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## Floydada ISD takes top honors for regional 'Principals of the Year'

By Christine Scroggs  
FISD Director of Curriculum

Floydada Independent School District, one of West Texas' small rural school districts, finds a way to recruit and retain the "cream of the crop." Mac Sherman, FISD Junior High Principal, and Wayne Morren, FISD High School Principal, were named Regional Middle School and High School Principals of the Year, respectively, by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).

TASSP honors principals who have succeeded in providing high quality learning opportunities for students as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession. The honor comes as a result of a vote by fellow regional principals and is synonymous with individuals committed to establishing an environment conducive to the pursuit and achievement of academic excellence.

Sherman has been with FISD for six years. This is his first year as principal of Floydada Junior High School, where he served as assistant principal for two years prior. He believes that "the potential of one is reached through the efforts of many" and strives daily to "champion others to grow personally, professionally, emotionally and spiritually."

Morren, principal of Floydada High School, has been with FISD since 2001. He is passionately



Floydada High School Principal Wayne Morren (left) and Floydada Junior High School Principal Mac Sherman were recently recognized as Regional Principals of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. Courtesy Photo

committed to the success of every student and relentlessly pursues the best education for all students at FHS. He "enjoys going to work - absolutely every day." He feels this honor "is made possible through the hard work of kids and teachers."

Jerry Vaughn, FISD Superintendent, says that the awards are "a great honor for the district and say a lot about what is going on in Floydada ISD. It is an honor to have one principal receive this recognition, but to have two is truly remarkable."

With the quality of principals they have, the technology they provide their students, and the dedication of the teaching staff, it is no wonder that you so often hear the statement, "Floydada ISD - What a wonderful place to be!"

## Lockney school board moves forward with building plans

By Judy Macha  
Reporter

The board selected a construction manager at-risk at their regular called meeting Thursday, March 12.

Aufill and Cotham had graded the fee proposals of five who responded, (Lee Lewis Construction, Wiley Hicks, Craig Wallace, Pharr and Company and Western Builders) according to several categories on a point system. The board studied the results and voted unanimously to hire Lee Lewis Construction.

Steve Aufill, AIA presented three conceptual plans for the new school building "These are only to give you something to start thinking about."

LISD second grade teacher, Glenda Jones presented the council with an explanation and demonstration of the method she and her daughter, Ashley Jones, use to help her second grade students with their reading fluency.

They use the 3-tier system. "Tier 1 students are those who are low risk at not being on grade level. Tier 2 students have some risk. They are a little behind on some of the skills."

"Tier 3 are your high risk students; way behind in their

reading skills. It is a scientific fact that if you repeat a story over and over, it becomes easier for them to do.

"When the students come to me from the first grade, they are supposed to be reading 60 words per minute. When they leave me to go to third grade. I have to have them up to reading 90 words or better per minute. We check their reading and story comprehension.

"I time them using a formula then ask them 8 questions about the story. They will read 12 stories.

"I will move the students from one tier to another according to their area of need. If they improve, I move them up. If they don't, they go back and do it again until they have it right.

"Our program is called Read Naturally. We have had great success with this program."

In other business, the board considered accepting the building donated by Barry Barker. No action was taken pending looking at the building.

They considered contract renewals for professional staff and heard administrator and superintendent reports.

The council then retired into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

## Lockney city council hears audit report, discusses Floyd County Fair

By Judy Macha  
Reporter

George Meriwether of Williams, Meriwether, Smith & Co., L.L.P. presented his annual financial report on the city for the year ended September 30, 2008 to the Lockney City Council at its regular meeting Thursday, March 12.

"First, I'd like to commend City Secretary, Charlotte Hooten and Mayor Rodger Stapp, as well as the council, for getting on top of a bad situation with quick and decisive action," said Meriwether. "It could have been much worse for the city if you hadn't."

Mayor Stapp and the council thanked Meriwether for all his help.

Meriwether went over various parts of the audit with the council and commented, "We had no disagreement with management regarding accounting matters. We have obtained a representation letter from Charlotte and Rodger signed by them making certain representations to us about the financial statements."

Meriwether continued, referring to some recommendations for the council concerning backing up data, "Initially, all the back-ups were being done on the same hard drive the information

was being stored on. Which really isn't that good, because if you've lost your hard drive, you've lost your data plus the back up. So, what Charlotte did right quickly when we discovered that, was to obtain some flash drives to provide back-up and I believe Tammy burned some CD's to provide back up as well which can be taken off site."

Hooten added, "Also, Larry Mullins is setting us up with a new system of back-up allowing us to back-up every day and take the information off site. At that time, we will set up our passwords."

Discussion continued regarding the budget; suggestions from Meriwether and council response.

In regard to security he commended the council for the measures they already had in place and told them these recommendations were just in addition to those.

"Let's take a look at the overall financial condition of the city as we finish up," Meriwether said. "Your final budget allowed for \$315,510 in revenues - the actual revenues were \$340,914 - for a positive variance of \$25,404. Your final budget allowed for \$492,940 in expenditures - the actual expenditures were

\$458,125 - for a positive variance of \$34,815. So overall you beat your budget by \$60,219 to the good. Your final budget allowed for \$38,070 in other financing sources (uses) - the actual amount was \$53,194 - for a positive variance of \$15,124.

"Your final budget allowed \$436,367 and the actual amount in the general fund balance was \$451,491 for a positive ending to your fiscal year of \$15,124."

Mayor Stapp commented, "You can never operate breaking even. It's either one way or the other. You're on the top side of it or the bottom side of it. On top is where I hope we can stay. You're helping us a lot to do a better job. It's been an education for me!"

The council voted unanimously to accept the "unqualified" auditor's report Meriwether issued the City of Lockney.

In other business, the council mentioned the hiring of Tracy Long as municipal court clerk.

The council discussed the handling of dogs in the city. It was mentioned people had gone so far as to break their dogs out while they were being held after being picked up, rather than pay the fine to get them back, or see them destroyed. Hooten added, "If they want to get their dog

out, they sign a ticket at the vet clinic then bring it to me and pay the fees involved. Then we cut the bottom part of the ticket off and it goes back out to the clinic with them so Diane will know they did come to the city to pay their fees to get their dog out." Stapp said, "It (trouble with stray dogs, etc.) generally increases in the spring and stays that way till we get all these pups picked up. That's generally how it works. It is a lot of irresponsibility in that they are turning dogs loose that can hurt somebody."

There was discussion concerning out of town garbage rates. No action was taken.

There was further discussion regarding handrail installation in front of Kay's Kuts. No action was taken.

The council approved connecting CTY Service for the city. Voss advised the city try it one year at a time to start.

Charlotte gave a report from the LEDC and mentioned at the next meeting it would be on the agenda to vote to approve adding two new members to their board: Elsa Cooper and Becky Myers.

City Attorney Lanny Voss requested to address the council under the *Limited discussion of items requested to be on agenda of future meetings*. "Rodger made

me aware last week during a conference there is some interest among some in the community to reopen the old fair building. To move toward reinstating fair activities and that triggered a number of inquires I tried to make and Rodger had already been involved in as it relates to what the city's position is since we've used that location in a limited way for a drop point as I understand it and also we've conducted perhaps some controlled burns out there. And you made me aware that not only the city but also the school uses a portion of that property for ag or livestock activities I understand. As everybody knows the Floyd County Fair Association was instituted as its own entity, with its own board and that for many years has, as everyone here knows, conducted fair activities there, but that has ceased and I think I'm not sure I know what year the last fair there was

conducted. I think it's been 10 years, give or take. The reason that is important is the deed by which the property, where the building sets and where we now have limited use and access; it and some 27 acres of ground was conveyed with a provision in it that is called a *reverter provision*. The *reverter provision* says that the property is conveyed to the Floyd County Fair Association for the conduct of county fairs, livestock exhibitions and other agricultural exhibitions. And if it ever ceases to be used for that purpose, then title to the property reverts back to the original owner who conveyed it, which was at that time ACO, (Anderson Clay and Company). ACO no longer exists. It was replaced by ADM (Archer Daniels Midland). I have this just by general background research and to see who got the assets of ACO. The gist of that research is, once the Floyd

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## New advertising rates, deadlines begin in April

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will be raising its display advertising rates for the first time since 2004 starting in April.

