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## Students' dreams shattered in "accident"

A graphic illustration about the dangers of drinking and driving brought many students to tears during Floydada High School's "Shattered Dreams" program, March 3rd and 4th.

The two day program began the morning of March 3rd, as the "Grim Reaper" strolled the hallways of Floydada High School.

Every 15 minutes the Grim Reaper would stop at a classroom and take out a student. The student's obituary (written by parents) was read over the loudspeaker. After being taken from the classroom the pre-selected and volunteer student became part of the "Living Dead".

The faces of the "Living Dead" were painted white and eyes were darkened. The "Living Dead" could not talk to other students and were kept at the First Methodist Church throughout the day. While at the church they made posters and took part in counseling sessions. The "dead" also wrote letters to parents of "things left unsaid".

The 15 minute interval of removing students signified to the school that "every 15 minutes someone dies in an alcohol related car accident".

A large part of the program is the realistic accident staged to reenact a drunken driving tragedy.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. students inside the high school heard, over the loudspeaker, the sounds of a car careening out of

control followed by a terrible crash. A 911 call, made by Coach David Kennedy, could then be heard over the speaker.

Shortly after the announcement the students were taken outside, to the intersection of Tree and Georgia Street, to view a two car collision and fatal accident. Two drunks, David Rodriguez and Laura Reddy, stumble from a vehicle and sit on the curb, sick and shivering.

The drunk driver, Brady Rainwater, stays behind the wheel of the car. The car Rainwater broadsided is occupied with four female victims: Suelema Saldana, Mari Mendoza, Maggie Hilburn, and Brooke Hayes.

Sirens scream as the first responder arrives and calls for help. More EMS, fire and rescue workers, and police arrive.

Trapped victims had to be removed by the "jaws of life". EMS personnel covered the victims with blankets to protect them from flying glass and sharp metal as rescue workers cut and lift off the top of the vehicle.

All the "victims" of the accident played their parts realistically and without embarrassed laughter or smiles. The "Living Dead" stood apart from the crowd, with the Grim Reaper, and silently watched the drama unfold.

Professional "make-up" personnel had already applied blood and "lacerations" on everyone

involved. Blood was splattered throughout the car and on windshields.

Maggie Hilburn was removed on a backboard, and transported to the hospital by an ambulance. She was released with "minor injuries". Mari Mendoza was treated at the scene, by EMS, and released.

Suelema Saldana, in the backseat, was one of two who were not so lucky. Saldana was covered with a sheet and later pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Kirt Wyrick. Saldana was removed in a sheet, zipped up in a black body bag, and loaded into a hearse. The driver, Brooke Hayes, was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The drunk driver, Brady Rainwater, had to wait his turn. Unable to get out of his car he sat and watched the consequences of his actions unfold before his eyes.

After all injured players were taken away, the emergency workers turned their attention to cutting open the door of Rainwater's car.

Rainwater stepped out and was taken aside by Floydada Police Officer Robert Angeloff. Special glasses were put on Rainwater that simulated what an intoxicated person would see. The glasses also make a person slightly dizzy and unable to walk straight.

The sobriety test was then  
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EMS TAKES CARE OF BROOKE HAYES AT SCENE OF MOCK ACCIDENT. Hayes is later declared dead at the Hospital.



"LIVING DEAD" WATCH IN SILENCE

## McLean will be guest speaker at Lockney Chamber Banquet

Steve McLean, the minister of the West College and 3rd Street Church of Christ will be the guest speaker at Lockney's Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Saturday, March 8.

The Chamber will also recognize the Citizen of the Year and Fireman of the Year.

McLean's lighthearted and humorous presentation will be entitled: "A Visit to Ponder Point".

"I'm going to introduce the chamber members and guests to some of the more interesting citizens of Ponder Point--a typical small town."

McLean has been with West College and 3rd Church of Christ since April 1, 2001. He has been a minister for almost 20 years, serving several West Texas congregations. He holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Speech Communications from Texas Tech. He and his wife, Darla, have two children: Caleb, 16 and Seth 14.

Other local attractions will be songs from Caitlyn Lane, and dinner music by Lucy Dean Record and her music students.

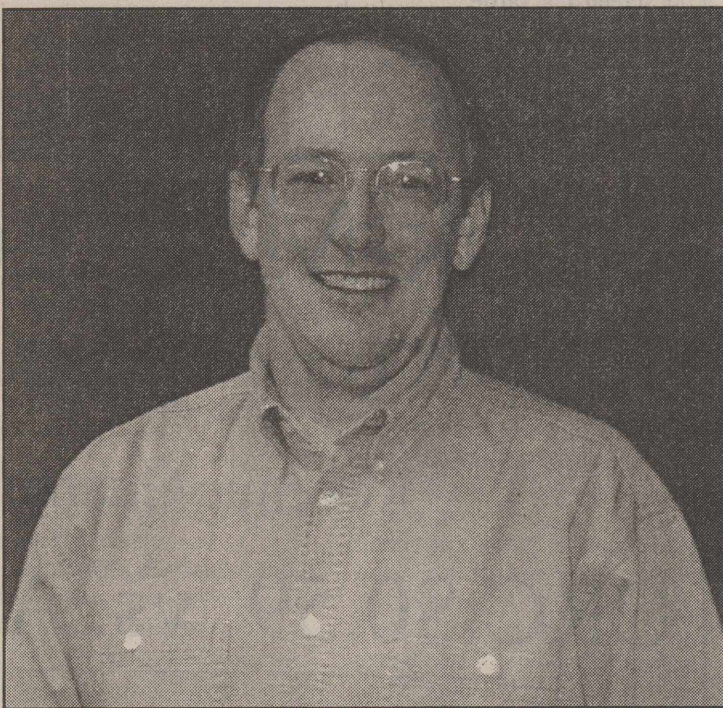
The steak meal will be catered by the Chamber, with the help of Mac Sherman.

The banquet starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10.00 for

adults and \$5.00 for children.

Children will be served chicken strips.

Tickets can be purchased at City Bank in Lockney, or they can be bought at the door.



STEVE MCLEAN

### Floydada Chamber Needs Nominations

March 7th is the last day to submit your nominations for the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Employer of the Year. The award will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Monday, March 24. Broadcaster and humorist Tumbleweed Smith will be the guest speaker at the Banquet.

## Burleson to manage Co-op

Heethe Burleson became the new manager of Lockney Cooperative officially on February 10. He and his family moved into their Lockney home February 23.

Burleson and his wife, Kristi have a five year old son, Camden, and a one year old daughter, Kenzee. The family attends First Baptist Church in Lockney.

He was born in Lubbock and lived there until his parents moved their family to Cameron, Texas, where they had purchased a Cotton Gin.

"At age 27, with a wife and young son, I decided to go to college," he said. "I graduated Texas A & M, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Economics. Before coming to Lockney I worked for CALCOT, (the equivalent of PCCA in California and Arizona)."

He nodded toward a mounted deer head on the wall, and said, "Yes, I did actually pull the trigger on that one, but I don't have much time for hunting anymore." When asked if there were any

hobbies he and his wife shared, He laughed and said, "Remember, we have a five year old and a one year old!"

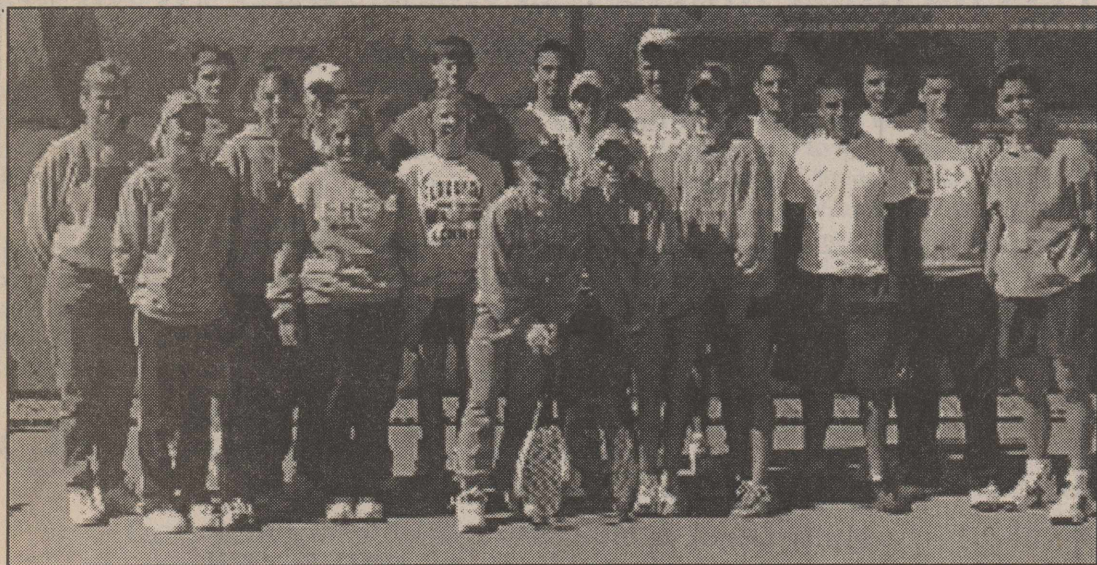
Burleson said his wife worked,

"Very hard as a full time mom".

"We are enjoying meeting the citizens of Lockney, and we're looking forward to our life here," said Burleson.



HEETHE BURLESON



FLOYDADA TEAM TENNIS ADVANCING TO STATE--Floydada High School Team Tennis captured the Regional Team Tennis Tournament held in Plainview February 28th and March 1st. The team defeated Anton 17-2, and Shallowater 17-2 to advance to the State Team Tennis Tournament to be held March 7th and 8th in Round Rock. Members of this year's team are: David Rodriguez, Maggie Hilburn, Laura Reddy, Josh Galvan, Jacob Morales, Courtney Campbell, Chance Crossland, Melissa Dunlap, Molly Long, Spencer Schacht, Tate Greer, Rachel Griffin, Kristan Lackey, Whitney Williams, Jesse Finley, Trey Helms, Lindsey Leatherman. The Whirlwinds are coached by Robin Nixon and Regenia Smith. Courtesy Photo

## First Baptist Holding Open House

The First Baptist Church, of Floydada, will host their building dedication, March 9, 2003.

The dedication service will begin with morning worship at 10:30 a.m., and a catered meal at 12:00 p.m., in the new Fellowship Center.

An afternoon program will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by an Open House from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., and evening worship at 6:00 p.m.

Former staff ministers and other special invited guests will be the program personalities.

## Accident "shatters dreams"

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given to Rainwater. After failing the test, Rainwater was arrested, taken to W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital for blood tests and then to the Floyd County Jail to be fingerprinted and booked on the charge of manslaughter. He was placed in a cell and his parents were called.

Parents, Andy and Kay Rainwater arrived and were put through an emotional "exercise" of listening to Police Chief Darrell Gooch tell them about the accident and their son's subsequent arrest.

Also at the jail, and in the "drunk tank" were David Rodriguez and Laura Reddy who had been arrested at the scene for public intoxication.

