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ALCOHOL CONFISCATED



Pictured are the items the sheriff's department seized in Saturday night's search of a house on the 300 block of West Houston Street in Floydada.

■ Floydada Police Department and Floyd County Sheriff's Department seize beverages found at Floydada home

By Sara Sisemore

rant, the Floyd County Sheriff's pint of Calvert gin, half a pint Department searched and seized of Wild Turkey, half a pint of liquor from a house on the 300 Bacardi rum, half a pint of Jack block of West Houston Street in Daniel's, along with half a gal-Floydada on Saturday, Dec. 13, lon of Gordon dry gin, half a around 9 p.m.

There was quite a stash confiscated by the Sheriff's Depart-

Speed, they seized 115 Bud- and \$243. weiser's, 42 Milwauki Best, Floyd County is a dry county, After procuring a search war- seven Budweiser's Chilada, a so, according to the county's algallon of Crystal Palace gin, a fifth of a gallon of Jack Daniel's and a fifth of a gallon of Crown Royal whisky. Also seized was According to Deputy Cory a four-bladed throwing knife

coholic beverage code an individual can only have 24 beers in his possession at a time.

Sheriff Paul Raissez and his deputies were assisted in the search by local Floydada police

Deputy Speed says the situation is "still under investiga-

Early **Deadlines:**

Our deadline for the Dec. 25 edition of the Hesperian-Beacon will be noon on Monday, Dec. 22nd. Our deadline for the Jan. 1 edition will be noon on Monday, Dec. 29th.

Floyd County stock show Jan. 2-5

By J.D. Ragland

CEA-AG Floyd County

The 2009 Floyd County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 2-5, 2009.

This year's show will be held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center.

New for 2009 is an all-new show schedule. All shows will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Also new this year is a Livestock Judging Contest that will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 4. Divisions will include Junior, Senior and Adults. Select your own age division teams. A three or four member team is required or you may enter as an individual.

Team and individual sign-up will be held & Adult Division throughout the day on Saturday; the deadline is 4 p.m. See Angela Ragland to sign up.

Also, we would like everyone to support the Floyd County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship Program. This program supports scholarships to graduating Floyd County Junior exhibitors.

Tickets may be purchased for \$100. Prizes will be awarded throughout the stock show - every tenth ticket drawn wins a prize worth at least \$100 in value. The grand prize will be an expense paid trip Jan. 5.

to Las Vegas. See any Stock Show Board member for a ticket.

The show schedule will be as follows:

Friday, Jan. 2

9 a.m. Barns Open

1 - 3 p.m. All animals in place and weigh-in Saturday, Jan. 3

9 a.m. Goat Show

10 a.m. Lamb Show

11 a.m. Heifer Show followed by Steer Show 1 p.m. Swine Show Gilts followed by Barrow

Sunday, Jan. 4

2 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest, Junior, Senior

Monday, Jan. 5

5 p.m. Buyer's Meal

6 p.m. Auction

The stock show is open to everyone at no charge. A concession stand will be available and run by Lockney FFA. Please make plans to attend and support all youth exhibitors at this year's show on Saturday, Jan. 2 and don't forget the buyer's meal and auction beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday,

Lockney City Council purchases new trash truck

By Judy Macha Staff Writer

The Lockney City Council would like the businesses who have new sidewalks to know they must not put salt down on the new concrete, as it will ruin the surface. They are to use only sand should the sidewalk surface become icy and need it.

The Council unanimously voted to award the bid for a new garbage truck to Lubbock Truck sales for \$145,163.00. The truck is a 2009 Freightliner M2106 with a 33 cubic yard Packmore HLR 23 sideloader body.

Mike Iden, a representative from Lubbock Truck Sales, was present to answer questions. Mayor Stapp asked for an ap-

proximate delivery date for the truck and Iden told him, "The earliest build date is the second week of February, 45-60 days out. The truck will then be drop shipped to Seguin to install the body. Within 120 days you'll have a new truck."

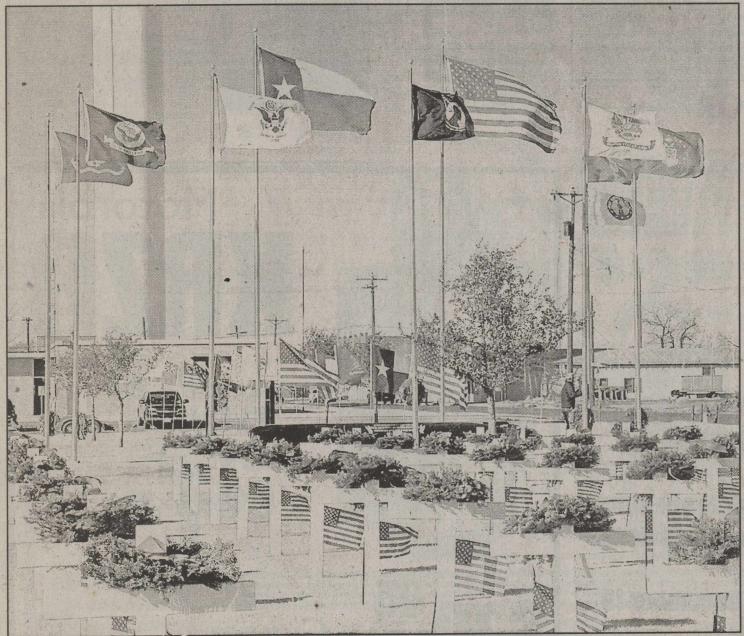
In other business the Council unanimously voted to provide a \$1,000-a-year raise to city police officer Trey Dolloff commiserate with his promotion to Sergeant.

In discussing whether or not a budget revision would be necessary for certain interfund transfers, Lanny Voss advised the necessary action only required data entry action and no budget revision was called for. No action was taken.

While considering updating personnel policy, Voss requested the council members individually go over current policy and write out any questions or suggestions they might have. He then said they should get together for a work session on areas of concern. "This is the one thing that would help me the most in writing an update for you," Voss added. "Your present one is not a bad document, but it does need to be updated as it was written 13 to 14 years ago."

Identity Theft Ordinance was the order of business and it passed unanimously. Voss told the Council he would get a copy to them to consider.

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Saturday in Lockney, a Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at the Lockney Veterans Memorial. Top, a member of the United States Coast Guard from Corpus Christi, followed by Kelly Colston of Patriot Guard Riders, place wreaths during the ceremony. Above, Floydada and Lockney High School members of the National Honor Society participate in the ceremony. They were (from left) Alisha Damron, Angel Cruz, Hallie Bertrand and Jennifer Rainwater.

