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Lockney rocked by Sunday's high school fire



Juveniles taken into custody, charged with felony arson

By Judy Macha
Reporter

The Lockney High School building, standing proudly since 1929, became little more than a burned out hull in a matter of hours beginning shortly before 10:40 Sunday night, Jan. 11.

Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez, a graduate of Lockney High School, confirmed Tuesday the cause of the fire was indeed arson and that two juvenile females from Lockney had been taken into custody at 10 p.m. Monday. "They are now at Garza County Youth Detention Center in Post," he said. "Community tips led authorities to the two teens. Witnesses placed both girls at the scene Sunday. A trash can fire was started by one of the girls earlier Sunday evening outside the school. She then returned alone to start the main fire."

If convicted they could spend up to 20 years in prison and pay up to \$10,000 in fines.

Raissez added the State Fire Marshall's office estimated damages to be between \$6 and \$7 million dollars.

Lockney police officer Brandon Welty was first on the scene.

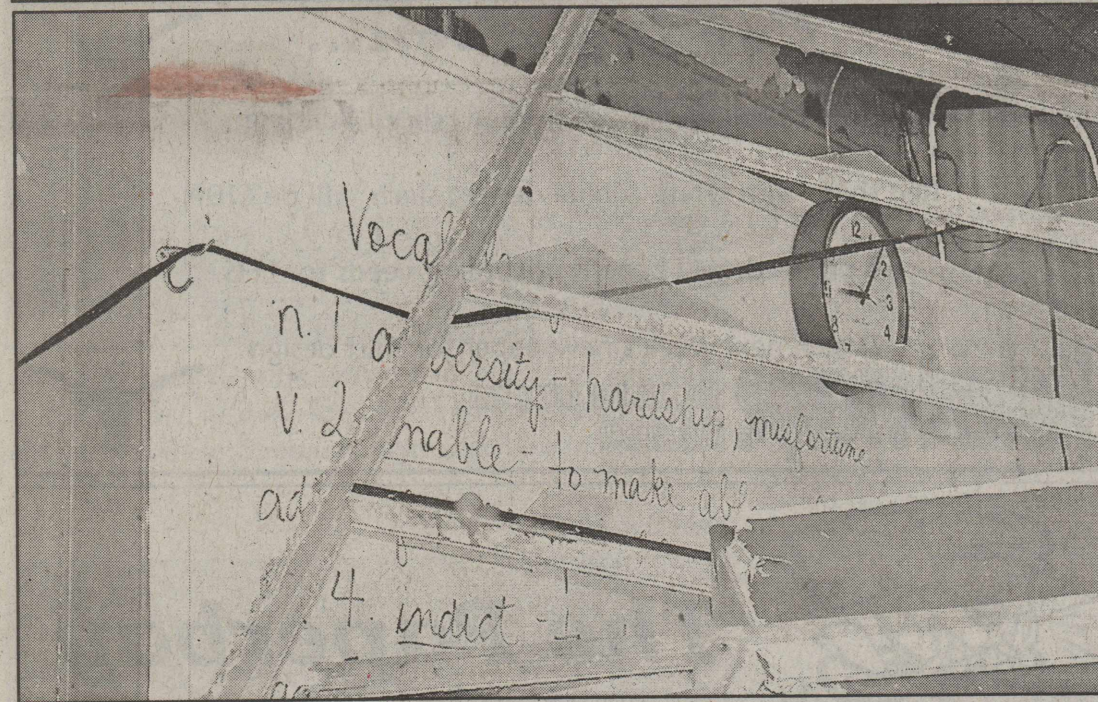
Welty said, "I noticed smoke pouring from the roof of Lockney High School while on routine patrol around 10:40 Sunday night." He called it in and in a matter of minutes the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department was at the scene battling the fire which had quickly become a raging inferno.

At 11:15 p.m., the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department responded to Lockney's call for assistance with three fire trucks and 10 to 12 men. The Floydada E.M.S. unit also responded.

These first responders battled the fire throughout the night, and by 8 Monday morning had it under control. The smoldering insides of the building still produced some smoke which

hung heavy in the morning air. The few people who were seen outside the area at that time were mostly quiet or speaking in hushed, almost reverent tones.

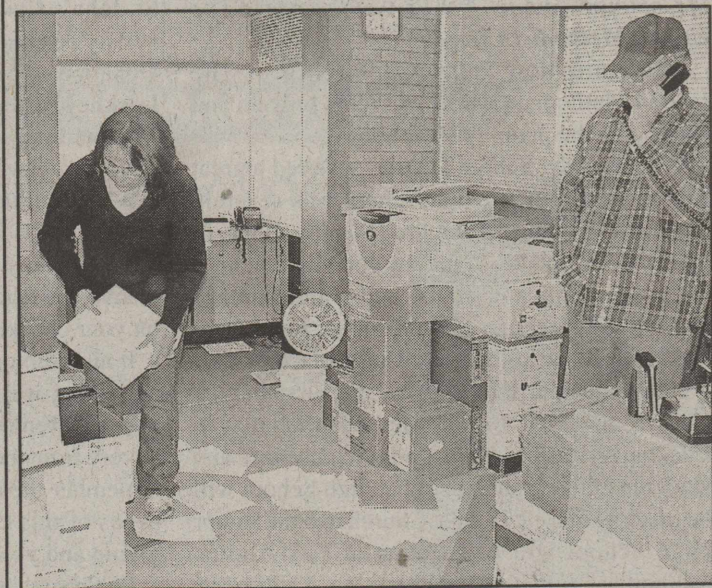
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(Counter-clockwise from top right) Lockney High School is engulfed in flames Sunday night, and on Monday morning Lockney students were emotional at a prayer meeting after they watched firefighters try to contain the fire. A dry-erase marker board and clock, marking the time as 9:08, remain in a gutted classroom. Above, students hold a prayer session Monday at the Lockney gym.

Photos by Karen Wilson and Judy Macha

Lockney City Hall vandalized as well



Lockney Mayor Rodger Stapp and City of Lockney Clerk Stella Aday clean up paperwork scattered around Lockney City Hall Monday morning.

Photo by Judy Macha

By Judy Macha
Reporter

More mischief than the school fire was afoot Sunday night in Lockney. At some time after 6:30 p.m. the Lockney City Hall office was vandalized.

Monday morning, January 12, City Clerk Stella Aday reported. "When I arrived at work, the back door was already open. I got to the front

and saw my office. I thought 'Oh, my gosh!' It was a mess. I checked with some other city employees to see if someone else knew about the vandalism, but no one had seen it yet, so I called the Sheriff's office to report it.

"Lockney Police Chief Casey Wallace came to investigate and he checked for fingerprints

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City vandalized

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while he was here." Lockney Mayor Rodger Stapp added, "We haven't found anything missing yet, but we may discover something in the future. I'm just glad they didn't burn it." The office floor was covered with everything not fastened down: books, folders, files and the computers were pulled away from the walls. In the connecting office of the City Secretary, Charlotte Hooten, more vandalism was

evident and in the same manner. In another event Sunday night into Monday morning, a module truck belonging to D&J Gin burned while stored inside the module feeder shed across from them. "We had three trucks in there, cleaned up and stored after we finished this cotton ginning season," said Eddie Foster. "Gerry Burson from Wilbur Ellis was driving by around 1:30 Monday morning and saw the flames coming out. He called it in and noti-

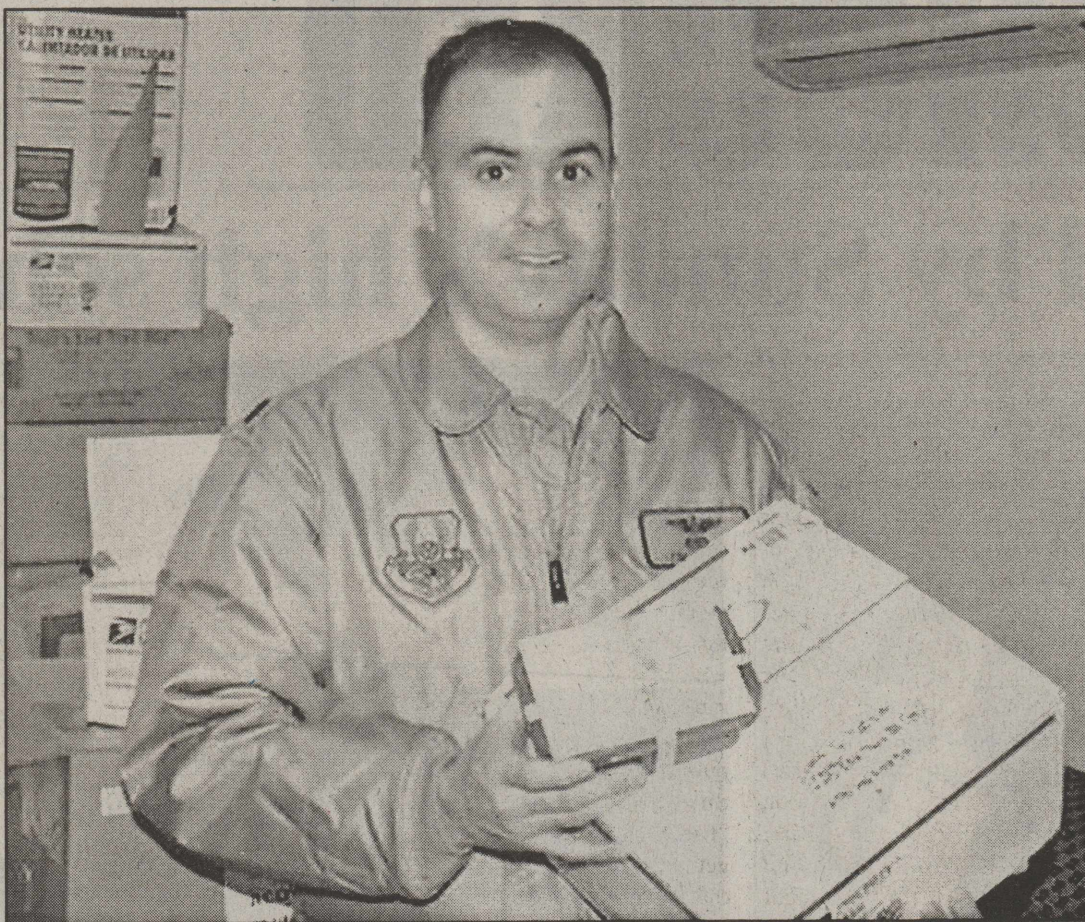
fied us. Only one of the trucks was on fire. We drove the other two out. They had smoke damage. ATF told us not to go around the scene or touch anything." Foster stated his son, David Foster, the State Fire Marshall, and Sheriff Paul Raisen were investigating the scene and the one burned truck Tuesday. The result of the investigation concluded faulty wiring in the truck led to the fire, and it was not related to the city or school incidents.



Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging team members pictured left to right are: Senee Foster, Segayle Foster, Betty Hayes (representing Cargill Cattle Feeders) and Brady Ragland. Not pictured is Brazos Williams.

Floydada FUMC mails care packages to Afghanistan

By Linda Matsler
First United Methodist Church of Floydada mailed 43 care packages to soldiers of the U.S. Army 53rd Joint Movement Control Battalion and the units under its supervision on Dec. 15, 2008. This was in response to a Christmas request from Chaplain Jeff Matsler to the Methodist churches of the Northwest Texas Conference (an area covering the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, south to Midland, east to Abilene). Some twenty members gathered to pack the boxes on Sunday, Dec. 14, with homemade cookies and candies, all types of snack foods, books, toiletries, note paper and pens, which members of the church had contributed during the week before. Donations were also received which covered mailing all of the boxes. Captain Matsler reported, "Our Unit Ministry Team has provided and pushed out of our office over 1,000 care packages from the NWTX Conference to soldiers in Afghanistan. These packages have traveled throughout the country - from the northern reaches of Afghanistan, down past the Kandahar Province and all points east and west between. Your gifts have gone to sol-



US AIR FORCE MAJOR TIM JULIAN, also stationed on Bagram Air Base, is shown in the photo above receiving one of the care packages from "back home." Major Julian is the son of Kendis and Janice Julian of Floydada, and Captain Matsler is the son of Gary and Linda Matsler of Floydada. Courtesy Photo

diers, and even the citizens of Afghanistan themselves. "Because your packages have been sent to the men and women who make all other transportation in theater happen: mail, finances, planes, vehicles, convoys, people, etc. - there is not a part of Afghanistan that has not been affected by your generous

gift of love. Because of you, each of these soldiers and civilians received a personal Christmas care package."

Cargill Cattle Feeders Donates to 4-H Livestock Judging Team

Cargill Cattle Feeders of Lockney donated considerable funds to the Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging team. The team competed at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky on Nov. 18, 2008. Funds received from Cargill assisted with trip expenses as well as State Championship Team belt buckles for each team member and coach. The team finished a strong 7th place High Team Overall. Also, they placed 6th in Reasons and 7th in Beef and Swine. Individually Brady Ragland was awarded 1st place Overall High Individual as well as 1st in Reasons and 1st in Beef Cattle. The Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging team would like to extend a huge thank you to Pat O'Connell and Betty Hayes and the entire Cargill Cattle Feeders Group for their generous donation towards the trip and belt buckles. Thanks for your continued support.

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Northwest Texas Conference of UMC offers prayers, support to Lockney

By: Vince Gonzales, Chair, Deploy Team, NWTX Conference of The United Methodist Church, Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, and Karla Abernethy-Thetford, Director of Communications, NWTX Conference of The United Methodist Church
The Northwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church offers its prayers and support to the people of Lockney. The Lockney School District suffered a great loss when Lockney High School was severely damaged in a suspicious fire Sunday night. In addition to that loss, the Junior High School suffered significant smoke and water damage and will be forced to close its doors for several weeks while clean-up efforts take place. In response to this tragedy, the First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church in Lockney will open their doors to the staff and students of those schools. The High School will be meeting at First Baptist Church and the Junior High School will be meeting at First United Methodist Church in Lockney. An immediate call for school supplies is being sent out throughout the NWTX Conference. We ask that, as a Conference and Community, we

step up to the task. Bring or send NEW items to St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 S. Western in Amarillo. Donations also are being accepted at St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX (806-762-0123). Donations will be collected and delivered to the Lockney School District. Should you desire to send financial assistance, mail or deliver your donation to: Treasurer, NWTX Conference Office, 1415 Avenue M, Lubbock, TX 79401. The monies will be collected and utilized for recovery assistance. Make the following notation on your check: Lockney Fire Fund. It also should be remembered that more than a building was lost in this fire. A community is hurting. Memories have been lost forever and recovery from the pain will take some time. Please remember the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of this community in your prayers, your giving and your service. For more information or for an interview, contact Vince Gonzales at (214) 354-2337 or Karla Abernethy-Thetford at (806) 655-2828 or (806) 433-2780.

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The Paperboy
By Christopher Blackburn

Maybe it's the economy, but I've seen several things of late on the end of the world. More specifically, HOW the world will end.

Last time I remember seeing so much talk of this nature was before the start of new century. I've compiled a list of some of the most "popular" theories on how the world could end:

- Massive asteroid impact: Asteroids and comets crash into our planet and can be seen in our "neighborhood" all the time. The last large collision occurred 100 years ago in Siberia, but in a very remote area.
- An asteroid or comet of decent size would obliterate human life. And being that they travel much faster than the speed of sound, you'd probably never know it unless we happened to notice it on it's way here.
- Massive volcanic eruptions: Some scientists now say dinosaurs were killed not by an asteroid, but instead, or additionally, by enormous eruptions in what now is India. There is proof that life-ending eruptions have occurred throughout history and will likely occur again.
- Yellowstone National Park is said to be a super volcano and scientists say it could erupt at any time - or not at all.
- Nuclear war: Obviously, a full-scale nuclear war would ruin human life. Scientists say numerous explosions of nuclear bombs would blot out sunlight for months or even years, causing mass extinctions as most plants died and most animals starved.
- Research has also indicated that the ozone layer would also be destroyed and would let in more extraterrestrial radiation, further cooling the planet.
- Climate change: There seems to be some debate amongst scientists regarding global warming, which is referred to as climate change. If you believe manmade climate change and the mass migration of millions and millions of people which would ensue, it would be a cataclysmic mess.
- Some say the world would become too crowded and the adjustment which would be required across the planet would be too much to overcome. Low lying areas like Houston, New York, New Orleans and Florida would be no more and that's just North America. Much of China and other countries would also be lost to the rising oceans.
- At the very least, it would take decades to solve such a crisis. Crime, disease and famine would be the order of the day.
- Biblical prophecy: If you are a Christian, the second coming should probably be on the list. You don't hear many scientists speak about Christianity, but make no mistake, the Bible tells of an end of times.
- Throughout the history of man, people have been asking how it will all end. Will it be quick? Will it be soon? The answer is still unknown and will probably remain so until it occurs.
- Like all of you, I'm going to live my life the best I can through whatever the world throws at me. I guess the bottom line here is to get the most out of your life each day during your brief time here on this planet and love those around you each day. Pretty basic stuff...

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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

Jo Payne recently spent one week in Tennessee attending the Jones family reunion with lots of relatives from all over the area coming and going during the five days. Then Jo came back to Granbury where her daughter Tammy and Sherman Aten live and spent a week with them. She really had a very good time and said it was so good to see so many kin folk, but, she said, it was also good to be home.

Jimmy and Linda Crader, Delmas and Pauline McCormick have started coming to the Center for lunch. We are always happy to have new people eating lunch with us.

If you are home bound, you may be eligible to receive a free meal, reduced or the regular price of a donated \$3 per person for a meal. Please call the Center at 983-2032 and talk with Sylvia, our director.

Sam Spence of Lubbock was at the Center Monday, Jan. 12, and ate lunch and visited everyone.

Our sympathy to the family of William Badgett, Jr. Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of **Wayne Battey** - Marie Warren, Ruth Hammonds, Bob and Charlene Alldredge, Nell McClung, Davis Farm Supply, Genelle Breed.

In memory of **Sue Sewell** - Ruth Hammonds, Ruby Weems, Fern Fortsell, Myrtis Cope, Marisa Fortenberry, Betty Baker.

In memory of **Dr. Keith Patzer** - James and June Hale's family, James II and Keisten, Joel and Susan, Steve and Debbie Wright, and James and Sherry Race.

In memory of **Scott Salazar** - Sue Daniels, William and Faye Bertrand, Margarette Word, Genelle Breed.

In memory of **Millard Watson**

- Davis Farm Supply.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573.

Thought for the week - If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

-Ed Howe

Menu

January 19 - January 23
Monday-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, roll, fruit salad

Tuesday-Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, salad, garlic bread, cookies

Wednesday-Taco salad, pinto beans, rice, banana pudding

Thursday-Breaded pork chops, green beans, mashed potatoes, roll, chocolate cake

Friday-Lemon pepper chicken, broccoli with cheese, corn, roll, Jello

TxDOT revisits Trans-Texas Corridor plan

Before approximately 1,200 attendees at the fourth annual Texas Transportation Forum Tuesday, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Executive Director Amadeo Saenz unveiled Innovative Connectivity in TexasVision 2009, outlining updated guidelines for development of the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC). The document describes the transformation of the original TTC vision, appropriately altered with regard to corridor width, transportation mode, use of existing facilities, timeline for development, and level of involvement of local officials and citizens in planning major corridor facilities in their communities.

"Texans have spoken, and we've been listening," said Saenz. "Citizens across the state have had good ideas about how Texas roads can better serve Texas communities. I believe this transformed vision for the TTC and other major corridor development goes a long way toward addressing the concerns we've heard over the past several years."

TxDOT agrees with many of the recommendations of the I-35 and I-69 Corridor Advisory Committees, citizen advisory groups created to participate in planning transportation projects along the two TTC project corridors already under way. Major corridor projects will now be comprised of several small segments closer to 600 feet wide and will no longer be called the Trans-Texas Corridor. Instead, the department will use the highway numbers originally

By Vera Jo Bybee

Tragedy happened to Lockney High School Sunday night. A fire destroyed the High School building which was built in 1929. I went by this morning and saw that there was just a brick shell standing. So sad when a part of our history is gone.

The Jr. High building was also damaged. It was added on to the high school building in 1953 and in 1963 the administration building was added on. Many improvements have been made to these structures over the years.

One hundred ninety-seven students will probably be housed in the local churches temporarily.

Working together to determine the cause of the fire are the Lockney Police Dept., Floyd County Sheriff's Dept., Texas Rangers, The State Fire Marshall's Office and ATF.