The accident scene was cleared and students were taken back inside to class and to more and more "Living Dead" leaving with the Grim Reaper, and more and more obituaries being read over the loudspeaker.

The next day, March 4, an assembly was held. A film depicting the lives of people who have been forever affected by the drinking and driving was shown. A special guest speaker, Mary Ann Cavazos Reyes, spoke about the loss of her sister, Roxann Cavazos. Roxann was killed by a drunk driver with an alcohol level of .22, on February 14, 1995. Roxann was a 1992 graduate of Floydada High School and was continuing her education in Computer Science at the time of her death.

John Romero was also a guest speaker. Romero, of Slaton, represents Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Romero was injured in a car wreck when he was 29 years old. The driver of the car was im-

paired by alcohol and drugs. Romero's neck was broken in the accident. He is paralyzed from the neck down and will be in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. The drunk driver sustained an injured finger. Romero was not wearing a seat belt.

Also during the assembly Brady Rainwater spoke about the effect the dramatization had on him and "what it felt like to be arrested and go to jail".

Ragan Beedy, one of the "Living Dead" read an emotional "Things Left Unsaid" letter to her parents.

Other "Living Dead" participants were: Lauren Powell, Greg Luna, Reagan Heflin, Stephen Bueno, Cynthia Martinez, Kristan Lackey, Dustin Griggs, Tony Perez, Marla Reeves, Melissa Dunlap, and Kendra Covington.

The program is sponsored by

Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission.

Students were not the only ones affected by "Shattered Dreams". Parents writing their children's obituaries and hearing the "things I wish I had said and done", letters written by their children were also on an emotional roller-coaster throughout the day.

The program was made possible through donations from local businesses. Money was also raised locally for all high school students and faculty members to have a "Shattered Dreams" T-Shirt. The shirts were worn by students on the day of the assembly.

A manslaughter trial against Brady Rainwater will also be held on April 16th in the 110th District Courtroom. District Attorney Becky McPherson will prosecute the mock trial.

## Courtroom Activities

In District Court, March 4, 2003, the probation of Erika Eguia, 20, of Floydada, was revoked, and she was sentenced to 18 months in State Jail and a \$1,000 fine.

She had been put on probation for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, October 31, 2001.

In County Court:

February 24, Tom S. Flores pled guilty to Driving While License Was Suspended and he was sentenced to 9 days in jail, and fined \$100 and court costs.

In J.P. Court, Pct. #1 & 4, for

the month of February, 46 cases were filed: 37 were traffic related, 1 was a ticket for failure to change address; 1 for "open container", 3 for "minor in possession", and 1 License and Weight violation.

One Hot Check complaint was filed by Cornelius Oil against Ernestine Johnson.

One Eviction Notice was filed by Associates 1st Capital against Manuel Rivera.

One tax warrant was filed by Floyd County against Jose Gregory Luna.

## Light The Cross Donations

A donation to Light The Cross Fund has been made in honor of Beth Faulkenberry by the 1934 Study Club.

Donations to Light The Cross Fund may be made at the American State Bank to the Ministerial Alliance Fund. The Ministerial Alliance will be paying the on-going expense involved with maintenance and monthly bills, so please continue to remember this community witness in your memorials and honorees. Please give names of memorials and honorees and cards will be sent.



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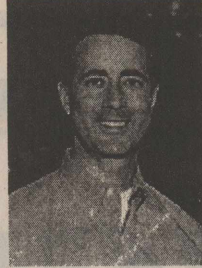


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## ISSUE UPDATE

with Mac Thornberry

Mac

### U.S. Cannot Afford to Take Wait-and-See Attitude When It Comes to Disarming Iraq

One of the country's leading editorial writers, Charles Krauthammer, recently wrote that the central problem of the 21st century is "the conjunction of terrorism, rogue states and weapons of mass destruction."

Most of us prefer not to think about that - the awful destruction and death that results from the combination of terrorist groups, outlaw states, and technologies that can kill millions. As unpleasant as the topic may be, however, we cannot afford to stick our heads in the sand.

The cold, hard reality of these times is that such weapons do exist and they are spreading around the world. The truth is that there are groups and individuals whose primary aim is to kill as many Americans as possible and they are quite willing to die to do it. Whether we fight back or not, America is at war.

September 11, 2001, was the opening shot in this new war. Iraq will probably be the next battlefield. Others will come, for this war will last a long time.

We hope that the actual fighting in Iraq will end quickly. There are serious dangers which our troops could face, including the use of chemical or biological weapons against them, and we trust that they will be as prepared as possible for whatever con-

fronts them. No one doubts, however, that the U.S. military will prevail.

I have been asked, "Why now? We have lived with Saddam Hussein for more than ten years since the Gulf War. Can't we just wait and see what happens?" My answer is that we could decide to wait, but whatever the risks of military action now may be, the risks of waiting are far greater.

We know what kind of person Saddam Hussein is. He has murdered with his own hands; he is responsible for the torture and death of many, many people. We know that he has a very large number of chemical weapons and of biological weapons, and we know that he is using every resource available to him to acquire nuclear weapons. We know that he will not hesitate to use such weapons. He has used them before, in war and against his own people.

We could decide to wait until he uses them again—or until he gives them to some terrorist group like Al Qaeda. But if we wait, our job will be even harder in the future and the resulting devastation will not rest easily on our consciences.

Unfortunately there are some other nations that have a financial interest in continuing to work

with the current government of Iraq. Others are taking a wait and see approach. The United States cannot afford to take such a path. We are the primary target, and we have the responsibility of world leadership. No one else can do it.

Our work will not be over once the shooting stops. Just as our continued involvement in Europe and in Japan after World War II led to decades of stability and economic growth, true success in Iraq will require years of effort. We will work with others - perhaps including some of those who refuse to join in the initial military action - to help the Iraqi people get back on their feet and to develop a stable, democratic government. We will have to look for ways to give the millions of Muslim young people around the world hope for a brighter future so that they will not be such easy prey for the terrorist recruiters.

Tough challenges lie ahead, but a bright light during these gloomy times can be found in America's past. We have faced tough times before at places like Valley Forge, Gettysburg, and Iowa Jima. Americans always have risen to the challenge, guided by our strong faith and indomitable spirit. I have no doubt we will do so again.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please call Mac Thornberry at (202) 225-3706, or e-mail him through his website at [www.house.gov/thornberry](http://www.house.gov/thornberry).

## Gala Set for March 29th

The Floyd County Friends Gala will be held March 29th, 6:00 p.m. at the Unity Center in Muncy.

The Gala is the chief fundraiser for the upkeep of the Unity Center.

The theme for this year's Gala is "Heaven on Earth". Entertainment will be the "Singing Women of West Texas".

Tickets are \$30.00 and can be bought at Nick Long Insurance, D & J Gin, or any board member.

Highlights of the gala will include: a \$1,000 cash giveaway, sponsored by FNB Floydada, and a big screen T.V. raffle.

Filet Mignon will be served courtesy of Caprock Industries. All the trimmings will be courtesy of Lowe's Supermarket.

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# Floyd County Lifestyles



DORIS MCLAIN READING TO HER OWN "HUG" OF BEARS.

## McLain has a "Beary" special collection

Doris McLain, of Floydada, is more than prepared for the Floyd County Memorial Library Teddy Bear Exhibit during April. Years of collecting Teddy Bears has made her a great spokesperson to publicize the upcoming Teddy Bear celebration.

McLain's Teddy Bears come in a large variety of shapes, designs, and material. She has over 200 stuff bears. "Most of them are gifts from family and friends," said McLain. "I've even got some I've acquired myself-many from different states, including Hawaii and Alaska, plus those from other countries, and garage and estate sales."

In the McLain house are at least 50 bears dressed in Christmas attire, plus boxes of bear decorations including tree lights, and ornaments.

There are also ceramic bears and bears shaped into lamps, water globes, music boxes, soaps, toothbrushes, hanging pictures, and cookie jars.

McLain can also cuddle in bear quilts, Afghans, towels, pillows, jackets, T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweaters, socks, pajamas, robes, and bear house shoes.

She has bear jewelry, tote bags, cookie cutters, baskets, boxes, tins, wreaths, dishes, trays, mugs, cutting boards, salt and pepper shakers, cards, stationery, puzzles, games, thimbles, vases, book marks, and books-books-books.

"The oldest is a small red celluloid purse in the shape of a teddy bear which was souvenir bought at the Texas State Fair. The newest is a ceramic tea or hot chocolate pot that was a gift this past Valentine's Day. "I can't really say I have a favorite bear, as each recalls a special occasion or memory. Special people have remembered me while on their trips or on birthdays and other occasions. It brings to mind a quote from Gay Roasey, called "A Forever Friend"--"How many, many friends life's path has let me see; I've kept a scrap of each of them

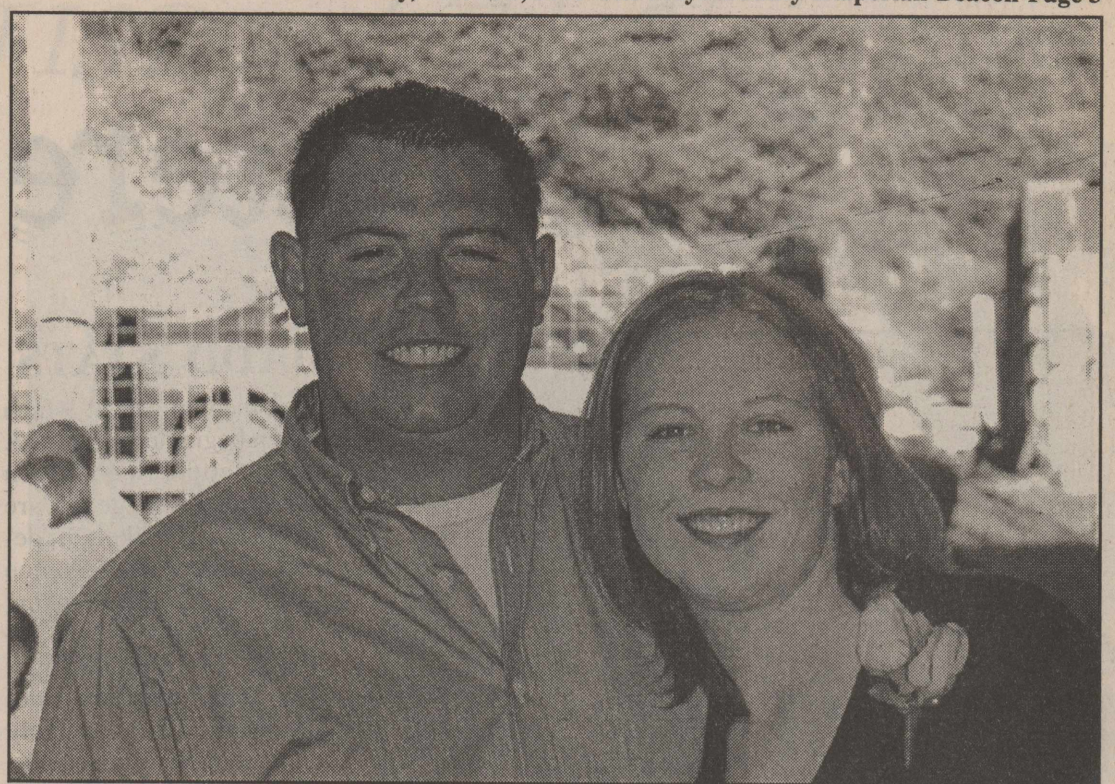
to make the whole of me." Children, parents, and grandparents are invited to lend their favorite bear to the Floyd County Memorial Library, for exhibit from April 1 through 30.

