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Lloyd family blessed by community

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, the community pulled together to show the Lloyd family what small towns are all about.

Lori Lloyd lost her husband, farmer Louis Paul Lloyd, in a fatal one-car accident less than two months ago, Sept. 30, just south of Floydada as he was heading home.

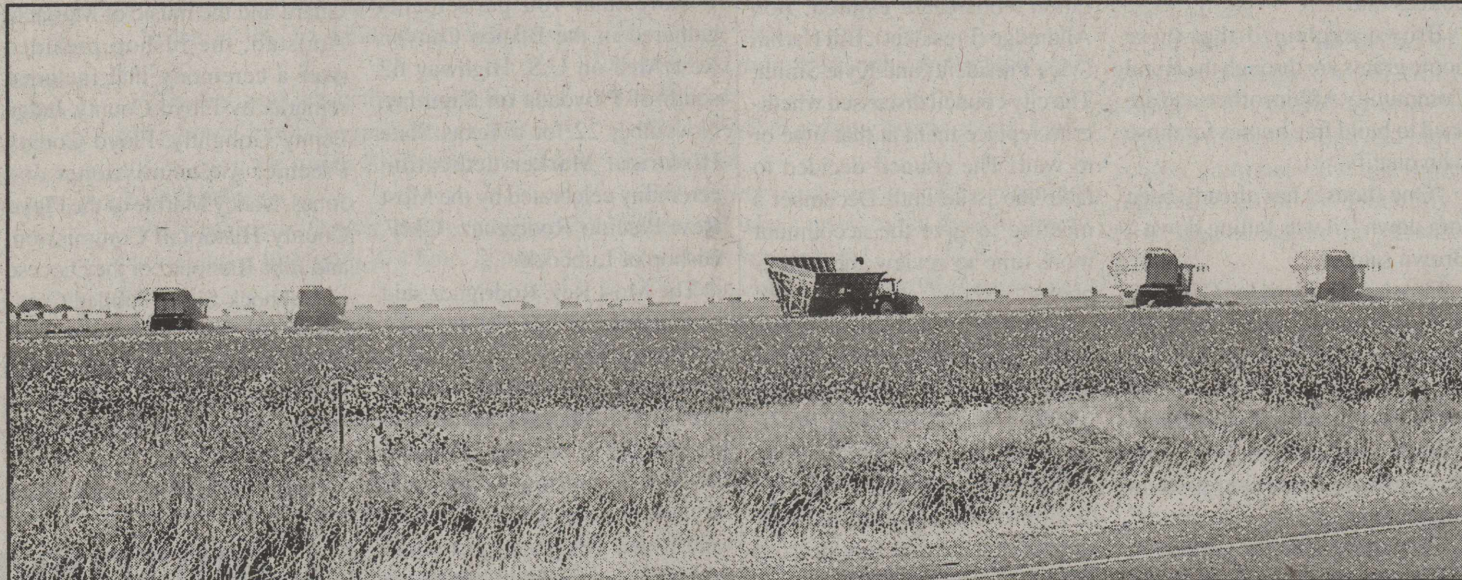
The Lloyd's cotton crop this year had to be harvested. So, an estimated 95 farmers and farm hands got together to volunteer their day on Wednesday to stripping the Lloyd's cotton crop.

One group worked around Fairview while another worked south of Floydada around County Road 290. There were nine cotton strippers at the CR 290 location, while the Fairview location had 10 strippers. Approximately 160 acres were stripped south of town and 200 acres were stripped at Fairview.

Judy Lloyd, Lori's sister-in-law, said they had people constantly calling to volunteer in whatever way they could, whether it be helping strip the cotton, to providing food for the workers, to picking up and ginning the cotton.

According to Judy, food was provided for all the workers by Preston Belt, Wilbur Ellis and Lockney City Bank, with the Floydada Coop Gin providing drinks.

Judy said D&J Gin and Floydada Coop Gin picked up and



Wednesday, Nov. 19 volunteers helped strip cotton on the property of Paul and Lori Lloyd. Paul was killed Sept. 30, just south of Floydada as he was heading home. An estimated 95 farmers and farm hands helped harvest the cotton crop as a gift to the Lloyd family.

Photos by Sara Sisemore

ginned the cotton the same day it was stripped.

The family also had help harvesting the milo. David Foster, Jody Foster and Jason Pyle volunteered their time in this endeavor.

Steve Lloyd, Lori's brother-in-law, said, "It was amazing to me to see how people involved in farming had come together to help. Everyone in the family is just so grateful."



Floyd County Livestock Judging Team competes nationally

By J.D. Ragland
CEA-AG

The Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging Team members consisting of Brady Ragland, Segayle Foster, Senee' Foster and Brazos Williams, competed at the Granddaddy of them all, The North American International 4-H Livestock (NAILE) Judging Contest on Nov. 18 in Louisville, Kentucky. The team earned the right to compete nationally after winning first place State 4-H Team honors in College Station.

In preparation for the contest the group flew into Indianapolis, Indiana on Thursday, November 13. The team took part in several practices prior to the contest. One

practice was set up at Purdue State University in Lafayette, Indiana where workouts were held with cattle and sheep classes.

The group also worked out on several swine classes in Tipton, Indiana.

Additional cattle and breeding sheep classes were practiced during the actual Junior Market Steer, Heifer and Breeding Sheep Shows at the NAILE.

The national contest day had arrived at the Floyd County (Texas) team was ready for the challenge but would not know the final results until the following morning where complete results would be announced at the contest awards banquet.

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Lockney Holiday Happening Dec. 4

By Kay Martin

The Lockney Area Chamber of Commerce will be having their city-wide Christmas Holiday Happening on Thursday night, Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

All stores will be encouraged to be open during this time for the area's residents to do their Christmas shopping. Other events taking place at this time will be starting at:

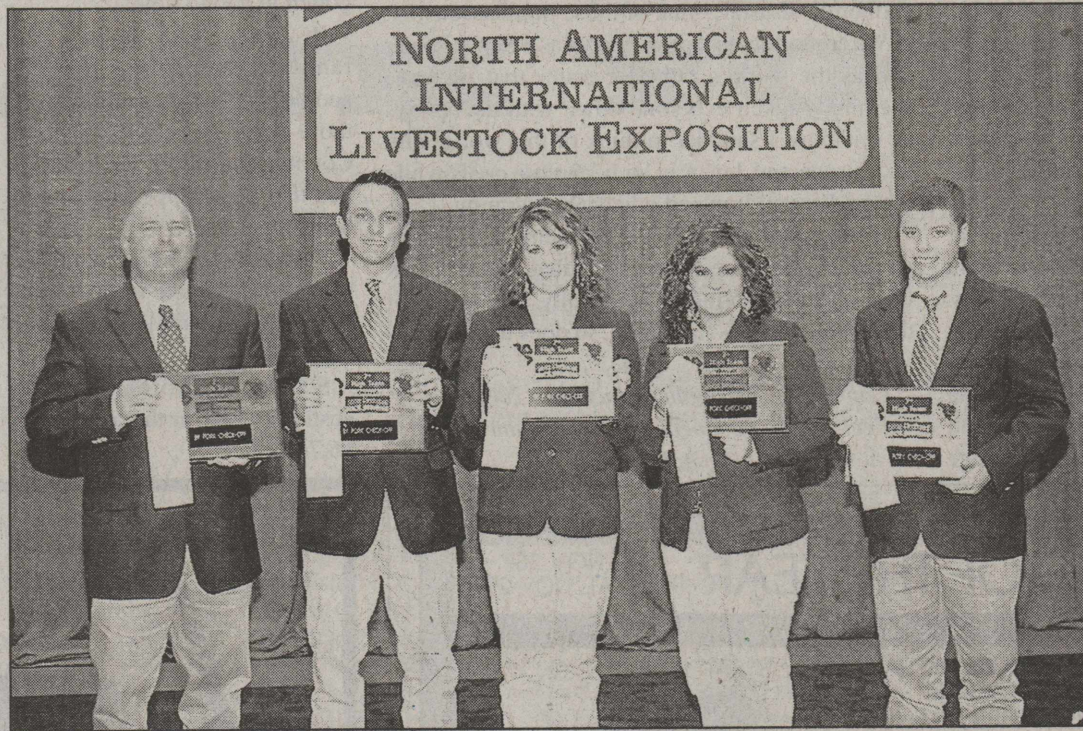
6 p.m. - The Christmas Story being read inside the Old Theatre. Immediately following the reading of the Christmas Story, Santa Claus will arrive in town coming down Main Street from the South stopping at the Old Theatre where Santa Claus will be sitting up on the Theatre stage visiting with children. Pictures

will also be taken at this time. 6:30 p.m. - Hay Rides will begin at this time from in front of the Theatre.

