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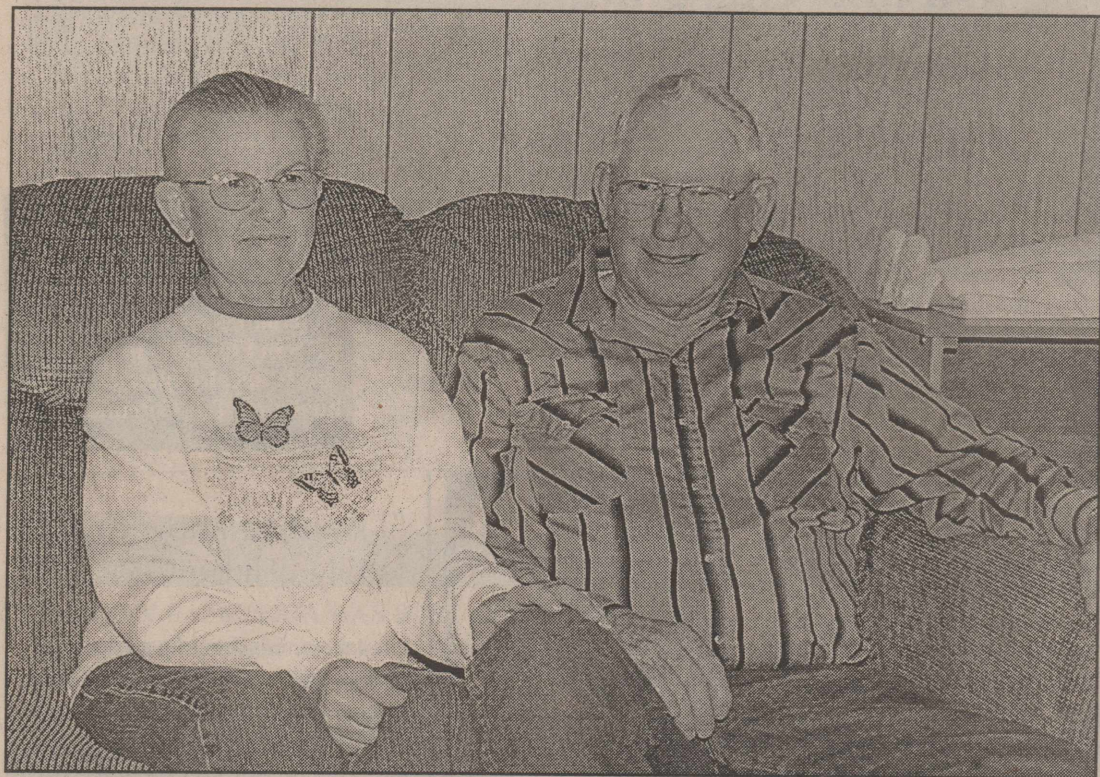
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Gibsons devote years to foster care



MYRTIE AND JACK GIBSON

Floydada will celebrate Christmas on the Square December 13th

By Jennifer Moore

Floydada's "Cowboy Christmas" will be Thursday, December 13, 2007 and will begin with a parade at 5:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa Claus and the lighting of the tree is at 6:00 p.m. followed by carol singing by the Floydada Elementary 1st and 2nd graders. The Floydada High School band will also provide holiday music for the occasion and at 6:30 p.m. Adrianna delaFuente will sing Christmas carols to entertain the crowd.

More people are still needed

to sign up for the parade. Those interested can call the Chamber of Commerce office to sign up. Prizes are being awarded for 1st-3rd place in the amounts of \$100, \$50, and \$25.

The Floydada Chamber will be raffling a \$40 gift card to Cagle Steaks, \$20 in gas, a Playstation 2 and a \$20 gift certificate to Movie Gallery. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The prizes will be given away at Christmas on the Square. Please purchase your tickets at the Chamber or from any Chamber

director. Raffle prizes are being donated by Wal-Mart Distribution, Cagle Steaks, and Floydada Chamber of Commerce. If anyone would like to donate size C-9 lights or funds to purchase them please come by the Chamber office.

Several food vendors and arts and crafts booths will be set up and available to the public to enjoy. Floydada Band Boosters will be serving chili; Luisa Reabinuelos with cinnamon and sugar, panapadas, chilibeans,

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Kids can talk to Santa in the back of the Library

Lockney's "Old Fashioned Christmas" festivities will be at old theatre

By Denise Doucette

This holiday season come to Lockney's "Old Fashioned Christmas" for shopping and fun on Thursday, December 13 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Please come out and stop by your local merchants and check out all the wonderful and exciting gifts they have to offer you. When shopping during "Old Fashioned Christmas" you can visit with friends and neighbors you haven't seen in a long time and

also help Lockney's economy by shopping locally. The stores would really appreciate your business.

For your Holiday Christmas Entertainment during "Old Fashioned Christmas" come by the "Old Theatre", bring your chairs and friends. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., on stage will be: Rev. Brian Adams telling the "Christmas Story". Immediately following the "Christmas Story" will be Miss Sherry's dance Group danc-

ing a "Christmas Special". Around 6:30 p.m. the elementary school kids will be singing Christmas songs, the Lockney Longhorn Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. and following the band a group of high school students called Rhythm High Harmony will also sing and play holiday music.

Something new this year will be picture taking with Santa from 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at the back

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Lockney's Veteran's Park will be part of nationwide wreath laying ceremony

By Alice Gilroy

The Lockney area Veterans will be conducting a Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Lockney Veteran's Memorial Park, Saturday, December 15.

The ceremony will start at 10:00 a.m. in Lockney and will coincide with similar ceremonies across the United States on the same day at the same time.

In Lockney seven ceremonial wreaths will be placed at the flag poles to remember those who gave their lives in service. They will include specialty made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and POW/MIA.

Ed Marks, president of the Lockney Veterans Association said organizers are working to get a "Fly-over" for the event.

Patriotic music and guest seating will start at 10:00 a.m.

Wreaths will be laid at the crosses beginning at 10:40 a.m. and the Master of Ceremonies

will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Elton Bass, a poet, of Plainview, will read a poem he has written about Veterans and the guest speaker, Lee Gilbert, will start at 11:25 a.m.

Gilbert was born in Matador and raised in Fort Worth. Drafted into the Army in 1967, Gilbert served in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division from December 1967 to December 1968.

A graduate of TCU, Gilbert now lives in Rockwall, Texas. He has been active in the American Legion for a number of years serving as the local Post Commander for the past 3 years and this year as the Post Adjunct.

At 11:40 a.m. the names of the Floyd County KIA's (see list in paper) will be read. Special seating will be provided for family members to those killed in action.

"We don't have a way to contact those family members," said Marks. "We hope running the list in the paper will help us find some relatives and let them know

of the ceremony."

This will be followed by the ceremonial wreath laying at the flag poles at 12:00 noon.

The event will end, at approximately 12:25 a.m. with a closing prayer, a 21 gun salute, and Taps. All of the wreaths at the flag poles are donated by Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine. (The full story can be found online at the Wreaths Across America website: www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

Eighty wreaths, bought with local donations, will also be placed at the white crosses in Lockney's Veteran's Park.

At the same time wreaths will be placed at the graves at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA., and at 264 National and State Veterans cemeteries and monuments across the Nation.

There are only 2 Veteran's Memorials in Texas participating in this program and Lockney is one of them. The closest town in

By Alice Gilroy

With the rise in child neglect comes a critical need of Foster Parents. In Floyd County alone there are 17 children now being taken care of through Child Protective Services placement.

The Floyd County Child Welfare Board has been designated with the responsibility of making sure each one of those children has a clothing allowance, birthday presents, and Christmas presents.

As the number of children in need increases the money per child is stretched even thinner. This is not only felt among the Welfare Board but also among families that have opened their homes to care for children in crisis situations.

Jack and Myrtie Gibson, of Lockney, are one of those families. They are now using their retirement years to be there for children placed under court care.

The Gibsons have been married for 52 years and have lived in Lockney since 1957.

The Gibsons were not in the foster parenting program while they had their three sons and one daughter at home. But once Carl, Sidney, Dale, and Inez were out of the home the Gibsons were free to help raise other children.

The Gibsons started in the Foster care program in 1975 in Hale County. After 7 1/2 years of foster care Myrtie went to school for her LVN degree. After graduation she went to work in a nursing home.

Jack was farming and working for Lockney Co-op (where he worked for 43 years).

Although they were out of foster care the Gibson still felt a need to stay involved.

"We helped with the planning of the Floyd County Child Welfare Board," said Myrtie.

It was only three years after retirement, in May of 2006, that the Gibsons got back into the foster care program.

"We've had 10 children since then," said Myrtie.

Currently the Gibsons have two foster children: 2 year old Rosalinda and her 8 month old brother, Felipe.

"We've had these two children since August 2007," said Myrtie.

"We've always said we only wanted to take care of infants but these two came as a package and we didn't want to divide them up."

According to Myrtie the choice of how many children you can

have in your home at one time depends on the space you have.

The Gibsons work through Children's Home of Lubbock.

"The Children's Home and Child Protective Services work together," said Myrtie. "The Children's Home services a very large area. We've gotten children placed with us from Hockley County, Lubbock, Hale County, Midland, and Odessa.

"There are only a few Floyd County foster families."

Sometimes children are brought to a foster home in the middle of the night. Some stay 24 hours and some stay longer.

"We had one stay 11 months," said Myrtie. "One time we had 4 children (siblings) who we kept for 3 years. They were eventually adopted by an Arizona family. They still come to see us occasionally."

