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**FISD School Board Discusses Reaction to One Act Play**

By Sara Sisemore  
 Managing Editor

One item on the Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees' agenda for discussion Tuesday night, May 12, was Floydada High School's UIL One Act Play – a sensitive subject receiving much discussion over the past month. The One Act Play performed by FHS students was taken from Tennessee Williams' 1948 Broadway play entitled "Summer and Smoke."

Public discussion began at the April 14 FISD board meeting when Jerry Battey, Floydada resident and parent, voiced his concerns over the appropriateness of the play for performance and viewing by the teenagers of this community (the coverage of this meeting appeared in the April 23 edition). At that time Battey said, "Normally One Act Plays are performed for the public and also other schools in the district. When this play was performed at UIL, the decision was made that it could not be performed for the public. We just want to know why."

Since then a letter written by the One Act Play Directors, Rita Cox, RaNay Johnston and Milea Huckleby, was submitted to this newspaper in response to the charges made by several in the community. This letter, printed on the front page of the May 7 edition, stated these three teachers' beliefs clearly: "...the play was displayed in a tasteful manner with

concern about how the community would view it."

In a letter to the editor, Battey responded to the statements of the One Act Play Directors (the letter mentioned in the above paragraph), a letter that first appeared in all the teachers' boxes at school. Battey wrote in his letter to the editor, "We do not agree with you that the play was displayed in a tasteful manner with concern about how we, the community, would view it. You have offended many people in the community despite the fact that it was your responsibility to make sure it would not. We feel you produced this play with total disregard as to how this community would view it and what its moral standards are."

It was with these exchanges in mind the Floydada school board began their discussion of the situation.

Board member Rachael Castillo began by saying, "I read all the articles in the paper...the only thing that I had a problem with was refusal to apologize – and I understand why... (but) that refusal puts us in a very bad light. I'm sorry this has happened. I would not have chosen that play to present."

Board member Bart Greer then asked, "Why was there a letter in the paper?" To this Superintendent Jerry Vaughn explained, "Under the law we cannot prevent them from writing a letter. They have the right to express an opinion." Additionally, it was clarified that Vaughn and the

school district should not have been connected with the letter submitted by the One Act Play Directors as it was given to the newspaper of the teachers' own accord.

Other relevant information shared with the board by high school principal Wayne Morren was "Summer and Smoke" had not been the school's first choice for this year's One Act Play. The school was denied permission by the UIL to perform their first choice (play not named). "This ("Summer and Smoke") was our stand-by play. We needed to get started in January," Morren explained.

Morren told the board he wished he had gotten up at the end of the play to make sure the students all understood the message of spirituality Tennessee Williams had intended the play to convey. The One Act Play Directors referenced this message in their letter, "This message focused on the importance of spirituality without losing sight of the reality that is in the world."

Other comments from board members included Marty Lucke's statement, "I haven't seen the play. But I've heard both sides of the argument and I appreciate people standing up for what they believe in. I hope the school district and administrators will pick plays that show the character of our community."

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**Michael Runningwolf Found Guilty**



**MICHAEL RUNNINGWOLF**  
 By Sara Sisemore  
 Managing Editor  
 Michael Runningwolf of Floydada was found guilty by a Floyd County jury in County Court

Tuesday, May 12 for simulating legal process, a Class A misdemeanor.

Also known as Michelangelo Giovanni Benete, Runningwolf pleaded not guilty to the charge, a charge which held penalties of up to a year in a county jail and a fine of up to \$4,000.

Floyd County Attorney Lex Herrington prosecuted him under Penal Code 32.48, subsection (a) (2), simulating legal process, which claims the defendant "commits an offense if (he/she) recklessly causes to be delivered to another any document that simulates a summons, complaint, judgment, or other court process with the intent to: cause another to: submit to the putative authority of the document;

or take any action or refrain from taking any action in response to the document, in compliance with the document, or on the basis of the document" ("http://law.onecle.com/texas/penal/32.48.00.html" http://law.onecle.com/texas/penal/32.48.00.html).

Runningwolf was found guilty by the jury of the March 24, 2008, event and assessed punishment of a year in county jail and a \$4,000 fine, the maximum penalty. He is currently being held at Hale County Jail in Plainview.

He did not file for a motion for probation as Texas law states the defendant must file before the trial begins and must in a written sworn motion say he has not been convicted of a felony in any state.



**Photo Courtesy Jim Covington**  
 WHIRLWINDS ARE BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS with their victory over the Amarillo River Road Wildcats last Thursday, May 14, 2009. They played a great defensive game as they won over the Wildcats 3-2 to earn a spot in the Area playoff. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Calvin Seago, Eddy Rodriguez, Jesse Ibarra, Manuel Delafuente, Joe Louis Suarez, Jose Martinez; (middle row, l-r) Anthony Segura, Joseph Segura, Dusty Hicks, Colton Covington, Anthony Garza, Trey Casillas, Randy Lerma, Greg Aleman; (back row, l-r) Coach Watson and Coach Seago.

