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Construction and renovations continue at Duncan Elementary in Floydada. Pictured above (left) City of Floydada employees work outside of the elementary school. Inside the school (left) workers are doing everything from putting up doors to tiling to painting hallways. Above (right) the new wing of the elementary school is in the process of being tiled. Renovations on the school are supposed to be finished sometime this spring.

Photos by Jeff Blackmon



GIRLS PLAYOFF BASKETBALL **Wheeler/Sunray** Friday, 6 p.m. at WTAMU Floydada vs. Shallowater Friday, 6 p.m. @ LCU

Co-op sponsors Youth Tour for 45th year College scholarship also awarded to winners

Again in 2009, for the 45th consecutive year, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative will sponsor two area high school students on the all-expense paid Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year's tour is scheduled for June 11 to June 19. In addition to the Washington trip, winners will receive a Lighthouse Youth Tour college scholarship.

As participants in the Youth Tour, local winners will join other winners from across the state to travel by air to Washington where they will spend seven days touring places of historical interest, visiting members of Congress, and getting a first-hand view of their government in action.

Students who are classified as juniors or seniors who reside in the general service area of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, which includes the school districts of Plainview, Petersburg, Floydada, Lockney, Valley, Memphis, Crosbyton and Motley County, other than the immediate family members of Lighthouse employees or directors, will be eligible for the trip.

The two winners will be selected from participants in the co-op's Youth Tour Contest to be held April 2. Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to present their ideas on the topic "In the future, how will renewable energy affect you, the cooperative, the area, the nation, and the world?" and answer questions relevant to the Youth Tour and electric cooperatives. Winners will be chosen based on their knowledge, speaking ability, appearance and poise.

Over the past 44 years, Lighthouse has sponsored 93 area students on the tour. Winners over the past few years have been:

1999, Danny Huggins of Lockney and Stefane Hedrick of Plainview

2000, Kayla Copp of Matador and Rebecca Warren of Floydada

2001, Jenna Payne of Floydada and Melanie Huggins of Lockney

2002, Skyler Cornelius of Floydada, Jalee Dietrich of Lockney, and Cydni Waldon of

2003, Addie Foster of Lockney and Spen-

cer Schacht of Floydada 2004, Kami Keaton and Jana Miller of Lockney and Kittie Campbell of Matador

2005, Rebekah Thornton of Plainview and Daniel Houchin of Petersburg 2006, Krista Rasco of Lockney and Maddie

Ramsey of Quitaque 2007, Britnee Brotherton of Floydada and

Josh Fowler of Plainview

2008, J.C. Simpson of Floydada and Leah Ford of Lockney

Contest Rules and Eligibility Requirements

• The contest is open to any junior or senior student who attends school (public, private or home-schooled) in the general service area of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative.

• Participants will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to present their ideas on the following topic: In the future, how will renewable energy affect me, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, the area, the nation, and the world?

• Judges will have the opportunity to ask each contestant three questions (entrants' packets will include study materials) after their presentation.

• Two winners will be chosen based on the content of their presentation, their knowledge of electric cooperatives, their speaking ability, appearance and poise.

• The contest will take place on Thursday, April 2, 2009, 6:30 p.m., at the Lighthouse Electric Cooperative headquarters on U.S. Hwy 70 in Floydada.

• The independent panel of judges will select the winning boy and girl. (Note: In the event only one girl or one boy qualifies for the interview, the judges will select the top two competitors without regard for gender.)

• In addition to the expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., the winners will each receive a \$500 Youth Tour College Scholar-

• Entry deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009.

For more information, contact the Member Services Department of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative at (806) 983-2814, (800) 657-7192, or e-mail larryo@lighthouse.coop.

elections By Sara Sisemore

Managing Editor

There are many upcoming elections in Floyd County in 2009, including the cities of Lockney and Floydada, both school districts, the Caprock Hospital District and the Lockney General Hospital District.

Filing deadlines for all elections is Monday, March 9 at 5

The election will be held on Saturday, May 9.

The City of Floydada has two city council member positions coming open: Ruben Barrientoz of District 2 and Sheldon Sue of District 3. Also, Mayor Bob Gilliland is up for re-election.

The City of Lockney also has two city council member positions coming open: District 4 currently occupied by Kelly Prayor and District 5 currently

occupied by Michael DeLeon. Lockney Mayor Roger Stapp is also up for re-election.

The Caprock Hospital District has three members whose terms are coming to an end: Hulon Carthel, Denise Payne and Eric

The Lockney General Hospital District has three terms ending this year. Board members Jim Martin and Nell Schur plan to run again, but Terry Jones will be unable to as he has already served three consecutive terms.

Two Floydada Independent School District trustees' terms are coming to an end: Kerry Pratt of Precinct 1 and Dr. William Dean of Precinct 2.

Lockney Independent School District also has two trustees' terms coming to an end: Jesse Garza of District 1 and Sheryl

Lockney police chief ves annual report

By Judy Macha Reporter

Lockney Chief of Police Casey Wallace presented his annual report on racial profiling and statistics for 2008 to City Council at their regular meeting Thursday, February 12.

2008 Racial Profiling

421 contacts: Blacks - 24; Hispanics - 250; Whites - 144; Asians - 0; Other - 3; Male - 291;

28 searches: Blacks - 1; Hispanics - 19; Whites - 8; Asians - 0; Other - 0; Male - 27; Female - 1 W/contraband: Blacks - 0; Hispanics - 12; Whites - 5; Asians - 0; Other - 0; Male - 16;

88 citations: Blacks - 5; Hispanics - 58; Whites - 25; Asians - 0; Other - 0; Male - 58; Female

326 warnings: Blacks - 17; Hispanics - 190; Whites - 117; Asians - 0; Other - 2; Males - 229; Female - 97 17 arrests: Blacks - 2; Hispanics

- 10; Whites - 4; Asians - 0; Other - 1; Male - 14; Female - 3 Complaints filed on officers:

informal - 4, formal - 0 2008 Statistics

Motor Vehicle Accidents

During the year of 2007, the Lockney Police Department investigated 18 motor vehicle accidents. In 2008 we investigated 20 this indicates 11.1 percent increase of accidents within the city in 2008.

Criminal Offenses Reported During the year of 2007, the Lockney Police Department investigated 102 criminal offenses that were either reported to the department, or were observed by on-duty officers. In 2008 there were 122. This is an increase of 19.6 percent.

Incidents Reported

Incident reports are actions that took place that were either observed by the officers, or reported to them. Incidents may have been criminal law violations or may not have been. However the reporting complainant did not want criminal charges pressed and the information was not passed on to a court for prosecu-

tion. Also involved in incident reports are actions taken by the Lockney Police Department in assisting other law enforcement agencies on their investigations, such as recovery of stolen motor vehicles, child welfare cases and mental commitments. In 2007 there were 83 incidents. In 2008 there were 60. This is a decrease of 27.7 percent.

Adult Arrest

During 2007 the Lockney Police Department arrested 14 adults and placed them in Jail. In 2008, 17 adults were arrested and jailed. This is an increase of 21.4

Juvenile Detentions

During 2007 the Lockney Police Department detained 4 juveniles and placed them in either the PAC Center or turned them over to the Juvenile Probation Office. In 2008 there were 3. This is a decrease of 25 percent.

Wallace added, "All in all the Lockney Police Department had a pretty fair year, showing slight increases in accidents, offenses and adult arrests. We have had several crimes reported but most seem to also solve . A portion of the adult arrests remain alcohol and/or street drug charges. Criminal mischief which does not show up on the national crimes records is about as usual in Lockney. These incidents do not show up on major reports but are a key problem area most all police departments deal with and take up a considerable amount of our time."

The Council considered and passed a resolution to sealcoat.

They discussed two sections of city streets to be paved at the cost of individuals. The city would bear the engineering costs in both cases. There was no action to be taken at this time.

Dennis Carter was reappointed to the Floyd County Appraisal Board for 2009/2010 by unani-

The Council discussed the LEDC farmer's market project to be located on the corner of Main and FM 97. The old filling station building located on that corner continued on Page 3

Wedding Selections for...

Amanda Lewis & Jarrett Thornton Lindsie Gerber & Garrett Mathis Ashley Abbott & Ty Carthel



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vocacy group up and running

Wind energy is a growing industry and a new group has been formed to make sure area residents have the most current information about this thriving opportunity. According to the Class 4 Winds Web site, the group dedicated to this and other endeavors regarding wind energy.

Class 4 Winds Vision

* Class 4 Winds is dedicated to providing educational opportunities and information to stakeholders as they seek to capitalize on the enduring benefits to be gained from promoting the region's vast wind energy resources.

* Class 4 Winds is dedicated to communicating about the region to the wind energy industry and supporting the development and growth of wind power and the manufacture and export of renewable energy.

* Class 4 Winds is dedicated to providing support to those who advocate on behalf of the region as they seek to champion the region as an affordable, favorable location for the development of wind power and associated industries.

* Class 4 Winds is knowledgeable about wind energy resources and activities and provides a link between landowners and wind developers and between wind developers and regional resources.

Class 4 Winds Goals Education Goal

Class 4 Winds is developing a public education program that addresses the legal, landowner,

interconnection, environmental, and economic impacts of wind energy. This goal will be achieved through:

* Making presentations that increase the understanding of wind energy throughout the region.

