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Study shows FISD buildings in need of rehabilitation

By Alice Gilroy

A facility study of FISD campuses has revealed major rehabilitation is needed in several areas at Junior High and R.C. Andrews Elementary. Minor improvements are needed at other campuses. Plans are now in progress to address these issues and construction of a new building may be one of the answers.

The study was conducted by the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) at the request of the FISD Board.

After the study, TASA recommended that FISD develop a "Master Facilities Plan" which would address the District's needs for the next 10-20 years.

"This is a plan for our future," said FISD Superintendent Jerry Vaughn. "It is not necessarily something that has to be done tomorrow, but there are several areas that have to be addressed quickly."

TASA analyzed the District's facilities and compared them to state and other established standards based on: educational adequacy, health and safety, accessibility, efficiency, flexibility, and appearance.

At a Lions Club program on Thursday, Vaughn presented a presentation of what he called serious inadequacies in some of the school buildings. Pictures showed leaking pipes, water stained walls, crumbling sheetrock and soft wood floors, crowded classrooms, lack of or hard to access bathrooms for handicapped, no privacy stalls in

some bathrooms, and lack of modern technologically advanced libraries and Science labs.

"FISD has retained Grimes and Associates to help the district develop a master facilities plan," said Vaughn.

To begin the plan four teams have been created: an administrative team, a parent/future parent team, a community team, and a faculty team. Each team will give input to the plan.

The teams will be faced with difficult choices of how best to improve old buildings in the most economical and efficient way possible.

Floydada High School was 46 years old (built in 1957); Junior High is 80 years old (built in 1923); Andrews is 77 years old (built in 1926); and Duncan is 37 years old (built in 1966).

Team members will also have to look at declining enrollment and unfunded state mandates.

"FISD is a 'declining' enrollment district," said Vaughn. "Region 17 (which includes FISD) has 52 districts, and 51 of them are considered 'declining enrollment' districts."

The current enrollment of FISD is 1,053 students. FISD has averaged a loss of 18 students over the last decade and it is projected they will lose 12 over the next decade.

The peak enrollment for FISD was in 1964 with 1,932 students. The TASA study predicts FISD enrollment should stabilize at approximately 850 students in the 2015-2016 school year.

As Vaughn discussed the need for more rooms for students he was questioned on why the district needs more room if FISD has less students and projects even less in the future.

"State mandates have made us reduce our class sizes," said Vaughn, "and also mandated new courses and new curriculum which have forced us to add classrooms."

Vaughn said the libraries and science labs are also antiquated and do not meet technology requirements.

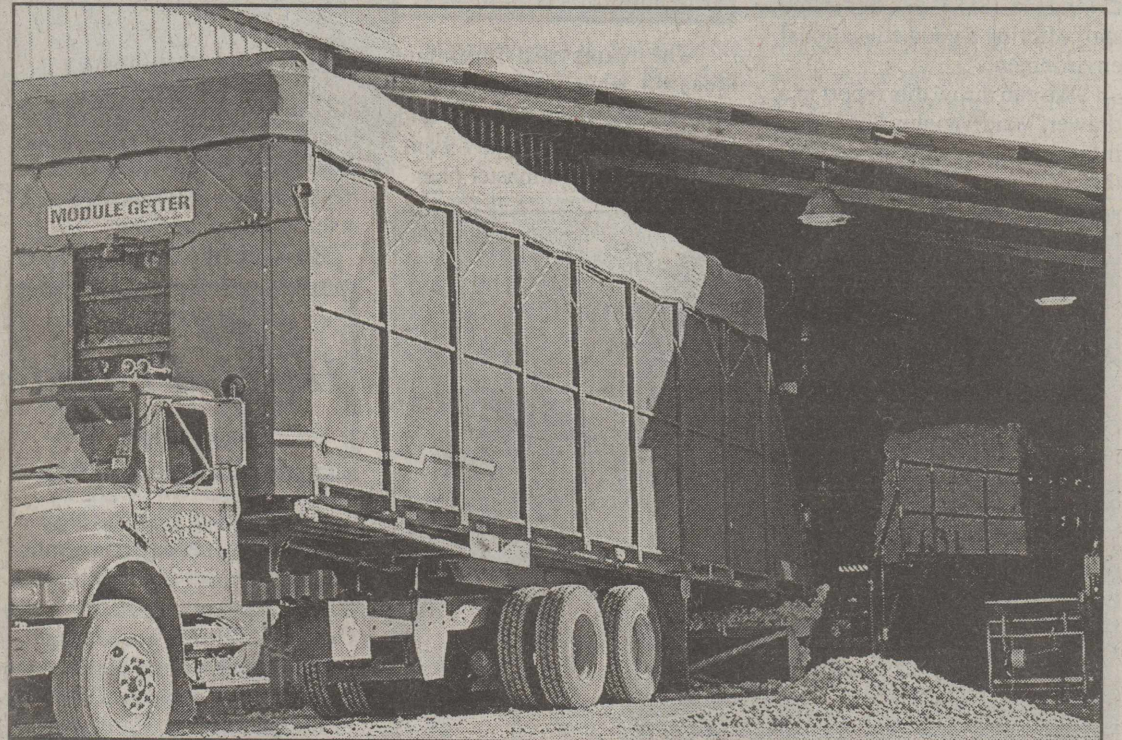
According to TASA, "nearly 80% of the District's general classroom space and over 70% of all teaching stations are smaller than the current Texas state minimum standards."