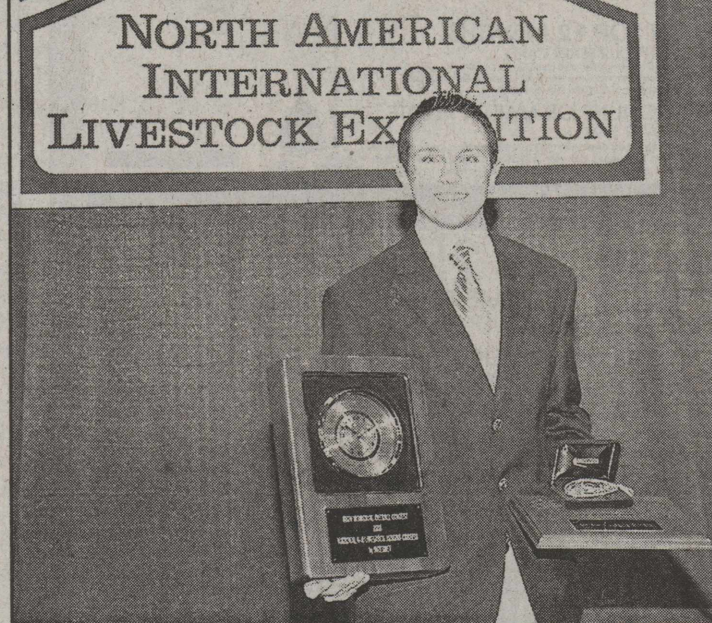
Tickets will be \$1 per person. A live nativity scene will be on display at the First Baptist Church, put on by members of both the First Baptist and first United Methodist Churches. The trailers with the Hay Riders will go by the Church where they will be able to stop and view the nativity scene from the trailer and hear a Christmas carol presented by a choir from both churches.

Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served inside the Old Theatre by the Chamber Members.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy a fun-filled evening in Lockney



The Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging Team of Brady Ragland, Segayle Foster, Senee' Foster and Brazos Williams competed in The North American International Livestock Judging Contest Nov. 18 in Louisville, Ky. Ragland (right) was awarded the nation's high individual in oral reasons as well as first high individual in beef cattle and beef carle performance.



Lockney Vets to host fund-raiser

Lockney Veterans Association will be holding a fund-raiser to help buy the wreaths for this year's Wreaths Across America presentation in which a wreath will be placed on each of the white crosses at the Veterans Memorial.

According to Ed Marks, the Lockney presentation will take place simultaneously with others across the United States on Dec. 13.

The fund-raiser will be held at the Lockney Elementary Cafeterium on Sunday, Nov. 30.

A lunch of ham, beans, cornbread, salad, hot cobbler and ice cream along with a drink will be served from 11:30 a.m. until ?.

The meal will be served on a donation basis.

Readers win turkeys courtesy of local sponsors

The winners and the sponsoring businesses in the Hesperian-Beacon Free Turkey Promotion were as follows:

Davis Farm Supply, Inc. - Harold Wayne Bennett; Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Lockney - Melissa Cantu; City Bank, Lockney - Hurl McCoy;

Cathy's Floral & Gifts - Tess Smith; First National Bank of Floydada - Martha Leatherman; Cornelius Conoco - Winola Galloway; Clark Pharmacy - Vera Jo Bybee; Davis Lumber Company - Joe Rexrode;

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City Bank, Floydada - Bob Goodnight; Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Lockney - Emma Araujo; KFLP Radio - Dale Minner; Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Floydada - Cathy Ferguson; Main Street Pizza - Linda Graves; Stapp Paint & Body Shop - Diana Molina; Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Floydada - Sue Daniels; Nielson's Restaurant & Catering - Ann Ford.

We would like to thank all these sponsors that make this Free Turkey Promotion possible every year.

Santa Letter Deadline

The deadline for children's Santa letters is December 4th. All letters must be turned in to the Lockney or Floydada newspaper offices by the end of the day, Thursday, Dec. 4. If your child's class does not do Santa letters you may bring the letter to the newspaper and we will make sure Santa receives them.

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Floydada establishes parking restrictions

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

In their Nov. 18, 2008, meeting the Floydada City Council unanimously approved Ordinance 08-23, establishing parking restrictions for commercial vehicles on residentially-zoned property. This ordinance says that if the city manager "receives complaints concerning the off street parking of commercial vehicles on residential property, then anyone desiring to park such commercial vehicles must receive written, notarized consent from all property owners within 500 feet of such residential district off street property parking."

Jere Hart, a representative from Grimes and Associates asked the city council to approve the building of the driveway/street for the A.B. Duncan Elementary school.

Attorney Karen Houchin shared what she found after researching the property rights. She told the council the Correction Dedication says the owners of the land continue "to control streets, alleys, electrical lines, light poles, etc." even after donating the land. She said this Correction Dedication was dated 1927.

Houchin said, "At this point I don't have enough information to say that the council has the authority to say anything on this."

Councilman Ruben Barrientoz moved "to wait until we get the information we need to proceed."

The council unanimously agreed. The city council also unanimously agreed to purchase for Floydada's use a telephone notification system.

City Manager Gary Brown explained, "This system... is not just an emergency system."

According to Brown, the notification system will cost the city \$2.25 per address per year, plus \$250 for support and training.

The council also heard about the home grant progress. Brown said, "Karen Allison is running with this program. She has bid notices out."

Brown explained that these home grants are through the Rural Community Affairs office and are used to build free homes for those who qualify.

"One (house) has already been torn down - it was falling down," Brown said.

Floydada resident Joe Coleman was unanimously approved by the council to buy City Lot 12, Block 13: 507 E. Grover. Coleman had previously been approved to build a house on east Lee Street, but the land was discovered to be in a flood zone.

Concerning the city's action on the condemnation of Leon Bell's

property - three locations on West Kentucky street - Brown said, "(He's) still got about 30 days... so, we sit and wait."

In the discussion concerning the Floydada Chamber of Commerce's use of the hotel/motel tax, Brown said, "In a brief glance through, it appears they are spending the money in approved ways."

Mayor Bob Gilliland suggested, "We need to ask businesses to join the Chamber to help them get back on their feet. The Chamber has been a vital part of the community for several years," he continued.

Three seats on the Floydada Economic Development Corporation's board are expired: Bob Aldredge (President), Bill Harbin (Vice President) and Kyle Smith. The city council discussed whether to replace them at that time or to wait. The council decided to table the issue until December's meeting to give the accountant more time to review the EDC's books.

The council unanimously accepted Resolution 08-15 approving an agreement for engineering services and Resolution 08-16 approving an agreement for grant management services, as well as approving the engineering services of Carthel Engineering Solutions.

