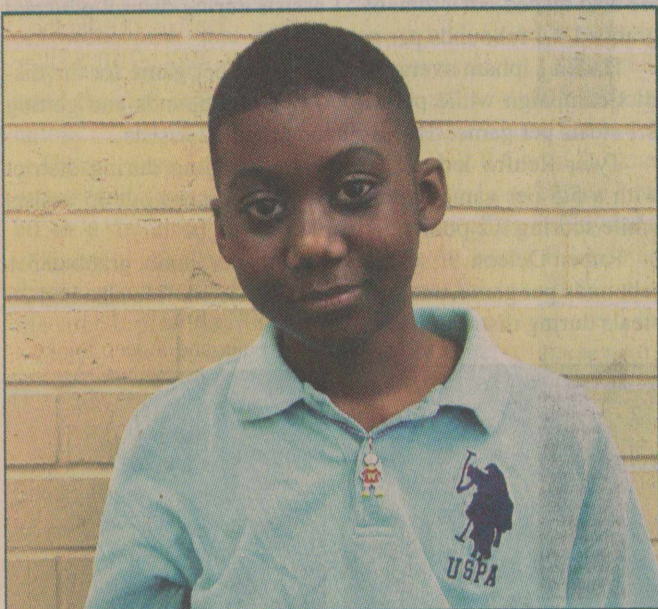
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Whirlwind News



Duncan Student of the Month



JayVaughn Wickware

By: Sarah Jo Miller-Staff Writer

March's Student of the Month is ten-year-old JayVaughn Wickware. He is the son of Michael and Shelly Wickware and the grandson of Dorothy Wickware. He has a sister named Serenity, a brother named Hadrian, and a baby brother on the way. In his spare time, JayVaughn likes to read Ameilia Bedeilia books and play video games. When he grows up, he wants to be a video game designer. His favorite class is science and his favorite teachers are Mrs. Bandy, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Covington, Mrs. Rainwater, and Mrs. Simmons. Mrs. Bandy says that JayVaughn is an intelligent, hard-working student who has made progress in every subject this year.

Happy Birthday to Charlie Tyer



Courtesy Photo

By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer

On March 6, the members of the FISD school board honored Mr. Charlie Tyer in celebration of his eightieth birthday. Mr. Tyer has been a part of the Floydada Independent School District since 1955. Throughout the years, he has been a junior high teacher, coach, high school principal, elementary principal and is currently a member of the school board.

"I don't regret anything," said Tyer. "I loved every minute of it. I don't ever remember a day when I said, 'Well I sure don't want to get up and go to work.'"

Mr. Tyer and his wife, Dale, raised their three daughters in the community. They now have grandchildren and also great grandchildren.

"We're just now a part of the community and the history of the community," concluded Tyer.

Number Sense Is on the Countdown to Competition Day

By: Emily Hall-Staff Writer

This week the Journalism staff interviewed ULL Coach Sara Ashley to get the scoop on what is involved in the event that she coaches.

In Number Sense, the stu-

dents are given written test full of math problems that must be done mentally. They are not allowed to use a calculator or have scratch paper. The students go in and try to complete as many problems

Coming Soon: FHS Homecoming 2012

By: Cynthia Smith-Editor

Floydada ISD officially announces the 2012 Homecoming to be held on Friday, September 7, 2012 with kick-off beginning at 7:30 pm. The Whirlwinds will take on San Jacinto Christian Academy at the Whirlwind Stadium. The FHS Ex Student Association (FHSESA) would like to announce its annual Hall of Fame Induction. This prestigious award will be given to one of the many FHS alumni who, throughout the years, has shown the qualities of an outstanding citizen in his or her community.

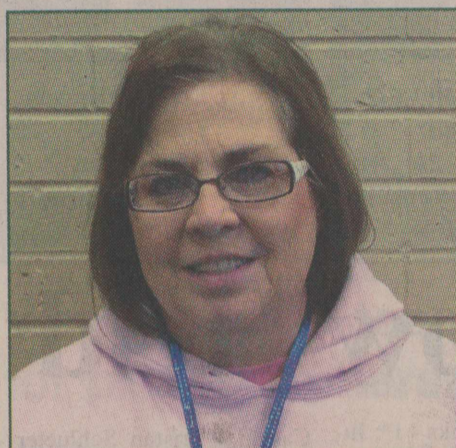
You may contact Bob Dempsey via email at

rdemps601@gmail.com or by phone at, (806)-983-2052 in request of a nomination form. These forms are also available at the Floyd County Museum, on the Floydada Ex Students (Group) facebook page, or at http://floydadawhirlwinds.org/contact_us.html, which is the Hall of Fame section of the Floydada Ex Student Association webpage. This website provides you with contact information of the elected officers of the FHSESA, as well as updated information about the events of Homecoming 2012. To add any information to this website regarding events that will oc-

cur from now to Homecoming, please email Frank Potts at frankpotts@hughes.net. The Officers are continuous in their efforts of updating all class rosters and are in search of any classmates from the following years: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1963, 1974, 1975, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995-2003, 2005, and 2008-2011. If you or someone you know has graduated from FHS during these years, please call Lee Battey at (806)-983-3021 or (806)-778-2153 and provide her with all or any names of the seniors of your graduating class.

The FHSESA would also like to invite as well as encourage the public to attend its next business meeting at the Floyd Co. Library on Monday, April 02, at 6:30 pm. For more information about this or any upcoming meeting(s), please contact Jon Jones at jones.jon60@gmail.com or call him at (806)-983-1772. The Whirlwind News staff will be providing a weekly update of any new events, schedules, meetings, etc., regarding this year's Homecoming. Make sure to read next week's issue for a complete list of FHSESA officers as well as their contact information.

Duncan Teacher of the Month



Tammie Shuping

By: Sarah Jo Miller-Staff Writer

Duncan's Teacher of the Month is Tammie Shuping. Tammy has spent seventeen of her twenty-three years of nursing at FISD. She is married to Bobby and has three children, Zach Logan, 29, Zane Logan, 27, and Payten Shuping, 3. Mrs. Shuping likes to cook, decorate cakes, and sew when she finds the time. The most memorable moments for Mrs. Shuping at school happened fifteen years ago when she and Coach Smith were doing an all-school routine medical check. They had the students lined up and when the two got to the end of the line, they found two girls with their hands against the wall with their feet apart. "Apparently, they thought were going to be searched and frisked, leaving me and Coach Smith speechless!", exclaimed Shuping.

Floydada HS's "The Elephant Man" Stomps the Competition

By: Merritt Johnson-Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 22, 2012, Floydada High School's One Act Play performed the "Elephant Man" for district competition in Tulia. The spectators present at the show gave great responses to the enactment. The play received fourth place overall.