Staff photos



In the spirit of the season, we will be collecting food, toys, coats, gloves, hats, and shoes to donate to the Spirit of Sharing in Floydada. Look for the basket in our store.

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On Saturday, Dec. 13, Lockney Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts participated in the annual "Scouting for Food" can drive. Many scouts, from 1st grade through high school, as well as leaders and parents, participated in the drive. All of the cans collected went to the local Salvation Army for distribution over the holiday season. Over 3,100 cans were collected in all. Pictured are several of the scouts and leaders who participated in the annual tradition. Courtesy Photo

FISD trustees hear audit report

By Sara Sisemore Managing Editor

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met Thursday evening, Dec. 11, to hear from auditor Bill Patton of "Robison, Johnston, & Patton" of Lubbock. He began his report over the district's 2007-2008 finances saying, "This school district enjoyed a very healthy economic year."

He reported, "Economically everything is in good shape." Additionally, he said the district has "seven to eight months of operating expenses in reserve" and has "a very healthy fund balance."

The school board also saw a demonstration from Ray Dunn of Guardian Security Solutions in Lubbock and then voted to go out for bids for all three campuses for purchasing a security system.

The vote was two against - board members Bart Greer and Kerry Pratt - and four for - Lyle Miller, Marty Lucke, Dr. William Dean and Amado Morales

Joe Grimes from Grimes and Associates updated the board on the progress being made on the new elementary school.

"The apparent progress is going to accelerate the further we get in the project," he said.

Also, Grimes reported on the status of the new roof for the high school.

"We had a structural engineer come out and look at it," he said.

He explained that according to the structural engineer, the west wing will either need to be braced up for the presence of the new roof on top of the metal roof or the metal roof will need to be removed.

Grimes told the board, "We would be putting the Dura-last roof on top of the metal roof."

The board unanimously agreed to go out for bids on removing the metal roof on the west wing and installing a Dura-last roof on the entire structure.

Next, the board reviewed bids for property and casualty insurance for the district. They had received bids from Goen & Goen, TASB, Farm Bureau (auto insurance only) and Student Insurance Partners (laptop insurance only).

Kyle Smith of Goen & Goen presented his bid, explaining the various bid options the board had to consider.

Superintendent Jerry Vaughn ready for the TAKS. esented the bids from TASB, Farm Bureau and Student Insureducation students had to take ance Partners.

the board voted unanimously to approve Goen & Goen's #4 bid of \$70,143, which fulfilled the specifications of the bid, plus chose the option to raise their auto liability to \$1,000,000 which cost an additional \$1,845.

This put the total at \$71,988.

Business manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report to the board.

She said, "The M&O current tax roll is \$2,419,796.66, net collections are \$1,839,033.89; I&S tax roll is \$246,350.12, and net collections are \$183,788.32. The percent of roll collected is 76 percent compared to 61.76 percent one year ago."

In regards to the proposed work on the parking lot of the Whirlwind Gym, the board unanimously accepted Thrasher, Inc.'s bid of \$61,229.94.

The board plans to fund this project by using the \$15,000 donation from Renewable Energy Systems and to take the remaining from fund balance.

Curriculum director Christine Scroggs reported to the board 84 percent of the teachers passed the ESL test that was taken in November.

Special education teacher Alicia Bice told the board they are helping the teachers get

Also, she said the special the test on grade level for the Lucke made the motion and first time last year, with 93 percent taking the test for the first time.

Floydada Junior High principal Mac Sherman reported they had been invited to take four students to the Texas Capital School House in Austin on Jan. 27-28.



Several students were honored by the FISD school board during their Dec. 11 meeting. Pictured are students of the month, educator of the month and support staff of the month: (front row, l-r) Alizee Garza (pre-k) and Arnoldo Martinez (3rd grade); (back row, l-r) Julie Hilbers (2nd grade teacher), Emily Prisk (7th grade), Jessica Prisk (junior) and Juana Serrato (jr. high custodian).

FHS students discuss trip to Washington, D.C.

By Sara Sisemore Managing Editor

Six Floydada High School students recently took a trip to Washington, D.C. where they were honored to speak before the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) at their annual conference. Blake Chavarria (16 years old), Titus Miller (18 years old), Sean Miller (17 years old), Imelda Resendiz (14 years old) and Mallory Graham (15 years old) were able to meet with me and share some of their memories about the trip. Kelsea Miller was unable to be there due to sickness. Interviewed upon their return, here is what they had to say.

Question: What was the highlight of the trip?

Blake: "The sightseeing, our stay at the hotel, our presentations, seeing the president...'

Titus: "The presentation...getting to share our stories."

Imelda: "Getting to tour the capital was pretty fun."

Mallory: "I think my favorite part of the trip was definitely the sightseeing Probably the Capital [was my favorite]."

Sean: "I liked the whole day of tourism we had starting with the White House. When we left the White House we got to see the president drive by. Those things together were just too cool. We waved at them and Laura Bush waved back."

Question: Was it different than you expected? How?

Blake: "Everything there is just so decent, appropriate. Everybody is dressed in business dress. No jeans."

Titus: "The ethnicity was very diverse.'

Imelda: "I'm bilingual and that if I hadn't had the laptop I I speak Spanish in front of my friends at camp. And I figured out how it feels.

Question: What one thing did you say during your speech that you wanted everyone to make sure they heard?

Blake: "How teachers benefit us and we benefit teachers."

Titus: "I have more to look forward to in school. It's more

Imelda: "I'm a first generation

American and that just makes it all the more special. I'm living the American dream."

Mallory: "Our school life is probably a lot easier with the laptops and we don't realize how big a difference it makes."

Sean: "All the unique opportunities I've had because of the laptop. I've done so much stuff wouldn't have gotten to do.' Question: What would you like your families and communities to know?

Blake: "I'm strongly considering moving to D.C. when I grow

Titus: "It was definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Imelda: "How grateful I am of everybody that helped us get there."

Mallory: "I appreciate how our nation is being run today. I didn't really understand that before. It takes a lot to keep our country

Sean: "It's not something I'm ever really going to forget. It's kind of the experience of a life-

"It's gonna stay with me for-



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Dear editor,

As of January 1, 2009, I will be retiring. Bobbie will still be at the Barber Shop. Thanks to all of my customers for 52 years of friendship and loyalty to the Barber Shop.

