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CAROLYN CUNNINGHAM HOLDS A NATIVITY

Nativity collection at Museum

by Betty Jackson

On display at the Museum for the month of December until after the New Year begins, is part of a nativity collection loaned to us by Carolyn Cunningham of Lockney. Her collection spans 25 years of collecting and began with a love of nativities.

Cunningham states that the first nativity she purchased has led to another and another and another. Some are gifts and all are cherished.

The collection has come from many countries all over the world, including (to mention a few) Mexico, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Spain, Russia, England, Lithuania, Israel, Brazil, Guatemala, China, Thailand, Kenya, India, Poland, Venezuela and Puerto Rico.

Many mediums have been used, including foil over cardboard, loofah, bamboo, pine needles, leather, fired clay, tagua nut, bead work, slate, abalone shell/mother-of-pearl, alabaster, wool felt, stiffened cloth, mud and a painted nativity scene on a

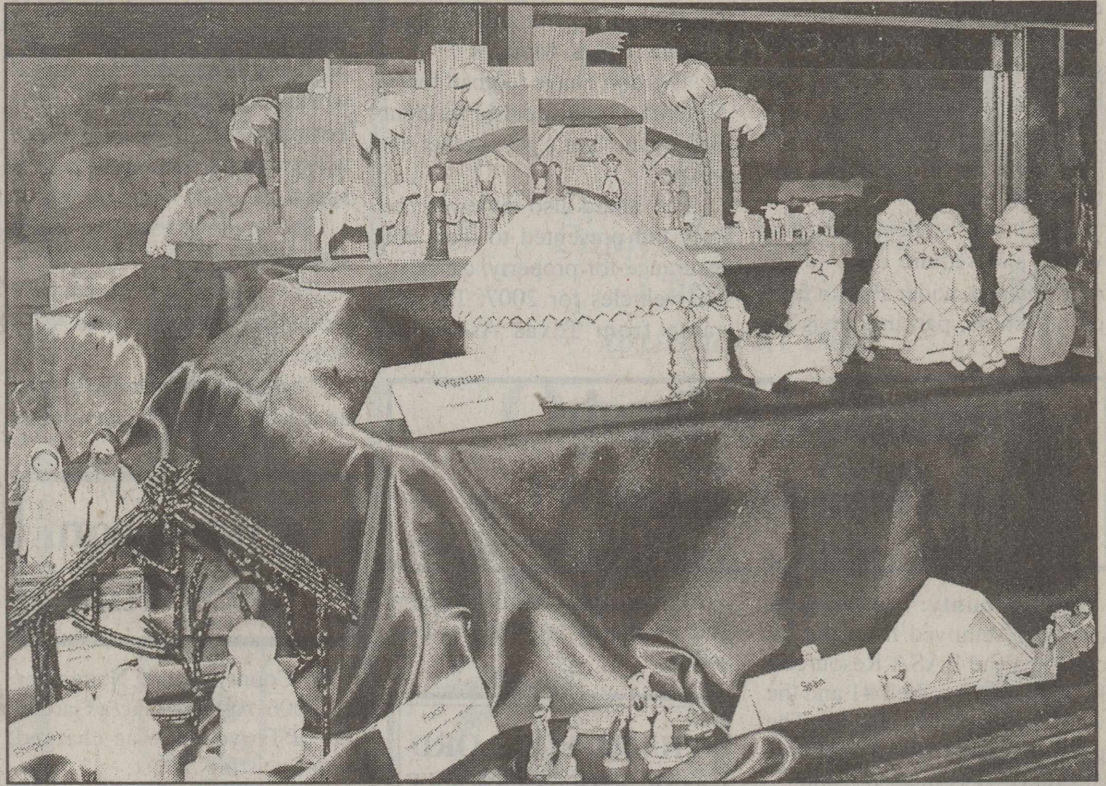
feather.

They range in size from tiny (half of a walnut size) to almost two feet tall. Many are hand made

by talented artisans

We invite all friends and patrons of the museum to come in and see these works of art. You

will be amazed at the craftsmanship. Our hours are 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENES FROM AROUND THE WORLD. (see related story) Staff Photo

Lockney Hospital praised by Texas Attorney General

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has praised W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital for improving the lives of Texas children by working to establish legal paternity when a child is born to unmarried parents. During fiscal year 2006, W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital established paternity for 83 percent of children born to unmarried parents, making it a top performer among hospitals that deliver 99 babies or less to unwed parents each year. The statewide average for paternity establishment at birthing hospitals in Texas is 70 percent.

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital was one of 14 hospitals in the state recognized for exemplary achievement.

"Texas children are the future of our great state," said Attorney General Abbott. "W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital's remarkable success means more children will benefit from the much-needed emotional and financial support of both parents. The Office of the Attorney General is proud to partner with hospitals across the State of Texas to ensure the brightest possible future for our children."

Under Texas law, a child born to a man and woman who are not married has no legal father. Voluntary acknowledgment of paternity (AOP) is one way to estab-

lish legal fatherhood so children are eligible for child support and benefits such as Social Security, veteran's survivor benefits and health insurance. In addition, legal paternity guarantees a father's rights as a parent.

Hospitals must provide unwed parents with the opportunity to establish paternity and with information about the rights and responsibilities involved. The Paternity Opportunity Program (POP), which was developed by the Attorney General's Child Support Division, trains and certifies employees of hospitals and birthing centers to assist parents with the AOP process while the mother and child are still in the hospital. POP provides hospitals with brochures and a video that discuss the benefits and responsibilities of paternity establishment. Hospital staff, in turn, give this information to unmarried parents.

In addition to the 14 hospitals singled out for exemplary achievement, Attorney General Abbott also recognized 27 hospitals across the state for achieving six percentage points above the average. Eighty-nine hospitals were recognized for meeting the statewide average of helping 70 percent of unmarried parents legally acknowledge paternity at the time their children were born.

Spirit of Christmas needs help

Volunteers are still needed for Floydada's annual Spirit of Sharing Christmas meal preparation and delivery to elderly and shut-ins.