"I knew we were in a very tough district, so I wanted our peers to see us, and I wanted

people to talk about us, which they did. The cast put on a great performance as I expected they would," said One Act Play director, Rita Cox.

In addition to a great rank, several members received individual awards. Hunter Schwertner, who played John Merrick, was presented an All-Star Cast award. Gracie Cervera, Brittany Garza, and Crysta Powell, were given the title of Honorable Mention

All-Star Cast for their ensemble role as The Pinheads. The crew was awarded the very prestigious, Technical Crew Award.

"Unfortunately our play wasn't as clean as the others, but we did just as good a job. Overall we had an excellent play, and the kids did phenomenal," said Cox.

A last presentation of the "Elephant Man" was performed to the community this

past Monday at 6:30 pm. The cast and crew included: Diego Cervera, Hector Rodriguez, John Cortinas, Hunter Schwertner, Gracie Cervera, Crysta Powell, Brittany Garza, Sean Morales, RJ (Randal) Gomez, Landry Morren, Mattie Sanders, Carly Carthel, Lupe Lopez, Issac Martinez, Tyler Whalen, Alexis Holbert, Ashley Lucke, Chelsey Garza, Crystal Cervera, Christian Cabello, and Andrew Perez.

Is It the Loveable or Ludacris Lorax?

By: Merritt Johnson-Staff Writer

Recently, there has been some controversial buzz about Dr. Seuss' The Lorax movie. After watching the film and reading the book, there are two standpoints a person can take on the film. First, some will reclaim the motion picture as a splendid, little feature and a good children's movie. This is indeed true; the color use of The Lorax is bright and entertaining. Wild chases and musical numbers create smiles and giggles from small kids. Fur-

thermore, the film does try to promote a good message to the young. This piece of information they are expected to attain is to aid the environment from being damaged, which is the main moral in the book, too. However, some parents are calling the movie too dark and depressing at points. This is when showing how the once beautiful land was destroyed and the town is covered in smog. In addition, a few critics stated that the Lorax swayed too much from the movie. The Lorax in the book is captured as a pac-

ifist, using only words to try and stop the antagonist. In the motion picture though, the Lorax tries to physically remove the problem. It also does attempt to bring some current controversial affairs to the attention of adults. This was could've been pur-

posely placed so the movie could gain further recognition and get the word spread about it for more views.

Overall, children will be delighted with The Lorax, while parents might feel bored and be a little judgmental while watching.

Upcoming Events for Floydada ISD

By: Emily Hall- Staff Writer

- March 28: STARR Grade 7 Writing
- March 29: Floydada Tennis Tournament at Plainview
JH Track at Brownfield
- March 30: HS Track at Brownfield
- March 31: Varsity/JV Softball VS Littlefield There, 12:00/2:00 pm
Varsity/JV Baseball VS Littlefield Here, 12:00/2:30 pm
- April 3: Varsity/JV Softball VS Muleshoe Here, 4:30/6:30 pm
Varsity/JV Baseball VS Dimmit Here, 5:00/7:00 pm
- April 5: JH District Track at Abernathy
HS District Tennis at Plainview
HS Track at Roosevelt
- April 6: Varsity/JV Softball VS Idalou There, V 4:30/6:30 pm
Varsity/JV Baseball VS Abernathy There, 12:00/2:30 pm
- April 9: United Blood Services Blood Drive at Whirlwind Gym
- April 10: Varsity/JV Softball VS Abernathy Here, 4:30/6:00 pm
Varsity/JV Baseball VS Muleshoe Here, 5:00/7:00 pm
- April 12: HS District Track
- April 14: Prom at Plainview Country Club, 7:00 pm
Varsity/JV Softball VS Dimmit There, 12:00/2:00 pm
Varsity/JV Baseball VS Idalou There, 12:00/2:30 pm
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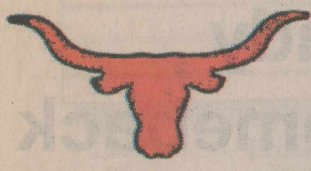
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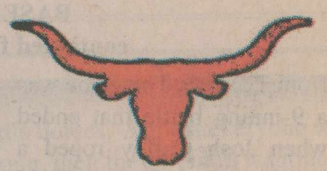
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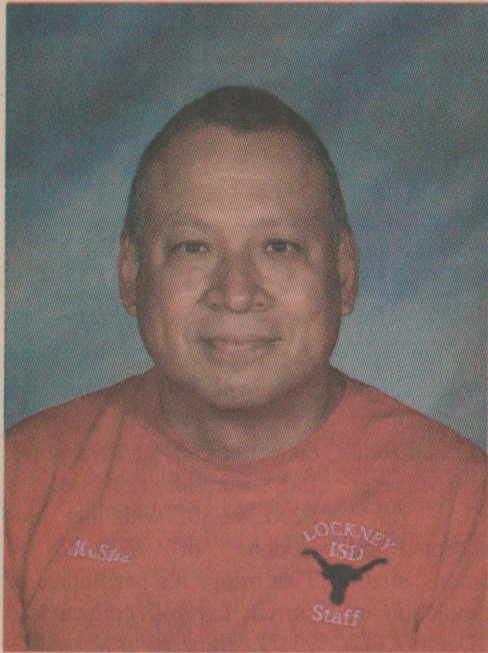
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Faculty Spotlight: Sammy Silva

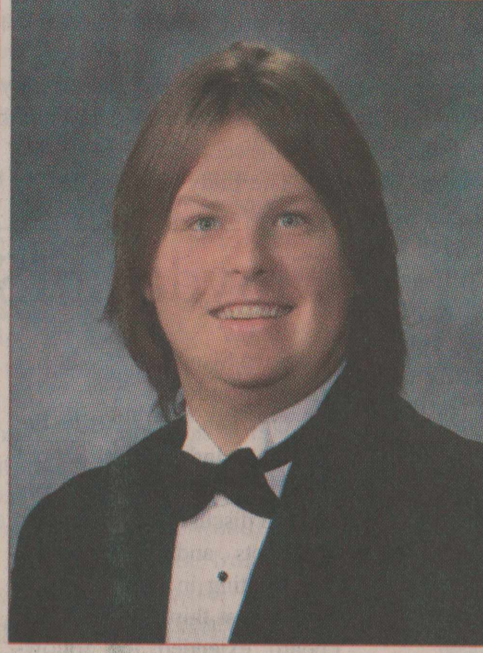


Sammy Silva

By Brenda Salazar

Sammy Silva grew up in Crosbyton, Texas, moving to Lockney when he was in the third grade. After graduating in 1982, Sammy decided to get a job at Lockney High School to stay close to his family. Sammy has been working with the school for 30 years as a custodian and a sponsor. Some of his challenges include keeping all of the rooms clean on a daily basis. Sammy enjoys everything about his job, especially the students. His most memorable moments of his life are watching his two children graduate from high school. Outside of school Sammy enjoys working with his church and spending time with his grandchildren. His favorite things about Lockney are the people and the whole town in general. Some things that people may not know about Sammy are that he always puts everyone before his self and is very big-hearted. Sammy loves his job and LISD!