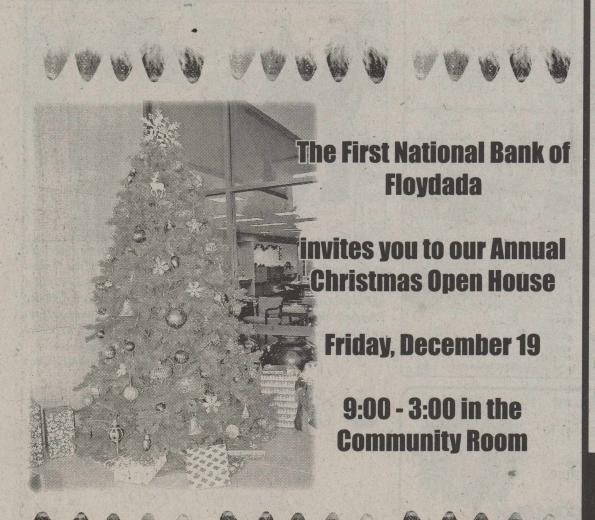
We are moving to Mena, Arkansas, to be close to Greta and Kirby Pierce. I intend to put in lots of

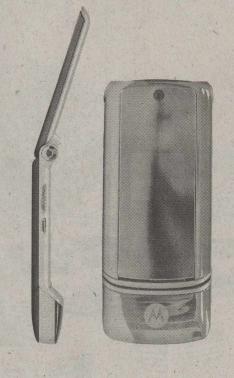
time fishing, some hunting.

Zach will still be at our house for one year, then may sell.

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By Chris Blackburn, Publisher

Large Newspapers Struggling

news that America's largest newspapers are in serious financial trouble. In fact, don't be surprised to see several begin to close their

On Monday, the Tribune Company, which owns the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times, filed for bankruptcy. The New York Times Company followed by saying it might mortgage its beautiful headquarters - a building by Times Square - to reduce debt.

The San Francisco Chronicle has been losing \$1 million a week for some time. Mid-size newspapers such as the Amarillo Globe-News and Lubbock Avalanche Journal are feeling it as well.

Bill Keller, executive editor

You may have heard on the like this: "Good journalism does not come cheap. And, therefore, you're not going to find a lot of blogs or non-profit websites that are going to build a Baghdad bureau.'

> Thankfully, the market for smaller newspapers like the one you are reading are not facing the same economic hardship.

Let's face it, in today's world, the need for 130 pages in a newspaper simply does not exist ... particularly at \$1.50 or more per issue. The Internet and the duplication of news by several sources (weather, Washington, D.C., major stories) has helped in placing these newspapers in peril. The poor economy is sending them

The government should not

tutions out and I'd be shocked if it were ever seriously considered. That would be a disaster. The last thing we need is newspapers under the control (even if it is merely financial) of the U.S. government. Anything being perceived as a state-controlled media is terrible. See Iran, Russia and China as an example of countries in which the government controls the media.

Nor should the government bail out companies such as GE, which owns NBC. Again, such a bailout could be seen as the government getting involved in media. In my eyes, it's a clear violation of free

Anyhow, the way information has been collected and disseminated to the vast majority of Americans is changing by the week. The day of giant newspapers having reporters across the globe is quickly coming to

I foresee a time when newspapers in Dallas, Houston, Denver, etc. cease to exist at all in the form we see them now. We'll continue to see an evolution of them until they are completely online. In the meantime, you'll see many more smaller newspapers rise up and take their place. Why? Because people can afford them and they still want to see their children and grandchildren participating in events. You'll continue to have the Dallas Morning News replaced by weekly or twiceweekly newspapers in Rockwall, Grand Prairie, Flower Mound, etc... News about Dallas can be found online at home or at work, but the story and photo about the local team can only be found in the local paper.

Don't get me wrong, it is wise for the smaller markets to develop online editions as well, but the need for major cutbacks and a complete overhaul is not there. When you're a giant, with a dozen offices and a couple of thousand employees which are in various unions, and much of what you do faces competition from ten other sources, it's plain to see what's coming. The fact that many of the largest newspapers in this country put off massive change will be their demise.

Meanwhile, small-town newspapers will quickly streamline and continue to produce an efficient product. It's ironic that us small guys can continue to plug along while the grand old ladies go to pasture. Usually, the massive corporations continue to grow while the small guy suffers.

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By Ryan Mills

As for a dining experience, it doesn't get much better than

My wife, Marci, had a conference and I covered the state track meet last May.

We ate a lot of great food - Threadgill's Home Cooking (www.threadgills.com), Mandola's Italian Market (www. mandolasmarket.com), Top Notch Burger, Austin Diner, Mangia Pizza (www.mangiapizza.com), Guero's Taco Bar (www.guerostacobar.com) - I definitely gained

Two of my best friends live in Austin. Mark Longbine supplies me lodging at his house in exchange for a press pass to the state meet. I always oblige because that seems like a deal heavily slanted in my favor, plus he helps me out. The other buddy, Brian Steele, is a chef in Austin and formerly in New Orleans, one of the culinary capitals of the world. If you've ever had the pleasure to eat his food then you know what I'm talking about.

I never turn down an opportunity to eat Mr. Steele's cooking and on Thursday night, we did

When Brian just "throws something together" it's better than most people ever eat. He wasn't overly impressed with the meal although the other five of us were.

He fed us Rosemary Chicken, Jalapeno and Cheese stuffed deer sausage (homemade by Mark), Balsamic Roasted potatoes and a wonderful salad.

The potatoes were definitely a hit of the dinner party and I have tried my hand at them a few times since then. They are amazing, and ever better, easy. He agreed to let me use the recipe, so here

Balsamic Roasted Potatoes

Ingredients

1 bag red potatoes 2 tbs. garlic

1/2 cup Balsamic vinegar

1/2 cup olive oil 1/2 cup parmesan cheese

salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Wash the potatoes and then quarter them. In a large bowl, toss with all ingredients except parmesan. Bake covered at 400 for one hour. Uncover, and bake until potatoes begin to brown tossing every few minutes. Cover with parmesan and serve.

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Edith Cooper celebrated her 91st birthday early with friends Monday, Dec. 15 in the home of Wilma Edwards. Celebrating with Edwards were (from left) Judy Macha, Linda Edwards, Wilma Edwards, Terry Gonzalez, Alicia Luna and Mary Carter. Seated with her birthday cake is Cooper. Cooper was an employee of the Lockney Beacon for many years. Not pictured was Jerry Edwards. Courtesy photo



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1956 Study Club

By Linda Harbin

Members of the 1956 Study Club enjoyed a holiday celebration at the festively decorated Floydada Country Club on Dec. 9. Hostesses for the event were Janice Julian and Kay Dean Smith. After a delicious meal catered by Elaine McNeill, the meeting was called to order by President Judy Dunlap. Kay Dean read the minutes from the November meeting and Dana Crossland gave the treasurers

Judy reported that she had been contacted by Julianne Cornelius asking for donations for the USO. This project would assist servicemen and women away from home to read and record a book on tape to be sent to their children and families at home. The club voted to donate \$100.00 toward this worthy endeavor.

