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Craig Gilly Memorial Highway dedicated

Family and friends of the late Craig Gilly gathered at the intersection of FM 689 and FM 207, Saturday, November 24, to witness the unveiling of the new highway sign designating FM 689 as the Craig Gilly Memorial Highway.

Several of Gilly's friends had pooled their resources to buy the sign as a tribute to the work Gilly did in helping make the highway a reality.

The scenic highway was transformed from a dirt county road, that dropped off the Caprock into FM 1065 (going to Quitaque), into a beautiful paved highway

thanks to the efforts of many--including the late Craig Gilly. Gilly was the County Commissioner at the time of the highway construction. Gilly died August 28, 2006.

Although work on getting approval from the State for the construction highway began in the 90's, Craig Gilly was faced with the logistics of coordinating the project. Gilly secured the right of ways from the landowners on both sides of the highway, supervised moving utilities and fencing and budgeted his precinct monies to help bring the highway to completion.

According to the TxDOT, the project was approved by the State in the Spring of 1994. The starting date was October 29, 2001. The project was officially finished and approved on October 31, 2003.

According to Trudi Gilly, "When Craig got elected in 1999 one of the first things County Judge Bill

said to him was, "Now-go build us a highway!"

Craig went right to work and saw the 16.2 mile project to completion.

The project cost the State of Texas \$7,113,124.22.



THE GILLY FAMILY gathered at the Craig Gilly Highway Memorial dedication, November 24. The new highway, formerly a farm-to-market Rd. 689 is now a paved highway. Gilly was the County Commissioner during the construction of this highway. He died August 28, 2006. Shown here are: (l-r) Beth Gilly, Mark Gilly, Edna Gilly, Dwight Teeple, Cassandra Harrison, Deliece Harrison, Trudi Gilly, J.T. Harrison holding Tucker Redden, Amy Gilly, Christi Redden, Casey Redden, and Mike Redden. Staff Photo

Mangold Hospital's Health Fair is Saturday

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital's annual "Holiday Health Fair" will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Lockney Elementary Cafeterias.

Your admission to the Health Fair will be a donation of a canned good or a new toy to be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens, blood sugar and blood pressure checks and you can consult with a hearing specialist. Also, United Blood Institute will be holding a blood drive.

Again this year at the Health

Fair will be "Project KidCare" a children's identification project that provides a picture and current information about your child in a handy vinyl pocket. This is part of a national effort to provide parents with personal safety id's of their children in the event of an emergency. KidCare is being offered as a free public service to families in the area. If your child attended last year, bring your packet to be updated. If you didn't attend last year, a new packet will be issued.

Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will be at Cogdell Clinic Lockney on Friday, December 21 to hold the annual

mammography clinic. If you would like to make an appointment for a mammogram, you may do so by calling 1-800-377-4673.

The "Holiday Health Fair" will have booths manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths. Local and area merchants will provide door prizes, and a healthy lunch will be available.

This event is designed to be informative and fun for the entire family. Mangold Memorial Hospital invites everyone to attend.

Wallace to be Lockney's next Police Chief

By Judy Macha

The Lockney City Council met in a called meeting Monday, November 26 and unanimously voted Sgt. Casey Wallace in as Chief of Police replacement for retiring Chief of Police Jerry Edwards. Edward's retirement is effective January 31, 2008.

A second item on the agenda, considering job applications for City Secretary position, was tabled awaiting more applications.

The deadline for children's Santa letters is December 6th. All letters must be at the Lockney & Floydada office by the end of the day, December 6th.



TRUDI GILLY (right) and CLAR SCHACHT(left) unveil the sign designating FM 689 as the Craig Gilly Memorial Highway.

Floydada hires new police officers

By Jennifer Moore

The City Council held a regular meeting Tuesday night, November 20, and discussed the hiring of two new police officers for the city.

Police Chief Gooch reported he has two applicants he felt would make good candidates for the police job opening. He requested the city hire both applicants. Also discussed was the issue of vacation time not yet taken by Police Chief Gooch. He explained that five of his twelve vacation days could carry over to next year. The council agreed to "buy back" the vacation days he had not used at the end of 2007. Members voted unanimously to approve the hiring of both appli-

cants and to buy back Police Chief Gooch's vacation time.

An item also discussed at the meeting was whether or not to fund the construction of a street near Duncan Elementary. The school would like the city to either invest \$260,000-\$275,000 in building a new street or to purchase land by Duncan and build a road through it leading out to the highway by the Dixie Dog. This is necessary because the architect's plans had failed to include access to a new parking lot at Duncan. The Council had misgivings about the request. Councilman Barrientoz worried over the cost and whether or not the city had the money. Councilman Schacht expressed a concern that

poor planning by school architects had created this problem. No action was taken at this time.

A discussion was held regarding Gloria Gonzalez keeping six small dogs on her property. The city ordinance states a property owner can only have three animals at once. Ms. Gonzalez spoke to the council and said, "the three female puppies have been spayed and I am going to spay the adult female." She also said the dogs are very well cared for and loved and she doesn't want to lose her dogs. After discussion a motion was made allowing Gonzalez to keep her dogs. Councilman Barrientoz made an amendment stating if

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FISD votes to abolish personal property tax

By Bill Dean

The Floydada ISD trustees met in a regularly scheduled meeting November 19, and voted to quit taxing personal property.

During the period set aside for public comments Monte Williams addressed the board and spoke in favor of removing the personal property tax.

Board president Kerry Pratt had requested that this item be included for discussion and action at the November meeting.

During board discussion Mr. Vaughn noted that removing the personal property tax would become effective for the 2008/2009 school year if approved. The impact on the district would be a projected loss in revenue of \$25,750 from personal property. Mr. Vaughn also noted that the wind farm in the eastern part of the district will be added to district's taxable values for the 2008/2009 school year which would add a projected tax revenue increase to the district of approximately \$107,521. This would result in a net increase to the district of approximately \$81,771 for the 2008/2009 school year.

For the following year Mr. Vaughn explained that the district's financial consultant, Dr.

David Karr, has indicated because of the state's funding formulas and an increase in taxable values by the CPTD (The State Comptrollers Property Tax Division) the district would be projected to show a loss of approximately \$135,000 for the following two years. Mr. Vaughn recommended to the trustees that the district remove personal property taxes.

Following a motion and a second and ensuing discussion, the board voted unanimously to remove personal property taxes for the following tax year. (See related article concerning the state of Texas' funding formulas on Page 3.)

The board heard a report from Mr. Joe Grimes of Grimes and Associates concerning the ongoing remodeling and construction of the Floydada elementary school. The board discussed several change orders that had been encountered during the previous month and how to best handle future change orders. Mr. Grimes noted that no major problems have arisen, and the project is still on schedule.

In other matters the board approved a motion to reinsure with the Texas Association of School Boards for property/casualty in-

urance for \$81,608 by a vote of five to one with Kerry Pratt voting against the motion.

No action was taken at this time for renovations of the football stadium and playing field in order to make them ADA compliant. Grimes & Associates will draw up plans to present to the board, which will insure that the district meets state and federal guidelines for ADA compliance.

The board approved a motion to clean off property located at 801 West Crockett and 802 Menefee for a parking lot, and to go out for bids on the houses to be moved. If no bids are received the district will check with the city on demolition and cleanup of the property. The vote was five to one with Bart Greer voting against the motion.

The board approved a continuation of the partnership with Shapes Head Start to provide the Head Start program at A. B. Duncan Elementary.

The board convened at 9:35 PM for a short time in closed session to discuss personnel matters. The board returned to open session at 9:42 PM. No action was taken.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn and the campus principals recog-

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THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH will be held Saturday, December 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the home of Tom and Laura Farris at 1000 W. Kentucky in Floydada. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at First National Bank, Thayer & Washington, or at the door. Valet parking will be provided. Pictured is (l to r) Amanda Hinsley, Brianne Glasscock, and Laura Farris. Staff Photo

FLDS leader gets two 5 years to life sentences

By Randy Mankin
 Publisher/Editor
 Eldorado Success

Warren Jeffs, the imprisoned leader of the Fundamentalist LDS church won't be getting out of jail anytime soon. He was sentenced Tuesday afternoon to two consecutive 5-years-to-life terms in Utah state prison after being convicted on two counts of Rape as an Accomplice.

It will be up to the Utah parole board to decide how long Jeffs stays behind bars.

Utah 5th District Judge James Shumate, prior to the sentencing, denied a defense motion to set aside the conviction.

He then heard from Elissa Wall, the woman Jeffs coerced into marrying her 19-year-old first cousin when she was only 14. Wall told the judge she had often thought of this day.

She continued by saying that she was grateful for the justice system "and that you would see the truth and believe in me."

For his part, Judge Shumate told Wall he realized that whatever sentence he handed down she would continue living under a life sentence. He added that her courage for continuing on was laudable.

Shumate also said he found it to be "poetic justice" that Jeffs was arrested in Nevada, the state where he performed the marriage ceremony for Elissa Wall and Allen Steed.

Shumate then handed down his sentence. Five-years-to-life on the first count, plus an \$18,000 fine. The judge said he will allow the 15-months Jeffs has served since his arrest to count toward his first sentence.

Shumate then announced an identical 5-years-to-life sentence on the second count, plus an additional \$18,000 fine.

Jeffs was also ordered to pay \$1,000 restitution to the State of Utah for the expense of transporting him from Las Vegas, Nevada to Purgatory Correctional Facility in Hurricane, Utah, after his August, 28, 2006 arrest.

Defense attorney Walter Budgen asked that Jeffs be kept in Purgatory Correctional Facility while his lawyers prepared an appeal, but Judge Shumate refused and ordered Jeffs to be taken immediately to the Utah State Prison at Draper, Utah.

Once at the prison, Jeffs is likely to be kept in the maximum security section until he is evaluated by prison officials.

Jeffs will next face trial in Arizona on charges of sexual conduct with a minor, conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor, and accomplice to incest. All the charges stem from his involvement in ordering and performing underage marriages.

Jeffs also faces a single felony indictment in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City, Utah on a charge of Felony Flight to Avoid Prosecution. That charge relates to the time he spent on the FBI's Most Wanted List.