4-H

A total of 32 teams competed from across the nation. As contest results were announced only the top 10 teams were recognized. The Floyd County (Texas) team was honored with the 7th place High Team Overall of the nation. As a team they received 6th High Team in Oral Reasons, 7th High Team in Swine as well as 7th High Team in Beef.

Individually, Brady Ragland had an outstanding day as he was awarded the nation's High Individual Overall of the contest. He also received 1st High Individual in Oral Reasons as well as 1st High Individual in Beef Cattle and also 1st High Individual in Beef Cattle Performance. Additionally, he was 6th High Individual in Sheep/Goats and 14th High Individual in Swine.

Blanco Canyon Historical Marker dedicated

By Leroy Behnke & Sara Sisemore, Managing Editor

More than 100 participants gathered in the Blanco Canyon Rest Area on U.S. Highway 62 south of Floydada on Saturday, November 22 for a Texas State Historical Marker dedication ceremony celebrated by the Most Rev. Placido Rodriguez, CMF, Bishop of Lubbock.

The Most Rev. Rodriguez said of the first Catholics in the area, "[T]here's only one site at which artifacts prove their presence. It's here, in Blanco Canyon, and it's the site of the first verifiable Mass in the Diocese of Lubbock. It took place in late May 1541, and it was celebrated just about six miles southeast of where we stand right now."

Entitled "Roots of the Catholic Faith in West Texas," the marker recognizes the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock.

FUMC hosts Thanksgiving service

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

The First United Methodist Church hosted this year's community wide Thanksgiving service Sunday night, Nov. 23. Pastor Les Hall said there were close to 70 in attendance.

The theme was a patriotic one and Henry Russell, the pastor of Trinity Assembly of God, delivered the message.

Jimmie Lou Stewart, Treasurer of Floydada's Spirit of Sharing, said, "We got a real good amount of money. It's the most we've gotten in a long time."

In 2007, S.O.S. helped 112 families, accounting for 337 people. One hundred and eight of those families were from Floyd County, and 87 of those families had been helped by S.O.S. before.

The bulk of help from the program was in the form of food and clothing, with utilities coming in third.

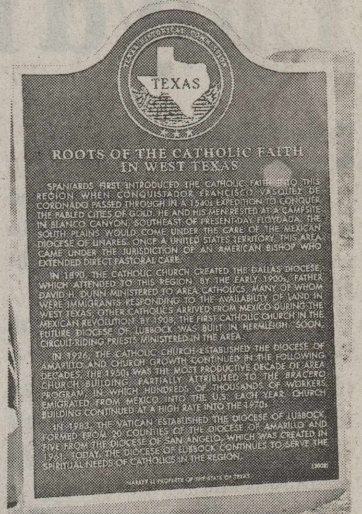
S.O.S. had total program costs for 2007 in the amount of \$6,769.

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It was an awesome day. Not only did this team represent Texas well, but just as importantly, they were proud honorees of Floyd County and the Floyd County 4-H program.

This contest concluded this special team's 4-H Livestock Judging career. Since they were all 9 years old they all dreamed of not only winning the state title, but also of competing at the national contest in Louisville - they accomplished both.

Congratulations to this outstanding Floyd County 4-H Livestock Judging team on their phenomenal ten-year success. The team would like to take this opportunity to extend a special word of thanks to all those supporters and contributors who assisted with our national trip expenses.



of Saint Mary Magdalene parishioners hosted a luncheon at the church after the ceremony.

Courtroom Activities

Steven James Garcia was found guilty on Nov. 6, 2008, of the second DWI charge made against him on May 31, 2007.

Garcia waived his right to an attorney, and pleaded guilty. He was found guilty and sentenced to nine months in jail, probated for two years, with a \$750 fine and \$301 in court costs.

Jose N. Luna was charged on Oct. 18, 2008, with his second

DWI. Josh Lambert was charged on Nov. 12, 2008, with theft of "more than \$20, less than \$500."

The Sept. 25, 2008, charge of theft of "more than \$20, less than \$500" against Ricardo Vasquez, Jr. was dismissed on Nov. 6, 2008.

Dylan James Campbell was charged with a DWI on July 9, 2008; there was a waiver of arraignment on Oct. 15, 2008.

THE PAPERBOY

By Chris Blackburn, Publisher

The planet is in financial turmoil. As crazy as it may seem, we are all in this together.

According to Kanaga Raja, global economic expert, the entire world economy is in the toilet.

Raja said, "The downturn after four years of relatively fast growth is due to a number of factors: the global fallout from the financial crisis in the United States, the bursting of the housing bubbles in the U.S. and in other large economies, soaring commodity prices, increasingly restrictive monetary policies in a number of countries, and stock market volatility."

"The fallout from the collapse of the U.S. mortgage market and the reversal of the housing boom in various important countries has turned out to be more profound and persistent than expected in 2007 and beginning of 2008. As more and more evidence is gathered and as the lag effects are showing up, we are seeing more and more countries around the world being affected by this rather profound and persistent negative effects from the reversal of housing booms in various countries."

Basically, this will continue to get worse before it gets better. And yes, we'll be affected.

The Georgia Pacific plant in Acme is laying off 35 people immediately. There is not enough demand for drywall so the company has no choice. That's just one example of the ripple effect of this crisis.

The world's financial firms have now lost over \$2.8 trillion and global taxpayers have now spent around \$8 trillion to shore up the world's banks. These amounts will continue to climb as large businesses fail taking smaller ones with them.

On Monday, President-elect Barack Obama discussed items in his blueprint for turning around the economy - including a huge stimulus package

and tax cuts for a "vast majority" of Americans paid for by the nation's "wealthiest."

The package will probably be around \$600 billion. That's on top of the \$700 billion package which Congress passed earlier.

Other countries around the globe are working to curb the recession as well. It seems every day the crisis is on the tip of the tongue when various leaders speak. And really, that's probably a good thing for us.

As bad as it is and as bad as it will get, it could be much worse.

We are all in the same boat, but what if we weren't? What if the price of oil had stayed where it was this summer? It would have had a catastrophic effect on the U.S. and our allies.

Had just a few countries entered into recession (with the U.S. being one of them), we'd be watching Russia, Iran, China and others gain power.

Russia has been flexing muscle of late and Iran has been trying to develop nuclear weapons for years. Had those countries not been a part of this economic disaster, think of those implications.

We are fortunate that our status as a Super Power and as the world's richest country that we have seemingly taken everyone down with us. As bad as it is now, I shudder to think of this world with us, Europe and Japan in an economic crisis while China, Russia, Iran and others are booming.

With this a world-wide problem, it is in the world's best interest for the United States to get back on solid footing economically. The reality of this whole thing is: as we go, so does the world.

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Cotton gins around area report 'short' crop expected

Hanaba Munn Welch
Blackburn Media Staff Writer

Cotton isn't the kind of harvest the Pilgrims celebrated, but it's what's happening now across the Texas Plains and Panhandle and southern Oklahoma.

Off to a slow start in general for lack of freezing weather, the quality of the crop promises to be good. For lack of rain, yields in most places aren't expected to come close to last year's levels of production.

"It's going to be a real short crop this year," said Traci Freeman, gin clerk at the Close City Coop Gin near Post, where the weather has been especially dry.

Many farmers have decided not to defoliate the plants for an earlier harvest but rather to wait for a freeze to kill the leaves naturally.

"It's not worth spending the money (to defoliate and open late bolls)," Freeman said.

But, until last week -- except on the Caprock -- Jack Frost had been waiting in the wings, intensifying that element of suspense in the drama of the cotton harvest. Even last week's dip in temperatures could not be termed a "hard" freeze in the best sense of the word -- a freeze guaranteed to shrivel all cotton foliage and put an end to pesky late growth that won't add to yields.

