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Flores Wins Gold and Silver at UIL State Track Meet

Track and field season in Texas came to a close last weekend with the UIL Track and Field Championships in Austin.

Floyd County sent one individual and one relay team to compete in state competition including Floydada senior Aarrhon Flores and the Lady Longhorn 4 x 100 relay team.

Flores brought home a gold medal and silver medal from state competition. His gold medal came in the 100-meter dash where he bested Fabian Williams of Elysian Fields by one-hundredth of a second. Flores' time was 10.81 seconds while Williams crossed the finish line at 10.82 seconds.

In the 200-meter dash Flores was on the other end of the neck-and-

neck finish finishing with a time of 21.40 seconds, just one-hundredth behind Kameron Horace of Corrigan-Camden.

"It was pretty tough ... I was really looking forward to (that race)," Flores said. "I came up a little short, but I was still happy."

Flores also competed in the long jump finishing fifth with a 21 foot, 9-inch jump.

In 2008, Flores took home three individual and two team medals from the state track meet.

In his high school career, Flores won seven state medals.

Floydada High track coach Desmond Ayala said he has been a pleasure coaching Flores.

"It has been a joy to coach someone who does what you ask and put a little bit more in to it," Ayala said. "He gets better and better each week."

For the Lockney girls, the sprint relay team finished sixth in a tight race. Just over two seconds separated the first place team from the last place team. Lockney finished with a time of 51.03 seconds. The first place team from Dallas Gateway crossed the finish line in 49.50 seconds.



Photos by Travis Harsch

Lockney's Brittany Mathis and Mercedes Aday, left, give it their all at the state meet in the sprint relay. Other team members included Logan Edwards, Lindsie Moerbe and Lezlie Jackson. Center and right, Floydada's Aarrhon Flores won two medals at the meet including a gold in the 100-meter dash and a silver medal in the 200-meter dash.



Staff photo

The Floydada EDC presented J.D. Ragland a plaque of appreciation Tuesday, May 2 for his participation on the board of directors. Angela Ragland was also presented a plaque for her four years of service to the EDC as a staff member. J.D. and Angela are moving to Canyon where he will serve as Randall County Extension Agent. J.D. served as extension agent for Floyd County for 11 years. Pictured are (from left) EDC Director Justin Jaworski, Angela Ragland, City of Floydada City Manager Gary Brown, J.D. Ragland, EDC Board of Directors Vice President Sue Ward and EDC Board President Kyle Smith.

Music Loving Tourists from England Visit Floydada

By Judy Macha Reporter

A love of 1950s and 60s music led two good natured, self-described dedicated music fans all the way from England to Floyd County Historical Museum Tuesday, May 12.

Sixty-five year old, recently retired social worker John Davison-White, from the town of Washington, Tyne and Wear County, England decided to take a long awaited trip to America and asked his friend since childhood, Brian Shepherd to come along.

Sixty-year old, retired coach, math and science teacher Brian Shepherd is from the town of Leeds, Yorkshire County, England.

He quipped, "I've been retired some time already - I escaped early! We've read about and thought about places in Texas since we were teenagers. So when John asked me to come with him, of course I said yes."

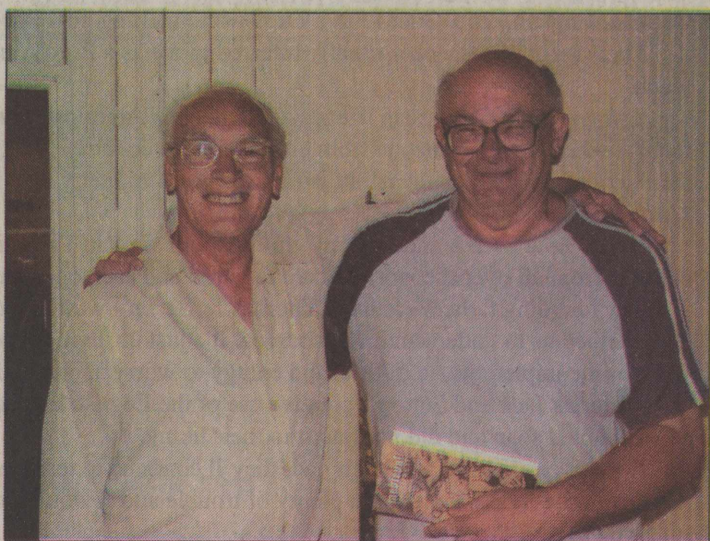
They sat down with a McNally Rand Roadmap of Texas and worked up an itinerary to take

them on a journey in search of the hometowns of music groups and their members, such as Buddy Holly and the Crickets and Roy Orbison. They also wanted to find some old records and memorabilia. They said they began with the following in mind: 1) where they wanted to go, 2) what they wanted

to see and 3) who they wanted to see.

Shepherd said, "We arrived in Dallas on the first of May and went to see some people I know in Plano the following day. We drove to Big Spring to find a recording studio location we knew was there, but

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Staff Photo

Music fans from England John Davison-White and Brian Shepherd recently visited Floydada.

Floydada Newest Member of GO TEXAN

AUSTIN-Commissioner Todd Staples is pleased to announce that the City of Floydada has become the newest member of the GO TEXAN Rural Community Program, a Texas Department of Agriculture initiative to market rural Texas.

"The voice of rural Texas continues to be heard thanks to the hard work of its proud citizens," Commissioner Todd Staples said. "Rural Texas has so much to offer," Commissioner Staples said, "Every dollar spent on preservation, beautification, new business development and tourism in rural Texas creates jobs and generates income, adding to the state's economy."

Rural Texas covers approximately 80 percent of the state's total land area. Retirees are increasingly drawn to smaller rural communities with access to urban services, and rural entrepreneurialism is a growing trend. By 2040, the population in Texas' rural counties is projected to increase by more than 20 percent.

"As rural Texas continues to grow, the preservation and celebration of our rural roots remains important," Commissioner Staples added. "We appreciate every member of the GO TEXAN Rural Community Program. Together, we preserve the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future of rural Texas."

Senator Duncan Says Session Contentious; Optimistic On Future of TxDOT

CHILDRESS — Sen. Robert Duncan addressed a full house at StonyRidge Golf Course Thursday morning and touched on rural issues and this past legislative session.

The Texas Department of Transportation was front and center with the lawmakers letting it and the Texas Department of Insurance pass through sunset with no measures taken to save those entities.

"We ended the session with the TxDOT Sunset Bill not passing and the Texas Department of Insurance bill not passing," Duncan said. "Unless we do something, those agencies will start winding down in about a year. I anticipate we will have a special session to deal with those issues."

"The Senate took kind of a hard position on this because what we were concerned about was the fact that in all of the rush and everything, there were \$2 billion in Prop 12 funds that were not issued

that supported highway construction. We felt like we needed to force the issue on those bonds and that is one reason we didn't pass this safety net deal... Our view is we need to fund construction."

"My thought on that is if we're not funding construction in the cities, well then the first place it (funds) would go is to maintenance in the rural areas. A healthy TxDOT budget is very important."

Duncan said he thought a special session would be called closer to next summer as highway funding continues to be a major issue across the country. His main concern is the availability of funds outside of metropolitan areas.

Duncan, who was joined by Rep. Warren Chisum, both agreed the session was contentious.

"It was the toughest session I've ever been through," Duncan said.

OTHER ISSUES Rural Health

"The physician employment

bill, which allows areas of less than 50,000 to employ physicians, passed," Duncan continued.

Rural hospitals will benefit from the way smokeless tobacco is taxed (by weight) which will add \$90 million to state coffers.

"Of that \$90 million, two things happened which were very significant ... We put \$30 or \$40 million into the physician loan repayment program which allows physicians to work in rural areas and get their loans repaid."

"With the extra money on that, we were able to raise the exemption on franchise tax for small employers to \$600,000 or maybe \$1 million depending on how much the comptroller certifies."

Duncan credited Chisum for his work in the House on those issues.

"The small business man is going to get a significant tax break because of what Warren Chisum did," Duncan added.

Cotton Farming

"We were able to get \$30 million extra in boll weevil money to help those south zones who were influenced by the hurricane," said Duncan. "That will keep those boll weevils suppressed so they won't come back and re-infest our part of the state."

School Finance

"We were able to put more money in for our local school districts and able to maintain many of the things that help rural school districts in the school finance bill," Duncan said. "The new stimulus

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Floydada Chamber holds Annual City Wide Garage Sale

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 17th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 27, 2009. The fee to list your garage sale is \$5.00.

We need everyone's participation by listing his or her garage sale to make the event a success. The fee goes towards the advertising cost to bring more people in from out of town. We will not be able to have the City-Wide Garage Sale if not every one participates.

We did not have enough people list their garage sale last year, but we are hoping that everyone will list it this year. Please make this a day everyone comes to Floydada for our City-Wide Garage Sale.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to come by the Chamber Office at 125 East California, or call us at 806-983-3434.

OPINIONS



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



On January 1, 1954, Americans from coast to coast witnessed the first nationwide colorcast when the Tournament of Roses Parade was aired in vivid Technicolor. This broadcast marked the arrival of the color television, something Americans have now enjoyed for over half a century. Not since that undertaking have the U.S. broadcasting industry and the federal government endeavored to roll out a technology upgrade that impacts every American household. Until now.

After years of planning and preparation, the digital television, or DTV, transition will take place on June 12, 2009. At midnight, all of the nation's full power broadcasters, large TV stations covering multiple cities, will switch from an analog to a digital broadcasting format. Already, about 40 percent of broadcasters have transitioned to digital, but the remaining 60 percent are required by law to changeover on Friday and discontinue broadcasting in analog format.

If you have not yet prepared for this transition, you will need to take modest measures to ensure that when you turn on your television set on Saturday morning you will still have access to basic television programming, public emergency broadcasts, such as AMBER Alerts, severe weather warnings, and other important safety messages.

Those subscribing to a cable or satellite television service should not be affected. Many newer televisions are already equipped with a digital tuner and will not require a converter box to function after the

transition. However, many Texas households use older television sets and receive over-the-air programming using roof top antennas or "rabbit ears." These TVs will need a converter box to translate the digital broadcast signal into an analog signal that an older television can display. Each television that is neither outfitted with a digital tuner nor connected to a cable or satellite service requires an independent converter box. Consumers can still purchase converter boxes at retail locations across the country, including many electronics chains throughout Texas. Consumers who still need coupons to offset the cost of a converter box may contact the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-888-388-2009 or visit www.dtv2009.gov.

Many Texans faced with preparations and costs may be wondering why this transition is so important - or even necessary at all.

Although it may not be as dramatic as shifting from black and white to color TV, the transition will significantly enhance the clarity of television broadcasts, resulting in less interference, sharper pictures, and better sound quality. The efficiency of digital broadcasting will also allow for new and diverse television programming.

Most importantly, transitioning to digital television, or DTV, will free up important radio frequencies, which can be reused for new communications services and safety activities that will increase the nation's ability to respond to terrorist attacks and national disasters. Digital broadcasting will continue to transmit emergency messages, like AMBER Alerts, but

some of the spectrum space will be reallocated to implement a nationwide interoperable public safety communication system to support police, fire departments, rescue squads and other first responders. The challenges facing first responders on September 11, 2001, and during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita illustrate how badly this capability is needed, and the 9/11 Commission recommended a nationwide public safety system in its final report to Congress.