THE FAMILY OF CRAIG AND TRUDI GILLY gathered together, Saturday, November 24, at the intersection of FM 689 and Hwy. 207 to commemorate the designation of FM 689 as the Craig Gilly Memorial Highway. Shown here are: (l-r) Gertrude Miller, Amy Gilly, Karen Miller, Rachael Wells holding Ty Wells, Lon Miller, Laura Jarrell, Karen Hoover, Lyle Miller, and Trudi Gilly. The new highway travels from Hwy. 207 to FM 1065. Staff Photo

LISD approves Religious Anti-Discrimination Policy

Lockney ISD Trustees met in a regular meeting, November 15, and approved a Religious Viewpoints Anti-Discrimination Act (RVAA).

"Because of the new RVAA law we are required to adopt a policy that meets the standards of the new law," said Superintendent Phil Cotham. "We took the recommended version of a policy and added a few things to make sure our students would still be allowed to pray at football games and graduation ceremonies if they chose to do so."

The policy states the district will "not discriminate against the student based on a religious viewpoint expressed by the student on an otherwise permissible subject."

Also included in the detailed policy is the wording that, "Student speakers shall be given a limited public forum at the following school events: introductory speaker at home varsity football games and any other event at which the District explicitly permits a student to express his or her own thoughts; and for the speaker, the District may set time, place, and manner restrictions appropriate for the school event."

Also included in the policy:

"The District provides a limited public forum consisting of an opportunity for students to speak at graduation ceremonies."

Cotham also presented a list to the Trustees of LISD Maintenance needs and Academic needs.

"Sometimes our outside needs seem longer," said Cotham, "because outside equipment deteriorates faster."

Cotham asked the board to consider the lists and let him know what they considered to be the most pressing needs.

The maintenance needs included: carpet/flooring in classrooms/libraries, lighting in buildings, resurfacing tennis courts, re-doing remaining doors on high school campus, batting cage for softball, football field lights, lights at track, replace old ag building floor, and other items.

The Lockney academic needs included: credit recovery program (software and personnel), summer ITV program, classroom books (English classes), Science lab equipment-all campuses, teacher pay, extra duty stipends, electronic teaching aids in all classrooms.

Cotham also presented a list to remind the board of the academic

needs that had already been addressed. They included: large scale computer replacement, curriculum director, increased funds for UIL academic activities, BCIS/Multi-media equipment, ITV installation/maintenance; science labs on all campuses, electronic teaching aids in Math classrooms, installed TAKS remediation classes in high school, libraries equipped for research, Acu-placer testing capabilities, large number of books added to library, books for dual credit classes, update band equipment, learning opportunities for staff, Benchmark equipment, sick leave benefits, Plato software, copiers, new laminator, and teacher supplies.

The TPRI results were approved by the board. TPRI is the Texas Primary Reading Inventory which measures the listening and reading skills of kindergarten through 2nd grade students. The report showed an increase in reading fluency.

The trustees also reviewed new plans for the field house.

The November financial report showed a balance of \$3,740,675.10, which includes CD investments of \$3,419,718.44.

City Council grants citizen waiver for her dogs

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problem should arise regarding the animals then it could be revisited. The amendment and motion passed unanimously.

The revision of the Utility Cut Off Procedure was also attended to. Karen Lawson explained to the council that item #3 should be struck from the list because it exhibits reverse age discrimination against the elderly. Item #3 states the elderly and/or disabled are not to be disconnected. The council approved unanimously to remove item #3.

Also discussed in the meeting was the request made by Dairy Queen owner, William Hall, to purchase land for \$350 south of Dairy Queen to expand his parking lot. The council approved the motion to sell the land unanimously. The council's motion to close block 700 of south 2nd Street passed unanimously.

City Manager Gary Brown

brought before the council a request for a \$2500 grant from the Chapman Forestry Foundation for 5-8 trees for the emergency training facility. The council approved the motion for the grant unanimously.

Louis Bearden was reelected to a two-year term to the Floydada Economic Development Corporation board by a unanimous vote.

Jimmy Cervantes and Mina Pesina were reelected to two-year terms on the Housing Authority by a unanimous vote.

Discussion about appointing Mitch Probasco to the Floyd County Central Appraisal District ended in a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Brown addressed the council regarding filing a solid waste grant application with South Plains Association of Governments. The maximum grant to be distributed is \$58,000 and

usually funds 5 or 6 entities. They would be asking for a \$7,500 grant for a backhoe attachment and a trailer to pick up brush and clear alleys. The estimated out of pocket expense for the city would be \$375. After discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

Sanitation charges inside and outside the city limits was put on next month's agenda for discussion. The rising diesel costs were briefly discussed and Councilman Williams requested a fuel estimate be made for future discussion.

Another topic of discussion was the proposed temporary electrical lines to be provided to Duncan Elementary. Arrangements are being made with Floydada Power and Light, Light-

Obituary

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HOWARD REX HARRISON

Graveside services for Howard Rex Harrison, infant son of Jason and Stephanie Harrison will be held Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Cemetery. Kyle Brock will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

He is survived by his parents; his grandparents, Rex and Beverly Harrison of Floydada and Howard and Vicki Stewart of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Snider of Amarillo and Mrs. Ina Stewart of Big Spring.

Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Tyner Resources, Ltd. of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada has posted the November 19, 2007 Shareholder Update on their website.

This update discusses the Tyner Texas Operating Company Palo Duro Basin Operations.

The Tyner Resources, Ltd. Shareholder Update can be found at <http://www.tynerresources.com/news/ltr191107.pdf>

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Menu:
 Scrambled Eggs, Ham or Sausage
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Donations to benefit Trinity Lutheran's Sunday School Youth program

School funding formula explained

By Bill Dean

Funding for your public schools is comprised from local property taxes and state revenues. The Foundation School Program (FSP) entitles Texas public school districts to provide a basic education for each student and the local share of FSP is based on a school district's property values.

FSP state revenue entitlements are based primarily on property wealth and current fiscal year factors such as student attendance, the number of students in special populations and their attendance, and the school district's tax effort.

Because of Senate Bill 7, FISP will get less state funding because of the increase tax values generated by the new wind farms.

Senate Bill 7 was enacted by the 73rd Legislature and signed into law on May 29, 1993. This law placed a limit on the amount of wealth a school district may have per student for foundation fund purposes. These "budget balanced school districts" must take action to reduce their wealth to the equalized level. The recaptured revenues are then used to help fund the Foundation School Program across the state.

Therefore the increased tax values of the wind farms will ultimately end up costing FISP state funding.

The legislature originally provided for a "313" agreement that would cap the tax value that the wind energy companies would have to pay, and also allow school districts to recoup tax values that would have been lost by the cap. The original "313" agreement stipulated that the company would guarantee twenty full time positions. The wind farm in FISP will only employ three full-time people once it begins operation. Therefore FISP did not meet the criteria for the "313" agreement. The legislature later changed the laws affecting "313" agreements so that only two full time employees would be required, but the new law is not retroactive to the FISP project.

The foundation program is two tiered. In its simplest form,

Tier I consists of a basic grant or allotment per student, plus categorical aid for special population students. The basic allotment amount is established by the legislature each biennium. Tier I is calculated by multiplying the basic allotment amount by the average daily attendance (ADA), with adjustments for special population students. Extra weight is given to groups of students with special needs or those whose program costs are greater than the cost need to provide the standard curriculum.

A school district's cost (i.e., the local share) of Tier I is based on its wealth in property value. The State Comptroller's Property Tax Division (CPTD) establishes each school district's wealth in property value. The local share of Tier I is calculated by multiplying the district's CPTD value by a rate set by the legislature (Tier I rate).

As a school district's property value per student increases, its local share of Tier I increases. "Budget Balanced" is a term used to describe a school district whose local share amount exceeds the cost of Tier I. The state funding model is designed to recapture wealth in excess of \$295,000 per weighted student to help fund the Foundation School Program.

The purpose of Tier II is to enrich the basic educational program funded through Tier I. This tier is based on the concept of "guaranteed yield." The FSP model guarantees that a school district's maintenance and operations tax effort, measured as an effective enrichment tax rate, will yield a certain amount of revenue per student.

In calculating Tier II, Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA) is used to represent a count of students. The use of WADA as a student count in Tier II neutralizes the effect of variations among school districts in the number of special population students.

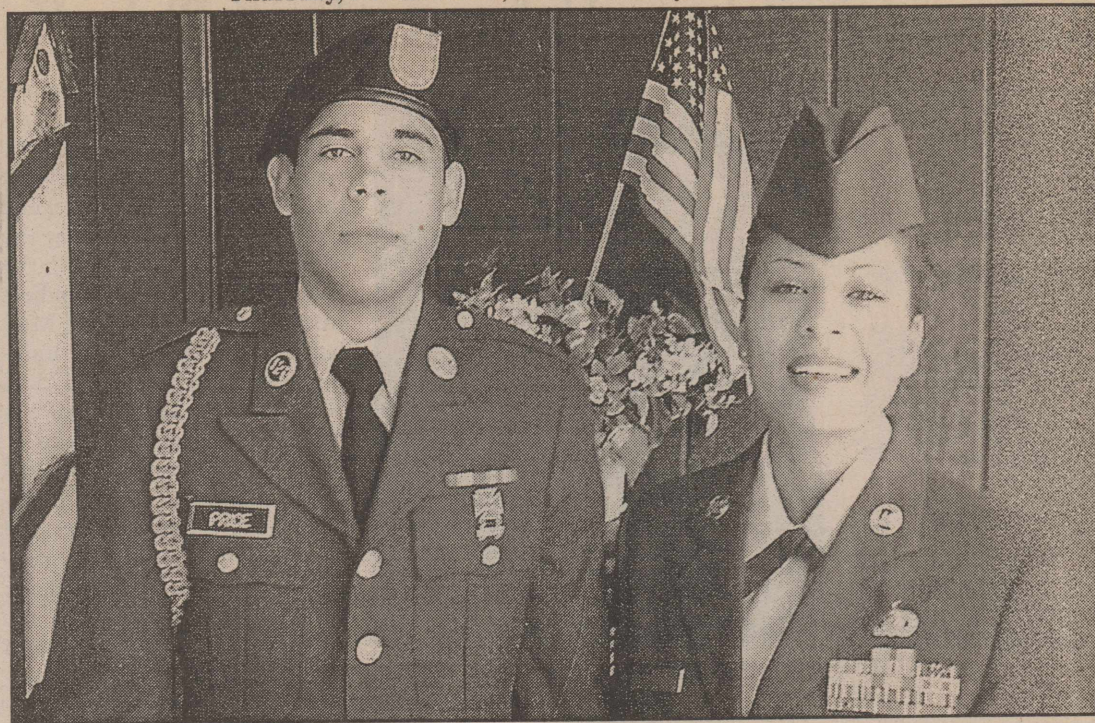
The state legislature determines the guaranteed revenue per WADA and the cap on the Tier II enrichment tax rate. The enrichment rate is defined as an effective

tax rate in state funding formulas which excludes the debt tax rate.