"The school has significant needs for more space in special programs (science, business, computers, art, drama, career, and vocational, etc.) and instructional support (library, administrative support, etc.), some of which can be met only through additions..."

"The District needs to deal with both existing space needs and program needs."

The TASA study gave each campus a score (see chart), and R.C. Andrews, Junior High, and CCLC were in a percentile range where TASA recommends abandonment or replacement of facility.

TASA said the High School needed major rehabilitation and Duncan needed minor improvement. **Continued On Page 2**



COTTON MODULE UNLOADING MONDAY AT FLOYDADA COOP GIN-The late freeze and the dry winds this past weekend in Floyd County has helped the farmers get back into the fields to finish their 2003 cotton harvest. **Staff Photo**

EDC looks toward an Assisted Living Center in Floydada

By Alice Gilroy

Floydada's Economic Development Center is in an aggressive mode of launching a community initiative to bring an Assisted Living Center to Floydada.

The public and potential investors are invited to a presentation by the EDC, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Electric Community Room.

The presentation will cover all aspects of an assisted living center--design, location, operation, and ownership.

An assisted living center (ALC) has been an ongoing project of EDC since the EDC

was first formed.

A survey, in 1999, by the Floyd County Extension Service, identified elderly care as the number one need in the community.

A subsequent survey, by the EDC, in 2001, ranked assisted living in the top 10 priorities.

An ALC provides individualized health and personal care assistance in a homelike setting. An ALC is described as one large

"home" with private suites/apartments.

The individuals suites can include the bedroom, living room/kitchenette, bathroom, and closet. The fee includes all utilities, meals, snacks, and activities. Residents furnish their suite with their own furniture. The home includes a large dining room, and large group living area.

Services provided by an ALC could include: 24 hour staffing, **Continued On Page 2**

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!

Santa Claus will arrive in Floydada December 2nd and visit with children at the former Hale's Department Store from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Downtown stores will be open late for shopping convenience.

Santa will return on December 4th for a visit to Lockney children at City Bank, Lockney from 6:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m. Lockney stores will be open late for shopping. Shoppers should remember to register in chamber member stores for two \$100 "Chamber Bucks" giveaway.

Readers win Thanksgiving turkeys

Twenty-five Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon readers were recipients of free turkeys last week in the "Win a Turkey" promotion sponsored by Floyd County businesses.

The businesses who provided the turkey and the winners were: Davis Farm Supply-Paul Attebury; Caprock Motor Parts & Hardware, Margie Young; City

Bank, Lockney-Geneva Barclay; City Auto-Sherry Cannon; 1st National Bank of Floydada-Elaine LaBaume; Cornelius Conoco-Rainey Varner;

Clark Pharmacy-Ricky Flippin; Davis Lumber-Dennis Cortez; Darty Gin-Manuela Mendoza;

Cogdell Clinic PNS Floydada-Judy Griggs; Kirk & Sons.

