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Upcoming Election and Candidate Profiles

By Sara Sisemore
 Managing Editor

Early voting began Monday, April 27, and will continue through Tuesday, May 5. Saturday, May 9 is election day.

The mayoral election is still on for the City of Floydada, with Henry Bolton running against incumbent Bobby Gilliland.

Floydada had two city council members' terms end this year: Ruben Barrientoz of District 2 and Sheldon Sue of District 3. The City of Floydada's general election for city council members' seats was cancelled due to no opposed candidates. Sue chose not to run again and will be replaced by Gary

Carthel. Barrientoz will remain on the council for District 2.

The City of Lockney's general election was cancelled due to all candidates running unopposed. Mayor Roger Stapp will remain mayor, and city council members Kelly Prayor of District 4 and Michael DeLeon of District 5 will remain on the council.

Floydada Independent School District had two seats whose terms came to an end this year: Kerry Pratt of Precinct 1 and Dr. William Dean of Precinct 2. Fisd's election was also cancelled due to unopposed candidates. Pratt is not running again and will be replaced by Freddie Morren. Dr. Dean will

remain on the board.

Lockney Independent School District also had two terms come to an end: Jesse Garza of Precinct 1 and Cheryl Edwards of Precinct 2. Edwards is running again, opposed by Mike Lass. Garza will not run again due to health concerns. His seat will be contested by Dr. Kevin Stennett and Rene Guerrero.

The Caprock Hospital District had three seats whose terms came to an end: Hulon Carthel, Denise Payne and Eric Smith. The Caprock Hospital District's election was also cancelled due to unopposed candidates. Carthel, Payne and Smith will remain on

the board.

BOBBY GILLILAND

Family & Education: Bobby, Barbara, Micheal and Brandon. Graduate of Floydada High School and attended Texas Tech University.

Why do you want to be Floydada's mayor? To continue to serve the citizens of Floydada and make a better Floydada by continuing to apply for grants to help our city and its citizens.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? Some programs already in place and want to see them through - downtown sidewalks, water improvements, etc.

What are your qualifications for this job? Business owner, have served as Mayor for 10 years and want to continue in service.

HENRY BOLTON

No profile submitted.
RENE GUERRERO
 Family & Education: Is married to Silvia Guerrero. They have three children, one granddaughter. He is a 1979 graduate of Lockney High School.

Why do you want to be on the LISD school board? As a candidate for precinct one, I can be a voice for the Hispanic community. As a Hispanic myself, I have the ability to relate to issues in their point of view.

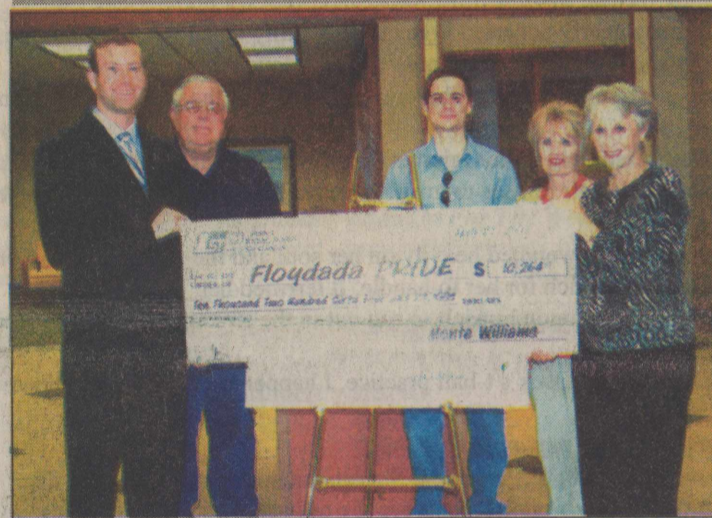
What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? It is not so much about change; it is about being involved more in the community.

What are your qualifications for this job? As a member of the San Jose Catholic Church, I have served in the Parish Council. I have been in the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years and serve as a board member for the Lockney Housing Authority for 8 years, and have been in this community for 46 years.

DR. KEVIN STENNETT

Family & Education: Wife

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Staff Photo

FLOYDADA'S P.R.I.D.E. (Partners Reinvesting, Improving, and Developing our Environment) received several sizable donations recently to be used in completing the Welcome Entrance Plaza - more commonly known as the Entry Plaza Plan. Pictured above is First National Bank of Floydada, represented by Vice-President Andy Carthel (left), presenting a check for \$10,264.83 to P.R.I.D.E. representatives and city and county officials Mayor Bobby Gilliland (second from left), Sue Ward (far right) and Judge Penny Golightly (second from right), and Justin Jaworski, Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director (middle). Pictured below is Bob Alldredge (right), representing the FCS Federal Credit Union, presenting a \$500 check to Sue Ward (left) and Justin Jaworski (middle).



Sports Icon Passes

By Jeff Blackmon
 Associate Publisher

A Floyd County icon has passed away.

Long-time Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon sportswriter and cartoonist Bill Gray died Monday morning in Lubbock at age 71. Gray worked for the newspaper in 1985 and from 1988-2005.

Hesperian-Beacon readers were treated to Gray's coverage of Floydada High School sports, and Gray also wrote numerous columns for the newspaper and drew sports cartoons that were featured in the weekly publication. Gray's column was titled, "Whirlwind Gibes."

Gray's cartoons began being featured in the Hesperian-Beacon in October of 1989. His last cartoon was published in November of 2006.

In all, Gray covered sports under the watch of six different Floydada athletic directors and head football coaches.

Besides covering the Whirlwinds, Gray was also one of Floydada's biggest fans and sports historians. He constantly encouraged Floydada teams with his writing. In Gray's first sports story written for the Hesperian-Beacon covering the 1985 Whirlwind football team Gray wrote:

This writer ventured out to the practice field on the initial day of workouts for a quick look at the 1985 edition of the Floydada Whirlwinds and made a few mental notes. You would not have known these kids are coming off a losing season. It is much too early

to predict just how the 'Winds will fare this year in always tough District 3AAA. According to some of the pre-season football "rags," they have been picked to finish low again in the title chase. The attitude I saw could help prove the "experts" wrong. If attitude and spirit have any connection with winning, then the 'Winds are certainly on the right track.

In his final sports story written for the Hesperian-Beacon Gray wrote:

I have a few regrets from these years of following and writing about the Whirlwinds. There have been times that I've found it difficult to be objective when writing game stories, but I have endeavored to be as non-partisan as possible (at least for someone who bleeds green blood). Anyhow, Whirlwinds, as Bob Hope would say, "Thanks for the memories."

Gray and artist Dirk West also came up with the cartoon Whirlwind for Floydada High School. Gray also drew cartoons for Floydada athletes and cheerleaders and posted them on their school lockers.

Gray's outstanding artistic ability was also used to promote the popular Pumpkin Days, which was started in October of 1987. Gray drew the "pumpkin man" for the Punkin' Days signs displayed at Floydada's city limit markers. Gray was on the original Punkin' Days committee.

Gray moved to Floydada in 1979 from Lubbock to work for Russell Equipment. Gray was also

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Rainwater and Terrell advance to State Tournament

By Coach Robin Nixon

The girls' doubles team of Jennifer Rainwater and Lexie Terrell brought home the Silver Medal at the Regional Tennis tournament.

In their first round they defeated the team of Rachel Westmoreland and Veronica Zamora from Littlefield 6-0, 6-0. In a tough quarterfinals match the girls defeated Candace McClure and Corey Burnsen of Jim Ned 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. In Semifinals action the team of Monica Taylor and Hillary Borrego of Sonora were the next to fall the duo from Floydada 6-4, 6-2 and in the Finals the team of Rainwater and Terrell were defeated by Martiza Sosa and Victoria Marquez of Reagan County. 2-6, 0-6.

In Girls Singles action Brityn Helms defeated Anna Neuzilova a foreign exchange student from Olney 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 and in the Quarterfinals fell to the regional

champion from San Saba Taylor Hibler. 1-6, 0-6.

In Mixed Doubles the team of Titus Miller and Kaylie Nutt were defeated by Marcus Medellin and Mica McGuire of Shallowater 0-6, 6-3, 6-2 in an exciting 3 setter. In other Girls Doubles action the team of Kelbie Day and Lindsey Beedy fell to a very athletic team from Shallowater Haley Burton and Claire Blackwell 06, 1-6.

Coach Nixon's Comments

Austin here we come! AGAIN. I am so very proud of each and every player that represented Floydada High School. They all competed to the best of their ability and showed great pride and determination. These student-athletes are extremely talented not only on the tennis courts but in the classroom as well. The majority of these students are competing right now in the UIL Academic meet in

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Jennifer Rainwater and Lexi Terrell

Local Governments Receive Sales Tax Revenue

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today the state received \$1.58 billion in sales tax revenue in March, down 3.8 percent compared to March 2008.

"Continued weakness in many important sectors, such as retail trade, mining and construction, resulted in a significant decrease in March sales tax collections," Combs said.

"While year to date sales tax revenue is up 1.9 percent for fiscal 2009, further declines are expected this year."

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$409.9 million in April sales tax allocations, a 2.2 percent decrease compared to April 2008. So far in 2009, monthly sales tax allocations to local governments remain up by 1.2 percent.

Comptroller Combs will send April sales tax allocations of \$275.7 million to Texas cities, down 1.9 percent compared to April 2008. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 0.8 percent higher than last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$26 million, up 0.4 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 5.7 percent higher than last year.

In addition, 149 special purpose taxing districts around the state are getting \$16 million in sales tax, up 12.7 percent compared to last April. Ten local transit systems will receive \$92.2 million in sales tax rebates, down 5.8 percent compared to a year ago.

March state sales tax revenue and April payments made to local

governments represent sales that occurred in February.

For details of April sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports page on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Monthly local sales tax use for Floyd County is \$23,563.99, up 7.88 percent from this time last year. Year-to-date for Floyd County is \$108,555.04, up 3.35 percent.

Local sales tax and use for the surrounding counties are as follows.

* Floydada - \$16,638.90, monthly; up 2.03 percent; year-to-date, \$75,088.68; down .04 percent.

* Lockney - \$6,925.09, monthly; up 25.12 percent; year-to-date, \$33,466.36; up 11.89 percent.

* Quitaque - \$1,967.68, monthly; down 7.87 percent; year-to-date, \$11,379.36; down 1.55 percent.

* Silverton - \$2,325.65, monthly; down 1.07 percent; year-to-date, \$14,449.36; down 15.21 percent.

The total monthly sales tax use for Crosby County is \$15,826.92; up 7.24 percent; year-to-date, \$69,116.61; down .38 percent.

* Crosbyton - \$7,236.52, monthly; up 4.52; year-to-date, \$30,405.73; down 2.02 percent.

* Lorenzo - \$1,812.09, monthly; up 22.81; year-to-date, \$8,740.94; up 12.03 percent.

* Ralls - \$6,778.31, monthly; up 6.58; year-to-date, \$30,548.76; down 1.89 percent.

* Dickens - \$2,901.48, monthly; down 23.37; year-to-date, \$12,991.23; up 5.42 percent.

* Spur - \$6,185.91, monthly; up 6.43; year-to-date, \$33,655.68; up 18.79 percent.

Monthly local sales tax use for Hale County is \$261,989.46, down 1.71 percent from this time last year. Year-to-date for is \$1,220,991.18, up 2.17 percent.

* Abernathy - \$8,919.07, monthly; down 14.24 percent; year-to-date, \$46,817.35; down 6.55 percent.

* Edmonson - \$98.35, monthly; down 58.30 percent; year-to-date, \$3,116.83; down 7.74 percent.

* Hale Center - \$4,344.47

monthly; up 4.10 percent; year-to-date, \$22,605.45; up 7.63 percent.

* Petersburg - \$2,103.89, monthly; up 37.32 percent; year-to-date, \$8,736.83; up 10.85 percent.

* Plainview - \$246,523.68, monthly; down 1.47 percent; year-to-date, \$1,139,714.72; up 2.43 percent.

Monthly local sales tax use for Lubbock County is \$3,756,803.56, up 9.27 percent from this time last year. Year-to-date is \$16,898,728.04, up 4.60 percent.

* Buffalo Springs - \$412.41, monthly; year-to-date, \$1,585.08.

* Idalou - \$9,730.58, monthly; up 82.77 percent; year-to-date, \$42,756.35; up 51.73 perly; up 7.41 percent; year-to-date, \$77,604.05; up 5.18 percent.

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Diversity and Multiculturalism: The New Racism

By Michael S. Berliner, Ph.D.,
and Gary Hull, Ph.D.

Is ethnic diversity an "absolute essential" of a college education? UCLA's Chancellor Charles Young thinks so. Ethnic diversity is clearly the purpose of affirmative action, which Young is defending against a long-overdue assault. But far from being essential to a college education, such diversity is a sure road to its destruction. "Ethnic diversity" is merely racism in a politically correct disguise.