As in Tier I, Tier II revenue is a product of both state and local effort. A school district is entitled to the difference between the guaranteed yield revenues per WADA established by the legislature and the revenue per WADA its enrichment rate actually yields. A school district whose enrichment rate generates more than the guaranteed yield level is not eligible for state aid in Tier II.

The legislature appropriates revenues to fund the Foundation School Program using projections of property values and student counts. A funding model is created using projections of the various elements for each school district. This model is used to calculate payments to school districts for the biennium. When a school district actually earns less than the model in a given year, TEA recovers the excess amount the following year by reducing the payments for the new year.

In its most basic concept Tier II can be thought of as the state's method for rewarding school districts which have maximized their efforts through Tier I. The legislature has set a cap of \$1.00 per \$100 tax value for school districts. Individual districts have the option to increase to a maximum of \$1.04. The extra four cents on the tax rate are often referred to as "golden pennies" because they increase the amount generated by Tier II by a significant factor. For each dollar generated by the .04 "golden pennies", FISP receives approximately \$4.85 additional state funding. The .04 is very critical to FISP funding. The .04 is also significant as new growth in the CPTD values of the district occurs. These "golden pennies" will not be subject to "drag back" by the state funding formulas, as the regular \$1.00 will be. So as our CPTD value (local property) value increases, it will ultimately lead to less state funding. The .04 will remain constant and provide the only increase in funding for the District, and therefore, it is very important in our funding.



ALL IN THE FAMILY--Army Pvt. Joshua Price and SSgt Nicole Davis Copeland are the children of Velma Copeland and stepchildren of Don Payne. Price recently graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the nine weeks of training, Price received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman. Copeland has served in the Air Force for 10 years and is currently stationed at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma. Both Price and Copeland are graduates of Floydada High School. Courtesy Photo

Floydada Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Margarette Word

Our breakfast that took place last Saturday morning was a huge success. I think we had 90 people to attend. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We hope to do this maybe one Saturday a month. Read my article and watch Channel 12 on cable TV. We appreciate you taking part in the fund raiser.

If you are 60 years or older come to the Center and eat lunch with us. We start serving at 12:00 noon. The more people we serve the better our Center will be.

Marie Warren had 36 family members in her home Thanksgiving Day.

William and Faye Bertrand spent Thanksgiving Day in Lubbock with their son Ronald and family and also other family members.

I spent several days in Granbury during the Thanksgiving holidays with my son Greg and his family. Thanksgiving Day 15 family members enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship.

My son, Gordon Bond, drove me home and spent three days with me.

Our sympathy to the family of T.J. (Jr.) Coleman.

Our sympathy to the family of Hunter Hagood.

Our sympathy to the family of Billy Don Colston.

Our sympathy to the family of Lorraine Harrison.

Our Sympathy to the family of Hershel Sweptson.

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

In memory of **Queen Annie Lawson** - Bob and Evalene Goodnight.

Thought for the week - Knowledge is power. We must share it and help one another.

Menu

December 3-December 7

Monday-Sausage on a bun, French fries, salad, peaches

Tuesday-Taco salad, Spanish rice, fruit, peanut butter cookies

Wednesday-Cornflake chicken, buttered potatoes, spinach, roll, chocolate cake

Thursday-Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, gelatin and fruit

Friday-Grilled chicken sandwich, oven fries, tomato, lettuce, onion, peach cobbler

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Senee Foster, Segayle Foster, Brazos Williams, Brady Ragland, Coach J.D. Ragland

W.J.
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for November 2007



Janie Palomin

Janie has worked for the hospital since September 1985 in the housekeeping department. She is a housekeeper for the hospital and the clinic. Her favorite thing about working here is getting to work with wonderful people and getting to know new people. Janie loves watching her Spanish movies. She is an excellent employee.
We appreciate Janie and congratulate her for being selected for this honor by her co-workers!

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
November 26, 2007

As Congress moves toward wrapping up legislation for the year, one area I believe we need to continue to work on is securing our nation's borders. I have not and will not support any program that rewards those who have violated our laws with amnesty.

To further these efforts, I have recently joined a number of my colleagues in supporting H.R. 4088, the SAVE Act of 2007. This legislation is receiving broad bipartisan support and is exactly the type of bill Congress must pass. This is important legislation that works to secure our borders by building fences and improving infrastructure in appropriate areas, in addition to increasing the manpower of the Border Patrol. H.R. 4088 also calls for the use of the most advanced technology available, such as infrared monitors, ground sensors and unmanned drones to patrol the border. With the implementation of such measures, our Border Patrol would have additional tools necessary to curb the current flow of illegal aliens into America.

Other provisions of this legislation include an enhanced worker verification system. This improved system will make it easier and more efficient for employers to determine whether potential employees are legal workers or whether they are in this country illegally. Additionally, this legislation also calls upon the Administration to enhance and fully utilize the current measures of interior enforcement already on the books.

Members of Congress have reached across the aisle and crafted legislation that will protect America. It is my hope that this bill will be passed by both chambers of Congress and signed into law by the President.

Working to Improve our Energy Policy

Energy policy legislation is another item that may be on Congress' agenda in December. Our continued reliance on foreign sources of oil and energy subject us to the whims of leaders in the Middle East and Venezuela who openly dislike the United States and our policies. We must break away from depending on them to meet our energy needs. I have made pursuing a path of renewable energy sources a priority. I also believe we need to explore options within our own borders to expand our production of traditional fossil fuels. Additionally, I support exploring options to expand our nuclear energy capabilities, as well as options to increase our domestic refinery capabilities. The last refinery built in the United States was constructed in 1976, more than 30 years ago. We need to address the need for more refining capacity or we risk paying continued higher prices at the pumps.

The 19th District is on the cutting edge of energy production. We are the home of the largest wind farm in the country, and we are becoming significant producers of ethanol. We also have vast production of traditional fossil fuels. Energy security is national security and to ensure our nation's stability, we must explore and drill in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in an environmentally sensitive way.

The future of renewable and alternative energy is vast and promising, yet we also must not neglect our traditional sources of fossil fuels. We must continue to pursue both paths, as traditional fossil fuels will be a necessity for years to come.

--Randy

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CAPROCK HOSPITAL DISTRICT HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

Caprock Hospital District Directors met in a regular session at 7 a.m. on November 20, 2007.

On the agenda was discussion of enlarging Dr. William Dean's dental office at Cogdell Clinic. No action was taken pending further information to be provided.

Also on the agenda was discussion regarding combining Caprock Hospital District and Floydada Emergency Medical Services.

The board approved the payment of Christmas bonuses for Floydada EMS and the purchase of a laptop computer for Floydada EMS.

For the month of October there were 38 calls made by Floydada EMS. The board approved the financial reports for Caprock Hospital District and Floydada EMS. The Clinic showed a profit of \$53,622.00 for the month of October.

Have a nice week!

Thanks for your donations to the Cancer Research Fund. We are very pleased with your response to our fund-raising CD. You have been most generous.

A few of my "friends" said, "I thought I sang lousy until I heard you." But the rest of you have told us how pretty it is.

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Burleson entertains and informs at South Plains Hobby Club meeting



LOU BURLESON

Photo by Carolyn Marble

By Sandra Lass

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the home of Barbara Cawley on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Members present included Ann Hartman, Betty Deavenport, Margaret Kitchen, Barbara Cawley, Peggy Roberts, Carolyn Marble, Janis Julian, Mildred Smitherman, Wanda Lane, Virginia Taylor, Sandra Lass and guests Lou Burleson and Mary Lou Moman.

Lou Burleson, retired history teacher and history storyteller, was asked to help us remember our past through the eyes of a woman member of the Woman Air Force Services Pilots (WASP) during World War II. Dressed in the official WASP uniform, Lou told the group that Jackie Cochran (female aviator) and General Hap Arnold started the organization in 1941, but while there were about 3000 women pilots at the time, only 28 were qualified. The qualifications included that the women be at least 18 years old, were at least 5 feet tall and were citizens of the

United States. During the next four years about 2,500 women applied to become a WASP, but only 1,074 graduated. Lou told us that the women pilots were trained at Avenger Field, near Sweetwater, Texas and that when they first arrived, they stayed at the Blue Bonnet Hotel.

Lou said that the women came from all walks of life and included musicians, actresses, nurses, translators, stunt girls, teachers, and married as well as single women. Later they stayed in barracks in which each woman had an army cot with blankets, a desk and chair and a tall foot locker for their gear. There was a latrine (bathroom) for every 12 women. Each woman was issued overalls (men's size 44), a leather jacket, a leather helmet and boots. Training consisted of 393 hours of ground school which included learning the Morse Code and 210 flying hours. Free time was scheduled Saturday afternoons and Sundays provided the women completed their flight schedules during the preceding

week. Lou said that flying schedules were cancelled during inclement weather. So if the weather was bad during the week the women lost their weekend free time. For recreation, the women organized the Avengerettes Club and soldiers from bases in Abilene and Midland were invited. During training the women received \$175.50 per month less \$1.65 which was deducted for room and board.

During flight training, Lou said the women had to learn to fly more than 25 types of planes, and since many of the planes they trained on had been repaired, the women were responsible for making sure the plane had been repaired and was flyable. In addition, the women learned to tow targets for male soldiers to practice shooting at and to strafe lines of marching soldiers using a black smudge gas so that the soldiers could practice using their gas masks. If any woman received 70 demerits (including those for the slightest infraction of the very stiff and demanding rules, she was "washed out" (kicked out) of the program. At the close of the program, each woman was given a "check ride" and if she failed this, was given only one more chance to pass or she washed out. At graduation each woman was issued a dark blue skirt (at just below knee level), a dark blue long sleeved jacket and a dark blue beret as well as her wings to be worn on her jacket. Lou said that the women were asked to list the first three choices for base assignment, but were usually sent to where they were needed and rarely got their choices.