**FISD gains new trustee, teachers and discusses stipends during meeting**

By Sara Sisemore  
 Managing Editor

Two school board trustees were sworn in Tuesday, May 12, 2009, one new to the board – Freddie Morren for Precinct 1 – and one continuing his service – Dr. William Dean for Precinct 2. Morren replaced former trustee Kerry Pratt who chose not to run again for the office after serving for nine years, from 2000 to 2009. He was honored for his service to the Floydada Independent School District by receiving a gold watch and a wall plaque.

During their meeting, the board elected new officers to the positions of president, vice-president and secretary. Nominated for president were Lyle Miller by Marty Lucke and Freddie Morren by Dean. Miller was voted in as president by Amado Morales, Bart Greer, Rachael Castillo and Lucke. Morren only received two votes – his own and Dean's.

Nominated to the vice-president position was Castillo by Morales. She won the office unanimously, herself abstaining from voting.

Lucke was the only one nominated for the office of secretary, receiving the position by a unanimous vote. He also abstained from voting.

In business concerning stipends for 2009-2010, Superintendent Vaughn said, "We've run into a couple of situations that we need some guidance on over the next few weeks. Two positions specifically." Those positions to be discussed were band director and

athletic director. "We probably won't land someone that we want to land at the stipend we're currently paying," Vaughn continued. "My question to you is, do you want to leave the band director's salary as it is or adjust the stipend so we can be competitive?"

When asked what kind of stipend might be needed, high school principal Wayne Morren suggested "\$10,000 to \$13,000."

Lucke made the observation, "In these economic times, nobody's going to take a pay cut. We need the best we can afford for our kids."

After a lengthy discussion, Freddie Morren moved to grant the administration up to \$30,000 additional monies to be used for stipends for hiring both an athletic director and a band director. The motion passed unanimously.

Recently the rodeo association approached the school district concerning the possibility of purchasing the 23.3 acres of property the rodeo grounds occupy. The district had a long-term lease on the property, beginning in 1955, which had recently expired. According to Vaughn, the school district has a "vested interest" in the property since they currently have several pens for their agriculture department on the property.

Vaughn said, "We do not know a price for purchase at this point." The rodeo association wants out from under the liability but has asked for access to the property for the annual Old Settlers Day roping contest.

The board expressed interest in purchasing the property, rather

than renewing a long-term lease, assuming the price can be afforded by the school district.

Six resignations were accepted by the board: Lana McCandless, 6th grade English teacher and

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**Upcoming Old Settlers Day**



**Staff Photo**  
 A DISPLAY OF FRIENDSHIP QUILTS will be featured during the open house at the Floyd County Historical Museum on Friday, May 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. Communities represented in the museum quilt collection include Irick, McCoy, Muncy, Lakeview, Floydada, Lockney and Sandhill. The quilt display will feature a list of the names found on each quilt. Refreshments will be served to visitors during the afternoon.

**Savings Passed on to Floydada Power and Light Customers**

Floydada Power and Light, the citizens-owned electric utility, is passing through a cost of electricity savings to its customers. The cost savings is approximately 18 percent, which converts to a \$9 monthly savings for a customer using 1,000 kilowatts.

The savings is possible because the cost of elec-

tricity purchased by Floydada Power and Light has continued to decline. "This is good news for our customers," said Gary Brown, Floydada's City Manager, "since we are at the time of year when electricity usage begins to go up."



**Staff Photo**  
 FLOYDADA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT thanked Kerry Pratt on Tuesday, May 12, for his many years of service on the school board. Pratt chose not to run in this year's election and has been replaced by Freddie Morren.

# OPINIONS



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### Cyberspace Invaders

Have you been cyberbullied? Perhaps your children have and you don't know it. Maybe they are too proud to tell Mom and Dad someone is messing with them online. They may not even know it is happening to them.

According to stopcyberbullying.org, "Cyberbullying" is when a child, preteen or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child, preteen or teen using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies or mobile phones. It has to have a minor on both sides, or at least have been instigated by a minor against another minor. Once adults become involved, it is plain and simple cyber-harassment or cyberstalking. Adult cyber-harassment or cyberstalking is NEVER called cyberbullying.

Parents - it is so important you keep up with where your children are. Cyberspace is no different.

It is the job of a parent to know if your child is on MySpace or Facebook. Those sites, while useful, are also misused by teens. Know what your children are saying and what is being said to them online.

Also check out their text messages on their cell phones from time to time. It's amazing how quickly things can get out of hand when texting is involved. Fights, sex, drug parties, etc... texting and instant messaging are how the word gets out. It takes vigilant Moms and Dads to take on these issues.

Not too many years ago, students would pass notes in class and harass each other by phone when they got home. Not any more. These tech-savvy teens can message in the blink of an eye and MySpace, Facebook and email are at their fingertips.

You may feel like you are invading the privacy of your children by checking their online habits .... DON'T! If you don't, who will? We're not talking about adults. We're talking about your children.

Did you know the entire Columbine massacre could have been avoided had the parents of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold known about their online activity. Their plan to kill their classmates was there to see right on their computers.

Technology and the exposure heaped on our children have made parenting more difficult. It seems like we're fighting an uphill battle when it comes to what our children are exposed to so the prudent thing to do is stay on top of the changes and learn their habits.