With no further business, the club collect was led by Tomi Covington. Members then engaged in a guessing game to see who could identify the most baby pictures of club members. Carolyn Green won the contest by correctly identifying eight.

Members attending were Jean Appling, Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Tomi Covington, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Penny Golightly, Carolyn Green, Linda Harbin, Dixie Harris, Charline Hendrix, Janis Julian, Janet Lloyd, Linda Matsler, Angela Ragland, Judy Schacht, Susan Simpson, Kay Dean Smith, Molly Stringer, Jan Willson, Kay Hicks, Sue Jones, Nancy Mayo, Sue Ward, Anne Carthel, and guest Jo Boggs.

Lockney teams up for 'Fight Against Cancer'

By Coach Lisa Schumacher

The Lockney Lady Horns and their coaches are teaming up with the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches to participate in the "Fight Against Cancer."

During Friday night's basketball match up with the Floydada Whirlwinds on Dec. 19, the Lady Horns will be working to night. If you hear a noise outside your home or raise funds to be donated to the American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer.

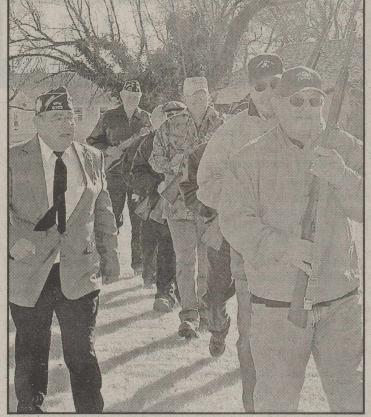
Cancer is a dreaded disease that has affected many in Floyd County, one in particular to whom the Lady Horns have dedicated their season.

David "Pop" Frizzell, who had been a long-time supporter of the Lady Horn program and many athletic programs at Lockney, passed away on March 30, 2008. Lung cancer took this behind the scenes, humble, quiet man, who was an inspiration to many an athlete.

Pop always found an encouraging word to say to an athlete, most of the time in a quiet moment, with little notice to the outside world.

According to the American Cancer Society, 1,437,180 new cases of cancer will have been diagnosed in 2008, with several of those being in the communities of Lockney and Floydada. In this Christmas time of giving, the Lockney Lady Horns are asking that you bring a little extra change or cash to the game Friday night and help us fight to find a cure for the disease that is characterized by uncontrolled growth and spreading of abnormal cells - a disease that many are fighting and a disease that has taken so many loved ones from us.

at Scott Gin



Many Lockney, Floydada and Plainview residents volunteered to serve in an honor guard Saturday at the Lockney Veterans Memorial for a Wreaths Across America ceremony.

'Spirit of Christmas' meals to be served Christmas Day

Christmas will be serving their traditional Christmas turkey dinner this year on Christmas

Volunteers are needed for meal preparation and delivery to elderly and shut-ins. Delivery people, cooks and servers are needed, along with monetary donations to buy food. Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated and can be given at City Bank.

Preparation of the meals will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 24, in the First United Methodist Church's kitchen.

Floydada's annual Spirit of At 8 a.m. preparation of the turkeys will begin. Preparations will continue at 7 p.m. after the candlelight service.

At 7 a.m. on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, final preparations will be made, and delivery of the food will begin around 10:45 a.m.

Approximately 400 meals will be served this Christmas

For more information, to request a delivery, or to donate food, call Sudy Cochran (983-3171), Fred Thayer (983-3121), or Dennis Morgan (983-4907).

1934 Study Club

By Emagene Haenisch

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Marie Warren. The meeting was called to order by the president, Margarette Word. Minutes and Roll Call were read by secretary, Marie Warren. Each member answered the Roll Call with their favorite Christmas candy which brought much discussion about the different recipes.

In the business meeting it was voted that the club give their Christmas donation this year to the Senior Citizens Center.

President Margarette Word introduced Bill Ferguson, who gave a delightful and interesting book review. "The Christmas Jar" which is about a couple who started saving their change each day in a jar which they named the "Christmas Jar" and at Christmas they used the money for their Christmas. The one jar affected the lives of many people through the years. At the end of the review the members gave their donations to Bill's Christmas Jar to be given to the Senior Citizens Center.

Delicious refreshments were served by Marie Warren and cohostess Wilma Gowens.

Members present at the meeting were: Faye Bertrand. Wilma Colston, Betsy Dempsey, Bill Ferguson, Diana Glover, Wilma Gowens, Emagene Haenisch, Jo Lyles, Nell McClung, Wanda Turner, Marie Warren, and Margarette Word. Absent members were Ila

White and Flora McNeill. The next meeting will be Jan. 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Emagene Haenisch: Program will be given by Chief of Police Darrell Gooch.

Annual blood drive in Floydada Dec. 19

By Connie Hollinshead (806) 777-5690

KLLL and United Blood Services invite Floydada residents to be part of the 28th Annual Country Christmas Blood Drive. This year's drive begins on Monday, Dec. 15th. Donors can come to the blood draw center at 48th and University in Lubbock through Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

We will also be in a different outlying city every day. The

Recent visitors in the home of Wilma Colston

were her sister, Ruth Gray of Bella Vista, Ark.,

and niece Nancy Anderson and husband Larry

from Kingwood also daughter Teresa Whittle of

bock ate lunch at the Center with his father Guy

Center. We welcome others to come join us. The

more we have the better the Center is.

the Center with expenses.

Last Wednesday, Dec. 10, Pat Guinn of Lub-

Herman Graham has started eating lunch at the

Remember this Friday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. the Cen-

ter will have their annual Christmas party. Come

enjoy visiting, singing, playing games and snacks.

Instead of exchange of gifts we plan to have a box

on the desk so you can put a few dollars in it to help

The Center wants to thank Script Printing for

printing our memorial acknowledgment cards and

donating them to the Center. Thank you Bobby and

I think you might be interested in the following

information. Put your car keys beside your bed at

someone trying to get in your house, just press the

panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off

and the horn will continue to sound until either

you turn it off or the car battery dies. It's a security

alarm system. If your car alarm goes off, odds are

Barbara Gilliland for printing these cards.

