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Bale count better than last year

Drought, hail storms, and drench- 207,245. However, many of those County farmers during the year 2000. Although most yields were down and poor, it was surprising to see that the total bales ginned in 2000 were up from last year.

All gins were finished ginning by January 1, with the exception of Blanco Gin. It is estimated that Floyd County Gins have ginned approxi- yields," said Ragland. "Those farmmately 144,027 bales. Blanco Gin re- ers who used harvest aid early in the ported on January 2 that they estimate harvest season did real good on yields. they have 100 bales left to gin.

Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland said, "The total acreage cotton produced poor quality at the planted in Floyd County in 2000 was gins.," Ragland concluded.

ing harvest rains fought the Floyd acres were disastered out by hail and some by rain during the harvest.

Information on the number of acres declared a disaster was not available

"This was a tough year with the drought during the growing season and then the wet harvest impacted the

"Of course, the price is still down and that hurts. The damp harvested

Gin	2000	1999	1998	1997
Barwise Gin	20,120	18,074	14,577	13,832
Blanco Gin	7.550	7.000	7,646	16,371(est)
Darty Gin	8.190	8.936	7,515	12,113
D&J Gin	24.879	27,362	27,500	22,150
Floydada Coop	30,479	21,349	37,200	36,200
Lockney Coop	24.141	28,700	23,920	19,500
Lockney Gin	7.350	9.300	10,025	6,600
Marble Bros.	3,200	3,745	3,700	3,050
McCoy Gin	5,286	3.857	8,166	5,544
Scott Gin	12,457	8.093	12,400	13,985(est)
South Plains	375(gin fire)	closed	5,400	10,474(est)
TOTALC	144 027	136 /116	158 040	150 750

Lockney Stock Show will be held Saturday

The Lockney Stock Show will be ers and steers

at 9:00 a.m., followed by lambs, heif- County Agent, Brad Snickner.

held January 6, at the old show barn Animals must in the barn and weighed by 6:00 p.m., Friday.

The swine show will open the event The judge this year will be Hall

Door prizes will also be given

Already signing up to participate

Miller, Ed Marks, Chuck Aufill, and



SNOW SLOWED DOWN BUSINESS at Our Place and other businesses

around town last week. Owner Mike Ferrer occupied his spare time build-

ing a snowman to greet customers who braved icy roads.

The deadline to have your pictures submitted for the Valentine Brag Pages is February 2. The special edition will be printed February 8th.

The cost for a small picture in a heart frame will be \$15.00. The cost for a larger heart frame will be \$20.00. Any photo with 4 or more people will have to be put inside a larger heart frame.



Unity Center hosts Jamboree The Unity Center will once again ers will also be served.

be the site of the Floyd County Gospel Jamboree, January 6. The Jamboree will kick off at 7:00 are: Bill Gilbreath, Mt. Zion singers,

p.m., Saturday, with a variety of sing- U.S. Pickers, Judy Macha, Randy ers to entertain.

There is no charge to attend, how- Larry Mullins. ever a collection will be taken to pay the expenses of the building rental.

The Boy Scouts from Floydada and Lockney will open the concession stand for light snacks and hamburg-

Unity Center

Endowments

Tax Deductible

The Floyd County Friends

have started a drive for con-

tributions to the Unity Center

for and we have money to

operate for close to 2 years,"

said Friends President Nick

Long. "We now have \$13,500

in the endowment and if we

can get our endowment fund

up to \$150,000 the Center

could operate off of the inter-

According to Long any time

the Friends receive any type

of donation the funds are first

considered for savings, then

operations, and then purchas-

ing of equipment or supplies.

would eventually replace the

need for raising funds through

the Gala," said Long. "We just

want people to remember the

Unity Center when they are

looking to make charitable

wonderful way to contribute

to the endowment fund. All

memorial gifts--no matter

how small--are recognized on

a display near the concession

stand."

"Memorial gifts are also a

"The endowment fund

est plus usage fees."

"Our building is 100% paid

endowment fund.

Unity Center proves versatility

Building site of 100 events

Just one year after the dedication Nutt's 13th birthday skating party. Ja- show as 'Little Houston'. That is a very

"It is even better than we expected. service, the Floyd County Unity Cen- One of the highlights for the 'Friends' ter hosted its 100th event, on Thurs- was the county stock show last year day night, December 28th, with Jason when people started referring to the



KIDS CELEBRATE Jason Nutt's 13th birthday with a skating party at the Unity Center. The party was the 100th event at the Unity Center.

"We've been surprised at how versatile the building is," said Floyd

son is the son of Danny and Laura high compliment for the facilities." According to Long the building has

earned rave reviews from everyone who has used the facility. "The Floyd County Friends President Nick Long. County Fair also turned out far better or the Unity Center at 652-3129.

than anyone dreamed and those who participated in the 4-H Food Show were very complimentary of the fa-

"Those who used the building for banquets, and serving in excess of 600, were pleasantly surprised at how quick the building set up and broke carts. You don't have to load and unload from a trailer," said Long.

versatility of the building. "Over the past year the Unity Center attendance has totaled over 17,000 people.

"Besides the stock show and County Fair, there have been numerous skating parties and ag meetings," said LaBaume. "The Center has also tion, Homecoming dances, family reunions and celebrations, banquets, a circus, gospel jamborees, and First Baptist Church's performance of Heaven's Gate.

"The largest commercial event was Lighthouse Electric Coop's annual meeting. The last event held for the year 2000 was a New Year's eve fellowship of the City Park Church of

Anyone wishing to use the facility should call Jon LaBaume at 983-3334

County Stock Show finalizes new schedule for show and auction

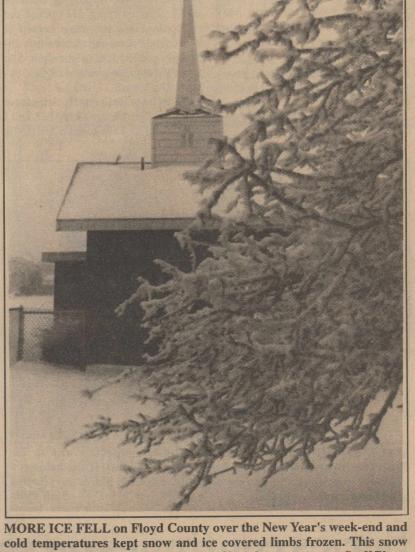
be held at the Unity Center, in Muncy, show. January 25-27. The schedule has changed significantly for this year's Stock Show.

The Floyd County Stock Show will Thursday, January 25., with the lamb stock show.

Steers and heifers will show on Fri-

day, January 26, beginning at 8:00 a.m. School will be out in Floydada The Show will kick off at 5:00 p.m., and Lockney to accommodate the

The Swine Show will be held on est to move into the tunnel was the Saturday, starting at 8:00 a.m. and the hospital, into predesignated laterals. auction sale will also be on Saturday, It was a happy move, for the regular beginning at 6:00 p.m.



cold temperatures kept snow and ice covered limbs frozen. This snow covered steeple sits atop Bible Baptist Church.

Cotton Conference set for January 23 at PBA

By J.D. Ragland

Ralls and Floydada. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Three CEU's will be given this year, 1 in Integrated Pest Management and 2 in General. The cost of the conference is \$25.00 (we will be accepting pre-registration until January 12) after this date a \$10 late fee will be collected. This will include lunch and conference cap and program materials.

The program will start at 8:00 a.m. with topics on Marketing Outlook, Crop Insurance Program, State Wide Water Management Guidelines, Economics on Energy Comparison, Update on Plains Cotton Growers Association, No Til cotton management, 2000 Insect Recap, What to Expect from Boll Weevil Eradication and Varieties and Harvest Aids. The con-

The Caprock Cotton Conference is Major sponsors for this year's conscheduled for January 23, 2001 at the ference are Delta & Pine Land Com-Plains Baptist Assembly between pany, and Watermaster Irrigation Supply. Other sponsors are Abell-Prewitt company, Hurst Farm Supply, Irrigators Inc., Ray Lee Equipment, Terry Rainwater Crop Insurance, Fuel Efficient Engine Service, Brown Implement and Wilbur-Ellis Company. These sponsors as well as others will have booths set to advertise their prod-

> Registration information can be received through the Floyd or Crosby County Extension offices.