The publication's current display advertising rate is set at \$3.10 per column inch

and will be increasing to \$3.75 per column inch. As far as classified advertising goes, the newspaper will be raising its rate for 12 words or less from \$3 to \$4. Those rates have not changed since 1999. Each additional word

will continue to be 25-cents.

The Hesperian-Beacon will also be changing its deadlines for ads and stories. Instead of 3 p.m. on Tuesday the new deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

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# County Fair discussion...

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County Fair Association ceased to conduct the activity for which it was authorized to use the property, then the effect of a reverter is automatic. The title to the property reverts back to that owner who conveyed it to the association. It doesn't take legal action. You don't have to go to the courthouse to do it. The reverter simply happens by operation of law.

"What does that mean? It means that the Floyd County Fair Association, in my opinion, doesn't own the property anymore. That's the first essential thing we have to understand. I think there is a group of people in Floyd County who want to explore reconstituting their board. There have been some informal meetings.

"Karen Houchin met with some of these interested persons. There are several of them whose names have come up who have come forward. One of them is Charlene Brown whose husband is City Manager of Floydada. And then there are other people, Floydada-based, Lockney-based who have varying interests in this.

"I think what I would tell you at this point is that while there is interest on the part of some individuals, the reason it died in the first place is lack of involvement and commitment to keep it going. You can talk about reconstituting it and reconstituting the activities, but absent a commitment of people to man them, it is all just talk at this juncture.

"I don't mean to minimize the good intention of those who are interested in this. They want to do something positive and they want to do something they believe there will be renewed interest in.

"Kelly, you mentioned the fair had been held out at the Unity Center at one time. The problem there, as I understand it, is though the Unity Center which is in one sense a logical place for it to be and would have seemed to have solved the issue of 'where are we going to have it,' appears to have a user fee, and it was charged to the association. There were some who felt it shouldn't have been. Now, that's not for us to debate whether it should or shouldn't have been. That's just the way it happened. So the board at that time said if they were going to be

charged for using it, they didn't want to have it there anymore. I mean, that is kind of the bottom line.

"Among those who are trying to show interest again or to assess the interest of going forward, my understanding is, there are a lot of people who are making individual contacts and efforts, but there is really not a uniformed effort to go about rounding up this information. The first threshold thing to be realized is we're out there simply because we got a chance and went to the only people we knew to go to. Rodger, I think you talked to some of the board members as we knew them to exist whenever we began to do some things out there and use it as a drop point. Their board had, you know, at that point pretty well dissipated, so it was hard to get anybody official to make such decisions and they are still at that point.

We have done nothing wrong by our activities. We have the authority that we've had, from the ones who were able to give it, to be there. But what we have to realize is that our activities and the school's are being conducted on property that is being owned by someone else. They can come and say to get our stuff and our personnel and move it. Now I'm not saying that's going to happen. There is an effort I know now being initiated by one or two of the concerned people to go backwards, because Karen Houchin has told me. I can read the effect of the reverter and have told other individuals the same thing. We don't own the property anymore - the association doesn't hold the title to that property. It has reverted. And now I think there has been an effort even through Mr. Bill Quattlebaum, who has connections to ADM, to go backwards. Also, a contact has been made with an ADM staff attorney whose name is Cynthia Irvin to try to explore what would ADM be willing to do about the property. What does ADM want to do? Would they consider, even though it has reverted, deeding it again to the Floyd County Fair Association. None of that has been answered yet.

"I think ADM had been aware that the property had been abandoned and that the reverter had occurred, but they have not dealt with it. In my judgement there

are huge problems that are barriers to ever using that facility again, particularly the building. The roof is dilapidated. There are structural issues. There are probably environmental issues, and I don't know what it would take in money, but it would be an enormous amount to get that building alone usable.

The real issue, I think, that is at work here is that the Floyd County Fair Association ended up with about \$19,000 in the bank. That money is there and someone wants to have access to that money. That is what I think is really the driving force about this interest, to get to that money to be able to use it to fund activities, or whatever. If the Floyd County Fair Association as it was, was a 501-C3 Corporation, then that money upon dissolution of the Fair Association can only be distributed out through another charitable nonprofit organization. They would have to have a board constituted to get rid of the money. You can't just take the \$19,000 and hand it out, except in a qualified way to another nonprofit entity. So they have severe barriers to overcome and things to be done. I think if we move along as we are, I think there is going to be a meeting on March 23, and there are going to be some things to unfold. I have talked to Karen Houchin, I've kind of understood who the players are involved, and I understand now the problems that are being encountered. I don't think there is anything for us to do at this point. I think Rodger, as a representative of the city as a whole, is going to keep his contacts...

"I met with the board," Rodger interjected. Voss continued, "Right. No reason at all we can't keep doing what we're doing until we're told we can't. Nobody has made a demand on us to move. Someone may ask later who gave us authority to do that. Well, the board or the remnants of it that existed at that time gave us authority and there was no one else for us to go to. So we have done nothing wrong. I am making you aware that we don't have a legal right to be there, as it now exists. We are on property that we don't have a deed or a licensed agreement with, nor does the school. But there is enough interest in us being able to stay there and keep our activities that we

certainly want to keep our lines of communication open with those who are decision makers and with their board if they do reconstitute one."

"Once they have this meeting on the 23," Mayor Stapp said. "If the effort fails to move back out there, would it be in our interest, and the school's too, to pursue something with ADM?" "Yes," answered Voss.

"Are the taxes paid up," asked Graves? "I don't know," Voss said. Prayor interjected, "You know the gin has been using that (metal building) for storage and then Byron Brock rents from them, too, and they are paying the electricity for the school for those pens out there, also."

"I think that once we get to the meeting on the 23, and Karen and I are going to continue to communicate before then and try to get a feel from ADM for what they want to do. Once we know what ADM's position is, such as 'We don't want anyone out there,' or 'We own the property and we're going to do something else with it,' which they could well decide to do, that we will be in a better position to try to secure some interest ourself in it with the now correct or legal owner of the property - hopefully continuing some activities. But at this point we stay on course with what we're doing."

"Is their board actually legal if they've just convened it?" asked Prayor. Voss answered, "Their entity still exists - I don't think it has ever been dissolved. They would have to take formal steps to assemble a board, to have meetings, to document that meeting and probably elect themselves. Because that board has not met in so long that as a matter of law it has disbanded.

"The bylaws of the Floyd County Fair Association was drafted by someone who did not understand what a nonprofit corporation was," Voss said. "It talks about issuing shares of stock, including preferred shares of stock

- you don't do that in a nonprofit corporation. So there's a lot of strange stuff in their bylaws that would have to be reworked."

"Does it show anywhere in there when the original board was established," asked Graves? "No," said Voss. "I mean I know when the original deed was deeded. It was deeded in 1989, but I don't have anything in front of me now. I have no way of knowing when they formed the board." Graves said, "That would have been after the board was established. I can remember that I was on that fair board when Ryan was little, and he was born in 1980." Voss answered, "I suspected that was the way it was. The deed would have followed by their activity trying to find ground a suitable place to hold it. Although there is interest and some concerned citizens that apparently want it (and the board did talk about a 15 member board at one point) there would have to be substantial things that happened from both a legal, practical and community interest standpoint from both Lockney and Floydada, before this plane ever got off the ground. We'll just have to monitor and see where it goes."