* Conducting landowner semi-

* Developing programs that enhance understanding of renewable resources as part of a balanced energy portfolio and demonstrate how wind energy is generated.

* Serving as a liaison to outstanding technical expertise in the region.

Communication Goal

Class 4 Winds is delivering a strong message that the Class 4 Winds region is committed to the development of wind power and the manufacture and export of renewable energy equipment.

This goal will be achieved

* Promoting dialogue between stakeholder groups that will allow the growth of wind development in the region.

* Developing communications tools that will keep stakeholders informed on wind energy developments, technologies, regulatory actions, transmission issues, siting policies, landowner issues, and wind power project developments.

* Participating in appropriate forums and conferences to communicate how the Class 4 Winds region can support the renewable energy industry.

Advocacy Goal



Former Amarillo KVII-Channel 7 Anchor AJ Swope has been named the director of the newly formed Class 4 Winds group. Class 4 Winds is a nonprofit group that aims to educate area people on wind energy development and advocate for the Class 4 region, which takes in the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas and portions of Oklahoma and New Mexico. The Class 4 Winds office is currently located on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Photo Courtesy of Class 4 Winds

Class 4 Winds provides a resource for diverse interests to be heard and be a part of a unified effort to communicate windrelated objectives to those who advocate for the region. This goal will be achieved through:

* Listening to the stakeholders and determining the consensus on different issues and conveying those issues to advocacy

* Serving as an information resource on wind energy technical and policy matters to people who represent the region.

Synergy Goal

Class 4 Winds is knowledgeable about wind energy resources

and activities and provides a link between landowners and wind developers and between wind developers and regional resources. This goal will be achieved through:

* Participating with area communities to plan and sponsor promotional events related to wind power.

* Partnering with regional stakeholders to be knowledgeable about regional resources

and interests. Communicating with wind developers to make them aware of the Class 4 Winds region.

More information on Class 4 Winds is available at www. class4winds.org.

WILBUR-ELLIS COMPANY donated \$5,000 to Lockney High School. Shown left to right is Superintendent Phil Cotham accepting the check from Garry

Burson, Manager of Wilbur-

Ellis Company, Lockney. Staff Photo

Angel Food ministry needs volunteers

By Jean Appling

This is a non-profit, nondenominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief to communities across the United States.

Angel Food, based in Georgia, works through churches and community organizations all over the United States.

You are able to purchase a box of both frozen and fresh items for \$30 with a retail value of \$50 to \$75.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four about a week or a single senior citizen for almost a

All food is the same high quality you would purchase at a grocery store.

No second hand items, no damaged or outdated goods, no dented cans, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost

A new menu is available each month. Menus and order forms will be made available. Distribution will be once a month at First Baptist Fellowship Center.

Be watching for more details. We will need volunteers. Please consider being a part. For further information call Jean Appling, 679-2648.

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The Communities We Serve

Recycle unwanted eyeglasses

The Floydada Lions Club would like to remind the community to help support the Lions Recycle for Sight used eyeglasses collection program. Throughout the year, the Floydada Lions Club collects unwanted eyeglasses and sunglasses for those in need in developing countries.

Donated glasses are sent to the regional eyeglass recycling center where they are cleaned, sorted by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions and other groups.

By taking the time to give your unused glasses, you help to improve the life of someone in need. In most developing nations, eye care is either unaffordable or inaccessible. And for many, poor eyesight that is left uncorrected can lead to unemployment for adults and a child's inability to attend school.

their appreciation to the ten local businesses who contribute to the project's success by serving as convenient drop-off centers. To donate used eyeglasses, place them in specially marked Lions Recycle for Sight collection bins located in First National Bank of Floydada, Payne Pharmacy, Ginger's Beauty Salon, Script Printing, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Lowe's Pay-N-Save, Dollar General, Cogdell Clinic, the post office and the KFLP radio station building.

Floydada Lions Club activities can call David True, president of the Floydada Lions Club, at 983-3777, or Tommy Ogden, treasurer of the Floydada Lions

The Floydada Lions Club would like to express

Anyone interested in learning more about other

Club, at 983-3808.

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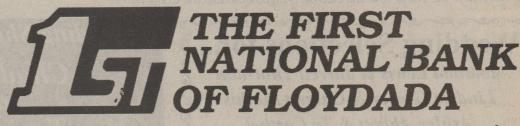




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Some FISD trustees short on continuing education hours

By Sara Sisemore Managing Editor

Every year, experienced board members are required to have earned at least five hours of continuing education.

Floydada Independent School Board president Kerry Pratt announced during their meeting Thursday night, Feb. 12, how many hours each board member obtained this year. Only three of the seven board members met the required number of hours of continued education: Rachael Castillo met the requirement with 16 hours; Amado Morales met the requirement with 14.75 hours and Dr. William Dean met the requirement with 10.25 hours. Board members Bart Greer, Marty Lucke, Lyle Miller and Kerry Pratt each only had three hours of continuing education, coming up short of the requirement by two hours each.

The FISD Board of Trustees honored the following students, educator and support staff for their excellent attitudes and hard work. Students of the month are Albert DeHoyos (4th grade), Dakota Whalen (5th grade), Annette Pena (6th grade) and Claudia Lopez (junior). Nicole Gonzales, kindergarten teacher at A.B. Duncan Elementary, was honored as educator of the month, and Ismael Vega, a teacher assistant at the junior high, was honored as support staff of the month.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn

gave information on the cost of ceiling projectors for the new elementary school. According to Vaughn, the cost per room would be \$300, plus the cost of installation. Miller made the motion to "proceed with installation of projector mounts and turn key for \$20,000 or less." The motion was seconded by Morales. The motion carried six to one, with Castillo voting in opposition.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report to the board: M&O current tax roll is \$2,419,500.17, net collections are \$2,266,892.01, 1&S tax roll is \$246,320.60, net collections are \$226,603.57, and the percent of roll collected is 93.69 percent compared to last year's 88.29 percent.

The board voted unanimously to hold a joint election with the City of Floydada and the Caprock Hospital Distrcit on May 9, 2009, as well as approving the election service contract the school district has with Floyd County.

Also unanimously approved was the choice of Laveta Morren as the early ballot clerk, Kelli Reddy as deputy early ballot clerk, Roger Poage as early ballot/election judge and Selia Arellano as the alternate judge for the May 9th School Trustee Election.

Principal Wayne Morren updated the board on current events at the high school, in-

forming them the UIL students had won the meet in Lubbock, and the breakfast serving time had changed between the first and second period, allowing five more minutes of serving time in order to meet the needs of the students.

Additional updates from the administrative staff included Christine Scroggs, Curriculum Director for FISD, informing the board there has been 2,000 hours of professional development take place in the district since August. Also, Athletic Director Rusty Purser proudly announced the first district championship won by the Varsity girls since 1966.

After a closed meeting to

consider the contracts of the administrative staff, the board unanimously voted to extend the contracts of the following employees: Rex Holcombe, Administrative Assistant/Technology Director/Federal Programs Director; Sharon Rainwater, Business Manager; Rusty Purser, Atheletic Director; Alicia Bice, Special Education Director/Diagnostician; Christine Scroggs, Curriculum Director; Gilbert Trevino, A.B. Duncan Elementary Principal; Mack Sherman, Floydada Junior High School Principal and Wayne Morren, Floydada High School Principal. All contacts were extended for one year, with the exception of Scroggs' contract which was extended for two years.



There are always decisions to be made in life. Sometimes you make a good decision. Sometimes you don't. More often than not, the times when you made a good decision you had all the facts laid out in front of you and you made your decision based upon what those facts told you. Often when you make a bad decision, it is because you made up your mind too quickly, ignoring relevant details and basing your decision primarily on how you felt about the matter.

According to Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary, a "fact" is "something that has actual existence; an actual occurrence; a piece of information presented as having objective reality." A "feeling," (again, according to Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary) is "an emotional state or reaction" or an "often unreasoned opinion or belief."

It is very important for each of us as individuals to make decisions based upon the facts and not on our feelings. It's even more important - at least more conspicuous with more far reaching consequences - for public officials and government leaders to make all of their decisions based on the facts of each matter that comes before them.

As an example of a recent public matter which effects everyone in the county and in the courthouse, let's just review the facts related to the business hours of the Floyd County Courthouse.

Fact 1: As of August 2008, the courthouse went from being open five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing an hour for lunch (open 7.5 hours/day; 37.5 hours/week), to being open four days a week with hours from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., staying open through lunch (open 9.5 hours/day; 38 hours/week).

Fact 2: Some citizens and/or tax payers can only make it to the courthouse on Fridays and/or Saturdays.

Fact 3: Compared to the Sept. through Dec. quarter last year, the county saved 29 cubic feet of natural gas, 104,000 gallons of waters (even while suffering from a leak in November), and 21,840 kilowatt hours during the last four months alone.

Fact 4: The county spent \$2,683.88 (at today's prices) less on these utilities during this fourth quarter than they did last year, even though it was not as hot a summer and not as cold a winter (estimated yearly savings would be about \$10,700).