The bale count at Close City was only 478 at the end of last week.

By contrast, the Coop Gin at O'Brien, south of Knox City had ginned about 5,000 bales by Friday -- irrigated defoliated cotton that didn't have to wait on a freeze.

"The cotton looks good," said Betty Starnes, gin clerk.

During last week's cold snap, the temperature dropped to about 25 degrees in the O'Brien area, Starnes said.

"We needed it really bad," she said. "Some people were waiting on a freeze."

At nearby Rhineland, the bale count was 12,000 on Friday.

"It was a dry year," said Brenda Brown, gin secretary. "The irrigated is going to do pretty

But ... Floyd County cotton could be as good as 2007

By Hannaba Munn Welch
Blackburn Media Staff Writer

Gins are humming across Floyd County. So are the farmers who are seeing decent to above-average yields.

Overall, this year's crop doesn't promise to match last year's, but in some places it's going to be close -- maybe as good or even better than the 2007 harvest.

At the Farmers Coop Gin

in Floydada, expectations keep rising.

"We're expecting 50,000 to 55,000 bales," said Stacy Nutt, gin clerk.

"It's just looking better all the time," said Arlene Nixon, officer manager. "We're probably going to get to 60,000."

The gin manager thinks this year's crop could reach 65,000 -- close to last year's total of 69,574 bales, but talk among the farmers is less optimistic, Nixon said.

"Our gin is really running good this year," Nixon said, adding another positive note to her outlook.

At D&J Gin in Lockney, ginning is going slower than usual, but for a reason.

"The last few years, cotton has been easy to gin," said David Foster, gin owner.

But late-season rains this year caused cotton plants to grow more stalk than usual.

"We're getting bark,"

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good. ... This year the irrigated is getting close to three bales to the acre."

Some of the dry land cotton will be decent.

"There's spots where they caught the rain ... but nothing like last year," Brown said.

Last year the gin at Rhineland processed 61,000 bales.

At Childress, farther north, ginning is barely under way with 874 bales ginned by Friday.

Time will tell whether last week's freeze will kick ginning into high gear.

"They're out looking to see if it was good enough," said Nicole Murdock, secretary at the Childress Farmers Coop Gin.

Last year the total bale count was about 53,000. This year's crop is expected to be much smaller.

"The estimate right now is about 10,000," Murdock said.

In the Wellington area, the crop will also fall short of last year.

At the Wellington Farmers Coop Society No. 1 Gin, Kim Martindale, manager, said the outlook is for a 25,000-bale harvest, compared to 65,500 bales ginned last year.

"Our acres were down, and then we've lost some to storm and the drought has hurt," Martindale said.

Much of the cotton in the Wellington area is irrigated.

"The irrigated is doing pretty good," Martindale said.

The effects of the early Friday morning freeze will take a week to ten days to determine, Martindale said.

The bale count Friday at Wellington was about 8,500 bales.

At Dodson, 14 miles southeast of Wellington, the bale count was 2,458 Friday. The Tri-County Coop Gin at Dodson gets a mix of irrigated and dry land cotton.

"We've got about half and half," said Molly Granadoz, scale office clerk. "We're waiting on a freeze."

How much last week's freeze will help the Dodson area is yet to be determined.

"It was cold," Granadoz said.

The Dodson bale count Friday was 2,458. Last year's total was 33,000.

At Estelline, halfway between Childress and Memphis, ginning is under way but

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Floydada man found dead in Plainview

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

Floydada's Christopher Sanchez, 28, was found shot outside the residence of Plainview's Sacarias Dee Pena III early Friday morning, Nov. 21.

Sanchez was taken to Covenant Hospital in Plainview where he was pronounced dead.

Officials said Sanchez and

Pena, both prison guards, had been co-workers at the Formby Unit in Plainview until recently when Sanchez was transferred to Lubbock's Montford Unit.

Officials say Pena has been charged with homicide and his bail is set at \$100,000.

According to officials, the case is still under investigation by the Plainview Police Department.

Lockney ISD retrofitting lights on two campuses

By Sara Sisemore & Phil Cotham

The Lockney ISD Board of Trustees accepted a bid from Digital Air Control to retrofit lights in the junior high and high school campuses during their regular session on Thursday, Nov. 20. The bid for the job was \$79,192.

Superintendent Phil Cotham stated, "We have saved 25 percent on our monthly electric bill at the elementary school with retrofitted lights. I have no reason to think the same won't happen at the other campuses."

Cotham expects the job to pay for itself in about six years.

The board also voted to purchase a Blue Bird 47 passenger bus through a purchasing cooperative.

Cotham said the bus would be used as an activity bus for its first several years of service. The cost to the district for the bus is \$72,115.

Cotham also reported on the finances of the district. \$370,497 in taxes was collected during

the month of October, which accounts for 38 percent of the budgeted amount. \$129,000 was added to the fund balance after the 2007-2008 school year ended. The Lockney ISD fund balance is currently \$3,669,793.

High school and junior high librarian, Kathy Young, gave a presentation on the new senior period she is overseeing this year. Students are preparing for ACT/SAT exams, applying for college entrance, filling out scholarship forms, taking Accu-placer tests, and completing other tasks that will help in the transition from high school to college.

Cotham informed the board: "Mrs. Young does an outstanding job with our seniors and her work on this project will pay big dividends."

The board approved policy updates that resulted in changes from the past legislative session. They also approved a long-range technology plan, as well the disposal of a 1985 Dodge Diplomat.

Six indicted by Floyd County grand jury

By Sara Sisemore
Managing Editor

Six defendants were indicted for various offenses by the Floyd County grand jury on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008.

Defendant Daniel Carl Schulte, 32, of Floydada was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. The date of this offense was Oct. 14, 2008. The degree of the offense was a state jail

felony.

Plainview's Joe Pardo Garcia, 25, was indicted for his July 5, 2008, offense of possession of cocaine. This also was a state jail felony.

Thirty-two year old Manuel Arredondo of Floydada was indicted for forging a check. This offense occurred on Sept. 25, 2008, and also was a state jail felony.

Paul Irlas, 22, of Floydada, was indicted

for first degree aggravated sexual assault committed on Dec. 31, 2007.

Brandon McDonald, 22, of Lockney was indicted for two separate offenses. The first indictment was for a second degree sexual assault committed on Dec. 8, 2007, and the second indictment was for a first degree burglary of habitation with intent to commit sexual assault committed on Sept. 17, 2008.

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Special Thanks To Darrell Rasco, Chairman Emeritus

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Mr. & Mrs. Stanley C. Bursleson of Floydada celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 23, 2008, with a family photo shoot on the ranch at Flomot, Texas. They are the parents of Carla and Steve Jones of Levelland and Beverly and Kirk Brock of Levelland. They are the grandparents of Tye, Caycee and Cyanne Jones and Kolt, Kwail and Klay Brock. Bursleson and Lou Jean Belew were married on November 28, 1958 in Woodward, OK.

1934 STUDY CLUB

By Emagene Haenisch

Members of the 1934 Study Club met at the First Baptist Church on Thursday, November 13 for a trip to Slaton. An enjoyable lunch was reserved at the Slaton Bakery. After lunch the group visited antique shops and museums.

Later in the afternoon, the group went for a tour of the glamorous Harvey House as it was in the 1920's where the Harvey Girls lived and worked at the time of the Golden Age of the Railroad.

The Harvey House is the "Gem of the South Plains," a place where every event becomes a memorable occasion. It serves as a historic Bed and Breakfast, Event Center, and the Museum which is designated a historical landmark in the State of Texas.