Bears can be old or young, sad or happy, big or small, scruffy or fashionable and should have a brief history or biography.

Forms will be available next week with instructions for the brief history and how to register your bear at the library March 26, 27, and 28.

A committee chaired by Doris McLain, will receive the bears, take a picture of you with your bear for identification, and explain the exhibit procedure and hours.

During National Library Week, a Teddy Bear Picnic is planned by members of the 4-H organization. Families and bear donors, as well as the general public will be invited to the picnic on Friday, April 11, from 3 until 6 p.m. There will be a storyteller and a video presentation during that time.



DUSTY DUKE AND LAURA DEAN

## Duke and Dean

Bill and JoLynn Dean of Floydada announce the engagement of their daughter Laura to Dusty Duke, son of Randy and Julie Duke, also of Floydada.

Laura is a 1998 graduate of Floydada High School, and a 2002 graduate of Texas A & M University with a B.S. degree in Psychology. She is presently employed by Heritage at Dartmouth in College Station. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Emagene Haensch of Floydada, and Dolris Dean of Anson.

Dusty is a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School, and is currently attending Texas A & M University. He is employed by DeLucia Mail Service in Bryan. He is the grandson of Jackie and Edna Duke of Floydada, and Mary Graham of Burleson.

The couple plan a May 31, 2003 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

## Lockney Senior Citizens News and Menu

The Center is open Monday through Friday of every week. There are activities planned for everyone daily. Every afternoon the guys have two or more tables of dominoes going on in the game room. Once a week there is always a bridge game being played in the living room. If you would like to play get you a partner and join the ladies. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 June McDonald leads the ladies in a low stress exercise class. They would love to have you join them.

March Birthdays: C. L. Henderson 02, Reba Ragle 03, Leona Watson 16, Margie Turner 21, Henry Ford 22

His brothers Robert Wayne and Mike are here from Colorado to be with Billy and Sandra at this time.

Laura Ellison is being dismissed from Mangold Memorial to go home with her daughter in law Barbara to Symore for a visit to recuperate.

Rita Webster is home recuperating from another knee surgery.

Oddie Probasco, Vera Jo Bybee's sister has been in the UMC Hospital in Lubbock since December 29. She had surgery Jan 16 and was in surgical ICU until Feb 20. She is now in room 314.

The menu of March 10-14:  
 Mon: Beef Enchiladas  
 Tues: Spaghetti and Garlic Bread  
 Wed: Chicken Fried Steak  
 Thurs: Baked Chicken  
 Fri: Fish

If you have any news you would like to share with us call 652 2357.

The most wasted day of all is one in which we have not laughed !!!

### Look Who's New



**HERNANDEZ**  
 Frank and Melissa Hernandez of Floydada, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Cassie Marquie Hernandez. Cassie was born at Covenant Medical Center on February 21, 2003 at 10:46 a.m.

She weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Sylvester Garcia of Colorado, Delma Sanders of Plainview, and Ray Hernandez of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Frank and Susie Hernandez of Lubbock, and Tino and Grace Gomez of Floydada.

## Floydada Senior Citizens News and Menu

**By Margarette Word**  
 The center is open Monday through Friday. If you are 60 years or older come join us. A very good hot meal is served daily. Come and visit your friends.

J.R. Turner is home from the hospital.

Cobb Gilley was back eating lunch with us, Monday, after having surgery a couple of weeks ago.

Sue Lovell, her daughter LuAnn and her husband Mike Collins and their son John travelled to Houston T.S.U. this past weekend to see the Collins' other son, Jim play in the TABBS State Final Four Basketball play-offs. The team won their game and played in the championship play-

off. It was a very busy weekend for them.

Shirley Parker of Hartley went with her mother, Nell McClung to San Angelo to attend Bernice Stapleton's funeral. Granddaughter Marcie Giesbrecht and her two sons were also here over this past weekend.

Margarette Word went to Hereford last Saturday to visit her sister and her husband, Ella and Cecil Oglesby.

Our sympathy to Nell McClung on the loss of her sister Bernice Stapleton.

Thought for the week- Midlife crisis is that moment when you realize your children and your clothes are about the same age.

-Bill Tammeus

**Menu**  
**March 10 - March 14**

**Monday** - BBQ beef on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, hash browns or tots, three bean salad, peaches, mayo, mustard, ketchup, cookies

**Tuesday** - Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat bread, gelatin

**Wednesday** - Beef stroganoff, rice, chinese vegetables, orange half, wheat roll or cornbread, lemon pie

**Thursday** - Baked ham, green peas, cauliflower, pears, wheat roll, cookies

**Friday** - BBQ chicken, corn, green beans, coleslaw, biscuit, raisin cobbler

## Harmony Education Extension Club meets

The Harmony Education Extension Club met February 25, 2003 in the club room, although the weather was cold, the atmosphere was warm.

The President called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. As an opening exercise, the hostess, Karen Miller read an article entitled, "How Did we Survive?" This concerned practices that we

used to perform that are no longer Kosher.

Roll Call was answered by "Where is your flashlight in case of a power failure?" Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The next regular meeting will be March 4 at the club room.

In the order of business, the District meeting at Hart was dis-

cussed. The meeting will be April 3, and reservations need to be in.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Lucille Miller, Jovita Montes, Melissa Long, Vivian Curtis, Juanita Pool, Anna Maude Hopper, Ruth Scott and Maye Williams.

**Bridal Selections:**  
 Cory & RaNay Johnston

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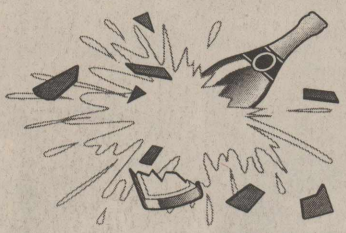
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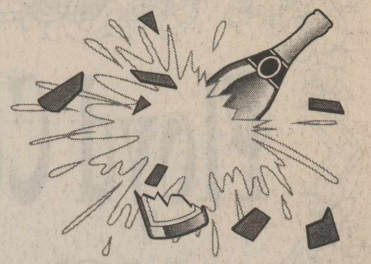
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# Shattered Dreams



GRIM REAPER CALLS FOR ANOTHER VICTIM

## MADD STATS

The median age at which children begin drinking is 13. Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21.

Parents' drinking behavior and favorable attitudes about drinking have been positively associated with adolescents' initiating and continuing drinking.