I have worked hard to spread the word to all Texans through brochures, educational outreach programs, and public service announcements. Nevertheless, large numbers of Texans may still remain unprepared; including many elderly and disabled individuals as well as those facing language barriers. These are some of the reasons why I worked to delay the transition to June 12. Doing so allowed extra time for preparation and offered Texans with expired coupons, including those displaced by Hurricane Ike, the opportunity to obtain replacement coupons.

If you are prepared, please take time to assist others, particularly friends, family, and neighbors who may be unable to obtain a converter box or need assistance installing one. This technological change is an important development, but it need not be overwhelming. If we work together to ensure our own preparations and assist others with theirs, Friday, June 12 can go smoothly for the hundreds of thousands of Texans this change will impact.

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\$100 Billion IMF Expansion to Aid Dollar's Downfall

By Robert Romano

On June 6th, the International Monetary Fund's First Deputy Managing Director John Lipsky dropped a bombshell on the dollar. He said, "The largest debtor is very unlikely to dominate any currency arrangement today" referring to the serious decline of U.S. status on account of the nation's astronomical \$11.3 trillion debt.

Lipsky went even further, saying the IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDR) could replace the dollar as the world's reserve currency over time, as reported by Bloomberg News. According to Lipsky speaking in St. Petersburg, "There are many, many attractions in the long run to such an outcome. But this is not a quick, short or easy decision," adding that it would be "quite revolutionary."

Making matters worse for the American people, Barack Obama promised the IMF \$108 billion - which Congress is set to vote on this week - to enable this new rise of the IMF as the world's central bank. But are they watching the warning signs overseas?

The IMF's chest-beating dovetails on April's G20 proposal for IMF expansion, designed in part to increasingly anchor the currencies of developing economies with the SDR reserve currency. The head of China's central bank, Zhou Xiaochuan,

recently wrote that the "SDR has the features and potential to act as a super-sovereign reserve currency."

The G20 summit itself was preceded by both Russia and China proposing replacing the dollar as the world's reserve currency, as reported by Reuters. In March, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner supported "[increasing] the use of the IMF's special drawing rights," but backtracked after the dollar started tanking, saying that the U.S. dollar should keep its place as the world's reserve currency.

Now, China, Brazil, Russia, and India are purchasing bonds denominated in SDR - boosting its role as a reserve currency and transitioning away from the dollar.

Combined, Russia (\$2.261 trillion), Brazil (\$1.981 trillion), India (\$3.288 trillion), China (\$7.916 trillion) have GDP (PPP) of \$15.446 trillion compared to the U.S. GDP (PPP) of \$14.264 trillion. Through transitioning away from dollar assets, the disparity between the two should be expected to grow, especially if the dollar continues to decline and predicted inflation ensues as U.S. monetary and fiscal stimulus kicks in.

And now, with the IMF proactively pursuing an agenda to supplant the dollar with SDR, and the Congress ready to give its approval by adding a \$100

billion line of credit and an \$8 billion expansion of U.S. SDR holdings, the dollar's days could indeed be numbered.

The only silver lining is that Congress may actually fail in passing the \$108 billion IMF expansion, as ALG News reported last week. The trouble is that by attaching the legislation to an Iraq and Afghanistan war supplemental, they lost House Republican support, and by attaching that war supplemental to the IMF funding, they are losing critical House Democrat support.

This political miscalculation may actually cost Barack Obama one of his top agenda items - especially on the international stage where his credibility is already waning only 6 months into his Administration.

And American taxpayers - who would have to pay for in terms of higher interest rates and more inflation the price of dethroning the dollar - would be the chief beneficiaries.

In the meantime, the IMF, China, and Russia are talking an increasingly big game about destroying the dollar - and Washington needs to pay attention. Even more bombshells will be dropped on the dollar's head in the coming days, and it will be up to the nation to play dollar defense and awaken to these grave warning signs from overseas.



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Out Of The Mouths Of Babes

Raising children is a constant adventure. Sunday during a family outing, I hear, "Mom - Jack said 'crack.'" Sutton Hawk, my 3-year-old, was telling on Jackson, 5.

"Crack is not a bad word son," came Mom's quick retort. "You're a crack Sutton," Jackson fired off with new energy getting the clear for "crack." Sutton replied, "Cracker!" And he said it in a racial manner.

I looked at Sharon with nothing to say. A few weeks ago, Sutton really liked the word "Mexican." He used it every way imaginable. He wasn't using it in a mean manner, he just liked the way it rolled off the tongue.

Anyhow, Sharon and I had to tell the boy he could offend people by using his new favorite word. It took two weeks to get this bit of political correctness uploaded into his noggin. Finally, we started to name off our Mexican-American friends and Sutton Hawk said, "They aren't Mexicans ... they're brown people."

"What are we?" I asked. "We're white people," he said. I didn't ask him about his cousin, Sam. Sweet Samantha's dad is African American while the mother is white. I have no idea whether the mom is English American, German American, French American or any other American.

Finally, I told Sutton, "Mexican is a word meaning 'from Mexico.' Just like saying we're Texans because we're from Texas."

It got me to thinking... I certainly grow tired of the labels we've put on ourselves as a society in this country.

I'd prefer to drop the whole "fill-in-the-blank American." I think I'll settle for American. After all, there is no standard of how long you need to be on this soil to be called American. And since Native American is already in use, why not keep it simple.

But what of using state's as a characterization? I'm a Texan. My sister is an Oklahoman now, although she'd prefer Native Texan.

My buddy Rollie lived in Texas for decades, but he's an Okie through-and-through and has retired there.

It seems we've made things too complicated in our society. My mother was a genealogy expert and traced our family back multiple generations. Dutch, German, English, etc... Guess I'm a Euro-white melting pot ... or would that just be Euro American. Then again, if someone actually referred to me as a Euro American, I don't think I would like it much.

I've got Indian American friends and Pakistani American friends. Sometimes I can't tell the difference when I meet someone from either of these countries, but I know there is bad blood between their governments. It can get confusing. Besides, I'm pretty sure they'd prefer to simply be called "American."

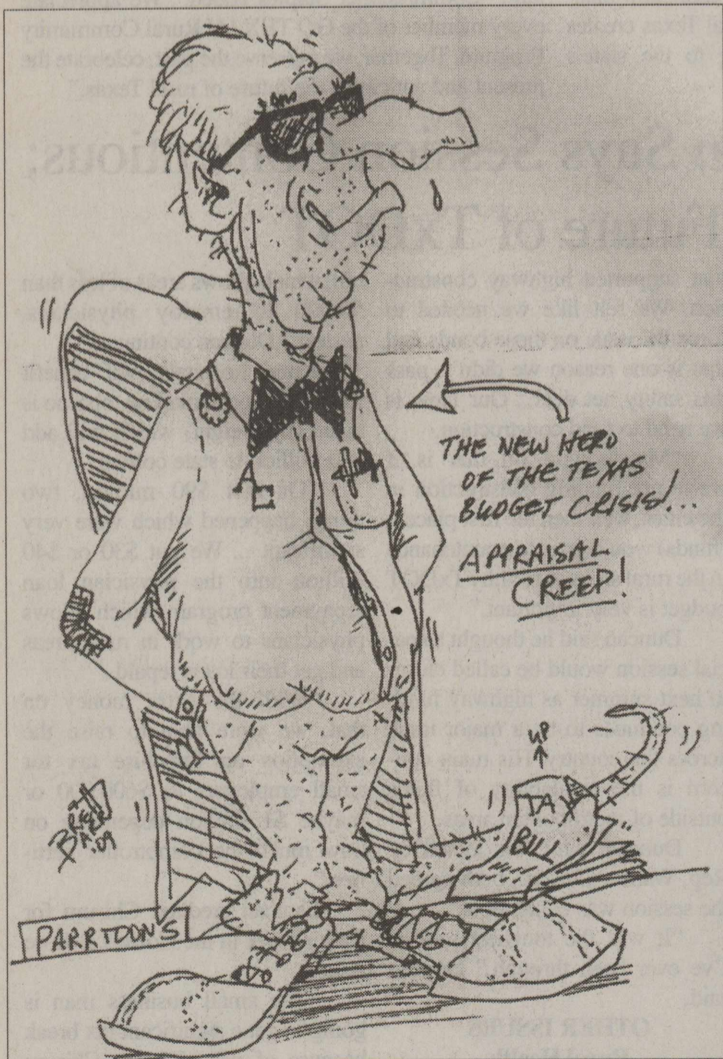
Here's how I see it and how my children will view it: I'm here now as are you. We're a ton of cultures from all over the world mixed together and each one of us should be treated as equals. Our founding fathers - namely Thomas Jefferson - wrote it correctly and Dr. Martin Luther King helped us to understand: It's not race. It's just us, living together.

It is a complete waste of time and energy to worry about race. As far as Jack and Sutton's creative use of the English language - the jury is still out. They've each sampled soap and did not find it to their liking.

If they are anything like their dad, they'll continue to test the parameters regarding language. My dirty little mouth kept me in plenty of trouble and it would not surprise me a bit if one or both followed suit.

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NICK JOINER AND BRANDY HARDIN

Joiner and Hardin

Damon, Holley and Elektra Monroe, along with their grandparents Hershel Hardin of Muleshoe and Candi Hardin of Plainview, would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their mother, Brandy Hardin, to Nick Joiner, son of Charles and Shelia Joiner of Floydada.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Twyla Hardin and the late William Hardin of Plainview and Sherry King and the late Oliver King of Lubbock. She is employed by United Supermarkets.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Martha Taylor and the late Junior Taylor of Plainview and Charlene and the late Buck Joiner of Hamlin. He is employed by Caprock Irrigation of Floydada.

A bridal shower is planned for June 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Rosemary Finley. A July 25, 2009 wedding is planned for 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Floydada. Friends and family are invited to join us in the celebration of the marriage of Nick and Brandy and the beginning of their new family.

The couple will reside in Floydada.

Bain Honored for 90th Birthday



By Jimmy Willson

Kenneth Bain was honored with a 90th birthday party during the Lions Club meeting held noon Thursday, June 4, 2009. He was presented with a plaque for 60 years of service as a Lions Club member and Mayor Bobby Gilliland read a proclamation proclaiming June 4 as Kenneth Bain Day. He was also presented a lovely decorated chocolate birthday cake which all Lions Club members and guests present enjoyed after the meal.

Kenneth Bain, Jr. was born June 4, 1919 in Floydada, Texas and graduated from Floydada High School in 1936.

He worked at First National Bank in Floydada and completed 3 years of college at Texas Tech. He entered the Army in February of

1942 where he served 4 years in the 90th Infantry Division.

In 1946 he entered the University of Texas Law School and graduated in 1949. He returned home and became a partner with his father in the practice of law. On the death of his father he entered private practice, serving 46 years as Floyd County Attorney.

He has been a member of First United Methodist Church since 1989 after his original church home, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church dissolved in Floydada. He was chosen as Man of the Year in 2003 by the Floyd County Pioneer Association.

He has been a member of Floydada Lions Club for 60 years, serving as President 1955-1956. He was also a member of the American Legion for 35 years and Finance Officer for 15 years.