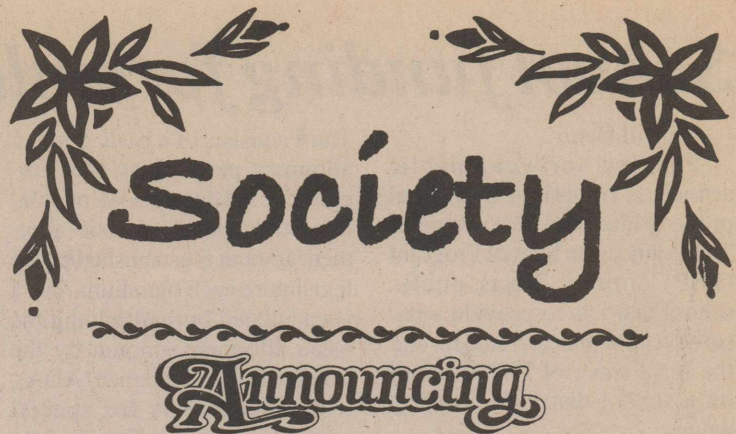
Lou said Paul Tibbetts (the pilot for the Enola Gay) was asked to train pilots to fly B 29's, a dangerous plane, that he knew most male pilots were reluctant to fly.

He asked the women pilots (graduates of the WASP program) to fly the planes so that the men would be more amenable to flying them as well. Tibbetts asked a group of men to fly with him as passengers in a B 29, and after the plane took off and was flying at altitude, the men asked him who was flying the plane. And, when he told them it was a couple of the WASPS, he had no more problems persuading the male pilots to learn how to fly them as well.

On December 12, 1944, Lou said that the last WASP class graduated, and by December 20 of that same year the WASPS were disbanded. At that time, 916 women were still flying. She said that between 1941 and 1944, when the group was disbanded, 38 women had lost their lives flying.

Although the contributions of the WASPS to the war effort was well as their bravery has never been contested, the women were never considered part of the military. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill making the WASPS part of the Air Force with full military benefits. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a medal to honor each WASPS' service. Lou told us that there are over 400 WASPS still alive and that the National WASP WWII Museum at Avenger Field is now open to the public. She said that there are many living legends among the WASPS, including Jackie Cochran, the first woman to break the sound barrier and Sarah Louise Swain, in whose honor a statue of her has been placed in the museum.

The next meeting will be the annual Hobby Club Christmas party to be held at the home of Sandra Lass on Wednesday, December 12, 2007.



Announcing

MARTINEZ-GARCIA
Madison Lizbeth is proud to announce the birth of her new baby sister Madilyne Nicole. Madilyne was born on September 16, 2007 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 7 pounds and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Matty and Margie Martinez of Floydada.

Paternal grandparents are Maria Garcia of Floydada and Roverio Garcia, Sr. of Brownsville.

Proud uncles are Derek Martinez of Lubbock and Bert Garcia of Floydada.

Proud aunt is Evelina Garcia of Floydada.



OCHOA
Daniel Ochoa and Tabitha Barrientoz are so happy to announce the birth of their twin baby boys who were born November 11, 2007. Their birth is very special and unique because they were born 8 1/2 hours apart!

The first baby born was Adrikk Ilijah who weighed 5 pounds 8 ounces and was 17 1/4 inches long. He arrived at 2:46 a.m.

The second baby born was Brayden Isaack who weighed 5 pounds 7 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. He arrived at 11:07 a.m.

Proud grandparents are Jack and Nelda Ochoa of Floydada; Johnny and Elida Lucio of Lubbock; and Ruben and Elinor Barrientoz of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Tino and Grace Gomez of Floydada; Maria Briones of Floydada; Oscar and Cande Garza of Floydada; and the late Adela Ochoa of Floydada.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I am so sorry I missed last week's dead line for the News to be in the paper. Crazy me!!! So this week's news is really last week's news changed just a bit.

On behalf of the Senior Citizen's Center I hope all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving. That you spent the day with your loved ones enjoying a wonderful meal and giving thanks for the bountiful harvest our community is having, and thanking God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us not just today but every day.

Visiting the Center recently for the Turkey and Dressing dinner was C.F. Barber's cousin Peggy Livisay Rasco of Levelland and his friends Charlie and Ailene Williams of Tulia.

Gladys Bobbitt is recuperating at home after being in Mangold Memorial with pneumonia. Her guests last week was her grandson Jason Griggs and wife Amanda of Mobile, Alabama. Gladys brought them to the Center to eat for a couple of days.

Donnie and I have been having a lot of visitors. We do so enjoy everybody coming by. We want to thank Pat Frizzell for coming by daily.

That is the highlight of Donnie's day reading all your cards of love and concern. Today (Monday) he also enjoyed visiting with Bobby Carthel and Thurman Davis. Thank all of you so much for coming by and sending cards and bringing food.

It was so cold Thanksgiving day we did not get out to go to our daughter Becky's for lunch, so she and Jay and Matt brought the dinner to us.

Then around 3:00, Louie, Cynthia, Bryan, Tyler and wife Amy came in with supper. They stayed and watched football with us. So we had a great day.

Jr. and Gene Brotherton attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Myrtle Lou Newton

Arnold and husband Travis Arnold in Rowlett last weekend. They had a big time even if their party clothes got left at home. Ha!

Please keep all the sick people in our community in your prayers. It seems like there are so many at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the J.D. Boedeker and family on the loss of J.D.'s wife Ellen. Her memorial service will be December 8th in Plainview.

J.D. and Ellen were our next door neighbors out at the farm in Providence. Their farm is the one just west of ours. We have had lots of good times over the years. We have danced many a mile with them. J.D. and Ellen loved to dance to the tune, "Faded Love".

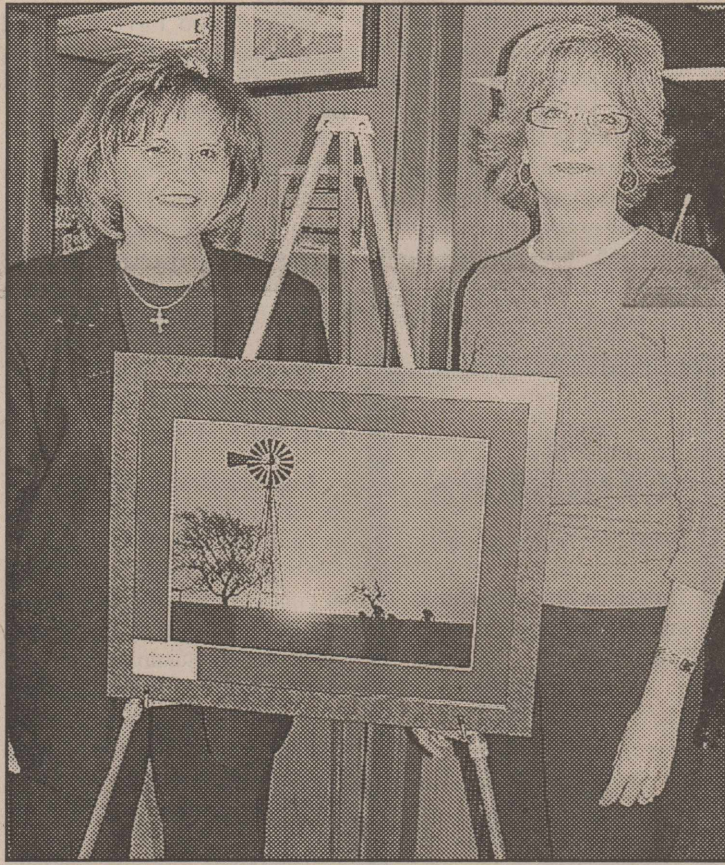
Our sympathy is with Robert Daniels on the death of his grandson Hunter Hagood. Also with Hunter's Mother Tonya and husband Deryl Evans and his brother and sister Justin and Mica Marble. His services were at the Floydada Methodist Church Monday and he was buried in Carr's Chapel cemetery.

Sympathy also goes out to Bob Gay on the loss of his brother Troy Gay of Sulphur Springs recently.

Remember to eat at the Center every week. Next week's menu sounds really good. Everybody is invited to eat with us. The price for lunch is \$3.50 for members and \$4.00 for non-members. Call 652-2745 by 9:30 a.m. and tell Wanda or C.F. you are eating.

Menu

December 3-December 7
Mon: Baked potato and trimmings
Tues: Beef tacos
Wed: Meat loaf
Thrs: Pork chops
Fri: Chicken and dressing



"A BIT OF TEXAS through the eyes and lens of Connie Barnett at cBc Photography" is a showcase of her photographic art currently on display at City Bank of Lockney. Pictured (l-r) are Connie Barnett with Kelly Prayor of City Bank. Staff Photo