Delivery people, cooks and servers are needed, along with monetary donations to buy food. Donations can be given at City

Bank. Approximately 400 meals will be served this Christmas Day.

The schedule of preparation and delivery will be in next week's paper. Call Sudy Cochran, 983-3171, or Fred Thayer, 983-3121, to request a delivery or to donate food.

FISD, LISD, and PISD Superintendents clash over hiring new CSSA Coop Director

Superintendents from Lockney ISD and Petersburg ISD came before the Floydada School Board Thursday night to discuss a disagreement they were having with FISD Superintendent Jerry Vaughn over who to hire as Director of Caprock Shared Services Arrangements.

The three ISD's, Petersburg, Lockney, and Floydada, are all a part of the CSSA Cooperative. Each superintendent represents their respective school boards at the CSSA Board Meetings.

CSSA is a state funded program to help schools with special needs children. CSSA programs use different approaches to special ed children. At present the Coop pays 5 full time employees plus an interim director, and 12-13 others are partially funded by the state--such as bus drivers, custodians, and speech therapists.

Because the expense is so great and the expert needs are so varied smaller school districts join their state resources together to hire personnel to fill these positions, purchase necessary equipment, and maintain separate offices and classrooms for the special needs.

Being the larger school district, Floydada ISD is the fiscal agent for the CSSA Coop. As the fiscal agent Floydada maintains the buildings and pays the salaries with the combined funds from each member of the Coop, and state funds.

The FISD School Board is also the board that oversees the CSSA Board made up of the three superintendents.

According to LISD Superintendent Phil Cotham, this year,

LISD contributed \$64,457.00; Petersburg ISD contributed \$33,857.00 and FISD contributed \$80,606.00.

This disagreement between the superintendents is over who to hire to replace CSSA Director Kayla Guest.

Over a dozen people applied for the job and the superintendents narrowed the search down to three for an interview.

Superintendents Cotham and PISD Superintendent Joey Nichols voted to employ Karen

Quebe, a diagnostician with CSSA who has worked for the Coop since 1989. FISD Superintendent Vaughn voted against Quebe.

Because Vaughn would not recommend Quebe, and because the FISD Board had to approve the hiring of the new director, both Cotham and Nichols appeared before the FISD Board to present their case for Quebe and ask the FISD Board to hire her as the new director.

Cotham spoke first to the Board and explained that the superintendents had met several times and reached the same impasse each time.

"I was elementary principal in Lockney for 13 years," said Cotham. "About 10 of those years Karen Quebe was the diagnostician for our special ed classes over there. She came and conducted our ARD (Admission, Review, Dismissal) meetings and did a lot of things for our school as far as special ed went.

"That is where a lot of my knowledge of her ability to work with special ed...her knowledge

of the law...her professionalism...and what I know she can do comes from. It is not a knock on any of the other candidates that we looked at, but my knowledge of the other candidates and their experience does not measure up to hers...

"I really don't know what the problems are with her (from Jerry Vaughn), other than he felt like there was going to be a problem coming up with that. I think that is why you have a board of managers. If there are problems we certainly should know about them and I have not been aware of any problems with her as an employee of the Coop in the past. Not one incident has been brought up to me. I think her experience, her professionalism, and her knowledge of special ed law makes her the candidate for the job. I would hope you would consider the boards recommendation on hiring Karen Quebe."

PISD Superintendent Joey Nichols spoke of his experience with Quebe. He stated when he was the High School principal in Petersburg, Quebe was also his school's diagnostician.

"If you are looking at this job description you are looking at what is most important. Looking at the job description for CSSA most of the things it mentions are related to special ed. I've worked with Laura Taylor who is now the 3rd or 4th in command at TEA in the special ed division and I would put Karen's knowledge of special ed up there with Taylors.

"I absolutely have no reservations...about Karen. We are a small school. We

don't have a lot of resources. That wealth of special ed knowledge is critical. She has been a resource for me. I'd encourage you to consider my recommendation. I feel very strongly about it."

After the superintendents spoke FISD President Bill Dean called for a closed executive session. At this point Cotham approached Dean's chair and handed him a letter from Karen Quebe (who was not present at the meeting).

The letter requested that any discussion of Quebe and her job qualifications or employment be made in open session. The meeting stayed open.

In open session Vaughn, as the head of the Coop board, then presented the recommendation of the CSSA to employ Karen Quebe as the CSSA director.

Trustee Amado Morales asked if there was any way to look further into this and get together again.

Cotham said the superintendents had met 3 times and gone home to think it over, but had all come back with the same opinions.

Trustee Kerry Pratt asked Vaughn, "What makes you think Karen can't do the job?"

Vaughn said, "...Several instances of things that have occurred while I've been here."

"Can you elaborate on those," asked Pratt.

"I don't care because they involve students," said Vaughn. "If we can't go into closed session I'm sure not going to elaborate on the students."

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HAY RIDES--Youngsters enjoyed hay rides at Lockney's Old Fashioned Christmas, Saturday night in downtown Lockney. Staff Photo



CHRISTMAS CAROLS--Lockney Elementary children sang Christmas Carols to the crowds enjoying Old Fashioned Christmas in Lockney Saturday night. Staff Photo

FISD looks at wheelchair access at stadium

FISD Trustees met in regular session, December 7 and discussed employment of a director for Caprock Shared Services (see separate story), handicap ramps for football bleachers, insurance, and audits.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn addressed the board and stated there have been some problems with wheelchair access recently. Because of some unhappiness expressed by some wheelchair confined people, Vaughn asked for a proposal from Grimes and Associates.

The proposal presented to the board gave an estimate for: building wheelchair entry ramps on the north and south end of the bleachers, construction of wheelchair accessible/wider front aisles on the front of the bleachers, parking areas for wheelchairs, and wheelchair accessible sidewalk from the parking to the bleacher ramps.

This construction would have to be made for the home and visitor bleachers.

The home "student" bleachers would also require entry ramps on south end, wider aisle in front of bleachers, parking areas for

wheelchairs and aluminum walkways.