Student Spotlight: Robert Webb



Robert Webb

By Jessica Pena

Robert Webb was born in Floydada and moved to Lockney in 6th grade. He has one brother, Randy Webb, who graduated from Lockney High School in 2008. His hobbies and some of his interests are firefighting, working on cars, computers, motorcycles, and being involved with the church youth group. At school he is involved in art club activities. The thing he enjoys most about Lockney High School is the new building. His most memorable moments are the art trips and watching the spray paint artist. What he loves doing outside of school is hanging out with friends. His friends would describe him as quiet and a deep thinker. Robert is very involved with his church helping with "Wacky Wednesday," the youth group, and also helping out in the nursery from time to time. His favorite church activity is camp counseling which he has done for three years. He is looking forward to this summer and graduation. People would describe him as helpful and crazy because he's random. He sees himself ten years from now being a firefighter, having his own Harley House and owning an awesome truck.

Top elementary fundraiser sellers win bikes



On Friday, the top sellers in the Elementary Red Wheel Cooke Dough Fundraiser were awarded a brand new bike for their awesome selling skills. The winners were the top sellers in their grade level; winners pictured on left are Max Ramirez, Hunter Lefevre, Ariel Alvarado, Justin Gonzales, Sierra Martinez, and Kayla Archer-Rodriguez. Pictured on the right are those who were the overall top sellers for the school and received gift cards; Hunter Lefevre, Justus Abbott, and Audrey Rexrode.

The fundraiser was organized by the Lockney Elementary Mom's Club which does tons of stuff for the Elementary. Through volunteer

work and fundraisers, the group has been able to paint the cafeteria, co-sponsor for the Elementary trip to Austin, buy playground equipment and a new ice machine, and buy books and shirts for teachers.

"We love the mom's club because they are so good to us," comment school nurse, Connie Barnett, "they do a lot of good things for us."

In partnership with the Red Wheel Cookie Dough Company, the Mom's Club split the cost of the bikes, purchasing half of the bikes while the company purchased the other half.

The Mom's Club is open to anyone who wants to volunteer.

LITTLE LONGHORNS



Little Longhorns-Austin Rodriguez, Josiah Rodriguez, Fernando Valdez, Anthony Martinez, Joel Valdez, Isaiha Luna, Nadia Perez, Brailey Kidd, Deserae Salas, Max Ramirez, Colton Moses, Cynthia Naranjo.

Courtesy Photos



Activities

By Esperanza Guerra

Over Spring Break Joseph Chavez participated in the boy's regional powerlifting meet in Sundown earning 3rd place and a state alternate position.

Lockney High School calendar

March 30th--- Lockney Longhorn Baseball game against Olton. Here.

March 30th---Lockney Lady Horn Softball game against Ralls. There.

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from Tuesday. The game was a 9-inning battle that ended when Josh Caffey roped a ball into the left center field gap to bring home Nathan Bell for the winning run. Pitching for the Whirlwinds was Jose Martinez who went the distance by allowing only 6 hits along with 5 strikeouts over the course of the nine-inning affair. Martinez faced 29 batters on the day and walked only 4, which went as his first loss of the year and now puts his record at 4 and 1. The Winds bats managed 6 hits off of starting ace pitcher Derick Spargo of Idalou while striking out 7 times during the contest. "It was a great ball game that you hate to see one team lose because of the pitching and defense that was displayed during the game. You are talking about two quality teams that kept finding ways to get the other team out. Any day you can go to Idalou and battle for 9 innings, it can only make you better."

At the end of the week, on Saturday 3/24, the Childress Bobcats came to town for a non-district contest. Once again though, Floydada was on the wrong side of a 3-2 loss. For those that came out, it was another great defensive battle that incorporated great pitching from both squads. Seth Nielson was the starting pitcher for the Whirlwinds and he went 5 innings tossing 3 hit ball while striking out

three on no walks and two hit batters while giving up one earn run. Matthew McGowen pitched the 6th and 7th innings and gave up 2 hits and 2 walks with one hit batter which allowed for two runs and Childress to take the lead in the 6th.

The Whirlwinds managed 6 hits with six different hitters getting a hit each while striking out 5 times. "It is the point of the year where we are facing great pitching because of our record. We have to learn to make adjustments at the plate and come though with big hits for momentum. We also need to cut out some base running mistakes, but when you are an aggressive team on the bases, bad things can happen. All this two loses did was make us stronger as a team and prepare us for tough games the rest of the way out."

The baseball team will next play at home on Sat. 3/31 starting at noon against the Littlefield Wildcats. The varsity will start at noon with the j-birds playing at 2:30. They will then start the second half of district on Tues. 4/3 when they play the Dimmitt Bobcats here as well with the varsity taking the bump at 5:00 and a j-bird game after that. The Whirlwinds are now 9-4 on the year and 3-1 in district, tied with Abernathy and Idalou for the district lead.

Abernathy beats Floydada Lady Winds 15-11 thanks to big comeback

The Floydada Lady Winds looked to be in control, up by 11 runs in the second inning, but Abernathy came back to grab a 15-11 win on Saturday in Abernathy.

The Lady Winds were paced by the production of Lindsey Deleon, who reached base four times. Deleon doubled in the second inning and singled in the fifth inning.

Abernathy was in a difficult situation in the second inning before it recovered for the win.

Both squads had things going at the plate, tallying 26 runs and 21 hits, including seven extra base hits.

Amber Flores racked up four RBIs on three hits for Abernathy. Flores tripled in the second and fourth innings and singled in the fifth inning.

Abernathy hammered Floydada Lady Winds pitching as 11 hitters had a field day, combining for 19 hits, 14 RBIs and 15 runs scored.

The Lady Winds piled up the steals, swiping 10 bags in

all. Anna Delafuente, Amelia Gonzales, Ana Mora, Bethany Morales, Kelsey Nutt, and Braxton Turner each had one stolen base and Deleon and Stephanie Lermaeach had two stolen bases.

The Floydada Lady Winds jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the top of the first. A single by Mora, bringing home Morales started the inning off. Floydada Lady Winds pushed more runs across when Deleon scored on a passed ball, Mora scored on a groundout by Nutt, and Lerma scored on a walk by Gonzales.

Abernathy didn't relinquish the lead after scoring three runs in the fifth inning when it scored on a fielder's choice and two passed balls.