The hardest part of being a foster family, according to the Gibsons, is the obvious--forming attachments and then having to let them go.

"You have to go into each situation knowing the kids aren't yours and you're going to have to let them go," said Myrtie. "It's hard when they leave and you don't know what they are going back to."

Myrtie says it appears to her that children are going back to their parents at a higher rate than before.

"It's about a 50-50 rate now of kids getting adopted or going back to their parents," said Myrtie.

"It's also hard to see the kids go back home for awhile and then go back to foster care again," said Myrtie.

"We have a gut feeling about some things. You just know sometimes it is not going to work out."

"CPS goes through a lot now to put kids back with their family. It is a big team effort. A lot more people are involved in kids lives now than before, but the problems are also bigger and more complex."

According to Myrtie there are now parenting classes for parents who have had their children taken away.

"One of the problems," said Myrtie, "is that we have a generation now that was raised without discipline and they are now having children. They had no role model to follow in how to discipline and care for children so they are repeating the cycle."

"The Children's Home and CPS have several programs now to teach young mothers how to parent."

Myrtie says the best part about foster care is the "nice people we've met".

"We have a great support group," said Myrtie. "We never would have met these people if we had not been in this program."

"Most are doing the same thing we are doing. Some are foster parents because they want to adopt. They pick the kids they want to adopt by finding the child that best fits into their family."

Myrtie says the most stressful part is trying to coordinate meetings and dealing with kid's families at CPS meetings.

"But at the time you think you've gone as far as you can go the Lord always sends you a blessing," said Myrtie.

"One time I thought I had reached the end of my rope and we got a letter with a gift of some money to help out the kids. It was wonderful and came at just the right time."

According to Myrtie money to foster parents for the kids is always put to good use. You can also give donations to the Floyd County Child Welfare Board and they in turn use it on the Floyd County children who are in foster care.

Monetary gifts are not all that helps out foster children.

"CASA workers are also needed," said Myrtie. "CASA workers are the children's advocates. They are volunteers and we just don't have enough of them. These volunteers are responsible for keeping up with the kids and making sure they get a fair shake and don't get left out in the cold."

Both Myrtie and Jack said they wanted to encourage people to investigate the Children's Home of Lubbock and see if foster parenting or some other role would be something they would like to become involved in."

If you need more information about being a foster parent or helping as a volunteer, call Stacy Parker at 762-0481.

To help the Floyd County Child Welfare Board fill the needs of Floyd County children in foster care, or being handled by CPS placement, call MaryAnn Reyes at 983-5256. Donations can also be mailed to Floyd County Child Welfare Board, c/o First National Bank, Box 550, Floydada, TX., 79235. The check will be deposited in the account at the bank.

The Lockney Boy Scouts will be collecting canned foods, or non perishable foods, on Saturday, Dec. 8th starting at 10:00 a.m. Please put your bags on the front porch. Your generous donations will be given to the Lockney Salvation Army to be distributed to those in need in our community.



Charlotte Hooten hired as Lockney's City Secretary

By Judy Macha

The Lockney City Council hired Charlotte Hooten to replace resigning City Administrator Ron Hall on a split vote of 3/2 in their December 3 meeting.

The vote took place after interviewing the two most qualified

applicants. Voting in favor were J.D. Copeland, Kelly Prayor and Jr. Brotherton.

Michael DeLeon and Tina Graves indicated theirs was not a vote against Hooten but rather that they wanted to allow more

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LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY was listed in Texas Monthly's list of best schools. "We were recognized for our Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills scores in math," said Principal Jean Anne Williams. "It was in the December issue of Texas Monthly." Pictured are Math teachers (l-r) standing, Diane Johnson - second grade, seated, Cindy Cotham - third grade, seated, Lana Kidd - fourth grade and standing, Kathy Kellison - fifth grade.

Volunteers needed for annual Community Christmas dinner

Plans are now underway for Floydada's annual Community Christmas dinner.

"If you've been waiting to get involved with this event then this would be the year to finally get it done, because this will probably be the last year we do this," said organizer and volunteer Sudy Cochran.

The Community Christmas dinner has fed hundreds of shut-ins and elderly every Christmas

thanks to local donations and a lot of volunteer manpower.

As usual, organizers will need volunteers to deliver the food and cook.

Sunday, December 23, anyone wishing to help should be at the First United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. for preliminary food preparation.

Monday, December 24, at 7:00 a.m. report back to the church for food preparation and at 11:00

a.m. deliveries will start.

Anyone wishing to donate money for food should send checks to: Spirit of Christmas, c/o Fred Thayer, Box 9, Floydada, TX., 79235.

"I want to encourage all of those who have never participated in this community dinner to come join us," said Sudy. "You will enjoy the company and who doesn't need an extra star in their crown."

Lockney hires new city secretary

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for further applications.

There was much discussion before the vote took place, and Mayor Stapp reminded the council they were up against a deadline and needed to take action now to allow Hall time to train his replacement.

The Council has been advertising the opening since October. "Some applicants thought it was a simple secretarial position," said Graves. "It involves so much more and requires more skills."

Clint Cook of O.J.D. Engineering opened the sealed bids submitted to the Council for side-walks. During the opening of the bids, Kelly Criswell of SPAG was on the speakerphone for Kelly McIlhorne, who is involved with this grant, but was unavailable.

TriState General Contracting of Amarillo submitted a Bid Bond for \$246,479.00.

The job was awarded to Morton Irrigation of Plainview who submitted a Bid Bond for

\$176,496.75. The vote was unanimous.

The amount was still above what would be covered by the grant. Cook recommended the Council do a Change Order reducing the amount of work to be done, thus the amount of money required. Lloyd Morton of Morton Irrigation, who was present, agreed to this.

"The rest of the work we would like to see done could be done with a future grant," Hall said.

Palo Duro Basin Oil and Gas Update

By Tom Musser

Motley County: Last week Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. plugged and abandoned the Ollie Birnie (073843) Lease Well #2. The Ollie Birnie Well #2 was located 990 feet from the South Line and 690 feet from the West Line of Section 2, Abstract - 1161, Houston & Great Northern Railroad Company Survey, 5 miles West of Whiteflat.

Jack F. Grimm drilled the Ollie Birnie Well #2 in 1975 and completed the well in 1977. The Ollie Birnie Well #2 had an initial potential of 580 mcf per day of gas and zero barrels per day of condensate from perforations in the first conglomerate Atoka Formation from 8457 feet to 8461 feet.

Although listed as the Birnie (Congl.) Gas Field Discovery Well, the Ollie Birnie Well #2 was never produced and was

shut-in from August 26, 1977 until November 26, 2007.

The operators of the Ollie Birnie Lease (073843) Well #2 throughout the years include: Jack F. Grimm and Petrotex, Inc. 09/1995 to 07/1996; Cogdell Oil Company 08/1996 to 04/2003; Legacy Exploration, LLC 04/2003 to 11/2003; MTT, LP 11/2003 to 05/2004; Vintage Petroleum, Inc. 05/2004 to 05/2006; and Bankers Petroleum (US) Inc. 03/2006 to 11/2007.

Courtroom Activities

In County Court, November 20, 2007, Ricky Ibarra pled guilty to a Nov. 9, 2005 charge of Assault. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs of \$258.00.

Love Fund

A Love Fund for Helen Coleman has been set up at FNB in Floydada to help with the funeral expenses of her husband, T.J. Coleman Jr.

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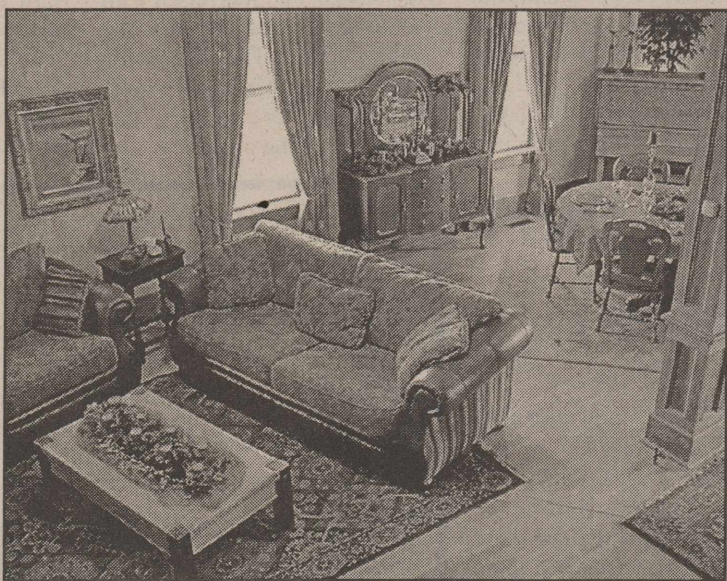


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Cargill awarding 350 scholarships



Cargill, in partnership with National FFA Organization, will award \$350,000 in scholarships to high school seniors who live in communities where Cargill has a business presence and plan to enroll in accredited post-secondary institutions in the fall of 2008.

The national program, administered by FFA on behalf of Cargill, will award 350 scholarships of \$1,000 each. In addition, each recipient's high school will receive a \$200 grant for the school library to support education in the community. Scholarship guidelines and the application are available at

www.cargill.com and www.ffa.org. The application requires the signature of a Cargill employee from the local community. Applications are due Feb. 15, 2008. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2008.

FFA will independently process the applications and select the scholarship recipients. Students are chosen based on academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and civic activities. Awards are made without regard to race, color, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation or national origin. Students do not need to be members of

FFA to be eligible.