The Extension Office will seek to accommodate all person with disabilities for the meeting.

If you need assistance or have questions please call the Crosby County Extension Office (675-2347) or the Floyd County Office (983-4912) as soon as possible to advise of auxilference will over at approximately iary and/or service needed.

down. All the tables and chairs are on carts. You don't have to load and un-Unity Center Manager Jon Surrender of Corregidor LaBaume agreed with Long on the Surrender of Corregidor

stories taken from Chapter 2 of "The Chow Dipper", written by Ken Towery, owner of The Hesperian-Beacon. Towery was captured while defending the Island of Corregidor hosted the Plainview Theatre produc- in the Philippines. He spent 3 1/2 years as a Japanese Prisoner of War. Chapter 2 deals with the bombing of Corregidor and Bataan, which began Dec. 8, 1941 and the subsequent sur-

Maiinta Tunnel was an engineering masterpiece. The hill through which it ran rose abruptly at the beginning of the tadpole tail of Corregidor. At some time in the past engineers had bored, blasted, or otherwise hacked a tunnel through the base of the hill, connecting the main portion of the island to its curling tail. Off the main tunnel were numerous laterals, all dedicated to various uses. In peacetime it was a quiet place, entered only by a few persons on official business and small, trolley-type electric rail cars that plied the rail line between topside and bottomside. When war came the scene changed rapidly and drastically. Probably one of the earlihospital was among the first things hit.

(This is the 5th part of a series of Also moving there were Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Command Headquarters, the ordnance people, the quartermaster (or supply) units, the finance people, those people not needed on the

By the time I made a trip to the tunnel in wartime, in company with others from the battery to obtain a load of ammunition; it seemed that fully half the island's population must have been crowded into the tunnel and its laterals. In a way it was a frightening experience to enter the tunnel, but it gave us some sort of inner satisfaction, for the inhabitants seemed to regard us in awe, as if we were from another planet. One would have thought that with 300 feet of solid rock overhead, with no danger of having to face the bombs, and later the shelling and the bombs, they would have felt perfectly safe. But such was not the case. Their eyes held more terror than those who daily faced that threat. It is possible that a psychologist could explain all this, but then, a psychologist would not have been on the

..In theory the supply units in the tunnel were supposed to deliver our rations, bring us our replacement ammunition when supplies got low, come

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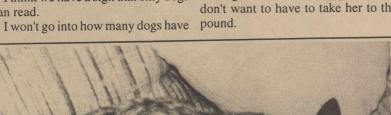
I wonder if we have some kind of stopped at our front windows and mark over our front door at the stared in at us, shivering and shaking Hesperian-Beacon office that says, until we opened up and let them in. "Suckers inside"

I've heard that during the depression, out of work hungry people would place marks over restaurant back doors if someone inside was kind office door and she made herself at enough to give away food.

would see the sign and keep stopping tremely pooped). at the restaurant.

We now have a sweet female Blue Heeler. She followed a reporter home from the courthouse, during the sleet on Tuesday morning. He opened the home. She has no collar, but she is obviously used to lots of attention. She Other out of work hungry people is very calm (or else she is just ex-

If you have lost your Heeler, please I think we have a sign that only dogs come get her. We can't keep her, and I don't want to have to take her to the





MADE IN THE SHADE--This Blue Heeler found her way to The Hesperian-Beacon office and is looking for her home. If she belongs to you or if you would like a free dog call 983-3737. She is very loving, gentle and calm.

A view from



The Lamplighter

email: chowdipper@earthlink.net

By Ken Towery

Almost lost in all the hoopla over sioner of Agriculture when that post pregnant chads, missing chads, simple dimples (on chads) in Florida, the final election of a new President and the naming of new Cabinet members, Texas got herself a new Governor. Rick Perry replaced George Bush's as Governor and took over the reins of state government. And, in the Senate, Perry was replaced as presiding officer of the Senate by Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant, in East Texas.

Haywood voted for Ratliff on all ballots, so he should be riding high at the moment, for what that may be worth.

Ratliff won't be a real Lieutenant Governor, in the strictest sense of the word. He will merely be presiding officer of the Senate and "acting" Lieutenant Governor, which is just a little short of being Lt. Governor.

Perry first got his statewide exposure by running for Texas Commis-

was held by Jim Hightower.

Not many people expected the rancher-legislator from Haskell to beat Hightower, who was looked upon by many in the then-dominant Democratic Party, as a "comer," with a brilliant future in this state's political establishment. For instance, so certain County. Local voters favored him were the Israeli lobbyists that Hightower was headed to the top that he even got an expense paid indoctri-Our own State Senator Tom nation tour of Israel, courtesy whomever. But Perry campaigned hard and surprised nearly everyone except himself by trouncing Hightower convinc-

> After a few terms as head of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Perry went on to become Lt. Governor, probably the most deceptively influential post in state government. From there it was the Governor's chair

when Bush went off to become President. Mr. Hightower went off somewhere. The last we heard he was on the radio, still insisting he was right (or left) all along. One of his most avid listeners, judging from what she writes, was Ms. Molly Ivins.

Perry has always done well in Floyd even when he was running against Hightower, and they have favored him ever since. Perhaps that inclination to favor Perry comes only from his own rural background, but that, in our opinion, is not the case and should not be

the case. We have prime examples, in certain political figures we shall not name here, of individuals getting themselves elected and then promptly forgetting their roots. In the case of Perry, unless we are mistaken, the roots are deep, and not subject to changes for reasons of personal aggrandizement. Here, at this desk, we think the trust Floyd County folks have shown in Perry is well founded. We hope so, and if there is ever reason to think otherwise, we'll let you

Meanwhile, Perry will have an uneven road to travel during his time in the Governor's office. Bush will be President, and will no doubt want another term. Some of the issues Bush wants solved to Bush's advantage before he seeks a second term will not necessarily be issues that redound to Perry's benefit as Governor of Texas, should he also want a term in his own right. If they have any disagreement on those issues, we hope Perry's ideas prevail. Bush will, after all, belong to the nation, and the nation's problems will be his to wrestle with. Perry will belong to Texas, and Texas, problems will be his to wrestle with. Certain problems are peculiar to each. It's just that simple.

In any event, we wish them both well, and we wish their constituents well. All of us.

Elsewhere: Our current President is using his constitutional prerogatives with a vengeance. The end of his White House stay is fast approaching, so he's busy issuing pardons for a host of people he feels have been punished

enough, or shouldn't have been punished at all. As of this writing 69 individuals (according to press reports), convicted on a range of offenses have benefitted from the President's benevolence. Several, including Susan McDougall, Roger Milikan (the former junk bond dealer) and one Mr. Webster Hubbell, a former Assistant Attorney General appointed by Clinton, (and Hillary's former law partner in the Rose law firm in Little Rock, Arkansas,) wait with crossed fingers. They may make it under the

Also anxiously sweating out the Clinton clock are the "peace negotiators" in Washington and Israel. The on-again, off-again talks between Pal-

estinians and Israelis are currently almost on again. Meanwhile, people there continue to die. How long has this been going on? Thirty years? Forty years? Never mind. They'll settle when the price is right, or when George W. Bush becomes President. Somehow, we doubt Bush will be prepared to forever underwrite Israeli expansion in the Mid-east. When the money ceases to flow, if it ever ceases to flow, peace will ensue. The last tally of American tax dollars going to Israel (in the form of foreign aid) that we saw amounted to more than \$130 Billion, even as the per capita income of the Israelis approached that of Great Britain. For that kind of money, the U.S. Government could move water from the Great Lakes to just about every farm on the Plains, and reclaim the Florida Everglades as well. But that would make only a few Senators and Congressmen happy. By continuing the current recycling of wealth from American taxpayer to the Israeli government, to Israeli businessmen, back to American politics, many Senators and many Congressmen are made

Incidentally, in our view, Mr. Bush's Cabinet is a mixed bag, appointed with one eye looking toward satisfying the Senate confirmation process, and the other eye looking toward satisfying certain interest groups. But, it's a fair beginning. He'll do better.

Happy New Year.