Diane Torrez; Raceway Fuel, Naomi Fernandez;

Lockney Insurance, Sylvia Jimenez; Producer's Coop Elevator-Mrs. Davis; Oden Chevrolet-Kent Covington;

Payne Family Pharmacy-Jerry Galloway; City Bank, Floydada-Moses Reyes; Lowe's Pay-N-Save Lockney--Clementine Carthel;

Silver Screen Videos-Louis Olvera; Hesperian Beacon Floydada-Oscar Garza Jr.; Hesperian Beacon Lockney-Macon Ullmer; Main Street Pizza-Rosa Linda Felan;

Pizza Gold-Domingo Lara; Lowe's Pay-N-Save Floydada-Geneva Bennett; Nielson's Restaurant & Catering-Ruben DeLeon.

Hospice Hands to sponsor Home Tour

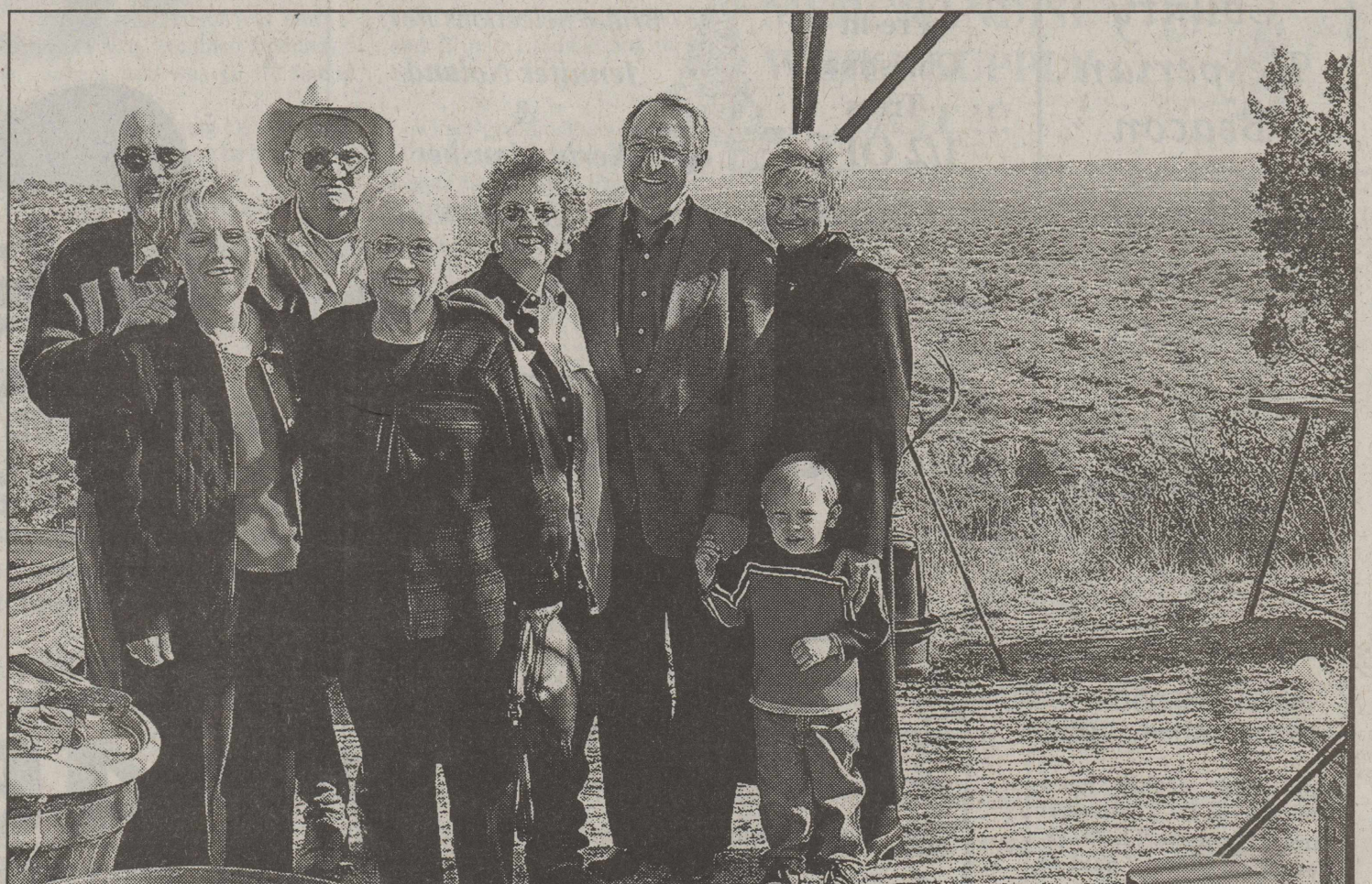
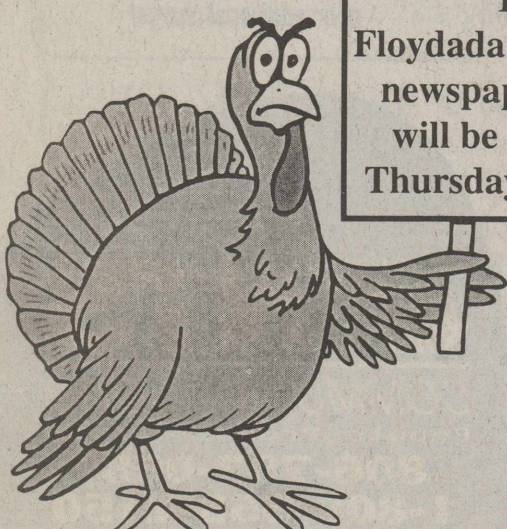
Hospice Hands of West Texas, in Lockney, will host another Christmas Home Tour, December 7, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