By Margarette Word

Floydada blood drive will be at At the end of the drive one lucky the First Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec.

Each donor will receive, a 28th Annual KLLL Country Christmas T-shirt, a pint of delicious Blue Bell ice cream, and be registered to win some great prizes. This year one donor every day will receive a \$100 Visa gift card to help with their holiday shopping.

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donor will win the grand prize of a 17" Toshiba Laptop computer courtesy of Best Buy.

This blood drive will, also, be a "Credit to Patient" drive for Virginia Cage. Virginia has been having health concerns and has needed many pints of blood.

Blood donation requirements are simple. You must be at least 16 years of age (16 year olds must have their parents signed

the burglar/rapist won't stick around. Remember

to carry your keys while walking to your car in a

Thank you for remembering the Center when you

In memory of Keith Patzer - Don and Carolyn

In memory of Rudy Ochoa - Don and Carolyn

In memory of Elena Hopper - Betty Baker, Ruth

In memory of Doyle Walls- Don and Carolyn

In memory of Paul Lloyd - Betty Baker, Judy

Thought for the week - Ketchup was sold in the

Menu

December 22-December 26

Monday-Polish sausage, cabbage, carrots, corn

bread, chocolate pudding

Tuesday-Lemon chicken, peas, tossed salad, roll.

fruit

Wednesday-Hamburger steak w/gravy, peas, but-

tered potatoes, roll, fruit salad

Thursday-CLOSED

Friday-CLOSED

In memory of Mamie Wood - Judy Beedy.

Hardy, Betty Baker, Ruth Hammonds, Whirlwind

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Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Vera Jo Bybee

I had trouble with my garage door again so Louie had to come in and fix it. It wouldn't close all the way down Friday night and I didn't know it was up a little bit. Saturday, when Jerry Miller came to put a new lock on my sunporch door, I saw a "black" cat sitting there in the sun porch and I asked Jerry why did he bring his black cat over, cause I am superstitious about black cats. He told me that it wasn't his cat and I said well it sure wasn't mine either. Between me and Jerry and Louie chasing that cat, he is still out there.

Today when Louie brought me some wood in for the fire place he also brought in the cat trap but as of just a while ago he still hasn't gone into that trap. If he wasn't black I would just keep it cause I have been having mice. I set traps every night and still am catching some. I hate them.

On behalf of the Center I want to thank Belle Daniels for the pretty Christmas table decorations. Also for the three dimension jigsaw puzzle. Just as soon as they finish this pretty Japanese fan they will start on it. There is

the Ralls Hwy.

the Center. We sure want to thank everyone who gives them to us.

Homer Cypert, my neighbor just north of me, has been in Mangold Memorial since last week with a bit of pneumonia which got his blood sugar elevated. He came home today and hopes with Home Health he will be able to keep his sugar regulated. Wanda had a call last week from New York from Sunny and Larry Hammit, making their reservations for Christmas dinner Friday, Dec. 19.

Hey, I didn't forget to write another verse about "Forgetter be Forgotten":

My forgetter's getting better, But my rememberer is broke. To you that may seem funny But to me, that is no joke. For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering, I really should be 'there.' And, when I try to think it through. I haven't got a prayer. Oft times I walk into a room, Say, 'what am I here for?'

Menu December 22-December 26 Mon: Enchiladas Tues: Fried chicken Wed: CLOSED Thrs: CLOSED

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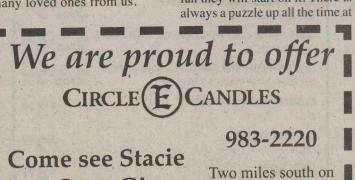


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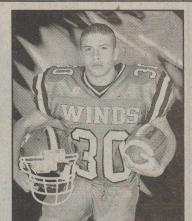




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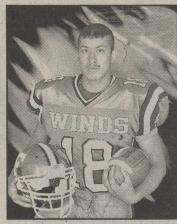
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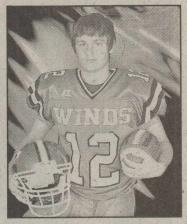
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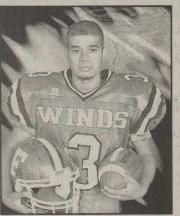
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LADY WINDS 8th Grade

By Coach Watson

The FJHS 8th grade Lady Winds basketball team traveled to Dimmitt on December 15, 2008 and captured a win over the Lady Bobcats of Dimmitt by

Abby Vargas - 14 points; Emily Hall - 11 points; Malorie

Lady Mules of Muleshoe.

SCORE BY QUARTERS **SEASON RECORD: 3-2 DISTRICT RECORD: 3-2**

LADY WINDS 9th Grade

By Coach Watson

The Floydada High School Lady Winds freshman basketball team traveled to Dimmitt on December 15, 2008 to take on the Dimmitt Lady Bobcats and came up with a big district win by a score of 47-37.

Scoring results are as fol-

Samantha Rodriguez - 18 points; Cassandra Rodriguez -12 points; Kristan Sanchez - 7 points; Sierra Gomez - 5 points; Stephanie Caballero - 5 points. SCORE BY QUARTERS

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FLOYDADA JUNIOR HIGH RESULTS

By Coach Ayala WHIRLWIND 7th - 34 FRIONA - 21

The Floydada Junior High 7th grade "A" team traveled to Friona on December 4, 2008 to take on the Chieftans and came home with a district win by a score of 34-21.

Scoring results were as fol-

Juan Nunez - 11 points; Joseph Herrera - 9 points; Isaac Rodriguez - 6 points; Matthew McGowen - 4 points; Pedro Guerrero - 2 points; Tomas Casares - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Whirlwinds - 7 14 28 34 -2 12 14 21 Friona

WHIRLWIND 7th - 32 TULIA - 29

The Whirlwind 7th grade "A" team hosted the Tulia Hornets on December 8, 2008 and won by a score of 32-29.

Scoring results are as fol-

Juan Nunez - 10 points; Joseph Herrera - 8 points; Matthew McGowen - 6 points; Isaac Rodriguez - 2 points; Joe Guzman - 2 points; Tomas Casaras - 2 points; Pedro Guerrero - 2

SCORE BY QUARTERS Whirlwinds - 6 16 26 32 6 13 20 29

WHIRLWIND 8th - 47 FRIONA - 1

The Whirlwind 8th grade "A" team traveled to Friona on December 4, 2008 and came up with a huge win, 47-1.