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Courtroom Activities

In County Court December 21:

A Nov. 22, a Driving While License Suspended charge against Jason Jacquez, 22, of Plainview, was dismissed. He pled guilty to a 2nd DWI and was fined \$750.00 and sentenced to 9 months in jail which was probated for 2 years plus court costs

Martin Garcia, 36, of Floydada, pled guilty to a Dec. 4 charge of DWI. He was fined \$750.00 and court costs and sentenced to 9 months in jail which was probated for 2 years.

Michael Glen Howe, 54, of Idalou, pled guilty to a Dec. 4, 2000 DWI. He was fined \$600.00 and court costs and sentenced to 180 days in jail which was probated for 2 years.

Guadalupe M. Maldonado, 28, of Floydada, pled guilty to a Dec. 4, 2000 charge of DWI. He was fined \$750.00 and court costs and sentenced to 9 for 2 years.

months in jail which was probated for

Dec. 27, 2000:

Anthony Tapia Ascencio, 28, of Lockney, was charged with Possession of Marijuana. There was no disposition on this case.

Anthony Paul Barboza, 28, of Crosbyton, was charged with Criminal Mischief of More Than or Equal to \$20.00, But Less Than \$500. There was no disposition on this case.

Richard David Jones was charged with Driving While License Suspended. There was no disposition on

January 2, 2001 Todd Jimmy Wood, 37, of Wichita Falls, pled guilty to a Dec. 4, 2000 DWI. He was fined \$600 plus court costs. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail which was probated

Series continues on surrender of Corregidor

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and pick up our dead and wounded as the siege wore on and as the battle could. intensified, it did not. On many occato replenish our ammunition supply.

One such trip stands out in my memory, reminding me then and now it is dangerous to categorize men. We received word that a submarine had eluded the blockade and had delivered thirty-second mechanical fuses, which would allow us to reach higher altitudes. The problem was that if we wanted it, we had to come get it. The went. It was dusk and if the bombers stuck to their routine we had a while before the sirens sounded again. ammunition while the tunnel's cowering inhabitants watched. As we left the tunnel's west entrance we passed a group of men gathered there for a eagle of a colonel's rank. There was a sadness about his eyes as he greeted us. Somewhat startled at being adgoing "up there."

"It's pretty rough," I answered.

bless you. You're all we have left." There was something about him, something about the way he spoke, that said more than what he said. It it. said, to me at least, "If I could help, I

what he didn't say.

We returned to the guns, but I felt after the daily bombing runs were there was at least one in the tunnel over. At first it worked that way, but who would have helped us, if he

I do not know why that one small sions we had to make the winding trip incident has remained in my memory down the bombed out trails to deliver all these years. Perhaps because it our own wounded to the hospital, or challenged thoughts that were rapidly crystallizing in my mind, thoughts which said all men on the guns were doing their duty and were therefore worthwhile, and all men in the tunnel were not doing their duty and were therefore not worthwhile. Could it be a supply of newer ammunition with that those of us on the guns were not quite as brave as we thought, or forced ourselves to believe, and that not all men in the tunnel were quite the cowards they seemed? That the principal ammunition had been delivered into difference between us was circum-Malinta Tunnel, but from there the restance—that most men will rise to the sponsibility was evidently ours, so we occasion if circumstance dictates, no matter the hardships? That only some men, given the opportunity by circumstance, will seek the path of safety and Weary and exhausted, we loaded our security, no matter the humiliation in-

At least some of the bitterness engendered by these conditions rubbed off on our officers, and would dog the breath of fresh air. Among them was trails of both officers and men in the a tall, dignified individual wearing the months and years to follow. Among soldiers trained to follow orders of those in higher rank, conditioned to think the reasons for their own lowly dressed by an officer of such rank, I status is that others are better trained, stopped. He asked how things were more experienced, and somehow smarter, the blame tends to go up the ladder, whether justified or not. Who "It sounds like it," he said. "It was allowing these conditions to exsounds awful." Then he added, "God ist? Certainly not the troops, according to the way the troops saw it. Who could make things better? Again, certainly not the troops, as the troops saw

At least some of the officers did would." I believed what he said, and little to counter the feeling that was

developing. In our own battery the captain insisted, for instance, that officers have their own latrine, even under conditions that existed. Such officers had obviously been indoctrinated into the belief that "familiarity breeds contempt," and were determined not to bare their rear in the presence of enlisted men doing the same. It was a small thing, a silly thing, but it did nothing to elevate them in the eyes of the men. Not when men were fighting and dying alongside. It is true, of course, that familiarity may indeed breed contempt when that familiarity reveals weaknesses in character previously obscured by rank, position, or circumstance. But it also proved true in the terrible years to follow that familiarity fosters respect and admiration when it reveals strengths that would otherwise be obscured by rank, position, or circumstance.

I saw none of this spill over into the way men went about their duty. They never slackened, never spoke of it openly. The attitudes just seemed to contribute to the war becoming intensely personal, with each man knowing that there was someone out there on the other side with whom he was in mortal combat, and over whom he had to prevail. Eventually we came to realize that those who were left would have to meet the enemy on the beaches and in the foxholes. In the meantime, we, or at least I, developed a little cocoon in which life went on. When the bombers came there were things to do, and when they left one went about other things, preparing for the next wave. Part of me seemed always back among my family. There on around me.

I do not know the thoughts of men on a winning drive, where the tanks roll forward, where planes in the sky may well be your own, where this or that hill is taken, where this or that town is taken and it is on to the next, minus, of course, those friends left along the way. I only know that on Corregidor it must have been different. True, some things were similar People died. But here there was no advancing, no retreat. The ground we contested today was the same ground we contested yesterday, last week, last month. It was the same ground where this friend or that friend had fallen during that time. And we knew also it would be the same ground we would contest, and where more men would fall, tomorrow and tomorrow and to-

Under those circumstances, and despite the closeness of the men who inhabited it, our little plot of land atop Morrison Hill became a somewhat lonely-place, visited only on a more or less regular basis by people from the quartermaster corps, who would drop our meager supplies of food just off the roadway by our gun and speed away, lest they get caught away from the tunnel while bombs were falling. Occasionally our battalion commander would come, but never, to my knowledge, our regimental commander. Once we even had a visit from The General himself.

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Floyd County Lifestyles

FLOYDADA SENIOR

By Margarette Word

The center was closed last Monday New Years Day but was open Tuesday through Friday.

The weather has been so bad I was unable to take my article in last week. I also had my son Greg and family here for the Christmas holidays and their stay was extended due to the weather. They also had trouble getting home. They were caught in the road block at Ranger. They were 20 hours in the car. A normal trip is around 4 1/ 2 hours. My grandchildren and their dog had never seen this amount of snow. They felt it was realy Christmas. They had so much fun playing in it.

Charlene Alldredge who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 31st, at Wall Street Parlor. Their children hosted the party. Charlene and Bob were married December 26, 1950.

I should have lots of new about our seniors family get togethers for the Christmas holidays but with weather so bad and having company I was unable to go to the center to learn about what our seniors were doing. Marie Warren did call me to let me know that she and Thomas had 27 family members in their home December 23rd.

I do know that William and Faye Bertrand had some of their family in December 28th to celebrate Christmas, some of the family was unable to be here due to the weather.

Vic and Ione Sedinger went to Arlington to have Christmas with their daughter and famiy and their younger daughter and her family from Missouri was also there. On their way home the Sedingers had to spend 2 night at Jacksboro due to the ice on the road.

J.W. and Betty Gilbreath went to Weatherford to spend Christmas with Jan and Gene Wats and Family. The Gilbreaths also got snowed in and had to stay 3 extra days.

have Christmas with her daughter tail.

Mary Kay Cosmetics Susan Simpson Independent Consultant 983-5325

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Janice and Allen and they were going on to Canyon to have Christmas with granddaughter Misty and her family but the snow came and they put off going to Misty's till last Saturday December 30th and just spent the day

Our sympathy to the family of D.M. Cogdell, Jr.

Our sympathy to the fmaily of T.L.

Holland, Jr. Our sympathy to the family of

Mattie Covington. Frieda Simpson fell on the ice and broke her left arm.