On the return home the members enjoyed refreshments at Dairy Queen in Idalou.

Members attending the interesting and informative day were: Bill Ferguson, Betsy Dempsey, Diane Glover, Wilma Colston, Jo Lyles, Wilma Gowens and Marie Warren. Other members were unable to attend due to previous engagements. The next meeting will be Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Marie Warren with Wilma Gowens, co-hostess. Each member is to bring \$5.00 donation for local charity. Other projects of the club are a contribution to Community Improvement and American Cancer Society.

Reflections of Love wants help filling baskets

By Sue Hall

Fall is in the air and that means Thanksgiving is right around the corner. This is a time to be thankful for our blessings and to remember those who might need an extra bit of help at the holidays. Reflections of Love is a local organization that strives to make a difference in our community by helping those less fortunate. "I wish everyone could see the smile on the faces of those who receive a gift basket," said Sally Bradley, chair person of Reflections of Love. "It makes each one feel special and provides much needed help at

the holidays."

Our annual projects include delivering gift baskets to the elderly, providing toys to children at Christmas and purchasing school supplies for students at the beginning of school. In addition, we provide other help on a case-by-case basis.

We provide gift baskets for the elderly during this season. The baskets are distributed to the various businesses/organizations in the community of Floydada. Area businesses and local organizations fill the baskets with items the elderly recipients need: toiletries; paper

products like paper towels and tissue; crossword puzzle books and other necessities.

We are asking that individuals help fill the baskets by making monetary donations. Last year we gave 70 individuals a basket full of items including a gift card to Lowes grocery store. We need your help to continue this service. Your donation can be mailed to: Reflections of Love c/o Fred Thayer, P.O. Box 9, Floydada, Texas 79235.

This year's contact person is Irene Hernandez at American State Bank. She can be reached during business hours at 983-6725.



FLOYD COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS REPORTERS (l) Margarette Word (Floydada) and (r) Vera Jo Bybee (Lockney) wish all their readers a wonderful Thanksgiving. They're celebrating it by thanking God for all the many blessings He has bestowed on them and their loved ones and friends.

Courtesy photo

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

By Margarette Word

If you are disabled, unable to get out of your home, or if you are a caretaker of a homebound person, you are eligible for a lunch delivered daily (Monday through Friday) to your home.

Depending on your income, the meal will either be free, reduced, or the suggested daily cost of \$3.00. If you are interested please contact the Senior Citizen Center at 301 E. Georgia, Floydada or call 983-2032.

Our Center will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Many of our people will be with their families this holiday season. Our prayer is that you will have a safe trip and enjoy

being with your family and friends. We will be open Monday, December 1.

Happy birthday to those who have a December birthday.

Dec. 1, Wilma Gowens; Dec. 3, Janice Lloyd and Elaine LaBaume; Dec. 13, Jarold Vinson; Dec. 14, Betsy Dempsey; Dec. 16, Harold Norrell; Dec. 17, Alice Baker; Dec. 18, Charlene Norrell; Dec. 24, Louise Turner, Decota Odam and Ferne Anderson; Dec. 26, Jerry Pearson; Dec. 28, Tiny Lawrence; and Dec. 29, Helen Lipham.

Our sympathy to the family of Rudy Ochoa.

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

In memory of Doyle Walls - K.D. and Janis Julian.

In memory of Rudy Ochoa - James and Sue Lovell.

Thought for the week - Happy Thanksgiving!

Menu

Monday: Beef tostadas, salad and dressing, brownies
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas with vegetables, beans, Jello
Wednesday: BBQ sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, corn bread, banana pudding
Thursday: Beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, salad, roll, lemon cake
Friday: Burger with veggies, French fries, cobbler

Births

BLACKMON

Jeff and Angela Blackmon of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Eva Brielle Blackmon. She was born 11:22 p.m., Nov. 20 at UMC in Lubbock. She weighed 9 pounds 2.2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Older siblings are Will, age 5 and Nora, age 2.

Grandparents are Dr. Rob and Evelyn Lindsey of Plainview and Jeff and Becky Blackmon of Waco.

Great-grandparents are Doris Lindsey of Dimmitt and June Blackmon of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Birthday party held for Floydada Rehab and Care Center residents

By Joyce Williams

Mrs. Dona Reed hosted the Nov. 19 birthday party with the City Park church of Christ for the Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

Louise Perryman was the honoree for her birthday on Nov. 22. Bill and Linda Perryman were his mother's guest.

Mrs. Doris Snodgrass gave Mrs. Perryman and employees with November birthdays each a handwritten card, including staff members Susie Rodriguez (12th), Dora Luna (21st), Tina King (22nd), Cindy Dubois (24th) and Josie Flores (25th).

A beautiful corsage of yellow mums was given the resident honoree by Cathy's Floral.

Sylvia Luna, Activity Director, read a poem, "Only One," describing how as one person we can help make our part of the world better by keeping a cheer-

ful heart and showing kindness because God gives us life for a purpose, to do good in the world in His name.

Mrs. Arlis Daniel gave a lovely card to the honoree, who also received a gift bag of personal items from the hostess, Dona Reed.

Delicious refreshments of confetti cupcakes and pink lemonade were served to all.

Visitors are always welcomed the third Thursday afternoon of each month at 3 p.m. for the birthday party.

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Floydada Rehab and Care Center

Nov. 20, the Floydada Rehab Center held its annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Special guests of resident Myria Dade were Pat Shabby from Lubbock, Marilyn Holcomb and Leddie Wall, both of Floydada.

Happy Thanksgiving

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The Lockney 4-H Club made Fall Scarecrow buckets for businesses. Pictured are: (back row, l-r) SyAnn Foster, Brenna Tidwell, Karmichael Ramos, Jose Guerrero, Amy Scott, Jake Bramlet, Javier Guerrero, Memory Lane and Segayle Foster; (middle row) Pete Hernandez, Stephen Setliff, Jake Moore, Stetson Lane, Jill Bramlet and Noah Ramos; (front row) Zeke Ramos, Tasha Schlueter, Brenner Golden, Lyndee Setliff, Trista Schlueter, Austen Rexrode and Anissa Guerrero. If you are interested in joining this wonderful organization contact the AgriLife Extension office in Floydada 983-4912 or Beth Bramlet 652-2322.

Lockney School Menu

December 1 - December 5

Monday

Breakfast-French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Baked chicken or corn-dog, potatoes, vegetables, pears, roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Eggs/sausage or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Spaghetti or ham, green beans, peaches, bread stick, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Turkey or ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, mixed fruit, roll, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Mini corndogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Pizza or PBJ sandwich, corn, applesauce, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or tuna sandwich, salad, tater tots, orange smiles, milk

Floydada School Menu

December 1 - December 5

Monday

Breakfast - French toast, cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - BBQ on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits, 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

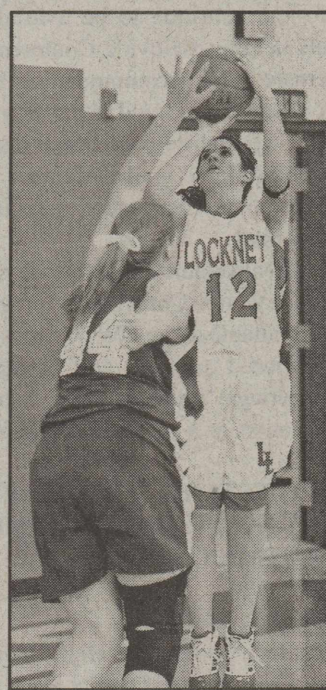
Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Breakfast sausage roll, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Hamburger, lettuce, tomato and pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, chocolate pudding cup, milk



The Lockney JV girls played last week in a Nazareth JV tournament. They play Abernathy at home Nov. 25.