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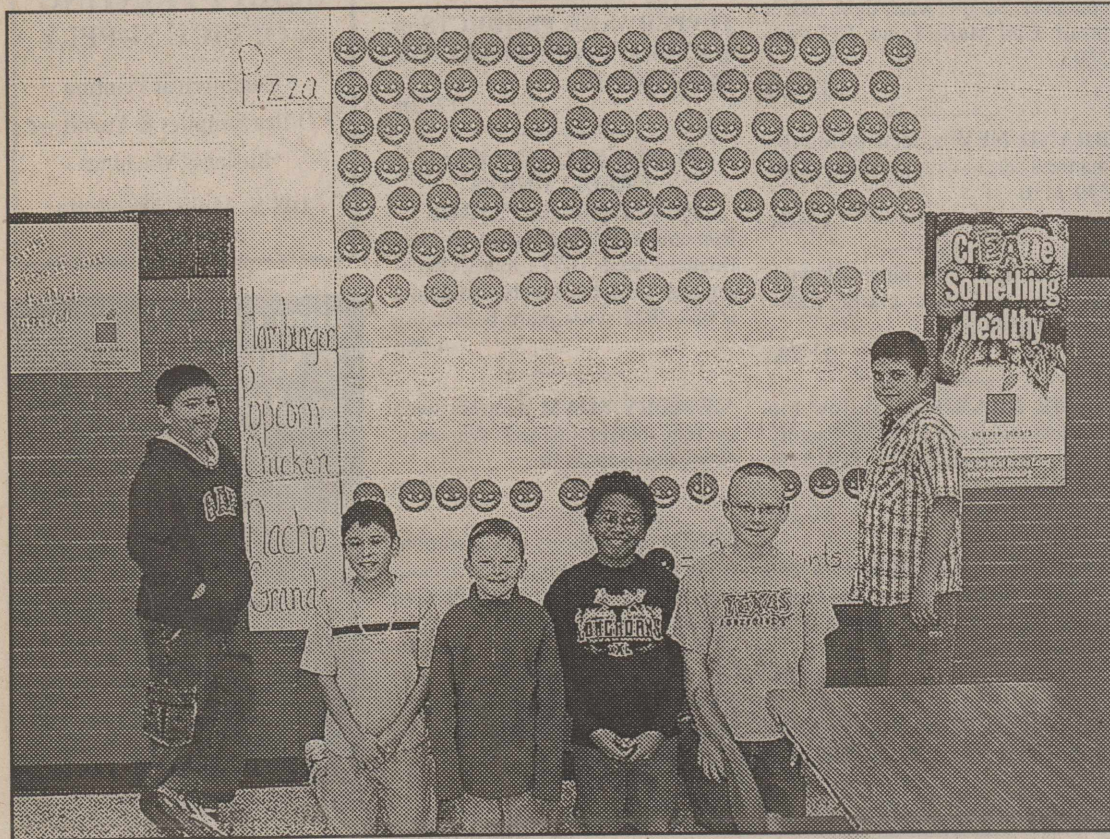
LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 11-26-07---(back, l-r) Chasity Mendoza, Brittany Jimenez, Tyler Crutchfield, Isabella Rodriguez, Ellie Naranjo (third row, l-r) Aleah Jimenez, Jonathan Sammamm, Hailea Widener (second row, l-r) Sara Keyser, Elizabeth Salas, Nickolas Rendon, Estaban Pena, Emilee Encizo (front row, l-r) Payton Butler, Anysia Rosales, Keanu Villerreal, Luke Gonzales, and Nathaniel Castillo. Staff Photo



FISD STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH--Back row (l to r) Elda Lopez, Phillip Navarro, Nancy Trevino, and Anne Evans. Front row (l to r) Kirby Nixon and Emily Cisneros. Courtesy Photo



2007 WHIRLWIND JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL--(Back row, l-r) Tyler Derryberry, Lupe Palacio, Wade Hill, Skylar Wilson, Oscar Chavez, player no longer on team; (3rd row, l-r) Joey Martinez, Jordan Cornelius, Colton Covington, Damian Pleasant, Chad Davis; (2nd row, l-r) Juan DeOchoa, Fred Williams, Dillon Thomas, Greg Aleman, Leo Torres, Juan Gutierrez; (Front row, l-r) Jesse Ibarra, Anthony Segura, Manuel Delafuente, Geoffrey Sanchez, Troy Morales. (Not pictured: Jerry Caldera, Adrian Pleasant.) Photo Courtesy of Bobby's Photographic Memories



FOOD SURVEY---Lockney third grade surveyed the elementary students to determine their favorite cafeteria food. The students took the data from their surveys and completed tally charts, pictographs and finally, one huge pictograph to hang in the cafeteria. Every year the survey has been taken, pizza has been the overwhelming winner, and this year was no different. Pizza is the winner, again! Shown with the pictograph are some third grade students: (l-r) Joshua Guerrero, Lalo Luna, Derek Wood, Corey Mathis, Jaden Butler and Brandon Crutchfield. Staff Photo

FJHS LADY WINDS BASKETBALL

By Sarah Hinsley
The FJHS 7th grade girls played in Floydada on November 19th hosting Childress. The score was 31-21 with Floydada A-team winning in overtime.

High scorers for the Lady Winds were Emily Hall - 9 points, Malorie Alaniz - 7 points, Shawna Sessions - 6 points.

The B-team consists of Anna Delafuente, Taylor Orr, Christian Cabello, Jianna Davenport, Ahudry Pesina, Ashley Lucke and Amy Gonzales.

The final score was 20-7 with Floydada coming out on top. High scorers were Ahudry Pesina - 8 points, Anna Delafuente - 7 points, Jianna Davenport - 3 points.

On November 26, 2007 both teams traveled to Abernathy. The score for the A-team was 41-14 with the Lady Winds being victorious.

Leading scorers were Ashley Diaz - 14 points, Malorie Alaniz - 8 points, Kelsey Jo Nutt - 6 points, Emily Hall - 6 points, Merritt Johnson - 4 points.

The B-team's final score was 37-18 with the Lady Winds winning. High scorers were Ahudry Pesina - 16 points, Anna Delafuente - 11 points, Jianna Davenport - 6 points.

Lady Horns Basketball Report

By Coach Schumacher
Lockney's girl basketball results are as follows.
Varsity girls game: Lockney won 61-18 over Crosbyton. Leading scorer for Lockney was Bethany Wilson with 25 and everyone else on the team scored.
Results for the Monday, November 19, girls Junior High games were as follows.
In the 7th grade girls game, Lockney won over Abernathy 19-10.
In the 8th grade girls game, Lockney won over Abernathy 38-25.
At the Nazareth JV Tournament the results were as follows: Lockney won over Farwell 29-13. Lockney lost to Nazareth 53-16. Lockney lost to Friona 45-20.

Lockney School Menu

December 3-December 7 Monday
Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chili dog or grilled cheese, baby carrots, corn, applesauce, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Spaghetti or ham, green beans, sliced pears, bread, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Waffle or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Fish sticks or PBJ sandwich, pinto beans, mac and cheese, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk

Thursday
Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Nacho grande or ham and cheese, salad, sliced peaches, milk

Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or chicken on bun, baked fries, salad, orange smiles, milk

Floydada School Menu

December 3-December 7 Monday
Breakfast - French toast, cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/Ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast - Sausage, toast/jelly, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Golden fish strips, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, hot roll, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

Thursday
Breakfast - Breakfast sausage roll, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken and noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

Friday
Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, milk

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nized students and educators of the month.
Emily Cisneros, A. B. Duncan Elementary, was the Kindergarten student of the month. Kirby Nixon, R. C. Andrews Elementary, was the fourth grade student of the month. Phillip Navarro was the student of the month at Floydada Junior High. Elda Lopez, a junior, was the student of the month at Floydada High School
Nancy Trevino, 6th Grade Math, was introduced as Educator of Month. Ann Evans, Special Education office assistant, was introduced as Support Staff of the Month.



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Tuesday, January 29, 2008 — Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Terry Burk Estate—Owner
Located: Estelline, Texas — Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Thursday, February 7, 2008—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MANUEL SOTELO REYES, Deceased, were issued on October 11, 2007, in Cause No. 5785, pending in the Probate Court, Floyd County, Texas, to: DIANE REYES

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: DIANE REYES
2504 W. 6th
Plainview, Texas 79072

DATED the 11th day of October, 2007.

Diane Reyes
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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6168-36-001 for FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT STRUCTURE REPAIR in SWISHER County, etc. will be opened on January 08, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$798,000.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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District Engineer
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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It's Time For Our Great HOLIDAY HEALTH FAIR

Saturday
December 1, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Lockney Elementary School
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Report provides latest look at the well being of children in County

By: Lynsey Kluever
kluever@cphp.org

Austin, TX— Statewide, maternal and infant health are improving, as more women are receiving prenatal care, infant mortality is improving, and teen births are continuing to decline, according to a new report by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP). The report, The State of Texas Children 2007, provides the latest look at the well-being of children in every county in Texas.

"The report finds that when it comes to maternal and infant health, Texas has much to be thankful for," said Frances Deviney, Texas KIDS COUNT Director. "At the same time, work remains in other areas. Statewide, child poverty is up for the fifth straight year, unemployment has increased, and Texas continues to have the highest rates of uninsured children in the nation."

State and Floyd County Findings:
[Note: for all data listed below, a county that ranks 1st has the best outcome, 254th has the worst outcome]

In Floyd County, the proportion of women receiving little or no prenatal care increased by 37% since 2002. As of 2004, 53 babies (or 46.5% of all births) were born to women who received little or no prenatal care, ranking the county 247 of Texas' 254 counties. Nearly one in four babies statewide is born to mothers who receive little or no prenatal care.

In Floyd County, the infant mortality rate has decreased by 63% since 2000. As of 2004, 1 baby died prematurely, ranking Floyd County 187 of the

254 counties. Statewide, infant mortality has increased by 8.6% since 2000.

In Floyd County, the rate of babies born to teens increased by 42% since 2000. As of 2004, 27 babies were born to Floyd County teens, ranking Floyd County 228 of the 254 counties. However, Texas still has the highest teen birthrate in the country. Statewide, births to teens ages 13-19 have declined by 10.3% since 2000.

These findings follow a recent Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

survey of new Texas mothers that finds that statewide, new mothers are engaging in healthier behaviors:

The percent of Texas women who drank alcohol during the last three months of their pregnancy dropped by 8.3% from 2002 to 2003.

The percent of Texas mothers who breast fed or pumped breast milk to feed their baby after delivery increased by 2.3% from 2002 to 2003 (from 74.8 to 76.5%).

The percent of Texas women who were slightly or moderately depressed in the months after delivery increased by 1.23% from 48.5% in 2002 to 49.1% in 2003.

Other Findings for Floyd County:

29.6 percent of Floyd County children live in poverty, ranking Floyd County 214 of the 254 counties. The child poverty rate has remained stable in Floyd County since 2000.

The proportion of Floyd County's total population living in poverty has not changed since 2000, ranking Floyd County 207

of 245 counties. As of 2004, 1447 people, or 20.5% of the population, live in poverty.

Death rate for Floyd County children ages 1-14 has not changed since 2000. There were 0 deaths (or 0 per 100,000 children) in 2005, ranking Floyd County 1 out of 254 counties.

The rate of violent deaths for teens ages 15-19 has not changed since 2000, with 0 deaths (or 0 per 100,000 teens) in 2005. Floyd County ranks 1 out of 254 counties.

The population (2005 is the most current year) for Floyd County is 7,084 which ranks the County at 188th. Of that population, 3,302 are White (rank 190th); 239 are Black (rank 158th), and 3,495 are Hispanic (rank 135th). (Harris County was the highest population in all these categories.)