Wayland fell on the ice and broke a

Thank you for remembering the Congratulations to Bob and center when you need to make a memorial donation. In memory of Mae Muncy: Judy

Beedy, Todd and Jan Beedy, Mark and Melanie Beedy, Margarette Word.

In memory of T.L. Holland, Jr.: Margarette Word. In memory of D.M. Cogdell, Jr.:

Edna Gilly. In memory of Jewell McNeese:

Fay and Ruby Gooch.

Thought For The Week.. Have a good week. Happy New Year. Count your blessings and remind everyone else how blessed we all are. Thank God for who He is and that He loves us and blessed us each day.

> **MENU** January 8-12

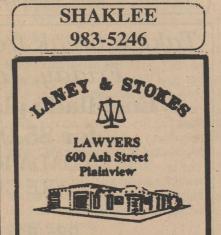
Monday-Beef Enchiladas, Spanish rice, green beans, crackers, dry jello

Tuesday-Chicken Fried Steak, white gravy, baked or mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, oranges and

Wednesday-Beef Pot Pie, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, hot roll, pumpkin pie or bars.

Thursday-Baked Chicken, pinto beans, mixed vegetables, sliced onions, cornbread, apple cobbler.

Friday-Meat Loaf, augratin potatoes, carrots and zucchini, wheat roll, Flora McNiell went to Wolfforth to angelfood or white cake, fruit cock-





Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Chappell December 2000



Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Chappell December 1950

Chappells celebrate 50th wedding ann

Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Chappell were ber 21, 1950, in Floydada. the honored guests at a dinner celebrating their 50th wedding Anniver- the Reverand R. Earl Allen. sary recently.

The ceremony was performed by

Ozell Chappell were married Decem- hosted by the Chappell's children and

The dinner was held at the County The former Juanita Huckabee and Line Restaurant in Lubbock. It was

grandchildren and attended by fam- dada ily and friends of the couple.

Kathy and George Lange of Lubbock, Jerry and Darla Chappellof Floydada, Chappell and J.C. Chappell, of Floyand Judy and Steve Lloyd of Floy- dada.

Grandchildren are Stacey Lloyd of Their children and spouses are, Canyon, Shane Lloyd of Floydada, Kelly Lange of Lubbock and B.J.

Floyd County Gospel **Jamboree**

Door Prizes

January 6th **Door Prizes** 7:00 pm

Christmas Items

Floyd County Friends Unity Center

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Monday

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Tuesday

Breakfast-Cereal, graham crack-

Lunch-Tacos, grated cheese,

Wednesday

Thursday

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For more information, contact the to SPC, providing an official transcript SPC Office of Continuing Education

Lady 'Winds take home third place trophy at Clarendon Tournament

FLOYDADA 62 HEDLEY 54

The Floydada Lady 'Winds traveled to Clarendon on December 29-30 to participate in the Clarendon Tournament. Their first opponent was Hedley and the Lady Winds came away with a win by a score of 62-54.

Leading the way for the Lady Winds was Erin Ralston with 17 points. She hit 8 two-point field goals and 1 free throw. She also had 1 offensive rebound and 2 defensive re-

Lana McCandless had a good game as she had a double-double for the night. She scored 10 points and had 10 rebounds. She sank 3 two-point field goals, 1 three-point field goal and 1 free throw. She added 8 huge defensive rebounds, 2 offensive rebounds, 9 big assists and 4 steals.

Tamara Black scored in double digits with 10 points. She hit 5 two-point field goals along with 2 offensive rebounds and 2 defensive rebounds.

Jessica Casteneda added 9 points to the scoreboard as she sank 3 two-point field goals and 3 free throws. She had 5 assists, 1 offensive rebound and 1

Abby Sanders ended the night with points. She hit 4 two-point field goals along with 1 assist and 4 defensive rebounds

Tara Williams added 5 points to the victory. She made 2 two-point field goals and 1 free throw. She also had 1 assists, 4 offensive rebounds, 3 defensive rebounds and 1 steal.

Ragan Beedy added 3 points to the scoreboard as she hit 1 three-pointer. She also had 1 assist and 2 defensive

Mandy Holbert contributed to the victory with 1 assist.

Jenna Payne also contributed to the win with 3 assists and 1 defensive re-

SCORES BY QUARTERS Floydada 12 16 18 16 Hedley 11 14 12 17

FLOYDADA 58 **CLARENDON 65**

In their second game of the tournament, the Lady Winds took on Clarendon and lost by a score of 65-

The Lady Winds came out slow in the first quarter but picked up the pace in the remaining three quarters but never could overcome the deficit.

Lana McCandless led the way with a double-double. She scored 17 points as she hit 4 two-point field goals, 1 three-point field goal and 6 of 6 free throws. McCandless had a great game on the boards as she had 10 big defensive rebounds, 2 offensive rebounds along with 2 assists and 2 steals.

Tamara Black also scored in double digits with 13 points. She sank 5 twopoint field goals and 3 free throws. She also had 1 assist, 2 offensive rebounds, 2 defensive rebounds and 1

Jessica Castaneda had a good game as she sank 1 two-point field goal, 2 three-point field goals and 1 free throw for a total of 9 points.

Abby Sanders ended the game with 7 points. She made 3 two-point field goals and 1 free throw along with 2 offensive rebounds and 4 defensive rebounds

Ragan Beedy added 7 points to the scoreboard as she hit 2 three-point field goals and 1 free throw. She also had 3 assists.

Erin Ralston scored 4 points for the night as she sank 1 two-point field goal and 2 free throws along with 4 assists, 2 offensive rebounds and 2 defensive rebounds.

Tara Williams added 1 point to the scoreboard as she hit 1 free throw. She also had 4 assists, 2 defensive rebounds and 1 blocked shot.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada 5 19 21 13 Clarendon 11 10 18 26

FLOYDADA 60 **RIVER ROAD 53**

In their third and final game of the tournament, the Lady 'Winds played River Road in a game that would decide third place. The Lady 'Winds came out ready to play and beat River Road by a score of 60-53 and took home the third place trophy.

Abby Sanders was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Abby Sanders had a tremendous game as she scored 28 points.

Tamara Black scored in double digits with 11 points.

Jessica Castaneda added 7 points to

the scoreboard. Lana McCandless scored 6 points for the game

Erin Ralston ended the game with 6 points.

Mandy Holbert contributed to the win with 2 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Floydada 12 15 10 23 River Road 12 7 11 23

Environment may increase drug abuse

COLLEGE STATION - When it comes to drug addiction and abuse, a Texas A&M University psychologist believes certain populations may be at more of a risk than others because of what, up until now, has remained an unknown factor chemicals in the environment.

"We have to say it's possible that" a chemical environment may actually increase drug abuse," says Texas A&M psychologist Jack Nation, who for the last 15 years has studied the effects of environmental contaminants on drug use.

There's an entire chemical soup we all live in that could interact with drugs that have abuse liabil-

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ity," Nation says. "No one has ever looked at that. We're the only lab in the world that systematically looks at the effects of environmental pollution on drug abuse, using animal

The contaminants Nations studies are lead and cadmium.

Through the use of an animal model, Nation has determined both of these environmental contaminants act as antagonists to drugs such as cocaine and alcohol. In other words, they create a tolerance for the drugs that results in the user having to take more of the drug to reach the level he or she is seeking.

Nation says research indicates

the threat of lead poisoning is especially great among economically disadvantaged, nonwhite and innercity children. A 1999 report places the at-risk figure for children suffering from excessive lead exposure at 70 percent in major metropolitan areas of the United States, he

Cadmium naturally accrues in tobacco products at a point where it is toxic to humans, and it is present in all tobacco products. Nation notes that almost 20 percent of North American women who are pregnant smoke and transfer cadmium to their babies.

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Lockney School Menu

January 8-12

Monday Breakfast-Scrambled Eggs/Cereal, Lunch-Grilled Cheese Sandwich, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch-Steak Fingers/Tuna Sandranch dressing, crackers, fruit cup, wich, mashed potatoes, green peas, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.