Mayor Stapp added, "We'll have to wait till after that meeting - but from what I'm hearing now it isn't going to work." Voss

responded, "Well, it isn't going to work in its present form. And it's not going to work for that building to be used for what it had previously been used for because of the condition of the building and the problems that are there. Many hard decisions would have to be reached and funding issues would have to be reached. More than that, the threshold is, are committed people willing to step up and make the commitments of time and energy they'd have to in order to give that board efficacy so that it could actually function? And I think that is going to be a tall order."

Mayor Stapp asked the council if they saw it the way he was seeing it or did they hear something he hadn't. He didn't think it was going to fly from what he was hearing as far as getting the fair back together out there.

Graves offered, "It can't go back like it was when we were out there - I know we were still in that building in 1998. Even within a year that building was in bad, bad shape. I can't even imagine and I know you all have been in it - the bats, etc." Stapp brought to their remembrance the issue of water running into the building when it rained being a real problem. Prayor stated even the good building to the south of it is not that good.

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## Wanted: Floyd County Fair - dead or alive

By Charlene Brown  
Floyd County Fair Board President

The Floyd and surrounding counties fair board hopes to keep the fair alive. The meeting on Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Unity Center will probably determine the fate of the Floyd County Fair. The board would like to see lots and lots of people next Monday night.

The board decided Monday night, March 16, to seek help from outside sources for possible renovation of the buildings on the

## FISD resignations and employments

By Sara Sisemore  
Managing Editor

During their March 9, 2009, board meeting, the FISD board of trustees approved the employment of the professional teaching staff as presented by Superintendent Jerry Vaughn. Employed in this professional teaching staff included every staff member recommended by each of the principals. Most of the renewals were term contracts, and a handful from each school were probationary contracts.

Also, the board unanimously voted to not renew Michael Aleman's probationary contract.

Four resignations were also accepted by the board: Kari Calcote, Special Education, high school; Brian Place, band director, high school; Lindsay Marshall, second grade, A.B. Duncan Elementary; and Amanda Place, sixth grade reading, junior high.

fair grounds' site in Lockney.

The board is looking into the possibility of the large cement building being declared an historical building. If this happens, the fair board plans to pursue grants to help realize the dreams of many people to restore the building and to once again have an "annual" Floyd and surrounding counties fair.

Following is a list of more previous presidents of the Floyd County Fair Board and the year they served:

Ronnie Thornton, 1971  
Mrs. Barry Barker, 1972  
Kenneth Holt, 1973  
Buster Terrell, 1975  
Van Bradley, 1976  
Kathy Burk, 1977

Paul Koonsman, 1978  
Rick Kellison, 1979  
Randy Henderson, 1980  
Ricky Mosley, 1981

Also of interest is the record of fathers and sons who have served on the Floyd County Fair Board:

C.L. Henderson (1966) and Randy Henderson (1980)  
Boyce "Pete" Mosley (1967) and Ricky Mosley (1981)  
Jerry Williams (1969) and Matt Williams (1995)  
Eddie Teeter (1974, 1985) and Monte Teeter (1994)

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Grandparents are Jerry and Jodie McGuire of Floydada, David and Michelle Tarver of Childress and Kelly and Tina Mahanay of San Angelo.

Great-grandparents are Carmel Eastham and the late Lucy Eastham of Lubbock, Joyce McGuire and the late Jimmy McGuire of Lubbock, Patricia Mahanay and the late Carl Mahanay of San Angelo and the late Robert and Jackie Graham of Spearman.

## County Fair discussion...

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"Again," said Voss, "I think we get through this meeting on the 23 and we see what kind of effort is made and what kind of issue comes out of that. But at some point it may well be appropriate that we make an independent contact to ADM about the use we're making of it and the school do the same thing; assuming ADM doesn't convey the property back to the fair board. So we'll have some type of legal agreement that allows us to be out there with the rightful owner of the building and property. Rodger, you and I will continue to talk up to the meeting on the 23 and beyond so we can keep the council up to date. That's it I think."

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

*By Margarette Word*

We are still collecting dues of \$15 per person at the Center. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, TX, 79235.

This past weekend I received a letter from Dale and Carolyn Smith with a memorial donation and a note about their granddaughter, Dani Craig, who won the Golden Award at Keller High. Out of 3,000 students they picked 80 students for their citizenship, attitude and grades and Dani was chosen.

This was a wonderful honor and I know Dale and Carolyn are so proud of her. The Smith's live in Lubbock, but many people know them and I thought you would be interested.

Carolyn is always so nice to include a note when she sends in a memorial.

Sue Daniels has just returned from a "Seniors are Special" bus tour to New Orleans and area. There were 48 on the bus and



The Nixon brothers (pictured on the left, l-r), Keenan and Kirby, will be performing at this year's Floyd County Friends Gala to be held at the Unity Center on Saturday, April 4.

*Courtesy Photo*

## 1956 STUDY CLUB NEWS

*By Linda Harbin*

The home of Sheree Cannon was the gathering place for the 1956 Study Club on Tuesday, March 10. Co-hostesses were Carolyn Green, Trena Simpson and Kay Hicks. Decorations and refreshments reflected a St. Patrick's Day theme. The meeting was called to order by President Judy Dunlap. Minutes were read by Kay Dean Smith and the treasurer's report was given by Dana Crossland. Judy asked members to be considering the number and amounts for scholarships the club will give to graduating senior girls in May.

Sheree suggested the club compile a cookbook of members' favorite recipes, especially those for dishes that have been served at meetings. After a brief discussion, members voted to do so. Terri Bush, Jean Appling, Sue Jones, Judy Schacht and Sheree Cannon volunteered to serve on the cookbook committee. Mem-

bers were asked to gather their favorite recipes to e-mail to Terri or bring to the next meeting.

Jean gave an update on the Angel Food Ministries and encouraged members to participate.

After the business meeting, each member answered roll call by showing a quilt and telling the story behind it. Many beautiful, antique and interesting quilts were displayed.

Those present were Jean Appling, Rozanne Bishop, Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Penny Golightly, Carolyn Green, Linda Harbin, Janis Julian, Angela Ragland, Judy Schacht, Trena Simpson, Kay Dean Smith, Kay Hicks, Sue Jones, Nancy Mayo, Sue Ward, and guest Judy Lain.

Members were dismissed after reciting the club collect led by Rozanne. The next meeting will be April 14 in the home of Penny Golightly.



# Got a news tip?

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*Thought for the Week -*

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### Menu March 23-27

**Monday** - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, fries, pudding

**Tuesday** - Brisket, potato salad, beans, roll, applesauce cake

**Wednesday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cobbler

**Thursday** - Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, rice, cake

**Friday** - Pizza pie, salad, corn, garlic bread, banana bread

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

*By Vera Jo Bybee*

Hey, it's Spring Break for our children and teachers. I know they all are having a great time if they are just staying home or traveling. My grandson J.W. and his friends have gone to Florida to Datona Beach.

Another one of my grandsons, Clint Faries and his wife Millie and daughter Irelyn who live in Neosho, Mo, is spending the week with Clint's mother, my daughter, Dara in Plano.

Linda and Roy Kidd are having a great time with their three grandchildren from the Houston area who are visiting them this week. They are Noah, McKenna and Mason. I met them at the Center yesterday eating lunch. They were all such pretty children and so mannerly.

Back in the old days we had Fall breaks instead of Spring breaks and the farthest as we got to travel was to the cotton patch. They turned out school so students could help pull cotton. There wasn't such a thing as cot-

ton strippers back then. Families gathered their own crop by hand. Neighbors helped each other, too. I remember Donnie and Hansel Sanders talking about their green boll fights. Oh me, another time in our lives. Not too many of us left to remember those days.

I do so appreciate all the newsletters the churches send me. If I didn't get them I wouldn't know who needs to be on our prayer list.

From the Main Street Church of Christ they wrote about Kenneth and Melba Tate. He is slowly recovering from a respiratory illness and Melba fell and sprained both ankles and is badly bruised. Dorothy Smith is back in Covenant to redo her hip surgery. Tommy Sherman is back in Covenant from complications from his Dec. 9 surgery. Tarrant Adams is also still in Covenant.