Fact 5: According to Section

152.011 of the Local Government Code, "a county commissioners court, with certain exceptions, [is required] to set the amount of the compensation, office and travel expenses, and all other allowances for county and precinct officers and employees who are paid wholly from county funds."

Fact 6: It is the opinion of the attorney general that "the authority of a commissioners court to set county compensation does not include the authority to set the office hours of other county officials and their employees" (Opinion No. JC-0131). The opinion furthur explains that "a commissioners court has no authority to set the office hours of district and county clerks...the county auditor...to order offices of elected county officials to be open at lunch...or to set the office hours of justices of the peace."

Fact 7: It is the duty and responsibility of each county officer to set and maintain hours which will allow him to perform

his "constitutional and statutory duties" (AG Opinion No. JC-0131).

Fact 8: The attorney general in this opinion found "no law that required county offices to be open to the public a certain amount of time, other than a reasonable time, nor any law that authorized the commissioners court to set county office hours."

Fact 9: The only benefit provided for Floyd County officials is their 2-1 retirement plan.

Fact 10: Floyd County has one of the smallest budgets of counties in Texas (as best I could tell from the data).

Fact 11: Our country is in a recession with a *huge* national deficit and debt.

Fact 12: Floyd County's 2009 budget is running approximately seven percent behind on projected interest income - about \$7,000.

Fact 13: The courthouse could have done a better job advertising their new hours.

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JAKOB ALLEN CUELLAR, 18 MONTHS, son of Jaime Cuellar and Kimberly Garza of Floydada. Grandparents are Jaime and Maria Cuellar of Floydada and Harvey and Martha Garza, also of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Oscar and Cande Garza of Floydada.





"UNMATCHED", "UNCHALLENGED", "UNDEFEATED"---Lockney Ladyhorns 2008-2009 Junior Varsity, (l-r) Robbie Reyes, Alex Salazar, Quinn Jackson, Maria Castorena, Katalina Araujo, Logan Edwards, KaCee Armstrong, Anna Jimenez, Annisa Reyna, SyAnn Foster, Delores Luna, and Sunny Williams. Not pictured-manager Dixie Williams.

Photo by Shawnda Foster

Lockney ...

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is to be torn down. The city will provide roll away boxes for debris and equipment and labor for the destruction phase. The building is to be done by volunteer labor. City attorney Lanny Voss cautioned the Council to make sure none of the volunteers operate or even get near the equipment used for destruction, and that plenty of yellow tape is used to cordon off the area.

In other business, the Council passed a variance on the corners of 3rd and Willow and 4th and Willow, for the school to place portable classroom buildings within two feet of the property line for as long as the buildings are needed.

Lee Kicker of CTY gave a presentation via conference call to the Council explaining how that service would work to help Lockney contact all citizens at once with any important announcement. For example, if there were a water main leak and certain streets had to be closed.

The Council went into closed session for discussion regarding conduct and actions of personnel. No action was taken.

City Council held a special called meeting 1-23-09 to accept City Clerk Stella Aday's resignation.

There was also a special called meeting 2-2-09 for an executive session to discuss personnel issues. No action was taken.



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There is a stimulus to the U.S. economy and it really doesn't cost anyone a dime, but it could make U.S. companies billions.

If every American bought American-made products only, what impact would that have on the economy? It has been done before.

Believe it or not, there are thousands of items made right here in the states. Check out still-

madeinusa.com or madeinusa.org and you will find a ton of companies making quality products, many of which can be found right here in town.

If the residents of this country

ing American products, our economy would thrive.

Such an effort would create more demand for U.S. products which would help create jobs, etc. At the same time,

American-companies making and sell-

made a conscious effort to support

help create jobs, etc. At the same time, our trade deficit would shrink dramatically.

It might force U.S. retailers into replacing foreign goods with domestic

It might force U.S. retailers into replacing foreign goods with domestic goods in their stores, but that's okay as well. Retailers know how supply and demand works.

It would also be nice if some of the stipulations from the government concerning the use of stimulus package funds included money for U.S. goods and services only. In other words - make sure the only people and companies ben-

efitting from U.S. taxpayer money are from the U.S.

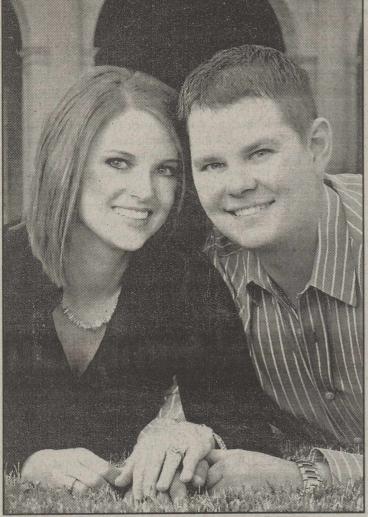
Consider this: Our deficit in goods and services trade was \$677.1 billion in 2008 and \$700.3

billion in 2007. Those figures are close to the new stimulus bill.

Don't wait for the government to stimulate the economy when there are things we can do right here at home to improve jobs and help companies make ends meet. We all win when we support the home team first!

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MEGAN MOORE AND MASON BECKER

Moore and Becker

Monte and Shelly Moore of Lamesa are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Megan, of Meadow to Mason Becker of Brownfield, son of Monty and Kathy Henson of Brownfield and Stephen and Julee Becker of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Joan and the late Milton Moore of Welch and Gary and Judy Jones of Lamesa. She is the great-granddaughter of Dorothy McCasland of Lamesa.

A 2004 graduate of Dawson High School, she graduated from Texas Tech in 2007 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management. She currently is an International Sales Associate at ClassOne Orthodontics, Inc. in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Hannah and the late Tommy Kendrick of Lometa, Don and Mazie Hegi of Petersburg, Wanda and the late George Henson of Brownfield and Jeanne Martin

He graduated from Brownfield High School in 2004 and Texas Christian University's Ranch Management Program in 2007 and will complete a degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech in 2009. He currently farms in Terry County.

The nuptials will be held April 4 at Calvary Baptist Church in Brownfield.



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By Judy Macha

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Vera Jo Bybee

After three weeks I am all well after having bronchitis and sinusitis. It feels wonderful to be back to normal.

The Center's members are having a business meeting Wed. afternoon. On the agenda is the election of officers and to select a business to print the plaques for the deceased members. We are pretty far behind so getting this done, to bring all the names up to date, is going to be rather expensive. Claude Brown and Lucy Dean Record suggested taking up a donation to pay for this. I guess that is all I know about what the Center is doing. I will let you know the results of the Wed. meeting next week.

Lockney High School hasn't started on the new High School building yet. However they are working on getting all the portable buildings all plumbed and wired etc. and ready for the students to move in.

Congratulations go out this week to the girls and boys basketball teams. They have been such fun to watch play this year.

Bobby and Mervean Carthel's last grandson is playing for Farwell this year. They have gone

to most all of his games. Join the Club, Carthels, for these kids do have a way of growing up.

Congratulations go to Denny and Johnnie Mac Quisenberry for celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary Feb 6, 2009.

This is the week for the Rucker sisters to have their annual meeting. Just the girls meet. No husbands or children are invited. They take turns meeting in one another house every year. This is the year for Cheryl Teeter here in Lockney to host it. Her sisters are Katy Rucker Handley and Gayle Rucker Hamilton. Their parents were Raymond and Katheryn Harris Rucker. While all this was taking place Gene Handley had lunch at the Center. It was so good to visit with him and talk about old times.

Belle Daniels' sister Flossie Dawkins who has been making her home with Belle recently fell and broke her hip and is now living in the Lockney nursing home. We sure miss her coming to the Center's potluck suppers and playing games with us. Please keep her in your thoughts and

Others to put on your prayer list are Wanda Moats, who is in the Lubbock Hospital; Nelda Morris, who is in the Lubbock Hospital recuperating from Colon surgery; Sally Shaw who is recuperating from surgery in her daughter Amy's home in Dallas; and Dan Smith's mother Dorothy Smith of Plainview and former Lockney resident fell and broke her hip and is now in Lubbock recuperating from hip surgery.

Geneva Barclay who fell recently and broke her shoulder went to the Dr. in Lubbock this week and they just looked at it and said it hadn'tstarted healing yet. Needless to say Geneva wasn't too happy to hear this report. Jontha Lee Mercer was in the hospital last week for a few days but now is home. While she was in the hospital the freezer went out and they lost everything in it except some meat which she cooked up immediately. However she said, "Praise the Lord for her husband Dub's doctors have dismissed him and he is doing great.

Others to keep on your prayer list are Ledell Brewer who is now at home recuperating from a visit in an Amarillo hospital, Shirley Hays, Tommy Sherman, Susan English, Jr. Poole, Melvin and Joy Bradley, J.W. Mason, G.L. and Dahlia Hight, Sherry Mc-Donald, Britta Hartman, Mary Reves, Amy Kellison, John Dorman, Sandy Adrian, Mae and J.R. Belt, Hurl and Florine McCoy, Lillian Sheek

Others who are in nursing homes, assisted homes or rehab facilities are Lynda Holley, Dee Copeland and Alice Mitchell, who are in Lubbock; Lou Aston, Billie Cook, Maxine Hill, Elsie McAnally, Armine Tarpley, and Pete Mosley, who are in the Lockney Home; Laura Wines, Flora Lee Jack, Viola Rowell and Lahoma Clower are in the Plainview home and Hortense Phillips is in a Childress nursing home. Have a good day.