Tuesday Breakfast-Donut/Cereal, toast,

juice, milk. Lunch-Beef Tacos/Grilled Cheese, spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce, to-pinto beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast-Cereal, graham crack-Breakfast-Sausage Patty/Cereal, ers, cherry or blueberry muffins, yo- juice, toast, milk. Lunch-Baked Chicken/Corndog, Lunch-Country Fried Steak, scal- mashed potatoes, broccoli, sliced

loped potatoes, carrot sticks, roll, jello peaches, hot rolls, milk. Thursday Breakfast-Cheese Toast/Cereal,

Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracktoast, juice, milk. Lunch-Fish Sticks/PBJ Sandwich,

Lunch-Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, green beans, squash casserole, garlic bread, corn, tossed salad, fruit applesauce, milk. Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon Roll/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

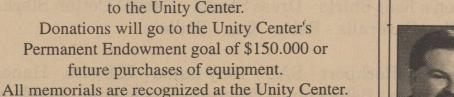
Breakfast-Cereal, late risers, milk, Lunch-Hamburger/Bologna and Lunch-Pork Rib Sandwich, ranch Cheese Sandwich, French fries, letstyle beans, French fries, apple, milk. tuce, tomatoes, peach cobbler, milk.



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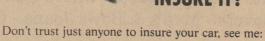
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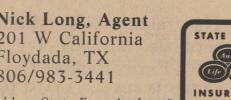
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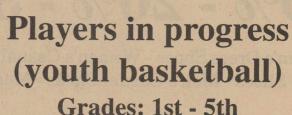


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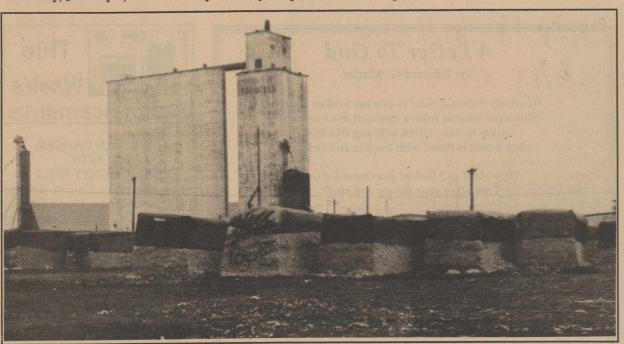


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Applicators given more options

options than ever to earn the continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and—noncommercial applicators, face a Feb. 28, 2001, renewal date. Private certificate holders face a Dec. 31, 2000, deadline.

"We believe education is important for safe pesticide use," Combs said. "Applicators need to stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods."

The Texas Integrated Pest Management Foundation has become the second company to offer credits over the Internet. Applicators can check out the site [www.tipmf.org] or call (512) 836-5221. Pestnetwork.com (512-288-8288) has been offering courses over the Internet for about a year.

TDA and other government and private groups offer traditional classroom courses. Applicators can also obtain some credits at home through self-study options. Applicators can obtain a list of approved courses or other information on CEU courses by calling 1 -800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7622 or by logging on to TDA's web site [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm]

Applicators in the San Antonio area must be in integrated pest manage- rrivera@agr.state.tx.us.

Pesticide applicators have more can earn 10 CEUs at a Dec. 13 course. ment and two in laws and regulations. For more information, contact Joe Office, (210) 467-6575.

> costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

course. They should hold onto these for a year after they have renewed completed. The applicator transfers who has never obtained a private aphe or she receives in the mail.

certificate holders the week of Nov. ing the CEUs However, they will be 20. Renewals for all other licensees required to earn 15 CEUs over the will be mailed in mid-January. Private next five-year cycle. certificate holders who also hold a their renewal in January.

cially large, Combs said. "More than 26,000 private applicator licenses or certificates will be due for renewal, which is more than twice the normal

license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits

Licensed private applicators cannot Taylor at the Bexar County Extension retake the private applicator training course and test to renew their license All private applicators may earn the in place of getting the CEUs. A license required credits by passing a compre- must have been expired for a year behensive recertification exam. This test fore an applicator can retake the private applicator training test.

Private certificate holders must also obtain 15 CEUs to keep their certifi-Applicators will receive a certificate cate current. While the certificate of completion at the end of each never expires, an applicator cannot purchase or apply restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regutheir license. The certificate contains lated herbicides unless the CEUs are the course number and CEU hours kept up-to-date. A certificate holder this information to the renewal form plicator license may take the private applicator training and obtain a pri-TDA mailed renewals to private vate applicator license instead of earn-

Commercial and noncommercial private applicator license will receive applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including This renewal cycle will be espe- one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Applicators should be sure TDA has their correct address to avoid a delay Private applicators must renew their in receiving their renewal on time and keeping their license current. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or e-mail changes to

Floyd County Farm News

Combs addresses new farm bill

Agriculture Commissioner Susan 25 percent of all the nation's agricul- ing wine grapes and produce. Bill should emphasize improved risk management and export assistance for a coalition of large agricultural states know as NFACT, encompassing New Mexico, Florida, Arizona, California and Texas.

Combs spoke during an NFACT listening session that she hosted in Austin on the upcoming Farm Bill, which is scheduled to be reauthorized in 2002, but could be taken up by Congress as early as 2001. More than 40 agricultural organizations and individual farmers and ranchers spoke at the session, which is one of several meetings on the Farm Bill that will be held in the five NFACT states.

"I appreciate the time and effort our producers are taking to come to this meeting," Combs said. "I and the other NFACT states very much admire all that they do for agriculture, and I know that their comments will be very helpful in the coming months.

After recognizing common interests like trade and the need for additional federal assistance for preventing the introduction of plant diseases and pests from across the border, the five states formed the NFACT coalition in 1999 by signing a Memorandum of Understanding, Combs said.

"Our five NFACT states are a fairly

Combs today said the upcoming Farm tural cash receipts. In total, our congressional delegations makes up 27 diseases or weather, the practice of adproducers a strong, powerful and uni- very efficient or effective," Combs fied voice to address agricultural is- said. "Clearly, we must come up with sues in Washington, D.C.'

Each of the five states has experireducing farmers' and ranchers' in- introduction of plant diseases and comes since the last Farm Bill was re- pests from other countries, Combs authorized in 1996, Combs said.

"In Texas, no one could have presuffering tremendous losses," the plant diseases." commissioner said. 'Since 1996, drought has taken a \$5 billion bite out of our farmers' and ranchers' pocket-

"Arizona has experienced \$1 million worth of agricultural losses due to drought this past year. New Mexico has had \$190 million in drought losses, and in Florida, ag losses due to drought are more than \$314 million," Combs said. "In California, the threat most recently has not been from weather but from a bacterial plant disease, Pierce's Disease, and an insect the glassy-winged sharpshooter—that carries it. This year, Pierce's Disease powerful agricultural force in our own has threatened \$14 billion worth of right," Combs said. "We account for California's agricultural crops includ-

"Whether the threat is from plant percent of Congress. With this clout, hoc disaster assistance from Congress we have come together to give our for our NFACT states has not been a better safety net for our producers."

The NFACT states also need conenced agricultural losses from weather tinued assistance for developing exdisasters, but Texas' drought has been port markets and for controlling the

"We all are high volume trade dicted that our farmers and ranchers states," she said. "And we essentially would enter into .. drought in 1996, serve as a buffer zone protecting the when the last farm bill was enacted, rest of this nation's agriculture from and four years later in 2000 still be the introduction of foreign pests and

> The Farm Bill is a multi-year, multicommodity federal support law that encompasses commodity programs, trade, rural development, farm credit, conservation, agricultural research, food and nutrition programs and marketing. Every few years, Congress reauthorizes, repeals or amends sections of the Farm Bill that are not part of permanent law. The last adjustment to the Farm Bill occurred with the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, also known as the Freedom to Farm bill, which authorized reducing crop price supports through 2002 through gradually declining transition crop payments.

DA to hold hearings

The Texas Department of Agriculture will hold two public hearings on Monday, January 8th to review the guidelines for organic cotton in active boll weevil eradication zones. The scheduled hearings were included in the rules which were adopted in June community Center, 910 S. Houston in

The rules cover indemnification eligibility and the method for calculating any compensation for organic growers who may need to destroy crops because of infestation in an active eradication zone.