There were also other fire dam-

age and vandalism done over the City of Lockney Sunday night.

The Center took a big pot of stew to the working firemen Monday morning to help keep their strength up.

The Center wants to thank the Unity Center for all the salad fixings.

Charles "Goober" and wife Ailene Williams were here visiting Wanda and C.F. Barber this weekend.

Please keep these people on your prayer list: Wanda Moats, Lynda Holley, Joyce Wilson, Dee Copeland, Homer Cypert, May Belt, Frank Duckworth, Mary Reves, Maxine Hill, Bill and Mary Sherman's grandson Brandon Wilson.

Our sympathy is with the Savage family on the passing of Jessie on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Services were held Saturday, Jan. 10 followed with the burial in the

Lockney Cemetery

Also our sympathy is with the family of Tom V. Rankin III, a former Lockney resident who passed away at his Memphis, Tenn. home Jan. 2.

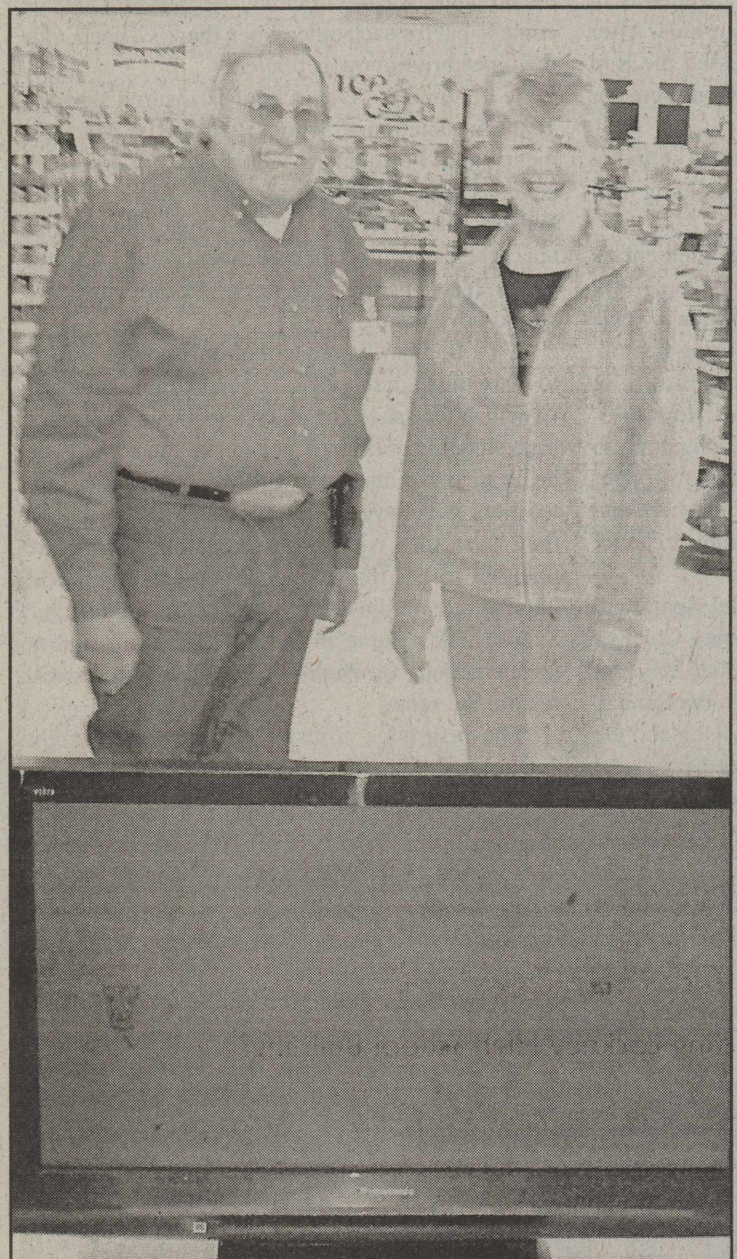
Services were held here at the Main Street Church of Christ Friday, Jan. 9.

As always the Center appreciates the memorials given in memory of their loved ones and friends.

Dowell and Ledell Brewer: WILMA BROWN, JESSIE SAVAGE, BILL THOMPSON.

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Monday-BBQ on a bun
Tuesday-Hamburger
Wednesday-Chicken & Dumplings
Thursday-Spaghetti
Friday-Fish



Lowes #6 proudly announced Bell Vinson of Floydada as the winner of a 42-inch television. Pictured is area manager Johnny Summers (left) with Vinson (right).

Courtesy Photo



WINNER---Glen Graves of Lockney won the 42 inch Plasma TV and DVD player in the Lockney Lowe's Grocery drawing. The package is valued at \$1,000. Pictured are (l-r) Nicki Munez of Lowe's and winner, Glen Graves. "I don't even have the TV and DVD anymore. My wife, Tina, and I gave them to our sons Chase and Trey who live and work in Lubbock. They're enjoying our TV!"

Staff Photo

Birth

SMITH

Hunter and Kristi Smith of Christoval are proud to announce the birth of their son Slade Hunter. He was born December 19, 2008 in San Angelo. He weighed 8 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Slade has an older brother, Sterling, 9 years old, an older sister, Ginger, 9 years old and a sister, Brooklyn, 6 years old.

Grandparents are Choise and Kay Dean Smith of Floydada, Mary Hartman of San Angelo, and Dr. Bill Sanders of Dallas.

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Lockney Senior Citizens News



Couple marks 61 years of marriage

Juan and San Juana Ibarra celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009. All of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren wish them "happy anniversary." The Ibarras had seven sons and seven daughters, 31 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. They were honored at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Sunday for their many years together.

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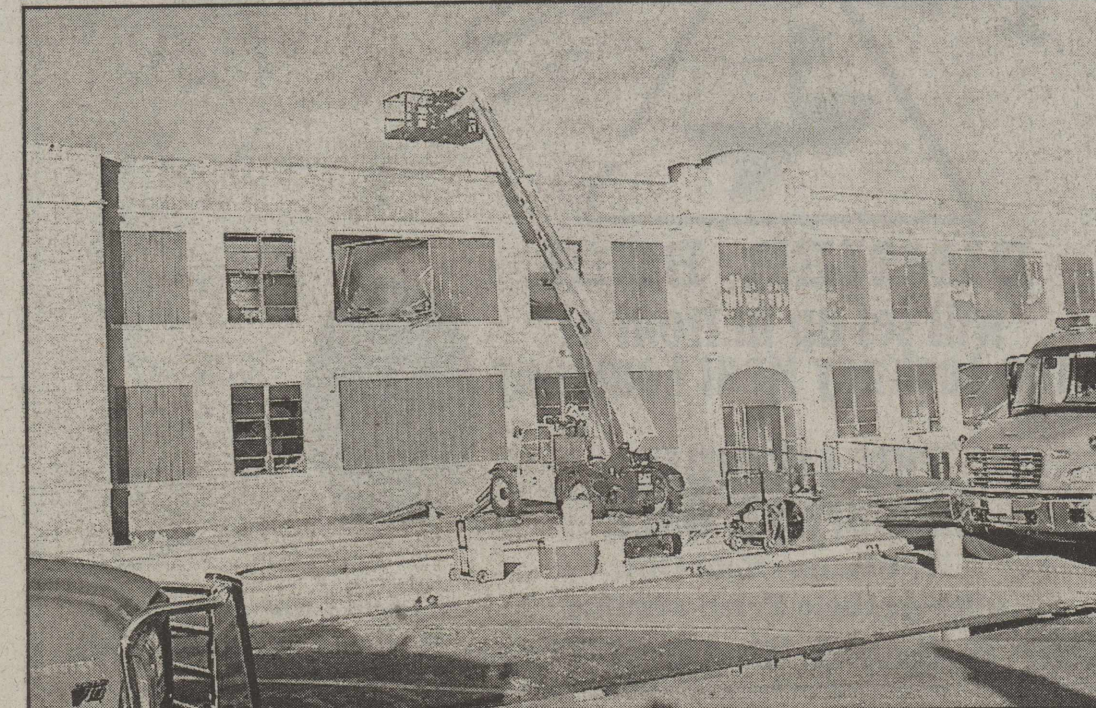
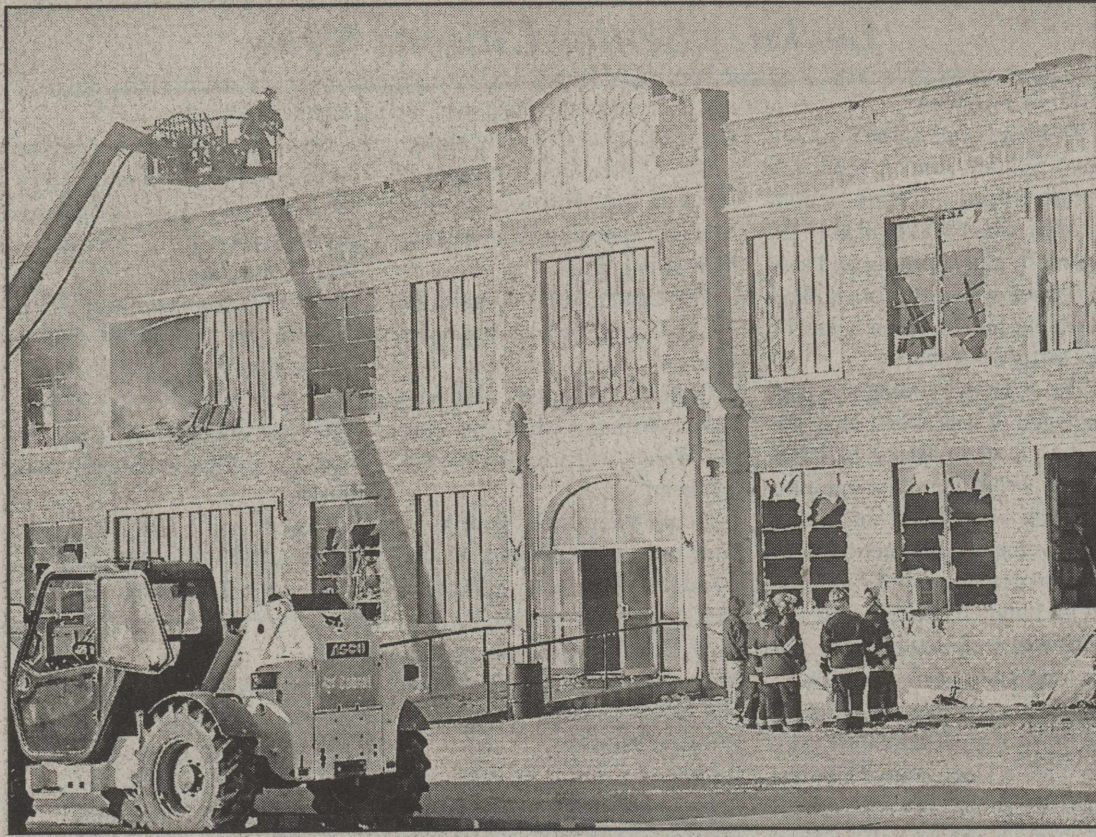
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some through unashamed tears, as they stared in disbelief at what they saw. One such person was Dan Smith, a local farmer, previous Lockney Mayor and graduate of Lockney High School. He said, "I can't believe it, that building has stood for 80 years and now..."