Menu February 23 - February 27

Monday-Meatloaf Tuesday-Mexican chicken Wednesday-Chicken & dump-

Thursday-BBQ on bun Friday-Fish

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

We had a large crowd at the Center Wednesday, Feb. 11. It was Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings and it was very

We were closed Monday, Feb. 16, to celebrate Presidents' Day.

Thursday, Feb. 12 was Dr. Charles Craig's 90th birthday. Friends brought a decorated birthday cake and ice cream and we all got to enjoy his birthday. It just so happened that there were three others who had a birthday that same day and were at the Center and enjoyed the cake and ice cream, too. Those having a birthday that day with Dr. Craig were Margaret Soudelier, Gordon Hambright and Buck Johnson.

I went to Oleta Wilson's 90th birthday party held at The Covey Saturday, Feb. 14. There was a large crowd that came by to

visit her. Bob and Charlene Alldredge returned Sunday night, Feb. 15, from a cruise ship vacation to Hawaii. They really had a

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Wilma Dudley-Betty Baker.

In memory of Ruby Weems-Betty Baker, Jacqueline Greg-

Thought for the week- Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

Menu February 23 - February 27 Monday-Oven pork chops, green beans, corn, roll, ambro-

Tuesday-Baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, spinach, roll, baked apples

Wednesday-Beef tips with gravy, augratin potatoes, peas, roll,

Thursday-Fried fish, cole slaw, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler Friday-Tostadas, salad, rice, cinnamon crisps

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ing services. They are giving a of people. The overwhelming presentation at Wayland Baptist University as well.

According to their brochure, ible Children will be presenting Invisible Children started in the a video about the children in spring of 2003 when three young war torn Uganda followed by a filmmakers traveled to Africa in discussion on how they are helping, and how you can make a search of a story. What started difference as well. This will take out as a filmmaking adventure place Friday, Feb. 20, 2009 from transformed into much more when these boys from Southern 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Lockney High School gym. It is for the California discovered a tragedy that disgusted and inspired public as well as students. Several students from Lockthem--a tragedy where children ney High have been raising are both the weapons and the

money for Invisible Children. All donations are welcome and • After returning to the States, they created the documentary The four representatives of In-Invisible Children: Rough Cut, a visible Children based out of San film that exposes the tragic realities of northern Uganda's night Diego will be staying with the commuters and child soldiers. Doucette family. They will also

The film was originally shown to friends and family, but has now been seen by millions

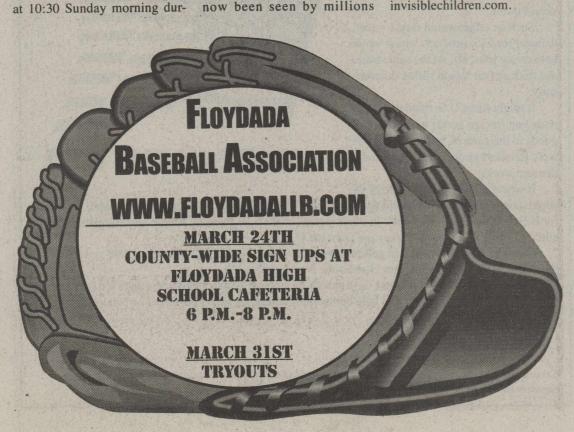
response has been, "How can I help?" To answer this question, the nonprofit Invisible Children, Inc. was created, giving compassionate individuals an effective way to respond to the situation.

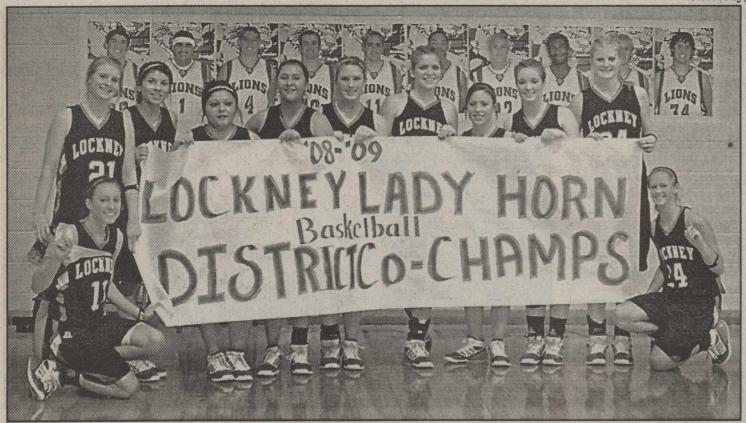
How you can help:

1) Have a screening: Show the documentary to your friends and family, or contact the Invisible Children office to find out how to bring the tour to your world.

2) Buy a bracelet: Invisible Children's bracelet program is the easiest way to start making a difference. The bracelets not only provide jobs for people in Uganda but also put children through school.

3) Join Schools for Schools: Connect your school to a school in northern Uganda to directly make a difference. Go to s4s. invisiblechildren.com.





Lockney Lady Longhorns tie for district championship

By Coach Schumacher

1/16/09 Ralls

Lockney

Last Tuesday, February 10, the Lockney Lady Horns secured a District Championship, sharing the title along with the Lady Bulldogs of Anton. The Lady Horns complete the regular season with a 27-6 overall record and a 9-1 district record.

The District Race results are as follows: District Ballgames:

Starting Off	Dist on	1/9/09 wit	th Crosby	ton.	advert in
Score per Q	uarter:				
Crosbyton	4	.5	8	4	Final 21
Lockney	23	19	14	16	Final 72
Leading Sco	orers: Jo	hnson 26,	Wilson	12	

1/13/09 Hale	e Cen	ter			
Score per Qua					
Hale Center	4	3	8	4	Final 19
Lockney	24	15	21	22	Final 82
Leading Scor	ers:	Johnson	16, William	ns 16, M	loerbe 11, Brock
10					

peore ber &	uarter				
Ralls	4	8	16	21	Final 43
Lockney	35 .	13	16	14	Final 78
Leading Sco	rers: Joh	nson 28,	Wilson 1	9, Willia	ms 10
4					
1/20/09 An	iton				
Score by Qu	arter				
Anton	8	11	17	13	Final 49
Lockney	19.	8	9	7	Final 43
Leading Sco	orers: Joh	nson 17,	Wilson 8		in a strong property of
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1/23/09 Ne	w Deal				
Score by Qu	arter				
New Deal	6	9	14	4	Final 33

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1/27/00 Crosbyton				
Score by Quarter				
Crosbyton 8	4	5	4	Final 21
Lockney 18	24	12	15	Final 69
Leading Scorers: Jo	ohnson 19,	Moerbe	14	
1/30/09 Hale Cente				
Score by Quarter				
Hale Center 8	6	7	9	Final 30
Lockney 33	21	22	18	Final 94
Leading Scorers: J	ohnson 10), Moerb	e 13, Wi	lliams 15, Broo

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2/3/09 Rall	s\			1	
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Ralls	7	15	16	6	Final 44
Lockney	15	16	20	10	Final 61
Leading Sco	rers: Wi	Ison 16, J	Johnson 1	7, Moert	pe 11,

2/6/09 Ant	ton				
Score by Q	uarter				
Anton	16	13	7	9	Final 45
Lockney	16	11	8	11	Final 46

2/10/09 Ne	w Deal				
Score by Qu	arter				S. DAY GARA
New Deal	12	14	12	13.	Final 51
Lockney	18	16	16	23	Final 73

Due to the fact that Lockney and Anton tied for the District Championship they share the title as Co-District Champions. The two teams flipped for seating with Lockney taking the number one seed. Lockney therefore gets a bye for Bi-District and will play their Area game Friday in Canyon at 6 p.m. The game will be take place at the West Texas Event Center on the WT Campus.

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or

chicken, tater tots, salad, grapes,

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February 23 - February 27 Monday

Breakfast-French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken nuggets or steak patty, potatoes, green beans, pears, roll, milk

Tuesday Breakfast- Eggs/ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch- Nacho Grande or corndog, salad, peaches, milk Wednesday

Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Chicken soup or steak fingers, salad, pineapple, crack-

ers, milk Thursday Breakfast-Waffle/sausage or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Pizza or burrito, corn, applesauce, milk

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Mr. amd Miss LHS 2009 are Angel Cruz and Lindsie Moerbe

Mr. and Miss LHS chosen

By Judy Macha Reporter

Oscars was the theme for the awards ceremony held Saturday night, February 7, at Lockney Elementary Cafetorium.

Mr. and Miss LHS for 2008-

Other awards included:

Class Clown Award: Seniors - Janie Martinez and Caleb Schumacher; Juniors - Daniella Morales and Cody Patton; Soph-Reina and Dylan Aufill.

Class Favorite Award: Se-Lunch-Hamburger or popcorn • niors - Angel Cruz and Linsie dez and SyAnn Foster. Moerbe; Juniors - Angel Cortez and Jill Bramlet; Sophomores -Freshmen - Steven Fernandez and Sunny Williams.