CARSON JOHNSON AND LINDSAY ROBERTS

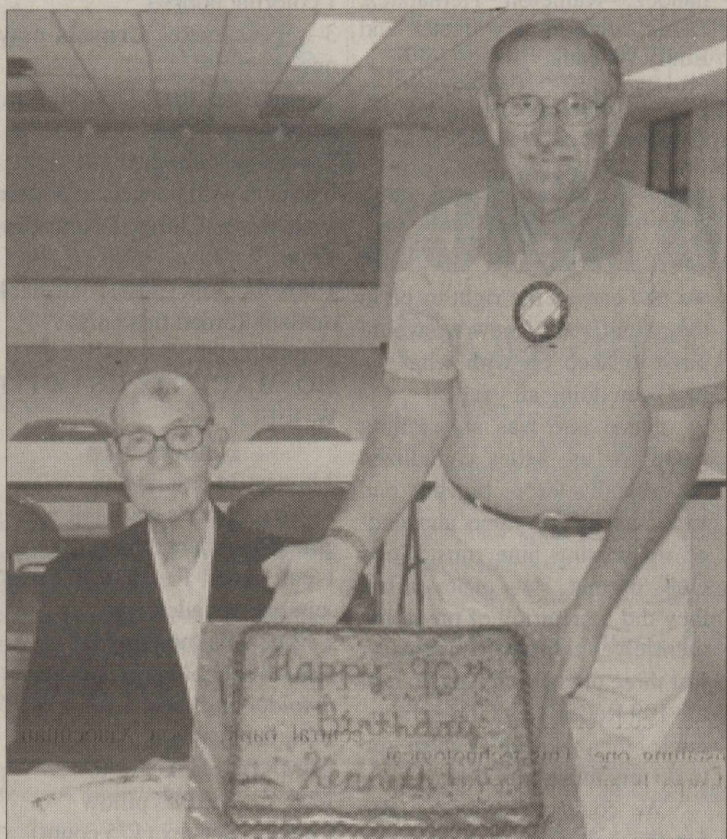
Roberts and Johnson

David and Debbie Roberts of Hale Center, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Roberts of Lubbock, to Carson Johnson of South Plains, son of Carlton and Diane Johnson of South Plains.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Margie Ketchum of Hale Center and Patricia Givens of Muleshoe. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Byron and Patsy Ford of Lockney and L.N. and Carlene Johnson of South Plains. He will graduate from West Texas A&M University December 2009.

The couple will be married August 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Hale Center.



Staff Photo

BAIN HONORED ON 90TH BIRTHDAY-- (l-r) Jimmy Willson, Mayor Bobby Gilliland, Lion Boss David True, Kenneth Bain and Tommy Ogden are pictured together after the birthday party given in honor of Kenneth Bain during the Thursday, June 4, Lions Club noon meeting. Bain received a plaque for 60 years of service in the Lions Club and was honored with a proclamation by Mayor Gilliland proclaiming June 4 as Kenneth Bain Day. (See related story.)



Staff Photo

ATMOS ENERGY recently donated \$1,000 to Floydada P.R.I.D.E. toward the completion of Floydada's Welcome Center Plaza which will be located at the 'Y.' Pictured (l-r) is Floydada Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director Justin Jaworski and Sue Ward representing the EDC board and P.R.I.D.E.

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Crop dusters are rural America's alarm clocks. They wake you up early. There's even a snooze feature. If the first full-throttle low pass over your rooftop doesn't rouse you from bed, they'll be back. They'll be back anyway.

If you live in town, chances are you've never been buzzed at sunrise by anything louder than a large housefly. You don't know what you're missing.

No, I don't know for sure that they always fly at full throttle. (I'm referring to the pilots and not the flies. Flies are always at full throttle.) I just know that's how crop dusters sound. Their overpowered planes are the street rods of the sky. It's my guess that muffler laws don't apply, except I always picture the pilots wearing one like Snoopy, whom they somewhat resemble, especially from a distance.

A crop duster by any other name is an aerial applicator - today's term of choice for a daredevil who gets paid to do the Red Baron thing. Or so it seems to us average ground-bound earthlings, watching and listening from afar as a spray pilot dips and loops, dropping the chemical of the day onto whatever. I use the word "listening" for two reasons: watching is optional; listening is not. Also, when you try to watch the low-flying planes make their appointed rounds, sometimes all you can do is listen, like when they disappear behind clumps of trees or buildings only to re-emerge on the other side. Good for them.

The standard plane flown by this special breed of pilots is a tail-dragger, the kind with a wheel

under each wing and another one under the tail instead of the nose. If crop dusters ever fly the wheel-under-the-nose kind of plane, they haven't been doing it over our farmhouse.

Disclaimer: I'm flying by the seat of my pants with no Internet connection to check facts. You're along for the ride. If you prefer facts, sit tight. We'll land soon.

Meanwhile, here's some advice based on lifelong crop duster-related observations and experiences:

Crop dusting is dangerous. If a crop duster is alive, then you know he's good.

If you need some low-to-the-ground aerial photographs, get a living crop duster, the older the better, to take you up in a vintage slow-cruising tail-dragger. Expect to tilt for good shots at great angles. If it looks like baling wire is holding something together on the wing, don't ask. It's too late to ask. Don't forget to shoot the pilot while you're up there. It'll be your best close-up.

If a crop duster is spraying a field, avoid being there on an open-air tractor, unlikely nowadays anyway. In less-regulated times, someone I know dove off his tractor to avoid certain death by crop duster. From between cotton rows, he looked up in time to see the twinkle in the pilot's eye as he skimmed by, imaginary muffler streaming from the cockpit.

You wonder why farmers don't go to air shows? The real action is on the farm. Come early.

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

I have really been busy this week. I almost forgot to write this article and turn it in by the deadline. Well, guess what? I did forget so my article will be late but maybe they will print it anyway.

Sue Daniels has just returned from a wonderful tour bus trip to Grand Canyon, Brice, Zion and several other scenic things along the way. She was gone several days.

We were glad to have Jancy Rodgers of Petersburg eat lunch at the center on June 2 with her father, Guy Ginn.

On Wednesday, when we served turkey and dressing, we had a lot of people eating. Jackie Duke's granddaughter, Randi Duke, at lunch with him and got to visit with several people she hadn't seen in a long time.

Our sympathy to Sue Daniels on the loss of her brother-in-law, D. A. Sanders. Sue also lost her brother, Buddy about three weeks ago.

Our sympathy to the family of Carol Bell

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

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In memory of Carol Bell -

Diana Glover

Thought For The Week

By the time a man realizes that his father was right, he has a son who thinks he is wrong.

Charles Wadsworth

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June 15 - June 19

Monday - Tacos with trimmings, pinto beans, rice, snickerdoodle bars

Tuesday - Chicken with mushrooms, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, roll, cookies

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, pistachio salad

Thursday - Hamburger steak, au gratin potatoes, peas, roll, jello

Friday - Chicken tacos, pinto beans, salad, lemon bars

Thanks For Reading!

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Lockney Junior High Awards Ceremony

Lockney Junior High School held their 2009 Awards Ceremony Thursday, May 28. Principal Craig Setliff officiated.

He recognized the **LJH Honor Students:** Mary Sammann - 98.33 and Lindsay Stewart - also 98.33.

He then presented the **President's Awards (2 year average of 90 or above):** Mary Sammann - 98.33; Lindsay Stewart - 98.33; Luke Sherman - 97.83; Taylor Rose - 96.77; Rayann Race - 95.05; Justin Roberts - 94.38; McKenzie Kemp - 93.88; Candelaria Rea - 93.83; Landry Kidd - 93.00; Esperanza Garcia - 91.66; Erik Cortez - 91.33; and Kelsie Stennett - 90.38.

Setliff then recognized students for **Perfect Attendance.**

6th grade: Christian Bejarano, Annabel Garza and Andrew Palomin; **7th grade:** Heather Fierros and Enrique Segovia.

Mrs. Hooten: Reading, UIL 6th Grade UIL Ready Writing: Sarah Carstensen - 3rd, Darby Long, Alyssa Soliz and Sarah Belt.

7th Grade Ready Writing: David Johnson - 4th, Jake Bramlet - 5th, Nathan Caballero - 6th and Anna Hernandez.

8th Grade Ready Writing: Mary Sammann - 1st, Luke Sherman - 3rd, Rayann Race and Taylor Rose.

7th Grade Modern Oratory UIL: Anna Hernandez, Jake Bramlet, Emily Williams and Nathan Caballero.

7th Grade Commended Per-

formance TAKS Writing: Clay Bigham, Alyssa Cruz, Paula Cuellar, Dillon DeLeon, Anna Hernandez, David Johnson, Jasmine Pena, Hope Pitchford, Tanae Ramos, Hunter Thompson and Emily Williams.

6th grade Outstanding English Student Girl: Ellie Naranjo. **6th Grade Outstanding English Student Boy:** John Salas.

6th Grade Hardest Worker: Sarah Belt.

6th Grade Most Improved: Brenna Tidwell.

7th Grade Outstanding English Student Girl: Tanille Bigham.

7th Grade Outstanding English Student Boy: David Johnson.

7th Grade Hardest Worker: Brittany Thompson.

7th Grade Most Improved: Cynthia Pesina.

7th Grade Cheerleaders: Alexis Rodriguez, Tanae Ramos and Janette Ybarra.

8th Grade Cheerleaders: Rayann Race, McKenzie Kemp and Lindsay Stewart.

7th Grade Pep-Squad: Tanille Bigham, Paula Cuellar, Ashly Alvarado, Jasmine Pena, Annel Salazar, Whitney Ascencio, Alanie Rendon, Memory Lane, Bethany McCulloch, Alyssa Cruz, Heather Fierros, Brenda Salazar, Anna Hernandez and Reeda Sustaita.

8th Grade Pep-Squad: Mary Sammann, Selena Gonzales, Victoria Hernandez, Shayla Vasquez,

Nicole Keyser and Kelsie Stennett.

Mrs. Cook - UIL Impromptu Speaking:

7th Grade - Amanda Hayes and Paula Cuellar
UIL Impromptu Speaking 8th Grade - Landry Kidd, 5th place; McKenzie Kemp and Rayann Race.

Mrs. Kidd - UIL - Math - Student Council

UIL Number Sense - 6th Grade: Darby Long, 2nd; Ashley Roberts, 3rd; Sarah Belt and Marisol Hernandez.

Number Sense 7th Grade: David Johnson, 1st; Kameron Hunt, Nathan Caballero and Anna Hernandez.

Number Sense 8th Grade: Landry Kidd, 1st; Susie Salas, 2nd; and Justin Roberts.

UIL Mathematics - 6th Grade: Elysa Naranjo, Yesenia Garcia, Lezlye Flores and Nick Sherman.

UIL Mathematics - 7th Grade: David Johnson, 1st, Johnny Rose, 3rd, Nathan Caballero and Clay Bigham.

UIL Mathematics - 8th Grade: Rico Trejo, 2nd; Marcos Mercado, Taylor Rose and Gabriella Perez.

7th Grade Math "A" Honor Roll: Jake Bramlet, Nathan Caballero, Dillon DeLeon, Anna Hernandez, Kameron Hernandez, David Johnson, Ky Teeter and Emily Williams.

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Lockney Elementary School Supply Lists 2009-2010

PPCD/PK

4 boxes 8 ct. Crayola brand crayons (NO JUMBO)

1-4 oz. Elmer's white school glue

1 small school box
1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends)

2 glue sticks
2 large boxes Kleenex
1 pkg. 8 ct. CLASSIC COLOR markers

2 #2 pencils (no jumbo)
1 set watercolor paints
3 folders with pockets

1 box ZIPLOCK bags (boys-gallon and girls-quart)
1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

1 pkg. safety pins
1 container of Play Dough - any color

1 pkg. 5 oz. cups (boys only)
1 pkg. napkins (girls only)

Nap mat and small blanket (PM class only)

First Grade
2 - 4 oz. bottles Elmer's school glue (no 8 oz.)