From the West College and 3rd Street Church of Christ they wrote Marie Wylie who is in the nursing home can now have visitors. Frank Duckworth is

recovering well from his cataract surgery. Ruby McWaters who was in the Lockney hospital as a result of a fall has been transferred to the nursing home.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Aston family on the passing of Lou Aston.

The Center would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their memorial donations.

**JESSE SAVAGE:** Roy and Mary Turley  
**LAVERNE COOPER:** D.L. Miller, Patricia Whitfill, Charles and Cindy Huffman, Jerry and Dani Johnson

**DEE COPELAND:** Carol Howell, Jerry and Dani Johnson, Charles and Cindy Huffman

### Menu March 23 - March 27

**Monday**-Chicken strips

**Tuesday**-Barbecue on bun

**Wednesday**-Enchiladas

**Thursday**-Scrambled hamburger

**Friday**-Fish

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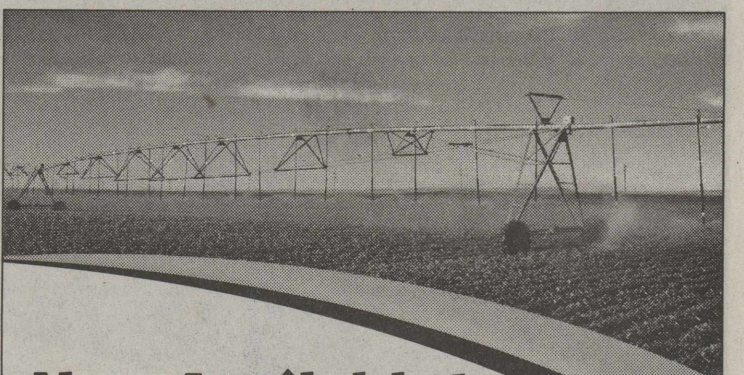
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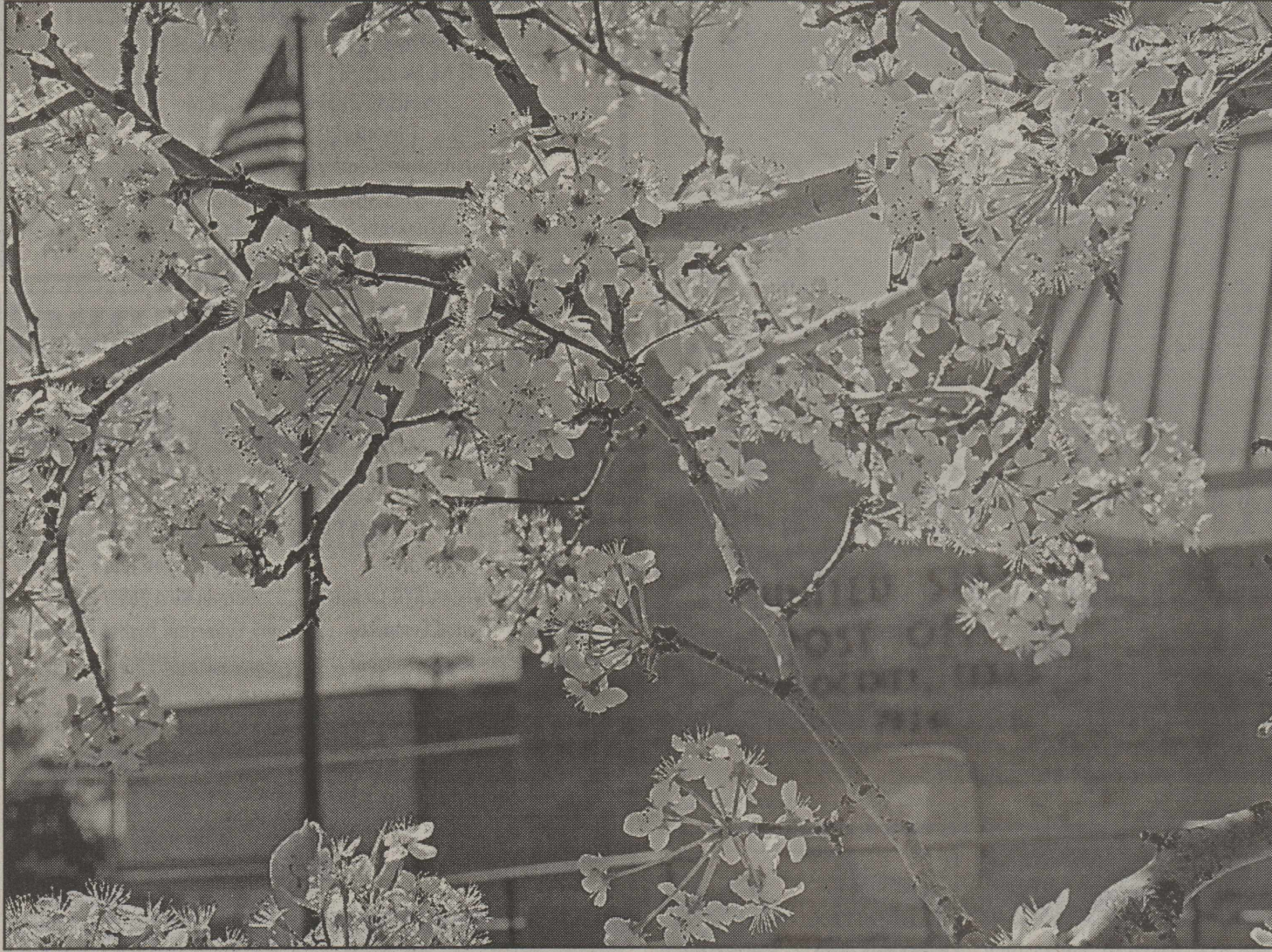
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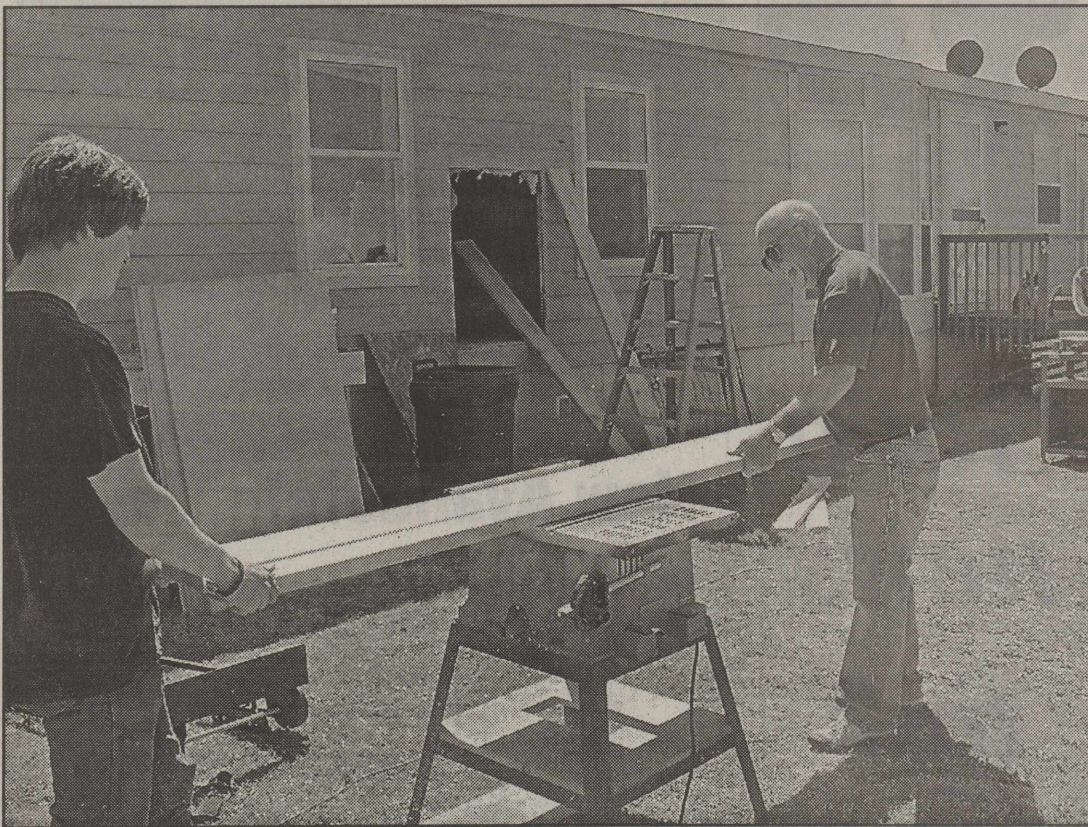