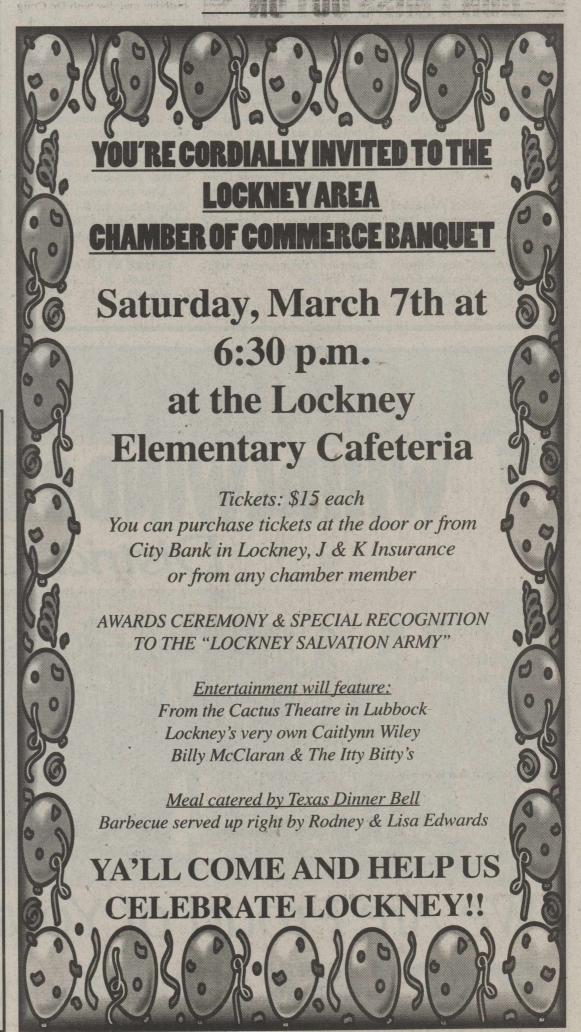
Most Dependable Award: Seniors - Adrian Cortez and Emily

Prayor; Juniors - Josue silva and Jill Bramlet; Sophomores - Josh-Mr. and Miss LHS at the ua Cuellar and Antonia Morales; Freshmen - Steven Fernandez and Sunny Williams.

Most Studious Award: Seniors - Patrick Doucette, Emily Prayor and Lindsie Moerbe; Ju-2009 are Angel Cruz and Lindsie niors-Konner Ellison and Lezlie Jackson; Sophomores - Chris Rodriguez and Antonia Morales; Freshmen - Landon Kidd and Quinn Jackson.

Most Courteous Award: Seniors - Angel Cruz and Lindsie omores - Robbie Reyes and Rico Moerbe; Juniors - Josue Silva and Rodriguez; Freshmen - Anissa Jill Bramlet; Sophomores - Amos Luna, Krista Mangum and Isabel Soliz; Freshmen - Steven Fernan-

Most Athletic Award: Seniors - Angel Cruz and Lindsie Mo-Joshua Cuellar and Isabel Soliz; erbe; Juniors - Angel Cortez and Malory Johnson; Sophomores -Renee Cruz and Devin Caballero; Freshmen - Jonathan Molina and Anissa Reina.



Floydada UIL Academics practicing and preparing for District UIL

Academics Team is off to a great start in preparing for the District Meet. The FHS UIL Academics Team has attended two UIL practice meets so far: The Red Raider Invitational and the Willie McCool Invitational Meet. The Speech Team has attended the Idalou Invitational Meet. Floydada High School took the sweepstakes trophy in the 2A Division at the Red Raider and the Willie McCool Meets.

At the Red Raider Invitational Meet held on Jan. 24 on the Texas Tech campus, students performed well for the first practice meet of the year. The Calculator Applications team placed first with members Jennifer Rainwater placing first, Kaylie Nutt second, and Titus Miller fourth. The Computer Science team placed second with members Dusty Hicks placing fourth and members Robert Finley and Colton Covington tying for fifth place.

The Current Events team placed first. Ashley Ovalle placed second, James Potts placed third, Martin Riojas placed fourth and Cassie Martinez placed fifth. In Mathematics, Chad Davis placed third and Crystal Foster placed sixth. The Math team placed second.

Imelda Resendiz placed fourth in Number Sense. In Ready Writing, Sean Miller placed first and Mason Lipham placed fifth.

The Social Studies team brought home the first place team plaque. Sean Miller placed first, Diane Flores placed fourth, and Nikki Nino placed sixth.

The Journalism Team also had a successful day. Lindsey Beedy placed first in Feature Writing, first in News Writing, third in Headline Writing, and fourth in Editorial Writing. Makenzie Schwertner placed second in News Writing and third in Feature Writing. Sarah Jo Miller placed

Floydada High School's UIL fifth in News Writing and sixth in Headline Writing. Abigail Miller placed fourth in News Writing.

The Science team placed first. Sean Miller placed first and Diane Flores placed second.

On Feb. 7, the FHS UIL Academic Team attended the Willie McCool Invitational at Coronado High School. At the meet, the Current Events team placed first. Martin Riojas placed fourth individually. Bailey Davenport placed first in Computer Applications. In Literary Criticism, Crystal Foster placed third and Jessica Prisk placed fifth.

In Number Sense, Imelda Resendiz placed third overall and second in 9th grade. Alece Annunziato placed fourth in 10th grade. In Calculator Applications, Jennifer Rainwater placed sixth overall and third in 12th grade. Whitley Beedy placed fourth in 10th grade. In Mathematics, Jennifer Rainwater placed sixth in 12th grade, Rylee Shurbet placed eighth in 10th grade, and Tim Campbell placed tenth in 11th

The Social Studies team won the first place trophy with members Sean Miller placing first and Nikki Nino placing second.

In Accounting, Crystal Alvarez and Bailey Davenport placed second and third, respectively, and they also brought home the second place team trophy.

The Journalism Team took first place team honors. Sarah Jo Miller placed second in Feature Writing, third in News Writing, and fourth in Headline Writing. Mallory Graham took third place in Editorial Writing. Abigail Miller was awarded third place in Headline Writing, fourth place in News Writing, and fourth place in Editorial Writing.

The Science team brough home the first place trophy. Sean Miller placed first overall and first in

12th grade. Diane Flores placed sixth overall and third place in 11th grade. Lynnde placed first in 10th grade. Mallory Graham placed first in 9th grade, Kelsea Miller placed third in 9th grade, and Imelda Resendiz placed fifth in 9th grade.

The FHS UIL Speakers attended the Idalou Invitational Speech Meet. Hallie Bertrand placed second in Informative Speaking and Kelbie Day placed third in Persuasive Speaking. The meet provided great practice for the extemp, prose, and poetry speakers.

Floydada Menu

Monday

Breakfast-Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice,

Lunch-Chicken fajitas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday Breakfast-Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Wednesday Breakfast-Pancakes with syrup or cereal and graham crackers.

juice, milk Lunch-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberries w/ whipped topping, milk

Thursday Breakfast-Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Meat and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk. Lunch-Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/Ranch, brownie, milk



LADY WINDS ARE DISTRICT CHAMPS--The Lady Winds won the District Championship with their win over Dimmitt last Tueday night, February 10 in the Cleveland Gym. This is the first time they have won the district title since 1966. They will take on the Shallowater Fillies in the Area round on Friday night, February 20 in the Rip Center on the LCU Campus. Lady Winds pictured are: (Back row, l-r) Breann Gooch, Brityn Helms, Megan Aleman, Avery Miller, Whitley Beedy, Laken Reedy; (Front row, l-r) Tara Hughes, Lexie Terrell, and Blanca Suarez. The Lady Winds are coached by Coach Styles Photo courtesy of Jim Covington and Assistant Coach Eddleman.

Lady Winds capture district championship

By Coach Styles

The Floydada Lady Winds won the District Championship Tuesday night, February 10th in Dimmitt, 70-63.

By our records this is the first outright District Championship for the Lady Winds since 1966. This was back when the girls played halfcourt basketball with six players.

The Lady Winds pretty much controlled the first half as they raced to a 34-18 halftime lead. The second half caused the Dimmitt fans, who were celebrating the last game in Cleveland Gymnasium, to get more excited than they already were.

The Bobbies closed it to 49-43 entering the last quarter of play. Spearheaded by a total of 11-threepointers, the Lady Winds were able to come out with a hard fought victory.

Scoring was as follows: Megan Aleman - 21 points; Whitley Beedy - 20 points; Lexie Terrell -8 points; Avery Miller - 5 points; Tara Hughes - 5 points; Laken Reedy - 5 points; Breann Gooch - 4 points and Blanca Suarez - 2 points.

The Lady Winds played Nazareth in a warmup game on Monday, February 16th. The Lady Winds will play for the Area Championship on Friday, February 20 against Shallowater. In the Bi-District round, Shallowater beat Kermit to advance to the Area game. Our game will be played at the Rip Center on the Campus of Lubbock Christian University and tip-off is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Come out and support the Lady Winds as they continue their quest in the playoffs.

Lady Wind JV wins district title

By Coach Eddleman

played Friona on January 30, 2009 and won big by a score of

Scoring results are as follows: Sarah Jo Miller - 14 points; Sarah Sanders - 12 points; TyAnne Battey - 10 points; Leslie Alvarado - 9 points; Crystal Martinez sity basketball team took on the - 8 points; Liz Suarez - 4 points; Nikki Seymour - 4 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada - 19 15 8 19 61 Friona - 4 10 4 5 23

FHS Lady Winds JV played Childress on February 3, 2009 and added to their district wins with a score of 40-20.