2 large boxes Kleenex
1 box 24 ct. #2 yellow pencils
1 pair children's rounded Fiskar scissors

1 school box
1 coloring book
3 - 16 ct. boxes Crayola crayons

1 container Play Dough - any color
2 large pink erasers

6 folders with pockets at bottom
1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipe

1 box Crayola Classic Washable markers (broad tips only)
1 spiral notebook

NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS

Kindergarten
2 boxes, 24 ct. crayons
3 - 4 oz. Elmer's washable school glue (Black label, NO GEL)

1 pair metal Fiskar's children's scissors (rounded ends)
2 #2 pencils (no jumbo)

1 small school box
1 folder with pockets
1 Kinder. nap mat

1 SMALL blanket or towel
1 TRAVEL SIZE pillow

2 boxes Kleenex (175 count)
1 pkg. napkins (140 count)

1 pkg. Styrofoam cups (small, 75 ct.)

1 set watercolor paints (Crayola brand)

1 pkg. 8 ct. CLASSIC COLOR markers (washable)

1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

1 pkg. of small safety pins
1 box ZIPLOCK bags (boys - gallon size and girls - sandwich size)

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NO TABLETS OR PAPER REQUIRED

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Second Grade
1 - 8 oz. bottle Elmer's school glue (no gel)

3 large boxes Kleenex
2 pkgs. #2 pencils
1 pair children's Fiskar scissors

Erasers
2 folders with pockets
2 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

1 zipper pouch (plastic or cloth)
4 16 ct. boxes Crayola crayons

1 - box Crayola Classic Washable markers (broad tips only)
1 zippered bank-type bag - school office has some for sell for \$2.00

1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder
3 - 1 subject spiral notebooks (no perforated pages) **NO BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS**

Third Grade
2 large pkgs. notebook paper

1 - 3 ring binder
#2 pencils
2 - 4 oz. bottles Elmer's school glue

1 subject spiral notebooks (no perforated pages)
3 large boxes Kleenex

3 folders with pockets
2 pink erasers
1 pair children's sharp point scissors

2 boxes 24 c. Crayola crayons
1 zipper pouch
2 boxes map colors

2 small personal pencil sharpeners
1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

Fourth Grade
2 folders with pockets and brads

1 large pink eraser

1 - 5 pack dividers

1 ruler with inches and centimeters (no jointed or folding rulers)

11 1/2 inch Clearview binder
2 folders with pockets only (no brads)

2 highlighter markers
2 red ink pens for grading

3 spiral notebooks 70 pages - no perforated
Map Colors
2 glue sticks

3 large boxes Kleenex markers
3 pkgs. wide ruled notebook paper

#2 pencils
1 pair children's sharp point scissors

1 container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

1 large 3 hole zipper pouch
1 roll of paper towels

1 Stretchy Book Cover (for library book)

Fifth Grade
1 large 3 hole zipper pouch

2 pkgs. wide rule notebook paper - 200 count crayons

Map colors
Markers
1 pair Fiskar's sharp point scissors

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1 - 5 pack dividers
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#2 pencils (mechanical pencils are optional)

3 folders with pockets and brads
1 small personal pencil sharpener

1 black Sharpie marker
2 Highlighter markers

Ruler
1 roll of paper towels

1 Stretchy Book Cover (for library book)

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Lockney Falls to Miles

(Editor's note: Lockney's dream baseball season came to a close Friday losing 5-1 to Miles in the Class A Region I Championship. The Longhorns fell 9-5 in game one of the best of three series held at Moffett Field in Snyder Thursday night. Miles, who finished in third place in their district, continues its run at the state baseball meet this week in Round Rock. The Longhorns equaled its best state baseball playoff appearance and finished with a 24-9-1 record. The Longhorns reached the

Regional Finals in 1994.

Against Miles in game two Lockney tallied five hits and had three errors. In game one, the Longhorns scored five runs on six hits and committed two errors in the field.)

By Coach Garrett Heard

It was great for the kids to have an opportunity to play for the state tournament. We really felt good going into it, because we had been playing some good baseball. We were just excited

we had earned the right to be in the playoffs and knew we would have to keep on with what we had been doing all year.

Game one was an exciting game for us. Miles capitalized on basically three big hits and two outs in the game and ended up scoring nine runs. Good clubs do that. Hats off to Miles, they did a great job of preparing themselves to play against us. If just three pitches were bad out of the 109 Renee' Cruz threw in the game, then you can't expect him to do any more than that.

We could never find a gap for the ball to fall in. We just could never get a break. All year long we had been able to do that with two outs or runners in scoring position, we'd been able to come up big. Thursday we just could not find the opportunity and Miles found every opportunity.

We felt very comfortable going into game two on Friday. We had been in that situation before with our backs against the wall. Every time that has happened, we've come out and played a

Baseball...
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Staff Photo

ESCORT SEND-OFF---Lockney Longhorn baseball team was given a rousing send off Thursday afternoon, June 4, as they headed off to Snyder for game one of the Class A Regional Finals against Miles in the play-offs. Fans waved to them from the sidewalks and held signs to show their support. Shown holding "State Bound" and "Good Luck" baseball signs designed by Heart's Desire are (l-r) Austin Salazar and Bryan Vasquez.



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The Lockney Rotary Club had a luncheon on Friday, May 29, 2009 to honor the 2009 Lockney Citizenship Girls. The honor went to Lockney 2009 Senior girls, Heather Brock, Emily Prayor, Segayle Foster and Tori Wilburn.

Collins receives Bachelor degree

Brandy Nicole Collins, daughter of Robert and Kathy Wafer of Lockney, has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Midwestern State University. She was a May 2009 graduate.

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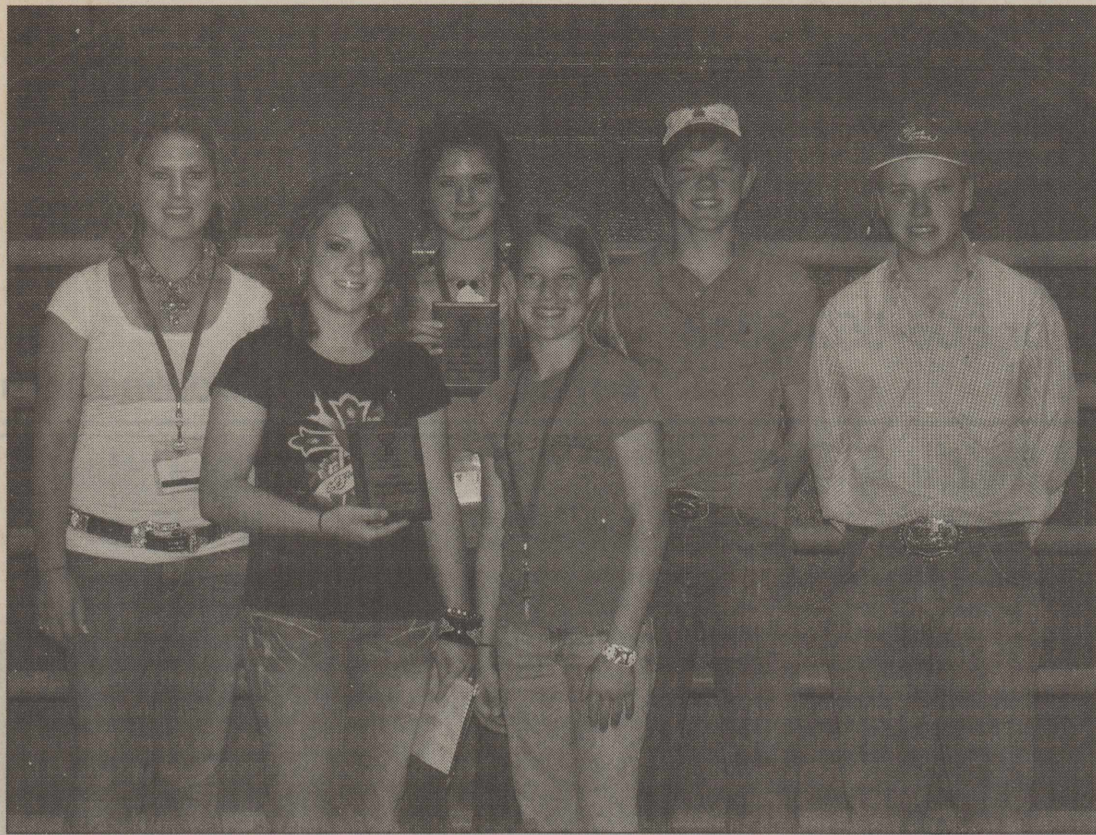
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FLOYD COUNTY 4-H Livestock Judging Team members are (Back Row, l-r) Segayle Foster, SyAnn Foster, McCrae McCormick, Brazos Williams; (Front Row, l-r) Tylee Williams, Madolyn McCormick and not pictured was Cassie Martinez.

4-H'ers Attend Texas Tech Livestock Judging Camp

By J. D. Ragland, CEA-AG, Floyd County
Seven Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging team members recently attended the Livestock Judging Camp at Texas Tech on May 31 - June 2. This three-day camp was attended by 143 4-H and FFA members from across Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The final day consisted of a competition livestock judging contest where only the top ten were recognized. Two Floyd County 4-H'ers received top 10 recognition. SyAnn Foster received 5th place High Individual and Tylee Williams received 9th place High Individual.



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THE DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALK ACROSS TEXAS winners were Pre-K with 63 students walking 1,299 miles during a two week period. Parents also signed up to walk with their kids and helped them accumulate the most miles. Pre-K teachers included: Mary Molinar, Maria Barrientos, Olga Lerma, Carrie Davis, and Mae Duran. The 5th grade classes came in a close second with 1,286 miles. Walk Across Texas is sponsored by the Floyd County Family and Consumer Science Committee and Texas AgriLife Extension. It is coordinated through the Floydada ISD School Health Advisory Council.

Russell Graves Outdoors

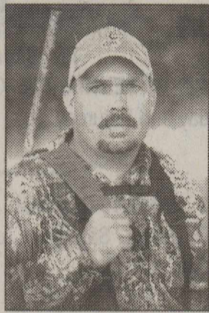
Bois D'arc Creek - Part 2

By Russell A. Graves

Despite the politics of water and lakes, what's done is done. The land I know better than any other is changed forever. Last winter, the logging trucks came and took nearly every tree and now tangled treetops litter the place. Most trees like the oak and ash were sold and used for commercial purposes. However, I can't understand why some trees were cut and let to lie...

Late last winter, my brother William (we call him Bubba) and I decided to document the creek before it's too late. Our reasoning? We figured that it's important to share our memories of the place with our kids and whoever else was interested.

One of the first things we did was collect some old bois d'arc trees felled by the loggers. A single big log was shipped to Alaska where currently, three longbows are under construction. Custom duck calls will come from one log, frames from another, and a bar and countertops for my cabin that's under construction from yet another.



Perhaps our most ambitious part of the project is a five day - 50 mile canoe trip from the upper floatable reaches of the creek all the way to the Red River. We've completed three days already.

Our excursion was sort of backwards. The first three days we made our way from our place on the creek (which is about midway) towards the Red River. Our journey was slow and peaceful and a great way to experience the massive tributary. Paddle after-paddle, the creek's character revealed itself. We'd pass broad-ripple rapids when the creek's bottom became hard and shallow. Other times, the creek became too deep for us to ascertain and the dark coves looked like places where big, flathead catfish loomed.

In a canoe, wildlife is less cautious. Multiple times we'd creep up alongside beavers and whitetail deer and they'd simple stare curiously as we slipped past. For three days, songbirds, ducks, otters, feral pigs, coyotes, and other woodland creatures were just a few, magnanimous feet away from our Old Towne canoe.