In the early hours of Monday morning, the Red Cross came to help, basing their operation in the foyer of the Longhorn gym, across the street south of the high school.

Not knowing that the firemen had stepped into the gym for a well deserved and all too brief rest, Dotty Evans, wife of one of the firefighters, walked up to the scene to check on the safety of her husband Tyson who had been battling the fire all night. "I was just concerned for him and the others, knowing how worn out they must be," she said.

By 8:40 a.m. firemen, students, teachers and some community members came pouring out of the gym. The students had organized an impromptu prayer meeting at 8:15 a.m. It was a time of individual prayer, expressions of grief, support, encouragement and thankfulness. The students comforted one another and confirmed their desire to stand together and see it through.

Karen Wilson, a Lockney teacher who was in attendance, said, "I'm so proud of our kids. After their meeting, each one filed out passed the Red Cross workers and firemen and thanked them for their help."

The firemen left the gym and continued spraying the smoldering debris from above the building with the use of a crane lift.

At 10 a.m. a meeting was held in the Elementary Cafeteria to allow L.I.S.D. Superintendent Phil Cotham to address the teachers and faculty. One teacher said what stood out to her during his talk was the way Mr. Cotham encouraged them all, "Be loyal to your community, your school, your kids. Help control rumors and let the investigators do their job. We will get through this and be stronger for it. I am so proud of you." The teachers and faculty then broke up into smaller groups to better plan their courses of action.

Floyd County Chief Deputy Daniel Spain and Deputy Cory Speed as well as Lockney Chief of Police Casey Wallace and Lockney Police Sergeant Trey Dolloff also came in response to the Sunday night call. Sheriff Raisse, Aaron Wilson and the above mentioned officers worked together to save the pictorial archives, trophies and memorabilia in the foyer of the high school and the junior high.

They rushed to save what they knew could not be replaced. Officer Speed added, "The ceiling fell in just as we finished getting them out. It was close."

Unfortunately, the beautiful tile wall mural created by Lisa Mosley, a former art teacher at L.H.S., and her art students could not be removed.

Raisse said Monday morning, "The fire at this time is being handled as a suspected arson, the proper authorities will come in to do the investigation."

Later in the morning, A.T.F., Texas Rangers, and the State Fire Marshall began their investigation aided by the Sheriff's Department. By late Monday evening A.T.F. announced they had a 15 year old girl as a person of interest. The investigation continues.

Monday evening a very weary Phil Cotham said, "I want to thank the scores of people who have been helping us through the night. They have helped to empty the junior high portion of the building and the band hall, moving the contents to the elementary school gym for safety and cleaning. They have offered comfort and encouragement, and their service for any way in which they could be of help. It makes me proud to be from Lockney. People here always come to bat for each other when there's a need. Our main need right now is prayer."

He continued, "Our school is insured through Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund. Fortunately, vandalism and arson are covered. The school board (John Quebe, Aaron Wilson, Jimmy Kemp, Robbie Long, Lonny Hooten, Jesse Garza and Cheryl Edwards) and I do have a plan. It is to get our kids back here and where we would have them."

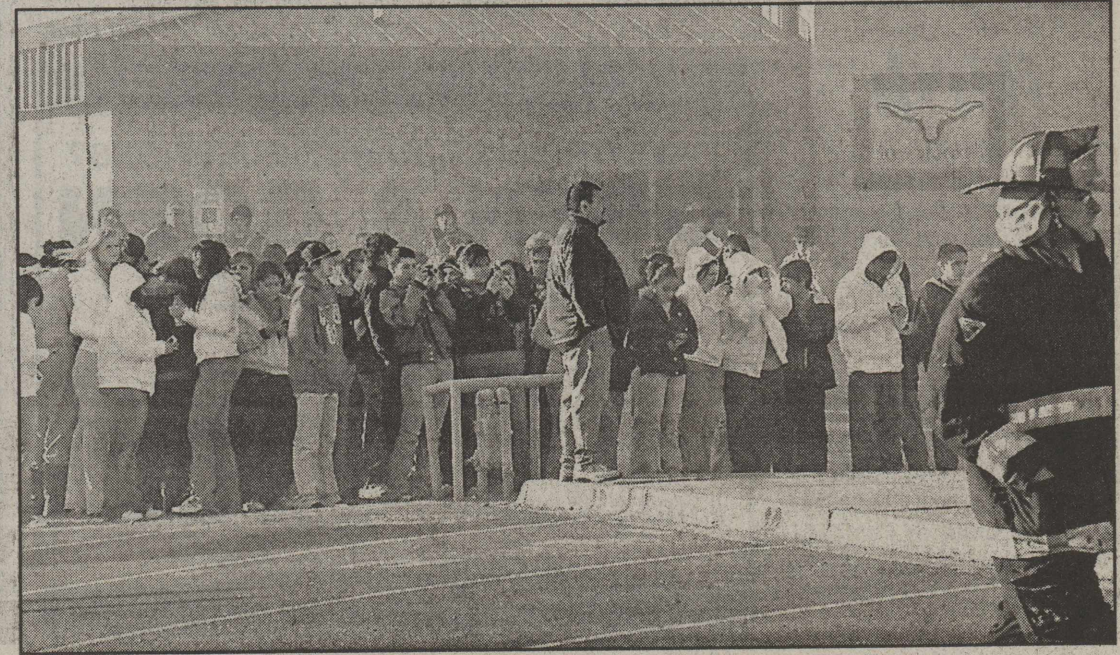
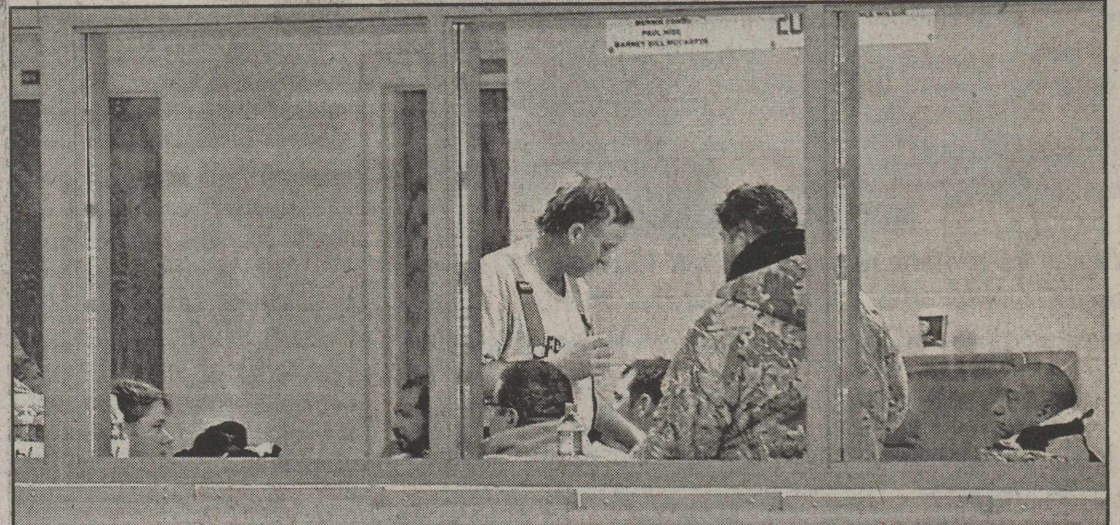
"First Baptist Church will offer space for classes to serve the high school kids. First United Methodist will offer space for classes to serve the junior high students until their portion of the school can be cleaned and made ready for them to return. Our teachers will have no internet, not all the books they want, they will have to research and prepare material to get their concepts taught. They will have to relearn the use of chalkboards and such." School will resume in the new locations and at the elementary on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Times will remain the same.

"The insurance adjuster will be here tonight and we will be talking to people from places who have portable buildings," said Cotham. "We will

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Below, the Red Cross serves firefighters taking a break from fighting the fire at Lockney High School that began Sunday. Other pictures show the fire being fought Sunday night as well as students observing the scene Monday morning. School was cancelled for Lockney students until yesterday (Wednesday).

Photos by Judy Macha and Karen Wilson



Fire...

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get them from wherever we can. The A.T.F., State Fire Marshall and Texas Rangers are investigating the cause of the fire. The insurance company will then send an investigator as well as a structural engineer."

Cotham smiled wearily and said, "I'm so proud of our kids for standing up for what they believe in and for standing together and wanting to get back on their feet as fast as they can. Again, we do have a plan and that plan is to 1) use the help of the churches, 2) the portable buildings, 3) junior high and then 4) hire an architect and get it built."

This is not the first school fire Lockney has sustained. The old Lockney Grade School building burned April 17, 1946. The report in the Lockney Beacon read, "The alarm was turned in at about 11:45 p.m. and the entire building was consumed within two hours." The C.N. Townsend school later suffered a fire also, but was not totally destroyed.

According to Carolyn Cunningham, from the class of 1957, the class was moved into the Lockney High School building August 31, 1951, for their seventh and eighth grade years. By the time they graduated they had spent six years in the "old, beloved building."

Tuesday morning brought more revelations. According to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, the ongoing investigation has revealed arson as the official cause of the fire. Raissez stated, "Community tips led authorities to the two teens. The fire arose from two separate ignition points. That's what led us to believe it was arson."

"Two juvenile females were taken into custody at 10 p.m. Monday. They are at Garza County Youth Detention Center in Post. Each juvenile is charged with felony arson."