Many people have a very superficial view of racism. They see it as merely the belief that one race is superior to another. It is much more than that. It is a fundamental (and fundamentally wrong) view of human nature. Racism is the notion that one's race determines one's identity. It is the belief that one's convictions, values and character are determined not by the judgment of one's mind but by one's anatomy or "blood."

This view causes people to be condemned (or praised) based on their racial membership. In turn, it leads them to condemn or praise others on the same basis. In fact, one can gain an authentic sense of pride only from one's own achievements, not from inherited characteristics.

The spread of racism requires the destruction of an individual's confidence in his own mind. Such an individual then anxiously seeks a sense of identity by clinging to some group, abandoning his autonomy and his rights, allowing his ethnic group to tell him what to believe. Because he thinks of himself as a racial entity, he feels "himself" only among others of the same race. He becomes a separatist,

choosing his friends - and enemies - based on ethnicity. This separatism has resulted in the spectacle of student-segregated dormitories and segregated graduations.

The diversity movement claims that its goal is to extinguish racism and build tolerance of differences. This is a complete sham. One cannot teach students that their identity is determined by skin color and expect them to become colorblind. One cannot espouse multiculturalism and expect students to see each other as individual human beings. One cannot preach the need for self-esteem while destroying the faculty which makes it possible: reason. One cannot teach collective identity and expect students to have self-esteem.

Advocates of "diversity" are true racists in the basic meaning of that term: they see the world through colored lenses, colored by race and gender. To the multiculturalist, race is what counts - for values, for thinking, for human identity in general. No wonder racism is increasing: colorblindness is now considered evil, if not impossible. No wonder people don't treat each other as individuals: to the multiculturalist, they aren't.

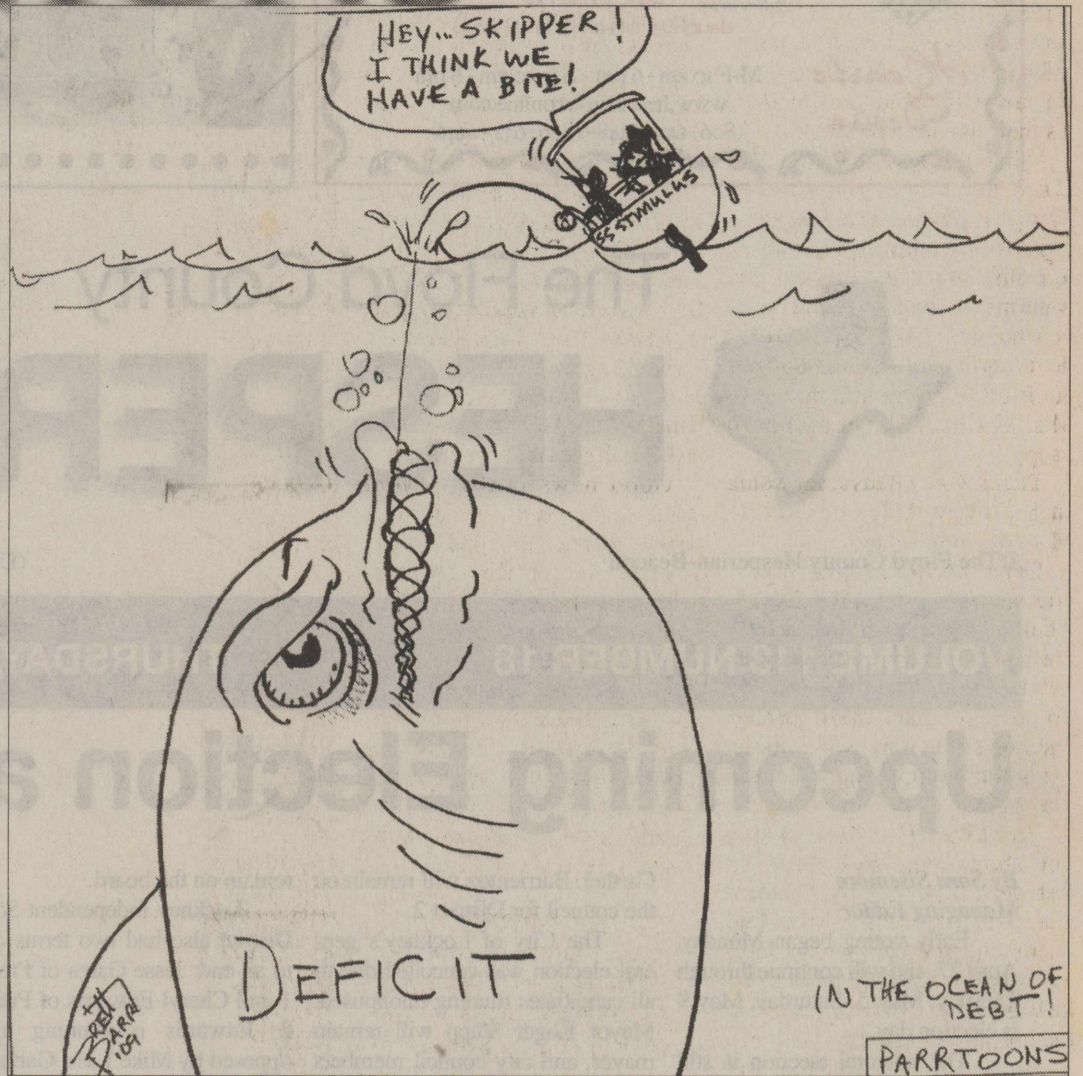
Advocates of "diversity" claim it will teach students to tolerate and celebrate their differences. But the "differences" they have in mind are racial differences, which means we're being urged to glorify race, which means we're being asked to institutionalize separatism. "Racial identity" erects an unbridgeable gulf between people, as though they were different species, with nothing fundamental in common. If that

were true - if "racial identity" determined one's values and thinking methods - there would be no possibility for understanding or cooperation among people of different races.

Advocates of "diversity" claim that because the real world is diverse, the campus should reflect that fact. But why should a campus population "reflect" the general population (particularly the ethnic population)? No answer. In fact, the purpose of a university is to impart knowledge and develop reasoning, not to be a demographic mirror of society.

Racism, not any meaningful sense of diversity, guides today's intellectuals. The educationally significant diversity that exists in "the real world" is intellectual diversity, i.e., the diversity of ideas. But such diversity - far from being sought after - is virtually forbidden on campus. The existence of "political correctness" blasts the academics' pretense at valuing real diversity. What they want is abject conformity.

The only way to eradicate racism on campus is to scrap racist programs and the philosophic ideas that feed racism. Racism will become an ugly memory only when universities teach a valid concept of human nature: one based on the tenets that the individual's mind is competent, that the human intellect is efficacious, that we possess free will, that individuals are to be judged as individuals - and that deriving one's identity from one's race is a corruption - a corruption appropriate to Nazi Germany, not to a nation based on freedom and independence.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Be On The Lookout!

Nearly two years ago, a tragedy nearly occurred in my small family when my wife, Sharon, backed over our then 4-year-old son Jackson after a family reunion downtown.

Jack was supposed to be in a different care and Sharon was already in the process of backing out and never saw him.

By the grace of God, Jack suffered only minor injuries - mainly to his ear and head. In fact, he still has an area on his scalp where his hair refuses to grow. It serves as a reminder, though none is needed.

Sharon suffered from the incident. It weighed heavily on her soul and the slightest sound or bump in an automobile was nearly too much for her to handle. It terrified her.

Lately, our baby, Sutton, has taken it upon himself to run out in the street. Three times last week.

Sutton, 3, took off for the road during Jack's t-ball practice. I happen to see him and shouted, "SUTTON HAWK STOP NOW!"

He did. And so did everybody else in a two block radius.

Twenty minutes later, he did run out in the street and Sharon quickly reigned him back in.

I punished him that night. Granted, my punishments are, by old-school standards, pretty mild because the boys mind pretty well. They get in the most trouble for endangering themselves and others, rudeness, attitude and lying. Obviously, this was a safety issue.

Anyhow, the very next night, as soon as I walked into the yard, Jackson, whose in the sandbox playing with his brother and cousin, yells to me, "Dad, I have to tell you something!"

Sutton screams out, "Nooooooooooooooooooooo ... don't tell him!"

Then, Sutton precedes to come and tell on himself.

Needless to say, Sutton and I adjourned into privacy and I gave him a strong message. I pray it worked.

You know, when you go through what we went through two years ago, and you have these small children who just run out into traffic it just scares the death out of you. Hopefully mine are learning to slow down and look.

I'm sharing this with you, not so you'll call Child Protective Services on me, but as a reminder. Warn your children to watch out for cars. Tell them to stay out of the street if they're young and if they ride bicycles or scooters, urge them to wear a helmet and watch out for cars. NEVER ASSUME A DRIVER SEES YOU!

Additionally, local children will be taking to the streets for an additional eight hours a day in a few weeks. Please, please be aware of them, especially around the parks and residential areas.

We can't always avoid a tragedy, but we have a fighting chance when we are aware of our surroundings.

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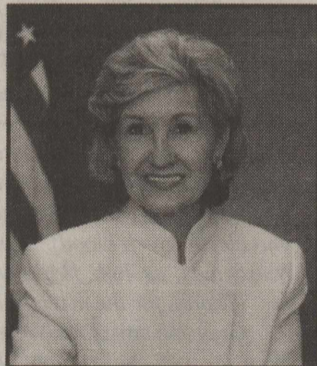
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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



This year, the Democratic-led Congress has spent without reservation: \$786 billion on a Stimulus bill with many provisions that will not actually curb the economic downturn; \$1 trillion on an Omnibus Appropriations bill that will only fund government operations through October 1, 2009; and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 budget that proposes spending a total of \$17.3 trillion over the next five years.

On April 15 - Tax Day - some in Congress may need a reminder of just who is underwriting this spending: the American taxpayer. I am deeply concerned over the swelling tax burden that will be imposed on all Texas families. Here are a few ways I am working to protect you from this burden:

Safety from the Marriage Penalty

In early April, I introduced an amendment to the FY 2010 budget to block the passage of any legislation that sought to impose a mar-

riage penalty. The marriage tax penalty pushes married couples into a higher tax bracket than two single wage earners taking in the same combined income. As a matter of principle, the IRS should never do anything to discourage one of the most fundamental institutions of our society: marriage.

I began the fight to reverse this inequity in 2001. Under the old policy, an estimated 25 million couples paid a penalty of \$1,141 for being married. In 2001, Congress eliminated the marriage tax penalty for many married couples as part of a series of tax cuts on families, small businesses, and retirees. On the first day of the 111th Congress, I introduced the Permanent Marriage Penalty Relief Act of 2009 to outlaw this tax policy, once and for all.

Given the challenge many families face today to make ends meet, raising taxes on married couples is unacceptable and unfair. My

colleagues agreed, and my amendment to prevent this significant disincentive for Americans to walk down the aisle was unanimously passed in the Senate. This was an important victory that, if it goes through the House, will help married couples keep more of their hard-earned income and use their money to meet the needs of their families.

Extension of the Sales Tax Deduction

I also introduced an amendment to the FY 2010 budget to provide a permanent extension of the sales tax deduction, thus ending the discrimination suffered by taxpayers from states that do not have an income tax. Texas is one of eight states that imposes sales taxes in lieu of income taxes. Before 1986, taxpayers in these states had the ability to deduct their sales taxes like taxpaying citizens from states that impose income taxes. Unfortunately, citizens of some states were treated differently after 1986 when the deduction for state and local sales taxes was eliminated.

In 2004, Rep. Kevin Brady and I finally corrected this injustice by passing a 2 year reinstatement of the state and local sales tax

deduction. Since then, we have provided extensions every few years, and the current extension is set to expire at the end of 2009.

After a series of negotiations, the Senate accepted a modified version of my amendment that I cosponsored with Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), the Majority Leader of the Senate. Federal tax law should not treat people differently on the basis of state residence and differing tax collection methods, and it should not create an incentive for states to establish income taxes. I will keep working in the Senate to ensure that Texans are not taxed on their taxes by fighting to make the sales tax deduction permanent in the final Congressional budget.

Fighting Long-Term Tax Hikes

Eliminating the marriage tax penalty and extending the sales tax deduction were significant achievements. But we must do more to prevent American families from being weighed down by a steadily growing tax burden. The Administration has proposed a tax increase of \$1.4 trillion. While the rhetoric of the budget proposal suggests only the top 5 percent of wage earners will shoulder these tax increases, the fact is each and every American will bear a piece of this new burden. Such a tax hike sends the unmistakable message to every American taxpayer: the government knows how to spend your money better than you do.

I believe that American families know how to best use their money - particularly during times of economic hardship, when every-

one is called on to make tough choices about their budgets and spending. And I am also convinced that the way to revitalize our economy is to lower taxes on families and small businesses.

In the past, Presidents from both parties, including Presidents Kennedy, Reagan, and Bush, have successfully employed tax relief to create jobs and spur economic activity. We should follow that path again. Congress must reign in spending and put America's budget back in order so we may rebuild the long-term foundation of our prosperity.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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VJ's News

by Vera Jo Bybee

I called Gene Brotherton a while ago to check on the Center's news. She said it was all home folks last week. She did tell me that Gladys Bobbitt took the shuttles their lunches last week.