## Spring's on its way

Lockney residents enjoyed the spring-like weather this week. Above, a painter touches up a black sign at Lockney High's baseball field. Left, a tree blooms in front of the post office in Lockney. Below, left, Dennis Carter (right) and Randy Webb work on installing a fireplace in Carter's home in Lockney.

Photos by Judy Macha



### Longhorns win pair of games against Hale Center, Floydada

By Coach Heard

The Lockney Longhorns win two baseball games. The first game the Longhorns played host to the Hale Center Owls on Saturday, March 14, 2009. The Horns outscored the Owls 8-5.

Lockney scoring results are as follows:

A. Cruz, #12 - 1 run, 1 hit, 1 RBI  
 J. Coleman, #11 - 2 runs, 2 hits, 1 RBI  
 L. Hall, #8 - 2 hits, 2 RBI's  
 K. Ellison, #6 - 1 run, 1 hit  
 K. Ellison #10 - 1 run, 1 hit, 1 RBI  
 A. Rendon #4 - 1 hit, 2 RBI's  
 M. Bernal #22 - 1 run  
 B. Zambrano #3 - 1 run, 1 hit

Totals: 31 AB, 8 runs, 9 hits, 7 RBI's

SCORE BY INNINGS	
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 F
Lockney	0 0 2 0 0 6 X 8
Hale Center	0 0 1 0 0 2 2 5

The Lockney Longhorns traveled to Floydada to take on the Whirlwinds on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in a non-league game. The Longhorns jumped out to an early lead and won by a score of 9-6. Lockney scoring results are as follows:

A. Cruz - 1 run, 1 hit, 1 RBI  
 J. Coleman - 2 runs, 2 hits  
 L. Hall - 1 run, 1 hit, 3 RBI's  
 K. Ellison (#6) - 2 runs, 1 hit, 1 RBI  
 L. Peralez - 2 runs, 3 hits, 1 RBI  
 K. Ellison (#10) - 1 hit, 2

RBI's		SCORE BY INNINGS	
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A. Rendon - 1 run		Lockney	1 5 0 0 1 0 2 9
TOTALS: 29 AB, 9 RUNS, 9 HITS, 8 RBI'S		Floydada	1 0 3 0 0 2 6

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### Lockney School Menu

March 23 - March 27

**Monday**

**Breakfast**-Banana muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Hot dog or grilled cheese, corn, applesauce, milk

**Tuesday**

**Breakfast**-Mini corndogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Fish sticks or ham, spinach, pinto beans, pineapple, cornbread, milk

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast**-Eggs/bacon or cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Popcorn chicken or baked potato, salad, peaches, roll, milk

**Thursday**

**Breakfast**-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Beef tacos or PBJ sandwich, refried beans, salad, fruited gelatin, milk

**Friday**

**Breakfast**-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Hamburger or chicken patty, potato rounds, salad, apple, milk

### LISD Honor Roll Semester 2 Cycle 1

**'A' Honor Roll:**

**12th grade:** Heather Brock, Jonathan Coleman, Adrian Cortez, Patrick Doucette, Tyler Ellison, Segayle Foster, Daryn McCarter, Lindsie Moerbe, Brendi Moralez, Emily Prayor, Estella Rodriguez and Victoria Wilbum

**11th grade:** Alisha Damron and Lezlie Jackson

**10th grade:** Isabel Solis

**9th grade:** Christina Jackson and Amber Segovia

**8th grade:** McKenzie Kemp, Landry Kidd, Rayann Race, Taylor Rose, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman and Lindsay Stewart

**7th grade:** Nathan Cabaliera, Michael DeLeon, Anna Hernandez, Robert Hunt, David Johnson and Emily Williams

**6th grade:** Sarah Carstensen, Yesenia Garcia, Darby Long, Elisa Naranjo, Ashley Roberts, John Salas, Nicholas Sherman and Dixie Williams

**'AB' Honor Roll:**

**12th grade:** Raul Cruz, Lucian Hall, William Johnson, Timothy Padilla and Caleb Schumacher

**11th grade:** Jill Bramlet, Konner Ellison, Steven Gonzales, Juan Hernandez, Malory Johnson, Walker Kemp, Daniella Mo-

rales, Tessa Saul, Anna Sherman, Kortney Williams and Bethany Wilson

**10th grade:** Kacey Armstrong, Molly Cazares, Sabrina Guerrero, Kami Hunt, Judith Mangum, Antonia Morales and Robbie Reyes

**9th grade:** Cassandra Ascencio, Dylan Aufill, Logan Edwards, Steven Fernandez, SyAnn Foster, Christopher Franco, Tanya Hernandez, Landon Kidd, Dolores Luna, Crystal Sanchez and Riley Teeter

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## Rivals extend helping hands

By Christine Scroggs, FISD Curriculum Director, and Tommy Rambo, FHS Assistant Principal

Recently, Floydada students set aside their differences on the athletic field to help neighbors in need.

Eight Floydada students, three young ladies and five young men in the high school's Construction Trade class, committed three full days of working at the Lockney High School portable buildings which were recently acquired by LHS to serve as temporary classrooms after the devastating fire that demolished their high school.

FISD administrative staff understood the need that existed and saw this project as a way for the entire district to lend support. FISD Superintendent Jerry Vaughn and FHS principal Wayne Morren were fully committed to seeing the project through to completion.

The eight students volunteered over 100 hours to prepare the portable buildings for occupancy by

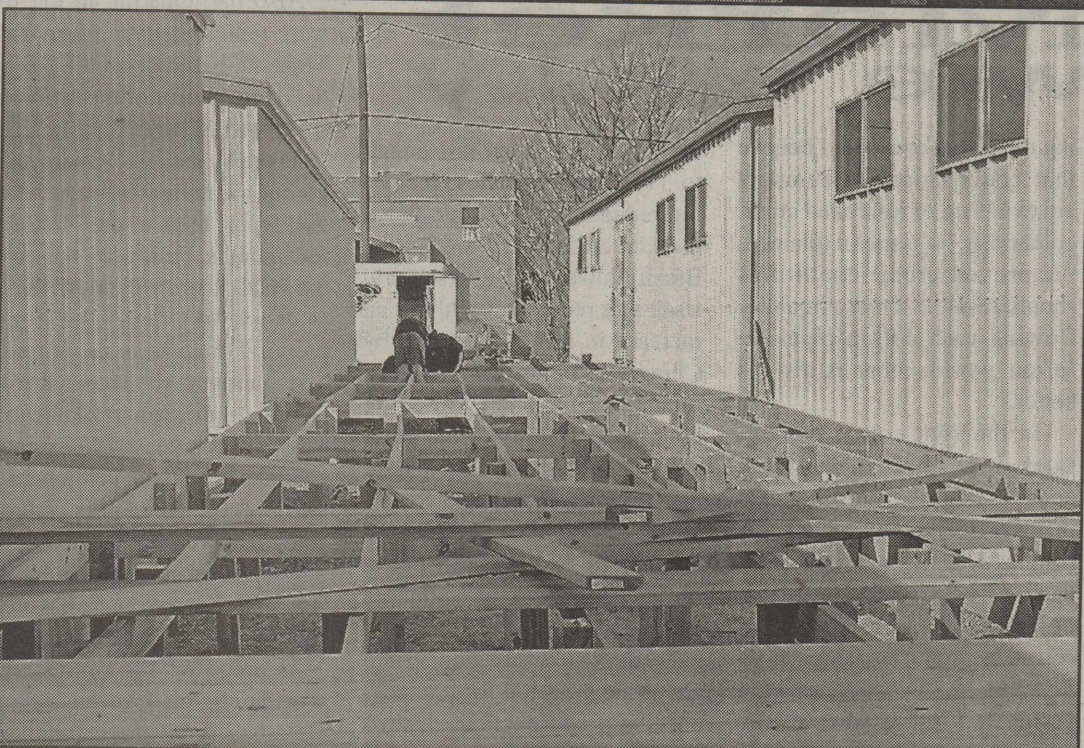
Lockney administrators, teachers and staff. Students framed, leveled and decked over 200 feet of walk-way and porches for the portable buildings.