"We are pleased to join FFA in an effort to reward outstanding students and assist them in their efforts to continue their education," said Michelle Grogg, director of corporate contributions for Cargill. "Cargill and its joint-venture businesses have a long-standing commitment to education programs and will continue to look for opportunities to nourish the lives of young people in the communities where we live and work."

"FFA prepares young people for future success in more than 300 diverse careers through ag-

ricultural education," said Anna Melodia, director of educational programs for National FFA Organization. "Supporting those young people in pursuing a post-secondary degree is crucial to this mission."

Cargill contributes more than \$36 million each year to civic and charitable organizations to help fulfill the company's vision to be the global leader in nourishing people. The company invests more than one-third of its global

charitable budget toward innovative education projects for youth, including \$800,000 designated for higher-education scholarships in the United States. Cargill businesses in the United States include Sunny Fresh Foods, Hori-

zon Milling, Taylor Beef and Wilbur Chocolate, and Cargill business units previously known by other names, such as Degussa, Excel, Emmpak Foods, Caprock and Hohenberg Brothers.

Old Fashioned Christmas is 13th

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of the Library, so please enter using the South door. The Library will also be having beautiful quilts on display, so don't forget to stop in the Library Thursday night as well.

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will be selling tickets that night for anyone wishing to ride on the hay wagon for 25 cents a ride. The Chamber will also be selling hot chocolate and popcorn for 25 cents each.

Floydada's X-mas on the Square

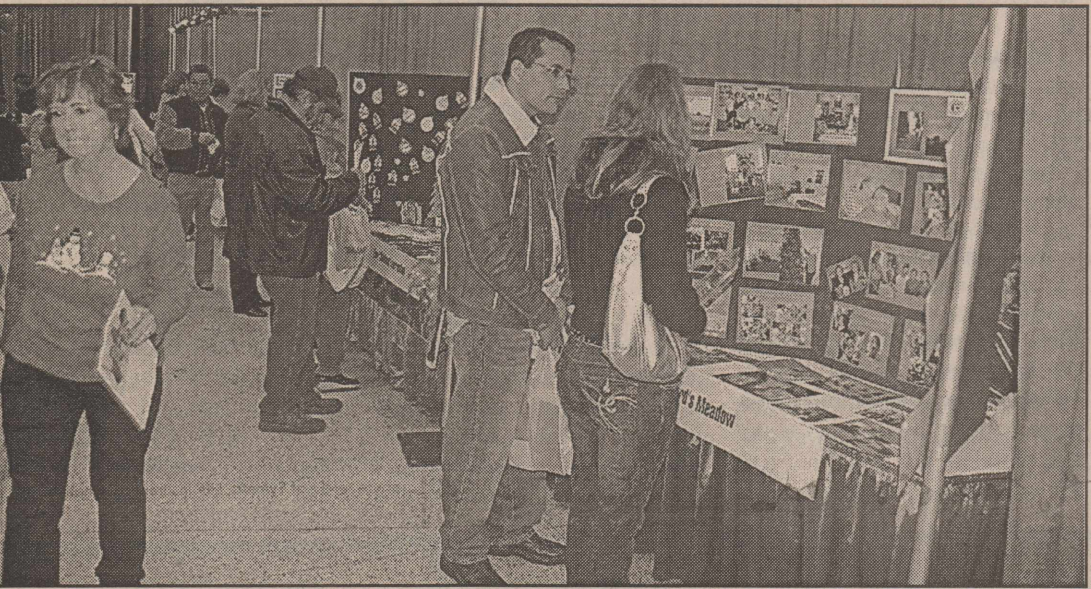
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cornbread, hot chocolate and posole; Chamber of Commerce-nachos, frito pie, hot chocolate, and spiced apple cider; and Mandy Ramirez-tamales and hot chocolate. Businesses that will be open are Henderson & Chappell--selling Gold Canyon Candles in the lobby, Karen Houchin Law Office, Script Printing, Caprock Motor Parts, Dollar General, Movie Gallery, Payne Pharmacy, Cathy's Floral, Bibi's, Sue's Gifts, Azteca, and Floydada Housing Authority.

Door Prizes are being donated by Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Ginger's Beauty Shop, Quality Body Shop, City Auto, Assiter Insurance Agency, Cogdell Clinic, Cornelius Conoco, Goen & Goen, Light-house Electric, Kaleidoscope, Floydada Chamber of Commerce, and Plains Bell Federal Credit Union.



LOCKNEY CAFETERIA WAS BUSY all day Saturday for the Health Fair where people received free blood glucose level, cholesterol, and blood pressure tests. Little ones stayed busy with balloons and coloring activities. Staff Photo



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Willson family inducted into WTAMU Premier Donor Society

The Willson Family, of Floydada, were added to the membership of West Texas A&M University's premier donor-recognition society during a formal induction ceremony Saturday, November 10, 2007 on the WTAMU campus.

The 10th annual invitation-only ceremony and dinner was held in the Dr. Hazel Kelley Wilson Banquet Hall at the Alumni Banquet Facility.

The Willson Family are now "Old Main Members". The Old Main Society was established in 1998 to recognize individuals, organizations and corporations that have given lifetime contributions of \$50,000 or more to support the students and mission of West Texas A&M.

West Texas A&M has enjoyed ongoing support for the Willson Lectureship Program since 1947. After WWII, the J.M. Willson

family donated funds to the United Methodist Church to manage and distribute interest earnings to several institutions in six states. West Texas A&M was one of those institutions.

For the last 60 years the Methodist Church has sent funding to this University to support the Lectureship Series. It was the desire of the Willson family that this series engage speakers from around the country to deal with social and ethical challenges of the day through a Christian perspective.

Recognition levels are Old Main Member, \$50,000 - \$99,000; Bronze, \$100,000-\$249,999; Silver, \$250,000-\$499,999; Gold, \$500,000-\$999,999; Platinum, \$1,000,000-\$4,999,999; and Diamond, lifetime contributions of \$5 million or more.

Contributions from Old Main Society donors endow scholarships and provide financial assistance to students, enhance instructional programs, provide

faculty development opportunities and awards for outstanding teaching, and build and enhance campus facilities, according to Caroline Chamblin, executive director of development.

"Private donors are crucial to the vitality of the University," Chamblin said. "The Old Main Society serves as a way for the University and the WTAMU

Foundation to recognize the generosity of this special group of donors and their continued impact."

With 8 new inductees, membership in the Old Main Society will reach 135.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Phasant season is here. The opening day breakfast and lunch at Providence for the hunters was a huge success.

Donnie started hosting the hunters with a big lunch way back in 1976 or 77 and this year is the first year he has ever missed doing the cooking.

Now that torch has been passed down to another generation. Our son Louie did a wonderful job of cooking and slicing the briskets, Joe Nance did the french fries, Ted Young the German sausages. Robin Stoerner the cobblers, Glen Graves the beans, and I believe Bob Smith did the peppers. And last but not least we want to thank Martin Stoerner for letting this dinner be held in his barn.

On the whole it was a great day for the younger generation who really missed Donnie being there but no more than Donnie missed being there for the first time in over 30 years.

Edith Clark is still in the Lubbock Covenant Hospital and is still really sick.

We asked you last week to add Edith to your prayer list. This week we have a new name for your prayer list. Molly Huffman is seriously ill in the Lubbock Covenant Hospital also.

Mike and Merle Mooney were coming home from Plainview Friday evening on the Spann road and turned their car over and it landed on it's top.

They had to have the Jaws of life to cut them out of their vehicle.

Miracles upon miracles happen because when they went to the Plainview Hospital they were examined and sent on home where they are recuperating from some soreness.

Now an update on husband Donnie. Sunday afternoon after we had a late lunch, Donnie went to the bathroom. When he stayed for quite some time I went to check on him and he was in the floor in the utility room where he had crawled, but could not call for help cause he could not speak

at all. I called 911 immediately and 5 or more fireboys came and helped get him out of the floor and take him to the Lockney ER.

This morning (Monday) he can move everything and walks to the bathroom so he has no paralysis. However his voice is still gone.

Today, (Monday) Dr. Stewart sent Donnie over to Plainview to Dr. Garvish's office for catscans on his lungs and brain. He has a blood clot in his lung so that means another pulmonary emboli. The good news was there is no hemorrhaging in his brain. But he still can't talk but the doctor said 95 percent of people who have these problems heal. We thought cancer and chemo was about all he could take but now this, so please keep on praying for him to get all well.

Now for a thought for the day: You have no promises that you

will see all the seasons of your life.... so live for the Lord today and say all the things that you want your loved one to remember.

Menu
December 10-December 14

Mon: Fried chicken
Tues: Hamburger steak
Wed: Meat and cheese nachos
Thrs: Chicken strips
Fri: Brisket

Correction to December 7 menu: Chicken and dumplings

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Reflections of Love Christmas Project

Do you desire to make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas? One way to impact your community is to partner with Reflections of Love as they provide Christmas for approximately 150 families in Floydada.

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Reflections of Love is an organization comprised of volunteers who work at providing school supplies in the fall, gift

baskets at Thanksgiving and gifts for needy families at Christmastime.

Each year, the organization relies on the community to help them provide warm clothes and toys for under-privileged children.

"The look of gratitude on the faces of the parents and children when the gifts are delivered is heart-warming," said volunteer Sue Hall.

"Many of these parents cannot provide any sort of Christmas for their children and they are so

thankful when we are able to step in and help."