When Gladys took Mrs. McClure her lunch, she showed Gladys a picture in a magazine of a cowboy eating a piece of watermelon and said, "Doesn't that watermelon look good and make you hungry?" What did Gladys do but go buy a watermelon and cut it up in pieces and take it to Mrs. McClure. That made her so happy.

Thank you, Gladys, for doing such a sweet thing and making Mrs. McClure's day.

Gene did tell me about several couples joining the Center. I don't know just how old they are but I do know they are lots younger than I and I'm 78. We do so appreciate their joining and hope now they will come to the potluck suppers and stay and play games.

You know I've been telling you about being sick since the last week in March. Dr. Cox had been treating me for bronchial pneumonia for three weeks. Then on Monday, April 20 he decided he was going to have to put me in the hospital to get me well.

He got me well alright, but what you have to go through to get well is not any fun. IV in your arm, oxygen in your nose,

shots giving them blood. You just get your nest fixed to go to sleep and here they come in your room again. The nurses were really sweet and hated what they had to do to me. I was not a very good patient, but you do what you have to do to get well. What helped me a lot was having my children - Louie, Cynthia, Becky, Steve, Matt, Megan and Payce - coming to see me. Also daughter Dara and granddaughter, Kara and grandsons, Clint, Tyler, Bryan and J.W calling me.

This is Monday, April 27 and I'm home and feeling a lot better and getting stronger every day.

Good news is that several other sick people are at home now - Wiletta Isom and Tommy Sherman. I know they are happy to be doing better.

Thought for the day is a few *Christian One Liners*: Some people are kind, polite and sweet spirited until you try to sit in their pews. It is easier to preach ten sermons than to live one. Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember Moses started out as a basket case.

MENU

May 4 - May 8

Monday - Chicken strips

Tuesday - Baked ham

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak

Thursday - Hamburger steak

Friday - Meatloaf



MR. AND MRS. JEFFERY TAYLOR JOBE

Aston and Jobe exchange vows

Lacey Winn Aston and Jeffery Taylor Jobe were united in marriage on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 5:30 in the afternoon at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Treena Aston and Mr. Ronnie Aston of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Wanda Henson and the late George W. Henson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Aston.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Jobe and the grandson of Mrs. Susie Jobe and the late Gene Jobe and Mrs. Matilda Kemp and the late Marshall Kemp.

The double-ring ceremony was officiated by Eddie Teeter, a close friend of the bride's family. Vocalist was Monika Cosson-Sheppard of the Santa Fe Opera, accompanied by organist Mark Childers.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father Ronnie Aston. Her dress was a candlelight, pure silk satin fitted gown designed by Alvina Valenta.

Brittany Aston of Lubbock and Avery Aston of Oxford, Mississippi, sisters of the bride, served as maids of honor. Hadyn Jobe of Austin, sister of the groom, served as bridesmaid.

Honorary bridesmaids were Katy Christy, Lindsay Cooper and Callie Flores, all of Lubbock; Sarah Dewbre of McKinney; Krisi Kiser, Heather Mooty, Amanda Stringer, all of Dallas; and Alisha Stake of El Paso.

Dr. Jeff Jobe of Austin, father of the groom and Staton Jobe of Charlottesville, Virginia, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Honorary groomsmen were

Ed Dowdy of Lubbock; Andy Cyrus of Houston; Dr. Brett Robin of Temple; Jason Obenhaus and Benton Hyatt of Dallas; David Anderton of Houston; Jay Paddock of El Paso; John David Dickerson of Plainview; Blake Pankonein, Hunter McWilliams, Mark Harmon, Blake Hoskins, Matthew Rose, Jeff Ezell and Patrick Mahaffey, all of Austin.

Macy Dickerson, cousin of the groom, served as flower girl and Tristan Robin and Cash Robin served as ring bearers.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride hosted a reception at the Inn of Loretto with entertainment provided by Soulstice.

On the evening before the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a wedding eve fiesta at Los Mayas Restaurante in Santa Fe.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Lockney High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2003 with a degree in elementary education. While there, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority. She is currently a teacher in the El Paso Independent School District.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Westlake High School. He is a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University where he was a member of the Texas Tech Red Raider football team and Phi Delta Theta. He will graduate in May with a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

After a honeymoon in June the couple will reside in Albuquerque where the groom will begin a residency program in orthopedic surgery at the University of New Mexico.



Recorded books have added another chapter to my life. If only they'd come along sooner - like back when the speed limit was 55 mph. Then all those boring slow-motion highway miles could have been savored rather than so painfully endured.

Ironically, now that the limit is 70 on most open roads, I don't always drive that fast. It depends on what book has me under its spell. Tonight I was listening to a contemplative novel about a woman in Renaissance Italy who was a painter. Three mule deer standing at the edge of the pavement came into view, themselves a painting, my headlights creating the chiaroscuro of a Caravaggio. That's the way it is when you're caught up in a good book. Things blend right into it, especially if you're a little sleepy.

Nothing beats the time I was driving and listening to a book when the phone rang - both in the book and for real. I answered. If the caller on my cell phone had been one of the characters in the book, you'd be questioning my sanity. I'll let you wonder who it was.

As for the book effect on mph, it can work both ways. As for me, when I'm driving and listening to something really action-packed, my tendency is to speed up. The time before the last time an officer stopped me for going too fast, I told him a man was trapped inside a burning building.

Do you ever wonder if highway troopers get together and

exchange stories about excuses people come up with for speeding? Maybe mine was a new one.

If my parents had ever gotten stopped for speeding - which they didn't - they could probably have said they were just trying to get away from me. I was alone in the backseat, a one-child band, playing the guitar and harmonica at the same time, mile after mile.

No, I know you can't really get away from someone in the backseat by driving faster, but that kind of entertainment would make you want to try.

Those were pre-seatbelt days when an imaginary line down the middle of the seat kept Johnny and Suzy on respective sides of the car. I've heard it didn't work as well as Korea's DMZ. Being an only child, I really wouldn't know. I had to share my space only with Daddy's hat, not that easy with a guitar.

Nowadays, kids equate the first click of a seatbelt on a road trip with entertainment. All they have to do is settle in to watch a movie or play an electronic game as the landscape zips by without them. I can't say that I blame them or even that it's an entirely new phenomenon.

Circa 1918, when my grandparents took Sunday drives to the country, my grandmother's famous line was, "Elwood, get your head out of that book and look at the crops!"

Elwood was my mother, age 10 - not interested in crops.

My mother would have liked recorded books.

Daughters of the American Revolution

By Sherry Colston

The Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met in Floydada at the Floyd County Historical Museum on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. Debra McCarty, regent, opened the meeting in ritualistic form.

The President General's message was read by June Sherman entitled "Growing a Heritage Garden Today." Pricilla Minter read the National Defense article "Piracy on the Open Sea Today" concerning Pirates on deadly seas off the coast of Somalia. Violet Cooper read a poem about the U.S. Flag as the flag minute.

Sherry Colston read minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. It was reported that Tommy Sherman was home and eating foods easy to digest.

Nancy Marble showed the members the book on the DAR that was purchased with memorial money given in honor of loved ones at the Floyd County Historical Museum. The book "American Treasure - the Enduring Spirit of the DAR" will be placed in the genealogy side

of the Floyd County Historical Museum.

The program "Minnie," Woman of the Depression and World War II, was given by Lou Burlison of Floydada. She gave us a look at that time period and the things that went on in this country. Following the business meeting and the wonderful refreshments by Nancy Marble and Carolyn Marble, the meeting was adjourned.

Members present were Debra McCarty, Pricilla Minter, June Sherman, Dorothy Hodges, Dana McCarty, Violet Cooper, Sherry Colston, Nancy Marble, Carolyn Cunningham, Carolyn Marble, Susan Dunavand and friends of DAR Elizabeth Carthel, Janet Milam, Betty Davenport and Lou Burlison.

Our next meeting will be April 28 at the Lighthouse Electric Building in Floydada at 6:30 p.m. with Dorothy Hodges and Grace Ashley hostesses. The program will be presented by Karen Houchin concerning women's issues that face us today.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

This is one week I'm really blank as to the news taking place at the center. Last weekend I was sick, so I didn't get to go to the center very often this past week. Since my article needs to be turned in by 5 p.m. on Friday, I'm very short on news.

I do know that some of my friends and I are going to Lubbock Friday, April 24 to attend the Singing Women of West Texas Cookbook Dinner and program at Southcrest Baptist Church. The Singing Men of West Texas will also be singing. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

Jon and Elaine LaBaume attended the Spring Piano Recital of their grandchildren, Harrison and Kate Childre, in Lubbock this past Thursday night. It was in the Steinway Performance Hall. They each received a "Practice Award" for getting in all of their practice time each week. Harrison studied Theory and took the state exam and received a "Gold" award, plus he had one of the highest scores of 101. They are the children of Charles and Kelli Childre.

If you are interested in

buying Plainview Community Concert tickets at \$35 for five programs for the 2009-2010 year, please call Margarette Word at 983-3194 or Jane McCulley at 983-3160.

Thank you so much for remembering the center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Gladys Brannon - Ruth Hammonds

Thought For The Week - Rising prescription prices make me try to refrain from dropping expensive pills carelessly down the drain. -Henry Boye

MENU

May 4 - May 8

Monday - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit

Tuesday - Tacos/trimmings, pinto beans, rice, dry jello salad

Wednesday - Turkey and dressing, yams, green beans, roll, pistachio salad

Thursday - Polish sausage, cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding

Friday - Baked chicken with mushrooms, carrots, corn, roll, chocolate chip cookies

1934 STUDY CLUB

By Emagene Haenisch

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Betsy Dempsey with Jo Lyles as co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the president Margarette Word. Emagene Haenisch led the group in prayer. Bill Ferguson, in the absence of Marie Warren, called the roll, which was answered by "our prize antiques." Minutes were also read and approved.

Melissa Long, County Extension Agent - Home Economics, gave a short history of Extension Work, especially the 4-H work. Then she introduced Jill Bramlet, a 4-H member from Lockney who gave a very informative program entitled "Silver Lining Cloud," which told of the Silver Alert for adults who are at least 65 years

and have been missing from their family for at least 72 hours. This program is for adults as Amber Alert is for youth. This Silver Alert program has now been adopted by ten states.

Questions were asked after the presentation. Jill plans to present her program at the Regional 4-H competition, then hopefully on to the State.

Members present were Faye Bertrand, Wilma Colston, Betsy Dempsey, Bill Ferguson, Wilma Gowens, Diana Glover, Emagene Haenisch, Jo Lyles, Nell McClung, Wanda Turner and Margarette Word.

The last meeting until September will be Tuesday, May 12 at Wilma Colston's home. It will be a Salad Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Please note time change.

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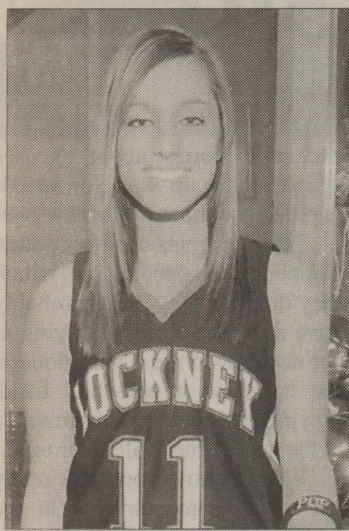
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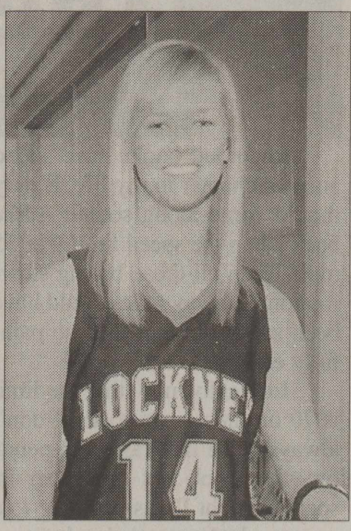


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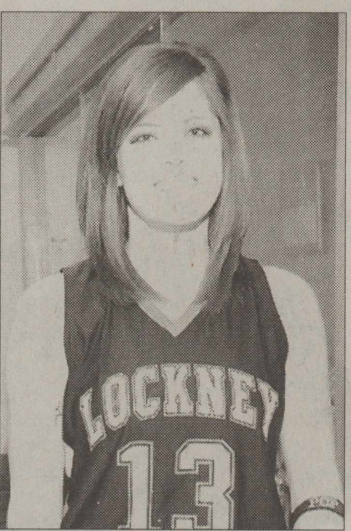
Lady Horns Named to All-State Team



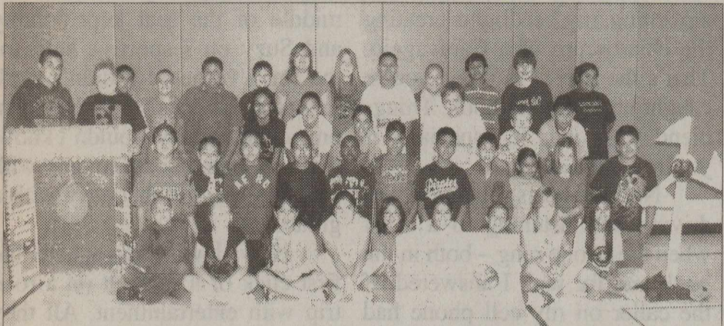
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First Team
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Lockney Honor Rolls

Lockney High School has released its semester 2, cycle 2 "A" and "AB" Honor Rolls.