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"LIVING DEAD" FIRST TO PEER INSIDE AT VICTIMS



FLOYDADA HIGH STUDENTS WATCH DRAMATIZATION



CRASH SCENE BEFORE RESCUE PERSONNEL ARRIVE



FIREMEN START CUTTING ROOF APART



WINDSHIELD CUT IN PREPARATION TO REMOVE ROOF



FIREMEN REMOVE ROOF



MAGGIE HILBURN IS TREATED AND PUT ON BACKBOARD

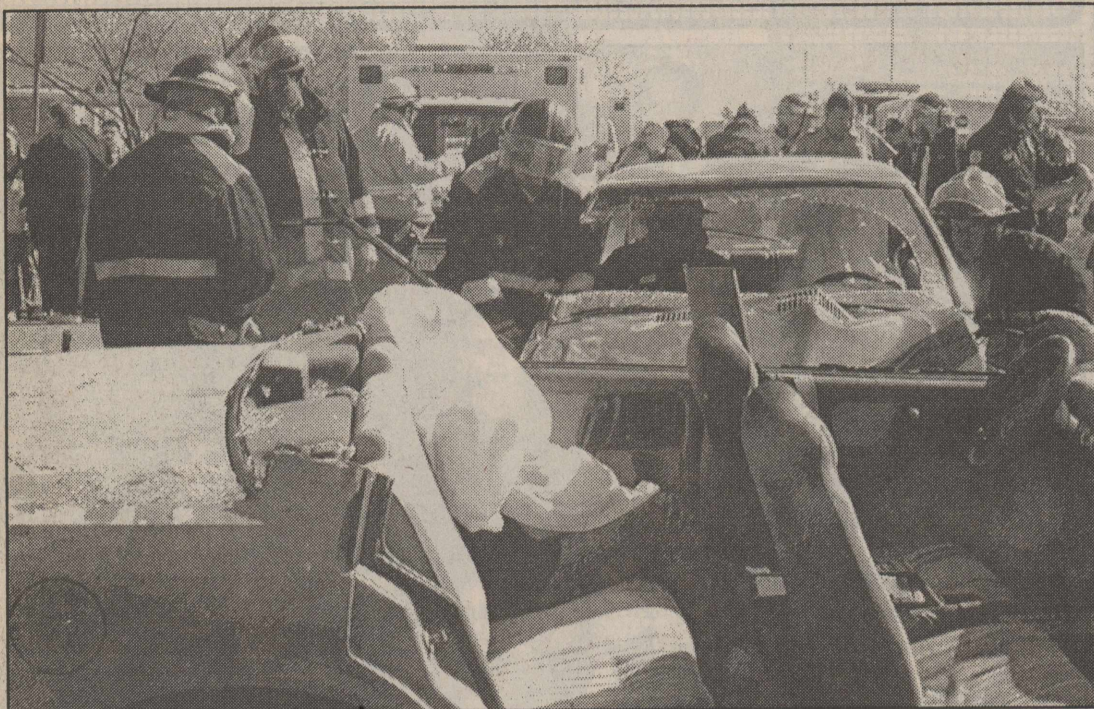


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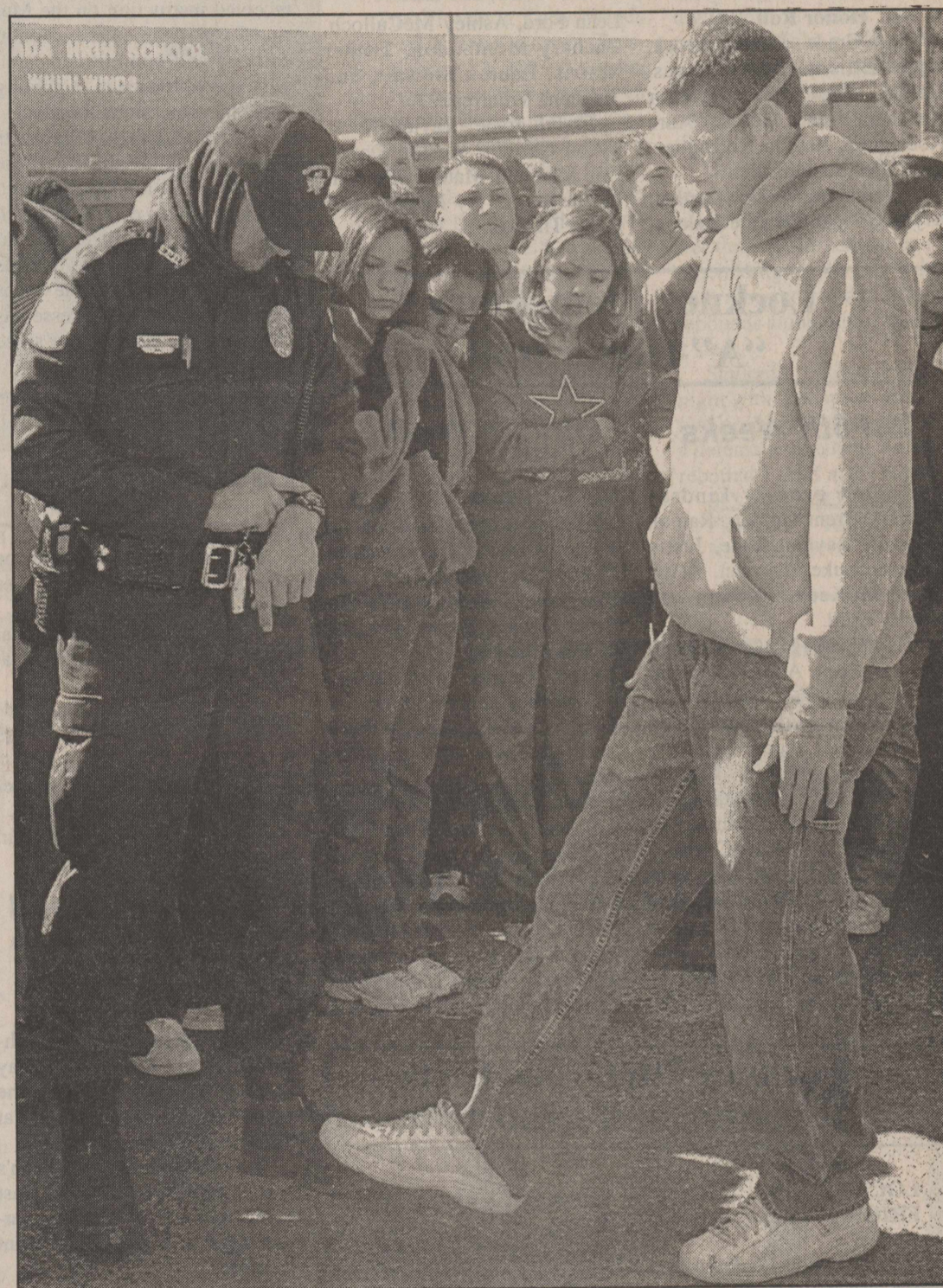
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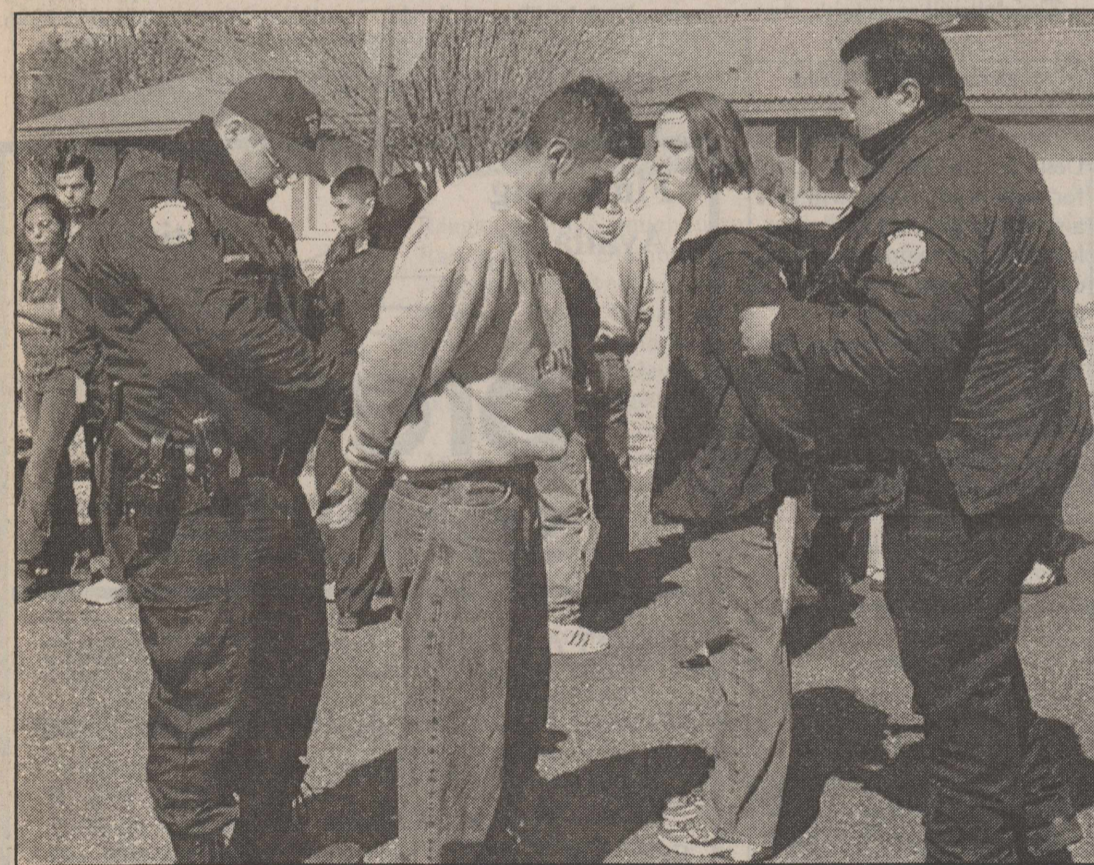
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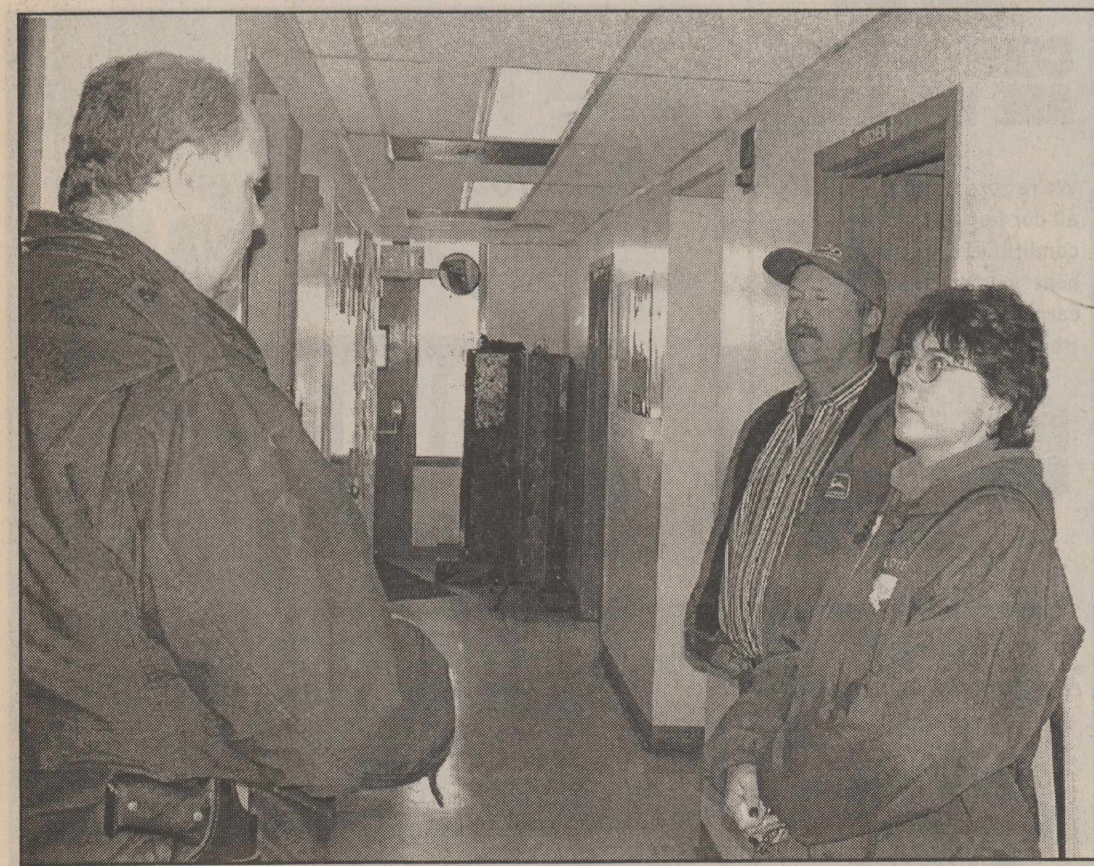
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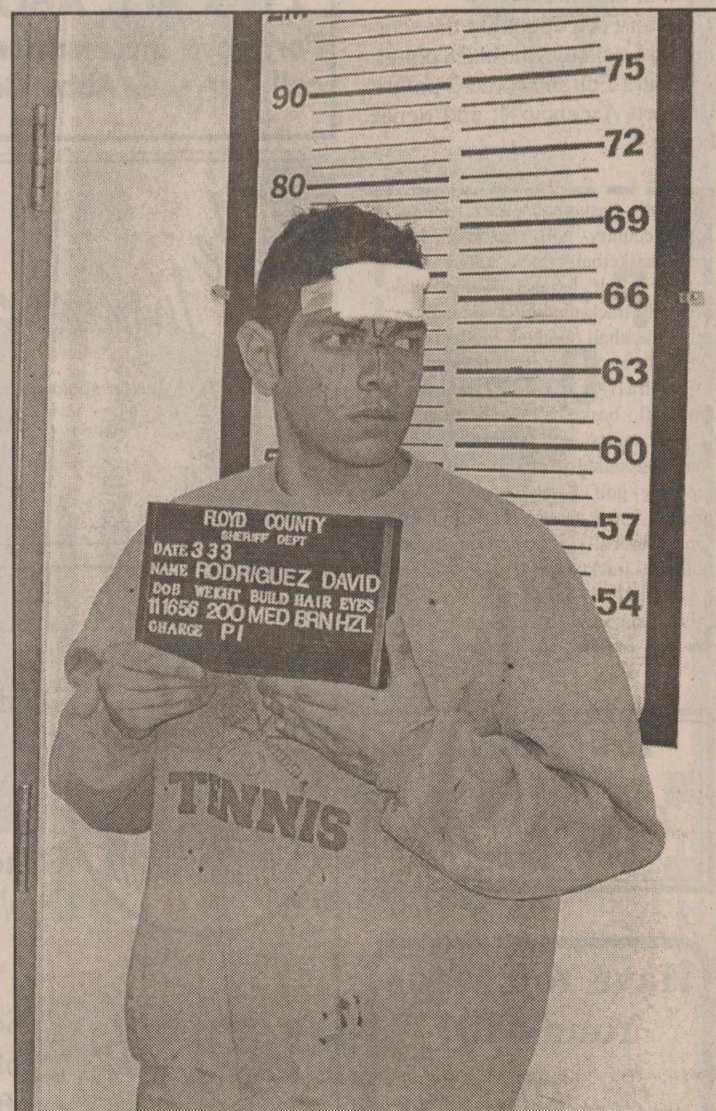


PARENT'S SHATTERED DREAMS--Police Chief Darrell Gooch (left) informs Andy and Kay Rainwater that their son, Brady, has been involved in a tragic drunken driving accident and will be charged with manslaughter.