In other words, get to know your child. Talk to them. Be nosy and let them know what is right and wrong. In addition, network with other caring parents so that you can monitor cyber-conduct more closely.

All of these gizmos and technology do have their place. But like most good things, they can be used for bad. It's our job as responsible parents to make sure our children are protected and behaving as they should whether that be in the real world or the cyber one.

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### Global Warming: The Issue

By Mac Thornberry

The temperature of the Earth has fluctuated over time. At one point, much of the Northern Hemisphere was covered with ice, for example. A number of factors influence the Earth's temperature, including variations in the amount of heat coming from the sun, changes in the Earth's orbit, shifts in the continents through plate tectonics, and levels of volcanic activity. Obviously, we cannot do much to affect those factors.

Now there is a concern that the Earth is experiencing a warming trend caused by the emission of "greenhouse gases." These gases are presumed to trap heat within the Earth's atmosphere, thereby raising the average temperature of the Earth. Greenhouse gases are primarily water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone. Water vapor, not including clouds, is by far the most significant greenhouse gas, responsible for more than half of the presumed warming effect, followed by carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone.

The essential argument is that the temperatures in the Earth's atmosphere are rising because of greenhouse gases generated by human activity and that this global warming will bring about a catastrophe, causing ice to melt at the poles, the levels of the oceans to rise, and weather patterns to be altered. Former Vice President Al Gore is the best known advocate for taking drastic action to limit human activities that cause certain greenhouse gases to be produced.

(There are also those who say that even if the temperature is increasing somewhat, it is not necessarily a bad thing. They argue that more arable land, longer growing seasons, and better plant conditions could result.)

In summary, the global warming argument depends upon establishing two facts: (1) the temperature of the Earth is warming and (2) man's actions are the cause of that warming. The science is not unanimous on either point. Some scientists believe that the temperature of the Earth is increasing rapidly. Others, such as those at the United Kingdom's Hadley Center for Climate Studies, say that the Earth's temperature is not much different now than it was 50 or 100 years ago.

The case that man is causing any change in temperature is even more hotly contested. It is based largely on computer models of our climate. No computer model yet developed can include all of the factors influencing our climate, so certain assumptions have to be made. So far, none of the models have been completely accurate in tracking past weather patterns. Relying on them for the future is even more problematic.

Yet, many, but not all, of the scientists who have spoken out come down on the side that man is causing the warming. An interesting question is whether it is science or politics that is leading to that conclusion.

#### Science, Politics, or Something Else?

Certainly today's conventional wisdom and political correctness agree that man is causing the temperature of the Earth to increase. A few press reports have looked at what happens to a scientist who dares to offer a different position. It is not pretty.

Dr. Sallie Baliunas, a Harvard astrophysicist, points to another factor -- money. She notes that more than \$25 billion has been spent to research global warming. If researchers found that man had little to do with changes in temperature, there would be far less money spent on that research.

It is interesting to note that government funding of climate change technologies has increased more than 500% since 1993 while funding of climate change science has declined a bit when adjusted for inflation, according to the Congressional Research Service.

So, despite the conventional wisdom, there is a lot we do not understand about exactly what is happening to our climate, and even more, we do not understand the reason it is happening.

And yet, Congress is about to take drastic action that will affect you.

#### The Proposal

It is usually called "cap and trade." The idea is to limit or "cap" the amount of certain greenhouse gases being released into the atmosphere. (Water vapor is the more prevalent greenhouse gas, but the concerns and bills focus on carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone.) Over time, that limit would be pushed further down so that less gas could be emitted. In order to control such emissions, the government would require a power plant, factory or refinery to have a certain number of allowances or permits which authorize the emissions. If a factory does not have enough allowances, it could buy them from a facility that had more than it needed, thus the "trade" part of "cap and trade." The intention is to limit and then reduce U.S. contributions to greenhouse gases in the hopes that global warming would be moderated.

It is not clear at this point how the allowances would be distributed initially. The government could hand them out to certain businesses, or it could auction them to the highest bidder. A combination of the two approaches is also possible. One thing that is very clear is that Washington is expecting to get a great deal of money from

your pocket through this approach -- about \$650 billion over ten years under President Obama's budget proposal.

#### Concerns

Among the concerns that have been expressed about this plan are that it costs too much and that it will not work.

Even the proponents of cap and trade admit that as energy and goods cost more to produce, their price will go up. We will all pay more for the electricity and fuel we use, for example. One study found that the higher prices will total about \$3,100 a year for the average American household. In truth, that may be just the beginning. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs estimates that this plan would cost Texans between 53,690 and 311,600 jobs by 2020.

I believe that the consequences to the economy of our region will be enormous. Oil and gas businesses will suffer. Everyone who uses energy -- from farmers and manufacturers to rural households -- will pay more. And our quality of life will erode as more and more of what we earn goes to pay for the higher prices.

Another concern is whether all of this economic cost will accomplish anything. Setting aside for the moment the questions about whether the Earth is warming and what role man plays in any temperature change, the limits on greenhouse gas emissions would only affect the United States. China and India, among others, have said they have no intention of doing such a thing.