Also included in the proposal would be accessible sidewalks to the concession stand and toilets, enlarging the concrete area in front of the concession and modification of existing toilets.

The proposal stated the estimates are based on the cost of bringing contractors from Lubbock or Amarillo. However, if a welder could be found locally the cost could come down as much as 30-40%.

The estimated cost for the project was \$261,000.00 -- \$333,000.00.

Trustee Kerry Pratt stated, "A quarter of a million dollars is outrageous. You couldn't get a quarter of a million for the whole set-up over there."

"You could move the whole stadium for that cost," said Trustee Amado Morales.

"We don't have football for 6-7 months," said Board President Bill Dean. "Let's get another estimate."

The Board also reviewed the only bid presented to them for insurance for property, casualty, and vehicles for 2007. The bid came from Texas Assoc. of

School Boards Risk Management Fund.

The bid showed an increase of \$5,100 increase. Total cost for property insurance was \$39,114; for vehicles, \$21,939; and \$14,381 for other equipment liability. The total package would cost FISD \$79,434.00.

The trustees unanimously approved accepting the bid.

Trustees listened to an audit report prepared by Robison, Johnston & Patton. It showed the accounting policies of the District to be in good shape. The accountant said, "I applaud the business office in the way they deal with credit card receipts, fuel, and activity funds."

The cash flow statement for FISD showed a fund balance of \$5,654,562.37.

Vaughn presented the board with Student Performance/Superintendent Appraisal worksheet that is required by Texas statute to be considered when making a superintendent appraisal.

The appraisal will be made soon by the trustees.

The students performance worksheet is based on the AEIS Report.

The report showed the district as a whole being academically

acceptable. All campuses met the adequate yearly progress report.

"Thirty categories are applicable to FISD," said Vaughn. "Of those categories we showed positive growth in 26. I think that shows we are moving in the right direction."

The Board also recognized students of the month from each campus: Duncan Elementary was Felipe Perez, a pre-kindergarten student; Andrews Elementary was 5th grader Michaela Jackson; Junior High was 7th grader Gracie Cervera; and High School was junior, Emily Griffin.

Also honored was Robin Sanders as Educator of the Month. This is her first year as a 1st grade teacher.

Bill Gilbreath, a school bus driver, was honored as Support Staff of the Month.

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Palo Duro Basin Oil & Gas Report

By Tom Musser

Floyd County: The generator has been removed from the location of the BASA Resources, In. Foster Lease Well #1 and the well was currently shut-in. The pumpjack was still on location as of Friday, December 8, 2006.

Floyd County: The PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. Cox Lease Well #1013 is setting longstring casing and expects to be back drilling later this week.

Swisher County: The workover unit has left the location of the PetroGlobe Energy USA Ltd. Young Lease Well #1032. It has been reported that the operator will move another

workover unit to this location and continue testing various zones.

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In County Court, November 21, 2006, Antonio Garza Garcia, 31, of Floydada, was charged with Resisting Arrest;

November 28, Marjorie Spencer Williams, 48, of Floydada, was charged with Driving While License Invalid 2nd;

November 29, Lynn Lewis Davis Jr., filed a speeding appeal;

December 1, William James Norrell, 50, was charged with Failure to Appear;

December 5, 2006, Reinaldo Cuba, 41, of Floydada, was charged with Resisting Arrest.



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FISD waits on hiring Director

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Trustee Rachael Castillo asked, "Can you without giving their names?"

"I'd prefer not to," said Vaughn, "because it deals with special ed students...one of them as recently as this week."

"I feel like it is not in the best interest of FISD for her to be the director."

Dean then said, "I understand your recommendation. I make a motion that we accept Mr. Vaughn's recommendation from the CSSA Board to employ Karen."

Castillo seconded the motion. During discussion time of the motion, Trustee Marty Lucke spoke. Lucke referred to the friction over the decision and the special needs of the CSSA students. "I don't think it is in the best interests of any of the students in any of the school districts for us to have a director that already appears to have some type of friction."

Lucke then began to read a motion and was interrupted by Pratt.

"You have to deal with the motion on the floor before you make another motion."

Board President Bill Dean then told Pratt the motion was proper parliamentary procedure. "This is a subsidiary motion and it is in order and it has precedence and requires a majority vote. He then asked Lucke to restate the

motion. "I move that we postpone definitely any action on this item until we have a unanimous recommendation from the CSSA Board."

"The key word is 'definitely,'" continued Lucke, "and 'until' is another key word...we have unanimous recommendation from the CSSA Board."

"When you do it definitely, you are giving them either a time or an event...we're not telling them they have to have a decision by midnight or the next time we meet...we're telling them that when they have a unanimous decision to bring it back to us."

"That is a good motion," said Morales.

The vote was then five in favor, by: Lyle Miller, Amado Morales, Rachael Castillo, Bill Dean and Marty Lucke.

Kerry Pratt voted against it. (Trustee Bart Greer was not present)

Dean then addressed Cotham and Nichols and said, "This board does not want to see the Coop dissolve."

"I hope it doesn't come to that," said Nichols.

"We have two other candidates to choose from", said Cotham, "unless we start this whole process over again...and I don't feel those two will be able to do what Mrs. Quebe can do."

Pratt then addressed the room and said, "I've got three profes-

sionals in this room and I think that it is pathetic that I'm getting dragged through the mud because ya'll can't get along. I don't like it one bit. I would hope ya'll can come to an agreement."

"These 3 are all great communities and I'm not going to divide them with a vote because ya'll can't get along. I'm plenty hot...I

don't know anybody involved. I don't know who would be the best but I would like to be able to take the recommendation (from the CSSA board)..."

At the close of the discussion Pratt turned to Dean and said, "I'd like to get on the agenda next time we meet to rescind the motion (from the previous meeting) that we can withdraw from the cooperative."

When questioned after the meeting-Dean stated the motion Pratt was referring to was made last month and gave Vaughn the authority (without having to come to the Board for approval) to withdraw from the CSSA Cooperative if necessary.