"The community has been so generous in the past and we are counting on them to help us out again this year," said Sally Bradley, the president of Reflections of Love. "The need is so great. We don't want any families to go without this Christmas season."

To help with a monetary donation make checks payable to Reflections of Love and send to: Reflections of Love, c/o Fred Thayer, 112 E. California St., Floydada, TX 79235.

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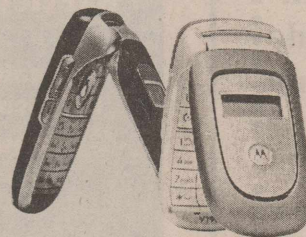
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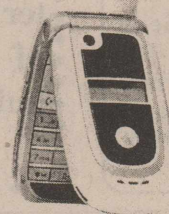


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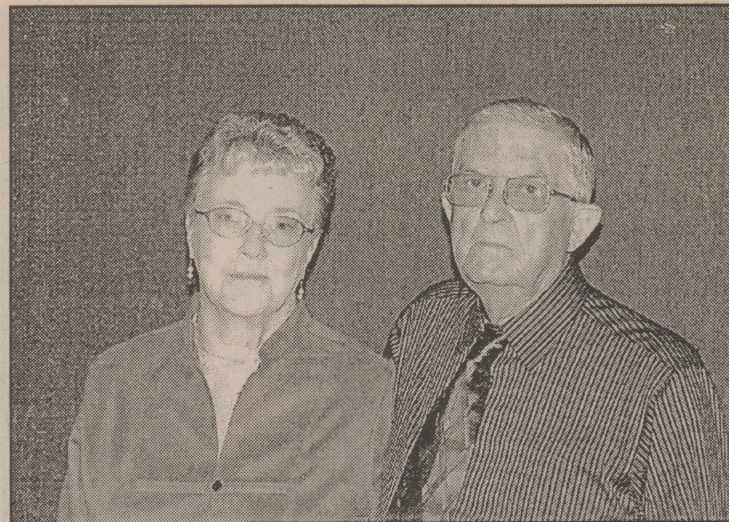
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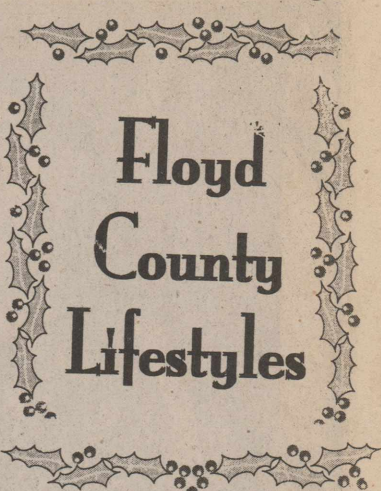
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JACK AND DORIS DICKSON of Burleson, Texas celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 27, 2007. A celebration in their honor was hosted by their children and grandchildren at Crestmont Baptist Church in Burleson. The couple have two children, Cherry Nixon and her husband Dwain Nixon of Burleson and Tracy Dickson and his wife Angie of Burleson. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Heating Safety Tips from Fire Department

By Corey Johnston
Public Relations Officer
Floydada Volunteer
Fire Department

It's a cold winter night. You decide to use a space heater, or perhaps light a fire in the fireplace, to save on the heating bill. Comfortable from its warmth as bedtime approaches you think, "What harm could it cause to leave it on overnight?"

Think again. While these heating devices may help you feel cozy and warm, they can become extremely dangerous if not used properly. Home heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,000 home fires in 2005, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The cost of these fires is more than just property damage. The cost includes roughly 700 lives and 1,500 injuries.

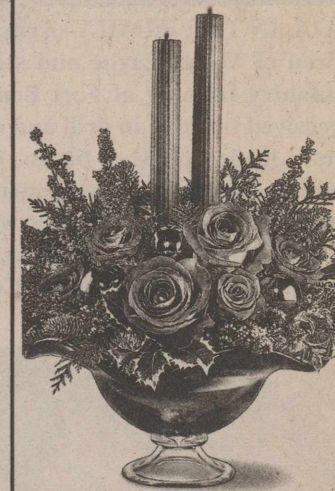
Home heating fires are largely preventable when you know the rules. Floydada Volunteer Fire Department's goal is to reduce the number of home-heating fires in our community. But we need your help. We are urging Floyd County families to use extra caution this winter when heating their homes. The majority of heating fire deaths are caused by space heaters. Most heating fires are caused by creosote build-up in chimneys.

To help keep our community

safe and warm this season, FVFD recommends that you follow these guidelines:

- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
 - Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
 - Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
 - Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.
 - Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.
 - Use a sturdy fireplace screen.
 - Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.
 - Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home — when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
 - Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.
 - Never use an oven to heat your home.
- With simple precautions, help us meet our goal of decreasing home-heating fires this winter.

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Floydada Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Margarette Word

Our Center's Christmas Party will take place at the Center, 301 E. Georgia, Saturday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift that would be suitable for a man or woman. For more information, please call the Center at 983-2032.

Luann and Mike Collins and their son, John, of Lubbock, spent Thanksgiving Day with her parents, James and Sue Lovell.

Pete and Sally Valdez drove to San Marcus to spend Thanksgiving holidays with a son and daughter.

Jo Lyles' son, Gary, of Arlington, was here in Floydada a few days during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Marcos Valdez of Greenville, Texas and his family came to Floydada to spend Thanksgiving holidays with his parents Sylvia Bueno and her husband.

Boone Adams drove to Anton where a niece lives and had Thanksgiving with 50 relatives.

Sue Daniels drove to Hobbs, New Mexico to spend Thanksgiving Day with her mother-in-

law. Then drove on to San Angelo to spend time with her daughter Zan and her husband and also her son and his family.

My son Greg Bond of Granbury visited me over this past week spending six days with me.

Lovene Moore just returned from spending Thanksgiving with her daughter Charlotte and husband David Sutton. She went to Auburn, Alabama and spent four days and then they went to Savannah, Georgia to visit grandson Scott Sutton. She spent Thanksgiving day in a condo on the beach watching the ocean and ships coming in and out.

Alton and Francis Rose of Athens visited Lovene Moore after Lovene came home.

Emagine and Charles Haenisch went to Rochell to check on some property they own then went to Lake Brownwood to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter Jo Lynn and Bill Dean at their lakeside home.

Our sympathy to the family of Jimmy Grubbs.

Our sympathy to the family of Mary Alice Eakin.

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

In memory of **Hunter Hagood** - Dub Holt.

In memory of **Junior Coleman** - James and Sue Lovell.

Thought for the week - "By all means, don't say I can, say I will." - Abraham Lincoln

Menu

December 10-December 14

Monday-Meatloaf, blackeyed peas, mashed potatoes, roll, snickerdoodle bars

Tuesday-Beef with vegetables, rice, tossed salad, shortcake with fruit

Wednesday-Breaded pork chops, ranch potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cocktail

Thursday-Chicken pot pie, squash, tossed salad, roll, oranges and bananas

Friday-Hamburger on a bun (lettuce, tomato, onion, etc.), French fries, peanut butter cookies

Christmas Brunch deemed a success

By Breanne Glasscock

The 2007 Christmas Brunch benefiting the American Cancer Society was held Saturday, December 1, 2007, in the home of Tom and Laura Farris. Approximately \$1,625 was raised to help find a cure for cancer through research and education.

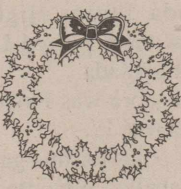
Door prizes were given out and winners were as follows: stadium seat from American State Bank, Glenna Ross; Panini Grill from American State Bank, Joy Smiterman; two silver dollars from First National Bank, Tracy Campbell and Norma Marrs; carwash from Cornelius, Penny Golightly; \$25 gift certificate

from Producers, Molly Stringer; oil change from Oden's, Karen Lawson; carwash from Oden's, Susan Simpson; candle from City Bank, Sandra Crawford; lotion gift bar from Ginger's Beauty Shop, Nancy Marble; plant from Plains Bell Federal Credit Union, Vida Hrbacek; poinsettia from Kathy's Floral, Tom and Laura Farris. Thanks to everyone who came out and donated to make this possible.

Kay and Hope Crabtree have also raised over \$1,700 to date in CD sales. Sales will continue through the holiday season and all proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society.