Scoring results are as fol-

Leron Lamb - 11 points; John Angel Yannis - 9 points; Ben Perez - 8 points; Landry Morren - 6 points; Jordan Woody - 4 points; T.K. Farris - 2 points; Michael Cisneros - 2 points; Tyler

Renfro - 2 points; Kaden Lackey - 2 points; Ventura Gonzales - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Whirlwinds - 18 34 47 47 Friona - 0 1 1 1

WHIRLWIND 8th - 55

TULIA - 5 The Whirlwind 8th grade "A" team hosted the Tulia Hornets on December 8, 2008 and again came up with a big district win by a score of 55-5.

Scoring results are as fol-

Leron Lamb - 15 points; Ventura Gonzales - 10 points; Kaden Lackey - 9 points; Landry Morren - 6 points; John Angel Yannis - 5 points; Tyler Renfro - 4 points; T. K. Farris - 2 points; Ben Perez - 2 points; Jordan Woody - 2 points.

SCORE BY OUARTERS Whirlwinds - 11 25 41 55 3 5 5 7

WHIRLWIND 7th - 53 FRIONA - 4

The Floydada 7th grade "B" team traveled to Friona on December 4, 2008 and took on the Friona Chiefs and came up with a huge win 53-4.

Scoring results are as fol-

Hunter Galvan - 10 points; Ryan Chavarria - 6 points; Martin Ascencio - 6 points; Sean Morales - 6 points; Aarron Saenz - 5 points; Adam Suarez - 4 points; Randy Perez - 4 points; R. J. Gomez - 4 points; John Mendez -4 points; Steve Garcia - 2 points; Dimas Marmolejo - 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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WHIRLWIND 7th - 47 TULIA _ 9

The FJHS 7th grade "B" team hosted the Tulia Hornets on December 8, 2008 and won big by a score of 47-9.

Scoring results are as fol-

John Mendez - 14 points; Steven Garcia - 8 points; Hunter Schwertner - 8 points; Cristo Rosa - 6 points; Librado Chavarria - 6 points; Jesus Garza - 4

SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada - 14 22 30 47 Tulia - 2 2 7 9

WHIRLWIND 8th - 52 TULIA_2 The Floydada 8th grade "B" team hosted the Tulia Hornets on December 8, 2008 and won by a score of 52-2.

Scoring results are as fol-

Adam Suarez - 14 points;

Randy Perez - 13 points; Randall Gomez - 10 points; Martin Ascencio - 5 points; Ryan Chavarria - 4 points; Sean Morales - 2 points; Hunter Galvan - 2

SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada - 20 34 44 52 Tulia - 0 2 2 2

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a score of 45-34

Scoring results are as fol-

Alaniz - 8 points.

The next game for the 8th grade Lady Winds will be January 12, 2009 at home against the

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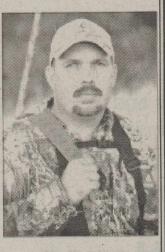
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LOCKNEY JUNIOR HIGH BAND MEMBERS---Eleven Lockney Junior High Band members made All-Region Band. (Back, l-r) Justin Roberts, Erik Cortez, Collin Fulton, Luke Sherman, Lindsay Stewart, (center, l-r) Kameron Hunt, Ryan Diaz, Susie Salas, Rayann Race, (front, l-r) Ian Dunbar and Mary Elizabeth Sammann. (See related story.)

LJH band members earn honor band places

By Rob Lovett

Congratulations to the following Lockney Junior High Band members who earned places in the 2009 All-Region Band in tryouts on December 6 at Shallowater Middle School:

Susie Salas - Clarinet; Rayann Collin Fulton - French Horn; Bass Clarinet; Justin Roberts Sherman - Snare Drum. - Tenor Saxophone: Kameron Hunt-Trumpet; Lindsay Stewart - Trumpet; Mary Sammann -Trumpet; Erik Cortez - Trumpet;

Race - Clarinet; Ian Dunbar - Ryan Diaz - Baritone; and Luke

The All-Region Band will perform a concert at the Lubbock Civic Center on January 31.



LOCKNEY HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS who earned Honor Band Membership are: (I-r) Chris Rodriguez, First Chair, Tenor Saxophone, Patrick Doucette, First Chair, Clarinet, and Joshua Mullins, Alternate, Baritone Saxophone. (See related story.)

Longhorn band members honored

Congratulations to Longhorn Band members Patrick Doucette and Christopher Rodriguez who were both selected for the ATSSB Region Honor Band last Saturday, Dec. 13, at Lubbock-Cooper High School.

Patrick was selected as First-Chair Clarinet and Christopher was selected as First-Chair Tenor

In addition, Josh Mullins was selected as a Baritone Saxophone alternate to the Honor Band.

Patrick and Christopher both qualified for the Area All-State Band audition on Jan. 10. The ATSSB Honor Band will present a Concert

at the Lubbock Civic Center on Jan. 31.

"It is mandated that you have one," he said. This is due to personal information on water bills,

etc. This passed unanimously. The Council discussed dilapidated structures, but took no action at this time; still waiting on copy of revised ordinance.

There was discussion regarding changes to the animal ordinance. No action taken.

There was discussion regarding exploration of a proposed swimming pool project between Floydada and Lockney. This idea was not favorably received by the Council

City Secretary Charlotte Hoo- contact citizens when necessary.

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from front page



RUDY'S BARBERSHOP IN LOCKNEY will now be

Bobbie's Buzz Cut's Rudy Zachary and Bobbie Bennett have been working together for the last 16 years. Rudy is the lucky one, he is going to retire. Bobbie will still be there, nothing is changing except the name. Prices and Service will stay the same.

LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of 12-15-08: (back, l-r) Tabetha Bigham, Sarah Garza, Meri Lamas, Stetson Lane, Abel Salazar, (center, l-r) Samantha Salas, Efren Nunez, Coy Baird, J.D. Faz, Hunter LeFevre, (front, I-r) Tiffany Nunez, Mia Rodriguez, Tatyanna Cinfuegos, Justus Abbott and Reyann Jimenez.

LOCKNEY JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL RESULTS

By Coach Garrett

The Lockney Shorthorns were at home Monday night to take on the New Deal Lions. The game proved to be just what the Horns needed to take them into the Christmas break...a win.

The Horns really put together a fine performance by putting many of the facets of basketball together in one game. They were able to play great defense, rebound, show patience on offense, and most importantly, they minimized their mistakes. The Horns set the tempo early. Great defense led by guard Kolby Williams and forward Mariano Alonzo really had the Lions on their heels. Lockney's defensive effort held New Deal scoreless in the first quarter and put the Lions in an early hole, 9-0.