A dissolution of the Coop would require all the Coop assets to be divided up. It would also require FISD to pay the other districts their share of the worth of the CSSA building on the High School campus.

To continue to provide the current level of special ed care the school districts would then have to find another cooperative to join.

Blue Moon Internet gets permission for antennae placement from County

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners met Monday, December 11, and gave Blue Moon Solutions wireless internet permission to install their equipment on the county's 275 foot tower located west of town.

Marty Hale, Chief Executive Officer of Blue Moon Solutions, told the commissioners "We need a 200+ foot tower here with no interference and FCC regulated. Our equipment will only consist of one antenna with cable. It will not take up much space and it will reach up to 10 miles. We already have a 600 foot tower at our Reese Technology Center west of Lubbock."

Hale added, "We could begin installation on the tower within a week. We will install receivers on light poles all over town and the entire system should be up and running by the middle of January, 2007."

Hale added, "This WiFi project will make Floydada the most high tech town in rural America. Floydada is the first city in all of West Texas to have this technology. FISD already has around 675 laptops and this will virtually expand their campus to the entire county."

"We also hope to expand into Lockney ISD, City departments, Police Departments, Fire Departments, Public Work vehicles, EMS and the Sheriff's Department," said Hale.

Over 400 larger cities, like Dallas and San Francisco, already have this technology, according to Hale. "This system will eventually cut costs for internet, television and utilities," said Hale.

In other matters, the commissioners gave permission to Petro Globe Energy, USA to use the right-of-way of County Road 271 near Dougherty to install a 4 inch gas pipeline for the McIntosh #1 Well from Hwy 70 for 4 miles to Atmos transmission line at CR

290. Petro Globe Energy spokesman Randy Hutton told the court, "We need to get this gas (from the McIntosh Well) to the market. We will put the 4 inch pipe inside an 8 inch pipe and bury both at least 4 feet deep below the bottom of the ditch."

The court approved three farm contracts. They were: Pct. 4, 14 miles east and 6 miles north of Floydada, to grade feed road for soil conservation, by Michael Stark; Pct. 1, 1.5 miles east of Hwy 62 on CR 290, to bury old improvements for soil conservation, by Jason Pyle; and Pct. 1, off Highway 378, to haul gravel, by Susan Dunavant.

\$32,000 was transferred by the commissioners from the Road & Bridge Fund to the four precincts at \$8,000 each to be used for general expenses.

County Treasurer Elva Martinez gave the court her month Financial Report for November, 2006. It showed a Beginning Balance of \$663,062.18, with Receipts at \$539,634.31. Transfers In and Out was at \$224,553.90, with Disbursed at \$203,107.66, leaving an Ending Balance of \$999,588.83.

Floyd County Extension Agent Melissa Long reported to the commissioners. According to Long, the Caprock Cotton Conference will be held January 16, 2007 at the Plains Baptist Assembly and a Beef Cattle Meeting will be held at the Unity Center in Muncy on February 6, 2007.

Long continued, "We will continue to do monthly nutrition education programs at the Floydada Senior Citizens' Center and at the Lockney Quilting Club. We will offer Do Well Be Well with Diabetes from January 29, 2007 to February 26, 2007. We will offer Food Protection Management classes on February 15 & 16, 2007."

According to Long, the Floyd

The Parish Nurse/Faith Community Outreach Missions Project of Rural Nurse Resource (RNR) is seeking prayers, volunteers and financial donations for next year's projects. As little as one hour of your time can make a difference! These projects are available to groups, communities and congregations of all denominations throughout West Texas.

Projects include: disaster preparedness for congregations and communities; blood pressure awareness; healthy eating and simple exercise; community-wide health, career and job fair; training programs for parish nurses and lay health advocates (no medical background required to attend); and health and healing focused bible study.

Please consider supporting one or more of these projects. No experience or professional requirements are necessary. Volunteers will be trained to participate in their area of interest. All ages are welcome to apply.

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County Stock Show will be held at the Unity Center from January 12-15, 2007.

Brady Ragland and Senece Foster were recognized at the District Gold Star Banquet. "Brady attended the Texas Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. after the Thanksgiving holiday and he was picked to lay the reef at the grave of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery," said Long.

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FLOYDADA CHAMBER'S BUSINESS OF THE MONTH for December is Helms Farms. (Left standing) Robert Garcia, Enrique Benavidez, Adrain Helms (Left, kneeling) Ricardo Castillo, Jr. (Right, standing) Kary Helms, Wolf Craver and Juan Paz. Staff Photo

Floyd County Lifestyles



BONNIE GRAHAM (right) presented Trina Wilson, an RN at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital, with bears that she and several staff members and residents of Shepherds Meadow made for Mangold Hospital patients. This was the first time that several of the staff had participated in a sewing project. Courtesy Photo

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee
 Gale and Paul Schacht were passing through Crowell recently and stopped to visit with Lewzetta Gloyna. She is now residing in the Crowell Nursing Center. I know she would appreciate hearing from all her Lockney friends. Her address is P.O. Box 670, Crowell, Texas 79227
 Gladys Bobbitt's daughter Donna and husband Jimmy Mitchell were visitors at the Center Friday. Everyone enjoyed visiting with them.
 Gleyenn Earle and Sterling Cummings' grandson Zach Carter Cummings III will be arriving in Florida from Guam, Saturday Dec 16. His dad is Kim Cummings. Everyone is really anxious to see him.
 I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our own David Sutterfield who has coached his Stratford football team to the State playoffs. David graduated from Lockney High School. He then returned home after college and coached the Lockney Longhorns.
 Thinking about David making a coach reminded me of a lot of other Lockney students who made coaches at one time or