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Floydada ISD Extends Administrator Contracts

By Sara Sisemore
Correspondent

On Feb. 16, 2012, the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met to discuss administrator's contracts and salaries. After meeting in closed session for almost thirty minutes, the board extended the following employees' contracts by one year and they received a three percent salary increase

plus paid membership to a civic organization of choice: Assistant Superintendent/Technology Director/Federal Programs Director Rex Holcombe, Floydada High School and Junior High Principal Wayne Morren, and AB Duncan Elementary Principal Mac Sherman. The following employees' contracts were also extended by one year with a three percent salary increase:

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Anne Carthel, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Todd Bandy, and Business Manager Sharon Rainwater.

The board accepted the following resignations effective after the completion of this school year: Deidra Gibson, Sherry Colston, JoAnn Chavarria, Kathy Mulder, James Edwards, and Yolanda Kautz.

The board approved the order of an election on May 12, 2012, for the purpose of electing board members for Single Member Districts 1 and 2. The following individuals were approved by the board to serve in the following positions during the May election: Dee Leatherman as Early Ballot Clerk, Kelli Reddy as the Alternate Ballot Clerk, Petra Gonzalez as the bilingual early voting clerk, Glenda Livingston as the Early Ballot/Election Judge, Karrie Williams as the Alternate Election Judge, and Petra Gonzalez as the bilingual clerk.

Rainwater presented the

Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement. M&O current tax roll is \$2,754,735.56, with net collections of \$2,589,064.60. I&S current tax roll is \$290,392.38, with net collections of \$272,928.18. That brings the percentage of current tax roll collected to 93.99 compared to last year's 94.85.

Board member Charles Tyer made the motion to purchase a 2-wheel-drive suburban from Oden Chevrolet for \$33,120 and a 72 passenger bus from Thomas Built for \$85,343. The motion passed with Lyle Miller, Rachael Castillo and Freddie Morren voting for and Marty Lucke voting against.

The board was presented with a progress report on the TTIPS Grant as well as the requirements within the grant. In other business, the board approved the proposed school calendar for the 2012-2013 school year and unanimously approved the EIA Local policy on academic achievement as recommended by Superintendent Gilbert Trevino.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU April 2 – April 6

<p>Monday Breakfast-French toast, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast- Sausage, toast/jelly, or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, milk</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast-Waffles with</p>	<p>syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Philly steak sandwiches, baked beans, pickle spears, baked chips, fresh fruit cups, milk</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast- Breakfast sausage, roll or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Ultimate taco, seasoned corn, snowball salad, brownie, milk</p> <p>Friday HOLIDAY</p>
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SOMETHING USEFUL, SOMETHING PRACTICAL LIKE A SPLIT BONNET

By Felicia Applewhite

Speaking of her split bonnet as "a good old standby," 88-year-old Lavada Cunningham of Lockney reveals a practical nature

Orphaned at the age of five by the death of her mother and at the age of nine by the death of her father, she and her younger sister "lived anywhere they let us live with relatives. We were not especially wanted by any of them. Families were large and the adding of two orphan children made a difference.

There was a time following the death of her mother when a step-mother and her two children ruled the household.

"Every morning our step-mother had quinine on the table. She never missed—she had it there all the time. She would make up a cup of coffee, put quinine in it and pass it around to all of us. She gave us quinine until we were deaf as a post. We lived in the swamps where chills and fever hounded us. Quinine was the answer, or so it was thought.

LavadawasbornFebruary7,1890inYellCounty,Arkansaswhere "We had a hard life. All of us had a hard time. We worked like dogs.

In Lockney, she lives south across the street from Lockney Elementary School on a five-acre-plot where she has lived since 1946. For several years the FFA boys, under the supervision of Elvin Lyon, farmed her acreage. When they gave it up a year ago, Jerry Ulmer began farming it.

Her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Hill, says her mother "piddles in the yard all day pulling weeds and the like." Mrs. Hill hurriedly corrects herself by stating that "Mother has made 40 quilt tops for the kids and grand kids." She says that 18 of these quilt tops have been made in the last two years. She adds, "You can't get through Mother's house—full of quilts.

A casual glance at the Cunningham house and yard leaves a person with the impression of the neatness of the place. It "sort of" stands out as a compliment to the industrious owner.

However, the Arkansas years are very clear in Mrs. Cunningham's mind.

She remembers that the farming that was done there was done with a Georgia stock and a double shovel having one horse hitched to it. Seeds were planted by hand—both corn and cotton seed. The one who was doing the planting had a bag full of seed swung from his shoulder. She laughs when she says, "I used to drop cotton seed so thick that I had to thin it out when it was up."

"Have you never been to a log rolling?" She asks abruptly, her eyes twinkling. Unbelief registers on her face when she got a negative answer.

"We had log rollings often. The men went in and cut down dead trees and trimmed the branches off. Us kids had to pick up the brush to throw on the brush pile. People were good to help each other. They would roll the logs in one field then go to another. While the men were rolling the logs, the women would meet to cook.

"The purpose of log rolling was to clear the land. Each man made himself a hand spike by using a froe and wedge to cut a strip from a tree and then whittling it to a sharp point. He used it to help roll the logs to a place to be burned. When night came, you could see fires all over the field.

All logs were split by using the froe and wedge. Chain saws were unheard of.

Sometimes tree stumps were left. Those stumps furnished a problem when the land around them was planted. "Those old tree stumps had to be hoed around."

The stumps were no harder to hoe around than the rail fences.

"You have never seen a rail fence?" she asks showing incredibility that it would be possible that here is a person who had never seen a rail fence.

"You had to split the logs yourself," she begins her explanation of how it is done.

"First you set up a stake and rider. They are set just like an X. The rails are stacked on the stake and rider just like building a log house. The stake and rider makes a fence stout. Of course the fence is zig-zagged for strength, too."

"Well we had to hoe around those rail fences as well as around the tree stumps."

There was not much time left to go to school. She "never did go to school" after her father died when she was nine.

"I remember seeing my uncle talking a long time to my step-mother at my father's funeral. I don't know what was said, but my sister and I never were taken back to our home again. I never saw it again. We went to live with a family of relatives for a while. They would go away leaving us to take care of their stock.

"When we were older, we worked for other people—we did it all, wash on a rub board, iron. We earned three dollars a week.

"One time when we were staying at our uncles, we went to visit an aunt who had a girl of my age. My aunt found she had no meal and told my cousin and me to go to a neighbors to get some on a horse.

"When we got to the creek, it was up because of a rise above. A man said for us to use the bridle rein to make the horse cross. We hit the horse and to our surprise, he jumped in the creek and swam across.

We stayed two hours with the neighbors and when he came back to the creek, it was down."

There was a short time when "this old doctor that had brought me into the world bought a hotel and took me to live with his family." While she was living with the doctor's family, the people her sister was living with, left, taking the sister with them. The passed "right by" the doctor's house when they were leaving and didn't stop. The sisters didn't see each other for three years after that.