Lockney Superintendent, Phil Cotham, was impressed with the quality of their workmanship and their knowledge in constructing the large structures: FISD furnished all the equipment for the project using their mobile construction trailer.

Tommy Rambo, FHS Assistant Principal and Construction Trade Teacher, shared, "The students knew what their goal was, accomplished it in a timely manner and workmanship was of the highest quality. I was very proud of the way they performed under less than perfect construction conditions."

*Students from Floydada High School (right) take time to help out neighboring Lockney get its portable buildings ready to hold classes. Eight Floydada students committed three full days of working at the Lockney High School portable buildings which were recently acquired by LHS to serve as temporary classrooms after a devastating fire demolished their high school. Students framed, leveled and decked more than 200 feet of walk-way and porches.*

Photos by Sara Sisemore



## Floydada School Menu

Menu  
March 23 - March 27

### Monday

**Breakfast**-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

### Tuesday

**Breakfast**-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Barbequed chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk

### Wednesday

**Breakfast**-Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, milk  
**Lunch**-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk

### Thursday

**Breakfast**-English muffin with egg, cheese, sausage or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli and cheese, seasoned corn, French bread stick, pineapple crisp, milk

### Friday

**Breakfast**-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**- Pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, chocolate cake, milk

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to ask for your help in getting the word out about the Third Marine Division Association annual reunion.

The Association is made up of anyone who is now, or ever has been, in the Third Marine Division or attached to the Third Marine Division.

Our Marines have served bravely wherever and whenever asked, from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peacetime. The members of our Association gather once a year to celebrate old friendships, make new ones, and thank God we are alive.

If your paper would insert the following note it would be very helpful to Marines who may not know about our organization.

The Third Marine Division Association is holding it's 55th Annual Reunion in San Antonio, Texas on August 24 - August 30. For more info call Mike Sohn at 210-654-3310, or e-mail at: jumient2@hotmail.com

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## Whirlwinds fall to Lockney, 9-6

The Floydada Whirlwind baseball team led all statistics in the county baseball battle except the one that mattered the most: the final score. The two teams met in Floydada on Tuesday, March 10.

The Winds led with 7 hits to Lockney's 6. The Winds had 8 strikeouts to Lockney's 6, in the head to head pitching dual with both pitchers going the 7th inning distance.

The Winds also had two errors compared to Lockney's three. However, a timely 2 run homer by Lockney's Lucas Hall and a hard hitting 2 run double by senior Kyler Ellison in the top of the

7<sup>th</sup> inning and one costly Floydada error decided the game.

Floydada's Lerma allowed 6 hits while striking out 8 over 7 innings. In two of the seven innings he retired the side in order.

Earning RBI's for the Winds were Randy Lerma, Joseph Segura and Troy Morales. Joe Luis Suarez had 2 singles, Lerma had a double and a single and Joseph Segura and DH Jesse Ibarra each added a single.

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Lockney	1	5	0	0	1	0	2	9
Floydada	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	6

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## Palo Duro Basin 2008 Oil and Gas Production Report

**Briscoe County: 2008 Production: Amount of oil unknown. Silvertown (Canyon) Field:** one producing oil well, production reports not yet filed.

**Floyd County: 2008 Production: 1,745 barrels of oil. Arick Field:** one producing oil well, 864 barrels of oil. **Stanley Gray (Canyon) Field:** one producing oil well, 544 barrels of oil. **Wildcat (Miller) Field:** one producing oil well, 337 barrels of oil.

**Hale County: 2008 Production: 2,807,175 barrels of oil and 1,486,046 mcf of casing-**

**head gas. Anton-Irish Field:** 148 producing oil wells, 2,503,774 barrels of oil and 1,420,710 mcf of casinghead gas. **Anton-Irish (Wolfcamp) Field:** 11 producing oil wells, 293,311 barrels of oil and 63,689 mcf of casinghead gas. **Anton-Irish (Wolfcamp, Upper) Field:** one producing oil well, 8738 barrels of oil and 1,647 mcf of casinghead gas. **Lutrick Field:** one producing oil well, 1,352 barrels of oil.

**Motley County: 2008 Production: 26,618 barrels of oil. Birnie (Congl.) Oil Field:** one

producing oil well, 2,257 barrels of oil. **Gupton (Canyon) Field:** two producing oil wells, 1,516 barrels of oil. **Matorador (Wolfcamp) Field:** five producing oil wells, 8,371 barrels of oil. **Roaring Springs (Permo-Penn) Field:** five producing oil wells, 9,925 barrels of oil. **Roaring Springs, West (Permo-Penn) Field:** two producing oil wells, 1,528 barrels of oil. **Wolf Flat (Cisco) Field:** two producing oil wells, 3,211 barrels of oil.

# Cotton Market weekly

Spurred higher by rallies in outside equities and commodities, cotton futures prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) advanced higher on Thursday. However, the stock market was the big story of the day as it closed higher for two consecutive sessions for the first time since early February.

"The cotton market received support from several sources this week, but none was more significant than the rally in the stock market which at least temporarily changed the sentiment from desperate to hopeful," a market watcher said. "Bottom-picking and short-covering lifted the Dow Jones by nearly 10 percent over three days renewing optimism that spilled over to a number of markets around the globe, including commodities," he added.

Meanwhile, an ongoing string of impressive export sales reports from USDA has continued to impress even the most negative of price-minded traders, an analyst said. The department reported net sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended March 5 totaled 294,500 bales, up 23 percent from the previous week and more than three-times the amount of cotton needed to achieve USDA's newly established year-end target of 12 million bales. Primary buyers for the week included China, Turkey, Pakistan and Taiwan.

Export shipments of 235,600 bales were three percent lower than the previous week, but 29 percent higher than the four-week average. Major destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Vietnam. The healthy sales and shipment figures were inspiring for many cotton market observers.

"While I may be accused of be-

ing an eternal optimist, I believe that better shipment numbers are evidence of improved credit conditions," a trader explained. "Improved credit conditions should result in a more liquidity flowing cash cotton pipeline. In our world, more is always better."

On the spot cotton market, sales were lower in the week ended March 12 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 14,850 bales online compared to 19,001 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 31.59 to 35.35 cents per pound versus 31.17 to 39.34 cents per pound one week earlier.

In other news, USDA released its March supply/demand report on March 12. Initially labeled "slightly bearish" by most in the industry, the market was not at all surprised by the department's estimates and ignored the report.

USDA's March supply/demand figures included lower domestic mill use and higher exports for 2008/09 while U.S. cotton production was left unchanged. Domestic mill use was reduced 150,000 bales to 3.75 million, as both mill activity and retail demand continue to weaken. In contrast, exports were raised 500,000 bales to 12.0 million, as recent export sales indicated a stronger U.S. share of world trade than previously projected. Consequently, U.S. ending stocks were reduced five percent to 7.3 million bales.