other in their lives.
 Here is a list of a few who I could remember.
 James Ansley, Todd Bureson, Adam Cummings, Leo Cooper, Leonard Hartley, Todd Hallmark, Kip Holt, The three Kelly brothers: Virgil, Cutis, and Ewell Dee, Donald Myers, Jared Mosley, Robert Murdoch, David Quisenberry, Wesley Teeter, Ritchie Thornton, Steve Warren and Donnie Wiley.
 Then there were some who went to school in Lockney when their dads coached here but moved before they graduated. They are Joe Martin and Rusty Purser. Now I know there are others so if you remember their names call me and we will print them in next weeks article.
 Oh yes, don't let us forget our Lady coaches. They are: Beverly Barker, Jenna Ford, Sheila Hrbacek, Max Lana Smith, Martha Wynn Riley.
 Lets remember to keep our friends and neighbors who are ill or recuperating from surgeries in our prayer this week.
 Betty Davenport of South Plains is in Lubbock's Lakeside Covenant Hospital.
 Lynn Ray Smith is recuperat-

ing at home from back surgery that he had done Wednesday, Dec 6 in Lubbock.
 Bob Gay is recuperating from cataract surgery. Bob is Robin Sherman's dad. We are so lucky that Robin's parents moved to Lockney. We really enjoy visiting with them in Church every Sunday.
 Lynda Holley has been real sick at home all week with a bad sinus infection. Also the fluid on her ears has made her really dizzy and nauseated
 Please remember to keep the family of Ham Gammage in your prayers. His funeral services were held Friday in the Main Street Church of Christ.
 Ham will surely be missed by all especially the Senior Center. He was serving as President when he got sick. He and his friend Gladys Bobbitt were faithful to take the shut-ins their meals from the Center.

Menu
December 18-22
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Chicken strips
Wed: Chicken Fried Steak
Thurs: Chicken & Dumplings
Friday: Fish

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word
 The post office has asked us to inform people who mail letters to the Center to please use our post office box number 573 instead of our street address. If you mail us at 301 E. Georgia it may come back to you. Please use our box number 573.
 Our Christmas party will take place this week, Thursday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Center. Please bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift to exchange that will be suitable for a man or woman. Come and join the fun.
 Congratulations to Pete and Celia Salazar who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary

November 25 in Lubbock. They were married November 30, 1956.
 Imogene Fortenberry is home after having heart surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.
 Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation.
 In memory of **Mary Lewis** - Johnny and Margie Sue.
 In memory of **Tom Pierce** - Johnny and Margie Sue, Dale and Carolyn Smith.
 In memory of **Rose Queen** - Bill and Roberta Hardin.
 In memory of **Estelle Gilbreath** - Bill and Roberta Hardin, Dale and Carolyn Smith.
 Thought for the week - A good

test of character: when we do wrong, whom do we blame?
Menu
December 18 - December 22
Monday: Pizza, Italian vegetables, corn, garlic bread, pear crisp
Tuesday: Chicken strips, new potatoes in sauce, broccoli, hot rolls, brownies
Wednesday: Polish sausage, noodles, peas and carrots, wheat roll, oranges and bananas
Thursday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, blackeye peas, carrots, wheat roll, chocolate cake
Friday: Sliced turkey, brown gravy, baked sweet potato, green beans, hot roll, oatmeal cookie

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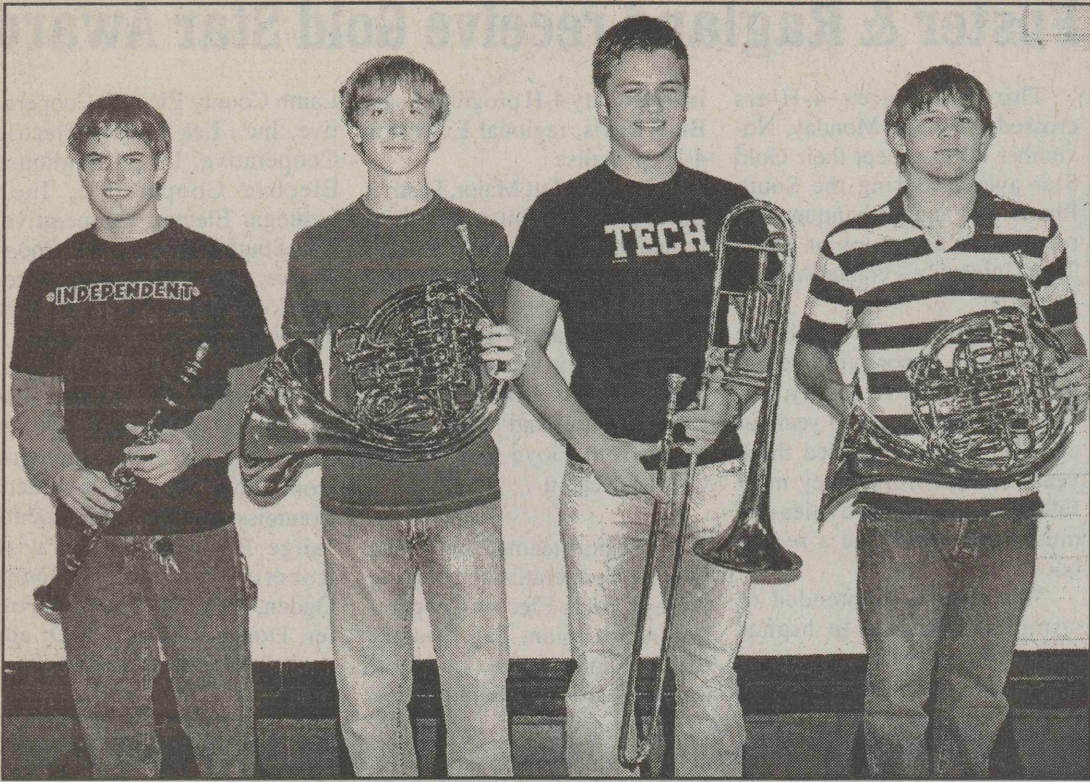
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LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORN for the week of 12-11-06, (back row, l-r) Paul Martinez, Ruben Ascencio, Paula Cuellar, Kennedy Hallmark, Tommy Lopez, (middle row, l-r) Jadden Luna, Janette Ybarra, Jasmine Pena, Brandon Crutchfield, Anissa Guerrero, Hannah Kidd, Analia Hernandez, (front row, l-r) Tabitha Hernandez, Angelica Ablodo, Austin Salazar, Derick Patel, T.J. Terrence, Jacob Luna. Staff Photo

Floydada JV Girls Basketball Report

LADY WINDS JV - 40 FRIONA - 51

The Floydada Lady Winds JV hosted the Friona JV and came up short at the buzzer by a score of 51-40.