Photos by Connie Barnett



LOCKNEY JV GIRLS bring home the 2008 Nazareth Tournament Championship Basketball for the first time in school history. Those pictured are (back row) Logan Edwards, Danny Morales, (middle row) Robbie Reyes, Delores Luna, Anissa Reyna, Maria Castorena, Katalina Araujo, Anna Jimenez, (front row) Sunny Williams, SyAnn Foster, Quinn Jackson, Kacey Armstrong and Alex Salazar.

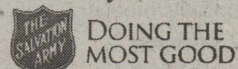
BASKETBALL REPORT

Lockney versus Petersburg
Varsity Basketball

The Longhorns started off the year on a good note with a 65-30 victory. "It is nice to start off the year with a win". Coach Dollar said. "Holding any team to 30 points is outstanding. Our intensity was good defensively. We have a long way to go both offensively and defensively to get to a district championship but if the kids keep working hard we will have a chance". Tyler Ellison led the team with 17 points, followed by Angel Cortez with 15, Jonathan Coleman with 14. Matt Rendon added 7, James Mercado 6, Renee Cruz 3, Josh Silva 2, and Aaron Rendon 1.

Lockney Community Storehouse

A window of opportunity has opened for us here in our community! City Bank plans to give away \$10,000 to five area charities. This is where you come in! Go to www.citybanktexas.com until December 21 and cast your vote daily for the Community Storehouse.



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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

By Shawn Wade

The 2009 Beltwide Cotton Conference registration deadline is near and growers are encouraged to mark your calendar and plan to be there. This year's Beltwide will be held January 5-8 at the Marriott Rivercenter/Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas.

Discounted early online registration fees are available through December 8. Industry members and others are encouraged to register online and make housing arrangements at the BWCC website.

Full conference information including preliminary program details, housing information, continuing education unit offerings and information about spouse programs and tours is available at <http://www.cotton.org/beltwide/>

The National Cotton Council reports that housing reservations appear to be on pace with previous years and that currently, the Marriott Rivercenter room block is sold out. NCC officials note that reservations that are cancelled will result in those rooms returning to the room block. The deadline to cancel rooms and receive a full refund is December 8.

Rooms continue to be available at the other hotels holding Beltwide Conference room blocks. Alternate hotel accommodations include the Marriott Riverwalk, Grand Hyatt San Antonio and La Quinta. Special Beltwide room rates at these hotels will be available until December 15, which is the last date conference hotels are required to honor the special rates.

A downloadable PDF version of the final 2009 Beltwide Cotton Conferences' program is scheduled to be available at the BWCC website on December 1. A printed program will be made available at the meetings, which promise to offer a wealth of information at a location enjoyable for the entire family.

HPUWCD NO. 1 SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS

By Carmon McCain

Residents within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 will have an opportunity to comment on a second phase of proposed administrative amendments to the district's rules during five public hearings set for early December 2008.

The proposed amendments include new water well spacing requirements, rules concerning abandoned water wells; rules concerning replacement water wells; rules regulating production of water from the Dockum (Santa Rosa) aquifer, and rules outlining procedures for requesting exceptions to water well permit applications.

"This second phase of rule amendments includes changes suggested to us by constituents at earlier public meetings in each district directors' precinct, changes requested by the district's board of directors, and changes recommended by staff to clarify existing rules," said General Manager Jim Conkwright.

The one-hour hearings are scheduled as follows:
 § December 9 at 10 a.m. - High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock. (Precinct One—the portion of Crosby County within the district, Lubbock, and Lynn Counties.)

§ December 10 at 8 a.m. - Museum of the Llano Estacado (Auditorium), Wayland Baptist University, 1900 W. 8th Street, Plainview. (Precinct Five—the portion of Floyd County within the district and Hale County.)

§ December 10 at 11 a.m. - Randall County Texas AgriLife Extension office, 200 N. Brown Rd., Canyon. (Precinct Four—the portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter, and Randall Counties within

the district.)

§ December 11 at 8 a.m. - Morton Activity Center, 200 W. Taylor, Morton. (Precinct Two—Cochran County and the portions of Hockley and Lamb Counties within the district.)

§ December 11 at 11 a.m. - Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Boulevard, Muleshoe. (Precinct Three—the portion of Castro County within the district, Bailey, and Parmer Counties.)

The proposed rule amendments will be available for public review after November 18 through the following methods:

§ An electronic version of the proposed rule amendments will be available for on-line viewing or downloading via a link on the home page of the High Plains Water District's web site at: www.hpwd.com

§ Persons may call the Water District's Lubbock office at (806) 762-0181 to request a printed copy of the proposed rule amendments.

§ A printed copy of the proposed rule amendments will be available for public inspection at the district's Lubbock office during regular business hours. In addition, a copy will also be available at the district's county offices.

Written comments regarding the proposed rule amendments are encouraged. They will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., December 31, and should be directed to Jim Conkwright, General Manager, High Plains Water District, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79411-2499.

The five-member High Plains Water District Board of Directors will consider public comments from the hearings and may take action concerning the proposed rule revisions at their regularly scheduled January 13, 2009 meeting.

Additional information is available by contacting Jim Conkwright or Sherry Stephens at (806) 762-0181.

HIGH PLAINS OILSEED CROP WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 10, PLAINVIEW

Farmers can learn about oilseed crops and their potential for food and bioenergy at a region-wide workshop in Plainview, Wednesday, December 10.

Agronomics and economics of production will be discussed for canola, sunflower, safflower, sesame, and castor. In addition, a mobile biodiesel plant will be demonstrated at the conclusion of the program.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist, will present the program along with Jay Yates, Extension risk management specialist, from Lubbock. Two CEUs will be available.

The event will be held at the Plainview Country Club, 2902 West 4th Street, Plainview (from I-27 travel one-half mile east on U.S. 70, south on Ennis to 4th Street, then east).

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the program will conclude by 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all registered participants, however, participants are requested to RSVP their attendance by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Hale Co., (806) 291-5267, Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center, Lubbock, (806) 746-6101, ext. 4806, or ctrostle@ag.tamu.edu.

"Making sense of the biofuels/bioenergy oilseed crop options for West Texas farmers" Texas High Plains Oilseeds Workshop Canola, Sunflower, Sesame, Safflower, Castor Wednesday, December 10, in Plainview, TX 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

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 {from I-27, east one-half mile on U.S. 70 to Ennis, right (south) to 4th, then left (east)}

Floyd County cotton ...

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which is a deduct on the loan (price to the farmer)," Foster said. "They (The famers) lose price. I believe it's right at 2.2 cents per pound if they get bark, which is \$11 a bale. We elected to slow our gin rate down to try to get the bark out.

"We don't get it all out. On certain cotton we just can't get it all out, but we think we can help a lot."

The amount of foliage that shows up as trash in the cotton is also a challenge to ginners -- "more of a problem this year," Foster said, citing re-growth after the first freeze.

It's another reason Foster is taking greater pains with this year's cotton.

So far, D&J has ginned 14,000 bales this year. Foster expects not to process as much cotton as last year.

"More people have planted grain crops -- corn and milo and wheat," he said.

Prices for grain -- exceptionally good the last two years -- have cut into cotton acreage. Currently prices for all commodities have fallen, albeit not as dramatically as the stock market.

At the Darty Gin in Dougherty, the outlook is for an average crop.

"Last year was our record year -- 27,000-plus (bales), I think," said Donna Pernell, matriarch of the family that owns the gin. "This will be average. It could be a little above."

The bale count Monday morn-

ing at Darty Gin was 8,800. Ginning is about half done, Pernell said.

A veteran of the business, Pernell has worked at the gin 50 years -- roughly since the beginning of mechanized harvesting.