### Thank-You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of the businesses that supported this program with their donations, the police and fire departments, and the individuals who gave of their time to make this program possible: City Auto, Quality Body Shop, Assiter Auctioneers Assoc., Kirk & Sons, Cornelius Oil, Producer's Fuel, Cogdell Clinic, Lighthouse Electric Coop, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Don Hardy Race Cars Inc., American State Bank, First National Bank, Coca Cola, Frito Lay, Pizza Gold, Subway, Dairy Queen, El Rancho, Nielson's, Lowe's Marketplace, Dollar General, STAND Intervention-Family Connections, Chuck Martin (Grim Reaper), Texas Dep't. of Public Safety--Trooper John Gonzales, Floydada Police Department, Floydada Fire Department, Floydada EMS.

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DAVID RODRIGUEZ IS BOOKED INTO JAIL

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## FHS SENIOR 2003 SPOTLIGHT



**DURAN**

Jeremy Duran is the son of Mae Duran. Jeremy considers his greatest accomplishment to have made it to

the playoffs in football. Some of Jeremy's favorites are: TV show, "George Lopez Show"; movie, Tales From the Hood; book, Night; color, blue; subject, Ag; food, pizza; musical group, Swisha House; song, "We Ready".

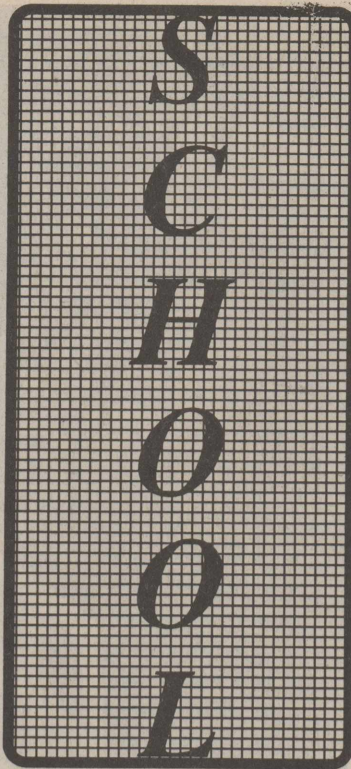
Jeremy plans to attend West Texas A&M after graduation.



**KIRK**

Chelsea Denise Kirk is the daughter of Layne and Susan Kirk. Chelsea sees her greatest accomplishment

as following her dream. Chelsea's favorites include: TVshow, "Gilmore Girls"; movie, Amelie; color, burgundy; subjects, Apparel and Psychology; food, carrot cake; hobbies, sewing and e-mailing; singer, Avril Lavigne; song, "Things I'll Never Say." She plans to attend the University of North Texas in Denton.



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**QUISENBERRY**

Tricia Quisenberry is the daughter of Randy and Melodi Quisenberry. She believes her greatest accomplishment was being

inducted into the National Honor Society. Tricia's favorites are: TV show, "Trading Spaces"; movie, A Walk to Remember; book, To Kill a Mockingbird; color, purple; subject, psychology; food, Italian; hobbies, church activities and internet; song, "The Impossible". She plans to attend West Texas A&M.



**HAYTER**

Corey Hayter is the son of Robert and Arleen Nixon and Rick Hayter. His most important accomplishment

was being elected to an FFA office. Corey's favorites are: song, "Don't Take the Girl"; musical artist, Tim Magraw; hobbies, hunting and fishing; food, steak; color, blue; movie, Braveheart; and TV show, football and baseball games. Corey plans to attend South Plains College after graduation and get a degree in Ag-Ed.



**JUAREZ**

Isidro Juarez is the son of Victorino and Teresa Juarez. Isidro's favorites include: TV show, "The

Bernie Mac Show"; movie, The Green Mile; color, red; subject, Ag; food, Chinese; hobby, marksmanship; musical group, Bones; song, "Hit 'Em Up";

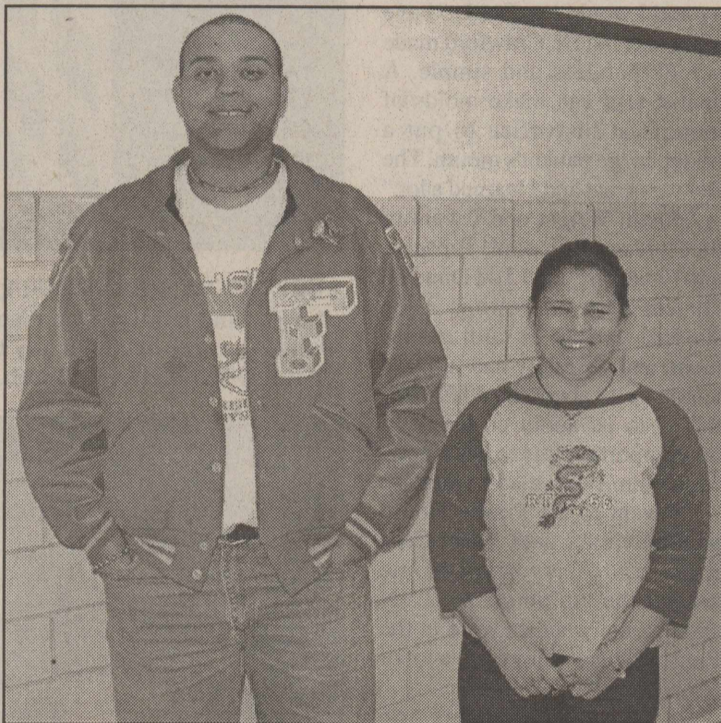
After graduation, Isidro plans to attend college.



**REYES**

Kristie Reyes is the daughter of Manuel and Alejandra Reyes. Kristie's goal is to succeed in everything

she does. Her favorites are: TV show, "Will and Grace"; movie, Save the Last Dance; colors, blue and yellow; subject, English; food, chicken quesidillas; hobby, playing volleyball. Kristie plans to attend South Plains College and become an RN nurse.



**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS--(L-R) Chris Wiley and Kim Van Cleve will compete in Regional Powerlifting. Chris will lift at the Boys Regional Meet held at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center, Saturday, March 8. Wiley is qualified in the 275 pound class with a total of 1200 pounds. Kim Van Cleve will compete in the Regional Powerlifting Meet on Friday, March 7, in Plainview. Van Cleve will compete in the 148 pound class and has 580 pounds total.**

### R.C. Andrews Elementary Honor Roll

#### "A" Honor Roll

Third grade - Elizabeth Avila, Graciela Cervera, Cole Covington, Alyssa Duran, Mallory Graham, Hannah Griffin, Kimberly Hernandez, Alexis Holbert, Haden Lipham, McCrae McCormick, Avery Miller, Sarah Miller, Imelda Resendiz, Hector Rodriguez, Francisco Rosa, Michael Salazar, Sarah Sanders, Nikki Seymour, Elizabeth Suarez, and Tiffany Vasquez.

Fourth grade - Whitley Beedy, Albert Chavarria, Lexi Covington, Erick Doria, Huntyr Helms, Christi Hill, Kelsey Kelley, Erica Marmolejo, Krystal Ramos, Melissa Ruddell, Rylee Shurbet, Dylan Thomas, and Mariah Vargas.

Fifth grade - Lindsey Beedy, Hallie Bertrand, Rosa Foster, Alana Hernandez, Evan Johnson, Timothy Lipham, Abigail Miller, Kaylie Nutt, Jasminne Orozco, Kenya, Jessica Prisk, Makenzie Schwertner, Olivia Segura, Rance Seymour, and Blanca Suarez.

Reagan Jeflin, Samuel Juarez, Rashay Kelley, Diamond Leal, Anabel Lopez, Cynthia Martinez, Antonio Perez, Tania Pesina, Jacob Reddy, Marla Reeves, Melissa Torres, Ashley Vallejo; and Jackee Wickware.

Tenth grade - Cristal Cruz, Ana Alicia DeLaCerde, Albert Garza, David Mancilla, Megan Moralez, Brian Odom, Lauren Powell, Miguel Rangel, and David Vasquez.

Eleventh grade - Courtney Campbell, Joshua Hammons, Luis Lopez, Sulema Saldana, and Rebecca Warren.

Twelfth grade - Tanner Battey, Ragan Beedy, Jamie Johnston, Michael King, Amanda McHam, Ashley Norrell, Daniel Ochoa, Brady Rainwater, and Jessica Rodriguez.



**FHS UIL SCIENCE TEAM WINNERS--Members of the Floydada High School Academic Team attended the Plains High School UIL Meet on Saturday, March 1. Jarrett Kirk placed 2nd in 9th Grade Science and 5th Place in Number Sense. The Science Team pictured, (l-r) Josh Bradley, Jarrett Kirk, Trish Quisenberry, and Jay McGaugh, placed 9th. They are coached by Mrs. Theresa Hollums and Mr. Mac Willson. Mrs. Sharon Lockwood coaches Number Sense. These students and many others are preparing for the District UIL Academic Meet that will be held on March 28 in Lockney. Staff Photo**

## Lady Winds get district win over Owlettes 63-51

### LADY WINDS - 63 HALE CENTER - 51

The Floydada Lady Winds traveled to Hale Center on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 to take on the Owlettes and came away with a huge district win in overtime.

Lindsey Leatherman led the scoring and rebounding for the Lady Winds as she had a double-double for the night. She scored 26 points as she hit 5 two-point field goals, 4 three-pointers and 4 of 6 free throws. She was credited with 10 defensive rebounds, 3 offensive rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocked shots and 1 deflection.

Kimber Bennett also scored in double digits with 12 points. She hit 1 two-point field goal, 1 three-pointer and 7 of 8 free throws. She had 6 defensive rebounds, 1 offensive rebound, 5 huge assists and 3 steals.

Ragan Beedy was the third Lady Wind to score in double digits with 11 points. She hit 4 two-point field goals, 1 three-pointer and was credited with 6 defensive rebounds, 2 offensive rebounds, 3 assists and 1 deflection.

Laura Reddy added 7 points to the scoreboard. She sank 2 two-point field goals and 3 of 6 free throws. She had a great game rebounding as she has 7 defensive rebounds and 3 offensive rebounds along with 1 assist and 1 steal.

Seulema Saldana ended the night with 2 points as she sank a two-point field goal. She added 4 defensive rebounds, 1 offensive rebound 1 steal and 1 assist.