Much needed supplies will be donated and delivered by Wal-Mart and possibly some other large stores according to Tracy Long, a teacher at Lockney Elementary. Edith Cook, junior high secretary stated, "We will be receiving 200 backpacks filled with supplies the students would normally need from the Migrant Program. Region 17 Service Center is sending dry erase white boards and markers. Floydada I.S.D. Student Council is bringing teacher supplies."

The phone company even offered to install a separate line at First United Methodist Church for junior high while we're there. It's overwhelming. Words cannot even express it. The people of our community just ask what we need. They put the word out and we have it."

Several people came out Tuesday morning to survey the damage. Coach Lisa Schumacher said, "The losing of the memories is sad. The people in this community have proven once again to be great. We'll pull together and get through it."

Matt Williams, a 1988 Lockney High School graduate, said, "There are a lot of personal memories here. My grandmother, Gladys (Carthel) Golden started high school here, as did my mother, Kay (Golden) Williams, myself, and my oldest daughter Sunny, making four generations and I know many local families could say the same. The people of this town have learned challenges are an every day thing here."

Lockney High School Principal Todd Hallmark shook his head and said, "It's a bad thing, but we will get through it. I came by this morning to see if it would be possible to get to the three fireproof safes in my office. I'm anxious to see if they really are fireproof. We have a lot of student transcripts as well as other important papers stored in them."

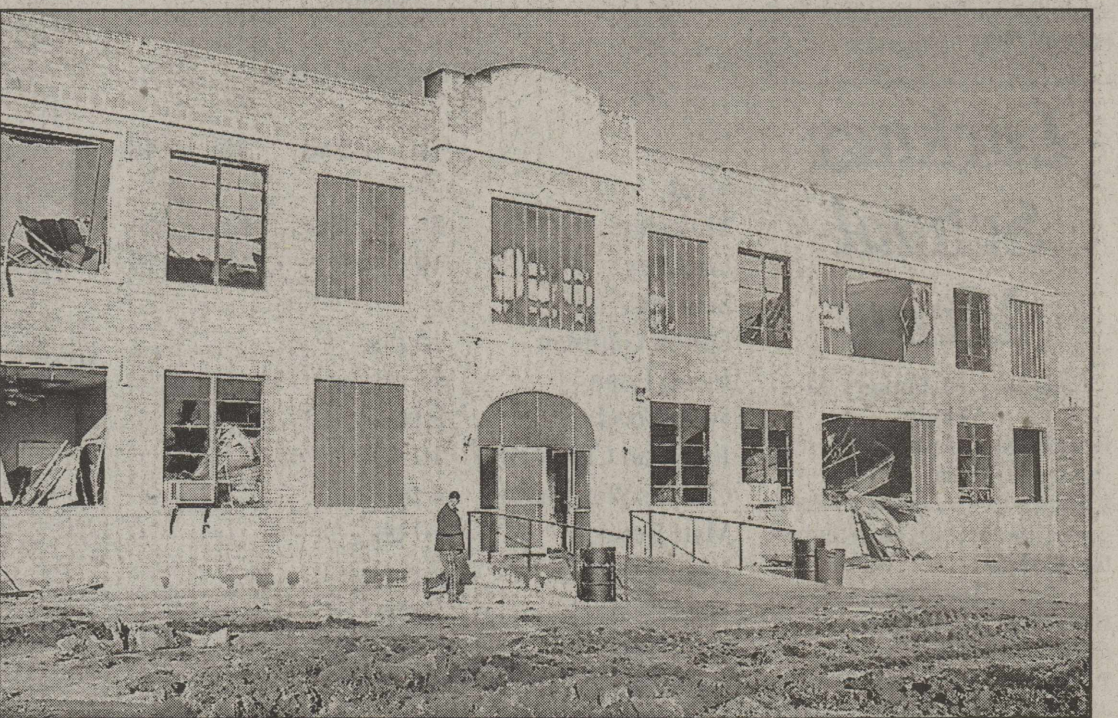
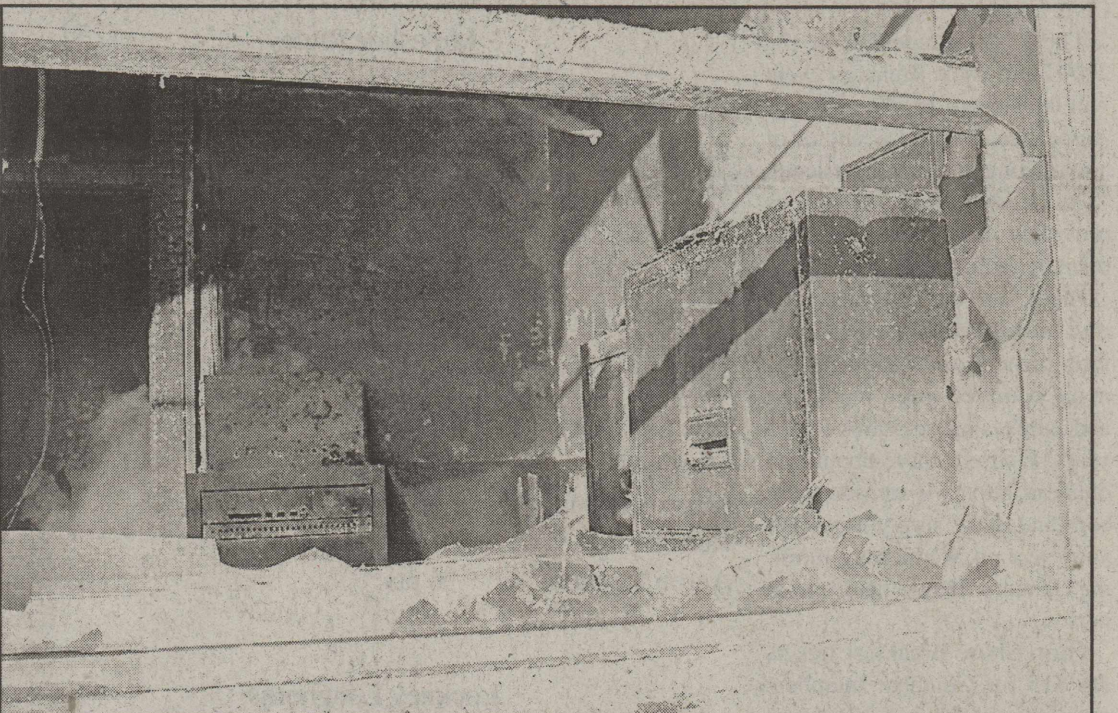
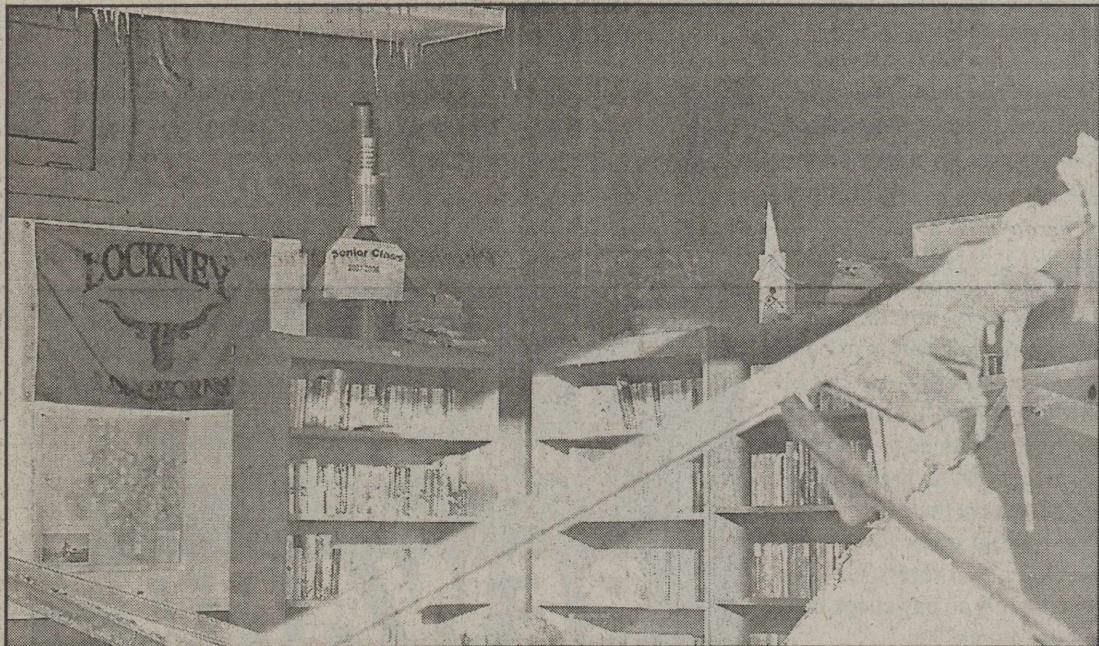
A closer look into the various rooms revealed an odd combination of such things as seemingly unharmed books still on their shelves with hanging burned and twisted building materials smoldering around them.

Another burned out window framed an interesting vignette: behind hanging debris, the dry-erase board in Julie Ellison's reading room with a list of words still visible alongside their definitions. One word jumps out at the viewer - "adversity: hardship, misfortune." Other readable words included "enable" and "indict." On the wall hung a clock stopped at 9:08.

This unimaginable act served to bring this small community of 2,056 people closer together, to strengthen their resolve to rebuild, and to have them come out stronger and better.

Right, firefighters receive thanks from Lockney High students after a prayer ceremony held Monday morning. Other pictures show the devastating damage Lockney High School sustained during a fire that began Sunday. Law enforcement officials confirmed Tuesday arson was the cause of the fire.

Photos by Judy Macha and Karen Wilson



Economics class participates in financial planning program

By Nicole Purser

The fall Economics class at Floydada High School was the first to take part in the new National Endowment for Financial Education High School Financial Planning Program taught by Mrs. Nicole Purser.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, via representatives Melissa Long and J.D. Ragland, made the NEFE program possible for Floydada High School. The seniors who participated in this class learned valuable lessons in personal finance, budgeting, investing, and proper use of credit, insurance and careers. Local guest speakers such as American State Bank President Pat Bradley assisted them in this endeavor.