In addition, studies in the European Union, where they have tried this kind of plan for several years, have found no decrease in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. In fact, there are more now than before, according to Myron Ebell, director of Energy and Global Warming Policy at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

#### Bottom Line

The bottom line for me is that there is a lot that scientists still do not know, and we should try to understand this issue better before we inflict severe economic hardships on our economy and on our citizens. We need to focus on improving our economy, and we need to improve our energy security. We know that our increasing dependence on foreign sources of energy is a problem that we can do something about. I have introduced again this year a wide-ranging energy bill to encourage more domestic energy production of everything from oil and gas to wind and nuclear power. Common sense and a little humility about what we do not know can help lead us to the right decisions. Rushing through a political agenda will lead us to the wrong ones.

## FLOYD COUNTY TEXAS OUR 80TH YEAR Old Settlers Reunion FLOYDADA, TX - MAY 23, 2009

**FRIDAY, MAY 22**  
1-5 P.M. FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM - OPEN HOUSE  
Refreshments will be served.

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**  
6-9 A.M. COFFEE AND BREAKFAST AT COMMERCIAL HOTEL (THE COVEY)  
8:30 A.M. - 6 P.M. "YESTERDAY" - A Collection of Memories Old and New  
Don Hardy, Don Hardy Race Cars and Carolyn J. Hardy  
9 A.M. REGISTRATION until 1 P.M. - North End of Ag Bldg.  
PARADE REGISTRATION until 1:30 P.M. - Pavilion  
FLOWER SHOW ENTRIES until 11 A.M. - Floyd Co. Museum  
FLOYD CO. MUSEUM - Rope making, Coronado Exhibit and Genealogy  
Quilt Show - Please take quilts to Museum on Thursday and Friday  
10 A.M. FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY - Pavilion: Boy Scout Troops  
357 & 259  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Boy Scout Troops 357 & 259  
PRAYER - Rev. Anthony Sisemore, First Baptist Church, Floydada  
WASHER PITCHING CONTEST - East of Commercial Hotel - Craig DuBois  
10:15 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING - Pavilion  
WELCOME: 2009 President - Ed Marks  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2010 - Nomination Committee, Laura Turner  
AWARDS TO PIONEER WOMAN AND COUPLE from Lockney  
AWARD TO PIONEER MAN OF YEAR from Floydada  
RECOGNITION TO OLDEST MAN AND WOMAN PRESENT - Tim Assiter  
RECOGNITION OF PERSON TRAVELING GREATEST DISTANCE - T. Assiter  
11 A.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE - Anthony Sisemore - Under Pavilion  
11:30 A.M. WORKING STOCK DOG DEMONSTRATION - Larry Burkes - West Side of Commercial Hotel (Demonstration again at 4 P.M.)  
11:30-1:15 P.M. ENTERTAINMENT UNDER THE PAVILION - Talent from Floyd County and surrounding area.  
Noon LUNCH - (tickets \$6) - Catered by Danny's Fins & Hens Complimentary for "Old Settlers" (50 Years in Floyd County)  
1:15 P.M. ARTS AND CRAFTS AUCTION - Pavilion - Conducted by T. Assiter  
2:30 P.M. PARADE - Connie Peralez - Registration Director - Participants assemble according to Registration Director  
ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING PARADE - Under Pavilion  
COW PATTIE BINGO - Floyd Co. 4-H Club - North Main St., Melissa Long  
4 P.M. TEAM ROPING - Rodeo Arena East of Town, Hwy. 207 - Brett Marble  
Buckles Awarded to Winners  
WORKING STOCK DOG DEMONSTRATION - Larry Burkes - West Side of Commercial Hotel  
DRAWING FOR PAINTING - PARADE AWARDS  
6 P.M. DINNER - Commercial Hotel Patio (RSVP Only, 806-548-3357)

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:**  
FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE  
FRIDAY, MAY 22 1-5 p.m.  
REGISTRATION 9 a.m.-1 p.m. North End of Ag Bldg.  
ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW  
Courthouse Lawn 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
ENTERTAINMENT UNDER PAVILION:  
Local & Area Artists  
NIFTY-FIFTY AUTO CLUB  
ANTIQUA CAR CLUB  
200 Block South Main  
WILD FLOWER SHOW  
Museum 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Prizes Awarded

**PARADE PRIZES**

BEST PIONEER FLOAT 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$80	BEST DRESSED JR. COWBOY & COWGIRL (Up to 12 Years of Age) - \$50	BEST MODERN COWBOY & COWGIRL - \$50	BEST UNIQUE TRUCK - \$100
BEST COMMERCIAL FLOAT 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$80	BEST TEAM DRAWN VEHICLE IN PARADE - \$100 - \$50	BEST DRESSED OLDTIME COWBOY & COWGIRL IN PARADE - \$50	BEST UNIQUE TRACTOR - \$100
BEST CLUB FLOAT 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$80	ANY MARCHING H.S. BAND IN PARADE - \$100	BEST DECORATED BICYCLE 1st - \$20, 2nd - \$16, 3rd - \$14	BEST UNIQUE AUTO - \$100
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LOCKNEY KINDERGARTENERS visit Lockney Downtown businesses on a recent field trip.