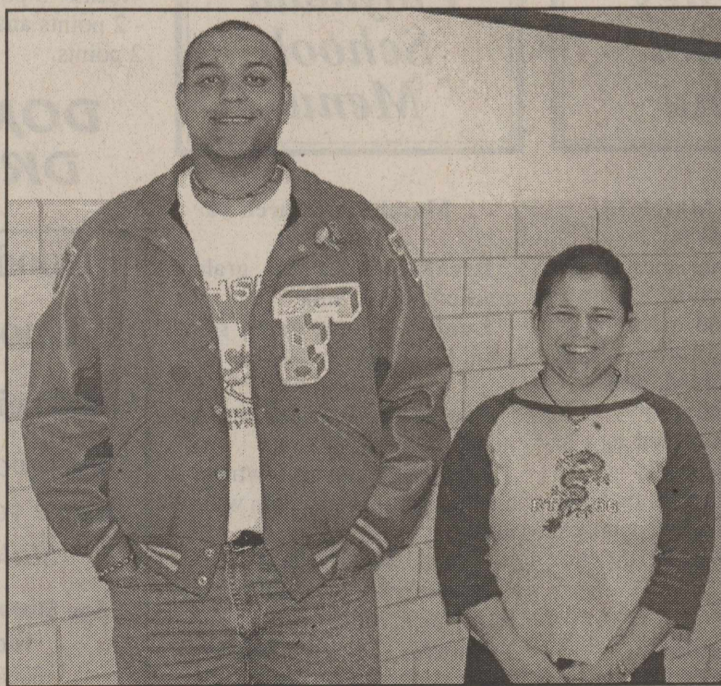
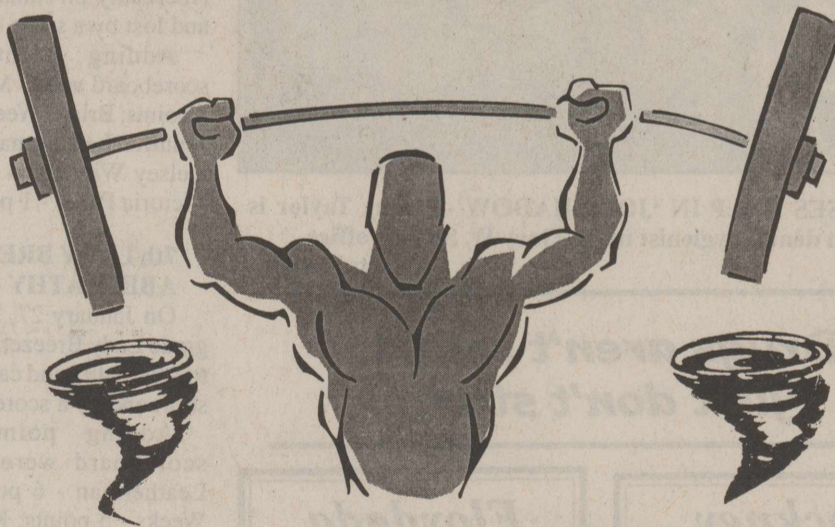
#### SCORE BY QUARTERS

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Hale Center 9 14 10 10 8

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## Congratulations Powerlifting Regional Qualifiers



Chris Wiley

Kim VanCleve

**Good Luck We Believe in You!!**

Whirlwind Booster Club

## Floydada High School Honor Roll

### "A" Honor Roll

Ninth grade - Jarrett Kirk, Lindsey Leatherman, Ruben Ortis, and Jeffri Vaughn.

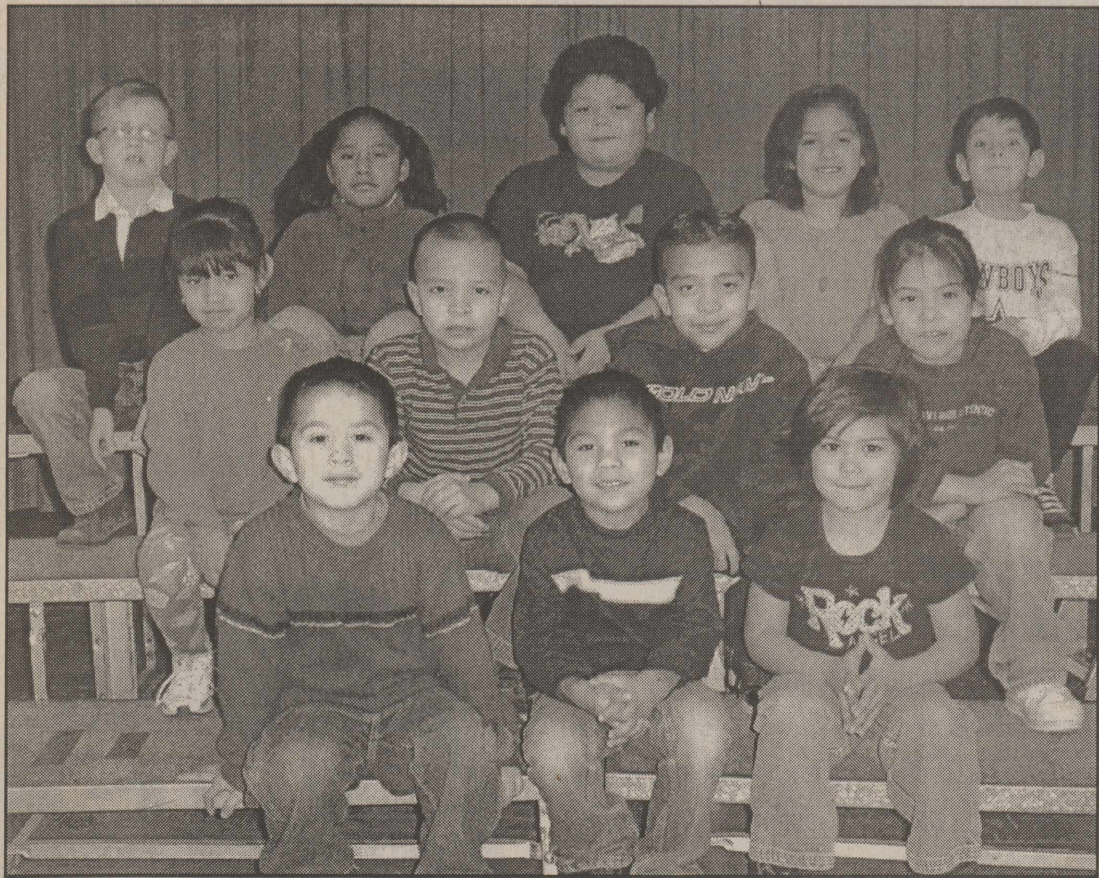
Tenth grade - April Arevalo, Meghan Graham, Rachel Griffin, Tyson Heflin, Daniel Houchin, Kristan Lackey, Luke Miller, and Spencer Schacht.

Eleventh grade - Melissa Dunlap.

Twelfth grade - Bryce Bowley, Mallory Cooper, Dustin Covington, Chelsea Kirk, Patricia Quisenberry, Laura Reddy, and Kayla Stovall.

### "AB" Honor Roll

Ninth grade - Tabitha Barrientoz, Crystal Cavazos, Kendra Covington, Vanessa DelToro, Justin Duran, Joanna Garcia, Mercedes Garcia, Stacey Griggs, Domanik Gutierrez,



**DUNCAN DUSTERS--Back row (l-r): Jacob Graham, Ileana Moreno, Isidro Rosa, Stephanie Lerma, Diego Cervera. (Middle row, l-r): Kimberly Delgado, Neil Barrera, Jonathon Moralez, Alexandra Almaguer. (Front row, l-r): John Cortinas, J. Guzman, Lydia Castillo. Not pictured: Aaron Chavarria & Audreanna Almaguer.**

# Lockney Juniors participate in "job shadow" with businesses

On Tuesday, February 4, Lockney High School had about 22 junior students go to Lockney, Floydada, Plainview, and Lubbock Businesses to "job shadow" people in the business world. Their experience ranged from medical to engineering to the legal system. Some decided they would like to enter the world of work in these areas and some changed their minds about the occupation.

"Job Shadowing Doctor Karrh was a very interesting experience," said Rachel Vega. "I learned many different illnesses that people had in his office. I feel this has helped me because he explained everything that he was doing, and that helped to give me an idea of how much work he has to do. His nurse, Kendra was also very helpful. She gave me information about how long it took her to become a LVN. She also informed me on the different types of medications they have and what they are use for."

"Job Shadowing was a wonderful opportunity for me to narrow down my list of career options," said Mandy Hancock. "Shadowing an orthopedic surgeon who specialized in hands was quite interesting, but I found out that it is not the job for me. At the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center we had about two and a half hours to shadow our mentor. That was an experience in itself. I found out what actually happens behind the scenes of a clinic. After being with my mentor, we then ate and listened to about four speakers. One was a doctor of pediatrics, another a pharmacist, a Biology researcher, and a nurse. After these speakers, we took a tour of the Gross Anatomy Lab, the Clinical Simulation Center, and Telemedicine before ending the day."

"I shadowed the Lockney Home Health Care physical therapist Britt Sipe," said Laci Durham. "He had two Texas Tech

students with him and we talked about what college was like and what he went through. I enjoyed it a lot because Britt explained things to me while he was working with a patient."

"My Job Shadowing experience was great," said Gloria Fierros. "We got to go in and see sick people and learn what doctors do to learn what was wrong with patients."

"I really enjoyed my Job Shadowing experience," said Jessica Ochoa. "It was very fun and informative. I got to interact with the patients. I learned how to find someone's pulse in their ankles. I found out more about the job I wanted. It was the best day ever!"

"On my Job Shadow Day I learned how they maintain and heat the campus at Texas Tech University," said Mike O'Connell. "I was privileged to be able to go on the scaffolding of the United Spirit Arena. It was also a privilege to go inside the Central Heating and Power building on the Tech Campus. I learned how they commissioned projects and order supplies. I learned how they cut costs by just changing light bulbs and devices that use less power."

"I job shadowed Coach Self of Monterey High School," said Chase Westbrook. "I joined him as we went to the junior high that led into the high school and we talked about the basketball plays and how they should practice basketball in the summer so they would not be passed by future players."

"I job shadowed the paint and body shop at Miller's Flying Service," said Sergio Solis. "There I learned many things in just one day, such as the prices on bodywork, full body painting, and how expensive these airplanes are. I also learned the basics on painting and repairing an airplane. Then I got to work on a section from the airplane's wing that was damaged. The best thing I learned came from the advice

the boys gave me. It opened a door for me in my life."