On another date, we went to the upper reaches of the creek and floated back towards Bonham. This part of the creek was much less forgiving than the lower portion. Shallow water meant much more portaging and much of the time was spent dragging the canoe through skinny water. In between portages we cruised the creek - our canoe flanked by alligator gars and big carp. Around Bonham, we saw remnant of structures past like an old railroad trestle, a rock-and-concrete weir dam I suspect was used to dam the creek and provide water for the nearby rail line.

In the end, we stopped about four miles short of where we initially launched our journey. The last leg is scheduled for early June 2009 and that's where we plan to spending a lot of time. Along the last four mile stretch is where Bubba and I spent most of our time as boys. Our uncle owned much of the land along this part of the creek and what he didn't own, we had leased for our small cattle operation. In this area, we fished, ran trotline, hunted squirrels, pigs, deer, and raccoons, and simply enjoyed being outside.

Along our journey, we've shot hundreds of still images and hours of high-def video and were followed by film crews from Texas Parks & Wildlife television. In the end our plan is to create a documentary film about the creek and its cultural, historical, and natural importance to the area.

While the creek as I know it will soon be gone, this project will help the memories live on forever.

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

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4-H'ers To Offer Summer Reading Programs At Floyd County Library

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS, Floyd County
Summer Reading At The Floyd County Library will kick off on July 1 from 10:00 - 10:45 for elementary school aged youth. The summer reading program is sponsored by the Floyd County Library, the Texas State Library, Floydada Dairy Queen and Texas AgriLife Extension. 4-H members will lead programs each Wednesday in July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th at the Floyd County Library. Summer Reading Club participants will receive coupons for Dairy Queen treats for every five hours of reading. To register for the Summer Reading Program, call 983-4922.

Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR holds monthly meetings

By Sherry Colston
The Buffalo Grass Chapter met for their regular meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at Lighthouse Electric at 6:30 p.m. Regent, Debbie McCarty, opened the meeting in ritualistic order. Debbie McCarty introduced our speaker for the meeting, Karen Houchin, Attorney at Law, who spoke to us about women's issues in 2009. Mrs. Houchin focused on wills, medical power of attorney, and Hippa release forms. She stressed that we should make our wishes known to our families about funeral arrangements, long term care and organ donations. We really appreciated her talk. Following refreshments provided by Dorothy Hodges, we continued with our business meeting. Sherry Colston read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved. The treasurer, Susan Dunavant, reported that we are in fine shape financially. The President General's message concerning the 80th Anniversary of DAR was ready by June Sherman. Pricilla Minter read the national defense article called "The Melting Pot Needs Stirring". Violet Cooper read the history of the Texas flag for the flag minute. Sherry Colston explained that congressional districts are decided according to the ten-year census for the constitutional sidelight. Dana McCarty explained that a podlatch was a ceremony of giving in the Pacific Northwest Indians. Margaret Berry reported that we had collected 2,711 coupons for a face value of \$ 3,386.05 to be used in overseas military bases. Regent, Debbie McCarty, presented certificates service for volunteer work to Susan Dunavant, Sherry Colston, Debra McCarty, June Sherman and Dorothy Hodges. McCarty read a letter from the American Spirit Magazine thanking us for subscriptions and reaching the bronze level. Regent, Debbie McCarty reminded us about the Past Regents and Officers meeting on May 16 in Slaton, Texas at the Harvey House. Reservations are due by May 12. It was reported that Tommy Sherman was doing better ad eating soft foods. Bobby Rainer was fine after surgery and Grace Ashley's granddaughter had her baby and it is fine. Members who attended were: Violet Cooper, Carolyn Cunningham, Debra McCarty, Dana McCarty, Pricilla Minter, Susan Dunavant, Dorothy Hodges, Noma Lou Rainer, Margaret Berry, June Sherman, Sherry Colston and guest, Karen Houchin. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met on May 26, 2009 at 6 p.m. at Lighthouse Electric for a regular stated meeting and salad supper. Regent, Debra McCarty, opened the meeting in ritualistic order. Pricilla Minter read the President General's message and article about the Shaker Community in New Lebanon, New York, that is being restored. The national defense article "Honoring Blue and Gold Star Mothers from World War II and Today" was also ready by Pricilla Minter. The flag minute was read by Violet Cooper concerning the tribute of a small flag placed on soldier's graves. She also reminded us to fly our flag on June 14 for Flag Day. Sherry Colston read about the number of Supreme Court justices and how they have changed over the years from the constitution sidelight. Colston read the minutes of the previous

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$260.57, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment hereft.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Floyd County Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on March 28, 2007, in a certain suit styled the Floydada Independent School District et al vs. Sammy Ochoa et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, 110th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5520TS, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinafter described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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6-11, 6-18c

TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 8th day of June, 2009 and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$ 1,925,863.40.

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WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 8th day of June,

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

6-11c

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FLOYD

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Jerry Edwards** who after being duly sworn deposes and says:

After the herein described estray was impounded, I made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in the county where said estray was found. The search did not reveal the owner of said estray:

I did, then advertise the impoundment of said estray in Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, a newspaper of general circulation in the county where said estray was found, at least twice during the fifteen (15) days after the impoundment of said estray. The dates of such advertisement were June 11, 2009 and June 18, 2009 and duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith.

I also posted a copy of the Notice of Estray and Notice of Impoundment of Estray on the public notice board of the courthouse of the county in which the estray was found.

Said estray is described as the following:
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Sex: **Male**
Age: **Approx. 6 months**
Size: **400-450 lbs.**
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WITNESS my hand, this the 3 day of June, 2009.

Jerry Edwards,
Deputy Sheriff of Floyd County

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6-4, 6-11c

Cotton Market Weekly



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The U.S. dollar seemed to be the driving force behind the cotton market this week as weakness in the currency and signs of economic recovery renewed investor interest in commodities. Tuesday, the dollar fell to an eight-month low which boosted the December cotton futures contract to close up 80 points at 62.52 cents per pound. The following day, however, the dollar rebounded, and the bottom fell out from under cotton futures with prices moving almost limit down during the final half-hour of trading. The December contract closed at 59.93, down 259 points, but almost half of the loss was regained on Thursday as the dollar resumed a weaker tone. Cotton traders are trading currencies and money flow much more than the bare fundamentals of cotton, an analyst said at midweek. As long as the dollar goes one way, the cotton market will find it easy to go up. Although it appeared to have no influence on the market this week, traders were keeping an eye on U.S. weather conditions and their impact, or potential impact, on the 2009-10 cotton crop. The latest crop progress report showed 77 percent of U.S. cotton acreage had been

planted as of May 31, up from 61 percent on May 24 but down two percentage points from a year ago. The pace of planting in Texas was almost in line with the national average at 74 percent and slightly ahead of last year. The most serious problems were in the Delta. Mississippi plantings stood at 76 percent versus the five-year average of 97 percent, and Arkansas was at 82 percent compared to the five-year average of 99 percent. Persistent rain there has hindered planting, and field activity was at a standstill on Thursday due to light to moderate rain showers. Daytime temperatures have been running 10 to 15 degrees below normal for this time of year, and most of the crop that has been planted is two to three weeks behind schedule. Thus, warm and dry weather is needed to spur crop development and improve plant health. Mostly sunny and warmer conditions were the rule in West Texas by late week. Planting continues in the regions southern dryland fields as farmers worked to get seed in the ground ahead of crop insurance deadlines. Despite isolated thunderstorms, soil moisture levels on the southern High and Rolling Plains ranged from abnormally dry to

extreme drought, according to USDAs Drought Monitor map for the week ended June 2. Thus, moisture is urgently needed to ensure proper seed germination. Meanwhile, the latest export sales report was much stronger than anticipated by the cotton trade. USDA reported net sales of 145,900 bales in the week ended May 28, up 42 percent from the previous week and 43 percent better than the four-week average. Featured buyers were Vietnam, China, Bangladesh, Taiwan, and Thailand. Net sales of 20,500 bales for delivery in 2009-10 were mainly for Turkey, South Korea and India. Export shipments for the week totaled 332,000 bales, up 20 percent from the previous week but down 3 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Pakistan, Turkey and Indonesia. In the spot cotton market, producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 407 bales online in the week ended June 4, more than doubling the previous weeks volume of 198 bales. Average prices received by producers ranged from 44.98 to 52.00 cents per pound compared to 49.35 to 50.00 cents per pound the previous week.

Is Losing Weight and Increasing Physical Activity Really Important?

By Melissa Long,
CEA-FCS, Floyd County

Long term studies of thousands of men and women since 1949 have produced a consistent finding overweight Americans have more heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and certain types of cancer. Being inactive, having too much fat in the abdominal area, and having a family history of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and cancer all seem to add to the risks associated with obesity. Yes, the health risks of being overweight are well documented. Many people are told every year by their health professionals to lose weight. Few people actually lose weight and even fewer maintain their weight loss. Is losing and gaining more dangerous than

just staying obese? Does one's ability to burn calories just get slower and slower with each try? Is trying one more time worth the trouble? First, losing excess weight improves health. Even a loss of 10 pounds can lower blood pressure and blood sugar levels. A 12 year long study of 43,457 women determined that women with obesity related diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and cancer had a 20% reduced death rate when they intentionally lost weight. This reduction in death rate was mostly due to a 40 to 50% decrease in obesity related cancers such as those of the breast, uterus, and cervix, as well as a 30 to 40% decrease in diabetes-related death. Second, repeated attempts do

not permanently change one's metabolism, making weight loss harder each time. Metabolism is the amount of energy your body uses to maintain its functions. Metabolism does go down with age, so a person who is 50 years old needs less calories than a 20 year old. In addition to lowering the number of calories eaten each day, another way to maintain weight is to increase your amount of muscle with increased physical activities like walking and weight training. Muscles use more energy than fat. Engaging in an activity like brisk walking for 30 to 45 minutes also boosts metabolism. So, is trying one more time worth the trouble? The answer is clearly yes. If you are not ready yet, at least try not to gain any more weight. A great way to have company losing weight and increasing your activity level is to participate in Walk Across Texas sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension.

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8th Grade Math "A" Honor Roll: Rayann Race, McKenzie Kemp, Taylor Rose, Rico Trejo, Kelsie Stennett, Stacey Jimenez and Candi Rea.

8th Grade Best Attitude: Gabriel Arce, Carlos Amador, Andrew Hooten, Karmichael Ramos and Rubina Cruz.

7th Grade Hardest Worker: Steve Karlin and Paula Cuellar.

7th Grade Best Attitude: Heather Fierros, Jasmine Pena and Janette Ybarra.

8th grade Hardest Worker: Rene Guerrero, Belia Astorga, Susie Salas, Tyler Covington and Alexis Mendoza.

6th Grade Student Council: Darby Long, Ashley Roberts, Dixie Williams and Nick Sherman.

7th Grade Student Council: Kameron Hunt, Kyeeter, David Johnson and Anna Hernandez.

8th Grade Student Council: Landry Kidd, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart and Mary Sammann.

Darren Whalen: History, Maps Charts and Graphs

UIL Maps and Charts and Graphs 6th Grade: Sarah Belt, Sesarae McCulloch, John Salas and Brenna Tidwell.

UIL Maps and Charts and Graphs 7th Grade: Dillion DeLeon, 1st; Emily Williams, 2nd; Steve Karlin, 4th; and Johnny Rose.

UIL Maps and Charts and Graphs 8th Grade: Taylor Rose, 1st; Mary Sammann, 2nd; Erik Cortez, 3rd; and Luke Sherman.