Scoring results are as follows:
Randa Shurbet - 12 points;
Brooke Sansom - 8 points; Lexi Terrell - 8 points; Brianna Weeks - 6 points; Tara Hughes - 3 points; Paula Alvarez - 2 points; Abigail Miller - 1 point.

Season Record - 7-2
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds JV - 5 7 16 12
Friona JV - 15 17 10 9

LADY WINDS JV - 37 SUDAN JV - 32

The Lady Winds JV traveled to play in the Olton Tournament and played the Sudan JV team in their first game. The Lady Winds won by a score of 37-32.

Scoring results are as follows:
Brianna Weeks - 12 points;
Lexie Terrell - 11 points; Randa Shurbet - 6 points; Tara Hughes - 3 points; Paula Alvarez - 3 points; Brooke Sansom - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds JV - 10 5 14 8
Sudan JV - 10 9 7 6

LADY WINDS JV - 46 IDALOU 9th - 22

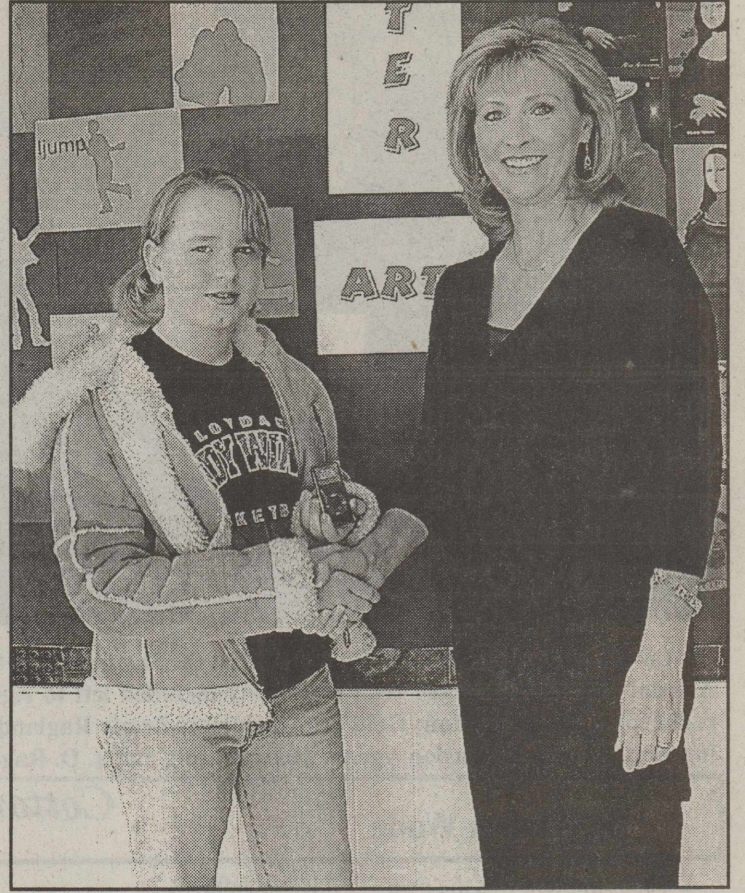
In their second game of the Olton Tournament, the Lady Winds JV team played the Idalou 9th grade team. Lady Winds won by a score of 46-22.

Scoring results are as follows:
Lexie Terrell - 15 points; Brianna Weeks - 13 points; Abigail Miller - 10 points; Paula Alvarez - 6 points; Cludia Lopes - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds JV - 6 19 12 9
Idalou 9th - 7 4 4 7

LADY WINDS JV - 55 IDALOU JV - 50

The Lady Winds JV team played Idalou JV in their third



KELSEA MILLER (left) was the lucky winner of a 2G iPod from the Floydada High School Yearbook Staff. The Yearbook staff had a drawing for those who purchased their yearbooks early. Anne Carthel (right) Yearbook Sponsor, presented the iPod. Courtesy Photo

Floydada School Menu

December 18 - December 22 Monday

Breakfast-Cheese pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Sausage/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Pigs in a blanket, corn, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancakes with syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

Thursday Holiday
Friday Holiday



Lockney 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Report

By Sheena Schmucker

Jr. High girls traveled to Childress Monday, December 11. The B teams played first with the 7th grade score 6-6. Angelica Gonzales led with 4 points and Cassandra Jimenez followed with 2 points. The 8th grade B team lost 4-9 with Kami Hunt and Toni Morales both adding 2 points.

The 7th grade A team earned a 42-10 victory. They started the game with an 18-4 1st quarter lead and never looked back. Anissa Reyna led scoring with 13 points and SyAnn Foster added

12. Childress' leading scorer was Hardeman with 5 points. The 8th grade A team lost a close one, but played hard. After a 2 point lead going into the 4th quarter, the girls lost by a score of 29-37. Leading scorer was Devin Caballero with 8 points and adding 7 points was Shanequa Wilson. The leading scorer for Childress with 9 points was Mithlo. All four teams fought hard and did some good things at Childress.

Our next test will be Monday the 18th at home against Littlefield. Hope to see you there, games start at 5:00 p.m.

Lockney Bands present Dec. 14 "Holiday Concert"

By Rob Lovett

All of our Lockney bands will present a "Holiday Concert" on Thursday evening, December 14. The concert will include the 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band, the Junior High Band and the Longhorn Band.

The concert will be held in the LHS Gym and will begin at 7:00 p.m.