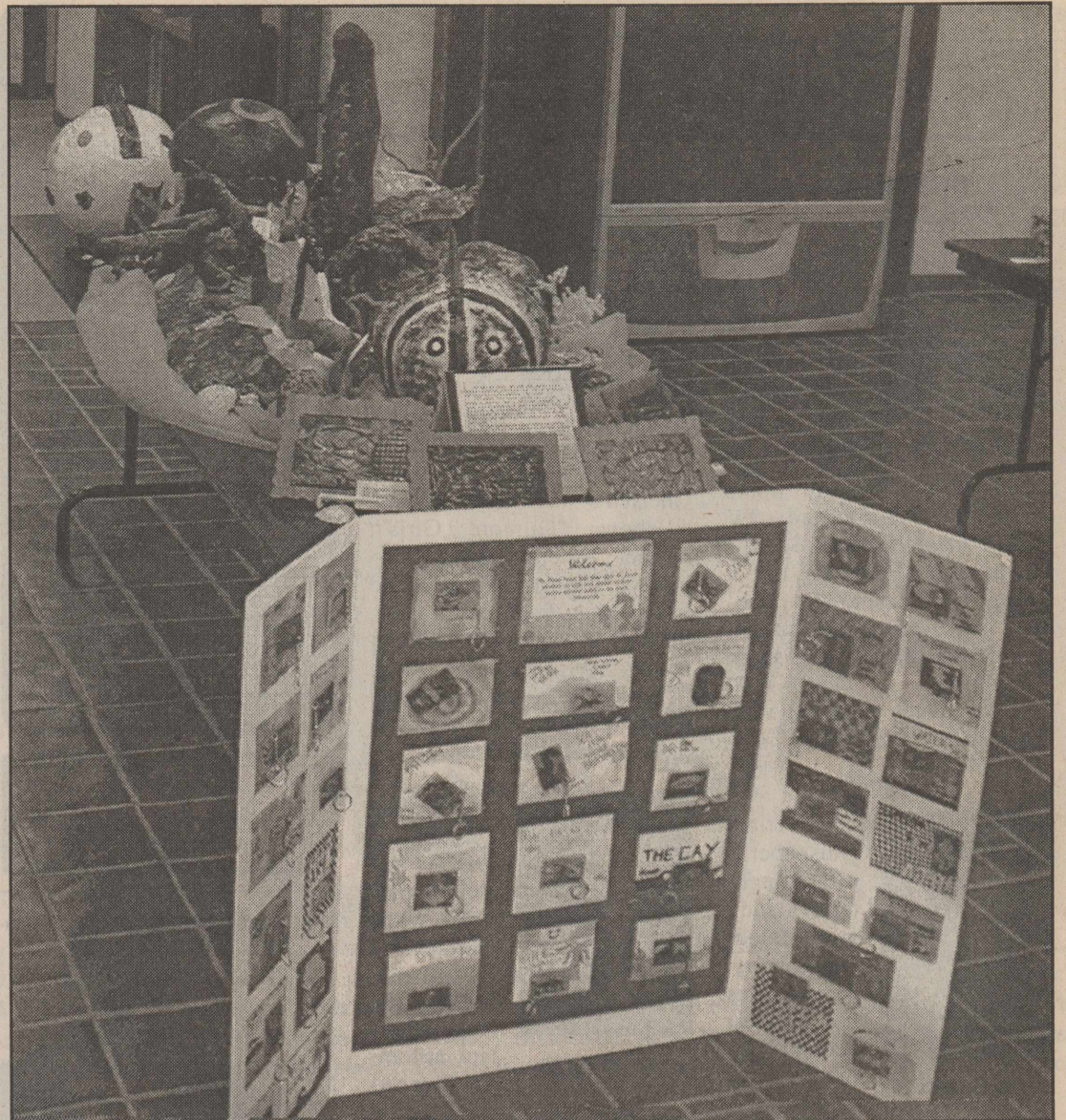
"I visited Reese Campus of South Plains College and shadowed a professor of English," said Paul Amador. "I was able to sit in two of her classes and listen to their group discussion on 'The Cask of Amontillado' by Edgar Allen Poe. After class she showed me her office and told me how she prepared for her classes and what she had to research before giving lectures over the literature. The day was a complete learning experience, and gave me a true idea of what teaching at the college level would be like."

"I had a wonderful job shadowing experience," said Hannah Rockwell. "Dr. Crawford saw patients with many different needs. It was really cool to watch him fix a lady's tooth that had been chipped off. I've never had a cavity and I would be afraid to have to fix one, but Dr. Crawford made it look painless and simple. A dentist also can make molds of mouths at his office to put a bridge in the patient's mouth. The day was great and I learned a lot."

"Justin Wright and I went to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms," said Tod Duncan. "It was very interesting. They showed us lots of cool equipment, and we really had fun. We learned a lot about the ATF. They talked to us about college and how important it is to get a good education. I was glad I went."

"I went to the Prairie House in Plainview," said Mary Cruz Ramirez. "They showed me around the buildings. An LVN showed me what they did at the Prairie House. They have a lot of paper work."

"I really enjoyed my job shadow day," Cody Gardner said. "It let me gain insight into the medical field. During the day I saw two ultrasounds, learned to diagnose patients, helped administer immunization shots, worked in the lab, and visited ICU patients. I learned a lot that day, and saw what it took to be a doctor."



FISD ART WORK ON DISPLAY AT FNB OF FLOYDADA-FHS and FJHS have their art work of crafts and paintings on display in the lobby of First National Bank of Floydada. The public is invited to come by and enjoy the art work of the students of FISD Art Teacher Rozanne Bishop. March is National Art Month. Staff Photo



DUNCAN ACCELERATED READERS --Back row (l-r): Rosemary Finley-Super Reader; Steven Garcia-Independent Reader; Jake Graham-25 pts.; Gerardo Ramirez-25 pts.; Christian Cabello-Super Reader 5; Amelia Gonzales-Super Reader 2&3; Valerie Ruddell-25 pts. & Super Reader 4; Ashley Lucke-Super Reader; Christina Muniz-Super Reader. (Middle row, l-r): Malorie Alaniz-50pts., 75pts., Advanced 4&5; Jianna Davenport-Super Reader 3; Anna Corona-Independent Reader; T.K. Farris-25 pts.; Kaden Lackey-Super 3; Merritt Johnson-25 pts., Super Reader 5 & Advanced Reader; Shani Ross-Advanced Reader; Kelsey Nutt-Super Reader. (Front row, l-r): Dustin Nichols-Super Reader; Madolyn McCormick-Independent Reader; Aaron Saenz-Independent Reader; Abigail Vargas-Super 3&4; Francisco Luna-Independent Reader. Not pictured: Abigail Ramirez-25 pts. & Timothy Dues-Advanced Reader.



BUSINESSES HELP IN 'JOB SHADOW'-Tiffany Taylor is shown with dental hygienist in Dr. Gary W. Stone's office. Courtesy Photo

## Floydada 7th Grade Girls Basketball Report

### 7th LADY BREEZERS - 19 ABERNATHY - 33

The Floydada Junior High 7th grade Lady Breezers hosted the Abernathy on January 25, 2003 and lost by a score of 33-19.

Adding points to the scoreboard were: Myra Torres - 8 points; Briana Weeks - 4 points; Jennifer Leatherman - 3 points; Kelsey Williams - 3 points and Victoria Perez - 1 point.

### 7th LADY BREEZERS - 15 ABERNATHY - 17

On January 27, 2003 the 7th grade Lady Breezers played host to Abernathy and came up on the short end by a score of 17-15.

Adding points to the scoreboard were: Jennifer Leatherman - 6 points; Briana Weeks - 5 points; Krystin Muse - 2 points and Morgan Norrell - 2 points.

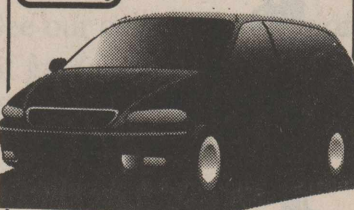
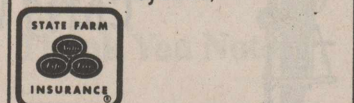
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### Lockney School Menu

March 10 - March 14  
Monday:

**Breakfast** - French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Beef and macaroni or tuna sandwich, green beans, peaches, Italian bread, milk

Tuesday:

**Breakfast** - Scrambled egg or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Steak fingers or bologna and cheese, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday:

**Breakfast** - Apple turnover or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Beef tacos or grilled cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, fruited gelatin, cornbread, milk

Thursday:

**Breakfast** - Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Chicken spaghetti or PBJ sandwich, tossed salad, applesauce, Italian bread, milk

Friday:

**Breakfast** - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Hamburger or corn dog, lettuce and tomato, french fries, orange halves, milk

### Floydada School Menu

March 10 - March 14  
Monday:

**Breakfast** - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Pizza, green salad, corn, fruit, milk

Tuesday:

**Breakfast** - Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Taco salad w/meat & cheese, pinto beans, jello w/fruit, milk

Wednesday:

**Breakfast** - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit milk

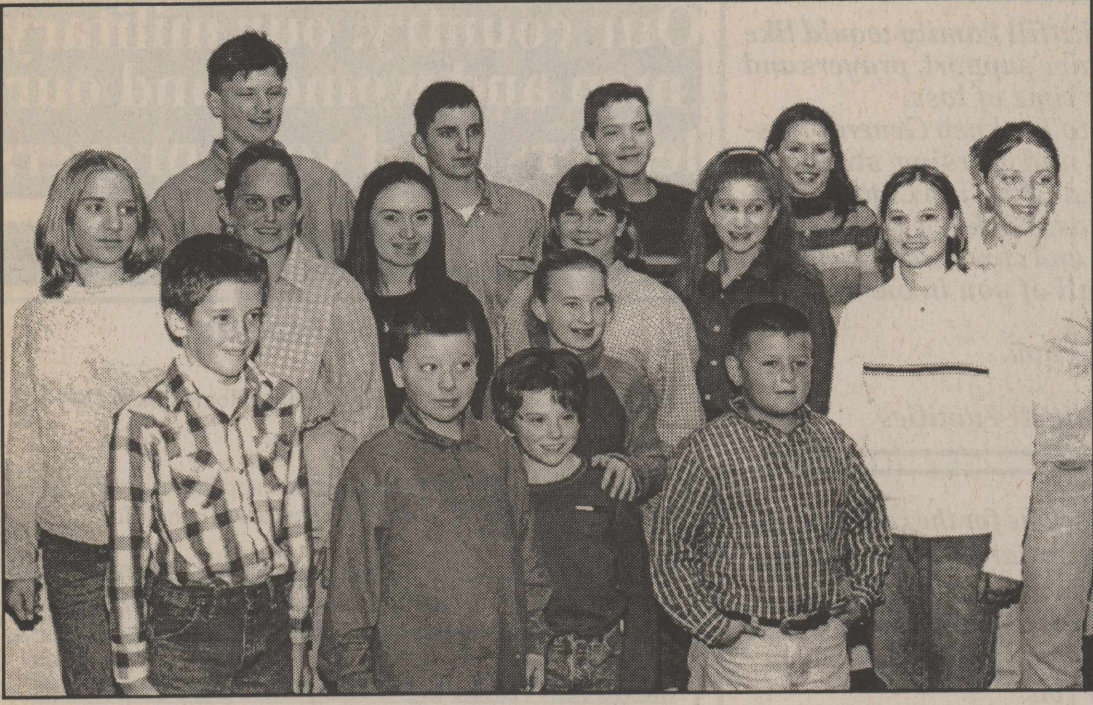
Thursday:

**Breakfast** - Pancakes, syrup, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Roast, quick baked potatoes, carrots, apricot blooming cake, milk

Friday:

**Breakfast** - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch** - Corn dogs, fries, pickle spears, fruit, milk





**TEXAS JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION 2003 DIRECTORS**-The TJAA elected directors for 2003 at their annual meeting and banquet, January 18 in Fort Worth. Pictured (front row, l-r) Charlie Rochester, Gonzales; Brazos Williams, Lockney; Tylee Williams, Lockney; Callie Donaldson, Grandview; Wade Wells, Hamilton; (middle row, l-r) Gretchen Ettredge, Pilot Point; Kelsy Mosley, Santo; Jordan Hammons, Grandview; Kendra Mosley, Santo; Taylor McQueen, Gilmer; Ashley Francis, Perrin; (back row, l-r) C.A. Jones, Sunray; Kyle Kemp, Decatur; Austin John, Schertz; Whitney Richter, Waco; Megan Ahearn, Wills Point.