"A" Honor Roll

Twelfth grade: Heather Brock, Patrick Doucette, Kyler Ellison, Segalay Foster, Daryn McCarter, Lindsie Moerbe, Emily Prayor, Estella Rodriguez, Caleb Schumacher and Victoria Wilbourn

Eleventh grade: Alisha Dameron, Lezlie Jackson and Anna Sherman

Tenth grade: Anonia Morales

Ninth grade: Christina Jackson, Landon Kidd and Amber Segovia

"AB" Honor Roll

Twelfth grade: Augustina Ascencio, Jonathan Coleman, Adrian Cortez, Raul Cruz, Anabel Gonzales, Johnathan Grant, Lusias Hall, William Johnson, Brendi Morales, Timothy Pedilla, Ruben Pesina and Cynthia Zavala

Eleventh grade: Jill Bramlet, Conner Ellison, Steven Gonzales, Tessa Saul, and Bethany Wilson

Tenth grade: Devin Caballero, Maria Castorena, Molly Cazares, Sabrina Guerrero, Kami Hunt, Erica Marmalejo, Isabel Solis and Judith Wofford

Ninth grade: Cassandra Ascencio, Dylan Aull, Logan Edwards, Steven Fernandez, SyAnn Foster, Christopher Franco, Dolores Luna, Anissa Reyna, Riley Teeter, Danielle Thompson, Sunny Williams and Jennifer Ybarra

Photo by Connie Barnett

MRS. PATE'S 5TH GRADE SCIENCE CLASS at Lockney Elementary created displays on green energy for Earth Day. Six displays, including wind energy, geothermal energy, ocean energy, biomass, hydropower and solar energy were placed on the cafeteria stage for the school to enjoy. These displays were possible due to a grant through the Lubbock Area Foundation.



Staff Photo

LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 5-4-09: (back, l-r) Abel Salazar, Lajohnta English, Tyler Crutchfield, Jaden Butler and Anissa Guerrero, (middle, l-r) Madai Chavira, Terrance Wood, Sheridan Keyser, Efen Nunez and Karina Torres, (front) K-Ci Williams.

Miss Sherry's Dance Team Earn Honors

By Jean Anne Williams

Miss Sherry's Dance team is at it again. The group competed in Oklahoma City the weekend of April 18 and garnered top honors. The group performed two numbers and took overall trophies for both. The jazz number set to iLove Machine! was first overall with a double platinum score of 139.5 points out of a possible 140. Their tap number, "Cha Cha Heels," took third overall.

The regional Showstoppers dance competition was host to over 700 acts over the three day weekend at Rose State University in Midwest City just outside of Oklahoma City. Additionally, a duet performed by Kennadee Buchanan and Haley Wheeler

and a solo by Miss Buchanan will join the larger group as they all travel to Galveston this July to compete for national honors.

Members of the group are Dixie Williams, daughter of Matt and Jean Anne Williams and Ignacio Ascencio, son of Erma Luna Cuevas, all of Lockney and Kennadee Buchanan, daughter of Shadi and Brian Buchanan and Haley Wheeler, daughter of Mona and Brian Buchanan of Turkey.

The group would like to thank the communities of Lockney, Quitaque and Turkey for their past support and Sherry Fogerson for her wonderful instruction and hours spent with these dancers.



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MISS SHERRY'S DANCE TEAM--- members pictured from left to right are: (top) Haley Wheeler, Ignacio Ascencio and Sherry Fogerson, (bottom) Kennadee Buchanan and Dixie Williams.

Lockney baseball

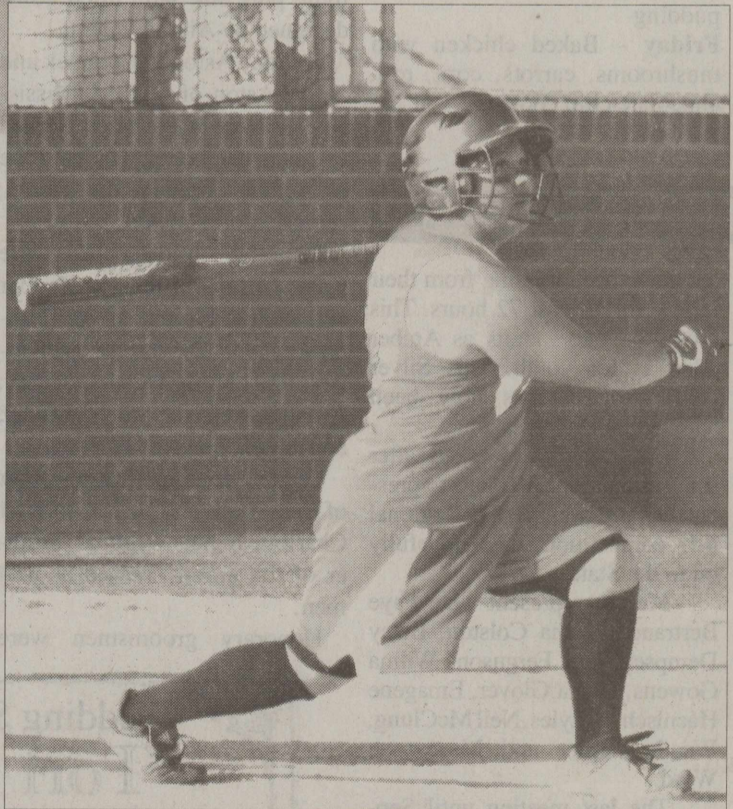
The Lockney Longhorns split a pair of games last week.

Tuesday in Frenship, Lockney hammered Forsan 7-3. Peralez got the win for Lockney striking out six batters in 5 innings.

The team hosted Bushland last weekend and fell 15-3 in six innings.

Lockney managed two runs in the first inning and another in the fourth. Lucas Hall had two RBIs in the game.

In other baseball action Lockney's JV squad fell to Lubbock Estacado 9-1.



Janie Martinez

Lockney School Menu

May 4 - May 8

Monday

HOLIDAY

Tuesday

Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken nuggets or ham, potatoes, green beans, pineapple, roll, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Cheese enchiladas or fajitas, pinto beans, salad, fruited gelatin, tortilla, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Pizza or PBJ sandwich, salad, peaches, milk

Friday

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

Lunch-Hamburger or BBQ on bun, potatoes, salad, orange, milk

Lockney track

Lockney High School traveled to Frenship Saturday, April 18 to compete in the Area 3 Track and Field Championships.

Several Lockney athletes and teams finished in the top 10.

In the women's 4x100 meter relay, the Lockney team consisting of Brittany Mathis, Logan Edwards, Lezlie Jackson and Mercedes Aday placed second with a time of 52.90 seconds.

In the women's 800-meter run, Crystal Sanchez placed fifth with a time of 2 minutes, 45.82 seconds.

In the women's 4x200 meter relay, Lockney's Brittany Mathis, Lezlie Jackson, Mercedes Aday and Logan Edwards came in fourth with a time of 1:55.25.

Lindsie Moerbe placed third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.33.

In the 400-meter dash, Isabel Solis came in first place with a time of 1:04.34.

Brittany Mathis placed second in the 200-meter dash, and Lezlie Jackson came in second in the pole vault with a vault of 8 feet, 6 inches. In the triple jump, Brittany Mathis was second with a jump of 34 feet, 3.5 inches.

Overall, the girls competing placed fourth with 67 points.

For the Longhorns, the boys team of Michael Vasquez, Brent Zambrano, Louis Peralez and Joshua Silva placed fifth with a time of 3:47.24.

Adrian Cortez placed third in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet, 4.5 inches. James Mercado placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.19.

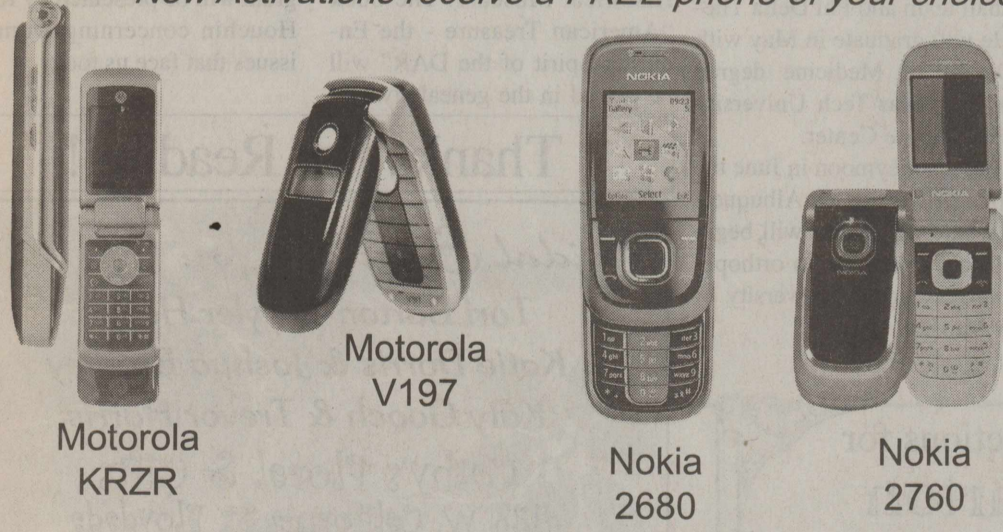
Lockney scored 10 total points in the meet for 17th place.

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FJHS Track Teams Compete at District

By Coach Ayala

The 7th grade boys did a great job. The boys that showed up to compete did their best. I was really proud if these guys stepping in and running races they had never ran because of the people who chose not to show up for one reason or another.

Our 800-Meter Relay team finished in 3rd place. Hadrien Coleman, Joe Guzman, Juan

Nunez and Pedro Guerrero made up the relay team.

Chris Rodriguez finished in 5th place in the 100-Meter dash. Hadrien Coleman finished in 6th place in the 200-Meter Dash. Our Mile Relay team finished in 5th place. It consisted of Juan Nunez, Robby Reedy, Mathew McGowen and Tomas Casarez.

Other outstanding performances from the field events were the Shot

Put and Discus. Coach Logan did a great job getting these boys to perform. Jay Mendez finished in 5th place in the Shot Put and 6th place in the Discus. Juan Nunez finished in 1st place in the Discus.

All the other participants gave their all and we are very proud of them.

The 8th grade boys finished in 4th place in the team totals. Again

the ones that showed up did their best. The effort was great.

In the 400-Meter Dash B. J. Perez finished in 2nd place while Anthony Ascencio finished in 6th place. In the 800-Meter Run Tyler Renfro finished in 4th place. Landry Morren finished in 3rd place in the 110-Meter Hurdles. These guys did a great job in these races.

In the 1600-Meter Run, Tyler Renfro did a great job and finished in 2nd place. It was a very tight race and Tyler showed a lot of heart in his effort to give his best performance of the year.

The 400-Meter Relay took 5th place. The team consisted of Dimas Marmolejo, Ventura Gonzales, Jordan Woody and Anthony Ascencio.

In the 800-Meter Relay we finished in 3rd place. Running on the team was B. J. Perez, Venturo Gonzales, Jordan Woody and Dimas Marmolejo. A great race
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Whirlwinds Secure Playoff Berth

The Whirlwind Baseball Team secured a playoff spot in District 3-2A with a resounding victory over Childress of 14-2. This will be the first time since 2005 that the Whirlwind baseball team clinches a playoff berth.

Floydada Tennis Team wins Overall District Team Title

By Coach Robin Nixon

The Floydada Tennis Team continued the tradition of winning the Overall and Girls District Championship at the District Tennis Tournament held April 14 and 15 at Plainview High School. The girls team dominated the district by capturing both first and second in doubles.

The team of Jennifer Rainwater

The Winds got off to a great start by batting around the complete order in the first inning, racking up a 7 run lead over the Bobcats. The Winds continued to dominate and hit the ball very well adding 4 more runs in the second

and Lexie Terrell defeated their teammates Kelbie Day and Lindsey Beedy. In singles action, Brityn Helms held off Hannah Griffin in a playback to capture second and third respectively.

In the mixed doubles, Titus Miller and Kaylie Nutt won first place by knocking off the number 4 and 1 seeds of the tournament. In
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inning. Despite a pitching change by Childress, the Whirlwinds managed 3 more runs and 10-run ruled the Bobcats in five innings of play.

The Winds' bats have been big the last four games. The green team has amassed a total of 37 offensive runs in the last four games alone. Senior Colton Covington and Junior Jesse Ibarra each had 3 RBI's apiece in Saturday's game. Covington was 2 for 4 with
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Economics Class sponsors fundraiser

By Nicole Purser

On May 19 the Senior Economics Class of Floydada High School are hosting two of the greatest basketball games ever.