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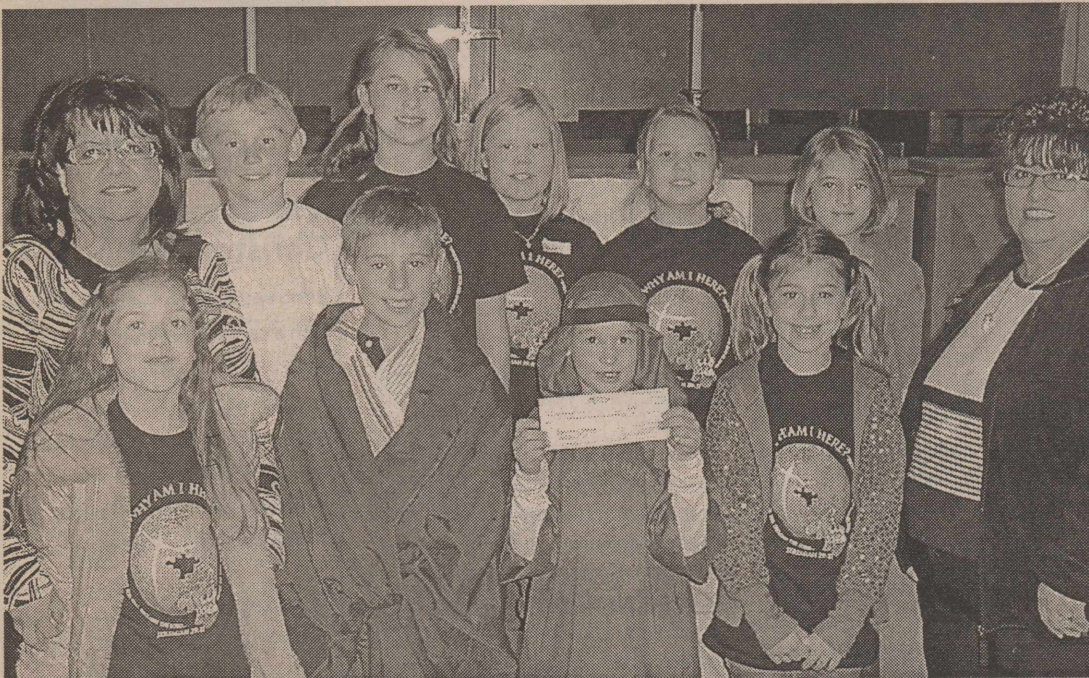
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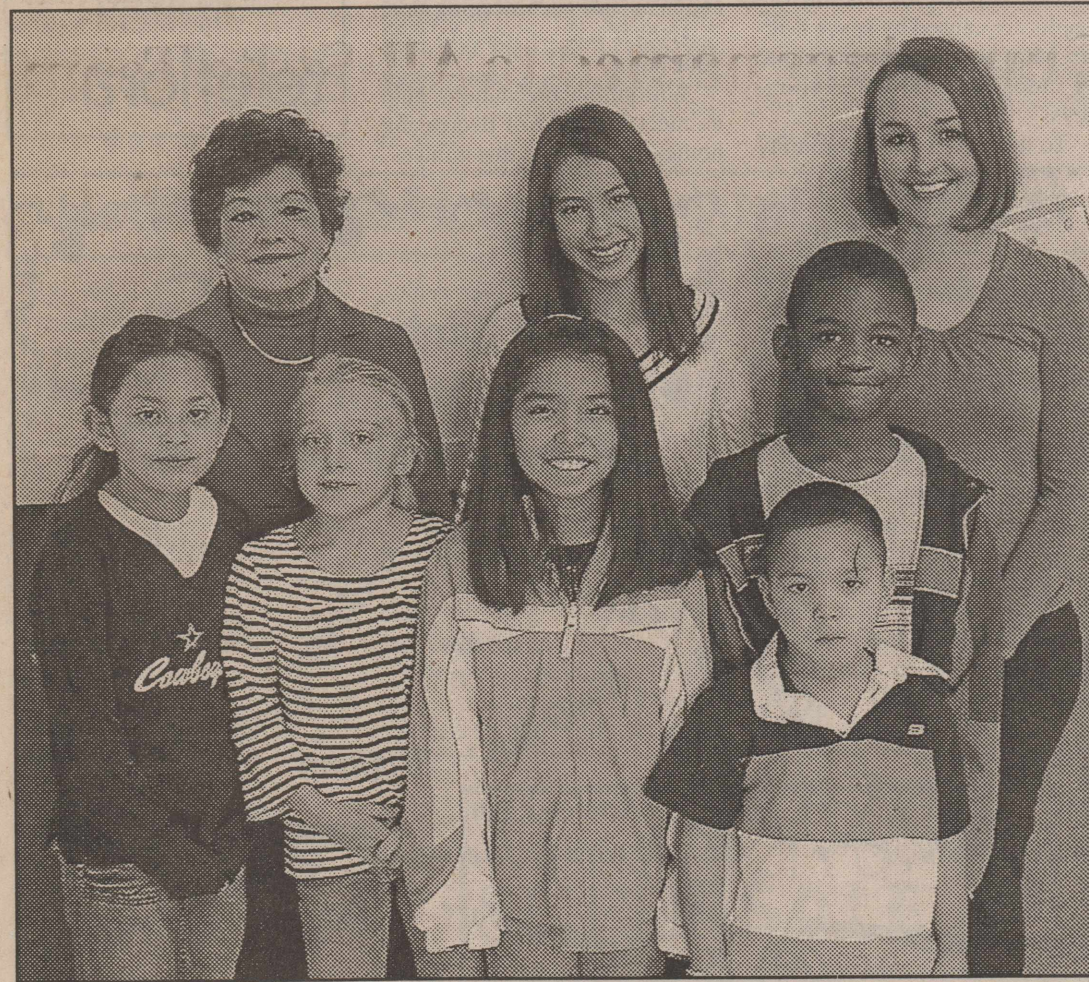


ALL IN THE FAMILY--Army Pvt. Joshua Price and SSgt Nicole Davis Copeland are the children of Velma Payne and stepchildren of Don Payne. Price recently graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the nine weeks of training, Price received training in drill and ceremonies, 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



THE FAITH EXPLORERS--The sunday school class from the First United Methodist Church recently collected "tax" from other sunday school classes totalling \$301.17 to be donated to the Floyd County Child Welfare Board. (Back l to r) Connie Peralez, Kerby Nixon, Rebekah Hall, Karley Weems, Macee Brotherton, Kortney Campbell, Irene Hernandez. (Front l to r) Faithe Hambricht, Brayden Campbell (Jesus), Keenan Nixon (Zacchaeus), Lauren Hall.

Staff Photo



FLOYDADA ELEMENTARY Educators and Students of the Week: Educators Mary Martinez (back left) and Kember Rainwater (back right); Students: Elizabeth Morales, Micaela Jon Lujan, Kylie Ricketts, Roxann Chavarria, Seth Porter, and Jose Lira. Not Pictured is Katelyn Rivas.

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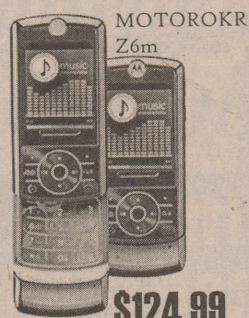
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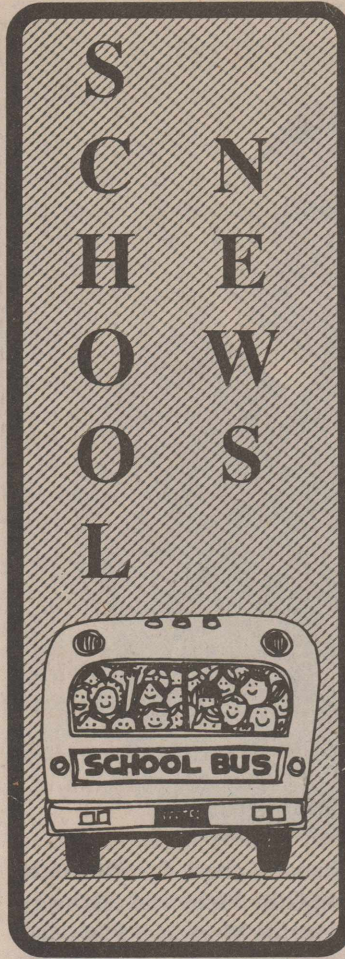
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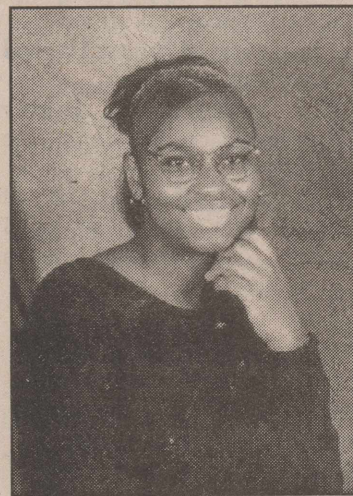
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Davis to graduate



CHARLA JANA E DAVIS

Charla JaNae' Davis, daughter of Le Quita Davis of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis of Vernon, Texas is a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies degree at the University of Texas in Arlington, Friday, December 14, 2007 at Texas Hall.

Charla, a graduate of Floydada High School was inducted into the National Honor Society in the 2000. She was active in cheerleading and was a state medalist in Powerlifting.

Charla is the granddaughter of Carrie Davis and the late Joe Davis of Floydada.

FJHS LADY WINDS BASKETBALL

By Sarah Hinsley

On December 3, 2007 Floydada Junior High Lady Winds A team played Lockney here at Floydada.

Final score was Floydada 22 and Lockney 17.

High point for this game was Anna Cabello - 6 points.

Lockney didn't have a 8th grade B team so the Floydada 7th grade B team scrimmaged one-half with Lockney's B team and one-half against Floydada's 8th grade B team.

Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon

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Floydada School Bands to present Christmas Concert

By John Odom

Tuesday evening, December 11, at 7:00, the Floydada Schools will present their annual Christmas Band Concert.

Participating in the concert will be the Sixth Grade Band, the Junior High Seventh and Eighth Grade Band, and the High School Concert Band. The Bands are under the direction of Band Directors John M. Odom and Brian Place.

The Sixth Grade Band will perform several selections. The Seventh and Eighth Grade Junior High Band will be the next group to perform. This band has

participated in Junior High pep rallies and several of its members have gone to All Region Tryouts.

The High School Band will close the concert with four selections of their own. This group has had a busy fall. They have marched at all halftimes and participated in three Marching Contests. They have also performed for the Veteran's Day assembly. Several members have also participated in the All State tryouts.