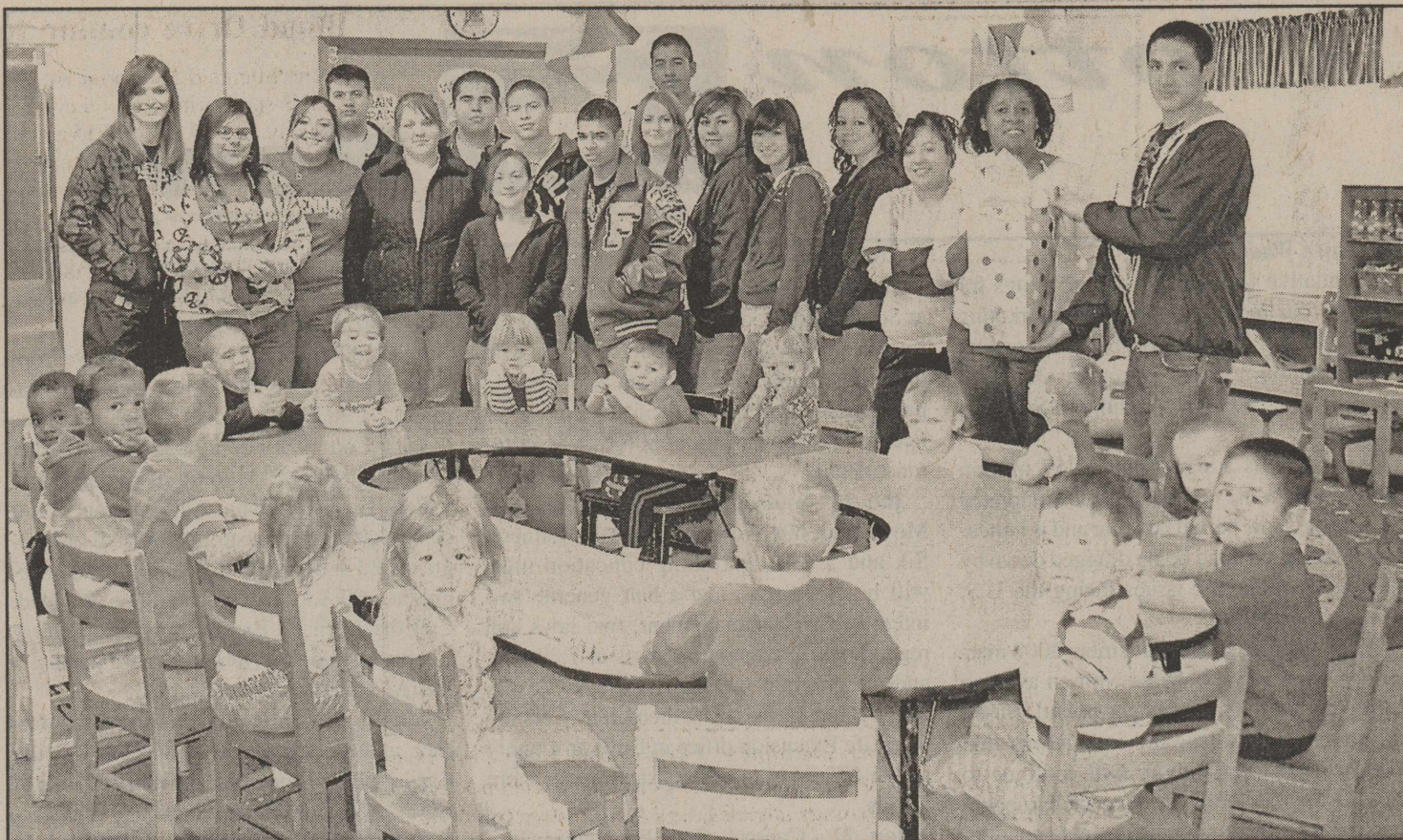
The students participated in a long-term Excel-based budget project in which they chose to apportion their budgeted funds toward philanthropy; they chose the Floyd County Day Care Center (also known as Kids Korner). The director of Kids Korner, Beverly Collins, mentioned the facility's need for a digital camera; she added that

taking pictures is an integral part of documenting milestones of the children of the Floydada community who attend the day care. Kids Korner has been keeping up with these memories since its opening in 1969.

The FHS Economics class was happy to donate the following items they purchased with their budgeted funds: a Kodak EasyShare camera, a 5 MB memory card, a leather camera case; a pack of CD's to create their graduation videos, and a gift card for photo developing. Thanks to the efforts of the FHS administration and staff, and the Kids Korner staff, Mrs. Purser's fall Economics classes were able to present the gifts to the kids in person, as well as spend quality time with them.

According to state mandate, financial planning programs will eventually be a part of curricula in all high schools.

The fall Economics class at Floydada High School was very happy to get a head start on successfully managing their own finances as well as helping out their local community.



FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL ECONOMIC students are pictured with children from the Kids Korner Day Care: (back row, l-r) Isaac Mata, Everardo Rodriguez-Lopez, Joe Luis Suarez, Yared Pinon, LaShay Gooch; (front row, l-r) Laken Reedy, Valerie Perez, Adriana DelaCerde, Connie Garcia, Leanne Owen-Tijerina, Manuel Delafuente, Angela Torres, Elda Lopez, Sonia Salinas, Andrea DelaCerde, Kids Korner director Beverly Collins and Steve Caballero. Not pictured are Adrianna Hernandez and Mrs. Purser.

Courtesy Photo

FHS seniors score in top 25 in treasury department contest



Leanne Owen-Tijerina and Connie Garcia display their awards for scoring well in the US Department of Treasury's Financial Literacy Challenge.

Courtesy photo

By Nicole Purser

The Floydada High School Fall Senior Economics class participated in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's fall 2008 National Financial Literacy Challenge, an initiative recommended by the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy.

From November 3, 2008, to December 12, 2008, more than 75,000 high school students took the Challenge. Participants included students in rural areas, suburbs, and cities in this country, and in Department of Defense schools around the world.

FHS seniors, Oralia 'Connie' Garcia and Leanne Owen-Tijerina scored in the top 25th percentile of the nation's scores. Connie and Leanne were honored with certificates by the United States Department of the Treasury.

We are very proud of these two young ladies, as well as all of the seniors participating in the fall economics classes who prepared for this challenge. We will be ready for the President's challenge again in the spring of 2009.

Lady Winds win district opener, 58-51

By Coach Styles

The Lady Winds opened district play this past Friday with a 58-51 win over Friona, to improve their record to 13-7, 1-0. The Lady Winds have equalled their win total of last year.

The Lady Winds jumped out to a 19-10 first quarter lead. Friona came back in the second quarter to cut the lead to three, 29-26.

Floydada pushed the lead to seven after three quarters 44-37. Floydada steadily added to the lead halfway through the quarter to make it 54-41. Friona would not give in and behind some prayerful three point shots was able to trim the deficit to seven.

The Lady Winds were tough down the stretch at the free throw line hitting 12 of 15 in the 4th quarter.

We knew they would have to come out and shoot the three the last 4 minutes.

The first one was a catch and sling. I don't know if she even looked at the basket. The next two were with girls in their face. Give them a lot of credit for hanging in there after we had built a lead.

Our girls did a really good job of taking care of the basketball and making them foul us and putting us on the free throw line. We have been shooting very well at the line.

Megan Aleman had 19 points. Whitley Beedy -10, Blanca Suarez - 9, Lexie Terrell - 6, Tara Hughes - 5, Laken Reedy - 5, Avery Miller - 3, and Breann Gooch - 1.

Great job girls. Our next games are Tuesday at Muleshoe and Friday at Tulia.

The girls district scores from



Megan Aleman - Courtesy photo Jim Covington

Friday, January 9th are: Childress - 42, Dimmitt - 40, Muleshoe - 37, Tulia - 36. As you can see all the district



Laken Reedy - Courtesy photo Jim Covington

games were close and we will have to show up every night ready to play. Go Lady Winds!

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

Menu
January 19 - January 23
Monday
Breakfast - Cheese pizza or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk
Tuesday
Breakfast - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers,

juice, milk
Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk
Wednesday
Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk
Thursday
Breakfast - Oatmeal and cin-

namon toast or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew, fresh broccoli w/ranch, fresh fruit, saltine crackers, milk
Friday
Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, pickle spears, orange smiles, milk

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

By Shawn Wade

Cumulative Upland cotton marketings for the first four months of the 2008-marketing year totaled 2.795 million-bales according to information released December 30, 2008 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

That figure is a significant 1.757 million bales less than the number of bales marketed through the same period last year and is indicative of cotton demand being dragged down by the serious economic issues facing the U.S. and world economy.

USDA estimated that November 2008 marketings were 978,000 bales with an average selling price of 53.1 cents per pound. Based on November's sales, and indications that worldwide market activity will continue to slow, December 2008 isn't expected to begin the process of reversing the current situation.

Based on the latest figures, the 2008 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price calculated through November 2008 stands at 55.26 cents per pound. With the first third of the marketing year now past, the calculated 2008 Weighted Average Price is hovering just above the 52-cent threshold where Counter-cyclical payment rates begin to drop. The preliminary mid-month price reported for December 2008 was 53.90 cents per pound. The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings from August 1 through November 30, 2008. The 2008 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2008 marketing year. The 2008 cotton marketing year began in August 1, 2008 and ends July 31, 2009.

South Plains Production Conferences/Trade Shows Filling January Calendar

South Plains producers can learn the latest in crop production and management techniques while earning Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units at any of nine Texas AgriLife Extension Service conferences spread across the South Plains in early 2009.

Conference dates and locations are:

Jan. 19 - West Plains Cotton Conference, at South Plains College's Sundown Room in Levelland. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with three continuing education units offered to participants. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Hockley County at 806-894-3159 for more details.

Jan. 20 - Southern Mesa Ag Conference, at Movieland, 604 North Austin Ave., Lamesa. Six and a half continuing education units will be given (two and a half general, two integrated pest management, two laws and regulations). Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 by Jan. 14 and \$30 thereafter. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Dawson County at 806-872-3444 to pre-register and for more details.

Jan. 21 - Caprock Crop Production Conference, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center located 6 miles west of Floydada on U.S. Hwy. 70. Registration starts at 7 a.m., program starts at 8 a.m. and concludes around 4:30 p.m. Seven continuing education units will be offered (four and a half general, one integrated pest management, one laws and regulations, one half in drift minimization) and certified crop advisor units are pending. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Floyd County at 806-983-4912 or Crosby County at 806-675-2347 for more details.

Jan. 21 - Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Bailey County at 806-272-4584 for more details.