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Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
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GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS--Recognized at the District Gold Star Banquet held at the Frazier Alumni Pavillion at Texas Tech University included left to right: Distinguished Leader Award recipient, Charles Keaton; Gold Star recipients Brady Ragland and Senee' Foster. Also attending were County Extension Agents Melissa Long and J. D. Ragland. Courtesy Photo

Foster & Ragland receive Gold Star Award

Thirty-five area 4-H'ers crossed the stage Monday, November 20 to accept their Gold Star awards during the South Plains 49th annual banquet and recognition ceremony at Texas Tech University's Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

The Gold Star Award is the highest 4-H honor presented at the county level. To qualify, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years of age and have completed three years of club work. They must fully participate in activities and must have completed a record book.

"The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," said Brad Davis, regional Extension 4-H specialist. Davis and Jett Major, District Extension Administrator, presented the 2006 awards. Receiving the Gold Star Award from Floyd County were Senee' Foster and Brady Ragland. Recognition was also given to Adult Leaders across the South Plains District and being recognized from Floyd County was Charles Keaton.

Extension teamed with area Electric Cooperatives, including Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association, Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.,

Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc. to sponsor the event.

Assisting on program was District 4-H Council officer Brady Ragland. Others attending from Floyd County included: Commissioner Jon Jones, County Judge Bill Hardin and wife Roberta, Larry and Penny Ogden, Jody and Shawnda Foster, Donna Keaton, J. D. and Angela Ragland and Melissa Long.

By Shawn Wade

Cotton News

Disappointment was the overriding emotion expressed by Texas farmers and ranchers following the Senate's failure to approve an amendment to the FY07 Agriculture Appropriations bill that would have expanded the existing 2005 only disaster program language to a 2005 and 2006 program capable of providing meaningful relief to Texas agriculture.

It is estimated that in 2006 drought and wildfires in Texas alone have caused well over \$4 billion dollars in agricultural losses.

Plains Cotton Growers has communicated this fact regularly to legislators in the House of Representatives and the Senate for months and advocated the passage of a disaster aid package program that allows growers to qualify for assistance in either 2005 or 2006, in order to extend coverage to the broadest possible number of impacted growers, and includes a supplemental Direct payment.

The most recent effort to expand the current proposal was put forth earlier this week by Democratic Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota and debated on the Senate floor December 5.

The amendment, which would have expanded the 2005-only program and designated the program's expenditures as emergency spending, failed to receive the 60 votes required to waive the budget rules requiring offsets to pay for the expansion by a mere 3 votes.

Senior Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison voted for the proposal and the emergency spending designation. Senator John Cornyn, despite stating on numerous occasions his support for disaster assistance, voted against the proposal.

In a statement issued after the vote Cornyn said, "I strongly support the original disaster aid package to provide assistance for Texas producers who were harmed by drought conditions and wildfire. It's important to note that \$4 billion in aid will be provided if we pass this overall bill, which would have been nearly impossible with the amendment that was proposed this week.

"The amendment would have increased deficit spending by nearly \$1 billion at a time when the American people have asked Congress for stronger fiscal restraint. And the White House said the President would likely veto the overall bill if it had included

this amendment."

There is no doubt that a broad-based assistance package is needed to address weather-related losses, all of which stem from adverse weather patterns incurred in late 2005 and throughout 2006.

With the failure of the latest effort by such a slim margin it is certain that a renewed effort to broaden the currently proposed assistance package will occur. The most likely time for such action is after the Senate returns from its December break and starts working on the omnibus appropriations package needed to finalize the remaining FY07 appropriations bills.

In the interim, Texas producers are forced to sit and wait for word that help is actually on its way and that their 2006 losses will be covered.

For High Plains cotton producers, who saw well over one million acres of non-irrigated cotton failed because of the drought, passage of a disaster assistance package is at the top of their Christmas wish list.

Hopefully, Santa and his helpers in Washington will step forward and work together to pull together a comprehensive package that doesn't leave anyone out in the cold.

2007 DCP Program to operate somewhat differently for a variety of reasons

Sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) began October 1, 2006 and producers are already beginning to see the first payments under that program being issued.

What is catching their eye however, is the fact that the amount of those first payments is considerably less than they are used to seeing thanks to last year's Budget Reconciliation process that changed the amount of the Direct payments for last year's program and more noticeable, for the 2007-crop Direct payment.

The change in the amount of the 2007 advance Direct payment however, is just one of the differences that producers need to be aware of heading into the 2007 growing season.

The 2002 Farm Bill allowed DCP participants the option to

request a 50 percent advance Direct payment as early as December 1 following the start of the DCP sign-up period for the 2002 through 2007 crop years.

Budget reconciliation changed that for the 2006 and 2007 DCP programs. Last year the 2006 advance direct payment was reduced to 40 percent for growers that requested the advance after the adoption of the FY06 Agricultural appropriations measure.

That same measure also specified that the 2007 advance Direct payment would be offered at the normal time, but at a significantly lower 22 percent rate. In both instances the final Direct payment date was left unchanged.

Producers began signing up for the 2007 DCP program on October 1, 2006 and are eligible to begin receiving their advance Direct payments on December 1. Growers requesting an advance

Direct payment can receive the payment in any month between December 2006 and October 2007.

For producers already signed-up in the 2007 DCP, county FSA offices are in the process of issuing the 22 percent advance 2007-crop Direct payment. The remaining 78 percent of the 2007 Direct payment will be paid beginning October 1, 2007.

The second significant change producers will notice for 2007 is the different way in which the 2002 Farm Bill handles payments made through the Counter-cyclical payment program.

For the 2002 through 2006 crop years the Counter-cyclical program, when a CCP payment was projected by the Secretary of Agriculture, provided growers the option of receiving a 35 percent advance payment after the first three months of the market-

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ing year and another 35 percent payment six months into the marketing year.

Growers who did not ask to receive the first 35 percent partial payment could request a single 79 percent partial payment at the six-month mark, which allowed them an opportunity to shift income into a different tax year.

For the 2007 crop year the payment schedule is somewhat different in that the 2002 Farm Bill specifies that only one advance partial CC payment will be of-

ferred six months after the start of the 2007 marketing year. The maximum amount of this partial payment, which would be paid in February of 2008, is 40 percent of the projected CC payment rate projected by the Secretary at that time.