There is no admission charge for the concert and everyone in the community is invited to attend an evening of fun music and entertainment.

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10th Grade - Lindsey Beth Beedy, Kelbie Lyn Day, Makenzie Paige Schwertner

9th Grade - Whitley Beedy

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10th Grade - Hallie Bertrand, Diane Angel Flores, Evan Adams Johnson, Mason Lipham, Abigail Miller, Laci Nixon, Kaylie Leshay Nutt, Kenya Pesina, Joseph Segura, Lexie Terrell

9th Grade - Gregory Aleman, Gerardo Barrera Castillo, Carson Blaide Battey, Juan R. DeOchoa, Alyssa Renee Gonzales, Breann Gooch, Brityn Helms, Juan Carlos Olvera, Lucia Olvera, Adrian Leon Pleasant, Kacy DNaE Powell, Martin Riojas, Bryson Session, Rylee Shurbet, Lynnde Brooke Smith, Dylan Sloan Thomas

Floydada School Menu

Menu

December 10 - December 14

Monday-Breakfast - Cheese pizza or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew, fresh broccoli w/Ranch, strawberries and bananas, saltine crackers, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French bread stick, sliced peaches, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Whirlwind sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk

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



LOCKNEY JUNIOR HIGH BAND members who made 2008 All-Region Band (back, l-r) Riley Teeter, Christopher Hinojosa, Marcos Bernal, Steven Fernandez, SyAnn Foster, Jonathan Sustaita, Stacey Rodriguez (middle, l-r) Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart, Justin Roberts, Amber Segovia, Ian Dunbar, Brandi Brown, Bishop Zambrano, Landon Kidd, Steven Fernandez and Luke Sherman. (front, l-r) Susie Salas, Kelby Bice, Esperanza Garcia, Jennifer Ybarra and Landon Kidd. Staff Photo

2008 Lockney Jr. High All Region Band recognized

By Rob Lovett

Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th Grade Band members for being selected on Saturday for membership in the 2008 All-Region Band:

Susie Salas, Jennifer Ybarra, Esperanza Garcia, Stacey Rodriguez, Amber Segovia, Brandi Brown, Ian Dunbar,

Christopher Hinojosa, Justin Roberts, Bishop Zambrano, Lindsay Stewart, SyAnn Foster, Kelby Bice, Riley Teeter, Jonathan Sustaita, Marcos Bernal, Landon Kidd, Steven Fernandez and Luke Sherman.

Earning 2nd Chair positions were Ian, Riley and Steven. Earning 1st Chairs were Justin

- 1st Chair Tenor Sax; Lindsay - 1st Chair Trumpet and Landon - 1st Chair Snare Drum.

Lockney had more members make the All-Region Band than any other 2A school in this region!

The 2008 All-Region Band will present a concert in January at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Longhorns win 45-42 over Chiefs

By D'Lyn Morris

Lockney's Varsity Boys began the 2007-2008 season on Friday, November 16 with a strong performance against the Crosbyton Chiefs in Crosbyton. The team capitalized on their size advantage by getting the ball inside to senior post Chris Castorena who led the scoring with 18 points. Seven other Longhorns contributed to the balanced attack: Tyler Ellison poured in 11 points, Angel Cortez added 9 points including a long range 3 pointer on his first touch of the game. Adrian Cortez had 6 points, Daryn McCarter 3 points, Alston Becker and Jonathan Coleman put in 2 points each and Caleb Schumacher added 1 point making the final score Lockney 53, Crosbyton 41. The team used tough defense, consistent offensive and defensive rebounding

and handled the ball well under pressure Helping to secure their first win of the new season.

The Lockney Longhorn basketball team gave the home crowd a lot to cheer about Tuesday night, November 27, as they defeated the Sudan Hornets. The game started out slow and at the end of the first quarter the Longhorns were behind 2-4. By halftime the Hornets had taken a 14-7 lead. In the second half, Sudan's Byron Smith continued to score on the inside but Lockney's Chris Castorena answered keeping the Longhorns in the game. With little time left on the clock, Lockney was behind 31-34. Longhorn Alston Becker brought the ball up the court, dropped back to shoot and scored a 3 point shot to tie the score. The Hornets took the ball back up the court and were unable to score.

The Longhorns had one last chance to take the lead as Angel Cortez dribbled up court. He passed the ball to Chris Castorena, but the Longhorns were unable to score leaving it tied at the buzzer and sending the game into overtime. Lockney worked hard on defense and made some key scores winning the game 45-42. The Longhorns hold a 2-0 record going into the Nazareth Tournament November 30 - December 1 where they met Reagan County in their first game.

Lockney's scoring was lead by Chris Castorena - 12 points, Alston Becker- 12 points, Jonathan Coleman - 8 points, Daryn McCarter - 5 points, Angel Cortez - 4 points, Tyler Ellison - 2 points and Adrian Cortez - 2 points.

Longhorns fight hard in Nazareth tourney

By D'Lyn Morris

The Lockney Longhorn basketball team played 3 hard fought games in the Nazareth Tournament.

In the first game, Lockney played Reagan County. Plagued with turnovers and missed free throws, the Longhorns lost 26-57. Leading the scoring was Matt Rendon with 10 points, Caleb Schumacher-6, Alston Becker-4, Chris Castorena-2, Tanner Morris-2, and Nolan Armstrong-2. The loss sent them into a rematch game with Sudan on Friday. The Longhorns came out strong taking the lead 12-9 in the first quarter. A last minute shot by Sudan tied the score 27-27 at the end of the half. Both teams came out strong in the 3rd but Sudan led at the end of the third 33-39. In the fourth quarter Lockney fought to stay in the game but ended behind 46-57. Longhorn scorers were: Chris Castorena-12, Alston Becker-8, Jonathan

Colman-9, Daryn McCarter-7, Tyler Ellison-7 and Brett Johnson-3.

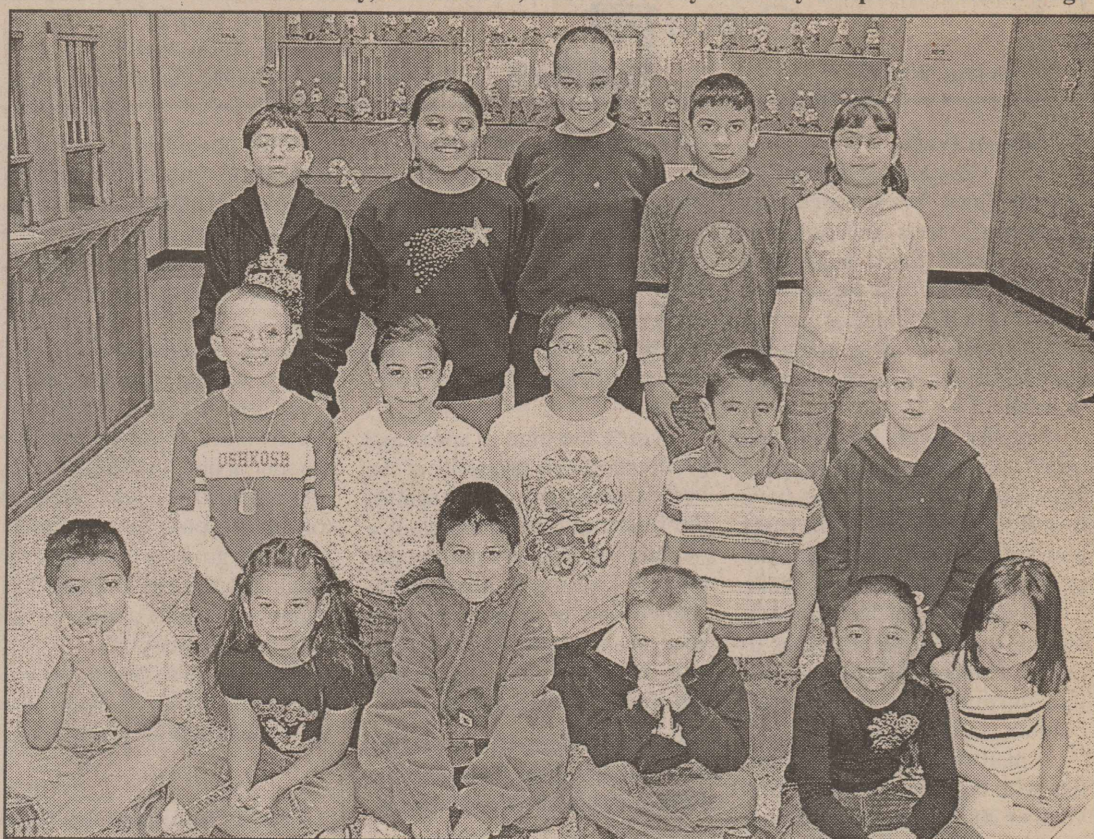
In the last game the Longhorns played Bushland. Once again Lockney came out strong with two 3-point shots by Daryn McCarter and one 3 point shot by Matt Rendon. They lead at the end of the first quarter 15-10. Daryn hit one more 3 point shot in the 2nd and the Longhorns continued to lead at half-time 24-23. The second half the Longhorns had trouble connecting and failed to score enough to win the game. The final score was 35-41. Top scorer was Daryn McCarter with 12, followed by Jonathan Colman-5, Adrian Cortez-4, Tyler Ellison-4, Caleb Schumacher-3, Matt Rendon-3, James Macardo-2, and Alston Becker-2. The 2-3 Longhorns play Roosevelt Tuesday night and in the New Deal Tournament this Thursday at 4:30 against Lorenzo.