One of the games that will be played is the Seniors 2009 vs FHS Staff. The second game is an Alumni Game - which will give us the chance to see some of the greatest players to have walked the halls of FHS on the court showing their stuff once again.
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Economics Class sponsoring "Whirlwinds Got Talent"

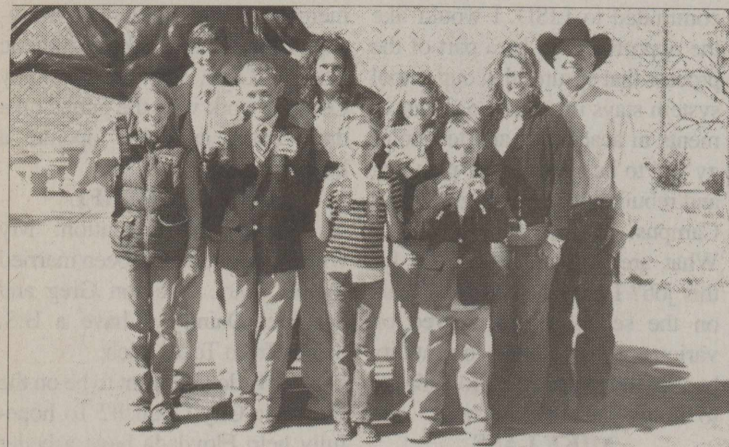
By Nicole Purser

Do you have talent? Floydada High School does! The Senior Economics Class of FHS are sponsoring "Whirlwinds Got Talent" to showcase unique talents for the good cause of raising money for the Invisible Children in Africa.

Tryouts will be held April 30 and the actual date of the contest is May 7 during the school day. The entry fee is \$2.

So come and see our most

unique talents while supporting the Invisible Children organization. For more information contact Mrs. Purser at FHS, 983-2340.



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THE FLOYD COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK Judging Team recently competed at the South Plains District 2 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held on Saturday, April 18 at Texas Tech University. Team members are: (back row, l-r) McCrae McCormick, SyAnn Foster, Tylee Williams, Segayle Foster; (front row, l-r) Madolyn McCormick, Kirby Nixon, Montana Williams and Keenan Nixon. Not pictured is Taylor Orr. All Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging teams are coached by Floyd County's AgriLife Extension Agent, J. D. Ragland.

Floyd County 4-H Judging Teams Win Big At District Competition

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

Eight Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judgers competed at the South Plains District 4-H Livestock Judging contest on Saturday, April 18 at Texas Tech. In the Junior Division, team members Kirby Nixon, Montana Williams and Keenan Nixon received fourth place High Team Overall among a field of twelve teams from various counties across the South Plains. Floyd County Junior Team also received second High Team in Swine, second in Goats and fifth in Beef. Individually Kirby Nixon received eighth High Individual Overall. Keenan Nixon took home fourth High Individual in Goats and tenth High in Swine. Additionally, Montana Williams was fifth High Individual in Swine.

In the Intermediate Division, Madolyn McCormick received fifth place High Individual Overall, as well as first in Swine. Also competing as an Intermediate Individual was Taylor Orr.

The Senior Division Team received third place High Team Overall among a field of nine teams. This win qualifies the team

for State as the top three senior teams advance. As a team Tylee Williams, SyAnn Foster and McCrae McCormick received third place Overall High Team in Beef, Sheep and Goats. The team also received fourth place Overall High Team in Oral Reasons.

Individually, Tylee Williams had a great day as she received first place High Individual Overall, continuing with first place High Individual honors in Sheep and third in Reasons.

SyAnn Foster finished a strong seventh place High Individual Overall, adding a fourth place High Overall Individual in Reasons. McCrae McCormick took second place High Individual honors in Goats.

Congratulations to all Floyd County 4-H District judges on your outstanding competitive success. Best of luck to the Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging Senior Team as they advance to the State contest held during State 4-H Roundup held on the Texas A&M University Campus in College Station, June 6-11, 2009.

Miller plays in Texas Golden Spread All-Star Game

Titus Miller, Floydada High School senior, played in the 39th Annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Basketball Game held April 16, 17 and 18 at the First United Center in Canyon, Texas. This three-day tournament displays the region's top high school senior boys and girls. These games also

allow the area's top high school seniors to compete against one another. They are designed to help support basketball programs of area colleges and universities and help promote high school basketball across the Golden Spread. The games are organized and conducted by a non-profit organization and its Board of Directors consists of all volunteers who live in the Amarillo area.

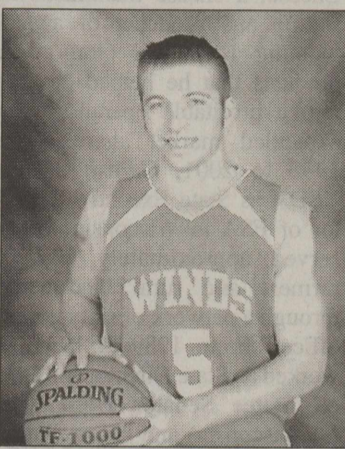
Miller was selected to play on the south team. The tournament consists of four teams, south, north, east and west with ten players on each team. The south team, coached by Jensen Porter, captured first place as it won over the east team in the championship game.

Miller was named the MVP of the tournament. He was selected to receive this award and trophy by the Board of Directors during an announcement after the championship game.

He is the son of Lyle and Tresa Miller of Floydada.

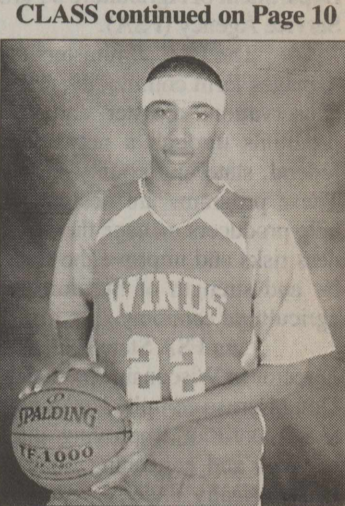


Titus Miller



TITUS MILLER

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Academic All-State



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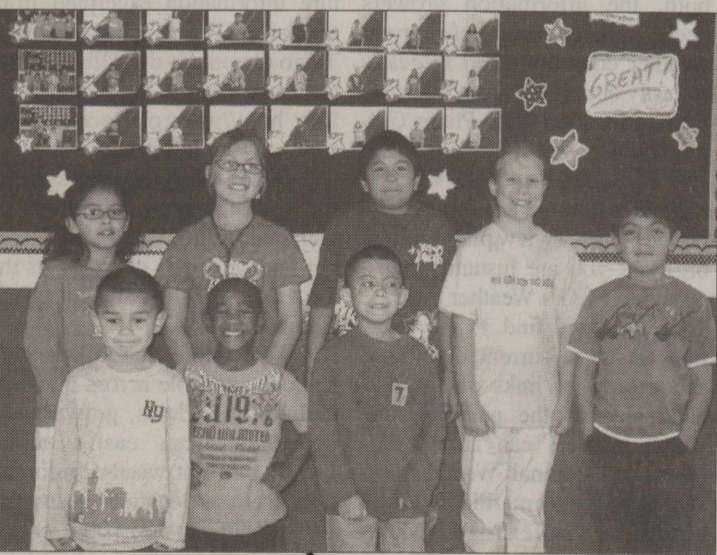
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Floydada School Menu

Floydada School Menu
May 4 - May 8

- 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



Courtesy Photo

FLOYDADA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK for April 27, 2009 are (back row, l-r) Angela Suarez, Reagan Hughes, Jordan Mendoza, Hannah Holmes, Jeffrey Sullivan, (front row) Orlando Ortiz, Damarion Collins and Rey Reyes.

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Whirlwind Booster Club Congratulates Regional Tennis Qualifiers



**(Back row, l-r) Kelbie Day, Lindsey Beedy, Titus Miller, Kaylie Nutt
(Front row) Lexie Terrell, Jennifer Rainwater, and Brityn Helms.**

Whirlwind Booster Club Congratulates State Tennis Qualifiers



**Jennifer Rainwater
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USDA Livestock Disaster Program Requires Documentation of Loss

Eligible Producers Urged to Begin Compiling Proof of Loss

According to Michael McDonald, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Floyd County, livestock producers who incurred eligible livestock death losses due to adverse weather events on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011, should begin gathering related loss documentation in accordance with FSA's Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provisions.

"Losses because of adverse weather, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture during the calendar year, including blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes and wildfires, are eligible for LIP," said McDonald.

Producers are advised that verifiable death loss documenta-

tion will not be accepted by FSA County Offices until LIP applications are filed.

Adequate documentation must prove the death of eligible livestock occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested.

If adequate verifiable proof of death records documentation is not available, a livestock producer may provide reliable records, along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory, as proof of death.

Certifications of livestock deaths by third parties may be accepted only if verifiable proof of death records or reliable proof of death records along with verifiable beginning and ending inven-

tory records are not available. A third party statement is an independent source who is not affiliated with the farming operation, such as a hired hand or a family member.

"Our staff can provide producers with a list of acceptable proof of death, producer records and verifiable inventory documentation," said McDonald. "LIP indemnity payments will be 75 percent of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)."

Additional information about LIP is available at FSA County Offices or by visiting the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Names Doug Caruso as Administrator of the Farm Service Agency

WASHINGTON, April 22, 2009 - Today, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the appointment of Doug Caruso as Administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The FSA administers and manages farm commodity, credit, conservation, disaster and loan programs through a network of federal, state and county offices. These programs are designed to help producers manage their business risks and improve the stability and strength of the domestic agricultural economy.

"As FSA State Executive Director in Wisconsin for 8 years, Doug Caruso compiled an impressive record of improving client services and enhancing outreach to historically underserved farmers," said Vilsack. "He is the right choice to serve America's farmers, ranchers, rural landowners and communities that benefit from FSA's services and to implement USDA's goals of providing a safety-net for small and mid-sized farmers while promoting a sus-

tainable, safe, sufficient and nutritious food supply."

Caruso returns to USDA after working as CEO of Wisconsin Farmers Union Specialty Cheese, a cheese manufacturing startup and producer of award-winning Blue and Gorgonzola products that he helped develop into a profitable operation with expanded market share. From 1993 to 2001, Caruso was at USDA as State Executive Director of FSA in Wisconsin, which served approximately 100,000 farmers and rural landowners through a network of sixty county offices. From 1989 to 1993, he worked as State Director for United States Senator Herb Kohl (D-Wisconsin) and before that as general manager and communications director for the nation's sixth largest farmer-owned milk marketing cooperative.

While at FSA in Wisconsin, Caruso participated in multi-agency USDA initiatives and worked on the initial implementation of the Milk Income Loss Contract payment program in 2000. He led

his state to develop labor and client service practices that were adopted by other states and the national office, and limited loan delinquencies to among the lowest in the nation. During his tenure at FSA, Caruso engaged producers of color in the design and delivery of an employee-training program to enhance outreach to historically underserved farmers. In 2000, he was honored by FSA as "Outstanding State Executive Director" for "exemplary leadership, superior management skills, and significant contributions to the betterment of the Farm Service Agency at all levels."

Caruso is a member of the USDA/USTR Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee on Dairy and of the International Dairy Committee. He resides in Middleton, Wisconsin with his wife Judy, an information technology executive at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. They have two children, Anthony, an accountant, and Emily, a chemist.

Floydada City Council Updated on North American Influenza - aka. Swine Flu

By Sara Sisemore Managing Editor

Sharon Hinton of Dougherty, registered nurse, executive director of Rural Nurse Resources, Inc., and chairperson of the Health Ministry Association FCN Board, visited with the Floydada City Council Monday night, April 27, 2009, during an emergency meeting concerning the North American Influenza - more commonly known as the swine flu.

"This is not a pandemic - this is just an alert," Hinton told the council. Hinton emphasized to the council that this flu is not yet a widespread problem in Texas, and said she hopes officials will be able to nip it in the bud. She said the state does have anti-virals stockpiled in Texas, but there is

yet no need to distribute them. Hinton also shared a list of common tips for flu prevention and asked the city to emphasize these good health habits to the public in order to help stop the spread of germs:

- 1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when

coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

- 4. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious foods.

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Michealle; son Keenan and daughter Kelsie. Graduate of Lockney High 1979; Graduate of Texas Tech 1983 (Magna Cum Laude), Major - Zoology, Minor - Chemistry. Graduate of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine 1987. Completed specialty in Family Practice Medicine at John Peter Smith Hospital Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas 1990. Completed 4th Board Certification Exam in Family Practice last year, 2008.