In the category of Education, Floyd County ranked 181st with Public School Enrollment with their total enrollment of 1,535.

The County rated 92% in the State for students graduated because of its 90% graduation rate in 2006.

TAKS Data and how the County rates in the State are as follows (stats taken from 2007):

Students Passing TAKS Reading:

- 3rd Grade-93%, ranking of 165th
- 4th Grade-71%, ranking of 239th;
- 5th Grade-86%, ranking of 190th;
- 6th Grade-92%, ranking of 141st;
- 7th Grade-79%, ranking of 222nd;
- 8th Grade-88%, ranking of 172nd;
- 9th Grade-90%, ranking of 109th;
- Tenth Grade-81%, ranking of 207th;
- Eleventh Grade-90%, ranking of 160th.

Students Passing TAKS Math:

- 3rd Grade-80%, ranking of 152nd;
- 4th Grade-94%, ranking of 19th;
- 5th Grade-86%, ranking of 207th;
- 6th Grade-88%, ranking of 38th;
- 7th Grade-79%, ranking of 93rd;
- 8th Grade-74%, ranking of 102nd;
- 9th Grade-76%, ranking of 24th;
- 10th Grade-74%, ranking of 42nd;
- 11th Grade-88%, ranking of 27th.

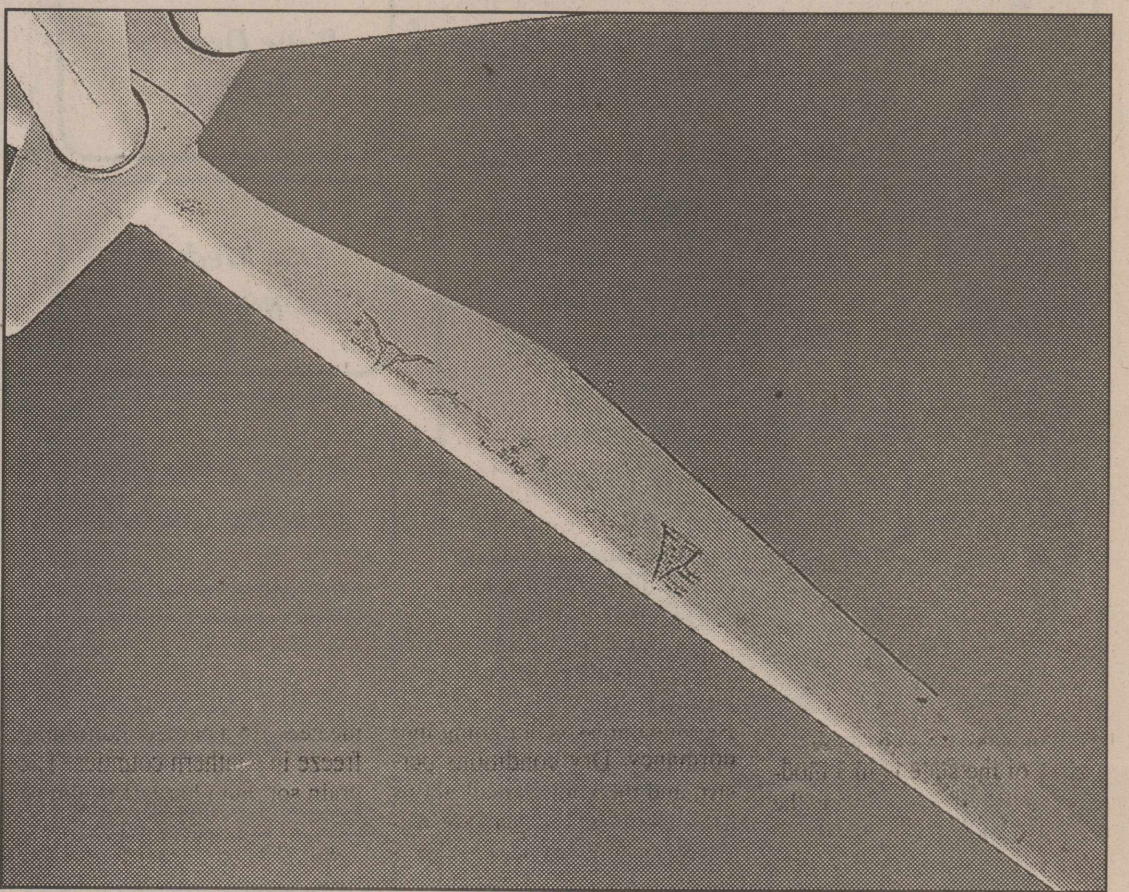
To learn how Floyd County or Texas as a whole fared across all indicators, including health care, education, and child abuse, visit www.cphp.org/factbook07 <<http://www.cphp.org/factbook07>>. To access the full report, visit <http://www.cphp.org/research.php?aid=728>.

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The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) is a nonprofit policy research organization committed to improving conditions for low- and moderate-income Texans. CPPP is also the Texas home to KIDS COUNT, a national and state-by-state effort to track the well-being of children.



ALL 26 WIND TURBINES ARE NOW ERECTED at the RES site, including the special "Punkin Day" blade signed by Floyd County residents. RES Project Coordinator, Al Jensen, said commissioning of the blades started on Thursday, November 8, running south to north. All turbines are up and 11 are now operational and generating electricity. Photo Courtesy of Al Jensen



Floydada Fire Department Report

October 2007

During the month of October the FVFD responded to a total of 8 calls of a variety of natures.

Twice during the month the FVFD assisted the Floydada EMS.

Twice during the month the FVFD responded to an incident of bees. During one of those incidents a firefighter was stung multiple times.

With the temperature dropping and winter approaching the average bee runs have decreased in numbers. The FVFD still wishes to remind you to check your residence and other structures around your home before engaging in any outdoor activities.

With the local cotton harvest underway the FVFD has been

active throughout the month of October responding to multiple cotton related fires. Due to the lack of moisture and the high winds during the month, module fires and cotton related fires are quickly on the rise. The fire department would like to remind you that a simple water type, or dry chemical fire extinguisher, mounted on the harvest equipment would greatly increase the chances of saving equipment during department transit time.

The FVFD would also like to extend a humble thank you to the Farris Foundation for their most generous donation this month.

The FVFD encourages everyone to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every thirty days and change the batteries at daylight savings time.

Whirlwind Energy Center Siemens 2.3 MW Wind Turbine 26 Turbines on Site

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- Cut out speed - 55 mph

Variable Speed

Blades can automatically change pitch to maintain 18 RPMs or less to prevent damage and maintain steady production.

Hub/Rotor

- Swept area - 310.5 ft. in diameter
- Weight - 63,000 lbs/31.5 tons
- Top Speed - 18 RPM

Blades

- Length - 148.4 ft.
- Weight - 27,060 lbs/13.5 tons each
- Speed of blade tip @ 18RPM - 199 mph
- Spinner - 600 lbs.

Rotor Assembled With Blades and Spinner

Total Weight - 144,780 lbs/72.3 tons

Nacelle

Weight - 193,000 lbs/96.5 tons; Height - 12.5 ft; Width - 11.5 ft; Length - 37.5 ft; Gear Box Ratio - 1:91; Oil Volume - 450 liters; Voltage - 690

Tower

Base Selection: Weight-133,130 lbs/66.5 tons; Height-52.8 ft.; Diameter - 14.1 ft. at bottom/13.1 ft. at top
Mid: Weight - 131,991 lbs/66 tons; Height - 89.7 ft.; Diameter - 13.1 ft. at bottom/13.1 ft. at top
Top Section: Weight - 109,412 lbs/54.7 tons; Height - 118.2 ft.; Width - 13.1 ft. at bottom/ 7.1 feet at top.

Power Unit

15,620 lbs/7.8 tons; Misc accessories - 79,200 lbs/39.6 tons.
Total Tower Weight with Power Unit and Accessories
806,800 lbs/403.4 tons

Total Height to Center of Hub

276 ft.

Total Height to Center of Blade

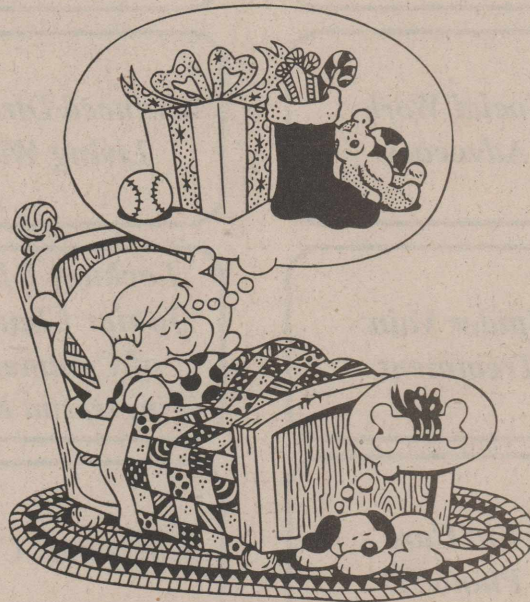
422 ft.

Foundation

Diameter - 17.2 ft. at top/54 ft. at bottom; Height - 8.5 ft.; Re-bar - 85,300 lbs/42.56 tons; Cement - 350 yds.; Concrete Strength - 4,500 psi; Concrete Weight Per Yard - 4,300 lbs.; Number of bolts - 160; Length of bolts - 1 1/2 inch by 8 foot; Tensioning - 92,000 lbs/7,200 psi.

Total Foundation Weight

1,590,300 lbs. (not including the 160 bolts and embedment ring)



The deadline for children's Santa letters is December 6th. All letters must be at the Lockney & Floydada office by the end of the day, December 6th.