Her father, the late R. D. Holly, started the family enterprise. Now her sons, Rick Pernell and Randy Pernell, and a grandson, Rance Pernell, are in the business together.

"My dad started this," she said. "He bought (the gin) from a Mr. Newton. It was a few years before I went to work here."

Donna Pernell recalls when a vacuum sucked cotton from trailers. Nowadays, a feeder carries the modules into the gin.

Strippers have changed too. "You'd see strippers pulled by tractors," she said.

The strippers now moving across Floyd County fields -- self-propelled machines much larger than their two-row tractor-pulled predecessors -- are 85-percent through stripping, Donna Pernell said.

At the McCoy Gin in Floydada, Clay Lowrance, gin manager, estimated that stripping about one more week, barring bad weather.

Then it will be "just a matter of time, getting it all picked up and getting it all ginned," Lowrance said.

"I think we'll be real close to what we did last year," he said.

If the bale count exceeds last year's 20,960, it won't be by

much -- maybe by 300 to 500 bales, Lowrance said.

"We're probably 85 percent irrigated," he said. "What dry land I've gotten in has probably averaged a bale to the acre."

An early freeze toward the end of October blackened some unopened bolls, hurting the crop accordingly.

"You're just stripping old hickory nuts," Lowrance said.

The bale count Monday morning at 7 a.m. was 8,923 at the McCoy Gin.

"We should be ginning up through Christmas," he said.

At the Scott Gin in Floydada, owned by John and Stacie Woelfel, the bale count Monday was at 11,500 -- almost the half-way mark.

"We're going to gin more than we did last year," said Stacie Woelfel.

The Scott Gin bale count last year at the end of harvest was 25,200.

At the Lockney Coop Gin, Monday's bale count was 10,584.

Other gins also serve Floyd County and neighboring counties.


The prominent buildings are symbols of an industry that is a mainstay of the local economy -- a reason to be thankful at Thanksgiving and again at Christmas.

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area. "We've already pretty well had two killing freezes," Hilburn said. "That's not an issue any more. Down off the Caprock, they needed that freeze."

At the Farmers Coop Gin in Floydada, expectations vary, but the staff and farmers agree it will be close to last year's crop in quantity -- 69,574 bales. At Lockney, this year's harvest is promising to be an average year, but the drop in the size of the crop is partly due to a drop in cotton acreage, based on markets for other commodities at the time planting decisions were made.

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Area Cotton ...

not in full swing. The bale count Friday was 377.

"We expect to get more after the cold weather last night," Shirley Fuller, gin secretary, said Friday.

Most of the cotton in the Estelline area is dry land, Fuller said. At the gin in Lakeview, ten miles west of Memphis, Friday's bale count was 9,613 with about a third of the crop estimated to be in.

"The quality is good," said Starla Phillips, gin secretary.

But even good quality and decent yields don't make up for low prices, a worldwide situation.

"The price is terrible," Phillips said. Cotton on the world market soared into the 90-cent range in March, only to drop into the 30-cent range by fall. Most farmers are taking the government loan price for their crops, Phillips said. If there's a bright spot in this year's market for cotton, it's the price gins are able to pay the farmers for the seed.

At Lakeview, the price is \$170 a ton -- higher than usual.

"It's covering the ginning and giving everybody a little seed check," Phillips said.

In Memphis, at Memphis Farmers Gin, the bale count was a little over 2,000 on Friday, with many farmers waiting on a freeze.

"That's one thing that's been slowing everybody down," said Leah Byars, bookkeeper.

Last year's total bale count at Memphis was over 24,000.

North of the Red River, in Hollis, Okla., the bale count was 5,400 Friday at the Harmon County Coop Gin. Most of the cotton handled in Hollis is irrigated, meaning the harvest is well under way.

"Seems like it's going to be pretty good," said Jamie Snider, gin manager. The cotton that comes in later will be mostly from non-irrigated acreage.

"We get some out of Texas that's not irrigated," Snider said.

The Harmon County Coop pays \$200 a ton for seed.

"The quality of the cotton, it's

been good," Snider said.

Last year's bale count was nearly 11,000 at Hollis. On the Texas Caprock, in the Floydada-Lockney area, the harvest is looking good -- almost as good as last year's crop. The bale count Monday morning at Barwise Gin in Floydada was 12,985. Scott Hilburn is the gin owner.

"For me personally, I will actually have more cotton this year than last year," he said. "We lost some last year to hail and cold weather during planting."

A good freeze has already been checked off the wish list for this year's harvest in the Floyd County

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The vehicles may be inspected at 215 N. 5th Street, northwest of City Hall at any time. The scraper may be inspected at Floydada Sanitary Landfill during normal business hours, M-T 8-5, Th-F 8-5.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. December 12, 2008 at the Floydada City Hall, 114 W. Virginia Street, Floydada, TX. 79235. The sealed envelope should be marked "Vehicle Bid" or "Scraper Bid."

The bids will be awarded at the Floydada City Council meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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A substantial completion date must be stated in the proposal or bid.

Proposals will be received until 12:00 p.m. on December 9, 2008, at the District office. The address of this office is:

Floydada ISD
226 W. Crockett
Floydada, Tx. 79235

Written questions about this RFP and requests for additional information shall be requested no later than December 4, 2008 (12:00 p.m.) to the Purchasing Department, Attn: Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent, 226 W. California, Floydada, Texas, 79235 or you may fax your request to (806) 983-5739. Calls with questions regarding your project may be directed to (806) 983-3498.

Proposals must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR PARKING LOT SURFACING."

The district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities and/or technicalities in the proposal and award the contract to best serve the interests of the District. The district may negotiate with proposers as deemed advisable or necessary.

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Floydada ISD is requesting bids and proposals for the following property/casualty insurance coverages:

- Building & Contents Liability
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- Physical Damage
- Crime

Proposers may quote several plan options as long as each option is fully explained. All relationships between your company and any company offering coverage must be revealed, as well as any commission payments or fees that will be paid to the Proposer as a result of this bid award.

Proposers are expected to examine the complete RFP document. Failure to do so will be at the proposer's risk. Written questions about this RFP and requests for additional information shall be requested no later than December 4, 2008 (12:00 p.m.) to the District, Attn: Jerry Vaughn, Superintendent, 226 W. California, Floydada, Texas, 79235 or you may fax your request to (806) 983-5739.

Proposers must submit one original and 7 copies (8 complete sets) of the proposal.

Proposals will be received until 12:00 p.m. on December 9, 2008, at the District office. The address of this office is:

Floydada ISD
226 W. California
Floydada, TX. 79235

Proposals must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY/CASUALTY COVERAGE."

The district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities and/or technicalities in the proposal and award the contract to best serve the interests of the District. The district may negotiate with proposers as deemed advisable or necessary.

All proposals must be submitted on the proposal forms, in accordance with all specified conditions. Coverage shall be for one year beginning January 23, 2009 and the rates quoted shall be guaranteed for that period. Multiple year proposals may be offered as an additional option and must be fully explained.

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ANSWER:

Obituaries

MARIO HINOJOSA GONZALES

Mario Hinojosa Gonzales, 59, formerly of Floydada, passed away Friday, November 21, 2008 at Covenant Hospital Plainview.

Memorial services were held at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Mario was born October 7, 1949 in Ganado, Texas to Pedro and Bernarda Gonzales.

Local survivors include a daughter, Bernarda Gonzales; two brothers, Gonzalo Gonzales and Cosme Gonzales.



LILLIE BETH ORMAN

Lillie Beth Bell Orman, age 80, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, November 20, 2008, in Burnet, Texas. Lillie Beth was born on August 4, 1928 in Big Spring, Texas, and was the daughter of Beulah Alpha Glenn Bell and Cody Mood Bell, Sr.