This month's world 2008/09 cotton estimates showed lower production, consumption and trade. World production was reduced slightly, due mainly to reductions for China and Pakistan. World consumption was cut

by 1.4 percent from last month to 111.1 million bales, including reductions for China, India, the United States, Bangladesh, Brazil, Taiwan, and others. World trade was reduced slightly as an increase in forecast imports by China was more than offset by reductions for other importing countries. Exports were lowered in India and Uzbekistan, but raised in the United States. World ending stocks were raised slightly to 62.5 million bales, roughly even with the beginning stocks level.

Traders now are concerned about the potential for tightness ahead if producers in the United States and China shift more land to food crops in the upcoming season. Although last year's U.S. cotton plantings were at a 25-year low, there still is talk of an additional 10 percent drop in the number of acres that will be planted to cotton in 2009-10. Furthermore, more acreage may be lost as drought conditions continue in Texas and California.

### Farm Bill meeting

By J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG  
Floyd County

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Floyd County in conjunction with the Farm Service Agency of Floyd County will be holding a New Farm Bill Informational Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center starting at 9 a.m. through 11 a.m.

The program will consist of a presentation from Dr. Jackie Smith, Economist with Texas AgriLife Extension, and Jay Yates, Risk Management Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Additionally, Mike McDonald, FSA Director for Floyd County, will provide updates on the New Farm Bill requirements.

Producers attending will be provided 3 CEU's if needed. No lunch will be served and no R.S.V.P. required. For more information contact the Floyd County Extension Office at (806) 983-4912.

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# Cotton News

By Shawn Wade

### FCIC Board agrees to review of proposed cottonseed insurance endorsement

An effort by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and other Texas cotton producer organizations to develop a cottonseed insurance program has been cleared to proceed to the next phase of the product development process by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) Board of Directors.

The proposal, which is designed as an optional insurance endorsement available to producers who purchase a qualifying buy-up policy of insurance on their cotton lint, was formally presented to the FCIC board in Washington, DC March 12 by PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett and PCG Communications Director Shawn Wade.

Also participating in the formal presentation were representatives from Watts & Associates, a Montana-based consulting firm assisting PCG in the development of the proposal.

Following the favorable reception the proposal received by the FCIC Board, the proposal will now go out for review by crop insurance experts who will report back to the FCIC Board over the next few months. Following the expert review process, the FCIC Board will revisit the cottonseed proposal to decide to either request modifications to the proposal or approve the proposal.

If approved, the proposal would become a pilot insurance program available to growers. From the start of this process PCG's goal has been to complete the product development process in time for the new cottonseed pilot endorsement to be available to growers for the 2010 growing season.

With this week's action by the FCIC Board the cottonseed endorsement has cleared a major hurdle and remains on track to meet that goal.

As proposed, the cottonseed endorsement will provide eligible growers the option to purchased yield-based coverage for their cottonseed. The endorsement is designed to be available to growers who purchase individual buy-up coverage under the Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI), Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) and Revenue Assurance (RA) plans of insurance for their cotton lint. The endorsement will not be available to growers who purchase CAT, GRIP or GRP cotton policies.

Availability of the product to growers for the 2010 insurance year is contingent of final approval by the Federal Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Once the proposal is cleared by the FCIC Board for pilot status, additional information on the structure, implementation and availability of the cottonseed endorsement will be made available.

### TTU CER: Larry Combest endowed Chair of Agricultural competitiveness newsletter

Augmenting the information resources he is rapidly bringing on-line, Dr. Darren Hudson, Larry Combest Endowed Chair of Agricultural Competitiveness, has added a web-based newsletter to his repertoire.

The newsletter, titled Competing for Profit, embodies the objectives of the agricultural competitiveness program he holds by highlighting the stories of innovative producers and agribusinesses in West Texas.

In these first several issues, we will be running a special series entitled Profiles in West Texas Agriculture. These stories are prepared by Samantha Yates based on interviews with innovative West Texas producers and agribusinesses. The purpose of these stories is two-fold.

First, they represent stories about families and businesses involved in agriculture that help provide a fact-based perspective to non-agricultural audiences about the realities of modern farming.

Second, these innovative producers provide meaningful examples of alternative strategies and approaches to maintaining competitiveness.

In addition to the feature story in each issue, Dr. Hudson will follow each story with a more direct discussion of the strategies employed by the subject of the story. By discussing strengths and weaknesses of the strategies being employed, as well as alternative approaches for achieving the same goals, Hudson hopes to encourage growers and agribusiness people to consider creative ways to address competitiveness in the future.

Wrapping up each issue will be discussion of on-going research and research findings of interest to readers.

To view the inaugural issue of the Competing for Profit newsletter, which features the story of Ropesville, Texas, farmer and gin owner Dan Taylor, can be found at: [www.aacc.ttu.edu/acc/CompetingForProfit/Buster'sGin.pdf](http://www.aacc.ttu.edu/acc/CompetingForProfit/Buster'sGin.pdf)

### Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

**52nd Annual Meeting**  
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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Lowell Catlett

Featured Speakers:

John Maguire, Senior V.P., National Cotton Council of America

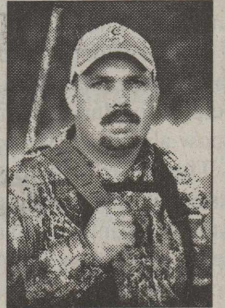
Alan Terhaar, Executive Director, Cotton Council International

## Russell Graves Outdoors

### Know Your Turkey Parts

By Russell A. Graves

A primer on snoods, dewlaps and other fleshy appendages



Ask any turkey hunter about the sport and they will wax eloquent. Turkey hunting fulfills many senses, from the tactile to the cerebral — it's a complete sport. Therefore, it's no wonder people are so crazy about chasing the big birds.

But how much do you know about turkeys? As you might expect, turkeys have many distinctive features that aren't found on other birds. Although females share some of the same components as their male companions, the male turkey, or tom, really puts on a show to highlight his features. Here's a rundown:

1. **Spurs** - Both sexes have spurs, although on females, the keratinized appendages are no more than small buttons protruding from the back of the leg a few inches above the foot. On males, spurs serve as a way to fend off other males when they spar for dominance when gathering a harem of hens. Spurs grow at the rate of about 1/4 to 1/2 inch a year and usually top off at about an inch and a half at 4 years of age.

2. **Fan** - A turkey's fan is a prominent feature you'll see when a tom struts. Made up of 18 tail feathers 12 to 15 inches long, toms display the fans to attract females during the breeding season. In juvenile males (also known as jakes), the middle tail feathers are longer than the rest of the tail feathers, but adult males have tail feathers uniform in length.

The tail feathers that make up the fan also aid in identifying the subspecies of turkey. On eastern wild turkeys, brown tips the tail feathers while the tips of Rio Grande turkeys' tails are buff-colored.

3. **Beard** - Hanging down anywhere from an inch to more than 10 inches from a tom's chest, the beard is actually a modified feather, even though it appears to be part of the turkey's skin. The beard is coarse like a horse tail and grows three to five inches a year. A three-year-old bird would possibly have a nine-inch beard, and beards over 11 inches are rare.

4. **Snood** - The snood is a fleshy appendage that attaches just above the beak. When the tom relaxes, the snood is short — maybe half an inch long. When the tom struts, the snood engorges with blood and extends to hang down over the beak. According to the National Wild Turkey Federation, the snood has no known function.

5. **Caruncles** - On both the sexes, the caruncles are fleshy, bulbous bumps that grow over the head and neck. Even though they are less pronounced on females, the caruncles on a male turkey grow large and are especially pronounced on the lower portion of the neck. Usually pale in color, the caruncles engorge with blood and turn to bright red when the turkey struts or becomes aggressive.