Scoring results are as follows: Sarah Sanders - 16 points; Sarah Jo Miller - 7 points; Mariah Var-

gas - 5 points; Liz Suarez - Suar-The Lady Winds JV girls ez-4 points; Leslie Alvarado - 3 points; TyAnne Battey - 3 points; Nikki Seymour - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada - 14 7 8 11 40 Childress - 0 4 6 10 20

The Lady Winds junior var-Tulia Lady Hornets JV team on February 6 and won by a score of 68-43.

Scoring results are as follows: TyAnne Battey - 17 points; Crystal Martinez - 16 points; Sarah Sanders - 14 points; Sarah Jo Miller - 7 points; Liz Suarez - 7 points; Mariah Vargas - 3 points; Yelitza Serrato - 3 points; Nikki Seymour - 2 points; Leslie Alvarado - 2 points.

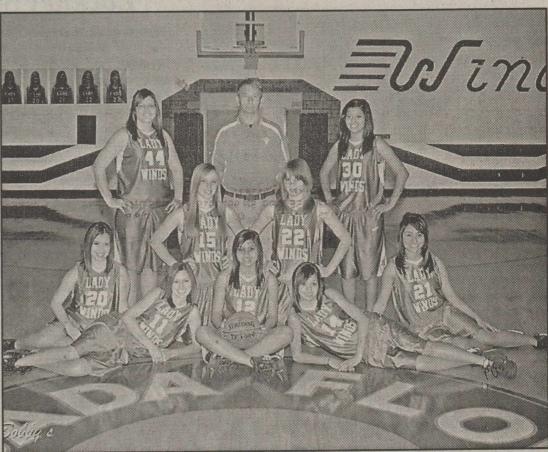
SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada 15 22 12 19 68 2 15 12 14 43

The FHS Lady Winds JV traveled to Dimmitt on February 10 and came up just one point short at the final buzzer. The final score

was 58-59. The Lady Winds JV captured the District Championship as their district record was 8-1.

Coach Eddleman commented, "I am very proud of the JV girls on their great season. They were 18-5 for the season and their district record was 8-1. They captured the District Championship in the Junior Varsity division. Great job!"

SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada 11 11 14 22 58 Dimmitt 17 13 9 20 59



LADY WINDS JUNIOR VARSITY CAPTURE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP as they end their season with a 8-1 district record and a 18-4 overall record. Lady Winds pictured are as follows: (Back row, l-r) TyAnne Battey, Coach Eddleman, Yelitza Serrato; (Middle row, l-r) Sarah Jo Miller, Sarah Sanders; (Front row, l-r) Liz Suarez, Nikki Seymour, Leslie Alvarado, Mariah Vargas and Crystal Martinez.



County ...

Continued from Page 3

Fact 14: County officials have been asked and complied in the past with coming in to the office to help a citizen even when their office is not officially open.

Now that we have some of the facts (true, they aren't all the facts - we could fill up the whole page if we listed all the facts), let's ask a few questions: Can we afford to offer all citizens and all tax payers office hours that meet everyone's needs (seven days a week might be a little much)? Can we afford to spend money that we could be saving or using on other county projects? Can we afford to continue to tax Floyd County citizens at the current rate in order to maintain our current county budget even though our nation is in a recession? Can we afford to lose good employees and county officials to other counties because we fail to offer them substantial salaries and good benefits? Can we afford to make rules for others when it's not our place to do so? Can we afford to work our officials half an hour less a week while spending more on utilities and taking away an employee benefit that costs the county nothing?

This was just one example of many the decision of which involves many facts and much consideration. Obviously you can't please everyone 100 percent of the time. But if you make your decisions based on the facts, considering the big picture, and give a fair - and to the best of your ability - accurate judgement, you will at least be respected for your decision (even if you're not agreed with).

Part of making good decisions is talking with lots of different people from all walks of life to see what their experiences have been. We'd love for you to talk to your neighbors and friends - and your government officials - to see what facts they might know about that we haven't considered. Drop us a letter - we'd like to hear from you.



...and to the point.

FHS Honor Rolls

3rd Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

12th Grade - Crystal Alvarez, Colton Covington, Bailey Davenport, Tyler Derryberry, Robert Finley, Richard Gonzales, Adriana Hernandez, Dusty Hicks, Rallo Mercado, Sean Miller, Titus Miller, Leanne Owen-Tijerina, Valerie Perez, Sonia Salinas, Whitley Walker, Lindsey Wells.

11th Grade - Diane Flores, Kaylie Nutt, Makenzie Schwertner.

9th Grade - Mallory Graham, Hannah Griffin, Avery Miller, Sarah Jo Miller, Imelda Resendiz.

"A-B" Honor Roll

12th Grade - Miguel Chairez, Oscar Chavez, Chad Davis, Andrea Delacerda, James Espinoza, Aarrhon Flores, Luis Foster, Zachary Hatcher, Selina Jiminez, Elda Lopez, Isaac Mata, Ashley Ovalle, Ariel Peralez, Yared Pinon, Laken Reedy, Joe Suarez.

11th Grade - Megan Aleman, Joe Avila, Lindsey Beedy, Hallie Bertrand, Robert Casillas, Kelbie Day, Timothy Lipham, Daniel Longoria, Abigail Miller, Laci Nixon, Kenya Pesina, Jessica Prisk, Arturo Rivera, Joseph Segura, Lexie Terrell.

10th Grade - Lydia Annuziato, Carson Battey, Whitley Beedy, Lexi Covington, Yesenia Delgado, Juan DeOchoa, Breann Gooch, Brityn Helms, Juan Olvera, Rylee Shurbet, Lynnde Smith.

9th Grade - Elizabeth Avila, TyAnne Battey, Graciela Cervera, Cole Covington, Alyssa Duran, Courtney Edwards, Brittany Garza, Sierra Gomez, Kimberly Hernandez, Alexis Holbert, Haden Lipham, Kattie Miller, Kelsea Miller, Kimberly Ramirez, Hector Rodriguez, Kristan Sanchez, Michelle Sanchez, Sarah Sanders, Nikki Seymour, Kristin Vasquez, Tiffany Vasquez, Tyler Whalen.



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Bryson Sessions plays for the Floydada Winds in a one-point loss to Dimmitt Feb. 10. The Whirlwinds will begin their playoff run Feb. 27 in the Area round.

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LOADER, BUCKET & HAY SPIKE 1- 1967 JD 4020, DSL., 8 SPD. SYNC., 18.4 -34, SN

HARVEST & HAY EQUIPMENT 1- 2000 JD 566 MEGATOOTH ROUND BALER, SN

BUCKET & HAY SPIKE

E00566X128122, NEW CAMS, NEW CLUTCHES, GOOD 1- HESTON 5540 ROUND BALER

1- HESTON 1014 SWATHER, HYDRO SWING 1- JD 484 COTTON STRIPPER, SN 000950, 4 ROW 1- JD 484 COTTON STRIPPER, SN 001440, 4 ROW 1- IH 1400 COTTON STRIPPER, SN 00744

1- BUSHHOG HUSKEY MODULE BUILDER, SN 2830 1- JOHN BLUE M-1536 MODULE BUILDER, SN 817 1- CALDWELL BOLL BUGGY, SINGLE DUMP, SN 698 1- 1990 CASE IH 1680 COMBINE, W/ 810 30' PLATFORM

1- 1982 JD 7720 COMBINE, SN 511506, W/ JD 224 PLATFORM HEADER 1-1966 JD 95 COMBINE, SN E95LL29716, RUNS 1- JD 220 PLATFORM HEADER

SPRAY EOUIPMENT

1- RED BALL 650 SPRAYER, X FOLD, 60' BOOM, FOAM MARKERS 3- RED BALL 420 HOODED SPRAYERS, 8 ROW 2- LEE SPIDER 2 MAN SPOT SPRAYERS, 18 HP KOHLER

ENG., CANOPIES, BEEN SHEDDED 1- SCHWIS 3 SEAT SPOT SPRAYER 1- TRANSPORT TRAILER FOR SPOT SPRAYERS 1- HAMBY S.B., SHIELDED SPRAYER, 16 ROW 1- HAMBY D.S.B. SHIELDED SPRAYER, W/ REDBALL

2- WYLIE 8 ROW SHIELDED SPRAYER, W/TANK 1- BROYHILL SPRAY RIG, DRAG, W/ TANK 1- REAR MT. SPRAY RIG, 3 PT. 1- BELLY MT. SPRAY RIG, W/ TANKS

1- SM 24' SPRAY BOOM 1-30 GAL. WYLIE SPOT SPRAYER, 12 VOLT

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1- JD 7700 MAXEMERGE PLUS VACCUUM PLANTER, 8 **ROW, PICKER FINGERS, SN A01700R705117** 1- CASE IH 900 PLANTER, CHEM. BOXES, 8 ROW, W/RAC **DBL. FOLD MARKERS** 1- CASE IH 800 PLANTER, CHEM. BOXES, 8 ROW

1- JD 7300 VACCUUM PLANTER, CHEM. BOXES, 8 ROW, W/ RAC DBL. FOLD MARKERS 1- JD MAXEMERGE PLANTER, 8 ROW, W/ROLLER 1- SDB 702 SINGLE DISC BEDDER, 8 ROW, BIG DISC, W/ **RAC DBL. FOLD MARKERS**

1- B.B. BUSTER LISTER, 8 ROW, DBL. H.D.G.W., 2 **COULTERS, MARKERS** 1- B.B. BUSTER LISTER, 8 ROW, SPRING COULTERS 1- HAMBY BUSTER LISTER, D.S.B., G.W., FOLDING WING

1- PHARES WILKENS DISC BEDDER, SUPER BAR, H.D.G.W., RAC DBL. FOLD HYD. MARKERS, 8 ROW 1- JD 8 ROW DISC BEDDER, 4 H.D.G.W., 2 COULTERS 1- TYE DISC BEDDER, 8 ROW, DBL. DISC, MARKERS, G.W.