During her life she lived in West Texas, California and Arkansas. She attended business and cosmetology schools after graduating from high school. Lillie Beth married Macyl K. Orman in 1955 and had two children, a daughter, Glenna Bell Orman and a son, Cody Lee Orman.

In 1967 the Orman's moved to Burnet, Texas, where Lillie Beth became a full time mother, rancher and homemaker. An avid cook and seamstress, she was active in the Bethel Home Demonstration Club, Burnet Extension Homemakers Club, the Burnet County Farm Bureau, the Burnet County Fair & Rodeo Association, Pen Chat Club, was a 4-H Foods and Clothing Leader, member of the First United Methodist Church's Joy Choir and full time supporter of her husband and her children's, grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's school, youth, livestock show and rodeo activities. Lillie Beth was an active contributor and benefactor to her church and community.

Lillie Beth's survivors are her husband, Macyl K. Orman, a daughter, Glenna Bell Orman, her son and daughter-in-law, Cody Lee and Glenda Orman, her grandson and wife, Nathan and Lanie Orman, granddaughter and husband, Crissy and Nick Alderman, granddaughter and husband, Jessica and Kyle Kates, grandson, Dustin Orman; great-grandchildren are Nicholas, Blake, Bryson, Cordyn and Erin. She is also survived by her brother and his wife, Cody and Donna Bell of Rankin, Texas, nephews, John Bell and his wife, Celeste of Plano, Cody Bell III of Dallas, and niece, Kristin and husband, Denson Reid of Rankin, Texas. Other nephews surviving Lillie Beth are Bill Orman and his wife, Kay of Plainview, and their children, and Larry Orman and his wife, Cheryl of Amarillo, Texas and their children.

She was especially proud of her great nieces, Mary Bell and Allison Reid, and great-nephew, Kevin Reid of Rankin, Texas. There are numerous special cousins, other cherished relatives and a host of friends with whom she shared a lifetime of love and laughter.

The family is very grateful to Bobbie Frost, her caregiver, Lighthouse Hospice, especially Joan Bodwell and Janna Latham, and her very special friends, Judy Lightfoot and Mona Lewis. The spiritual ministry of Rev. Ellen Ely and Rev. Buddy Johnston was particularly meaningful to her. Lillie Beth and Macyl would have celebrated their 53rd anniversary Sunday, November

23, 2008.

Visitation was held Sunday, November 23, 2008 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home, in Burnet, Texas. The Celebration of Life and Resurrection for Lillie Beth was held on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Burnet, Texas. Interment followed at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park on Park Road 4.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or the church or charity of your choice.

DR. KEITH C. PATZER

Dr. Keith C. Patzer, 81, of Floydada passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2008 in Austin.

He was born on August 31, 1927 to the late Victor Patzer and Rose Gibbs Patzer.

He was a chiropractor in Floydada for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June Patzer, on August 22, 2007 and by his parents.

Survivors include his daughter, Kathy Pritchard of Plainview and Bart Patzer of Austin.

Memorial services are pending with Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

CHRIS SANCHEZ

Chris Sanchez, 28, passed away Friday, November 21, 2008 at the Covenant Hospital Plainview.

He was born October 9, 1980 to Israel and Diane Sanchez.

Funeral Mass services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2008 at the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Floydada. Father Angelo R. Consemينو officiated.

Burial was held at the Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Survivors include his four children, Haley Sanchez, Kristina Sanchez, Jacob Sanchez and Megan Sanchez, all of the home; his wife, Melissa Martinez; his parents, Israel and Diane Sanchez of Floydada and a brother, Andrew of Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

ESTELLE WARREN

Estelle (Cantrell) Warren, 78, passed away Monday, November 24, 2008 at the Prairie House Living Center in Plainview.

She was born June 9, 1930. Family greeted friends on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Anthony Sisemore officiated.

Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Warren of Floydada and Kelly Warren of Plainview and one daughter, Ronda Martin of Lubbock.

This Week's

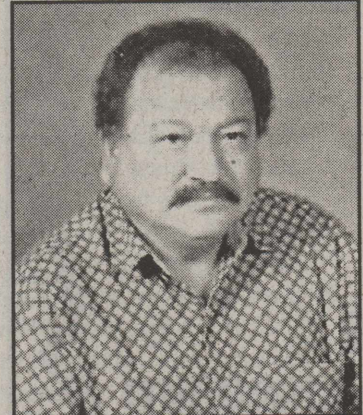
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The Family of Mamie Wood would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, those who sent cards, brought food or just paid a visit. A special thank you to all the ladies of the South Plains Baptist Church for the wonderful job of feeding the family. To Pastor, Troy Cartmill for his wonderful tribute to our precious Mamie and to Janis, Kendis, Darla and Ticen for their beautiful music.

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Earl & Lori Teague & Girls
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RUDY OCHOA

Manuel "Rudy" Ochoa, 65, passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas.

Rosary service was held at 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 21, 2008 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home Chapel. Father Gerard Kenney, Jo Wilbanks and Maria Briones officiated.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 22, 2008 at St. Mary Magdalen Church. Father Angelo R. Consemينو and Father. Gerard Kenney officiated. Burial followed at the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

He was born on May 6, 1943 in Robstown, Texas to Manuel Martinez and Margarita Flores Garza. His adopted parents were Eutiquio Ochoa and Alifonsa Ochoa. He married Antonia Robles in Robstown on June 9, 1963 and they moved to Floydada from Robstown that same year. They were blessed with two daughters, Margaret and Maria (Bibi).

Rudy worked and owned Rudy's Barber Shop in Floydada for many years. He loved getting to know his customers. He loved working at his shop until he retired January 1, 2008. He looked forward every Christmas time to donate toys at his church for less fortunate children; he also enjoyed visiting inmates at county jails and was an instructor for Alcoholics Anonymous for the Floyd County area. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Lubbock and he loved greeting members and new comers at the door.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Manuel Martinez and Eutiquio and Alifonsa Ochoa; three sisters, Emma Ochoa, Angelita Elizondo, and Dionisia (Diana) Galvan; and two brothers, Juan Manuel Garza and Juan Alberto Garza.

Those left to cherish his memory are his two daughters, Margaret Espinoza and husband, Robert of San Antonio and Maria (Bibi) Ferrer of Floydada; six grandchildren, Nick Espinoza, Jennifer Espinoza, and Jacob Espinoza, all of San Antonio, Erick Gomez and wife, Adrianna of Waco, Jasmine Ferrer and Amber Ferrer, both of Floydada; five great-grandchildren, Ethan Gomez of Plainview, Amaya Gomez and Estevan Gomez, both of Waco, Sergio Ferrer of Floydada and Carlitos Espinoza of San Antonio; five brothers, Jose Luis Ayala, Rogelio Garza, Matias Armando Garza, Noe Martinez and Hector Martinez and five sisters, Anita Martinez, Sylvia Longoria, Oralia Tobias, Bessie Garza, and Norma Diaz.

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Morning Worship ... 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

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Armando Morales, Pastor
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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
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Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Study ...7:00 p.m.

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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.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesus Caballero, Pastor
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Discipleship5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
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Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening6:00 p.m.

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Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.

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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service.....5:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Mass.....11:30 a.m.
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Lockney
Rev. Joe Hernandez
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School9:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

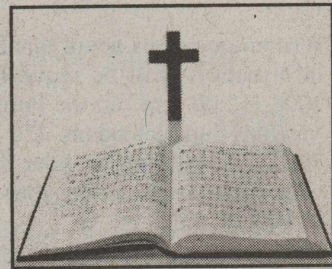
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308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Tuesday7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
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Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499 or 983-2887
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
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