6. **Dewlap** - Connecting the neck to the head just under the beak, the dewlap is present on both males and females but is more prominent on males. Like the caruncles and snood, the dewlap turns bright red when the tom gets excited.

7. **Wing Feathers** - When a turkey flies, the wing feathers push an enormous amount of air to lift the heavy birds. While strutting, the tom drags his wing feathers on the ground as he puffs out his breast feathers and fans his tail. Savvy turkey hunters can read the tracks and see the drag marks from where a turkey's been strutting and know if there are males in the area. When toms drag their wing feathers, the tips become worn and frayed.

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4	5	2	6	7	1	9	3	8
6	7	9	8	4	3	2	1	5

ANSWER:



# Obituaries



**EVA LOU ASTON**

Eva Lou Aston, 90, of Lockney, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in Lockney. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in Ridgeview Memorial Park Cemetery in Allen, Texas. Mr. Eddie Teeter officiated. Services were under the direction of Kormerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Mrs. Aston was born on September 17, 1918, in Alta, Texas to Jack & Nell Airhart. She grew up in the Collin County area and attended schools in Melissa, where she played on the high school basketball team. She married Aaron Raymond Aston on July 27, 1938, in Blue Ridge, Texas. They moved to Lockney in 1942. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Lockney.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and two sisters.

She is survived by two sons, Ronnie Aston of Lubbock and Bill Aston & wife, Brenda of Harlingen; one brother, Dick Airhart; five grandchildren, Andrew William Aston & wife, Janice of San Antonio, Aaron Courtney Aston & wife, Stephanie of San Antonio, Lacey Winn Jobe & husband, Taylor of El Paso, Brittany Aaron Aston of Lubbock and Avery M. Kay Aston of Oxford, MS and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department, 215 E Locust St., Lockney, TX 79241, the Lockney High School Building Fund, 416 W Willow St., Lockney, TX 79241, or the First Baptist Church, PO Box 446, Lockney, TX 79241.

Condolences may be made online at [www.kormerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kormerstonefunerals.com).



**KEN BLOYS**

Ken Bloys, age 57, of Floydada passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the First Baptist Church. Ron Trusler officiated.

Burial followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

The family received visitors from 5-6 pm, Friday, March 13, 2009 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home.

Kenneth James Bloys was born November 29, 1951 in Floydada to Walter Eugene Bloys and Elna (Sanderson) Bloys. Ken married Terri Bearden on May 29, 1987 in LaJolla, California. The couple was blessed with over 21 years of matrimony.

He was a rancher and farmer by trade. Ken also held a multi-engine instructor pilot's license. He enjoyed spending his spare time with his family and friends.

Ken is survived by his wife

of over 21 years, Terri Bloys of Floydada; his parents, Gene and Elna Bloys of Floydada; his children, Shannon Bloys of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Shane Bloys of Dallas, Jeremy Etheredge and his wife, Amy and their children, Eliot, Jessie and Lydia of McKinney and Joshua Etheredge and his wife, Ali and their daughter, Arianna of Lubbock; his brother, David Bloys and wife, Mary of Shallowater; his nieces, Laura Boyd and Kathy Ramage and many dear friends.

Memorial donations may be made in Kenneth Bloys' name to the American Heart Association or to the American Diabetes Association.



**L.T. (LARKIN) DYCUS**

On Friday, March 13, 2009 at the age of 90 years and 6 months, Larkin Thomas Dycus passed away.

Larkin was born on September 11, 1918 to Jessie Clemmons and Margaret Caroline (Collins) Dycus in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. The family moved to Lorenzo where Larkin grew up and married Altha May (Scoggin) Dycus on March 25, 1939 and would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in two weeks. Larkin farmed in Crosby County until 1945, then farmed in Yoakum County and Upton County.

In 1951 they moved to the McCoy community in Floyd County to farm and raise their family. Larkin retired and moved back to Lorenzo in 1984. He was a member of the Church of Christ congregations in Petersburg, Lorenzo and Idalou.

He is survived by his wife, Altha May of Lorenzo; two sons, Jay of Lubbock and Anthony and his wife, JoAnn of Abilene; a daughter, Tomi and her husband, Frank Covington of Dougherty; his grandchildren, Brad and Corinne Dycus of Parker, Colorado, Valerie Henders of Lubbock and Clay and Kelly Trumble of Abilene; seven great grandchildren, Isabel, Abigail and Luke Dycus, Jackson Henders, and Kent, Kole and Kale Trumble; a sister, Nell Joiner of Decatur and brothers, Gene and J. C. (Bug) Dycus, both of Lubbock.

Services for Larkin were held at 1:00 pm, Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Idalou Church of Christ. Terry Groves and Bob Martin officiated. Burial was held in the Lorenzo Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Lorenzo.

Visitation was held Sunday from 4 - 5 pm at Adams Funeral Home in Lorenzo.

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## THIS WEEK'S

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Diabetes Support Group will meet Thursday, March 19 at the Floyd County Extension Office Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m.

### FLOYD COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

The Floyd County Fair Board will hold a meeting Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Floyd County Unity Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



**FLOYD "TINO" HERNANDEZ, JR.**

Floyd "Tino" Hernandez Jr., 67, of Shady Shores, Texas passed away on Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Alejandra Hernandez of Shady Shores; two sons, LeRoy Hernandez and Ray Hernandez, both of Shady Shores; one daughter, Alice Hernandez of Lewisville; his mother, Felicita Hernandez of Dimmitt; one sister and brother-in-law, Estella and B.C. Hernandez of Plainview; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Albert and Sue Hernandez of Lubbock, and Alonzo Hernandez of Denton; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Celebration of life services were held at 2 p.m Saturday February 28, 2009 at Dalton & Son Funeral Home of Lewisville. Rev. Randy Webb officiated.

Arrangements were with Dalton & Son Funeral Home of Lewisville. He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Hernandez Sr.



## So long cowboy...

**J. T. ROWAN**

Graveside services for J. T. Rowan, 82, of Bokchito, Oklahoma were held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at the Bokchito Cemetery. Reverend Phillip Rowland officiated. Services were under the direction of Coffey-Murray Funeral Home of Durant, Oklahoma.

Mr. Rowan passed away Saturday, March 14, 2009 at his residence.

He was born on Monday, December 13, 1926 in Bennington, Oklahoma to Frances Marion and Roxie (Wright) Rowan.

He married Tommie Little on June 24, 1946 in Sherman, Texas. J. T. was a retired mechanic. He moved back to Bokchito in 1981 from Floydada. He was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Mr. Rowan was preceded in death by his parents, Frances and Roxie Rowan, a brother, Chester Rowan and a sister, Mary F. Minyard. Survivors include his wife, Tommie Rowan of Bokchito, Oklahoma; two sons, Earl Rowan of Floydada and Johnny Rowan of Canyon; a sister, Dulah Kellum of Idabel, Oklahoma; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Family hour was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 from 6-7 pm at the Coffey-Murray Funeral Home.

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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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Evening Worship..... 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.  
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## CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Levi Sisemore, Minister  
Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.  
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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Terry Simmons,  
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Eric Kaiser - Min. Students  
Sunday School..... 9:15 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.  
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## 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 p.m.  
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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Rev. Ralph Jackson  
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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Morning Praise..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Wed. Service..... 7:00 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. Evening..... 6:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
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## SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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983-5286 (church)  
983-3047 (parsonage)  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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## ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Angelo Consentino  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon./Wed. Mass..... 6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat. .... 10-11 a.m.  
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## TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney  
Rev. Joe Hernandez  
Sun. Prayer Service... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 p.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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## TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St.  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.  
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## TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday..... 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service..... 7:30 p.m.  
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## TRINITY ASSEMBLY

500 W. Houston  
Floydada  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
983-5499 or 983-2887  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship... 10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.  
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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009  
Rev. Peter W. Harrington  
Minister  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
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## WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada 983-3548  
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.

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