1- RAC DBL. GANG STALK CUTTER, 8 ROW 1- S.S. 8 ROW DBL. GANG STALK CUTTER 2- S.S. 8 ROW SINGLE GANG STALK CUTTER 1- PHARES WILKENS 8 ROW RODWEEDER, SUPER BAR, COULTERS, G.W. 1- HAMBY D.S.B. HYD. RODWEEDER, 8 ROW, G.W., 1X3

SHANKS, BASKETS 1- S.S. KNIFING RIG, 8 ROW, L.T.M. 1- AC SPRINGTOOTH CULT., 30', W/250 GAL. POLY TANK, HARROW

1- KRAUSE 21' CHISEL PLOW 1- RAC CHISEL PLOW, 21', H.D.G.W. 1- RAC CHISEL PLOW, 21', G.W. 1- HAMBY T.S.B. CHISEL PLOW, 17 SHANK, G.W., 3PT.,

1- IH 5700 CHISEL PLOW, 23 SHANK, HARROW

EQUIPMENT CONT....
1- B.B. CHISEL PLOW, 15 SHANK, HARROW, H.D.G.W. **NOBLE FIELD CULT., 21', W/ HARROW** CASE IH 485 TANDEM DISC, 21

HUTCHMASTER TANDEM DISC, 21' KEWANEE TANDEM DISC, HYD. FOLD, 21' JD 230 TANDEM DISC, 21' **KRAUSE TANDEM DISC, 18'**

KRAUSE OFFSET DISC, 14' 1- KING OKB1 OFFSET DÍSC, 14' 1- B.B. RODWEEDER, 8 ROW, H.D.G.W., HYD., COULTERS,

1- B.B. BED ROLLER, 8 ROW, 4- 2 PADDLE DIKERS

TYE ROLLER, W/ CLEANOUTS 1- HAMBY CULT., D.S.B., 8 ROW, 1X3 BACK SHANKS, 5/8 X **2 FRONT SHANKS, 2 GUIDE CONES, 4 DRAGS** 1- HAMBY CULT. 8 ROW, 1X3 SHANKS, TOP MAST, G.W.

1- HAMBY RODWEEDER, 8 ROW, 1X3 SHANKS 1- HAMBY BAR, 30', T.S.B., JD HARROW, SPRING SHANKS,

1- HAMBY D.S.B. FOLDING, 5- 2 PADDLE DIKERS, 2 RAC COULTERS, 5/8 X 2 FRONT SHANKS, 3/4 X 3 BACK SHANKS 1- HAMBY D.S.B., G.W., 3/4 X 3 SHANKS 1- SM 4X6 BAR W ROLLERS

1- B.B. 8 ROW CULT., DBL. BAR, NEW G.W., 5/8 X 2 1- TYE 8 ROW KNIFING RIG, COULTERS, ROLLING

FENDERS 4- TYE 8 ROW CULT., 5/8 X 2 SHANKS, G.W. 1- TYE BED ROLLER

1- LILLISTON 8 ROW ROLLING CULT. 1- TYE D.S.B., G.W., 8- JD 71 FLEX PLANTER UNITS 1- SM 4X4 BAR, 8 ROW, ROLLER, G.W.

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Deer regulation changes being proposed: Public hearings to be held

By Todd Montandon, Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist Bo Adkins, white-tailed deer regulation changes are being proposed for various counties in the Panhandle Wildlife District. These changes reflect a white-tailed deer management strategy that will allow for a more efficient and comprehensive approach to white-tailed deer management. In 2005, Resource Management Units (RMU), areas of similar soil types and vegetative communities were developed in order to more effectively collect data

and manage white-tailed deer current bag limit to a bag limit of deman, Hemphill, Hutchinson, populations. Proposed whitetailed deer regulations are RMU based. The regulation changes are designed to provide hunter opportunity, provide flexibility for landowners and to manage the white-tailed deer population in a biologically sound manner.

In Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Lipscomb, Motley, Ochiltree, Roberts, Scurry, Stonewall and Wheeler counties, the proposed regulation is to increase the

five deer, no more than one buck (all seasons combined).

In the Panhandle counties of Haskell, Jones and Knox along with various counties outside the Panhandle District, the proposal is to increase the current bag limit to a bag limit of five deer, no more than two bucks (all seasons combined).

An additional proposed regulation change is to expand a 14 day special late antlerless and spike deer season to Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hall, HarKent, King, Lipscomb, Motley, Ochiltree, Roberts, Scurry, Stonewall and Wheeler counties in the Panhandle along with various counties outside the Panhandle District.

In Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Sherman, Moore, and Potter counties the proposed regulation is to change the general season to open the first Saturday in November and close the first Sunday in January and change the bag limit to three deer, no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless (all

By Shawn Wade

In Dawson, Martin and Deaf Smith counties a new whitetailed deer season is proposed to open the first Saturday in November and close the first Sunday in January with a bag limit of one buck and two antlerless (all seasons combined).

Lastly a nine day buck only mule deer season is proposed for Parmer County.

Date and locations for public hearings are: Amarillo, Feb. 17 -Courts Building; Pampa, Feb. 19 -Gray County Courthouse; Childress, Feb. 23 - Childress County

Courthouse; Haskell, Feb. 25 - Haskell County Courthouse District Courtroom; Dalhart, March 3 – Dallam County Courthouse; Friona, March 5 - Calvary Baptist Church Meeting Hall and Lamesa, March 9 - Forrest Park Community Center. Hearings will begin at 7 p.m.

If there are questions or you would like additional information, contact Duane Lucia, Wildlife Biologist at (806) 761-4971 or Todd Montandon, Wildlife Biologist at (806) 655-7203.

USDA extends comment period

Michael McDonald, Executive Director for the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County announced today that following Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's announcement that the comment period for the regulation defining actively engaged participation in a farming operation has been extended for an additional 60 days, FSA is seeking a diverse range of comments from different areas of the United States and farming communities.

With this extension, the public may continue to submit comments until April 6, 2009. The extension document is available at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/ federalNotices?are=home&subje ct=lare&topic=frd-ii.

The regulation, published Dec. 29, 2008, invited comments on the interim rule for implementation of key eligibility requirements for many FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service

(NRCS) programs. The regulations were revised as mandated by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) to make changes in payment eligibility, payment attribution, maximum income limits and maximum dollar benefit amounts for participants in CCC-funded programs. In addition, certain provisions were incorporated that are discretionary.

The actively engaged provision requires that individuals and entities must be "actively engaged in farming" with respect to a farming operation in order to be eligible for specified payments and benefits. To be "actively engaged in farming," the individual or entity must make significant contributions to the farming operation of (1) capital, equipment, land, or a combination; and (2) personal labor or active personal management, or a combination.

Under rules in effect since 1988, not every member of an

entity is required to contribute active personal labor or management. The interim rule requires each partner, stockholder, or member with an ownership interest to make a contribution of active personal labor or active personal management. The contribution must be regular and substantial, and documented as well as separate and distinct from any other member's contribution. The rule limits the ability of passive stockholders to continue to realize benefits from the entity.

The substantive rule changes make the requirement for adding new persons to a farming operation more restrictive. The addition of a person to an existing farming operation can be met through an increase of 20 percent of base acres to the operation; previously the requirement was an increase of 20 percent in cropland.

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Noninsured crop disaster assistance

Producers may apply for crops not covered by Federal Crop Insurance

Mike McDonald, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County reminds agricultural producers of the need for insurance coverage for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs. Application closing dates for coverage in Floyd County is March 17, 2009. for the following crops: cantaloupes, hay grazer, millet, pecans, to producers for non-insurable pumpkins, safflowers, squash, sunflowers and any spring seeded crop not insurable at FCIC.

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops and/or FSA's Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) cov-

erage for noninsurable crops to be eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs. "Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said McDonald.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including but not limited to fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans,

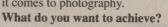
turf grass and forage crops. However, crops that FCIC deems as ineligible due to practice or yield are not covered by NAP. "Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes," said McDonald, "Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone

NAP applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and service fees must be paid by the sales closing date. Application sales closing dates vary by crop. For county and crop-specific information, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806-983-3763.