Why do you want to be on the LISD school board? With the recent tragedy that has befallen our School, I feel a call of duty as a past graduate of Lockney High and a citizen of this community. I believe a board member should have a personal devotion to the office when possible, as well as a vested interest in the School and Community as a whole. My Past, Present and Future, as well as the students of Lockney deserve the best any of us can give without bias.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? Help to insure that all the present and future students of Lockney have the best facility, teachers and study materials we the Community can afford to provide while keeping our tax burden as low as possible. What are your qualifications for this job? My education; communication skills; and I have served on many other boards, some of which were: Texas Tech Board for Honors Classes, Tri-County Medical Society elected positions, Floydada golf course board of directors and others.

Other qualifications include: Past President of my Lockney High School Class, Chief of Staff WJ. Mangold Memorial Hospital and Medical Director for Area Community Hospice, but most prestigious and thankless, I am a parent of teenagers.

Family & Education: I am married to Darell and together we have four children and six grandchildren. Our youngest daughter, Jana, graduated from LHS. I graduated from Plainview High School, have taken various banking classes and school board continuing education classes.

Why do you want to be on the LISD school board? The education of our students is vital for the future of our families, our community, and our country. I want to be a part of that future to ensure the best for each and every student and each and every faculty member. I believe in LISD.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? Bring a different perspective, ideas, and another voice to a group that is committed to LISD. I would like the opportunity to be a part of the process that ensures that our school system stays up with the advancements in academics and technology and to be a part in the planning and rebuilding of our High School Campus.

What are your qualifications for this job? I have served four years on the school board, served on various church and community boards and just have a strong desire to do my part for our school.

MIKE LASS

Family & Education: I am married to Marceen, she has been a teacher at Lockney Elementary for 17 years. We have five children: Lacy and her husband Carey of Lubbock; Cody, a student at Texas Tech; Cammy and her husband Zane of Canyon; Monte, in the Army and deployed to Iraq; and Scott, a student in the Lockney ISD.

My parents are Jack and Sandy Lass of South Plains. I graduated from Don Lugo High School in Chino, California in 1980. I received a degree in Business from Wayland Baptist University, with a specialization in Accounting. I have been employed at Hi-Plains Bandag for 26 years.

Why do you want to be on the LISD school board? I want to help in the rebuilding of our school. I believe that this will be a monumental task that will require lots of input from a different perspective, I can provide one. I believe that the most important objective is providing our students a quality education in the best facility we can obtain. We must provide our administration, teachers and staff a stable work place, to help in the education process.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? I

believe a school board member should be part of a team, working together towards a common goal. That goal is providing the best education that is possible for our children. I'm not interested in changing or doing anything different, just being part of the team, working together towards that goal.

What are your qualifications for this job? I am a member of the Lockney Baseball Association, member of the First United Methodist Church, the Lockney Athletic Booster Club, and the Lockney Co-op. I work with the public on a daily basis, and help operate a large business.

GARY CARTEL

Family & Education: My wife Doris and I have been married for 50 years. One son Greg and daughter Daintry. I have a B.S. degree from Texas Tech.

Why do you want to be on the Floydada City Council? To hopefully help Floydada have a better future.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? Help Floydada towards a new growth.

What are your qualifications for this job? I was on the City Council in 1977.

FREDDIE MORREN

Family & Education: Married, wife Laveta; Four children, Melissa, Wayne, David and Denise. Five grandchildren - Landry Morren, Kaylee Moreen, Lauren McCain, Luke Holcombe and McKinzie Morren.

Why do you want to be on the FISD school board? I enjoy serving the community that my family and I grew up in. I have five brothers and sisters and four kids and we all went to school here. I have three grandchildren in school here.

What do you want to "do" or "change" if you are elected? I want the kids of the district to get the best education possible and we can do this if we continue to hire the best administrators and teachers we can.

What are your qualifications for this job? I am a retired Postmaster and I know about working within budgets. I have lived here all my life and know what the community needs.



PCG Cotton News Planting Season Rapidly Approaching As Area Soil Temperatures Begin Moving Up Soil temperatures are rapidly approaching the 60-degree mark in many areas and that means West Texas farmers are busy preparing for another whirlwind planting season.

Depending on the crops they will plant, some producers may have already put planters in the field. The rest are, for now, willing to wait for conditions to improve as they complete field preparations and get planting rigs and tractors ready to roll.

Regardless of their status, the one thing growers have in common this time of year is the need to keep track of the weather. From helping them determine when conditions are right to begin planting or when the next thunderstorm is likely to hit, having timely weather information is critical to their operation.

WWW.PLAINSCOTTON.ORG Has Weather Info

Whether they are waiting for a planting rain, for soil temperatures to warm a little more or both, the information growers need to keep track of current weather conditions and forecasts is easily accessible from one convenient location - the Plains Cotton Growers website.

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There you will find 3- and 7-day forecast data, current conditions and a bevy of links on the left-hand side of the page through which growers can access data from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Amarillo and Lubbock as well as Texas Tech Mesonet.

Area Soil Temperatures Updated Daily

Of primary concern to producers this time of year are soil

temperatures and Heat Units. Growers can use the "Soil Temperatures" link on the left-hand side of the PCG Weather page to get Lubbock NWS soil temperature information excerpted from the daily NWS weather summary. To go directly to the soil temperature page use the following direct link: http://www.plainscotton.org/weatherdata/index.php

Also accessible through the PCG Weather page is information gathered by the West Texas Mesonet and provided courtesy of the Texas Tech University College of Engineering.

With more than 50 weather stations available across the High and Rolling Plains, growers and consultants can easily access locally relevant weather information from a location nearby to help manage the 2009 cotton crop.

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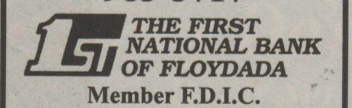
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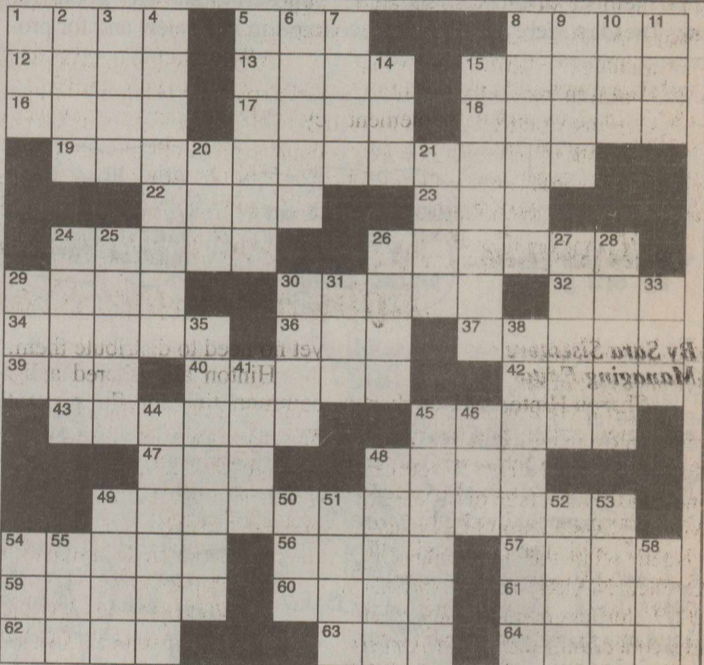
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5. A fashionable hotel
8. Symbol indicating pitch
12. Brewed beverage
13. Soft-finned fishes
15. Get a grip or grab
16. Soluble ribonucleic acid
17. Ready money
18. Lips
19. Harry Potter #4
22. ___ 500, car race
23. Take in solid food
24. A tributary of the Missouri River
26. Made disorderly
29. Algerian port
30. Run after
32. ___ bo: Latin dance
34. Siddhartha author
36. Radioactivity unit
37. Sudden flood
39. More (Spanish)
40. City in N. Zambia
42. Informed wrongly
43. About two
45. Cures
47. Greyhound or tour
48. Something that is owed
49. Annual hoop frenzy
54. "The Californian" author
56. Chinese dynasty
57. Research workplaces
59. Dancer De Mille
60. At some prior time
61. Breastplate
62. "Time and Materials" poet
63. CNN's founder
64. Considerateness

CLUES DOWN

1. Point that is one point S. of due E.
2. Floating ice mountain
3. Tonight's host
4. Saddle horses
5. A way to split up
6. Pertaining to bog fuel
7. In addition
8. Maps out
9. Rounded subdivision of an organ
10. ___ Lilly, drug company
11. Licenses drugs
14. Superhigh frequency
15. False names
20. Liquefied natural gas
21. Fixed charges
24. Greek mountain nymph
25. Saucy
26. Female parent
27. Electronic communication
28. Palm fruits
29. Resistance unit
30. African gator
31. Norse goddess of the dead
33. ___ student, learns healing
35. Bears patiently
38. Thrombocyte
41. Record
44. Lets up
45. Enclosed by a row of shrubs
46. Point that is one point N. of due E.
48. Trip the light fantastic
49. Messenger ribonucleic acid
50. Type of health coverage
51. Coin factory
52. Heroic tale
53. Invests in little enterprises
54. Expresses surprise
55. Honorable title (Turkish)
58. The Concorde was one (abbr.)

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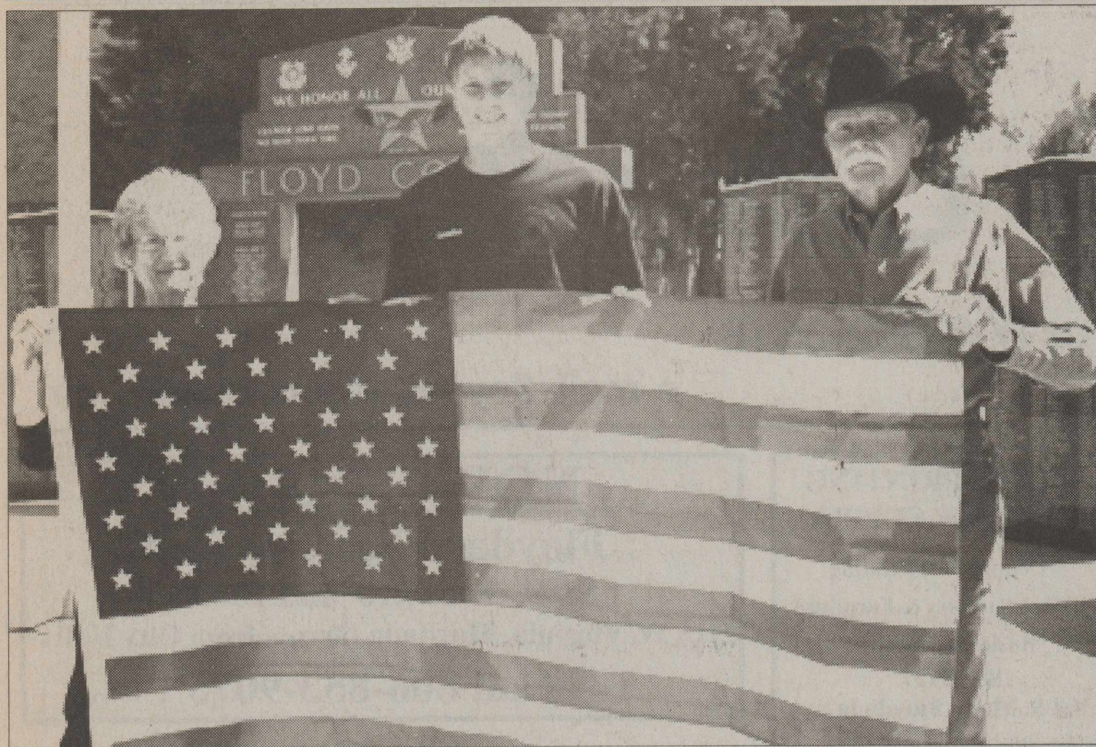
Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Floydada General Election held on May 9, 2009 will be tested on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at Floyd County Courthouse, Room 113, Floydada, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Karen E. Lawson, TRMC/CMC
City of Floydada

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo automático de tabular que será utilizado en la Elección General de la Ciudad de Floydada que se llevará a cabo el 9 de Mayo de 2009 será probado el jueves, el 7 de Mayo de 2009 a las 2:30 de la tarde en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Floyd, el Cuarto 113, Floydada, Tejas para ascetnar si el equipo contará exactamente los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de ley.

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Staff Photo

ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009, Korean War-Army Veteran Norman Muncy, and his wife Edith, donated a flag to be flown at the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial. They are pictured here with 4-H'er Jordan Cornelius. The flags at the Veteran's Memorial are replaced every three months because of wear and tear from 24-hour use. Individuals wishing to donate a flag for replacement should contact Jordan or Julianne Cornelius in Floydada. The flags are returned to the previous donor when replaced.

Plainview Community Concerts announces 2009-2010 season

Plainview Community Concerts invites the citizens of Floydada and Lockney to subscribe for the 2009-2010 concert season, and enjoy five great performances at affordable prices.

Plainview's 65th concert season will include the following programs: "Nearly Neil and The Solitary Band," a tribute to the music of Neil Diamond, Saturday, Sept. 26; Hunt Family Fiddlers, a nine-member family featuring fiddles and footwork, Thursday, Oct. 22; "Red Hot Hollywood!" an 11-member theatrical stage show, Tuesday, Feb. 16; Richard

Fountain, a classical pianist, Tuesday, March 2; and Daniel Rodriguez, America's Beloved Tenor and "the singing policeman," Tuesday, April 6. Every concert is held in the Haral Memorial Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus at 7:30 p.m.