Jackson places 1st in number sense and math

By D'Lyn Morris

Lockney High school sophomore Lezlie Jackson continues her winning ways as she placed first in 10th grade Number Sense and 1st in 10th grade Math at Lubbock High's Fall Festival on Saturday November 17. Caleb Schumacher placed 7th in 11th grade math and 8th in 11th grade Number Sense. Brendi Moralez placed 9th in 11th grade Number Sense. Bridgit O'Connell placed

3rd, Chase Thompson 8th and Kami Hunt 10th in 9th grade Science. Billy Lee placed 6th and Joshua Silva placed 10th in 10th grade Science. Patricia Rios finished 6th in the Social Studies contest. Pam Fulton coaches the Number Sense team, Danny Huggins is the math coach and D'Lyn Morris coaches the Science team. Sam Moore is the Social Studies coach at Lockney High School.



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 12-3-07 were: (back, l-r) Justin Suarez, Kayla Jimenez, Jasmine Guerrero, Alejandro Martinez, and Leslye Flores; (middle, l-r) Trip Fortenberry, Jacque Salazar, Enrique Rodriguez, Julio Lara, and Tristan Schlueter; (front, l-r) J.D. Faz, Mia Perales, Andres Garcia, Bryson Hallmark, Madai Chavira and Sierra Martinez. Staff Photo



JULIAN GUERRERO, son of Amelia and Frank Guerrero of Lockney, was presented the United States Air Force flag by the Lockney Veteran's Association. Guerrero is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. Julian and wife Chelsea have one son, Alex. Pictured (l-r) are Herman Graham, Frank Guerrero, Julian Guerrero, Amelia Guerrero, and Ed Marks. Staff Photo

Cummings named to All-State Team

Kristen Cummings, a 5' 10" senior outside hitter and defensive specialist from Maypearl High School was named to the 2007 Texas Girls Coaches Association Volleyball All-State team for AA and Academic All-State team for AA.

Final selections for the All-State Volleyball teams are made each year by the All-State Committee at the State Volleyball Tournament. Academic All-State is reserved for Seniors that have maintained a minimum of a cumulative 94 grade point average while competing in varsity volleyball.

Cummings has been a three

year starter at Maypearl High school and was also a varsity contributor as a Freshman.

Maypearl has been district 8-AA Volleyball champs or co-champs the last three years and have been Area Finalists each of the last three years.

She is the daughter of John and Tammy Cummings of Waxahachie.

Grandparents are Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Cummings of Lockney.

Cummings has been a three

Wreaths will be laid at the 80 white crosses in Lockety's Veteran's Memorial Park to honor the following Floyd County Veterans killed in action. If you have knowledge of the whereabouts of family members to these men please contact Ed Marks, 652-3157.

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Lockney School Menu

Menu

December 10 - December 14

Monday

Breakfast-Banana bread or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pig in a blanket or grilled cheese, corn, salad, pineapple, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets or ham, potatoes, peas, pears, roll, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast,

juice, milk
Lunch-Chalupa or corn dog, salad, applesauce, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or PBJ sandwich, salad, raw broccoli and cauliflower, sliced peaches, milk

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By Shawn Wade

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Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Forest Service are advising farmers and ranchers across Texas to be especially vigilant as dry conditions that settled into the State earlier this year continue to pose a significant wildfire risk in the coming months.

Healthy stands of grass and other groundcover that resulted from plentiful spring rains have now dried down across the State and significantly increased the potential for wildfires to occur. The dry conditions have already caused many Texas counties to take a proactive stance and establish burning bans that restrict outdoor burning activities.

A map showing Texas counties with burning bans as of November 30, 2007 has been developed by the Texas Forest Service and is available on the internet. To view the map, go to: <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png>

Pasture and range land, along with Conservation Reserve Program land, are notable at-risk areas under the current conditions. Landowners and farmers who have experienced wildfires in the past are well aware of the risk to livestock, equipment, property and crops.

With a large portion of what should be the second best cotton crop ever produced in Texas likely to sit on turn-rows and along field margins for an extended period of time over the next few months, cotton producers are advised to pay particular attention to the procedures they use when building and locating cotton modules during harvest.

PROPER MODULE SPACING IS KEY TO LIMITING RISK

One of the most devastating losses a grower can experience during the harvest season is the loss of a portion of their cotton to fire after it is stored in the module.

Module fires, while not an uncommon occurrence, are usually an isolated problem in most years. Dry conditions like the State is currently experiencing, coupled with a higher than normal concentration of cotton modules resulting from an exceptional production year, increases the risk a grower faces.

On the High Plains of Texas hundreds of thousands of acres of cotton lie adjacent to CRP land, pastures and other at-risk areas. With more than 5.25 million bales of cotton to be produced, the 2007 cotton ginning season is not expected to be finished until late-February or early-march in many areas.

That means quite a bit of cotton could be stored in modules for 2-3 months, or longer, before it is ginned. Once turned into the gin, cotton modules are typically covered under the gin's liability policy against loss from fire or other causes so long as they are grouped and spaced according to the provisions of the gin insurance policy.

Growers are advised take the time to gain a satisfactory understanding of the protection afforded to them via the gin policy's coverage limits or deductibles. It is important to remember that gin insurance policies often differ in their requirements and growers need to make sure they contact their gin to learn the specifics of those requirements.

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Taking the time to space and group modules properly is the best defense a grower has against the financial consequences of a module fire. Simply put, proper module spacing minimizes the chance that what would otherwise be an isolated loss could turn into something bigger and significantly more damaging.

Disaster Payments Remain On Hold Pending Publication of Final Program Regulations

Despite opening the sign-up process on October 15, the USDA Farm Service Agency has not released any payments to growers that have gone through the process and qualified for benefits under the 2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP). The CDP was authorized earlier this year as part of the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007.

According to the Farm Service Agency, payments under the CDP will be released as soon as the final regulations governing the program are published in the Federal Register. FSA officials say they are now in the final stages of the USDA clearance process for the regulations and hope to have the final rule published in the Federal Register by mid-December.

Since there is always the possibility that a last-second glitch could delay publication of the final rule, FSA officials note that they cannot absolutely guarantee that CDP payments will be issued before the end of the year. In fact, the most that they can say in this regard is that CDP payments for applications on file when the rule is published should be released soon thereafter.

Since many growers signed up for the CDP early anticipating the payments would come before the end of the year, the current delay may have inadvertently created some potential tax issues for growers that find they need to balance income between the 2007 and 2008 tax years.

While it is likely that CDP payments will get issued before the end of the year, growers that would prefer to not take a chance on additional delays pushing the payments into the 2008 tax year may prefer to make other plans.

FSA officials note that the only way to absolutely guarantee that a CDP payment will not be issued before the end of the year is to withdraw an already completed CDP application and make arrangements to reapply after January 1, 2008. FSA has not set an end date for the 2005-2007 CDP sign-up period at this time.

Cotton growers finding themselves in this situation are advised to contact their county FSA office and discuss what they need to do to temporarily withdraw their application.

One possibility for cotton growers to consider for bringing what would otherwise be income generated in 2008 forward to 2007 is applying for a seed cotton loan before the end of the year.

Able to be requested on a module-by-module basis, seed cotton loans are a viable way for growers to shift a pre-determined amount of potential 2008 income into the 2007 tax year. Seed cotton loans could be particularly helpful to growers who know that a significant portion of their 2007 cotton will not be ginned or sold until after January 1.

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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.



NO SHORTAGE OF SANDHILL CRANES-- Floyd county farmers have again had to tolerate huge sandhill crane populations destroying crops. Staff photo

Texas A&M University Crop and Ag Report Local Conditions

By: Blair Fannin, b-fannin@tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION --Winter pasture across the state is "very short" due to lack of rainfall, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Overall, the wheat crop statewide "is looking a bit rify right now" as to how it will fare heading into January, said Dr. Travis Miller, Extension agronomist.

"The recent rainfall did the (wheat) crop well in the San Angelo area and north and east across the Rolling Plains," he said. "The Northern Panhandle missed it. There's a big crop with a lot of wheat in the ground, but (with inconsistent stands) and poor emergence."

East Texas was dry up until a few weeks ago, and cattle producers are feeding lots of hay due to lack of winter pasture, he said. However, there are good supplies of hay thanks to abundant rainfall during key hay-growing periods earlier this year.

Lack of wheat pasture has softened prices for lightweight calves that have "nowhere to go," stocker-cattle buyers need these pastures to grow their animals out, Miller said.

"It's tough on the cow-calf operators and feeder-cattle operators due to the lack of winter pasture and high feed grain prices," Miller said.

The following condition reports are from Extension officials:

Panhandle: Moisture was reported in isolated areas. Soil moisture is very short to adequate with most areas reporting short to very short. Cotton and sorghum harvest continues. Wheat is very poor to excellent with most areas reporting fair. Range conditions are rated mostly fair. Abundant dry grass, lack of rain-

fall and high winds have created high fire danger potential. Cattle are in good condition. Supplemental feeding is under way in most areas.

South Plains: Colder temperatures reported with light moisture received. Producers have had to wait until noon before harvest can occur each day due to early morning moisture. Cotton and sorghum harvest is nearing completion. Winter wheat is in poor to fair condition. Some wheat planted in late September never emerged, and there is concern that light precipitation will sprout the seed, not allowing seedlings to take root. Pastures and ranges are in fair condition. Cattle are in mostly good condition, but colder conditions stressed livestock.