On offense, the Horns were faced with another zone defense by New Deal. The Horns were able to show patience and found several wide open layups in the zone. The combination of Nathan Caballero to Collin Fulton was a staple in the Horns' offensive scheme.

Throughout the game, the Horns never allowed New Deal to crawl back into the game. Every time New Deal tried to make a run, Lockney made the big stop and went on a run of their own. The Horns' defensive and offensive effort allowed them to come away with a nine point victory, 26-17.

The win improved the Shorthorns to a 4-1 record after the first half of district. The Horns are grateful for their great start, but know that it will take even more effort to continue their winning ways.

Leading scorers: Collin Fulton – 15 points Nathan Caballero – 6 points Ky Teeter – 5 points



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Floydada Bands had their Christmas Concert on Dec. 9 in the FHS auditorium. Pictured is the 6th grade band performing "Jolly Old St. Nick." They also played the "High School Cadets March" and "Up on a Housetop." Also performing that night was the Junior High Band and the High School Band.

Staff Photo

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Nix Implement—Owner

Located: Lamesa, Texas—Selling: 15 Tractors, Farm & Cotton Equipment

Saturday, January 17, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

Panhandle Farmers—Owners

Located: Panhandle, Texas—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Wednesday, January 21, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

Lamesa-Key Community Area Farmers—Owners
Located: Lamesa, Texas—Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

Thursday, January 22, 2009—Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.

Ricky Schneider—Owner

Located: Lamesa, Texas—Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

Tuesday, January 27, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

Mefford Farms—Owners

Located: Gould, Oklahoma—Selling: Farm, Ranch, Combine, Cotton Equipment

Thursday, January 29, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m

Wayne McClaran Estate—Owner

Located: Bovina, Texas—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Saturday, January 31, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

Whitey Thompson Estate—Owner

Located: Edmonson, Texas—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

Tuesday, Februry 3, 2009—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

David DeBusk Estate—Owner

Located: Idalou, Texas—Selling: Farm & Cotton Equipment

Thursday, February 5, 2009 Sale Time: 9:00 a.m. New Mexico Time

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Located: Clovis, New Mexico—Selling: Farm & Ranch Equipment

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Cotton

By Shawn Wade

Crop report trims a little more from 2009 High Plains Crop

The United States Department of Agriculture has trimmed another 30,000 bales from the crop production estimate for the Texas High Plains region as 2008 crop projections. The decrease continues to inch the estimate toward the range that many High Plains cotton industry observers are discussing.

The latest NASS estimate has the region estimated to produce 3.38 million bales down slightly from the 3.41 million bales forecast the previous month. Revisions to the crop estimate at this time of year are typically small since there is a real mixed bag of data being used to form them. The nature of the process dictates that as ginning data becomes available to verify, or refute, previous yield forecasts based on in-field surveys it is safe to assume that future estimates will continue to narrow the margin for error.

The end of harvest is in sight for most producers as crop reports indicate the area has now harvested some 90 percent of the crop. Some of the region's gins, in fact, are already finishing their 2008 operations. Overall, the ginning season is expected to be finished by the end of January in all but a few isolated areas.

Since late Summer, people familiar with the High Plains crop situation have believed that the combination of a tough start, reduced acreage and less than ideal conditions would make it hard for the crop to produce any big surprises.

With a "never say die" attitude, the crop put its best foot forward and tried to mature a boll load that was projected by NASS to produce almost 4 million bales of cotton in August.

NASS's early optimism, however, wasn't realized as the weather ultimately prevented all of that potential from becoming mature cotton. Instead the weather eventually sent the crop down a less productive path.

The bad news is that the 2008 crop will produce a significant amount of low Micronaire cotton and an even larger number of bales discounted for bark. These two grade components, which also suffer the stiffest loan discounts, are the soft underbelly of the 2008 crop.

On the upside, though, is the fact that Color and Staple measurements have kept most of the crop firmly locked in the top right quadrant of the loan chart based on Color, Staple and Leaf grades and helped support loan values.

Color grades reported on the 1.4 million bales classed so far at the USDA AMS Lubbock Cotton Classing facility show only 16.5 percent have received Color grades below a Middling color grade 31. To date 44.3 percent have fallen in the Middling category while 39.2 percent have received Strict Middling color grades of either 21 or 11. The Lamesa office reflects simi-

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Base quality cotton for the Commodity Credit Corporation loan program would have a Strict Low Middling color grade 41 color, a staple length of 34 and a leaf grade of 4.

More than 79 percent of the bales classed at the Lubbock Cotton Classing facility have recorded staple lengths equal to or better than a 37, which is equal to a length of 1-5/32nds of an inch. A whopping 89.8 percent is staple 36 or longer and 97 percent is staple 35 or longer. A miniscule 3 percent of the 2008 crop has registered staple lengths of 34 or shorter.

With a clearer picture of the 2008 crop emerging on a daily basis it is still hard to say whether or not the December 11 USDA Crop Production estimate is on the mark or if it is due for a few more slight revisions.

By the time USDA issues its next estimate on January 12, 2009 the picture should be considerably clearer and almost all the blanks ought to be filled in by the end of January as the last gins will either be wrapping up or about to finish their gin runs at that time.

Wide swings in cotton futures

prices on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) this week did little to instill confidence among traders. Cotton continues to be influenced by other commodities and the equity markets.

USDA's December supply/ demand report contained few, if any, surprises. World cotton production was cut slightly as lower production for India, Brazil, Egypt, and others was partially offset by an increase for Pakistan. Estimated world consumption was reduced almost three million bales, and ending stocks were increased by 1.3 million bales. China's imports and consumption were reduced 1.5 million bales, each.

For the United States, the department's estimates for 2008-09 showed lower domestic mill use and exports compared to the previous month, resulting in higher ending stocks. Its cotton production forecast for the nation was raised by 80,000 bales.

Meanwhile, export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Dec. 4 totaled a net 110,400 bales, according to USDA. The figure was up 23 percent from the previous week but was 26 percent less than the four-week average. Featured buyers were

China and Bangladesh.

Export shipments for the week totaled 215,100 bales, down 16 percent from the previous week and six percent from the fourweek average. China and Turkey were the primary destinations.