At one time in the sister's stay away, money was sent for her to come back, but the children she was caring for began crying because of her leaving, so she did not come back. Again, later, money was sent. This time she came back. At that time, they were with an uncle, who had at one time lived in Oklahoma. He wanted to go back so they did.

It took 21 days in three covered wagons for our family and two others to make the trip to Oklahoma. Everybody got sick except me and my uncle and his brother-in-law. It was some kind of fever. My sister was sickest of all—she was real bad.

"We just stopped on the road and got medicine, which meant that we had to lay over a day or two. We just didn't think that we could all get over it.

"The wind was blowing like everything. We just stretched out an old umbrella for the medicine to be issued without being blown away.

On the trip to Oklahoma they had bacon with bread to eat. The bread was made with water and flour and cooked in a big cast-iron oven which was set on the fire with coals of fire on top of the lid over it. Fuel was from the woods.

The destination was Mill Creek not far from Sulphur and Davis. They came across to live in Indian Territory, a territory of about 31,00 square miles in south central United States, not a part of Oklahoma.

On the way, they saw Indians having a pow-wow.

"Their faces were painted and they had feather head dress. They danced and some of them were drunk. The ones we knew later were more civilized. "When we went there, there was scarcely any white people there. We rented land from Indians when we began farming.

"We also rented from one white man who had married into an Indian Family. They lived in a log house. He was a nice young man, and we could talk to him but not to his family. They were peaceful Chikasa Indians who spoke the Chikasa language."

There were Indian schools, but younger Indians attended white schools.

Lavada says that she had her first experience with cyclones after they moved to Indian Territory.

"I know all about cyclones in Oklahoma. I have seen the trail of two or three. Everything was flattened in those trails.

"There was one 10 or 12 miles from us that took everything in the community. It rolled on barbed-wire fence, post and all down the section line.

"Once after I was married and had children and while we were still living in Oklahoma, my husband had gone to the oil field to work. Our little ones and I were in the cellar. The storm hit our house but didn't tear it apart, however, it blew the front door into the kitchen and blew a window out. We slept on dry beds in the cellar for weeks."

Another time she was attending church in a revival-meeting tent. The wind blew the tent down. People were all under the tent trying to get out.

"I liked to never have reached my aunt with her twins. I took one twin and a man took the other. He put a woman's bonnet over the baby's face because it was raining so hard.

"We went to the school house in the pouring-down rain, but the school house leaked, so we had to use umbrellas for protection. The twister came from the west and was there before we knew it. Both big poles came down on the benches. It was during the 11 o'clock serviced," she remembers.

In Oklahoma, the wolves went in packs. They howled and "scared us." If young calves were caught out, the wolves killed them. Also it was necessary to keep the chickens up.

Some families were fortunate

nate enough to have saddle horses. Almost everyone walked unless the family was along, then they went in wagons. Few farmers had buggies; there just were not many buggies to be had. "Rich people had surreys that had fringe around the top.

"My aunt's brother-in-law had raised a colt that he was going to break for me to ride, so my uncle went to town and bought me a side saddle.

I never used it. The horse went round and round, and they kept telling me to get on but I wasn't about to get on that horse. Not too many women rode horses, anyway.

Following marriage and the birth of four children, the Cunningham family came from Oklahoma to Lockney in a covered wagon in 1924.

"Everything we had we brought in a wagon which had over-jets. The over-jets gave us a foot more room on each side of the wagon. We stretched the wagon bows to cover the over jets and pulled the wagon sheets over the bows. We slept in the wagon.

"We came here because my husband had asthma so bad he couldn't breathe. The two of us together weighed exactly 200 pounds when we came. I weighed 92 and he weighed 108.

"At first, he was homesick. There was not a day that he didn't say, "We ought to go back."

One morning at breakfast, the oldest boy said, "Papa, when you get ready to go back to Oklahoma, Mama and us kids will stay here." He never mentioned going back after that.

Mrs. Cunningham has been a member of the Methodist Church all of her life. Mr. Cunningham died in 1960. Her daughter tells two incidents in connection with her mother's church going.

The first incident was as amusing to Mrs. Cunningham as it was to others. Her family had rushed her off to church because they were late. She didn't realize it until she was seated in the Sunday School class, but she had brought the telephone directory instead of the Sunday School quarterly.

"She does not mind telling funny things on herself," says her daughter. "Once she accidentally fell toward a man as she was coming into the pew at church. When she was seated with her friends, she said, 'It's the last time I'm coming to church. When you fall into a strange man's arms, it's time to stay at home.'" She laughed as much as others when she said it.

Some of the first things seen on entering her house are the two split bonnets where she "keeps 'em handy" on the back of a chair. In the winter, a split bonnet "keeps the wind off the face" and in the summer it "keeps the sun out of the eyes." She will laugh and tells you that she "wouldn't have a starched bonnet for fear of sitting on it and crushing it."

Lavada Cunningham stays busy, if not in weed pulling or quilt-top making, it is in cutting pieces out of a shoe box or other cardboard for her split bonnet.

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Administration of the estate of **DOYLE RAY BURNS, DECEASED**, has been commenced by the issuance of letters testamentary to the undersigned on September 15, 2011, by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in **Cause No. 5898**, styled **IN RE ESTATE OF DOYLE RAY BURNS, DECEASED**, in which court the matter is pending.

All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2012.

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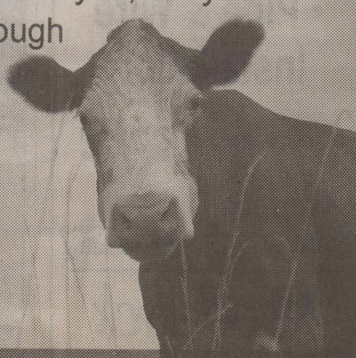
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Floyd County players selected to attend national baseball camp