Leonado Da Vinci Award in Social Studies: Will Prayor, 97.4.

Hatshepsal Award in Social Studies: Darby Long, 99.8.

Best Average Male 1st Period: Andrew Palomin; **3rd Period:** Nick Sherman.

Best Average Female 1st Period: Ashley Roberts; **3rd Period:** Dixie Williams.

6th Grade Social studies Most Improved: Kayla Jimenez.

Ben Franklin Award in Social Studies: Justin Roberts, 99.2.

Abigail Adams Award in Social Studies: Mary Sammann, 99.8.

Best Average Male 4th Period: Ian Dunbar.

Best Average Female 4th Period: Kelsie Stennett.

Commander-in-chief Award 6th Period: Luke Sherman.

First Lady Award 7th Period: Taylor Rose and Lindsay Stewart.

8th Grade Social studies Most Improved: Tyler Covington.

Mrs. Sammann - UIL - Science

UIL Science 7th Grade: Steve Karlin, 1st; Dillion DeLeon, 2nd; David Johnson and Tanille Bigham.

UIL Science 8th grade: Mary Sammann, 1st; Luke Sherman, 2nd; Ian Dunbar, 6th; and Taylor Rose.

7th Grade Outstanding Achievement In Science 3rd Period: Steven Karlin, Emily Williams; **6th Period:** Kameron Hunt and Johnny Rose; **7th Period:** Paula Cuellar and Tanille Bigham.

8th Grade Outstanding Achievement In Science 1st Period: Rico Trejo and Candi Rea; **4th Period:** Tyler Covington and Taylor Rose; **8th Period:** Luke Sherman and Mary Eliza-

beth Sammann.

Mr. Lovett - Band

6th Grade Band 1st Band Gold Medals:

6th Grade Music Memory: Ellie Naranjo, Dixie Williams, Ignacio Tapia, Breena Tidwell and Ashley Roberts.

7th Grade All-Region Band: Collin Fulton and Kameron Hunt.

8th grade All-Region Band: Erik Cortez, Ryan Diaz, Ian Dunbar, Rayann Race, Justin Roberts, Susie Salas, Mary Sammann, Luke Sherman and Lindsay Stewart.

Mrs. Moerbe - UIL - Math

UIL Oral Reading 6th Grade: Darby Long, 3rd; Dixie Williams, 6th; Nick Sherman and Yesenia Garcia.

UIL Oral Reading 7th Grade: Memory Lane, 3rd; Tanae Ramos, Brenda Salazar and Alexis Rodriquez.

UIL Oral Reading 8th Grade: Rayann Race, 3rd; McKenzie Kemp and Victoria Hernandez.

"A" Average in 6th grade Math: Haley Dunbar, Darby Long, Ashley Roberts, Nick Sherman, Ellie Naranjo, Dixie Williams, Sarah Belt and John Salas.

Best Attitude: Sarah Carstensen, Will Prayor, Leslye Flores, Kennedy Hallmark, Isabella Rodriquez.

Hardest Worker: Sarah Belt, Darin DeLeon, Brenna Tidwell, Annabel Garza and Kayla Jimenez.

"A" Average in 7th Grade Math: Ricky Segovia, Johnny Rose, Reeda Sustaita, Tanille Bigham, Nikki Jimenez and Clay Bigham.

Best Attitude: Bethany McCulloch, Ashly Alvarado, Britany Thompson, Cynthia Pesina, Collin Fulton and Reeda Sustaita.

Hardest Worker: Whitney Ascencio, Memory Lane, Tanille Bigham, Valerie Fernandez, Nikki Jimenez and Annel Salazar.

Mrs. Stoerner - UIL - Resource

UIL Listening 6th Grade: Haley Dunbar, 3rd; Nick Sherman, 6th; Christian Berjarano and Justicee Arjona.

UIL Listening 7th Grade: Isaiah Gonzales, Robert Guerrero, Bethany McCulloch.

UIL Listening 8th Grade: Marcos Mercado, 2nd; Gariel Arce, Jose Guerrero and Shayla Vasquez.

6th Grade

Star Student: Matthew Darin DeLeon.

Hardest Worker: Esperanza Guerra.

Best Attitude: Javier Guerrero.

Most Improved: John Palomin.

7th Grade

Star Student: Robert Martinez

Hardest Worker: Racquel Mejia.

Reading Award: Isaiah Gonzales.

Most Improved: Anthony Nunez.

Most Creative: Tyelor Holloway.

English Award: Demario Means.

Math Award: Kolby Williams.

8th Grade

Star Student: Delfino Rodriguez.

Most Creative: Lacie Nuncio.

Most Improved: Nicole Keyser.

Hardest Worker: Victoria Hernandez.

Coach Kathy Young - 6th Science

6th Grade Science Award: 1st Average: Sarah Belt, Haley Dunbar, Yesenia Garcia, Darby Long, Desarae McCulloch, Elisa Naran-

jo, Ryan Poole, Ashley Roberts, John Salas, Nick Sherman and Dixie Williams.

Mr. Coach Young - Texas History and Athletics

Texas History Awards: Jake Bramlet, Nathan Caballero, Paula Cuellar, Dillon DeLeon, Anna Hernandez, Kameron Hunt, Nikki Jimenez, David Johnson, Stevie Karlin, Jasmine Pena, Ky Teeter and Emily Williams.

Robin Race - Reading, UIL Dictionary Skills, Spelling

6th Grade Dictionary Skills: Marisol Hernandez, JW Jackson, Justicee Arjona and Ignacio Tapia.

7th Grade Dictionary Skills: Emily Williams, Brenda Salazar, Tanae Ramos and Heather Fierros.

8th Grade Dictionary Skills: Esperanza Garcia, 3rd; Ramon Cazares, 6th; and Gabriel Peralez.

6th Grade UIL Spelling: Sarah Belt, 3rds; Justicee Arjona, Alyssa Soliz and Yesenia Garcia.

7th Grade UIL Spelling: Tanille Bigham, 4th; Clay Bigham, 6th; and Ky Teeter.

8th Grade UIL Spelling: Lindsay Stewart, 3rd; Esperanza Garcia.

AR Stars: 6th Grade: Haley Dunbar, Yesenia Garcia, Kennedy Hallmark, Marisol Hernandez, Darby Long (550); Desarae McCulloch (113), Nicholas Sherman, Brenna Tidwell and Dixie Williams.

AR Awards: 7th Grade: Cody Amador, Tanille Bigham, Paula Cuellar (358.8); Heather Fierros, Amanda Hays, David Johnson, (doubled); Stephen Karlin (doubled more); Behtany McCulloch (more than doubled); Jasmine Pena, (doubled); Ky Teeter, Hunter Thompson and Emily Williams.

6th grade "A" Average: Sarah Belt, Sarah Carstenson, Yesenia Garcia, Kennedy Hallmark, Analia Hernandez, Marisol Hernandez, Desarae McCulloch, Ellie Naranjo, Ryan Poole, John Salas, Nicholas Sherman, Brenna Tidwell, Dixie Williams, Justicee Arjona, Joel Dolloff, Haley Dunbar, Darby Long, Andrew Palomin, Will Prayor and Ashley Roberts.

7th Grade "A" Average: Amanda Hays, Bethany McCulloch, Hunter Thompson, Jake Bramlet, Nathan Caballero, Dillon DeLeon, David Johnson, Stevie Karlin, Ky Teeter, Anna Hernandez, Jasmine Pena, Reeda Sustaita, Emily Williams, Janette Ybarra and Johnny Rose.

Commended in TAKS Reading: 6th Grade: Cristian Berjarano, Sarah Carstenson, Haley Dunbar, Yesenia Garcia, Darby Long, Ellie Naranjo, Ryan Poole, Ashley Roberts, Isabella Rodriquez, Nickolas Sherman, Dixie Williams.

Commended in TAKS Reading: 7th Grade: Alysa Cruz, Paula Cuellar, Dillon DeLeon, Amanda Hays, Kameron Hunt, David Johnson, Hunter Thompson and Emily Williams.

Donna Webb - UIL Art

6th Grade UIL Art: Haley Dunbar, 1st; Ashley Roberts, 4th; Yesina Garcia, 5th; Elysa Naranjo, Ingacio Tapia and Analia Hernandez.

7th Grade UIL Art: Paula Cuellar, 3rd; Annel Salazar, 5th; and Reeda Sustaita.

8th Grade UIL Art: Justin Roberts, 1st; Belia Astorga, 2nd; Shayla Vasquez, 4th.

7th Grade Most Improved Art Award: Robert Martinez.

7th Grade Most Artistic: Hunter Thompson.

8th Grade Most Improved: Taylor Rose, Rico Trejo and Lindsay Stewart.

Mrs. Hallmark - UIL Calculator

6th Grade UIL Calculators: Darby Long, 1st; Dixie Williams, 2nd; Kennedy Hallmark; and Marisol Hernandez.

7th Grade UIL Calculators: Jasmine Pena, 5th; Stevie Karlin, 2nd; Anna Hernandez, 3rd; and Jake Bramlet.

8th Grade UIL Calculators: Mary Sammann, 1st; Justin Roberts, 4th; and Luke Sherman.

Lisa Schumacher - Computer

8th Grade Fastest Typist: Gabriella Peralez, Rayann Race, Taylor Rose, Stacey Jimenez and Susie Salas.

Outstanding Student: Lindsay Stewart and Mary Elizabeth Sammann.

Bill Gates Award: Rico Trejo.

Hardest Worker: Candi Rea.

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Lockney VFD gets a facelift

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Judy Macha Reporter

Lockney's Volunteer Fire Department treasurer, Darrell Rasco, gave this reporter a tour of the newly refurbished fire hall May 15. He proudly pointed out all the improvements and mentioned the ones to come. "The paint was all peeling, the ceiling was falling, a lot of the ceiling lights no longer worked, the floor was coming up, the furniture was worn out as well as numerous other items," he said. "I've been here 20 years and nothing had been done. We just didn't have the money to remodel; neither did the city. People in general just can't appreciate how hard it is for a small town volunteer fire department to maintain, let alone improve itself."

The interior of the hall was totally stripped, a new suspended tile ceiling hung, new florescent lights installed, all the wall surfaces painted soft white, new

vertical blinds placed over the windows (installation courtesy of Texas Blind Manufacturers) and a new black and white tile floor installed in a large square pattern. The donated used furniture, appreciated but now worn out, was replaced with five new black vinyl couches arranged around the walls. The pool table alone remains to dominate the center of the room.

Rasco said, "We have individual chairs, a kitchen stove and a large flat screen TV coming. Our old TV set is 25 years old. The new TV will be better suited for showing our training films."

"The improvements done to our hall have been paid out of the funds collected on our behalf at the first responders' banquet earlier this year. Our firefighters have done the work themselves to cut costs. Different ones would come in during the day or night, whenever they could to get it done. We had also been saving

our money for the purpose of fixing the place up."

The entire inside surface of the steel door on the east wall is covered by a fantastic work of art created by Lockney's own Andy Stapp. It depicts a giant hand holding fire, on a black background.

Centered on the east wall itself is a large recreation of the Lockney Firefighter's insignia, done in black. Selena Marks, wife of Fire Chief Joe Marks, painted it for the department.

"We have purchased a new action training package with \$23,000 of our \$112,000 FEMA grant money. They tell us what we can spend the money on and we can't go outside those parameters. We have already ordered 24 sets of new bunker gear to replace ours. It's pretty good, but we have the chance to update, so we're going to. We plan on keeping four or five sets, then donating the rest to other small

volunteer fire departments who need it.