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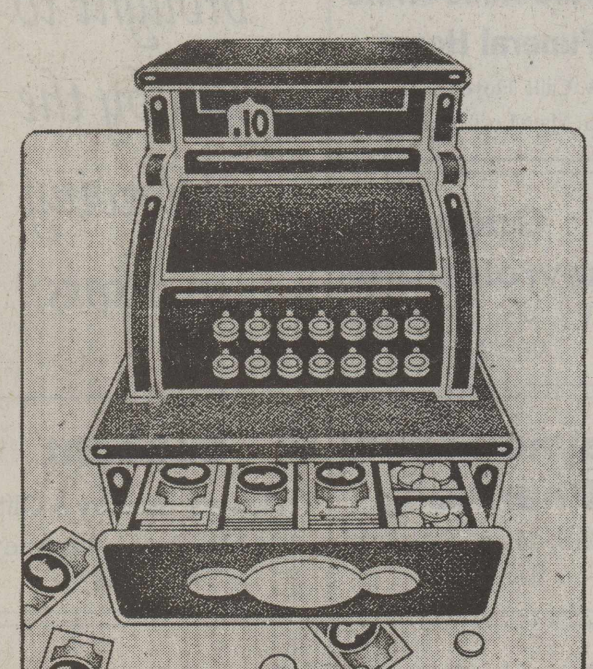
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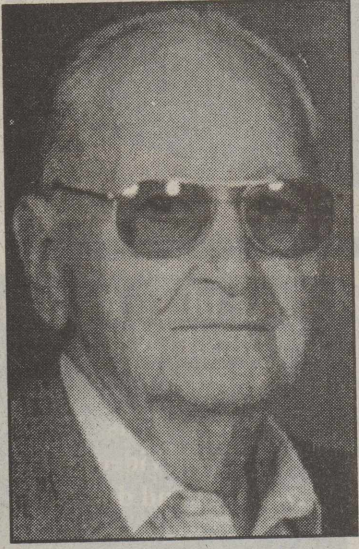
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N.H. "HAM" GAMMAGE
N.H. "Ham" Gammage, 85, of Lockney died Tuesday, December 5, 2006 in Lubbock, TX.

He was born June 28, 1921 in Swearingen, TX to the late Will Emro Gammage and Attice Elizabeth Lewis Gammage. He moved to Plainview, TX from Memphis, TX in 1938. He married Mildred Farris on April 8, 1942 in Las Cruces, NM. She preceded him in death on February 1, 2001. He served in the Army during WWII as a Staff Sergeant in the 1st Cavalry Division. He was a former owner of Lockney Oil and Butane, a former Elder of the Main Street Church of Christ for over 40 years, past President of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, member of Lockney City Council, president of the Lockney Senior Citizens Association and 2006 recipient of the Lockney Pioneer Man of the Year Award.

Survivors include one son, Ronald N. Gammage of Plainview; one daughter, Linda Kaye Roberts of Lubbock, TX; four brothers, Tom Gammage of Midland, TX, David Gammage of Plainview, Byron Gammage of Dallas, TX, James Gammage of Santa Fe, TX; three sisters, Ruth Kirk of Buena Park, CA, Wilma Kay of Lawton, OK, Katherine Sistrunk of Plainview; five grandchildren, Tim Roberts of Lockney, TX, Chris Roberts and Michele Moore of Lubbock, Shannon Gammage of Dallas, and Allison Gammage of Lubbock;

three great grandchildren, Justin Roberts, Ashley Roberts and Joli Roberts.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Floyd, Lee and Frank Gammage and one sister Mary Jones.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 8, 2006 at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney. Jay Don Poindexter, officiated and Russell Harris, assisted. Burial followed in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lockney Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 82, Lockney, TX 79241 or the Main Street Church of Christ, P.O. Box 596, Lockney, TX 79241

THIS WEEK'S

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FLOYDADA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

First National Bank of Floydada will have their annual Christmas Open House on December 15th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

SANTA CLAUS IN LOCKNEY

Santa Claus will be in Lockney at Ramirez Restaurant on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. He will arrive downtown at 9:45 a.m.

FOOD BASKETS

Food baskets will be handed out to families in need at the Salvation Army in Lockney on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We would like to express our thanks to all of the wonderful people in Floydada for all of the cards, phone calls, prayers and food.

There are not enough words to express our feelings for the generosity and love you have shown us during our time of sorrow. We thank you so very much.

*God's blessing to all,
Bill Gilbreath and family*

Lockney's Salvation Army would like to thank those responsible for making the food drive a success. 3,481 cans were collected. We want to thank the Boy Scouts, the Health Fair, High School and all the other school groups who participated.

**Alicia Luna
Salvation Army**

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AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Jay Simpson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 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 Evening 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 Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ken Free- 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
Bill Swinney,
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 ... 7:00 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 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..7:30 p.m.

American State Bank
Member FDIC
217 W. California
983-3725

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983-2737

City Auto Buick, Pontiac, GMC
201 E. Missouri
Floydada
983-3767

Clark Pharmacy
320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

Davis Lumber
102 E. Shubet
Lockney
6523385

Garcia's OK Tire Store
306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370
511 1st Olton, TX 2657796

Lighthouse Electric Coop
102 E. California
983-3524

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Brian Adams
Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Jr. High5:30 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
Floydada
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
310 E. Mississippi
Floydada
Rev. David Ramos, Pastor
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.
Morning Praise...11:00 a.m.
Evening Praise5:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

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

Goen & Goen Insurance
102 E. California
983-3524

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652-3377

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105 N. Main
652-3347

Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home
329 W. Calif. Floydada 983-2525
402 S. Main Lockney 652-2211

Oden Chevrolet-Olds
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

Payne Family Pharmacy
200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

Pay-n-Save
210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

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

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 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
701 W. Missouri
Rev. Ray Gonzales
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Jose Relente
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Mon./Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.
Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Pastor
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.
Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202
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
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Burnell Lund,
Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

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

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