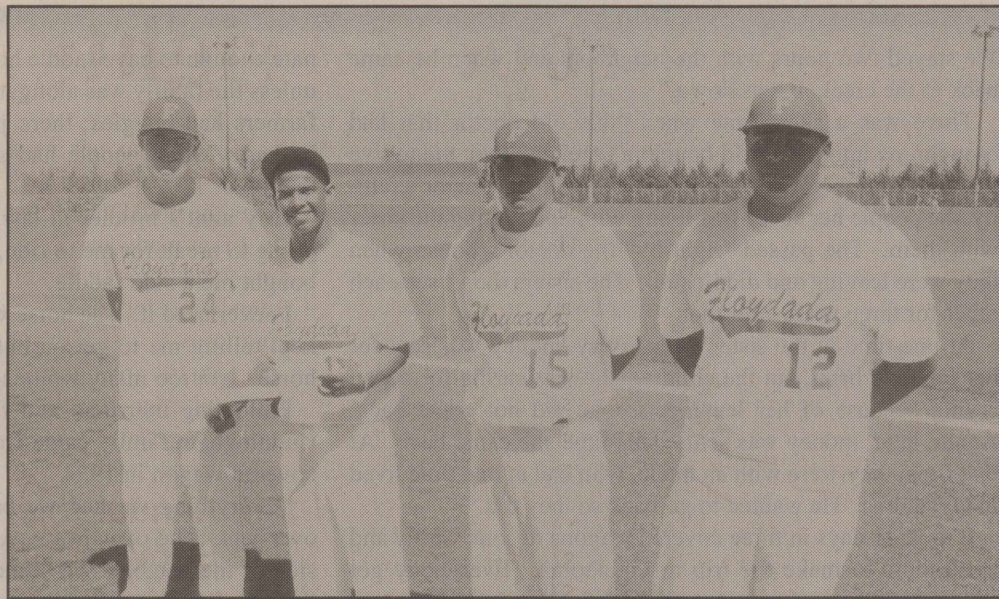
By Homer Marquez

On March 18, five Floyd County baseball players were selected to attend the Under Armour National Baseball Factory Camp in Omaha, Nebraska. The camp, which is sponsored by the popular sports apparel company Under Armour, gives high school ball players a chance to fine-tune their games as they attend a six day camp run college coaches and Major League Baseball Stars.

In order to attend the camp, players had to participate in a national try-out that was being held at Wayland University in Plainview.

Making the cut would be Anthony Garza, Seth Nielson, Jose Martinez, and Danny Martinez, all of Floydada; and Riley Teeter of Lockney.

I am extremely proud of this four guys for what they have accomplished so far this year but also for taking



Photos by Rodney Hunt and Homer Marquez

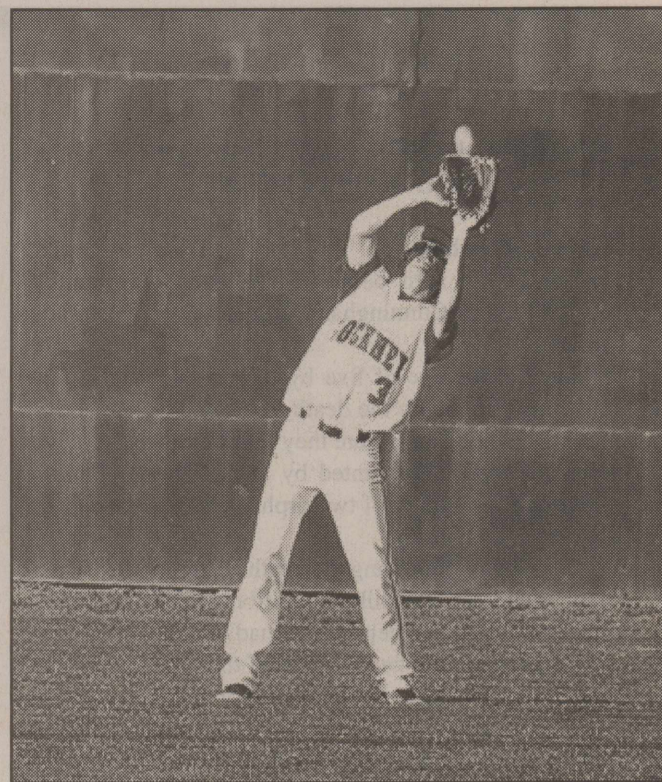
Five Floyd County baseball players were selected to attend the Under Armour National Baseball Factory Camp in Nebraska. Making the cut would be Anthony Garza, Seth Nielson, Jose Martinez, and Danny Martinez of Floydada pictured on the left; and Riley Teeter of Lockney pictured on the right.

the time to go to camps and not being afraid to better themselves," commented Whirlwind Head Baseball Coach Jamie Seago, "By taking a step like this, they

will improve themselves but also become leaders of our community and put a small town like Floydada and Floyd County on the radar as being a place where

baseball has grown and produces quality ball players."

Representing Lockney, Riley Teeter was selected to attend the camp in Nebraska; "Riley has been work-



ing very hard for me this year. He is a great player and deserves this chance to play in Omaha. This will be a great experience for him," commented Lockney

Head Baseball Coach Kee-

gan Reynolds. Players will head to camp around June, just in time to catch College World Series game.

HPWD schedules April 10 meter registration workshop for commercial meter installers

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) is hosting an April 10 meter registration workshop for commercial water meter installers.

"This workshop is designed to assist commercial water meter installers who plan to register water meters for their customers," said Gerald Crenwelge, field data collection supervisor. "Instruction will be provided on

use of the HPWD's new on-line meter registration program."

Two two-hour sessions will be offered beginning at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the A. Wayne Wyatt Board Room of the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, in Lubbock. There is no cost to attend. Each workshop is limited to 35 participants and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants must complete a registration form and return it to the HPWD office no later than March 31. The form may be requested by calling 806-762-0181 or may be downloaded as a PDF from the home page of the HPWD web site (www.hpwd.com).

Additional information about the April 10 workshop is available by contacting Gerald Crenwelge at (806) 762-0181. Registration

questions should be directed to Liz Casias at the same number.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the State Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area.

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USDA Seeks Applications to Spur Job Creation

TEMPLE, TEXAS, March 21, 2012 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA is seeking applications for grants to help rural businesses create jobs and spur economic development.

"This funding is part of the Obama administration's commitment to using existing federal resources to foster regional innovation, create sustainable jobs and help ensure long-term prosperity," Vilsack said. "The funding will speed up job creation and new business start-ups and expansions by building regional economic systems in rural areas."

USDA Rural Development plans to award up to \$8.6 million through the Rural Community Development Initiative program. Applications are sought for projects that:

- Provide technical assistance to improve the capacity of local organizations to complete successful housing, economic development and community facilities projects;
- Help recipients complete pre-development requirements - such as architectural and engineering plans;
- Help development organizations improve their board operations, management and knowledge of financial and information technology systems;
- Provide homeownership education or training for entrepreneurs.

"Our mission at USDA Rural Development includes the creation and preservation of jobs in rural Texas," said State Director Paco Valentin. "Investments offered through the Rural Community Development Initiative program will bring increased economic opportunity to rural residents and communities."

Part of the RCDI funds to be awarded may be used for projects associated with the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge, which was announced on March 8, 2012. This initiative was designed by the Taskforce for the Advancement of Regional Innovation Clusters and the White House Rural Council. Secretary Vilsack chairs the Council. The Jobs Accelerator is being funded by USDA, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Eco-

nomics Development Administration, the Delta Regional Authority and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The deadline for receipt of RCDI applications is May 9, 2012. Entities wishing to apply may download the application documents from <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>. Completed applications must be delivered to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76701 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> by the deadline. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the March 21, 2012 issue of the Federal Register, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-21/pdf/2012-6611.pdf>, page 16519.