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TOUR PARTICIPANTS were (l-r) Doug Jost (Monsanto), Ryan Buckman, Charles Chappell, Rhonda Chappell, Allan Fuchs, Kristy Fuchs, Monroe Moore, II, Gary Palousek, Carol Palousek, Richard Pelzel, Gaye Pelzel, Rudy Schroeder, Ann Schroeder, Clay Simpson, Susan Simpson, G.D. Vaughn and Sue Vaughn.



Courtesy Photo

TOUR PARTICIPANTS were (l-r) Derek Schmidt (John Deere), Jearl Holland (Monsanto), John Evridge, Amanda Evridge, Kenneth Pearson, Elaine Pearson, Joe Pennington, Dorthea Pennington, Raymond Sewell, Dwight Teeple, Helen Teeple, John Wilde, Betty Jo Wilde, Dan Venton and Ken Washington (Cotton Incorporated).

## Lockney Police Reports

**Feb. 14, 2009** – Burglary of a building in the 500 block of SE 6th. Hoover carpet cleaner, Black and Decker Drill were taken.

**Feb. 23, 2009** – Burglary of a habitation in the 400 block of SE 2nd.

**Feb. 28, 2009** – Juan Gabriel Delafuente, 33, was arrested for DWI.

**March 24, 2009** – Burglary of habitation in the 400 block of SE 6th. A PlayStation 3, PlayStation games and Sony MP3 player were taken.

**March 31, 2009** – Burglary of a vehicle in the 500 block of W. Willow. A wallet was taken.

**Apr. 2, 2009** – Burglary of a building in the 200 block of N. Main. Tobacco products were taken.

**Apr. 8, 2009** – A bicycle was taken from the 500 block of SE 5th: a chopper style orange and black bike with orange and red flames.

**Apr. 15, 2009** – Burglary of a habitation in the 600 block of NE 3rd.

**May 5, 2009** – A large caliber bullet was fired through the front window of a residence occupied by the homeowner and family in the 500 block of SW 7th.

**May 10, 2009** – A criminal mischief occurred in the 200 block of N. Main.

Information on any offenses above would be appreciated and can be anonymous.

### Lockney Bands will present Spring Concert

The Lockney Bands will present their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 21, in the High School Gym.

Performing will be the 5th Grade Band, the 6th Grade Band, the Junior High Band, the Applied Music classes and the Sweepstakes-winning Longhorn Band.

The 5th and 6th Grade Bands will perform starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Junior High Band will perform starting at 7:05 p.m. The Applied Music classes will perform between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. The Longhorn Band will perform starting at 8:15 p.m.

The Seniors of 2009 will be honored with the playing of "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Everyone is invited. No admission will be charged.

### Longhorns Win Over Ira and Claude

The Lockney Longhorns played Wednesday, May 13 against Ira in a practice game and won by a score of 14-2.

Scoring results are as follows: R. Teeter – 2 runs; J. Coleman – 4 runs; L. Hall – 4 runs; 3 hits, 3 RBI's; K. Ellison (#6) – 3 runs, 4 hits, 6 RBI's; K. Ellison (#10) – 1 run, 2 hits, 2 RBI's; R. Teeter – 1 hit; Cruz, R. – 1 hit.

TOTAL: 31 AB, 14 RUNS, 11 HITS, 11 RBI'S

#### SCORE BY INNINGS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	F
Lockney	4	2	0	4	4	-	14
Ira	1	0	0	1	-	-	2

#### SCORE BY INNINGS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	F
Lockney	2	3	1	2	1	X	10
Claude	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

## Local Cotton Producers Tour Cotton Incorporated Comprehensive Tour Educates Cotton Producers about CI's Research and Promotion Efforts

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Local cotton producers, Dwight Teeple of Lockney, his wife Helen, and Clay Simpson of Floydada and his wife, Susan, recently joined other cotton producers and industry representatives from across the Cotton Belt on a tour of Cotton Incorporated's World Headquarters and Research Center in Cary, N.C. The tour allowed the producers to see how cotton check off

dollars are increasing the profitability and demand for cotton through Cotton Incorporated's research and promotion efforts.

Cotton Incorporated tour participants spent the first day of the tour learning more about the ongoing research and promotional efforts through presentations given by senior staff, as well as participating in a comprehensive walking tour of the research facility.

Participants spent the second day touring the [TC]<sup>2</sup> facility in Cary. [TC]<sup>2</sup> is a provider of solutions for the soft goods industry specializing in technology development and supply chain improvement. Visiting producers saw the latest technologies in digital textile printing and 3D Body Scanning Measurement Software for custom fitting of apparel.

Tour sponsor representatives from John Deere, Monsanto and Syngenta also attended the tour. The Cotton Board administers and oversees the Cotton Research and Promotion Program conducted by Cotton Incorporated for America's cotton producers and importers.

For more information about the Cotton Board, please visit [www.cottonboard.org](http://www.cottonboard.org).