COTTON MARKET WEEKLY

Spot cotton sales were slightly lower in the week ended Dec. 11 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 8,930 bales online compared to 9,485 bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers ranged from 40.30 to 45.66 cents per pound versus 38.60 to 43.83 cents per pound one week

The market outlook slowly is shifting to the 2009-10 crop season. Many in the industry say the outlook for cotton appears grim as the global market contends with a more than ample supply and a worsening economic situation that threatens to undermine retail sales. Reduced acreage, competition from other crops with better profit margins, and higher production costs also affect how much cotton farmers will plant in 2009. The cotton market as a whole has some producers "shell shocked" as volatility during the past year was the rule and not the exception.

An analyst for the National

Cotton Council (NCC) said the precipitous drop in cotton prices this season still reflects some effects from the New York funds as well as the economic recession.

"Cotton simultaneously lives in two worlds," another analyst said. "Day-to-day it's influenced the same way as any other commodity market, but more so when there is little cotton-specific news in play. In the macro sense, more so than any other commodity, cotton is cursed with the longest period of time from planting to consumption. On the way from seed to sweater it passes through more hands, therefore, it is economically influenced by a greater number of factors than any other raw material," he explained.

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- 17. The absence of war 18. Doggedness
- 20. Semitic fertility god
- 21. A single unit 22. Auditory organ
- 23. Engaging in war
- 27. "16 Candles" actress Curtis
- 30. Haywire 31. Relating to endocrine
- secretions 34. Lake Champlain Fort

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- author
- 3. Farm building. 4. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 5. Picking or fetching 6. Traditional roofing material
- 7. Lofty nest of a bird of prey 8. Soak flax
- 9. Lake in the Phillipines
- 10. Basic
- 11. Gambling cube 14. A steeped beverage
- 17. Factors that define a system 19. Incessantly
- 20. '93 failed Attny. Gen. nominee Zoe
- 22. ___gate, lengthen 23. Early female flyers 24. Min dialect 25. Female children
- 29. Japanese mushroom goblin: Mischievous elf • 32. Made older

37. Spiced hot milk with rum

39. Sound practical judgment

41. CNN's founder Turner

45. Short sections of music

Tar Pits,

: Scotch emblem

50. Full of conversation

53. Scarlett's home

Hollywood

58. Crime fighter Eliot

59. Blend gradually

28. Edible red algae

38. Small children

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43. Cologne

55. Stare at

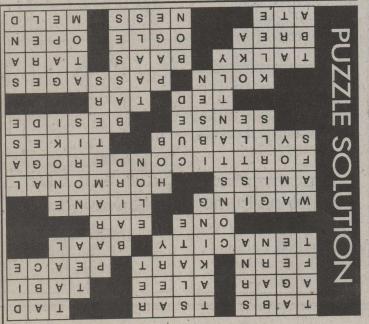
56. Not closed

57. Had a meal

42. Pitch

52. Blats

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- 35. Norwegian playwright
- 36. Prompted 40. Lowest singers
- 42. Afrikaans 43. One of the Blue Four artists
- 44. Oxalis tuberosa 45. One leaf of a book
- 46. Unit of matter
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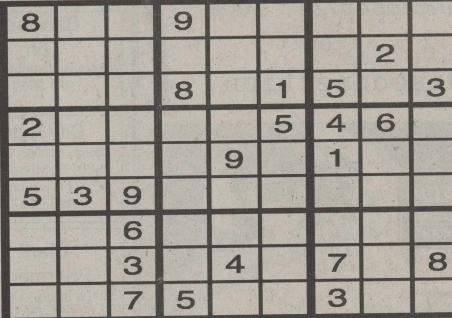
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Court Records

Daniel Jacob Herrera was charged with a DWI on July 31, 2007. On Dec. 8, 2008, there was a motion to surrender the surety bond, and the order was granted to surrender it.

Also filed on July 31, 2007, was a charge against Herrera of possession of marijuana. On that charge there was also a motion made to surrender the bond on Dec. 8, 2008, with that motion being granted as well.

On Dec. 9, 2008, there was a second charge of DWI on Gabriel Fierros.

Also on Dec. 9, 2008, there was filed a DWI charge against Isadora Yannis.

Obituaries

THOMAS S. BALLARD

Reverend Thomas Stanford Ballard, 80, of Denton, passed away Thursday, December 4, 2008 at the Longmeadow Care Center in Justin.

He was born June 9, 1928 in Nashville, Tennessee to L. D. and Stella Mae (Moss) Ballard. He was a retired Presbyterian Minister. Rev. Ballard was a 1946 graduate of Floydada High School and attended Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee. He served in the U. S. Navy.

Private memorial services will be held.

Rev. Ballard is survived by a daughter, Gail Ballard of Fort Worth; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Carol Ballard of North Richland Hills and a grandson, Branden Ballard.

Arrangements were under the direction of Mulkey-Mason, Jack Schmitz and Son Funeral Home. On-line condolences can be shared at www.mulkeymason. com

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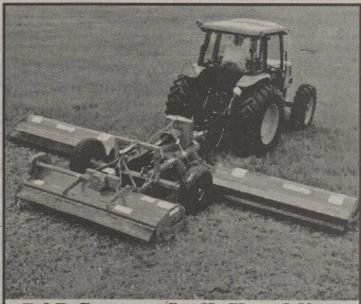
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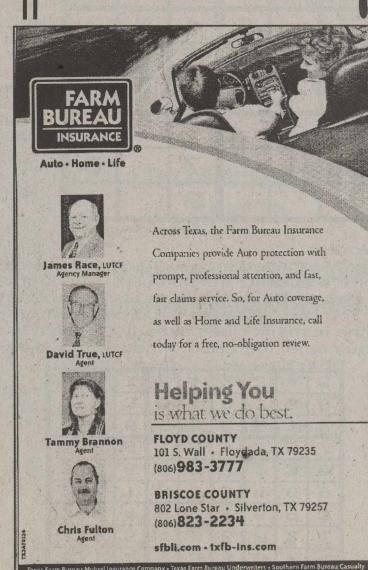


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Wednesday...........7;30 p.m.

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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor Terry Simmons,

Minister of Ed./Music Eric Kaiser - Min. Students Sunday School9:15 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m Evening Worship6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

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Chad Cook, Youth Min.
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Morning Worship 6:00 p.m
Wednesday...... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Youth)....7:15 pm

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Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service......7:30 p.m.
Tuesday8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service7:30 p.m.

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Evening Worship ...6:00 p.m.
Wednesday7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday...........7:30 p.m

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Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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a.m.

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Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Service7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday7:30 p.m.
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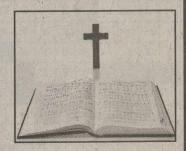
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