The deadline to apply for RCDI funding for Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator projects is May 9, 2012. For more information on how to apply, please visit [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Applications for Jobs Accelerator projects must be submitted to both USDA and the EDA.

Since taking office, President Obama's Administration has taken historic steps to improve the lives of rural Americans, put people back to work and build thriving economies in rural communities. From proposing the American Jobs Act to establishing the first-ever White House Rural Council - chaired by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack - the President wants the federal government to be the best possible partner for rural businesses and entrepreneurs and for people who want to live, work and raise their families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$165 billion in affordable loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

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and at the end of the day gave food that was left over to the homeless people in Lamesa."

After moving to Lockney, Mrs. Cooper has come to be known as one of the most gracious volunteers to have ever lived in Lockney. Mrs. Cooper is involved in the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P) in Plainview where she has been on their advisory council for 15 years.

Mrs. Cooper is a volunteer for Hospice Hands of West Texas and is also on the Hospice Board of Directors. She is the leader of Wednesday singing at the Nursing Home and is also on the Family Council of the Lockney Nursing Home.

For the past 10 years, she has helped put together an auction at the Nursing Home with all of the proceeds going towards purchasing Christmas gifts for the residents plus providing the residents with their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Cooper is also an election judge for the Floyd County elections and is a hospital volunteer where she

registers all the new babies born at W.J. Mangold Hospital.

Also presented during the banquet, was the honor of the 2011 Firefighter of the Year, which went to Boyd Jackson.

"I can't tell you what an honor this is," commented Mr. Jackson as he accepted the award. "I really enjoy playing with fire," he added, "in what other situation can you bust in somebody's front door, fill their house full of water, and have them shake your hand and tell you thank you on the way out."

Receiving the Organization of the Year Award was the Lockney Boy Scout Troop 259.

"We think it's a great honor," commented scout representative Bill Hunter. He added that the scouts consider it an honor to help the community. Troop 259 thanked the Rotary Club and Methodist Church for their support of Troop; and also thanked the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department for teaching CPR classes to the troop.

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he competed against students from universities such as MIT, the University of Kentucky, Penn State University, and the University of British Columbia. This paper competition is the premier chemical engineering undergraduate research competition in the nation, and this first place finish represents a major accomplishment for Cortinas and the department's undergraduate research program.

Cortinas' research on graphene-based nanocomposites is applicable to low-density, high strength

aerospace materials. His research is funded by Texas Tech and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (part of the Center for the Integration of Science Education and Research).

He plans to attend graduate school in chemical engineering after finishing his degree from Texas Tech University/Whitacre College of Engineering in May 2012.

Abel is a 2008 graduate of Floydada High School where he was named the class Valedictorian. He is the son of Abel and Kathy Cortinas of Floydada.

Supreme Court ruling supports private property rights

(FLOYDADA) – A recent Texas Supreme Court ruling makes clear that the landowner owns the groundwater in place as part of their land, according to Floyd County Farm Bureau President Tanner Smith.

"This long-awaited decision on the Edwards Aquifer

Authority v. Day McDaniel is another success in defending property rights," Smith said. "The ruling says that a landowner's interest in groundwater in place cannot be taken for public use without adequate compensation."

Smith said the ruling gives landowners a constitutional

protection under takings laws regarding private property. However, he noted that ownership of groundwater does not preclude the regulation of groundwater for conservation purposes.

"The court recognized that groundwater conservation districts can regulate

groundwater, even though it is the private property of the landowner," Smith said. "This court decision provides a critical balance between the state and local entities' authority to conserve this precious resource and the landowner's right to use it."

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4-H fund raising activities.

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17 4-H Scholarship winners totaling \$165,900 in scholarship money.

"There is no better example of an employee deserving the Superior Service Award than Donna. She is the epitome of dedication, honesty and dependability. Donna is committed to her Agents, to the county organization, to the people of Floyd County and Texas AgriLife Extension Service," states Melissa Long, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

105th Annual Texas Cotton Ginners' Trade Show and Meeting Show and Meeting Held in Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Texas (March 22, 2012) The Texas Cotton Ginners' Association (TCGA) will host its 105th Annual Convention, March 29th-30th, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock, TX. This will be the Association's 34th year to hold its trade show and meeting in Lubbock.

The Texas Cotton Ginners' Association has a long history of representing the cotton ginning industry and cooperating with other organizations throughout Texas and the United States to maintain the economic vitality and security of agriculture.

The 2012 TCGA's 105th Annual Cotton Trade Show is expected to bring an attendance of approximately 3,000 people, and an economic impact of \$115,000 to the City of Lubbock. The Cotton Trade Show is open to the public from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29th and from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, March 30th and requires no admission fee.

The theme for this year's show is "High Tech in Texas" to reflect on advance-

ments in technology that are being adopted in the cotton ginning industry in Texas. The show is co-sponsored by One Grower Publishing and *Cotton Farming Magazine*.

For more information, please contact Tony Williams, Executive Vice President and Treasurer for TCGA, at 512-476-8388.

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meter dash with a 13.6 time; Rodriguez finished third and Cruz placed sixth.

In the 800 relay Lockney finished in first with a 1:57.50 time; in the 400 meter, Rodriguez finished first with a time of 1:06.42. Cruz finish fourth in the 200m; Sammann finished fifth in 1600 meter; and Lockney finish second in the 1600 relay with a 4:31.91 time.

Overall the varsity finished first in the meet with a total of 177.5 points.

For the varsity boys; Landry Kidd placed fifth in discuss; Marcos Marcado placed second in shot with a 45' 2.5" throw; Guerrero finished fifth. Salazar placed in fourth in

the long jump while Ascencio placed fifth in the triple jump.

Tyler Covington finished first in high jump with a 6'2 jump; Salazar finished fourth, Teeter placed fifth. Covington also finished second in 200 meter.

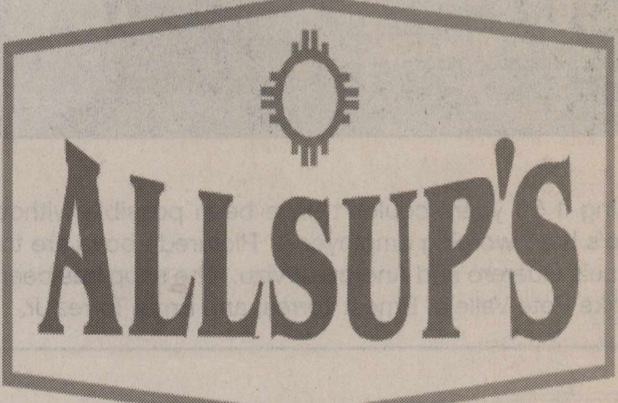
Lockney placed fourth in the 400 relay; fifth in the Fat Man Relay; and second in the 800 relay with a 1:38.03 time. In the 800 meter dash, Hooten finished third in the 100 meter and place second in the 400 meter. Jake Bramlet finished second.