Rolling Plains: General rains, sleet or snow of 1.5 inches to 2 inches were reported. Ranchers are hoping to get enough moisture to replenish pastures and get wheat seed up. Some producers are considering planting oats where the wheat crop didn't make. Body condition of livestock has slipped as supplemental feeding moves into high gear. Stock tanks are beginning to run low on water.

North: Soil moisture is adequate to short. Winter pastures are slow to emerge. Winter grasses, mostly ryegrasses, are beginning to grow. Small grain planting is complete, and most all has emerged with the exception of a few late-planted fields. Livestock are reported in fair to good condition. Pecan harvest continues; sorghum and cotton harvest is winding down. Wheat is in fair to good condition. Harvest of sunflowers continues. Range and pastures range from fair to good condition.

Far West: Soil moisture is very short to adequate. Range and pasture conditions are in very poor to good condition. Winter wheat is in fair to good condition. Oats are in poor to good condition. Two inches to 12 inches of snow fell across the region. Alfalfa and fall-planted onions are entering dormant stage.

West Central: Small grains are in need of moisture for continued growth and emergence. Range and pasture conditions continue to decline. Grazing is very short and supplemental feeding of livestock is increasing. Livestock remain in fair to good condition.



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Lewis Senter — Owner
Located: Halfway, Texas—Selling: Farm Equipment

Thursday, January 24, 2008—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Lamb County Area Farmers — Owners
Located: Olton, Texas—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

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

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Located: Plainview, Texas — Selling: Hay & Farm Equipment

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Week Ending November 29, 2007:				
Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	90,643	21+	2.30	36.21
Lubbock	319,812	21+	2.37	36.11
Season Totals To Date:				
Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	461,908	21+	2.17	36.06
Lubbock	1,516,249	21+	2.36	35.94
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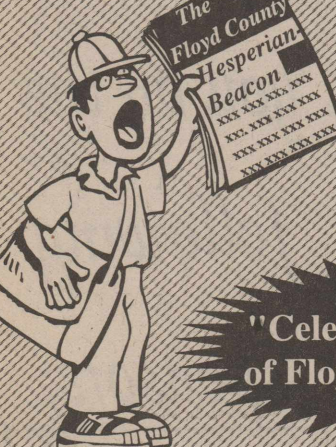


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PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICE

The City of Floydada has recently received a grant contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Owner Occupied Housing Assistance through the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Accordingly, the Contract Administrator (City of Floydada) is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities.

Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas 79235, to the City Secretary, City of Floydada, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas 79235.

The Contract Administrator must receive proposals no later than Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102.

The Contract Administrator is an Affirmative Marketing/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages Historically Underutilized Businesses to submit proposals.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

The Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will be accepted SEALED BIDS before noon on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 for the purchase of the following item no longer needed by the water district:

RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ACCEPT OF REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

1. All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)
Make: Artic Cat
Year: 2004
Model: 400 4x4 with winch

All items will be sold in (AS IS) Condition with no warranty on the part of the water district regarding any equipment's condition or operation. Sealed bids should be mailed to or dropped off at the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Office, Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, Texas, 79257. Items can be inspected from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by contacting the water district office at 806-633-4326. BID DEADLINE IS NOON ON TUESDAY, December 18, 2007 with opening of the bids at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.

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Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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.
NPO: 25489

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771
Phone: 806-745-4411

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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Obituaries

ELLEN BOEDEKER

Memorial services for Ellen Boedecker will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 8, 2007 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 901 Oakland Street, Plainview, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

She was born March 1, 1938 in Plainview, Texas to the late Willie Ernest and Opal Bramlet Durham.

She married J. D. Boedecker on January 11, 1980 in Clovis, New Mexico.

DERRAL STEPHEN DE LA CRUZ

Derral Stephen "D.C." De La Cruz, 41, passed away Tuesday, October 30, 2007 in Grand Prairie.

Funeral services held at 1:00 p.m. Monday in Arlington Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment was held in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Rosary was held at 6:00 p.m. Sunday in Arlington Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation followed.

D.C. was born December 17, 1965. He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen De La Cruz in 1995.

Survivors include sons, Jimmy Lee and Darren Stephen De La Cruz; grandchildren, McKenzie and Jayden De La Cruz; mother, Lenore De La Cruz; sisters, Eloisa Apodaca and husband, Arthur, Sally Ann Tobias and husband, Joe and Christina T. Vega and husband, Manuel Martinez.

Memorials can be made to Catholic Charities or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

JIMMY RAY GRUBBS

Jimmy Ray Grubbs, 72, a lifelong resident of Floydada passed away on November 27, 2007 in Lockney, TX.

Jimmy Ray Grubbs was born in O'Donnell, TX. on November 1, 1935 to Abbie Virginia and Raymond Hubbard (Hub) Grubbs, who were the parents of thirteen children.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents; five brothers of seven, R. H. Jr., Neil, John, Billy and Robert (Tony) Grubbs; two sisters, Virginia Mensch and Mildred Gardner.

Surviving family members and in-laws are four sisters, Mickey Pimlott of Arlington, Georgia Thornton of San Jose, CA., Eva Dean and Q. B. Spencer of Summer and Shirley Moses and a brother, Charles and Cynthia Grubbs of Plainview.

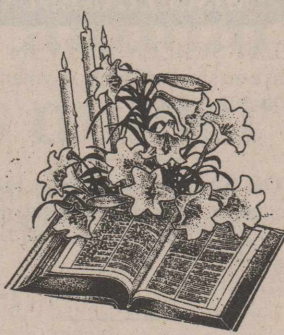
Jimmy had many nieces and nephews, also great and great-greats. Jimmy was a happy person with a great personality who made many friends. God has blessed Jimmy by relieving him of his pain.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2007 at Moore Rose Funeral Home in Floydada. Minister Levi Sisemore officiated. Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

LOUISE C. JOHNSON

Louise Christine Johnson, of Irving, passed away Monday, November 26, 2007. She was born April 26, 1918 in Wichita Falls. Survivors include sons, Richard Johnson and wife, Darline of Naperville, Illinois and Howard Johnson and wife, Carol of Castle Rock, Colorado; daughters, Evelyn Hays and husband, Robert of Irving and Helen Teeple and husband, Dwight of South Plains; brothers, Marvin Koch of Denison and Wilbert Koch of Lake Havasu, Arizona; sister, Bertha Arnholt of Columbus, Indiana; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2620 W. Grauwylar, Irving, Texas 75061. Interment will follow at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas. Visitation was held 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 7, 2007.



We would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the quilt displayed at City Bank in Lockney.

The proceeds helped to fund the Layne Mercer Memorial Scholarship. The winner of the quilt was Sue Pinson of Brownfield.

Tim Mercer and family

Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: EMMA LOPEZ, Respondent, Greeting:

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

Said Petitioner's Petition was filed in said court, by the Texas Department of Protective Services on the 15th day of November, A.D., 2007, in this cause, number 9981 on the docket of said court, and styled.

IN THE INTEREST OF ASHLEY RODRIQUEZ, A CHILD

The names of the parties to the causes are as follows: The Texas Department of Protective Services is Petitioner and EMMA LOPEZ is Respondent. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition For Protection of a Child, For Conservatorship, and For Termination in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Floydada, Texas, this the 3rd day of December, A.D., 2007.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Patty Davenport
P.O. Box 67
Floydada, Texas 79235

ATTEST: Patty Davenport, Clerk
District Court, Floyd County, Texas

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DUARD H. REVES

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DUARD H. REVES, Deceased, were issued on November 29, 2007 in Cause 5786 pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to:

MARY M. REVES

The address of such person is:

1211 CR 72
Lockney, Texas 79241

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

DATED the 29th day of November, 2007.

Law Office of
BAKER, BROWN THOMPSON
A Professional Corporation
By Norton Baker
State Bar No. 01602000
Attorneys for the Estate

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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 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 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. Shubet
Lockney
6523385

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

Lighthouse Electric Coop
983-3524

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

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 .. 10:30 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

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

Sunshine Pump Oliver Clark
Box 266, Lockney
983-5087 - 774-4412 (Mobile)

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 ... 5:00 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.

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.

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EDNA E. GILLY

Funeral services for Edna E. Gilly, 81, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at First Assembly of God Church in Plainview with Rev. Randy Santiago and Rev. Vance Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be in Floydada Cemetery by Bartley Funeral Home following the service.

Mrs. Gilly died Saturday December 1, 2007 at her residence.

She was born February 17, 1926 in Floyd County to Jessie and Ruthie Belle Patterson.

She married Emory Eugene Gilly on April 12, 1941. Mr. Gilly passed away May 7, 1972. Mr. and Mrs. Gilly were lifelong residents of Floyd County and were in farming and ranching in the Cedar Hill Community until she moved to Plainview in 1996.

She was always active in her church in Cedar Hill until the time they closed and joined with the Assembly of God in Floydada and then she attended First Assembly of God in Plainview.

She is preceded in death by her husband, two sons, Craig Gilly of Floydada and Ronald Gilly, who passed away as an infant.

She is survived by one son, Mark Gilly and wife, Beth of Dimmitt; one daughter Deliece Harrison and husband J.T. of Hale Center; one daughter-in-law, Trudi Gilly of Floydada; one brother, Lucius Hill of Idaho; a sister, Sheila Shirato of Dallas; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous aunt, nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to First Assembly of God Church in Plainview or Trinity Broadcasting Network.

THIS WEEK'S

FIRST NATIONAL BANK CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

The First National Bank of Floydada will host their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 14th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Have a nice week!