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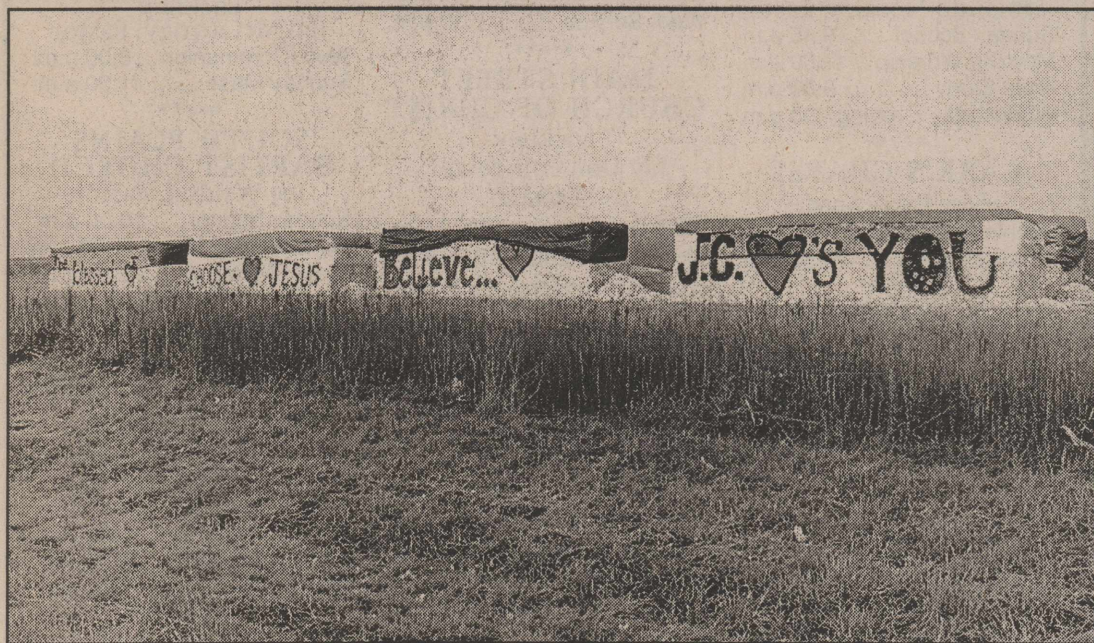
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INSPIRATIONAL COTTON MODULES appear just north of Highway 70, east of the Hale County line and are a reminder of the blessed season cotton farmers have had this year. Staff Photo

Texas A&M University Crop and Ag Report Local Conditions

By: Kathleen Phillips
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COLLEGE STATION Texas producers and landowners are hoping the turkey's wishbone snaps in their favor later this week. Their wish will be for rain. A soaking rain last weekend wet the southeastern part of the state, but more moisture is needed across Texas to hold fire dangers at bay, Texas Cooperative Extension officials said. Most of the state is in a moderate fire danger, according to the Texas Forest Service, but a band that sweeps across the state from El Paso through Lubbock to the Oklahoma border and north of Amarillo has been declared in high to very high fire danger. The forest service listed burning bans in 88 of the state's 254 counties as of Nov. 20. But that could change by Thursday, giving the state's agriculture industry a major reason to give thanks. U.S. Department of Agriculture meteorologist Brad Rippey said a storm system developing over the southern Rockies could bring rain from the southern High Plains to the Mississippi Delta. He predicts above-normal rainfall from Texas to the southern Atlantic states. Here are regional reports from Texas Cooperative Extension. **CENTRAL:** Conditions remain dry. The pecan harvest is in full swing with a good crop expected. Small grains need rain to emerge. Livestock are in good condition. **COASTAL BEND:** Warm, dry weather continues. Stalk destruction and land preparation were the major field activities. Rain is needed for winter forages. Hay baling of lower quality summer grass pastures continues but at a slower pace. Cattle are in good condition, though pasture conditions are declining. **EAST:** Some small grains, ryegrass and clover have been planted, but many have not germinated due to dry conditions. Other producers are waiting for

rain before planting. Hay baling is almost complete with large stockpiles. Stock pond levels are very low, and many producers are having to move cattle and feed hay. A heavy crop of acorns are causing some problems with cattle as they are eating too many. **NORTH:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. The first real frost was reported in Delta County. Pastures are in fair shape, but Bermuda grass is not going into dormancy. Dry conditions persist, and the winter small grains are wanting a good drink of water. The cotton harvest is 90 percent complete. An above average crop of pecans is being harvested. Livestock are in fair to good condition and some producers have begun winter feeding their animals. **PANHANDLE:** Soil moisture ranges from very short to adequate. Cotton ranges from very poor to excellent as harvest continues. Wheat ranges from very poor to excellent. Most areas need moisture. Range conditions are mostly fair. No precipitation and high winds have created a high potential for fire. Cattle are in good condition, and supplemental feeding is under way. **ROLLING PLAINS:** Very dry conditions continue. What wheat was planted on sufficient moisture came up and dried out or was blown out with the high winds. Ranchers have been feeding hay and supplements to their herds in hopes of receiving rain to revive pastures. But the area has had an "almost perfect" year for cotton. The crop got a late start, but since there still has not been a killing freeze, cotton has had time to mature. Some producers are defoliating in order to harvest. **SOUTH:** Conditions continue to be mild with cooler temperatures and no precipitation. In some areas, extreme dry conditions put a lot of stress on dryland wheat, oats and ryegrass. Cool-season crops are being irrigated. Sugarcane, citrus and greens harvests continue, and

winter vegetable crops are progressing well. Forage availability for livestock is fair. Hay baling operations have begun to slow down. Livestock are in fair to good condition. **SOUTH PLAINS:** Warm temperatures continued with no rainfall. The cotton harvest continues with good yields. Progress slowed some because of damp mornings, windy conditions and the need for a hard, conditioning freeze in southern counties. The grain sorghum harvest is almost complete with above average yields. The peanut harvest is virtually complete. Winter wheat is in fair condition. The warm weather hurt wheat development somewhat. Some irrigated acres look good, but all wheat needs a good rain. Pastures and ranges are in fair condition. Cattle conditions are mostly good with supplemental feeding. **SOUTHEAST:** Rains over the weekend provided a great relief to dry conditions. **SOUTHWEST:** While the area east of San Antonio received some rain over the weekend, most of the region remains dry. Pastures, ranges and yard grasses are showing stress and going into winter dormancy early. Farmers are heavily irrigating fall crops. About 60 percent of this year's bumper cotton crop has been ginned. The peanut, cabbage, spinach, green bean and pickling cucumber harvests continue. **WEST CENTRAL:** Temperatures have been cooler. Windy conditions continue to dry everything and increase fire danger. The cotton harvest is in full swing, with better than expected yields in most areas. Wheat and small grains are in poor condition due to extremely dry conditions. Some producers are waiting for rain to sow wheat. Rangeland and pastures continue to decline, turning brown and going dormant. Livestock remain in fair to good condition. The pecan harvest continues with good crops expected.

Cotton **News**
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Keeping growers involved in the cotton research process has been a key ingredient in the success of the Cotton Incorporated Research Program since the establishment of the U.S. Cotton Research & Promotion Program in 1966. Leading the way in that effort is the Cotton Incorporated State Support Program, which returns a percentage of each year's Cotton Incorporated Operating Budget to each U.S. cotton producing state to fund locally oriented research projects. In Texas this responsibility is vested in the Texas State Support Committee, which includes representatives from each of the nine cotton producer organizations in the state. In 2007 the Texas State Support Committee approved a total of 48 research projects and distributed just over \$1 million dollars in Cotton Incorporated State Support funds. Growers interested in learning more about this program, and the research that is being conducted on their behalf, are invited to attend the 2007 Texas State Support Program Project Review meeting in Lubbock December 4-5. Presentations will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day. The review, which provides researchers an opportunity to discuss the preliminary results of their 2007 research projects with members of the Texas State Support Committee, is open to anyone who wants to attend. This year's meeting is being conducted at the USDA Cropping Systems Research Laboratory, located at 3810 4th Street in Lubbock, Texas.

Although less heralded than Cotton Incorporated's promotional activities, the Cotton Incorporated Research Program is a key part of the U.S. cotton industry's success. Cotton Incorporated's research activities are coordinated from the organization's Cary, NC headquarters. Encompassing everything from textile processing to the development of new cotton varieties Cotton Incorporated research is working to fine-tune the tools, management practices and marketing strategies that growers utilize on a daily basis.

Commodity Organizations Ask U.S. Senate To Oppose Effort To Gut Farm Bill Safety Net

Tuesday, November 20, 2007 from FarmPolicyFacts.com
Washington — Twenty-six organizations representing farmers and ranchers from coast to coast are calling upon the U.S. Senate to oppose an effort to gut the safety net provided to America's farmers in the 2007 farm bill. The November 16 letter urged Senators to oppose the Farm, Ranch, Equity, Stewardship and Health (FRESH) Act (S. 2228) as either a stand-alone bill or as an amendment to the 2007 farm bill. "The FRESH Act eliminates the current safety net provided to US producers... It is critical to remember that farm bills are written for the long-term rather than short-term," the letter stated. According to the groups, the commodity title of the farm bill has already been reduced by \$57 billion: "All told, the commodity programs are projected to be about 10 percent of total farm bill spending, while more than 80 percent of the farm bill spending is already slated for nutrition and conservation programs." Trade is also a major concern for U.S. producers: "US farm policy should continue toward a more level playing field in the global market by providing assistance to America's farmers. However, this goal is not achieved by writing a farm bill that complies with what someone assumes will be the potential outcome of the WTO negotiations." The letter concluded, "While we support strong conservation, nutrition, and energy programs, additional support for these programs should not come at the expense of adequate funding for the safety net for American farmers."

The letter was signed by the following groups: American Farm Bureau, National Farmers Union, National Association of Wheat Growers, Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, USA Rice Federation, American Soybean Association, Peanut Growers Marketing Cooperative, North Carolina Peanut Growers, Virginia Peanut Growers, American Beekeeping Federation, Rice Belt Warehouses Inc., United

Dairymen of Arizona, American Association of Crop Insurers, National Sorghum Producers, US Rice Producers Association, Crop Insurance Professionals Association, American Sheep Industry Association, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, Western Peanut Growers Association, National Cotton Council, American Sugar Alliance, National Barley Growers Association, National Sunflower Association, USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council, US Canola Association, and the American Honey Producers Association. Want the facts about the U.S. farm policy. Get what you need at: www.farmpolicyfacts.com

Time Is Running Out: Make Plans To Attend The 2008 Beltwide Cotton Conferences

Programming for the 2008 Beltwide Cotton Conferences will be posted at the Beltwide's web site: (<http://beltwide.cotton.org>) on December 3. Assembled under the theme "Orchestrate Your Opportunities" the 2008 Beltwide conferences will be held January 8-11 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, TN. "We want to encourage producers and other related cotton industry individuals to visit the web site to learn more about the conferences," said Bill Robertson, NCC staffer coordinating the programming. "Those who plan to attend are also encouraged to register and make their hotel reservations now." Meeting registration and hotel reservations can be made online at the Beltwide web site. Those without Internet access or those needing assistance may call 901-274-9030 and ask for the Beltwide Help Desk.