TDA developed the rules to maintain the effectiveness of the boll weevil eradication program as well as to protect the integrity of TDA's organic certification standards and the crops

In the hearings, TDA will ta ments on any changes that may need to be made in the regulations for the 2001 growing season.

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*11:00 a.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. FM 1294 in Lubbock.

*3:00 p.m. at the Dawson County

TDA will take comments for 10 days beginning January 8th. Those who wish to comment can write TDA at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or fax to (512 463-1104. For more information, call John McFerrin, producer relations specialist, at (512 463-7593.

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Cattle feeders outlook for 2001

with a stronger market than many an- Gill predicted. ticipated, and Santa Clause himself couldn't have done any better." That's how Jim Gill, market director for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), summarized the year during the annual TCFA Year-End News Conference in Amarillo.

"In many respects, 2000 was a turnaround year for cattle feeders," Gill said. "Large numbers of market-ready cattle and record large weights plagued feeders much of the year. But it appears we've turned the corner and 2001 looks very positive.'

Gill estimates fed cattle will sell from \$72 to \$78 per cwt. in the first quarter of 2001; \$70 to \$75 in the second quarter; \$68 to \$72 in the third quarter and \$76 to \$80 in the fourth.

Cow-calf and stocker operators will enjoy continued market strength as well. "Feeder cattle supplies will continue to tighten over the next several years. Prices for a 750-lb. feeder steer,

"Cattle feeders are ending the year average in the low \$90s during 2001," Pork production will be near 19.4 bil-

Cattle prices will take a cue from beef production, which will be near 26 billion pounds in 2001, 3.1% below 2000, he said. "This will be the first decrease in beef production since 1993 and will put annual per-capita beef consumption around 66.5 lbs. on a retail weight basis." Gill says the drop in beef production will stem mainly from the expectation that average carcass weights will fall back from the record 745 lbs. notched in 2000. "We placed a lot of lightweight calves the last half of 2000 and particularly the last three months. Lighter weight calves produce lighter weight finished cattle, which yield lighter weight carcasses."

However, competitive meat supplies will remain a challenge. Increases in pork and poultry produc- duction in 2001 and continued imtion will offset the decrease in beef production, bringing total meat and poultry production to around 83 bilwhich averaged near \$85 in 2000, will lion lbs., a 0.5% increase over 2000. during 2001."

NGSP leaders meet with Bush

lion pounds, a 2.5% increase, and marketed under the program. poultry production will be near 3 / billion pounds, a 3.4% jump.

Grain prices, which played a major role in 2000, will continue to be a factor in cattle feeders' purchasing and placement decisions, Gill said. "Corn production in 2000 was estimated at 10.05 billion bushels, up 6.5% from 1999. Production in 2001 will likely again be around 10 billion bushels. Changes in the farm could eventually influence grain production, but it's unlikely to have much effect in the 2001 crop year."

Consumer demand for beef took a strong upswing in 2000, which is expected to continue into 2001. Retail beef prices averaged \$2.95 per pound in 2000, up about 10 cents from 1999. "With the anticipated drop in beef proprovements in demand, prices may edge higher and reach and average of slightly more than \$3.00 per pound

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(NGSP) President Leo Bindel, a sor- agriculture from Wisconsin, Pennsyl-

ghum farmer from Sabetha, Kan., was vania, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan,

among a group of farm leaders in Aus- Texas and Ohio. Additionally, Clayton

tin, Texas, on Friday (December 22) Yeutter, who served as agriculture sec-

to meet with President-Elect George retary for the first two years of Bush's W. Bush, Agriculture Secretary des-father's administration, participated in

ignee Ann Veneman and Gov. Chris- the discussion.

tine Todd Whitman of New Jersey,

who Bush tapped on Friday to head

Two days after nominating

GAYNELLE S. BAYLEY

Bayley, 83, of Bryan, were held at Floydada, 79235, or to a favorite char-11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 30, 2000, in the Main Street Church of Christ with the Rev. Jeff Bayley, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Texline, officiating.

Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Bayley died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2000, in Bryan.

She was born July 3, 1917, in Rincona, New Mexico, the daughter of the late Jake and Verdie Wofford Smith. She grew up in Lockney where she graduated from high school in 1934. She attended Draughan's Business College. She managed the Hilton Hotel from 1960-1962 and worked for Sears, Roebuck and Company in Plainview, retiring as assistant credit manager in Lubbock in 1980. From 1980 to 1996 she worked for Crawford Hefflefinger Partnership.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

On October 2, 1937, she married Spencer Alanson Bayley in Lubbock. He died November 16, 2000.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Wilson DiCuffa of Bryan; a sister Josephine Smith of Plainview, a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Mildred Smith of Plainview; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Lockney Cemetery Association, Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney, or the Ninth and Columbia Church of Christ in Plainview.

MATTIE COVINGTON

Services for Mattie Emma Covington, 99, of Dougherty were held at 2:00 p.m. January 2, 2001, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Anthony Sisemore officiating and Michael Holster assisting.

Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada. She died Saturday, December 30, 2000, at Lockney Rehabilitation and Care Center.

She was born August 11, 1901, in Stephens County. She attended schools in Stephens County and graduated from High school in Lakeview. She attended West Texas State Teachers College for two years.

She married F.M. Covington on May 22, 1923. He died June 18, 1974. She was a lifelong resident of Floyd County, a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, boo of Lubbock, Jack of Lockney and Kent of Floydada; a daughter, Jean Mayes of Dallas; two brothers, Buck Vista Care Family Hospice, 4416 Hall of Amarillo and Henry Hall of Artesia, New Mexico; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Funeral services for Gaynelle Smith the First Baptist Church, 401 S. Main,



T.L. HOLLAND JR.

Services for T.L. Holland Jr., 85, of Floydada were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2001, at First United Methodist Church with Charles, Rick and David Holland of-

Burial was in the Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floy-

He died Sunday, December 31, 2000, at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center.

He was born July 13, 1915, in Anson, where he graduated from high school. He married Dorothy Mae Pratt on December 17, 1937, in Stamford. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during World War II. After the war, he was a lumber yard manager, builder and real estate broker. He moved to Floydada from Amherst in 1952.

He was active in the Scouts, and he and his wife started an Eagle Scout Scholarship. In Amherst, he was on the school board and former president of the Lions Club in Amherst. He also was a former president of the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce in Floydada. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and was a 32nd degree Ma-

An active member of first Baptist Church, he served as deacon and was a former Sunday school superintendent, teacher and department superintendent.

sons, Charles of Fort Worth, Rick of Arlington and David of Weston, Colorado; a brother, Charles of Fort Worth; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Olton Road, Plainview, 79072; or Dorothy and T.L. Holland Jr. Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund, 2301 Ryan Place Drive, Fort Worth, 76110.

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College financial aid resources help families

many families with seniors in high school, it's also the season to get busy with financial aid applications for col-

Experts at ACT offer the following information to help families find the resources they need to complete their financial aid paperwork.

The most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA determines eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms. Families can begin submitting their FAFSA forms any time after January 1st when they have the necessary income statements from the previous year to complete the form.

The FAFSA, available from high school counselors or at www.fafsa.ed.gov, collects information that is used to determine how much the family is expected to contribute toward the student's education www.act.org/fane (Expected Family Contribution, or EFC). Families usually receive a Student Aid Report three to four weeks after submitting the FAFSA form. It will summarize the data reported on the application. (Families can get estimates of what their EFC may be and the costs of attending specific institutions by using ACT's Financial Aid Need Estimator at www.act.org/fane.)

Families can find information on

'Tis the season to be jolly, and for ing more than \$1.6 billion at www.collegenet.com. This website provides a broad search of scholarships or a list of scholarships by category such as age, academics, ethnicity, interests, nationality or sports. Students also can apply online for the scholarships. For additional opportunities, including local scholarships, please see your school coun-

> Financial Aid tips from ACT: *Apply early for admission and financial aid.

*Check with your college to determine if other financial aid forms are

*Apply for scholarships and grants. *Look into Work Study programs. *Surf the web for financial aid in-

*Try these websites: Financial Aid Need Estimator and financial aid information

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The Federal Government Financial Aid Page --www.ed.gov/finaid.html

Free Application for Federal Student Aid --www.fafsa.ed.gov College Scholarship Search --

www.collegenet.com Scholarship scams --www.ftc.gov/ more than 600,000 scholarships total- bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship

STELLA LEE SEVIER

Stella Lee Fortenberry Sevier, 82, died Sunday, December 17, 2000.