Jan. 26 - Sandyland Ag Conference, at the Gaines County Civic Building in Seminole. Five continuing education units are pending (three general, one integrated pest management, one in laws and regulations). Call the AgriLife Extension office in Gaines County at 432-758-4006 for more details.

Jan. 27-28 - Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic. AgriLife Extension-sponsored educational seminars will be held in conjunction with the South West Farm & Ranch Classic Indoor Farm Show at Lubbock Memorial Civic Cen-

ter. For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680, or <http://swclass.com>.

Feb. 10 - Hale and Swisher County Crops Conference, at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Hale County at 806-291-5267 or Swisher County at 806-995-3726 for more details.

Feb. 11 - South Plains Ag Conference, will be held at the American Legion Hall on Seagraves Rd in Brownfield, TX. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. and lunch will be provided. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Terry County at 806-637-4060 for more details. 5 T.D.A., C.E.U.s will be awarded.

April 1 - Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference, at the Scurry County Coliseum. Call the AgriLife Extension office in Scurry County at 325-573-5423 for more details.

4th Annual Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic; January 27-29 Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

The Southwest Farm & Ranch Classic trade show is set for its 4th annual appearance at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center January 27-29, 2009. The show is designed to create a forum for agricultural producers, manufacturers, suppliers and service vendors to meet and exchange ideas. In addition to a wealth of information from participating vendors about new products and services available to agricultural producers, the Southwest Classic show also works closely with state and local agencies to provide valuable professional development seminars and workshops. The program is designed to be both informative and entertaining and includes seminars and demonstrations for agricultural producers of all sizes and the general public interested in agricultural topics. Show program highlights include demonstrations by well-known horse trainer Van Hargis, an exhibit of antique tractors provided by the South Plains Antique Tractor Association, on-site quilting demonstrations by the Community Quilters Guild, education courses organized and presented by Texas AgriLife Extension (TALE).

For more information on the Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic visit: <http://swclass.com>

Annual depth-to-water level measurements in progress

Beginning in early January, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 personnel will make annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of pumpage during 2008 on ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

Water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water level observation wells are spaced throughout the district at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

"It is important for the public to be aware that our staff will be visiting observation well sites from early January until completion of this work effort," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright.

The depth-to-water level measurement is made by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well is coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site. Water District personnel measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long as the individual wells are accessible and continue to provide satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water level measurement in individual wells is compared to that of the previous year to deter-

mine the annual change in water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the water district are published each year in the district's newsletter, The Cross Section. The water level issue contains tables listing observation wells in each county within the district and the average and annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year, and 10-year intervals.

Additional information about the observation well program and annual depth-to-water level measurements is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at (806) 762-0181 or by visiting the district's web site at www.hpwd.com. Persons wishing to receive The Cross Section newsletter can contact the district to have their names added to the mailing list.

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COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

Cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) pushed higher this week as the inflationary tone seemed to be picking up steam.

Traders said expectations for an upturn in the economy were high with the release of new stimulus proposals, and USDA reported export demand was higher than expected.

In addition, the trade sees a much smaller planted acreage base for the United States and China next year which could cause tight supplies if the economy recovers.

Inflation expectations remained high this week, and there also was hope that the new Administration's stimulus package soon would help boost the economy to the upside. As a result, even poor economic numbers did not seem to raise cotton demand concerns.

Even though the market expects no major changes in supply and demand and business in the cash market is somewhat anemic, there were a number of other factors that allowed the market to move higher, according to traders.

The government intervention in China, India, and the CIS countries in an attempt to support local cotton prices by mandating either a minimum

price and/or by absorbing excess inventory into government reserves was very supportive to U.S. cotton futures prices.

Since some competitors of U.S. cotton have been pushed into the role of "residual supplier" by their own governments, it allowed the U.S. to capture a greater share of the little business that currently is available. Therefore, figures released in USDA's weekly export sales report were better than the trade anticipated.

With China as a renewed buyer, net export sales of 225,900 bales in the week ended Jan. 1 were more than three times the previous week and more than double the four-week average. With purchases totaling 124,200 bales, China was the featured buyer.

Turkey and Bangladesh rounded out the list of the week's top three buyers with acquisitions of 37,900 and 21,500 bales, respectively. As of Jan. 1, cumulative cotton sales stood at 69.3 percent of USDA's forecast for the 2008-09 marketing year versus a five-year average of 60.6 percent.

Export shipments of 194,500 bales were up 43 percent from the previous week and five percent from the four-week average.

Primary destinations included China, Turkey, and Thailand.

Spot cotton sales in the week ended January 8 also rocketed higher as producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas sold 45,381 bales online compared to 10,222 bales the previous week.

Average prices received by producers ranged from 39.69 to 41.66 cents per pound versus 33.60 to 44.41 cents per pound one week earlier.

In other news, traders now are bracing for more negative demand news from USDA's supply/demand report set for release on Monday, Jan. 12. There also is growing concern for supply if cotton producers in the United States and China back away from planting this year.

A survey from the annual Beltwide Cotton Conference this week in San Antonio showed an average trade estimate for 2009 U.S. cotton plantings at 7.9 million acres as compared with last year's 25-year low of 9.4 million acres. Analysts now are interested to see if USDA's numbers mirror private estimates.

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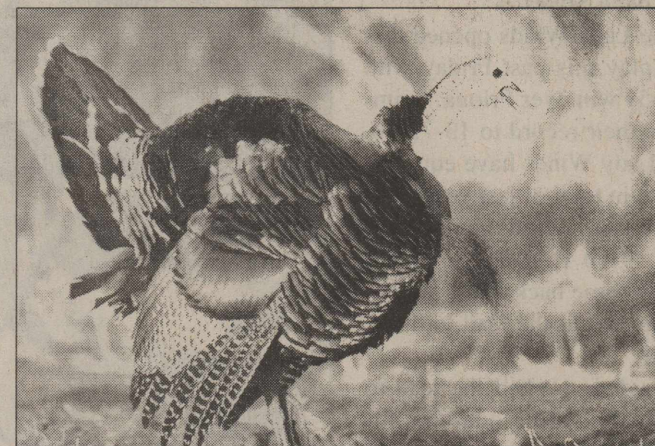
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ARE THESE THE GOOD OL' DAYS? - Part 3

How 60 years of game management has enhanced wildlife populations Upland birds

By Russell A. Graves

Upland game birds — namely turkeys and bobwhite quail — have generally done better since 1945, due largely to restocking efforts and habitat management. Steve DeMaso, upland game bird program leader for TPWD, thinks that the marriage between private landowners and TPWD has been positive for upland game birds, just as it has been for large game. At first, restocking was an inexact science — Rio Grande turkeys were often introduced in unsuitable habitat. But that was then ...



Learning and adapting from lessons of the past, now Rio Grande turkeys are widespread over much of the western two-thirds of the state, where suitable habitat components like tall roost trees exist. That's a far cry from the Hill Country concentration of turkeys back in the 1940s. Perhaps the most impressive upland bird comeback is the eastern wild turkey. Once all but extirpated from the state, now hunters can pursue Eastern wild turkeys in 43 East Texas counties.

Although the outlook for bobwhite quail isn't as glowing over the past half-century as it has been

for turkeys, there are some good reasons to be optimistic about the future of bobwhite quail in Texas. "For quail, the largest contribution that TPWD has made is through research. We have collaborated on numerous studies with Dr. Fred Guthery to gain a better understanding of the effect of weather on quail populations, harvest regulations at a statewide scale, and the long-term population viability of quail populations," he says. DeMaso explains that on a departmental level, TPWD is a stalwart participant in the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, NBICI is a multi-state conservation effort that is primarily focused on habitat restoration and the ultimate range-wide recovery of bobwhite quail and other grassland wildlife species. Texas was the first state in the nation to introduce a statewide plan to restore and maintain quail habitat and quail populations.

"I think the future for bobwhites is bright," says DeMaso. "There are conservation opportunities everywhere, but we must position ourselves to take advantage of these opportunities. Bobwhites, for instance, now have a national presence in Washington D.C. due to the bird's plight. Will we ever have the great bird hunting of the past? Probably not. Do we have opportunities to stop habitat loss and deterioration in areas that still have strong bird populations? Yes."

A culture of change
One of the reasons for the increased emphasis on game and habitat is due to a simple shift in demographics. A lot of landowners in Texas now buy property for its recreational (rather than agricultural) value. As a result, interest in managing land for wildlife has exploded. Increases in the statewide population and the ongoing demand for developing the state's water supply will undoubtedly put pressure on habitat and wildlife resources.

However, most of the people I talk to agree that the best is yet to come for Texas hunters and game animals alike. Small game, big game, upland birds and migratory bird populations are strong; conservation, research and management interest in them is, strong as well.

"The more we know of our wildlife," reads the book, "the better we will appreciate its cultural and material value. The greater security we provide for it, the more security wildlife will contribute to our nation and the happiness and vigor of its people."

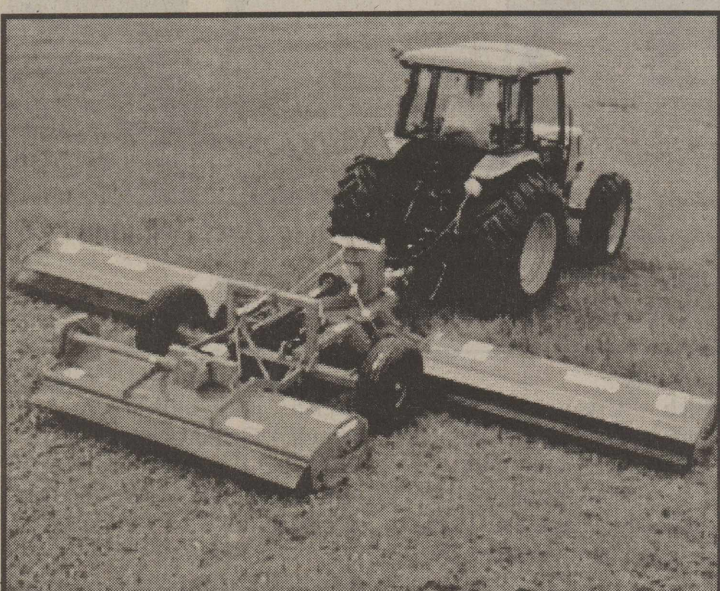
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TREASURER'S REPORT

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 Quarterly report, filed with us on this 12th day of January, 2009 and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$1,787,548.30.