## Observation wells indicate average annual change of -1.18 feet in groundwater levels during 2008 within High Plains Water District

### Average Changes In Depth To Water In Feet During 2008 From Observation Well Measurements In 2009

(+) Water Table Rise (-) Water Table Decline

	Number of Observation Wells Maintained	Average Annual Change 1999 to 2009 (10-Year)	Average Annual Change 2004 to 2009 (5-Year)	Average Annual Change 2008 to 2009 (1-Year)
Armstrong	10	+0.55	+0.64	+0.40
Bailey	109	-0.49	-0.10	-1.09
Castro	88	-1.64	-1.54	-2.10
Cochran	74	-0.67	-0.39	-0.55
Crosby	74	-0.36	-0.05	-0.97
Deaf Smith	86	-0.41	-0.43	-1.69
Floyd	91	-0.50	-0.09	-0.46
Hale	110	-1.50	-0.97	-2.44
Hockley	85	-0.37	-0.22	-0.87
Lamb	109	-1.37	-1.18	-2.35
Lubbock	133	-0.33	+0.01	-0.10
Lynn	79	+0.01	+1.04	+0.56
Parmer	92	-1.59	-1.32	-2.42
Potter	7	-0.04	+0.06	+0.33
Randall	49	-0.05	-0.06	-0.42
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>-0.72</b>	<b>-0.42</b>	<b>-1.18</b>

Annual depth-to-water level measurements made in early 2009 by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock show an average decline of -1.18 feet in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala aquifer during 2008 within the district's 6.8 million acre service area. In comparison, the 2008 depth-to-water level measurements previously indicated an average decline of -0.20 of a foot during 2007.

The district 10-year average annual change rose from -0.82 of a foot for the 2007 report to -0.72 of a foot for the current report. The district five-year average annual change declined from -0.46 of a foot for the 2007 report to -0.42 of a foot for the current report.

An average annual rise in groundwater levels was recorded in Lynn County and the portions of Armstrong and Potter Counties within the district. The water level rises ranged from +0.33 of a foot in the portion of Potter County within the district to +0.56 of a foot in Lynn County.

Depth-to-water level measurements indicated an average annual decline of more than two feet in Castro, Hale, Lamb and Parmer Counties.

The remaining eight counties within the High Plains Water District had average annual changes in groundwater declines of less than two feet. These ranged from -0.10 of a foot in Lubbock County to -1.69 feet in Deaf Smith County.

Precipitation was not as plentiful in some areas during 2008 as it has been in previous years. As a result, increased pumpage of groundwater from the Ogallala aquifer contributed to the

increased decline in water levels in some areas.

Depth-to-water level measurements are normally made from January to March each year to allow stabilization of water levels in the aquifer following pumpage during the previous year of groundwater production. The measurements are made in a network of more than 1,100 privately-owned water wells within the district area. The wells are at a density of one well per nine square miles and are part of the State Observation Well

network administered by the Texas Water Development Board in Austin.

The current issue of the High Plains Water District's newsletter, "The Cross Section," features the results of the annual 2009 depth-to-water level measurements. It contains individual county maps, which provide the approximate location of each well in the district's observation well network. Each map is accompanied by available 1999, 2004, 2008 and 2009 depth-to-water level measurements

for individual wells in that county. Also listed are available total changes in water levels in feet for each observation well for the periods 1999 to 2009, 2004 to 2009, and 2008 to 2009.

Additional information about the annual depth-to-water level measurement program is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at 806-762-0181 or by visiting the water district's web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com).

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SENIOR CATCHER COLTON COVINGTON catches the pitch before throwing out River Road's only stolen base attempt at second base. The Whirlwinds captured the Bi-District trophy with their win last Thursday night against the River Road Wildcats, 3-2.

## Whirlwinds Win Bi-District Over River Road

The Whirlwinds struck first in the first round of the post season playoffs as senior, Randy Lerma, singled to right field. Dusty Hicks' sacrifice bunt advanced Lerma, then a River Road fielding error on Joseph Segura's laser shot past River Road's short stop scored Lerma. Segura stole second base for one of his two stolen bases of the night and senior Colton Covington hit a hard hitting line drive RBI to right field to give the Winds a 2-0 lead.

The Whirlwinds looked remarkably sharp on defense. Junior Anthony Segura started the game on the mound. Segura and a united team defensive effort retired the side in order the first four innings of the game. Segura did a great job, facing 23 batters in six and a half innings. Segura had 1 strike out, no walks, allowed 8 hits and 2 runs in an unbelievable defensive battle.

The Whirlwind defense turned

in two impressive double plays by shortstop Joseph Segura, second baseman Eddy Rodriguez and first baseman Jesse Ibarra. The green team also had an excellent 1-3-6 pick off that was started by pitcher Anthony Segura. The only stolen base attempt by River Road was shut down and thrown out at second base by catcher Colton Covington.

The teamwork effort by the Whirlwind team made a huge difference and was the deciding factor in the Winds victory. It's been a long time since a Whirlwind baseball team has turned in two double plays in one game and never let an opponent get past second base until the 7th inning.

Freshman Jose Martinez came in to relieve Segura to close the game. Martinez faced 3 batters, striking out 1 and allowing 1 hit to end the game.