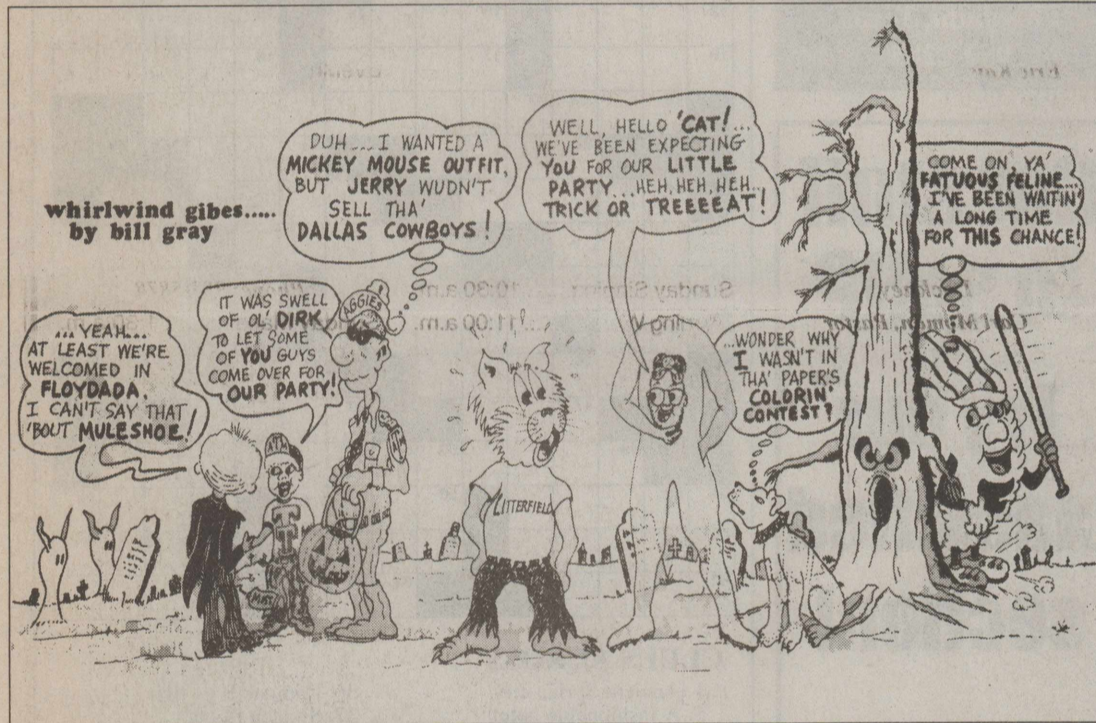
Attendance is by presentation of the appropriate portion of the season strip ticket. Early bird prices before June 1: \$35 for adults, \$10 for students, \$75 for families, \$45 for single-parent families. Prices increase after June 1.

Subscriptions are good for concerts in Plainview and for pro-

grams selected for Borger, Pampa and Midland.

Mail your payment to Plainview Community Concerts, P.O. Box 1512, Plainview, TX 79073, or call or send payment to the volunteer worker in your area. In Floydada, call Margarette Word, 983-3194, or Jane McCulley, 983-3160. In Lockney, call Lucy Dean Record, 652-2364, or Joyce Wilson and Melinda Thompson, 652-3410.

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One of Bill Gray's cartoons that ran before the Whirlwinds faced Littlefield in 1985. Gray passed away Monday at the age of 71.

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LISD moves ahead with building project

By Judy Macha Reporter

The Lockney ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular board meeting Tuesday, April 14, and consulted with architect Steve Afill on construction, repair and demolition of the high school. He informed the board the school now has a signed agreement with Lee Lewis Construction, "Mr. Cotham and I have had a meeting with them already. You guys made a good decision there. These are the people you need."

"There are really three projects going on; I call them three, but they are all related and can't be separated. 1) Minor renovation on the media center and science labs to get them up and going. We anticipate doing that work this summer so they will be ready for the students this fall. 2) The building process - it is my understanding we are basically putting back what you had before. Correct me if I'm wrong."

"Two days from now, BGR will have numerous engineers and representatives combing over the debris. Then we will know more. 3) We are looking at demolition, which is tied closely to the minor renovation process, as we have to get a secondary exit for teachers and students who will be using the media center and the labs. It is important that we reach an agreement on the scope of the work with TASB."

Afill went over the three conceptual plans, and again the board seemed to go with plan C which roughly goes back with what was there as far as square footage but with rooms moved around.

Coach Garrett Heard, who is also the eighth grade reading teacher, gave the teacher presentation for Lockney Junior High. Junior high principal Craig Setliff mentioned to the board the fact Coach Heard's class is 95 percent in reading. Coach said, "Early in the year we take a benchmark and compare to the end of their seventh-grade year reading level to find out the students' strengths and weaknesses. We recap what they've learned in previous years, then hit the reading hard."

"Using a booklet, they track their strengths and weaknesses throughout the year. We do two novels as we go over the TAKS for reading and prepare. We read *The Outsiders* and *The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. These are ones they will see on their TAKS test. This gives them a sense of ownership and an opportunity to practice on their own."

"We compete every day in class using TAKS questions, with a bell ringer. We keep track of points and the winners at the end of the week will have a free day on Friday. They all want that free day on Friday, so they'll work hard to get a 100 percent on their answers. This is the best way I've found to give the kids

encouragement to enjoy the test. "The kids have a good attitude. Not a lot of kids like to read and we're doing our best to get them there. The first two six-weeks we really focus on reading. Then the last half of the year we work on writing research papers, trying to prepare them for high school. I've tried to challenge them, treat them fair and make them work. So far, so good."

Superintendent Cotham commended Coach Heard for working as hard in the classroom as he does on the field, "He breaks the old image of the coach who simply tells his class to read the chapter and do the questions at the end."

The board discussed accepting the building donated by Barry Barker. There was no action taken at this time.

After discussing it, they approved the audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP.

In other business, they approved the student accident insurance policy.

During the administrator reports, high school principal Todd Hallmark reported an enrollment of 158 students. "As a whole, things are going pretty well. We're working on TAKS," he said. Junior high principal Setliff reported 125 students, "We've had our district track meet, and that went real well. The seventh grade girls won. We had some wind assisted school records broken that day! As Todd indicated we're working on TAKS." Elementary principal Jean Anne Williams reported an enrollment of 242 students. She said elementary was also working with the kids on TAKS.

Coach Moerbe reported the athletic department was right in the busiest time of their year, "We had the district track meet last week and will have district golf tomorrow and Thursday. We had district tennis last week. We're going to have the area track meet next week. We have baseball and softball going on. We've done real well so far in our district events. We have five tennis kids going to regional. We have six girls and five boys going to area. In track there is an area before you get to regional. It goes on this Saturday."

"Our baseball team will win the district. Our softball team has a chance to get in the playoffs. In a lot of those things it's the same kids involved, so we have a lot of kids out of class. One of our athletes in track and softball is also one of our main academic girls. A lot of our kids who are active athletically are also doing well academically. It's also a fun time of year when every meet you go to you work harder to reach the next level and keep going."

Phil Cotham said, "Since we dropped to 1A, it just seems there is an incredible number of days out of school for athletic and academic activities. Not that we're not having things on Saturdays. You worry about your kids being out of class so much, but we kind of created some of the problem when we started the golf program and the softball program."

"There are also extra levels. For instance, you have zone one-act-play then district one-act-play, because it's a ten team district. We have district track and then we go to area track. It's just amazing how many days of school kids miss. It covers about a three week period and we are

in the middle of it now. It's going to get better."

"Stimulus money...right now it looks like we're going to get \$177,000. \$64,000 of that is in IDEA which is special ed that will flow through the Co-op. There'll be some benefits to us come out of that. But it will all flow through the Co-op to start with. We, as a Co-op board, have to decide how we're going to use the money. There are \$112,000 or \$113,000 dollars to go to Title I in this first year of the stimulus, which is a two year program. We have to decide how we're going to do that."

"One thing we've discussed is to try to use a large part of it this first year for junior high and elementary. Then, as we are finishing up the high school project, the second year of the stimulus the money would go toward improvements for the high school. You can use it as long as it's not something you would normally budget for school improvement."

"If you want to put something more technically advanced in your classrooms, it would be a great fund to do that from. For instance, a smart board: it looks like a regular dry erase white board, but you can use a stylus to write on your computer and it will show up on the board for the students."

"I've told the teachers to think long term when buying for the portables. If its something they really need, get it, keeping in mind what's bought now might not be something they'd want in their new classroom. Just be conscious of that. I'd rather look long term for our new school than buy a bunch of stuff right now. That's kind of the idea for the stimulus money for now."

"There is a lot of paper trail, a lot of bookkeeping to that money; any time you get federal money, you have to track it. You have to show how you're spending it and you're not breaking any of their rules."

"There's also the problem of maintenance of effort. I think I've used that term with you before. Any time you spend federal money, you have to spend that much plus a dollar next year and that much more the next year. We have to figure out what we're going to do that third year when we don't get stimulus money anymore. We'll still have to spend X amount."

"That's a problem and I know there's going to be a way to work through it. We'll just have to figure out what it is. I know the stimulus money will be somewhat of a help to us. We just have to figure out how to work through the problems associated with it."

The board discussed the upcoming board training. Cotham reminded them one of the local students, Cynthia Zavala, would be receiving a \$500 scholarship then, "Its nice we have some board members going anyway, but I wanted to remind the rest of you in case you wanted to go, too."

Updates on the coming election were discussed. Monday, April 27 is the first day for early voting, which will end May 5. Voting will be held at the conference room in the west end of the junior high building. Election day is Saturday, May 9 and voting will be held at the hallway in the west end of junior high. Canvassing of the votes will be held 8 a.m. May 12.

The next board meeting was set for May 19, and the meeting adjourned.

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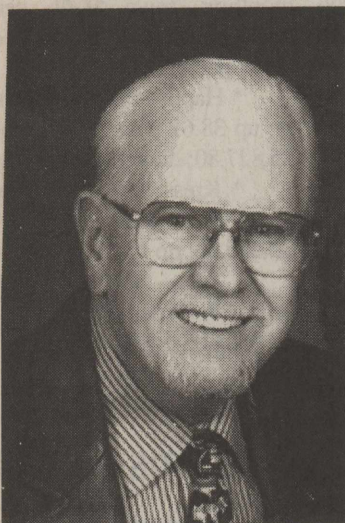
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OBITUARIES



WILLIAM "BILL" E. GRAY

William "Bill" E. Gray, 71, of Floydada passed away Monday, April 27, 2009 at the Covenant Medical Hospital in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church. Rev. Les Hall officiated.

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

William "Bill" Erman Gray was born October 29, 1937 in Tahoka to the late Harold Erman Gray and Thelma Orene (Collins) Gray.

Bill married Wandell "Dell" Russell on July 4, 1975 in Floydada, Texas. He was a "tent show" baby which originated with the "Musical Gray's" and then he and his wife Dell carried on the tradition with the "New Musical Gray's" doing variety shows all over the southwest area. Bill served one summer in the circus and received a clown certification.

He was an avid Whirlwind sports fan, and wrote sports articles and cartoons for the Floyd County Hesperian for twenty five years. He was an avid golfer, winning many trophies.

Bill was a substitute teacher for the Floydada High School and the high school kids honored him as "Teacher of the Week" this year during football season.

He was in Dean Killion's first Texas Tech Band in 1959 playing drums. Bill honored and served his country by joining the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the 101st Airborne Division "Screaming Eagles" and was also a member of the Army Band.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #712 AM & FM Past Master of Lodge and Deputy Grand Master initiated August 18, 1980 passed February 14, 1981. He raised to Master Mason on March 19, 1981 and was also a member of the Order of Eastern Stars #31 Past Patron ten times and was the present Worthy Patron.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and had served on the Board of Directors in the Theater Repertoire Museum in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Bill was a farm equipment parts salesman and retired in 1997. He loved serving his community and made many friends.

He is preceded in death by his stepmother, Goldie Gray; a daughter, Darryn Boothe Gray and a granddaughter, Tiffany Brooke Savage.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Dell Gray of Floydada; a son, William "Bill" E. Gray, Jr. and wife, Sharyn of Jacksonville, Florida; a daughter, Carroll Jeanine Helms and husband, Kary of Floydada; four stepdaughters, Dorma Bobo and husband, John of Pearland, Trina Chilton and husband, Jerry of Hamilton, Kimberly Bold and husband, Jim of Carrollton and Tammy Vickers and husband, Todd of Lubbock; a brother, Gene Gray and wife, Letha of Frisco; 15 grandchildren, Tyler, Trey, Halie and Brityn Helms, Anyssa, Brianna and Cole Gray, Adam and Patrick Kohler, Derek Savage, Sean Bold, Tanner and Taylor Vickers and Michael and Arnold Paul Garcia; and a great-grandchild, Aly Garcia.