First National Bank-Certificate of Deposits \$ 0

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 12th day of January, 2009.

Penny Golightly, County Judge
Mike Anderson, Commissioner, Precinct #1
Lindan Morris, Commissioner, Precinct #2
Nathan Johnson, Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jon Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #4

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

- 1.1 **OWNER:** W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital
Lockney Texas
- 1.2 **PROJECT:** W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital
Clinic Addition
Lockney, Texas
- 1.3 **ARCHITECT:** Condray Design Group, Inc.
1402 Avenue N
Lubbock, Texas 79401
- 1.4 **DESCRIPTION:** Bidders are invited to submit a stipulated sum bid on the proper bid form for furnishing the necessary labor, materials, services and equipment for and incidental to the construction of this project as called for in the Drawings and Project Manual.
- 1.5 **SUBMISSION OF BIDS:** Submit Bids as follows:
A. **Address to:** Mrs. Sharon Hunt, CEO
W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital
P.O. Box 37
Lockney, Texas 79241
B. **Location:** W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital
Hospital Board Room
Lockney, Texas
C. **Date:** Monday, January 19, 2008
D. **Time:** 1:00 p.m. CST/Daylight Savings Time
- 1.6 **BIDDING DOCUMENTS**
A. Prime Contractors may secure 2 copies of the bid documents from W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 37, 320 N. Main, Lockney, Texas 79241
B. Subcontract Bidders may secure copies of the bid documents as follows:
1. One set from W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 37, 320 N. Main, Lockney, Texas 79241
2. No partial sets will be issued. Additional Bid Documents: Additional bid documents may be obtained by all bidders from W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 37, 320 N. Main, Lockney, Texas 79241
- 1.7 **OPENING OF BIDS**
A. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the board room immediately after closing of bid time.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 0905-00-049 for DISTRICT WIDE RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on February 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.
Contract 0905-00-051 for FY 2009 PAVEMENT MARKERS in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on February 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 28682

State Office

Constr/Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)

Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Obituaries

GEORGE "DON" PROBASCO

George Donald "Don" Probasco, 75, of Uvalde died on January 3, 2009 at St. Luke's Hospital in San Antonio.

A memorial services was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the First Baptist Church of Uvalde.

Probasco was born on October 1, 1933 in Barwise, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lezzie Bell Probasco; three brothers and three grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sara Gaby Probasco of Uvalde; five daughters, Camela Probasco, Susie Colby and Cassie Ursua, all of Lubbock, and Brenda Prukop of Katy; three sons, Maury Frank Probasco of Lubbock, Matt Probasco of Los Alamos, New Mexico and Stephen Fletcher Mills of Issaquah, Washington; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

After farming for many years, Don served as a commodity future broker and half-owner of Perrin's Drapery Manufacturing Company in Lubbock. He later earned the title of master locksmith and founded A-1 Lock and Key in Uvalde, which he owned and operated for 20 years.

The family suggests memorial donations to Cal Farley's Boys' Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX.

TOM V. RANKIN III

Tom V. Rankin III, 52, of Memphis, Tennessee, formerly of Lockney, passed away January 2, 2009 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 9, 2009 at the Main Street Church of Christ. Shawn Cody officiated. Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Tom V. Rankin III was born April 14, 1956 in Plainview, Texas to Tom V. Rankin Jr. and Dorisgean (Mears) Rankin. He graduated from Arlington High School and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Tom loved Texas Tech sports and enjoyed snow/water skiing.

He was a mayor of Buckingham, Texas and was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Tom Rankin Jr. and grandparents.

Those left to cherish his memories are his mother, Dorisgean Rankin of ConCan, Texas; a sister, Cindy Couch and husband, Greg of Shallowater; a brother, Ted Rankin and wife, Brenda of Frisco, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggest memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423.

JESSE SAVAGE

Jesse James Savage, age 82, passed away Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the Lockney Rehab and Care Center.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the First Baptist Church. Harold Abney officiated. Burial followed at the Lockney Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

Jesse Savage was born August 17, 1926 in Leonard, Texas to Elmo and Lilly (Jenkins) Savage. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Savage in May of 1972, and second wife, Margie Sue Savage in July of 2006.

Jesse had faithfully served his country in the U. S. Army. He was a huge football fan.

Jesse was a member of the Lockney Masonic Lodge and the First Baptist Church in Lockney. His occupation can best be described as a craftsman.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmo and Lilly Savage, his first wife, Norma Joy Savage, his second wife, Margie Sue Savage and two infant sons.

Survivors include seven children, one brother, four sisters and their families.

Family suggest memorials be made in Jesse's name to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 6977 Main Street, Houston, TX. 77030-3701.



Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

This month we will celebrate the 220th anniversary of our nation's very first presidential inauguration ceremony. Steeped in tradition, these ceremonies give all Americans, regardless of how they voted, the opportunity to come together every four years to honor our democratic process and the hard-won freedoms established by our Founding Fathers.

The oath sworn by General George Washington in 1789, as prescribed in Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution, has endured: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will try to the best of my ability, to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." George Washington personally added the phrase "so help me God," as have most of his successors. He also established the tradition of the inaugural address. Throughout our tumultuous history, these cherished words have inspired, encouraged and reassured us.

The other individual components of modern-day ceremonies evolved over time. George Washington traveled 280 miles on horseback from his home in Virginia to New York City, which was then the nation's capital, to attend his first inauguration. Along the way, Philadelphians crowned him with a laurel, women in New Jersey threw flowers and sang sonatas, and New Yorkers fired a 13-gun salute.

Thomas Jefferson, our nation's third President, was the first to participate in what has since become known as the customary Inaugural Parade after Washington, D.C. became our nation's capital in 1801. Subsequent processions have varied widely according to the tastes of each President. For example, Teddy Roosevelt's in 1905 included cowboys, miners, and the Rough Riders - his Spanish-American War cavalry regiment - on horseback. Modern-day festivities have included cheerleaders, marching bands, and floats.

January 20th will mark the nation's 56th formal inauguration ceremony since 1789. Presidents have been sworn into office 68 times, most often in public, but occasionally in private, such as immediately after the death or resignation of their predecessors. Originally small, indoor affairs, these ceremonies soon attracted widespread interest, moved outdoors, and expanded to include fireworks and balls by the 1820s.

Occasionally, carefully laid plans and good intentions have gone awry. In 1829, Andrew Jackson, who sought to demonstrate that the White House belongs to the people, invited the public inside the White House after his swearing-in ceremony. Throngs took him up on his offer, spoiled the carpet and the ornate furniture, crowded the President up against a wall, and didn't depart until a clever White House steward placed large vats of whiskey out on the lawn to attract them outside.

This month we will observe history unfold as our nation's 44th President, and our first African-American President, takes the oath of office. Like his predecessors, he will follow tradition. He will attend the customary morning worship service, participate in a swearing-in ceremony and deliver an inaugural address on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol. Later he will enjoy an inaugural luncheon with members of Congress in Statuary Hall and ride in an Inaugural Parade from the Capitol

to his new office and home, the White House.

As many as three million Americans from every corner of our country are expected to attend. We will all celebrate a hallmark of American democracy: the peaceful transition of power from one party and administration to another. For 220 years, the United States - the world's oldest democracy - has stunned dictators and despots, and given hope to millions, by observing this most sacred of democratic customs.

The world's eyes will be upon us as we make history again. As America's soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines continue to defend our freedom abroad, let us all unite and take this opportunity to thank them, to appreciate the blessings that our Founding Fathers ensured, and to honor the courage, determination and leadership of the forty-three men who have presided over our great country. Let us all wish our incoming President godspeed as he becomes the leader of our nation.

TxDOT sponsors Trash4Cash

Trash4Cash, a new Don't Mess with Texas competition by the Texas Department of Transportation, is rewarding on-campus student organizations with \$1,000 for getting rid of litter in their communities.

School groups will compete against others from around the state by organizing litter prevention efforts in their community, such as cleaning up a local park or teaching children about not littering. High school groups like environmental and journalism clubs, honor societies, football teams, bands or student councils are encouraged to submit a group entry and compete against their rivals for cash prizes. Five school groups in Texas will each win \$1,000 to use as they like, donated by TxDOT sponsor Raytheon.

"Regardless of who takes home the cash, everybody wins," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division Director for TxDOT, the organizer of Trash4Cash. "Communities with school groups that compete in Trash4Cash will be cleaner, and

participating students have an opportunity to demonstrate 'green' leadership, showing potential universities the volunteer projects they've worked on." Complete rules and submission information are posted at www.dontmesswithtexas.org/trash4cash.

THIS WEEK'S

FLOYD COUNTY PARENT LEADER ASSOCIATION

The Floyd County Parent Leader Association will meet Monday, Jan. 19, at the Floyd County Extension Office Meeting Room beginning at 6 p. m. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund has been set up in memory of Al and Sally Galloway. Contributions can be made to Floydada High School.

We would like to thank Floydada Coop Gin, Farmers Coop Compress, Lowe's of Floydada, Muncy Elevator, American State Bank, Lighthouse Electric Coop and Floydada Buyer's Club for purchasing our pigs at the Floyd County Stockshow.

Sincerely,
Braden and Heston Graves

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Dennis Butler, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP

Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Bible Study6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL

Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Terry Simmons,
Minister of Ed./Music
Eric Kaiser - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

Lockney
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth).....7:15 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

Floydada
Pastor Reverend Raymond Asebedo
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD

701 W. Missouri
Andy Rodriguez
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada
Father Jose Relente
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY

500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Peter W. Harrington
Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening5:00 p.m.

American State Bank

Member FDIC
217 W. California
983-3725

Goen & Goen Insurance

102 E. California
983-3524

Barwise Gin

Barwise Community
983-2737

Lockney Co-op Gin

652-3377

Blackburn Media Group, Inc.

Oden Chevrolet Inc.

221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

Clark Pharmacy

320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

Payne Family Pharmacy

200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

Davis Lumber

102 E. Shubet
Lockney
6523385

Pay-n-Save

210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

Floydada - Lockney
983-3737 - 652-3318

Schacht

Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts
112 W. Poplar, Lockney
652-2385

Lighthouse Electric Coop

703 A Matador Hwy
983-2814

Sunshine Pump

Oliver Clark
Box 266, Lockney
983-5087 - 774-4412
(Mobile)

Sawaya Ins. Agency

120 E. 7th Street
Plainview
293-1318