River Road made a gallant comeback effort by scoring 2 runs

in the 7th inning, but the Winds stood their ground as Ibarra ended the game with a ground out to first base to give the Whirlwinds their first Bi-District win since 2003.

Covington was 2 for 3 and had the game's only 2 RBI's. Joseph Segura had 1 single and reached once on a River Road error. Lerma was 2 for 3 with 2 singles and freshman Garza had the game's other 2 hits.

Coach Jamie Seago showed a lot of emotion at the game's end. "The kids stepped up in a big way and came through for us," Seago said. "We made some big plays and they played like I knew they could."

The Winds traveled to Midland Monday, May 18, to face Presidio in the Area round of the playoffs.

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## Walker receives National FFA Scholarship



WHITLEY WALKER

By Vance Lemons, AST

Whitley Walker of Floydada recently received a scholarship from the National FFA. Approximately \$2.2 million was donated to the FFA by 128 generous sponsors, making it possible for 1,455 scholarships to be awarded in 2009. These scholarships assist students in their post-high school educational endeavors.

In Area I, 18 members received the National FFA Scholarship totaling \$20,000. Walker, a senior at Floydada High School, was one of the recipients to receive a National FFA Scholarship worth \$2,500. Her hard work and dedication to the FFA made this possible. Walker plans to attend South Plains College and study engineering. After completing two years study-

ing pre-engineering, she then plans to transfer to a four-year university to study a more specific branch of engineering.

Throughout high school Walker has participated in numerous activities and organizations. Since her sophomore year, she has been a member of the National Honor Society. Also, Walker is proudly involved in the FFA, where she has resided as the Vice President of the Floydada FFA Chapter for the past two years. In addition, Walker was elected Vice President of the senior class.

During her junior and senior year, she has taken part in UIL competitions. As a junior she was a member of the Accounting UIL team, which placed first at district as a team, and individually placed fifth.

During her senior year she has participated in One Act Play and was a member on the Math UIL team.

In addition, Walker has prepared herself for college by taking 15 hours through South Plains College. She will leave Floydada High School by graduating eighth in her class.

Walker is the proud 18-year-old daughter of Brian and Theresa Walker. Congratulations, Whitley!

## Winds Topped by Presidio 5-2

The Floydada Whirlwinds were beaten by Presidio 5-2 on Monday.

The loss ends the Whirlwinds season while Presidio advances to meet Abernathy. See the full story next week in The Hesperian-Beacon.



Courtesy photo

CASSIE MARTINEZ WAS ELECTED student advisor of the Plainview FFA District on May 11, 2009. Martinez is pictured with Vance Lemons, FHS Ag Science Teacher. Seven other officers were elected, all from different schools throughout the Plainview district. Cassie Martinez is the 15-year-old daughter of Maria and Juan Martinez of Floydada. She is currently in the 10th grade at Floydada High School and is active in U.I.L., Spanish Club, 4-H and FFA. The past year she held the roll of Historian for the Floydada FFA Chapter. Cassie has been a member of the FFA and shown pigs for the past eight years. Congratulations, Cassie!

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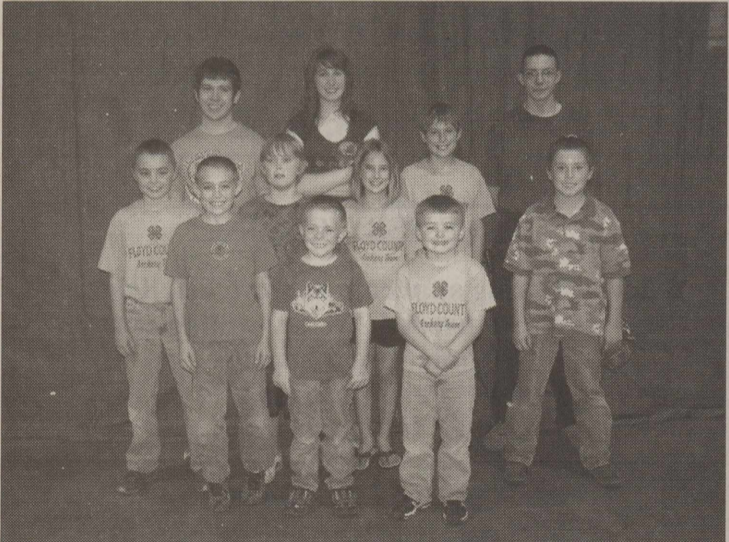
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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY participants in the county and district competitions included (front row, l-r) Caleb Miller and Pee Wee participants, Carson Miller and Ryder Glass; (middle row, l-r) Alex Glass, Destry Faulkenberry, Kortney Campbell and Kaleb Whittle; (back row, l-r) Dillon Chesshir, Jianna Davenport, Brayden Campbell and J. C. Chappell. Other participants in the archery project included: Brenner Golden, Braden Graves, Heston Graves, Tabitha Faulkenberry, Tristan Schlueter, Preston Mallory, Bryce Thomas, Amber Segovia, Ricky Segovia, Jay Potts, Ryan Segovia, Austin Hendricks and Pee Wee participant Tasha Schlueter.