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Census Workers to Verify Addresses
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By U.S. Census Bureau
Census Day

On April 6, 2009 the U.S. Census Bureau Dallas Regional Office will start its first major operation on the ground in preparation for the fast approaching 2010 Census. During the next few months, census workers will be walking every street in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi verifying and updating census address lists and maps.

"The census workers we hire are members of the community and will be working in their own neighborhoods," said Gabriel Sanchez, Regional Director for the Dallas Region.

The operation runs from April through mid July. In most areas, addresses will be updated without households being contacted by census workers. However, in some instances where confirmation or clarification is needed, a census worker will come to your door. These workers will be wearing official census identification badges and will carry a handheld computer. If anyone has questions or concerns about census workers, contact the regional office at 1-800-563-6499.

"A complete and accurate address list is the cornerstone of a successful census," said Sanchez.

"Building on the achievements of 2000 Census, we have been testing and preparing for the 2010 count all decade and we're ready to fulfill our Constitutional mandate to count everyone living in the United States."

Timeline

March to July 2009

- Address Canvassing conducted in all counties/parishes in the region to verify nearly 9.9 million housing units.

June to August 2009

- Recruit & Select managers for 36 additional Local Census Offices (LCO)

October 2009

- Full Operation of 51 Local Offices

January 2010

- Launch of national advertising campaign

March 2010

- Postal Service delivers advanced Letter around 3/10/10
- Questionnaires are delivered 3/17/10 to 3/19/10

April 1, 2010 - National

Why the Census is Important...

America is a proud and generous country. We provide for our residents and offer opportunities that allow many to flourish. We share in a patchwork of cultures and languages as we share in our country's resources.

The Census happens every 10 years and is an opportunity to help in the allocation of funds to our communities for schools, playgrounds, senior citizens' programs, libraries, infrastructure, hospitals, community programs and more. Congressional seating and redistricting is also determined by the number of residents in each community. That is why it is so important to stand up and be counted. The roads we drive, neighborhoods we cherish and so much more depends on an accurate count.

The 2010 Census is simple (only 10 questions), safe (all information is strictly confidential), and important. Let's take pride in how we affect the next 10 years for our communities, cities and states. Make a lasting impression. It's in our hands. We all make a difference. We all count.

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It is safe to participate in the 2010 Census. According to Title 13 of U.S. Code, it is against the law for Census Bureau employees to disclose or publish any private information. No authority can obtain personal identifiable data from the Census Bureau. The air-tight law applies to the White House, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Homeland Security - this means everybody.

Every Census Bureau employee with access to your information is sworn for life to protect confidentiality. If an employee violates this law, it is a federal crime and they will face severe penalties, including a federal prison sentence up to five years, a fine up to \$250,000 or both. For more information on Census Bureau Privacy Guidelines visit www.census.gov/privacy.

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Donations to the Light the Cross Fund may be deposited to the Ministerial Alliance Fund at American State Bank.

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P.R.I.D.E. Committee Meeting

May 5
Please make plans to attend a meeting of the Floydada P.R.I.D.E. Committee to be held in the Light-house Electric Community Room from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to take action on the Y-entrance project. The meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend to provide input and/or participate by serving on the committee.

You may call the Floydada EDC for more info at (806) 983-3318. Visitors are welcome to attend.

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The family of Leonard Alexander would like to thank our friends and neighbors for the food, flowers, thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. We will miss him.
Special thanks to the Moore-Rose Funeral Home staff for your kindness and professionalism.
Jimmy and June McGaugh
Mike McGaugh
Kelly and Marlyse Jarrett
Jay McGaugh

We would like to thank everyone who brought food, called with their concern, sent cards and visited with us during Ozell's recent illness and surgery.
Ozell and Juanita Chappell

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Dennis Butler, Pastor
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School..... 10:00 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 School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship..... 9:00 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 Worship..... 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday..... 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 Worship.... 6:00 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 School..... 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Carl Moran, 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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship..... 8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday)..... 5:00 p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)... 7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Ricky Carstensen
Pastor
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High..... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service..... 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday..... 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service..... 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
401 N 12th St (983-5805)
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Study... 7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship.... 11:00 a.m.

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

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.

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

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion... 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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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.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Angelo Consemino
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.
Mon./Wed. Mass..... 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat. 10-11 a.m.

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.

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.

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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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.

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.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.

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221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

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200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

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Lockney
652-2293

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112 W. Poplar, Lockney
652-2385

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In order to watch these amazing games, there will be a fee of \$2 per student and \$4 per adult, at the door. Time will be announced at a later date.

All proceeds from these two games will benefit the Invisible Children of Africa. This organization helps to free children that are being forced to join rebel armies and become Child Soldiers.

So come see who's got game and support the cause. For further information, contact Mrs. Purser or Mrs. Johnston at Floydada High School, 983-2340.

Track...

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was in the Mile Relay in which we captured 2nd place. Running on this race was B. J. Perez, Ventura Gonzales, Anthony Ascencio and Dimas Marmolejo.

It was a great race overall in this District meet. All the teams were pretty tight. I was very proud of their effort in field events. Again, Coach Logan's throwers did a great job.

In Shot Put Kaden Lackey fin-

ished in 4th place while Franky Luna finished with 2nd place.

In Discus, J. P. Chavarria took 5th place, Franky Luna took 4th place and Kaden Lackey brought home the Gold with 1st place.

This was the first time in a long time that three of Floydada's throwers finished in the top six spots. Great job!

In High Jump, Ventura Gonzales tied for 4th place to finish up a great day. B. J. Perez did a great job in Pole Vault with a Gold performance for 1st place.

Overall, it was a fun day with our boys giving their best. We really are proud of the ones who were part of this team. Thanks to the parents, Mr. Morren, Mr. Sherman, Coach Logan, Coach Eddleman, Coach McCandless and any of you who came out to help and cheer for these Whirlwinds.

Tennis...

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boys singles Haden Lipham placed third and the boys doubles team of David Diaz and Mason Lipham also placed third.

In JV action, Tyanne Battey defeated two teammates to win the girls singles. She defeated Kelsey

Miller in the Semis and Whitney Walker in the Finals. In JV Girls Doubles, Lexi Covington and Imelda Resendiz dominated the field winning the tournament without much competition.

Other players competing for Floydada were: Evan Johnson, Abigail Miller, Mallory Graham, and Jay Potts, in the JV Division. Other varsity participants were Cole Covington and Mackenzie Schwertner in Mixed Doubles and Tim Campbell in boys singles. Coach Nixon's comments.

Super year! I am so proud of each and every student that participated at the tournament. The team is made up of only two seniors, Jennifer Rainwater and Titus Miller and they both won District Titles. Great Job! Thanks for your leadership. The Whirlwind Tennis future looks bright with a strong underclassman group of young men and ladies. It has been a blast this year. AWESOME JOB!

Berth...

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a double and a single. Ibarra was 1 for 3, but had a sacrifice fly and reached on an error. Randy Lerma, Joe Luis Suarez, Anthony Segura

and Jose Martinez all earned 2 RBI's each. Lerma was 3 for 4 with a triple, double and a single. Suarez went 3 for 4, recording 3 singles and reaching once on base on balls. Joseph Segura was 2 for 4 with 2 singles and reached once by being hit by a pitch. Eddy Rodriguez was 2 for 3, recording 2 singles.

Jose Martinez went the 5-inning distance on the mound for the Whirlwinds. The freshman 'phenom' faced 20 batters, retired the side in order 2 separate innings. Martinez had 3 strikeouts, 2 base on balls and allowed 2 runs.

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Odessa. I am excited about the future with 5 of the 7 players returning. I want to say a few comments on this team. Titus and Kaylie have been a bright spot on the courts in mixed doubles. I love watching Titus just get after everything. He is all over the place and Kaylie has such a sweet nature until you give her a short shot at the net then she will make you eat that ball. Lots of fun watching these two.

The girls doubles team of Kelbie and Lindsey, you guys have played super tennis all year. Kelbie and her crush the opponents at the net and Lindsey's solid ground strokes have been outstanding this year.

In Girls Singles with Brityn, is all over the courts as well. She defeated a foreign exchange student which is almost rare these days in the high school tennis tournaments. When Brityn takes the court you know she will leave everything she has out there.

What can I say about Lexie and Jennifer except I am writing a whole other article about them. So you will just have to read that one!

The players that are coming up! The talent in the girls side is outstanding. Returning will be Lindsey Beedy, Kelbie Day, Kaylie Nutt, Lexie Terrell, Brityn Helms, Hannah Griffin, MacKenzie Schwertner, Lexi Covington, Imelda Resendiz, Tyanne Battey, Abigail Miller and Evan Johnson. WOW! Fun...

In the boys Mason Lipham, David Diaz, Jay Potts, Jordan Cornelius, Tim Campbell, Haden Lipham and Cole Covington. The Future of Whirlwind Tennis looks bright.

Gray...

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employed as a substitute teacher with the Floydada Independent School District, and was voted "Teacher of the Week" in October of 2008 by the Floydada High School football team.

Tax...

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* Lubbock - \$3,669,031.20 monthly; up 8.79 percent; year-to-date, \$15,838,668.15; up 4.23 percent.

* New Deal - \$1,915.61, monthly; up 11.01 percent; year-to-date, \$7,716.14; up 2.85 percent.

* Ransom Canyon - \$365.43, monthly; up 28.13 percent; year-to-date, \$1,383.99; down 31.60 percent.

* Shallowater - \$4,943.00 monthly; up 34.28 percent; year-to-date, \$23,850.04; up 11.80 percent.

* Slaton - \$33,479.64, monthly; up 10.37 percent; year-to-date, \$156,729.08; up 8.03 percent.

* Wolfforth - \$36,925.69, monthly; up 52.80 percent; year-to-date, \$155,458.04; up 39.42 percent.

* Matador - \$3,895.53, monthly; down 5.33 percent; year-

to-date, \$21,159.73; up 4.22 percent.

* Roaring Springs - \$596.76, monthly; down 58.66 percent; year-to-date, \$3,403.76; down 46.57 percent.

* Happy - \$1,163.08, monthly; up 38.61 percent; year-to-date, \$5,827.80; down 1.29 percent.

* Kress - \$338.69, monthly; down 29.77 percent; year-to-date, \$2,900.06; up 15.78 percent.

* Tulia - \$18,033.58, monthly; up 7.41 percent; year-to-date, \$77,604.05; up 5.18 percent.

Tiny Change Hastens Onset Of Liver Failure

HOUSTON — A single change in the genetic code for a checkpoint enzyme reduces its activity in the cell and results in rapid and early liver failure in children born with alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency — an inherited disorder that can cause serious lung disease in adults and liver failure in infants, children, and adults, said researchers from Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Florida in a recent report in the journal Hepatology.

People born with a defective gene for alpha-1 antitrypsin do not make a form of the protein that can protect the lungs because it is inappropriately retained in the liver. Some people with the deficiency also have liver disease, but the age at which it occurs varies. In this study, Dr. Richard Sifers, associate professor of pathology at BCM, and his colleagues, identify a particular mutation in the gene for a checkpoint enzyme called ER mannosidase I. This mutation leads to early liver failure, and without a transplant, many such infants die.

In some people who have a variant of the gene called "Z," researchers know that the alpha-1 antitrypsin protein gets made but in a form that does not fold properly. That causes it to accumulate in the liver.

Usually, the mannosidase molecule removes mannose from the protein to mark it for degradation and removal from the liver. However, in collaboration with the BCM Human Genome Sequencing Center, Sifers and his colleagues identified a mutation in the ER mannosidase I gene that causes the translation of genetic information into a protein to be reduced, slowing the degradation and removal of the defective alpha-1 antitrypsin protein and resulting in liver disease.

"The onset of this genetic disease is regulated by a protein quality control factor that occurs far downstream (from the cell cycle)," said Sifers.

In this case, infants who develop this serious liver disease have had two unlucky genetic mishaps. They are born with a defective alpha-1 antitrypsin gene and a defect in the mannosidase gene as well.

Sifers said the finding points to the importance of protein folding in disease.

"If biology can be compared to a baseball game, then the genes are analogous to the roster. However, the proteins are analogous to the players. You can read the roster all you want, but you have to watch the players and see how they operate in order to understand the game. If their play is defective, then you lose the game," he said.

Others who took part in this research include Shujuan Pan, Lu Huang, John McPherson, Donna Muzny and Richard Gibbs, all of BCM, and Farshid Rouhani and Mark Brantly of the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Funding for this research came from the National Institutes of Health, the Fernandez Liver Initiative and the Alpha-1 Foundation.

A preceding article in the Journal of Cell Science by Sifers and Daniel J. Termine of BCM and Kelley W. Moremen of the University of Georgia in Athens describes the activity of ER mannosidase I as a checkpoint protein that regulates the degradation of misfolded proteins. Funding for this work came from the National Institutes of Health and the Alpha-1 Foundation.

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