Memorial services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2000, in Montwood Church of Christ at El Paso with Randy Flynt, minister, officiating. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2000, at Gilland-Watson Funeral Home, Rose Chapel at Hereford. Burial was in West Park Cemetery at Hereford.

Mrs. Sevier was born in the Cedar Hill Community of Floyd County December 28, 1917 to Jack and Bobbie Conner Fortenberry. They moved to Deaf Smith County about 1927 and had been a resident of El Paso since 1939.

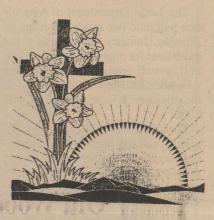
She was a graduate of West Texas State University and earned a master's degree at Texas Western College of Mines. She taught at numerous schools in Texas and New Mexico for 52 years, retiring from Yselta I.S.D.

She was recipient of several awards including Woman of the Year in 1987 by the El Paso Political caucus and was entered into the retired teachers Hall of Fame for her 39 years of service with Y.I.S.D. She was a former member of North Loop Church of Christ and was a member of Montwood Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Sevier, and a son, Leroy Sevier.

Mrs. Sevier is survived by a son, Lonnie Wayne Sevier of Clifton and a daughter Carolyn Rae Smith of Missouri City, Texas, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are four sisters, Mary Dorris of Clovis, New Mexico, Alta Mae Higgins of Hereford, Anna Kate Bradley of Adrian, Chloe Dell Dowd of Lehigh Acres, Florida and one sister-in-law of Hereford.



Research could enhance Survivors include his wife; three recovery from spinal injury, says A&M prof

of debilitating spinal cord injuries may in the future have greater chances for recovery of some loco-A&M University neuroscientist James Grau.

Grau, who has studied the spinal cord for more than a decade, has helped advance the concept that the spinal cord - long considered to be only a simple conduit for the relay-- is capable of learning without the

smarter than most assume," Grau

He says his animal models have demonstrated neurons in the spinal cord are capable of different types of advanced learning, acting as a "back-up system" when communication with the brain is disabled.

Normally, the brain is responsible for locomotive activities and inhibits the spinal cord's learning abilities. However, given a potentially catastrophic set of events, the spinal cord can take on extra responsibilities that include the ability to learn locomotive function, Grau explains.

The ability of the spinal cord to learn, which is referred to as "plasticity," has come to the forefront of the scientific community within the last five years thanks to Grau and his colleagues, but Grau's continued research has taken spinal cord plasticity into uncharted territory.

While spinal cord plasticity has been the focus of experts throughout the United States and Europe, Grau and former student Robin Joynes' work on the phenomenon of "learned helplessness" in the spinal cord is unique to Texas A&M,



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A Letter To God

By: Edward G. Marks

Heavenly Father, I yield to you my broken heart. Shattered dreams from a troubled life I impart. I seem to have failed at living this life. My world is filled with trouble and strife.

Dear child as I look at your troubled life, I see all of your misery and strife.

You've lived for yourself and yourself alone: That is where your life went wrong.

Because you did not look up and trust in me, You became adrift upon life's stormy sea.

The shattered dreams that you hold so dear, I had another calling, but you would not hear.

This broken heart that you gave to me, It's not really broken that I can see.

I see love here that's never been used While others needed it, you refused.

You must give love away if you want to be free; It is a gift to all, through you, from me.

You are a vessel, by which I might do my good deeds. The greatest gift is to fill someone's needs.

Your broken life and these shattered dreams Are foundation stones for a better life, you see.

Look up to me and do not fear; I have many gifts for you to hold dear.

Listen to my voice, and beckon my call And on life's path you will not fall.

John 11:25-26

If you humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, in his good time he will lift you up. Let him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. Be careful-watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart. Stand firm when he attacks. Trust the Lord; and remember that other Christians all around the world are going through these sufferings too. After you have suffered a little while, our God, who is full of kindness through Christ, will give you his eternal glory He personally will come and pick you up, and set you firmly in place, and make you stronger than ever.

Social Security benefits go up annually with cost of living

By Mary Jane Shanes, Social Security Manager

People wise enough to plan for their retirement should note that any estimate they get of what they and their family will receive at retirement, death or disability is less than they are likely to be receiving sometime later. This is because Social Security benefits COLLEGE STATION - Victims increase annually with increases in the cost of living.

Why is it important for you to know this? Well, consider that most experts motive functions, thanks to pioneer- say you need to start planning as early ing spinal cord research by Texas as possible for retirement since you can expect to live longer. The fastest growing age group is age 85 and over. When you plan today, you need to use sources of retirement income you can count on to be there for you in the long

Up until 1972, this was not true. The ing of impulses to and from the brain Congress had to pass legislation every few years to increase Social Security to help retirees keep up with "It appears the spinal cord is far inflation. But in an effort to take the issue out of politics and provide a

Religion changing,

says Texas A&M prof

COLLEGE STATION - Religion,

as an institution, will change dra-

matically in the coming years,

thanks to the communications

revolution and an increased empha-

sis on tolerance, says a Texas A&M

University philosophy professor

who has studied religion for the past

As people's religious beliefs be-

come more accepting of other be-

liefs, they may find it easier to in-

corporate aspects of these different

religions, becoming more eclectic as

well as more tolerant, he explained.

to do with the way people perceive

Professor Richard W. Stadel-

mann said people are picking and

choosing their religious ideals and beliefs from a variety of religions,

customizing their own personal be-

lief system, - resulting in what he

This change is occurring as

people's preferences for stricter, fun-

damentalist beliefs systems shift to

more tolerant and accepting beliefs

"There is not a sharp break

where religion ends and the general

feeling about that which is valuable

begins; it's more of a gradation,"

Stadelmann believes the change

is especially pronounced in

terms "designer religion."

religion, he said.

systems, he said.

Stadelmann explained.

America's youth.

The rise of designer religion has

more efficient way of helping benefits fight inflation, the Congress introduced a cost-of-living provision in the benefit formula. Today, the retirement, disability or survivors benefit you receive is designed to resist inflation automatically.

Since many other types of retirement income, including investments and private insurance, may not contimated. It reinforces Social Security's role as a base of retirement income Call 983-4933. and it provides beneficiaries with a source of income they can count on

For more information, check your Social Security Statement you should have received in the mail (or will refor one. Another source of informa- 3546 or 652-2280. tion is the Internet, at www.ssa.gov, where you can request a Statement or find out other information about Social Security.

Announcements

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY **FLOYD COUNTY UNIT**

The American Cancer Society Floyd County Unit will meet Monday, January 8, 2001 in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada. All board members please be present for this first meeting of the new year.

FLOYDADA BUYERS CLUB

The Floydada Buyers Club for the Floyd County Junior Livestock Show will meet Wednesday, January 10th, at 8:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office in Floydada.

LOCKNEY STOCK SHOW

The Lockney Stock Show will be held January 6th starting at 9:00 a.m. and will be sponsored Lockney Chamber of Commerce.

RURAL NURSES RESOURCES, INC. **CNA TRAINING CLASS**

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. is now registering students. The Floydada class begins January 5. The Lubbock class begins January 8, 2000. To receive an application packet or fore more information call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-

Anons meet each Tuesday night in Floydada at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope is welcome. Meetings are at 111 North Wall, a block north of the courthouse. Anyone interested can call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE TESTING

Free blood pressure and glucose testing is held every other Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lockney Care Center. Everyone is welcome.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AVAILABLE

Veterans Service Officer Ralph Jackson is available on Wednesdays. tain this feature, it cannot be underes- from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 112 of the Floyd County Courthouse.