Russell Graves Outdoors

Your Guide to Choosing the Perfect Camera By Russell A. Graves

Nearly every day I get e-mails from folks wanting to know how to choose the right camera for taking photos of everything from their outdoor outings to pictures of the kids. I love helping people out because each question is a bit different and challenges me to come up with creative answers each time I respond. So this week's column serves as my open forum to help you think about a few things when it comes to photography.



This is an essential question on figuring out which camera is best for you. Are you an aspiring pro who dreams of seeing your images in the pages of magazines one day or are you happy just snapping shots of friend, family, and everyday life?

Let's say that you are an aspiring photographer who wants to get better but need a place to start. In that case, I'd suggest an entry level Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) like a Canon Rebel. These cameras are simple enough so that even absolute beginners can start making great images and as your skills advance,

you can switch over to manually manipulating the camera settings for ultimate creative control.

If your interest is to just shoot snapshots, the new crop of digital point-and shoot cameras are amazing. I have a Canon G9 camera that shoots beautiful images. When I pair the G9 with an inexpensive underwater housing, it becomes a go-anywhere camera that's also capable of shooting

Two good starter lenses

If you take the DSLR route, you may be wondering which lens to buy. After all, camera manufacturers and third-party lens makers

offer dozens of lenses that will fit your new camera and the choice can be intimidating. In the beginning is to start with a couple of lenses like a wide angle 28-70mm and a telephoto zoom that ranges from 70-300mm. This basic set up is very versatile and the modularity of the camera allows your system to grow

One last note about lenses: Always buy the best you can afford. A good lens on a starter camera will always take shaper images that a top-of-the-line camera with cheap lenses. The must-have feature

The cool thing about modern cameras is that they have all kinds of features and, one could argue, that they all fall in the must-have category. However, one camera feature stand out as one I believe every camera should have: modularity

Modularity speaks to the ability to add components to your system as your skills grow. With DSLR cameras, modularity (at least to some degree) is a given. However, with point-and-shoot cameras, modularity isn't always the rule. However, if you do you homework and research all of the possible accessories that go with a particular camera, I think you'll be surprised. Even my little point-and-shoot Canon G9 has a couple of different add-on lenses and even flash units.

The internet is the ultimate consumer research tool and I encourage you to look at different camera models and read their on-line reviews from real people.

Now this is simply a primer to get you thinking about cameras and capturing your outdoor experiences. In the coming year I'll be exploring more topics as it pertains to outdoor photography. In the meantime if you have any questions, feel free to write.

Any questions or comments? Contact Russell at russell@russellgraves.com or visit his website at www.russellgraves.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATING **COMMITTEE MEETING**

10:00 a.m. - March 2, 2009

Lighthouse Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Headquarters East U.S. Highway 70 Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 24, 2008. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 1, District 3 and District 4, will be elected in 2008. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing applicances, fixtures or supplies to, among other, the members of the Cooperative. No personal shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nore more than one hundred (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior ro the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee (s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee (s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee (s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

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Social Security, SSI, Veteran's payments, unemployment compensation, monies from Rental property, Railrod retirement, for everyone that receives income in the household.

Proof of residency, please bring your electric bill, gas bill, pro-The following counties are included: Crosby, Dickens, Floyd,

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Thornberry votes 'NO' Billion Bill

"Congress today passed the largest spending bill in the history of our country with only 90 minutes of debate and with very little time to review the 1,000 plus pages in the bill," said Congressman Mac Thornberry. "The bill does very little to help small businesses create jobs, but it does a lot to grow the size and intrusiveness of government."

"In fact, the bill is a step backwards in several key areas: It removes requirements that anyone receiving a contract paid for with funding from the bill must use the government's E-Verify program in order to ensur money is not used to hire illegal workers; it will increase business' health care costs and raise the possibility of additional classaction lawsuits against health care providers; it sets the stage for the government rationing of health care," noted Thornberry. "These additions have nothing to do with stimulating the economy, and may actually slow our economic recovery."

Among the many spending programs unrelated to job creation, Thornberry cited as examples:

\$2 billion for the Neigh-Fund, providing funds ACORN, which has been in recent elections

\$1.3 billion for Amtrak, the Senate-passed bills

borhood Stabilization to organizations such as accused of practicing unlawful voter registration

including \$450 million for a new rail security grant program not included in either the House-passed or \$8 billion for a High Speed

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tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to research the cause, effects and ways to mitigate climate change \$200 million for Ameri-

corps and other paid "volunteerism" programs

\$400 million for NASA to accelerate climate research missions

\$1 billion for expenses in conjunction with the 2010 decennial census

"When American families are hurting there is something fundamentally wrong with a bill that spends more on a pork barrel railroad project between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, than it does in helping people in Michigan, the state with the highest unemployment in the nation," said Congressman Thornberry.

"This bill reflects the belief that government knows best and that taxing or borrowing money for bigger government is the best way to turn back this recession."

"I respectfully disagree because history and economics demonstrate that this solution will not work. Rather than more government, more debt, and more spending, we need fast-acting tax relief for working families and small businesses. The most recent data shows that small businesses created 60 to 80 percent of the net new jobs in the U.S. in each of the last ten years," concluded

Congressman Thornberry. "This bill spends hundreds of billions more on pork and unnecessary and unwise social engineering projects than it provides in job creating incentives, tax cuts and stimulus to job creating small businesses."

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Salon and Norma's Hair Studio.

Cynthia Cisneros was MC for

the Coronation. Registration

A very special thanks to

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St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Valentine King and Sweetheart

By Olga Enriquez

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church held its Valentine King and Sweetheart Coronation on Sunday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m.

There were four Sweetheart categories and one King category. The contestants raised \$5,000 this year and all proceeds go to benefit St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

0-4 year old Sweetheart candidates were:

1st runnerup - Jalien Rose Mendoza, 9 month old daughter of Abby Mendoza.

Sweetheart - Alli Makayla Hernendez, 15 month old daughter of Santos Jr. and Veronica Hernandez.

5-8 year old Sweetheart candidates were:

2nd runnerup - Alaina Segura, 5 year old daughter of Sammy and Jennifer Segura.

1st runnerup - Maria Elizabeth Casares, 6 year old daughter of Richard and Shirley Casares.

Sweetheart - Breanna Marie Gonzales, 5 year old daughter of Diane Gonzales. Breanna was overall winner with the most votes.

9-13 year old Sweetheart candidate was:

Marqui Alesandra Morales, 10 year old daughter of Martin and Mary Morales.

2009 Sweetheart was: Stephanie Caballero, 14 year old daughter of Steve and Esther Caballero.

King candidate was:

1st runnerup - Sammy Segura, III, 10 year old son of Sammy and Jennifer Segura.

2009 King was:

Kyan Seth Murillo, 4 year old son of Victor and Sonia Mata.

Entertainment was provided by 9 year old Valerie and Selena Espinoza, twin daughters of Danny and Sylvia Espinoza, Rosemary Segura, Maria Machado and Elena Cervera. Refreshments and door prizes

were given. Father Angelo and Olga would like to thank everyone that made this celebration possible. Crowns were provided by:Lupe Stewart, Victor Herrera, Selma Mendoza, Erbey and Mary Molinar and Amado Morales. Businesses were: Allure Salon, Azteca, Chamber of Commerce, Dollar General, Serendipity

THIS **WEEK'S**

LOCKNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Lockney Chamber of Commerce needs nominations for "Citizen of the Year" as soon as possible.

The nominations need to be written out and sent to the Chamber by February 20th or February 23rd at the latest. Mail to: Lockney Chamber, P.O. Box 477, Lockney, Texas 79241 or drop off for Jim or Kay Martin at J & K Insurance Agency, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund has been started in memory of Al and Sally Galloway. For more information or to make a donation, you can contact the High School at 983-4970.

bituaries

MARGARET L. **CONNER FOURT**

Margaret Louise Conner Fourt went home to be with the Lord on February 2, 2009.

She was born January 8, 1925 to James Robert Conner and Viola Marguerite Denton Conner at home in Cedar Hill, Floyd County, Texas.

She was the only girl in her family and she had five younger brothers. Her father farmed in Floyd County, Texas. She graduated from Floydada High School in 1942 and went on to graduate from West Texas State University with a BS degree in 1945. She studied and received a Masters degree in foods and nutrition from Iowa State University in

She met her future husband, Millard Fourt at Iowa State. They were married June 18, 1946. Margaret taught 7th and 8th grade for a year while her husband finished his studies.

In July 1947, Margaret moved to Yuma, Arizona where her three oldest children were born. In 1956, she moved to Phoenix where her youngest child was born. Margaret lived in Phoenix until she passed away.

Her faith in Jesus Christ was always important to her. She was an active member of the Bible Baptist Church for 50 years. She will be remembered for her love of God and her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Robert and WT Conner.

She is survived by her husband, Millard; her brothers, Fred, Stanley and Roger Conner; her children, Jeanette, Phyllis, Bill and Patricia; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A viewing was held at Paradise Sunset Chapel on Wednesday,

February 4, 2009 The Memorial Service was held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 5, 2009 at the Luther Life Center, Beatitudes Campus, 1610 W. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Burial followed in the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12



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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 School 10:30 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.

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> **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. Tuesday.....8:00 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.

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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

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Wednesday.....7:30 p.m

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Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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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.

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TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada

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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

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