Photo by American Angus Association

## Disaster assistance enrollment begins soon

By Tim W. McAlavy

Farmers and ranchers who qualify for disaster assistance under the Agricultural Assistance Act passed by Congress on February 13 will soon be able to enroll at their county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office, according to Jim Little, FSA administrator based in Washington, DC.

"We now know that we (USDA) will have \$3.1 billion available for producers who qualify for this assistance," Lewis told a crowd of South Plains producers attending the 2003 Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo here. "Of that total, \$2.145 billion will go to qualifying crop producers, \$365 million will go to livestock producers, and \$589 million is earmarked for miscellaneous payments."

Congress passed the Agricultural Assistance Act last week as part of its fiscal year 2003 omnibus appropriations bill. It authorizes payments to crop producers who suffered losses of at least 35 percent of their normal yields in 2001 and 2002; as well as livestock producers who lost animals or forage/feed crops under the Livestock Assistance Program," Lewis said. "The \$589 million in miscellaneous expenses will cover payments for a New

Mexico water program; pesticide damage claims; the cottonseed program and FSA's salaries and expenses to implement the act."

If current enrollment in new farm bill programs proceeds apace through the June 2nd sign up deadline, qualifying producers may be able to sign up for disaster assistance this summer.

"If you are staying in the farm program, you must have your base and yield selections made by April 1, and you must complete your farm program sign up by June 2. We will deal with those priorities first, then begin the process of disaster assistance enrollment," Lewis said. "Right now, we think about 43 percent of all eligible producers nationwide have enrolled in the new farm program outlined in the current farm bill."

"If you haven't begun your farm bill/program enrollment, it will help greatly if you bring your base and yield numbers, past production records, and lease agreements with you when you visit your county FSA office. More and more producers are opting to receive electronic payments under the new farm bill, rather than the traditional paper checks."

That is easing the complications FSA offices often encounter when helping producers en-

roll in a new farm program, he added. Meanwhile, USDA planners are working on a process to help streamline implementation of the new disaster aid program, including writing software for the Livestock Assistance Program.

As part of the disaster aid implementation process, USDA will launch a producer-friendly website next week that will contain information about the disaster assistance programs; questions and answers; and other pertinent information. The website will also solicit input from producers and others on how USDA can best move the implementation process forward.

Meanwhile, Lewis said producers can always find farm program information, fact sheets, pertinent enrollment forms and other helpful tools from county FSA offices or on the Internet at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp>.

More than 150 producers attended the annual Southwest Crops Production Conference sponsored by *Southwest Farm Press*, Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University, USDA's Agricultural Research Service and Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## San Angelo Stock Show Results

By J. D. Ragland

Six Floyd County 4-H exhibitors participated in the 71st Annual San Angelo Stock Show held February 15-22.

In the Heifer Division Brazos Williams had Reserve Champion Angus Heifer. He also received a 4th place as well as a \$500 scholarship. Tylee Williams took home two 2nd places. They also both competed in the Heifer Futurity Contest. This contest consists of basically four sections: Showmanship, Heifer Sales Marketing Talk, judging of two classes and presentation of one set of oral reasons.

In the Junior Heifer Futurity Division Brazos received 2nd place and Tylee was 4th.

Swine exhibitors included Skye Nutt who placed 7th with his Lt. Wt. Duroc. Also competing was Brady Ragland.

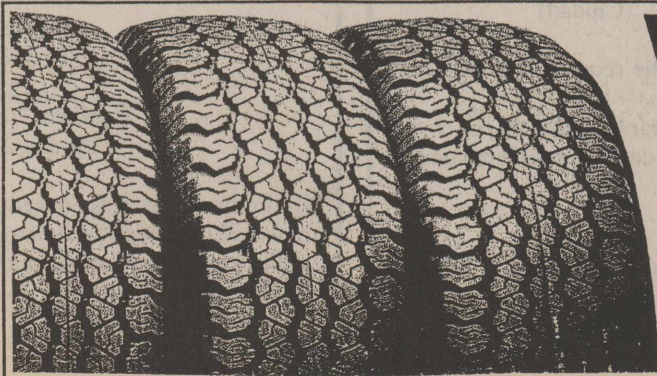
Rabbit exhibitors included Will and Addie Foster.



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## Cotton Market Weekly

A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Market volatility kept cotton traders on their toes this week as futures prices fluctuated on the New York Cotton Exchange. Technical factors, including a record long speculative position, and several key governmental reports gave cotton market observers plenty of information to digest.

Net export sales of 2002/03 crop cotton in the week ended Feb. 20 were 24 percent above the previous week's sales at 255,100 bales, however, the number was slightly lower than some market expectations. According to USDA, China was the primary buyer for the week with acquisitions of 98,000 bales followed by Turkey and Pakistan with purchases totaling 27,000 and 22,000 bales, respectively.

Market observers focused primarily on the export shipment figure for the week as 162,400 bales were shipped. The figure was 29 percent less than the previous week and 27 percent lower than the four-week average. Major destinations included Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia.

"Export commitments now stand at 8.84 million bales, down from one year ago when commitments were 10.14 million bales," said one analyst. The current USDA export estimate is 10.8 million bales for the 2002/03

marketing year.

"To reach this target, the market will need to ship an average of 248,000 bales a week," the analyst added.

Traders have questioned whether prices at their current levels will be able to sustain good export sales, but some have said the Step 2 payment, combined with the weakness in the U.S. dollar, should support sales.

In another key report, the National Cotton Council (NCC) reported U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 7.35 million bales in January. NCC also revised its December usage figure to 7.80 million bales, down from the previously reported 7.88 million bales. The January figure came in below most market expectations as many had anticipated the number to be similar to December's level.

"The consumption numbers certainly were a kick in the belly," an analyst commented. "The annualized rate of 7.35 million -bales is the smallest number since November a year ago, and December's data also was revised downward."

Meanwhile, a record 52 percent speculative long position gave pause to the market. Some said the position made the mar-

ket vulnerable to a pullback amid what many thought was an "overbought condition." However, many industry observers agreed that the market eventually would see a correction stemmed by trade buying.

In other news, USDA released its initial projections for the 2003/04 crop at the annual Agricultural Outlook Forum in Washington on Feb. 21. The department expects world production to reach 95.0 million bales next year compared to the International Cotton Advisory Committee's (ICAC) 95.4 million bale estimate. Consumption was pegged at 97.8 million bales versus ICAC's 97.3 million bales. USDA placed ending stocks at 35.4 million bales while ICAC estimates the figure at 38.5 million.

"These two agencies have almost always been out of synch with stocks numbers primarily due to variances in their interpretations of China's cotton data," explained a cotton market analyst.

On the spot cotton scene, trading dipped lower as online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers for the week ended Feb. 27 totaled 10,429 bales. The figure was down from the previous week when 14,812 bales changed hands. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 45.87 to 48.21 cents per pound compared to the previous week's range of 45.15 to 47.38 cents per pound.

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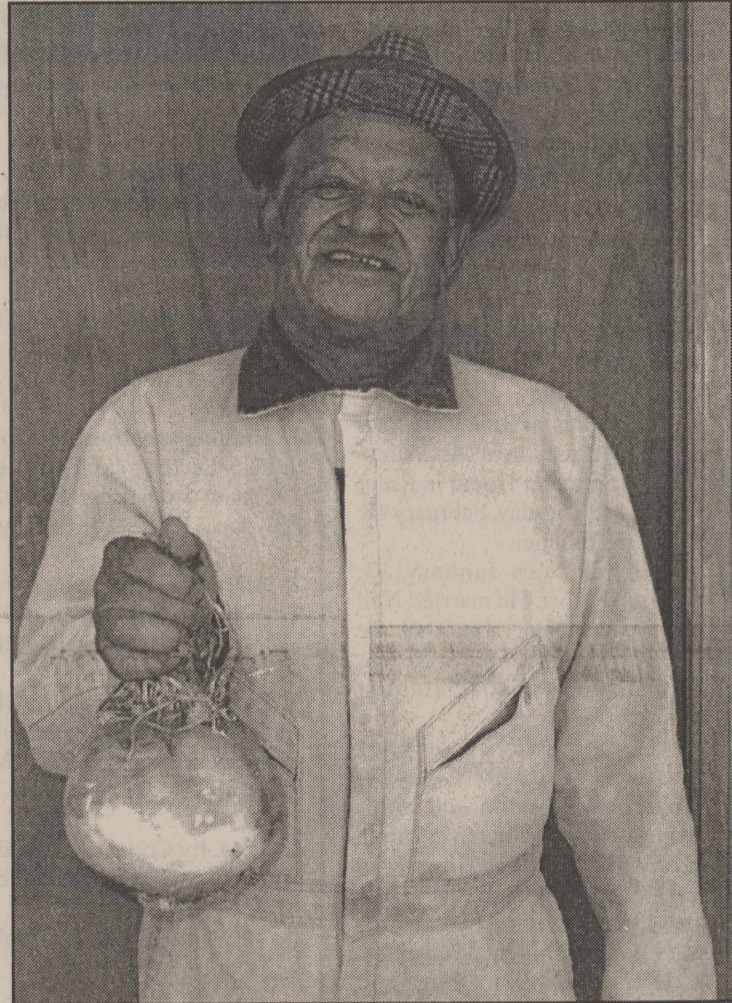


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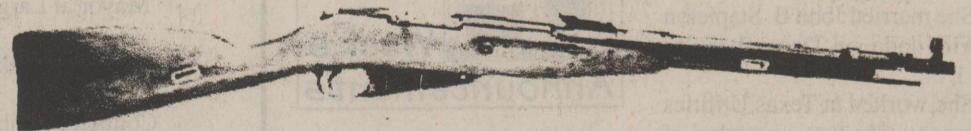
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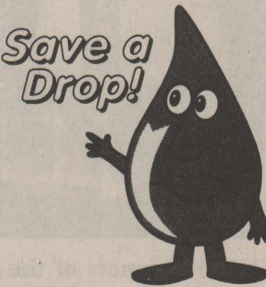
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