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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H RIFLE participants in the county and district competitions included (front row, l-r) Jill Bramlet, Alex Glass, Destry Faulkenberry, Kaleb Whittle, Brayden Campbell; (back row, l-r) Bailey Davenport, Dillon Chesshir, Jake Bramlet, J. C. Chappell, Alece Annunziato and Jay Potts. Also participating were Braden Graves, Heston Graves and Kattie Miller. Other participants in the project included: Casey Cage, Jaden Green, Tristan Schlueter, Austin Hendricks, Caleb Miller, and James Ponce.

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The City of Floydada welcomes all the old timers to the Floyd County Old Settlers Reunion on Saturday, May 23!  
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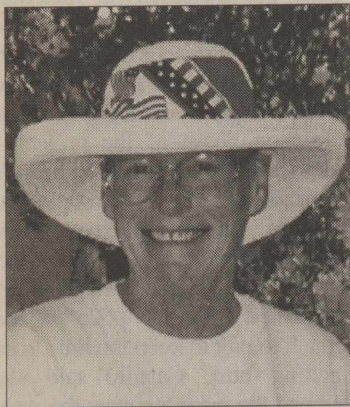
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OBITUARIES



ELIZABETH W. ATKINSON

Elizabeth W. Atkinson, age 62, known by friends and family as Beth, passed away on May 13, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Elizabeth Word was born on May 11, 1947 in Plainview to James H. Word and Dorothy (Cousins) Word.

Beth enjoyed reading doing crossword puzzles, fishing and spending time with her family.

Beth is preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce Atkinson of Floydada; sons, Christopher Arnold and wife, Donna of Austin and Joseph Arnold and wife, Beth of Pleasant Hill, Illinois; her sisters, Ann Carr and Mary Garrett, both of Floydada; a step-mother, Margarette Word of Floydada; granddaughter, Caroline Arnold; step-grandchildren, Kyle, Ashley, Morgan, Sarah, and Josh; and step-great-grandchildren, Christopher and Cameron.

The family suggests memorials be made in Beth's name to the Jim and Dorothy Word Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Floydada High School, Floydada, Texas 79235.

DEE ADAMS

Dee Adams, 89, of Floydada passed away on Friday, May 15, 2009 at his residence.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Lakeview Cemetery. Tom Taylor officiated. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Dee was born November 1, 1919 in Floydada to Poin Dexter Adams and Minnie (Harper) Adams. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1937 and was a lifelong resident of Floydada.

Dee married Nita Craft on June 25, 1938 in Floydada. He was a farmer/rancher and broke horses for people in town. He loved hunting and being outdoors. Dee served his country in the Merchant Marines during WWII. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Dee is preceded in death by his parents.

Those left to cherish his memories are his beloved wife of 70 years, Nita Adams of Floydada; a son, Roland Adams and his wife, Charla of Lubbock; seven total grand and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in Dee's name to the First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main, Floydada, Texas 79235.

JERRY MARKS Jerry Marks, 71, of Voss, died Friday, May 15, 2009 at Coleman County Medical Center. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at Stacey Cemetery in Concho County. Ed Marks, brother of the deceased, officiated. Services were under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman.

Survivors include his wife, Robbie Marks of Voss; one son, Michael Marks of Voss; one daughter and son-in-law, Shanna and Mitchell Valentine of Lubbock; three brothers; two sisters; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Stevens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to God's Learning Channel, P.O. Box 61000, Midland, TX 79711-1000.

Please sign his online guest-book at: www.livingmemorials.com

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The family of Mary Alice Wilkinson would like to express our thanks for all the food, cards, visits, prayers, flowers, phone calls, and donations sent in her memory.

We want to give a special thanks to JoDee Robison and Tammy Smith for the special care given during her transport to the hospital.

We would also like to give a special thanks to the physicians, nurses, and staff at Mangold Memorial Hospital for the excellent care and kindness they have shown throughout the years.

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FLOYDADA CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Floydada Centennial Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in City Hall. Anyone and everyone is invited to attend.

WILD FLOWER SHOW FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

The Wild Flower Show will be held at the Floyd County Historical Museum (west door) on Old Settlers Day, Saturday, May 23. Entries must be in between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

RECORD PRESENTS MUSIC STUDENTS IN RECITAL

Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will present her students in a musical recital, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 24, in the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

Those playing will be: Kallie and Kortney Cox from Silverton, Bracken Alexander and Jacob Hackett from Plainview.

Floydada students playing are: Allison Orr, Lauren Hall, Caitlin Bishop, Kylie and Remington Ricketts, Bailee and Kaitlan Perryman and Jianna Davenport.

Those playing from Lockney are: Brett, Clay and Jake Moore, Scott Lass, Shelby Dunbar, Sarah Carstensen, Christopher Rodriguez, Stephen Karlin, Katie Bice, Keanu Villarreal, Jacque Salazar and Kayla Archer.

Awards will be presented at the end of the recital. The public is invited.

Floyd County Church Directory

Grid of church listings including Aiken Baptist Church, Bible Baptist Church, Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship, Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Power of Praise Full Gospel Church, and many others with their respective services and contact information.