"We've ordered all new boots (about \$300 a pair), using approximately half of the appreciation dinner money. When you go buy 24 pairs of fireman boots, you can quickly spend a lot of money.

"We're also purchasing a compressor to put air in our packs, rather than having to get oxygen from someone else. It was also paid for with FEMA money. Our large grant is divided into three areas: personal equipment, department equipment and training.

"We have Preston Belt and Rodney Hunt who have gone after grants for the department and we really appreciate their efforts."

Rasco gathered a bundle of drawings done by school students thanking the department. He also pointed out a large vinyl poster autographed by many stu-

dents. "We gratefully acknowledge all the help we received the night of the LHS fire," he said. "Floydada Volunteer Fire Department was called and immediately responded to our call for help. First sending one truck; then before it reached their own city limits, the driver saw the flames and requested everything they had to be sent to help us. All law agencies within the county also answered the call."

He continued, "In the time afterward, I know help has come to the school from all over the state; first from Floydada. That fire represented a very dark storm, but every cloud does have its silver lining and the coming together of the communities and all the help the school and fire department received has been a very large part of that silver lining. It let us know there is still public appreciation around."

"As for us, we were just firemen doing our job."

By Vera Jo Bybee

Oh boy, what a nice slow week. I enjoy weeks like this. No appointments with anyone or anything. It was great.

Nothing much going on at the Center either, except on the first Saturday of every month Wanda cooks breakfast at the Center. You must sign up or call Wanda and tell her you will be there to eat breakfast with her. Wanda also cooks lunch at the Center Monday-Friday.

Congratulations go to Gene Brotherton who was selected RSVP Volunteer of the Month. A real nice write up on her was in another counties' Sunday paper. I tell you one thing, Gene is one of two people who keep the Center going with their volunteer work. They would be Gene Brotherton and Claude Brown.

Now of course, Wanda is a jewel too, but she does get a small salary. We can't afford to pay her near what she is worth, but she says that is okay as long as her husband, C.F. helps her. I nearly forgot to mention Gladys Bobbitt who is taking Gene's place while she is out with her bruised back and the volunteers who take the shut-ins their lunches.

The Longhorns came home empty handed last Thursday and Friday, when they went to Snyder to play Miles in baseball. They came a long way this year, but we didn't have to play Holliday this year either since we dropped down to 1A. The Longhorns were such a fun team to watch play. You couldn't keep from liking each one of them. They are all such fine young men.

Good luck to all the seniors as they take a new step in their lives. As for as the rest of the team who will be coming back next year, we can hardly wait for summer to be over and the sports begin.

There are a lot of turnovers in our school system this year. A lot of new teachers and coaches are coming in. Since I don't have anyone going to school here, there are several moving that I didn't even get to meet. I know the school board will pick a good selection of teachers for our children.

My grandson, Clint Faries, son of daughter Dara, worked for and received a degree in accounting with 130 hours at Mississippi State. When he and his wife Millie, who is a registered nurse, moved to Texas, Clint had to go back to college to get 20 hours more before he could sit for the CPA test. After he did all that and got a job, he found out he does not like accounting. So now he'll go back to college to get a teacher's certificate so he can coach and teach.

He said, "Granny, accounting is too stressful." I said, "Boy, you don't know nothing about stress until one of the boys or girls you coach has a granny like me."

He is taking a big cut in salary and he said, "But Granny, money is not everything." I told him money may not be everything, but it sure does help. Right now he doesn't have a job, so if anyone out there has a job for a well educated 30 year old let me know. I know he is going to love me for telling you all this.

Please put all these people on your prayer list: Claude Brown, Barbara Mathis, Vickie Schaeffer, Gene Brotherton, Edith Cooper, Dorothy Hooten Solomon, Doyle Poole, Jr. and Gail Cole.

Thought For The Day - Everyone can't be from Texas. You might say it's a gift from God. And the most important thing we learn growing up in Texas is ... IN GOD WE TRUST.

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PICTURED ABOVE IS A NEW STEEL DOOR painted by Andy Stapp of Lockney. The work of art is on a black background and pictures a giant hand holding fire.



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THE LOCKNEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT fire hall received some major remodeling recently after over 20 years of little to no repairs. The money for the remodel came from the first responders' banquet held earlier in the year, as well as the savings laid aside for this sole purpose.



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THE SUMMER BALLOON VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT was held at Floydada Rehab-Care Center, Tuesday, May 26. The Floydada team, Activity Director Sylvia Luna and the Golden Angels (Arvana West, Mary Henderson, Frank Cole, Gerry Bradford and Woodrow Edwards) won the trophy. Other participants were: Crosbyton Rehab-Care Center, Activity Director Mamie Alconedo and the Senior Chieftons (Elmer Wright and Maggie Griffen); and Lockney Health and Rehab Center, Activity Director Kristal Daniel and the Longhorns (Tomie Alaniz, Bernice Martin, Boyce Mosley, Maxine Hill and Peggy Probasco).

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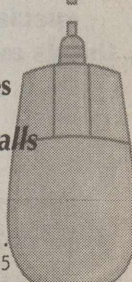
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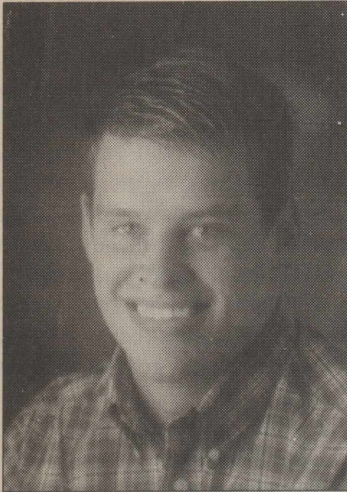
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Obituaries



CHASE LAWRENCE MITCHELL

Chase Lawrence Mitchell, 24, of Floydada passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2009 after a long battle with cancer.

Memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Floydada at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Pastor Rance Young officiated. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Chase was raised in Floydada and was a 2003 graduate of Floydada High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2008 with a degree in Interdisciplinary Agriculture. Chase was a true Red Raider fan and enjoyed every aspect of college life. He was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors. He loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Chase is survived by the love of his life, Mica Graybill. He is also survived by his mom and dad, Mark and Melanie Beedy; a brother, Taylor Beedy and a sister, Lindsey Beedy, all of Floydada; grandparents, Larry and Penny Sturgess and great-grandmother, Idella Sturgess, all of Tulia and grandmother, Judy Beedy of Lubbock; father, Wade Mitchell of Pampa; and grandmother, Irma Joe Mitchell of Dalhart; along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.



CAROL VIVIAN REEVES BELL

Carol Vivian Reeves Bell, age 82, passed away on Monday, June 1, 2009.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Anthony Sisemore and Mark Hart officiated. Interment followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Carol Vivian Reeves Bell was born May 24, 1927 in Turkey, Texas to Sim and Sally Reeves. She was raised on her great-grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson's, homestead at South Plains, where she attended elementary school. She graduated from Floydada High School in 1944. She received an AA from Wayland College in 1946 and a BA from Hardin Simmons University in 1948. She graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master's of Religious Education in 1950.

She taught at Buckner's Children's Home in Dallas and later taught school in Brownfield, Texas. She was on staff at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas until her marriage to Ted Bell on June 2, 1956. He preceded her in death on October 28, 1978. After her marriage, she started teaching in the Floydada school system, quickly finding her niche teaching Texas History to Floydada 7th graders. Despite their reluctance, many Floydada students graduated well versed in their State's history. But Mrs. Bell eventually tired of the struggle, returned to college for her Master's in Library Science from WTSU. In the fall of 1978, she started as the Floydada High School Librarian until her retirement in 1984.

Carol is survived by her son, Rex Bell of Ft. Worth; daughter,

Shannon Bell Hart of Boerne, Texas; step-son, Dr. Hal Reese of Decatur, Texas, and step-daughter, Sheryl Reeves of Santa Fe, New Mexico; her three brothers, John Reeves of Dallas, Raymond Reeves of Memphis, Texas, and Robert Reeves of South Plains; her grandchildren, 2nd Lieutenant, Travis Reese of Fort Knox, Kentucky, Anna Marie Bell, Austin Bell, Lauren Bell and Emily Bell, all of Ft. Worth, and Simon Hart and Mason Hart of Boerne, Texas; her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Bell of Ft. Worth, her son-in-law, Mark Hart of Boerne and step-daughter-in-law Lori Reese of Decatur, Texas.

Carol remained close to numerous relatives in both the Reeves and Austin families.

Memorials may be given to the Ted and Carol Bell Art Scholarship at Wayland Baptist University, 1900 W. 7th St., CMB #621, Plainview, Texas 79072 or to First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main, Floydada, Texas 79235

EUPHEMIA CORTEZ

Euphemia Cortez, 76, of Floydada passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2009 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church.

Services are under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Euphemia Cortez was born March 20, 1933 to Lazaro Corez and Locaria Gonzalez in Honda, Texas.

Local survivors include a sister, Refugia Rodriguez; five nieces, Linda Castro and husband, Jesus, Eva Cisneros and husband, Alvaro, Gloria Mendoza and husband, Luis, Yolanda Vega and Janie Gonzalez; three nephews, Ernesto Cortez, Mario Cortez and Rogelio Corez.

Galloways laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery

Al and Sally Galloway of Floydada were laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium on May 26, 2009.

The ceremony, held on a beautiful, rainy morning, included a military escort, a 21-gun salute, and the playing of the taps.

During WWII, Al served in the Army Corps as a flight engineer on a B-17. The service was conducted by Army Chaplain Dr. James Key, and the American flag was presented to Randall Galloway, who had served in the Army.

Also in attendance were Dane Galloway, Cecilia Fex Galloway and Hans Fex.

Al and Sally Galloway were affiliated with the Floydada schools for many years. Al was a vocational education teacher and

Sally as a librarian. Their commitment to education and to generations of their students was enthusiastic, heartfelt, and enduring.

A scholarship fund has been established as a path to the enrichment of students' lives, and to the society to which they will contribute. At the recent Floydada High School commencement exercises, the first scholarships were presented to Sean Miller and Tyler Derryberry, who received \$1000 and \$500 respectively.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to the permanent scholarship fund can send a check made out to Floydada High School, % Carlen Beedy, specifying the donation to the Al and Sally Galloway Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Courtesy Photo

AL AND SALLY GALLOWAY were laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium on May 26, 2009. The 3rd U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard" is shown here performing the formal folding of the flag during the military ceremony. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and is headquartered at Fort Myer, VA. Al and Sally passed away on December 19, 2008 and August 22, 2007, respectively.

Thanks For Reading

The family of Dee Adams would like to express our thanks for all the food, cards, visits, prayers, phone calls, and donations sent in Dee's memory.

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

- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
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.

- NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
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Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Bible..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise.... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday..... 7:30 p.m.

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Lockney
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Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 p.m.
Discipleship..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.

- PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**
Floydada
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Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.... 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening..... 6:00 p.m.

- 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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Andy Rodriguez
983-5286 (church)
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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 Consemio
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.

- TRINITY ASSEMBLY**
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Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
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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.

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This Week's

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at the County Extension Office meeting room on Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. There will be guest speaker.

Baseball...

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a lot better. Jacob Luna was ready to start and threw six innings of good baseball. We went into an inning with some mistakes behind us, and were not able to make a few plays to get us out of the inning. Miles ended up capitalizing with five runs there. Four were unearned.

Our guys played six good innings of baseball. You can't expect them to be perfect all the time. We didn't capitalize on the opportunity we had to get out of there.