Robertson said a number of Cotton Production Conference sessions have been developed which include heightened producer involvement to help address challenges and identify opportunities for the 2008 season. Among the topics that will be discussed are herbicide resistance management, onboard modeling systems on the Case IH and John Deere cotton pickers, and reflections on the 2007 production season.

Both Lockney and Floydada Chambers will sponsor their special downtown Christmas events on December 13th.

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Obituaries



MARY ALICE EAKIN

Mary Alice Eakin, age 94, passed away on November 24, 2007 in Floydada. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the Moore Rose Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at the Floydada Cemetery.

Mary Alice Montgomery was born on February 7, 1913 near Memphis, Texas to Joseph A. Montgomery and Mary A. Erwin. The Montgomery family moved to Floydada in 1916 and Mary Alice attended Floydada schools. On August 9, 1926 she married William Bridwell Eakin in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. Eakin passed away in September of 2000. The couple was blessed with over 74 years of matrimony and a daughter, Bettye Allen Eakin.

She was a housewife and a partner in the family cattle and farming operation. Mrs. Eakin was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada and Petersburg. She was a member of the 1936 Study Club and the Blue Bonnett Needle Club.

Mary Alice Eakin was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her daughter, Bettye Allene Eakin Chowning, a great-grandson, Todd Fincher and a brother, Bob Montgomery.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Delores Fincher and husband, Ken of Canyon; grandson, Douglas Chowning; great-grandchildren, Terry Fincher of Floydada, Tammy McLaughlin of Petersburg, Wayne Chowning of Sweetwater and Dusty Chowning of Graham; her brother, Joe D. Montgomery of Anchorage, Alaska and nine great-great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

T.J. COLEMAN, JR.

Funeral services for T. J. "Junior" Coleman, Jr., age 73, of Floydada were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 23, 2007 at the Trinity Assembly Church. Pastor Vance Mitchell and Pastor Henry Russell officiated. Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

He passed away on November 18, 2007. T. J. was born October 1, 1934 in Floyd County to T. J. Coleman, Sr. and Bearie (Raul) Coleman. He attended Floydada public schools and lived in Floydada most of his life. T. J. had honored his country by serving in the United States Army.

He was a farmer by trade and also loved to work on tractors. Junior also enjoyed building things with his hands. On July 1, 1988 he married Helen (Moore) Coleman in Lubbock. He was a member of the Trinity Assembly Church in Floydada.

Junior is preceded in death by his father, T. J. Coleman, Sr. and his son, Ronnie Coleman.

He is survived by his mother, Bearie Coleman of Floydada; his wife, Helen Coleman, of Floydada; daughters, Kathy Coleman of Topeka, Kansas, Jan Bennett of Dallas and Brandi Adam of Ft. Worth; his step-daughter, Monica Wickware of Lubbock; step-sons, Dwight Moore of Woodville, Jerry Wickware of Lubbock and Edward Wickware of Abilene; three brothers, Joel Coleman of Floydada, Chester Coleman of Conway, Arkansas and Paul Coleman of Dallas; sisters, Betty King of Floydada, Marie Jones of Seymour, Pearl Thompson of Houston and Ruth Popnaugh of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BILLY DON COLSTON

Billy Don Colston, 65, a lifelong resident of Floydada, passed away on November 21, 2007 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Tx.

Billy was born on April 30, 1942 in Amarillo, TX. to J.A. "Bill" Colston and Virginia Chrystine (Sweepston) Colston. He was a lifelong resident of Dougherty Community. Billy attended and graduated from Floydada public schools in 1962. He attended Texas Tech College and graduated in 1966. He married Sherry Dickson on June 28, 1969 in Amarillo, TX. Billy Don enjoyed farming until he retired. He was an active member in different organizations in Floydada. He was a member in the Floydada Masonic

Lodge #712 and the Order of Eastern Star #31. He was also a charter Board Member of the Floyd County Friends and a Board Member of Caprock Plains Wind Association. Billy Don had honored his country by serving in the United States Army.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Colston of Floydada; two sons, Ross Lee Colston and his wife, Kelly of Cimarron, New Mexico and Billy Zane Colston of Matador; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Family greeted friends at Moore Rose Funeral Home in Floydada on Friday, November 23, 2007 from 5-7 p.m.

Family suggests memorials be made to Floyd County Friends, P.O. Box 58, Floydada, TX. 79235, Eastern Star, c/o Judy Thayer, P.O. Box 9, Floydada, TX. 79235, Floyd County Museum, P.O. Box 304, Floydada, TX. 79235.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 24, 2007 at First Baptist Church. Rev. Anthony D. Sisemore officiated. Burial was held in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada, TX.

His memory will always be held close to our hearts.



HUNTER J. HAGOOD

Hunter Jennings Hagood, age 22, passed away on November 21, 2007 in Floydada. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 26, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Rev. Les Hall officiated. Interment followed at Carr's Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home. The family received friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

Hunter was born on November 5, 1985 in Lubbock County to Brad Jennings Hagood and Tonya Evans. Hunter attended Monterey and graduated in 2004. He moved to Lubbock in 2005 from Floydada.

Hunter enjoyed giving his time to others through his volunteer work. He was a volunteer at the Lubbock State School, as well as at Grand Court Assisted Living. He participated in the Special Olympics and was a member of the Area 17 Special Olympics Athlete Input Council. Hunter also volunteered through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunters Education Course. He also participated in fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network.

Hunter is survived by his father, Brad Jennings Hagood and his mother and step-father, Tonya and Deryl Evans; his grandparents, Dan and Nancy Hagood of Lubbock, Robert and Belle Daniels of Lockney, Maxine Cooper of Lubbock and Milton and Geneile Evans of Floydada; his great-grandmother, Bernice Buchanan of Lubbock; his brothers, Justin Marble of Floydada and Clay Evans of Crosbyton; his sisters, Ashley and Morgan Hagood of Lubbock, Micah Marble of Lubbock and Mindy Merling of Baytown; as well as numerous friends of Grand Court Assisted Living and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.



LORRAYNE HARRISON

Lorraine Harrison, 85, of Floydada, Texas passed away, Thursday, November 22, 2007 in

Dimmitt. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada.

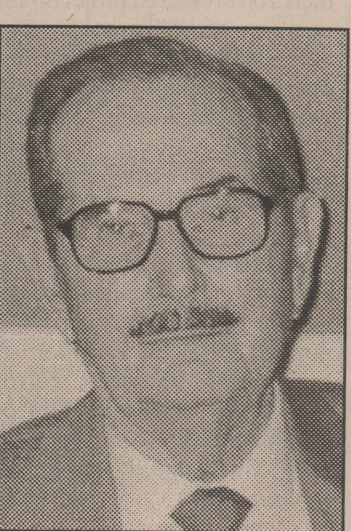
Brother Matt Baird and Brother Anthony Sisemore officiated.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. at Hart Cemetery in Hart, Texas. Arrangements were handled by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Lorraine was born July 24, 1922 to Dollie and William Cruce in Perrin, Texas. She attended high school in Jack County, Perrin, Texas, where she lived most of her pre-married life. She married Alfred Harrison in 1939 and for 56 years she was a housewife and mother. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She was an avid golfer and bowler. She loved to cook and bake for her family. She was a sports fan and loved to watch pro basketball.

She is survived by two daughters, Elsie Black of Hart and Linda Griffith of Hereford; one brother, Donald B. Cruce of El Paso; 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. She is preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Harrison in 1995, one daughter, Lucy Mae Hanks in 1991, one brother, Clarence Cruce in 2005 and two sisters, Lyda Lavern Cruce and Patsy Bartlett.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Cares, 112 W Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 or Hart Cemetery, PO Box 215, Hart, Texas 79043



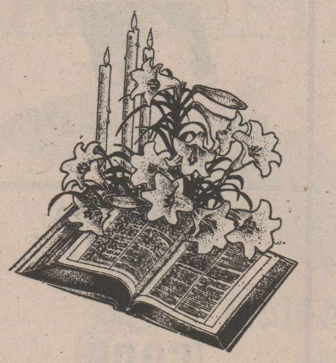
W. MURICE MCFARLAND

William Murice "Mac" McFarland, 91, of Lubbock, passed from this life on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at Covenant Medical Center. Funeral services for Murice were held at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel on Friday, November 23, 2007 at 4 p.m. with Donald Rhea Chesshir and J Henderson officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Murice was born June 12, 1916 in Bartlett, Texas to William Henry and Irva Lillian (Robertson) McFarland. He attended Texas Tech, Daniel Baker and Texas Christian Universities. Murice married Eloise Garner on September 23, 1939 in Fort Worth, Texas. He ministered in several communities on the South Plains, as well as Bryson and Bartlett, Texas and Nashville, Arkansas. He also farmed and ran a dairy for 16 years. Murice sold insurance and cars prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Yvonne McFarland and a son, Murice Garner McFarland, both parents and a brother, James B. McFarland. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, a daughter and her husband, Eileen and Jimmie Smith of Brenham, a granddaughter and her husband, Christina and Don Chesshir of Floydada, a grandson and his wife, Brandt and Lori Smith of Katy, three great-grandsons, Tyler and Dillon Chesshir of Floydada and Drake Smith of Katy, two great-granddaughters, Sydney Chesshir of Floydada and Anna Mikeska of Katy, and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Friday, November 23, 2007 from 3 p.m. to service time. Family suggests memorials to Myleodysplastic Anemia Foundation, American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.



Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon

Floyd County Church Directory

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
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
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 ... 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 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 a.m.
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

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
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. Shubert
Lockney
6523385

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

Lighthouse Electric Coop
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.

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

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.

Goen & Goen Insurance
102 E. California
983-3524

Lockney Co-op Gin
652-3377

Lockney Ins. Agency
105 N. Main
652-3347

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

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

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

Schacht
Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts
112 W. Poplar, Lockney
652-2385

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

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

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

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

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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
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.
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.

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