LOCKNEY AA

Open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in Lockney will be Fridays, at 8 p.m., at Grace Fellowship Church, across from the hospital. If ceive) three months before your birth- you are worried about your drinking, day if you are age 25 or older. Or you or someone else's, we understand, we can call us at 1-800-772-1213 and ask care, and we want to help. Phone 652-

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**3-2-2, Brick, CH/RA, West Ollie

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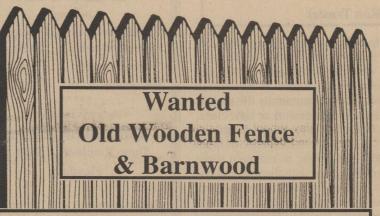
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All bids should be delivered to: County Judge, Floyd County Courthouse, Room 105, Floydada, Texas 79235. Bids shall be sealed when presented and will be opened at the above time and date. Bids should be plainly marked as such.

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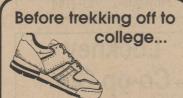
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"THEN GOD SAID..." By Pastor Henry Russell

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic; Don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work; Think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; Think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and

be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; Think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children. Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; Think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk. Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; Think of the cancer patient in chemo therapy who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; Remember things could be worse. You could be them.



DEPRESSION AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AMONG THE ELDERLY

by Ron Trusler

Suicide. The term frightens all of us. We wonder how anyone can view life so hopelessly that he/she cannot face another day. We wonder how someone becomes convinced that the emotional pain that is felt will never go away. We see visions of teenagers who are confused and, with little warning, end their lives.

We rarely think of suicide as a threat to older adults, but people over age 60 have the highest rate of suicide in the United States. Older adults don't make unsuccessful attempts at suicide; when they decide on suicide, they usually succeed.

Alcohol can be a major contributor to suicide among older adults. They may fell empty, believing that all the value in their life has been lost due to retirement, the death of a spouse or friends, health problems, or a combination of these losses. Alcohol sometimes becomes the 'pain killer' chosen to dull the heartache and feeling of emptiness. Increased use of alcohol can lead to suicide because only the pain is reduced; the hopelessness continues. Alcohol also gives the person a false sense of courage, which gives them enough strength to take their

Family members and friends can

help older adults by being observant of their moods. If someone talk only of what they have lost - health, job, spouse-try to get them re-involved in some facet of community life such as church, volunteer work or civic clubs. If they refuse more involvement and tend to isolate themselves, visit more often, if possible, to maintain some level of contact with them. If you notice that they have increased their intake of alcohol, discuss it with them personally. If signs of intoxication or wait to see if things get better - contact a professional counselor for help.]

Family and friends often ignore or deny the signs of depression or alcohol abuse they see in their older loved ones. It can be difficult to admit that someone you care for has a serious

Sometimes it is difficult to get involved. But by all means, do. Your willingness to work toward getting professional care for an older friend or relative might save their life. Don't underestimate the powerful effect of showing how much you care. Whether someone receives professional care for alcohol abuse, depression, or both, the involvement of family members or friends who care can enhance the chances of recover.



The Country Preacher

CHONTAL INDIANS, DEERS, AND GUNS-The Chontal Indians in Oaxaca, Southern Mexico have a hard life. They live high in the mountains that over look the Pacific Ocean. Their arid, dry mountains have cactus at the lower levels and pine trees on top.

It would take us about three hours to climb to the top where the Indian village, Las Cruces, was located. We organized a church there after several years in the 70's. Another church was organized at the bottom of the mountains in a village called Limon.

We would park our pickup in Limon and then climb the mountain to conduct services in Las Cruces for a couple of days. On one of my early trips, I was climbing the trail in a hurry and got way ahead of the pastor. I decided to rest on a boulder and wait for the pastor to catch up. Immediately I was surrounded by five Indians with rifles pointed at me. They wanted to

know who I was and my business. I told them quickly that I was a missionary and the pastor of the church was coming right behind me. That satisfied them and they disappeared into the brush. Later I found out marijuana was in these mountains.

On another winter trip, we arrived

around dark in Limon. We walked up to Las Cruces in the dark with flashlights and arrived around 10 p.m. I was escorted to a thatched roof hut.

Inside the hut, a gutted deer was hanging by its feet in the center of hut with its bloody nose almost touching the dirt floor. The Indian lady of the hut cut a big piece of raw meat from the freshly killed deer. She cooked it over a open fire in one corner while I watched.

I ate the deer meat with some beans and tortillas and honestly I really enjoyed it. Maybe I was just real hungry. I was told they hunted these deer with 22 rifles at night. Using flashlights or helmet lights, they could get real close and shoot the deer in the eye as it stared at the light.

Personal guns are banned in Mexico. These Indians hide their guns in the mountains from the military raids on their villages searching for guns. Cold fronts run these deer into the Southern mountains of Mexico. One good deer will sell at the market for about \$40 dollars, or a month's wages for these Indians.

MORAL OF THE STORY: "Don't knock another person's way of life unless you have lived it.

Floyd County ChurchDirectory

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Henry Martin, Pastor					
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Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. ****

CHURCH OF CHRIST West College & Third, Lockney

Frank Duckworth, Evangelist Morning Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship . . . 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Service . . . 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Doug Rainbolt - Minister Floydada

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

(Summer 8:00 p.m.) FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH 701 W. Missouri, Floydada Vance Mitchell, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Evangelistic 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Night Service. 7:00 p.m

401 S. Main, Floydada Temporarily Meeting at Floydada High School Offices located at 402 S. Wall Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor Les Reed, Minister of Students Sunday: Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship10:30 a.m Christian Growth, Youth Drama. Faith Weavers, Mission Friends, Nursery. 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Wednesday: Children's Choir 4:00 p.m. Nursery, Preschool Choir, RA's, GA's, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Adult Chori Practice. 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Music Rodney Hunt, Youth Minister Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m Youth 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.

Reverend Ione Sedinger Pastor Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Monday Bible Study . . . 9:30 a.m.

FIRST UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

Floydada Wendell Horn, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Russ Byard, Pastor Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. UMY 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. United Methodist Women, Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. ... 9:30 a.m. Ruth Wesley Circle: 2nd & 4th Mondays . . . 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL CME Flovdada Rev. James Jenkins

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH 211 N. Main, Lockney **Interdenominational Church** 806-652-2332

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. **GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH** OF GOD IN CHRIST Joe Bennett, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Monday Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Prayer Service 8:00 p.m. Wednesday Service.... 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Lockney Russell Harris, Minister

Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Ladies Bible Class..... 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. *****

MT. ZION **BAPTIST CHURCH** Floydada

Rev. Ralph Jackson Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. BTU6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m. Thursday: Bible Study 7:00 p.m. **NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE**

BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday: Congregational Singing 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges Telephone (806) 585-6342 **POWER OF PRAISE**

> 704 N. Main, Lockney 652-3704 Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor

Wednesday 7:30 p.m Friday - Youth Service....7:00 p.m. PRIMER IGLESIA **BAUTISTA**

Lockney Pedro Villareal, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Training Union 5:00 p.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. G.A.'s 7:30 p.m. Ambassadors 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon -1st Sunday of Month;

Music Worship; Last Sunday with evening service

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA Floydada Rev. Lupe Rando Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m. SAN JOSE **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Lockney Jim McCartney, Pastor Wednesday:

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

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SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLO **GETSEMANI** 308 Mississippi Rev. Alejandro Ruiz Jr. 983-2864 or 983-5286 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday:

Family Night 7:00 p.m. ***** ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH Floydada Father John Olig

Deacon Ricky Vasquez Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m. Rosary recited 1/2 hour before each Mass Phone: 983-5878

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

Lockney Pedro Reves, Interim Pastor Sunday School 9:45 p.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Christian Training 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. *****

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD Washington and 1st St. Lockney 652-1008

Pastor, Rev. Eliseo Ovalle Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship. 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 515 E. Missouri, Floydada Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m. LIBERTY CHRISTIAN 203 SE 2nd, Lockney

652-2793 Pastor David Hinojosa Wednesday Evening . . 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. 5:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Prayer Service 2:00 p.m. Evening Worship. 5:00 p.m. Tuesday: Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

500 W. Houston Floydada **Interdenominational Church** Henry Russell, Pastor 983-5499

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m. 4th Sunday Singing . . . 6:00 p.m

TRINITY **LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community** on FM 2301 293-3009 John Chandler, Pastor Sunday School & Adult Bible Class. . . . 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service 11:00 a.m. **WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST** Floydada Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

> **Old Blue Quilt Box** 200 S. Main, Lockney 652-2183

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