The Miles' pitcher came back. He was their ace and did a fantastic job. We battled and put the ball in play. Their defense made plays.

I guess you could say the final note on the series is they were able to make plays and we just came up short a few times. Our effort was there, we played hard and the guys battled to the last out. Sometimes in baseball your going to face times like that. It just happened to be at one of the crucial points of our season.

But I'm extremely proud of the young men and how they have developed into a quality club. We were at least able to match some history in Lockney baseball. Of course we're not satisfied with that; we wanted to be able to make history.

Looking back on last year being 3-20-1, and then turn around and being 24-9-1, it was a huge accomplishment for those young men. I am very proud of each and every one of them.

Five seniors who really made a commitment to how we were going to play this year were: 1) Angel Cruz, a four year starter who developed into one of the better catchers I've been able to coach; 2) Jonathan Coleman was another four year starter who had a variety of roles through the year and we were able to settle in and he became a real good solid outfielder for us, and was able to contribute offensively as well; 3) Lucas Hall was another senior who had basically three years of experience and Lucas really developed into a good player for us. He was put into the role of first baseman, which he had not played since he's been in the program and was probably one of our better defensive players. He also led the team in several offensive categories. Lucas was really bound and determined to be the best hitter on our team and the best hitter in the area. He really did a good job for us; 4) Kyler Ellison was another senior. He came into this year ready to prove he could be counted on and he certainly did that. He was one of our pitchers we could count on to come in and get us out of jams. He really

stepped up offensively for us and contributed a lot, not just average and that kind of stuff, but being a base threat. He really concentrated on his swing and did a really good job of improving that. I think he hit well over 300 this year; 5) Brett Johnson was a kid who came out his freshman year then decided not to come out for a few years, but came out during the summer last year and really decided he wanted to be a part of it. Brett was very solid for us in the outfield and right field and contributed also offensively.

We have some juniors coming back next year: Jacob Luna and Louie Peralez. Those guys are going to have to step up into a big role next year. Konner Ellison is another junior. Konner led our team in hitting in most of our categories. He and Lucas battled all year for average, RBI's and things like that. Konner is a big part of it along with Jacob and Louie. Jacob was probably our number two starter after Louie got hurt. Those two guys, Louie and Jacob, turned out, along with Renee' to be some of the best pitchers on the South Plains.

Renee' Cruz is a sophomore who doesn't have a whole lot of size, but his determination and competitiveness really exceed his size. I'm just proud for each and every one of those kids.

Sophomore Chris Torrez was a huge asset late in the season. During the Quarterfinals, Chris had to come in after Louie Peralez got hurt. Chris did a tremendous job as he played himself into a dependable role throughout the playoffs. Chris will be called upon to fill an important role next year.

Aaron Rendon is going to be another underclassman coming back and he is an extremely competitive kid who is going to grow into his body and is going to continue to get stronger and faster and is going to be a big part of what the Longhorn team will be able to do the next few years.

We had two freshmen, Riley Teeter and Landon Kidd who were very limited in their play this year just because of their lack of experience and because we had a veteran group coming back with eight starters from last year's team. So it was hard for them to get into the lineup at times but they improved from day one till the last. They were figuring out how to play for next year from the other players; listening and being coachable. They are also going to have to step into a role of being a starter next year, somewhere in that club.

The community support we had was just awesome. I don't think there was a time in the playoffs we did not outnumber the other team fan-wise, three to one. The young ladies the team refers to as "the baseball babes" just added an extra dimension to the support, really rallied around our kids and our baseball team; just giving us a real advantage having that kind of support.

Our young men did the best they could and they gave a great effort; we just fell short a little bit. We really wanted to do some things for the community after they reached out to us after the fire. We left the field a little bit down, but we are proud of where we ended. Again, we're just extremely proud that we could be a part of Lockney baseball, Lockney athletics and the Lockney community.

James Garrett has been with

us for several years and has really made a big impact on all the little things that we do in the program. James has been a big part of the success of Lockney baseball. Not only has he been important to baseball, but to our kids, and especially me on spiritual growth; just the emotional side of it. We were able to do *Coaches' Outreach* this year and for the last few years. I know that is the most important part of our success and how we've gone forward. We were really able to relate biblical scripture to these kids and get them to understand how important it is for them to put someone above them to be accountable to, and what better person could that be than Jesus Christ? James has really helped us with that issue; also Mr. Cotham, by letting us do *Coaches' Outreach*. We really do have to get back to the Gospel.

Keegan Reynolds was our first year guy, and he brought a lot of excitement and passion to the game. He is one of those that you have to have, as an assistant, to be there when it might get hairy from time to time when you have to really nail down on some discipline, responsibility or accountability - when you have to be the "bad guy". Keegan was one of the one to lift the atmosphere during those times, reminding us we were suppose to be having fun here. I feel like those two guys were a huge, huge part of what we did.

I think another paper said, "story book closed". Well, the storybook did close, but it was a great story and a great opportunity for those kids to experience. We're just glad that we, as coaches, could have the opportunity to coach these young men and be able to relate some things that we don't often get to, from time to time.

Music...

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just didn't know where and we found it, though it no longer exists as a recording studio.

"We then went to Odessa where we stayed four nights. Again, we knew some people there. The man used to be a guitarist and his wife used to be a bass player; lovely people, Jack and Ima Smith. We've corresponded with them for some time so it was nice to actually meet them for the first time ever.

"From there we went to Wink, the boyhood home of Roy Orbison. (He was actually born in Vernon.) While there we toured the Roy Orbison Museum." Davison-White chimed in, "The Museum was closed when we arrived, so we went to what was called City Hall, and just like here, someone was nice enough to come and organize it so we could go in."

"I got to wear Orbison's glasses - I never realized his eye-sight was so bad," Shepherd said.

"I put them on, too," Davison-White laughed. "Then, someone told me to smile at the camera, but I couldn't see where the camera was!"

Shepherd continued, "From there we drove to Meadow where one of the Crickets, (Sonny Curtis) was born and brought up. Then we went to Lubbock and stayed four nights and saw all the Buddy Holly and the Crickets stuff.

"We went to visit the sister of another singer who was killed in a plane crash in 1964. His name was David Box. (Box sang lead for a while with the Crickets after Holly's death.)

"He was influenced by Buddy Holly, and in his own group, (The Ravens, formed in 1958), musicians came and went - one of them was a bass player named Doug Walding. And that's what brings us to Floydada." (Walding, whose connections with the Crickets spanned three decades, co-wrote *Waitin' With Roland Pike*, according to a biography of David Box.) Davison-White produced a black and white photograph, taken in 1964, of Doug Walding playing guitar with the Crickets. He and Shepherd were disappointed to learn Walding had moved back to Lubbock a couple of years ago. Nancy Marble offered to look him up for them and they thanked her kindly.

"Everyone in Texas has been so friendly and kind to us since we've been here. Floydada is no exception," said Davison-White. "Anyway, Walding was a good, actually a great, bass player. But he never really made it big, did he? He was very talented."

"We first looked in the phone book and found a muffler shop. A muffler shop, I thought, a scarf shop? You see, muffler is what we call a scarf in England," Shepherd laughed. "What you call mufflers (a part of a car), we call silencers."

Davison-White said, "From here we're going to Happy, home of Buddy Knox. He had quiet a few hit records. He may not be remembered much, but he did." Shepherd added, "He is remembered more in England than in America, I think.

"As far as today's music, I don't listen to it, because I don't like it. I don't find it palatable. But that's okay, our parents didn't like what we listened to either."

Davison-White jumped in, "My mom did. She was totally tone deaf, but she loved to listen. I take after my mom - you wouldn't enjoy listening to me sing. My dad just didn't like music, and that's the crux of the matter: My dad's dad was in the Salvation Army and my dad was expected to be in their band. He did join, though he never liked music himself, he only did it to please people. He could play the trombone, the trumpet, the saxophone and the piano accordion by ear."

Davison-White talked a bit about the town he grew up in, "As a young boy in school I remember there were two ways to go when leaving: one way led to the coal mines and the other to the ship yards. I had no intention of working in the coal mines so I became a shipwright. When the shipyards closed, I became a qualified social worker. And that's what I've done for twenty and a half years."

"I've been a teacher all my working life," said Shepherd, "mostly high school courses, and I also taught a bit of games, sports in your terms. I really enjoyed it, being outside and all. It got me out of the classroom."

They said they had been in Floydada for about an hour. They first went to the muffler shop and were directed to the Museum. They started looking around while

there. "We love history," said Shepherd. "One thing saddens us. We've noticed as we've driven around the small towns, all the empty old buildings. Their architecture is lovely and they are full of history. It would be sad to see them demolished."

"In Clovis, we noticed this and asked a woman if it was a depressed area and she told us it wasn't, they just tend to abandon the old site and build on a new spot. In Muleshoe, it was more pronounced. We thought we were out of town, then it started back up again with all new buildings.

"England is a very small country and land is precious. Once a building is abandoned, it is torn down and immediately a new one is built in its place. Where a building has been torn down is referred to as a brown field site as opposed to a green field site which is virgin ground. We can't afford to build on green fields as we need them to grow food."

Shepherd commented the weather outside (Tuesday) reminded him of home, cloudy and drizzly. He said it was a good thing, because his head was beginning to burn.

"We'll be heading home on May 25," they said. "During this trip we've found through our love of American Music, we've the love of America."

Buffalo Grass...

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meeting and they were approved as corrected.

Following the salad super, Nancy Marble gave the memorial program honoring those ladies who have passed on through the years and this year. We lost one member, Gene Reed of Ralls.

Margaret Berry reported that 3,626 coupons had been sent for a face value of \$ 4,565.70 to bases overseas.

New business included Margaret Berry installing new officers for the coming two years as follows: Regent - Susan Dunavant, Vice Regent - Pricilla Minter, Treasurer - Debra McCarty, Recording Secretary - Sherry Colston, Registrar - June Sherman, Historian - Nancy Marble and Librarian - Carolyn Cunningham.

Noma Lou Rainer, Chaplain and Grace Ashley, Corresponding Secretary will be installed in September. Debra McCarty presented the traveling regent's pin to incoming regent, Susan Dunavant. Dunavant presented Debra McCarty with her past regent's pin. Regent, Susan Dunavant, thanked Janice Julian and Pricilla Minter for hosting the salad supper. Our next meeting will be September 22, 2009 at 6 p.m. at Light-house Electric.

Members present for this meeting were Nancy Marble, Pricilla Minter, Janice Julian, Sherry Colston, Susan Dunavant, Margaret Berry, Violet Cooper, Debra McCarty, June Sherman and Carolyn Cunningham. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Duncan...

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money provides a significant boost to all of our schools in the state of Texas including our rural schools."

Duncan added that the legislature was able to clarify things on dual credit (high school/college) courses which will save school districts money as more students are able to take advantage of the availability of college courses through local school systems.

Duncan said he voted against the \$800 across-the-board pay raise amendment granted to Texas teachers.

"I'd rather that money go to the school districts so they can use it to reward faculty accordingly and to recruit faculty," added Duncan.

Duncan said additional money was also made available to retired teachers and other state employees, but the Texas Attorney General has yet to decide on the constitutionality of the funds.

Both Duncan and Chisum gave lawmakers credit for managing the state's money as Texas is one of a handful of solvent states in today's economy. In fact, Texas has \$9 billion in the bank, much more than any other state.

Chisum added that the majority of new jobs created in the U.S. during the past decade were created in Texas and the Lone Star State was the most business-friendly state in the country.

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