In the 1600 Lockney finished third with a 3:47.32 time; and overall Lockney finish fourth in the meet with 96 points.

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Fire destroys Lockney Salvation Army Store

By Homer Marquez

On Saturday, the Lockney Fire Department responded to fire at the Lockney Salvation Army building at around 11:30 a.m. No one was hurt during the fire and the building still is standing; however the fire destroyed the southwest portion of the building and charred the roof. All the items in the Salvation Store were also lost in the fire.

The fire seemed to be caused after a donated couch was placed too close to a portable space heater eventually igniting the couch. Salvation Army manager, Alicia Luna, was in the building during this time and tried to extinguish the fire herself but ran out once the flames spread.

Once the fire was put out, it was clearly visible that smoke damage had spread to the apartments on the other side of the building; thankfully the apartments were vacant.

During the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Salvation Army Store owner, Algene Barker, told the crowd that the organization would still be available to assist people with their utilities even though the fire would force the organization to move out of the building.

Currently the organization is looking for a building to move their store; if you know a place for sale or want to donate a building or even a lot capable of water and gas please contact 806-283-6452.

Until a new location is found, the Store will be temporarily closed. During the fire, the organization's canned food supply was also lost so they are collecting food supplies. Lockney First Baptist Church is said to be already planning a food drive.

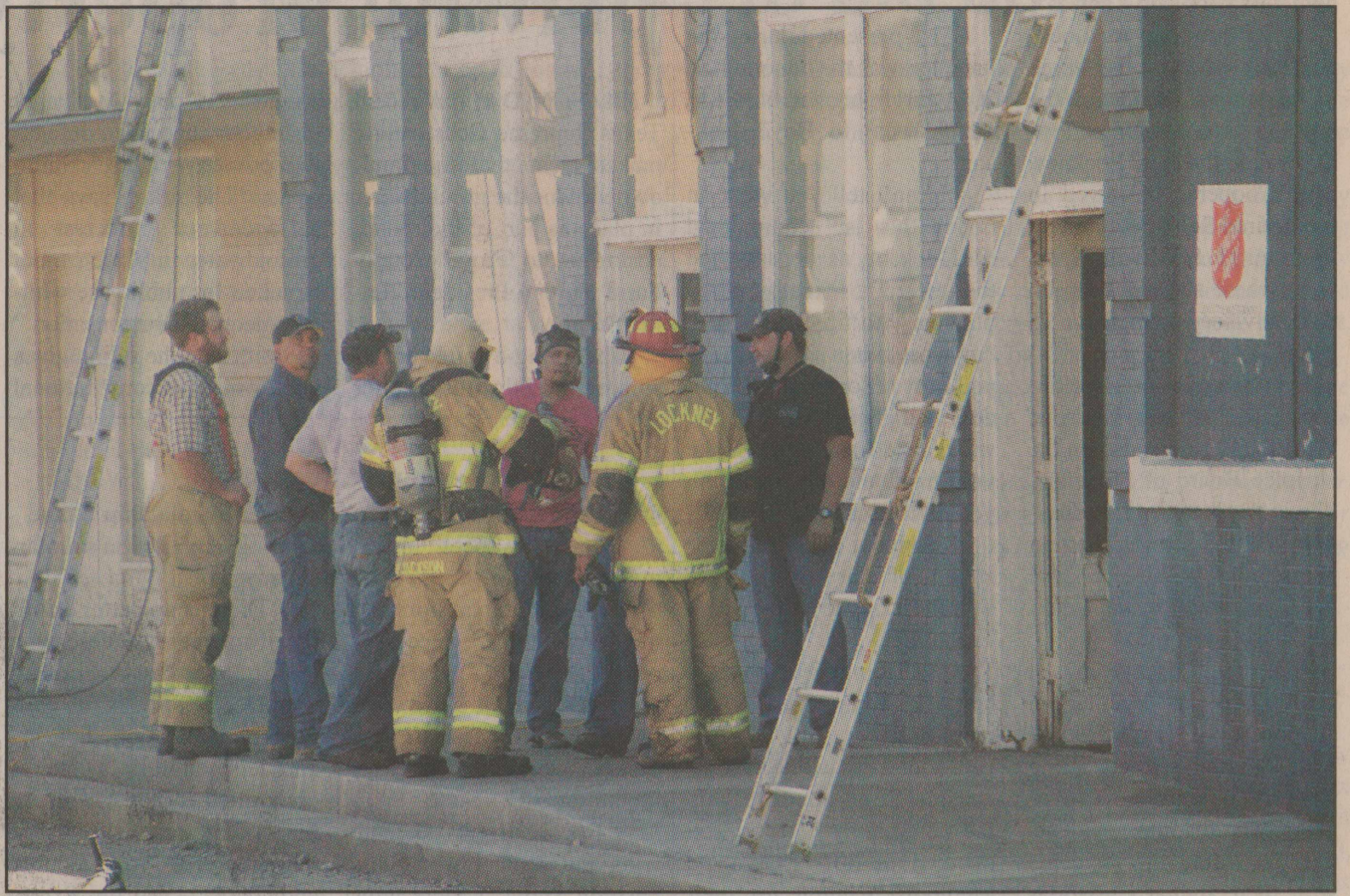


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shop putting into play everything that his father had taught him "Sheldon knows the progress of each vehicle from the moment it is first brought to the shop until the repairs are completed," commented Atha Sue.

Eventually Sheldon would buy the business from his father in 2000. Johnny Bill continued to work in the front office for three years while Sheldon worked on ve-

hicles. After that, Sheldon and his father switched places and Sheldon began writing the estimates and handling insurance negotiations. Johnny Bill would retire in 2008 after working in the industry for over 45 years.

Sheldon and Atha continue to maintain the level of service that has given the Sue's their reputation.



Photo by Homer Marquez

Making it 50 years couldn't have been possible without the help of Quality Body Shop's hard working employees. Pictured above are the shops current employees Joe Luis Guerero and Andrew Arvizu. The shop has been the home of other employees like Pete Vallejo, Ernest Torres, and Ernie Torrez Jr.



Photo by Homer Marquez

During the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet that was held this past Saturday; Lockney Volunteer Firefighter Boyd Jackson (right) was named the Fireman of the Year Award. Presenting the award was Donnie McLaughlin (left).



Photo by Homer Marquez

During the Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet that was held this past Saturday; the Lockney Boy Scout Troop 259 received the Organization of the Year Award for their service to the community. Pictured above are scouts; Mariano Alonzo, Lawson Sullivan, Jace Klein, Scott Lass, Jake Moore, and Jonathan Sustaita. Not pictured are Scout Leaders Mike Lass, Jerry Klein, Bill Hunter, and Jonathan Sullivan.

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