This year's tour will include 5 homes: Nell Glasscock, Mary & Bill McCarter, Kenneth & Jackie Lou Holt, Eddie & Cheryl Teeter, and Jim & Denise

Doucette.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at: Hospice Hands and Schacht Flowers in Lockney; Payne Pharmacy in Floydada; and Plainview Area Wide Realty, Broadway Crafts & Antique Mall, and Fruit of the Spirit in Plainview.

The Floydada & Lockney newspaper offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday



WE APPRECIATE OUR HIGHWAY--Joe and Virginia Taylor recently hosted a luncheon at their Circle Dot Ranch to show their appreciation to everyone who helped make the new Floyd County Highway 689 a reality. The event was attended by TXDoT officials, County Commissioners, landowners along the highway, and others who threw their support behind the project. Shown here are: (back, l-r) Commissioner Craig Gilly, Joe Taylor, Virginia Taylor, State Representative Pete Laney, Nelda Laney; (front, l-r) Trudi Gilly, and Lynn Marler.

FSID study shows need for refurbishing

Continued from pg. 1 security system, housekeeping, medication assistance, and more. "Each year we loose several

ments. The study said, "school facilities become a priority only when they get in the way of good instruction--Floydada Junior High, Andrews, and the old Della Plains schools have reached that point...All of the District's facilities predate contemporary program needs."

Vaughn was quick to point out that the study also concluded the staff was doing an excellent job considering space and program needs. According to TASA, "Floydada ISD has a dedicated staff offering a good educational environment."

"We can throw this report in a drawer," said Vaughn, "or gather information on how to address this.

Facility Composite Scores	
High School	67.9%
Junior High	41.8%
Andrews	43.7%
Duncan	71.3%
CCLC	42.9%

Key
 90-100% A school facility of exceptional quality.
 70-89% Serves program well; some minor improvements needed.
 60-69% Facility needs substantial or major rehabilitation.
 46-59% Complete renovation or replacement
 00-45% Abandon or replace the facility

"The teams will formulate ideas on what we can afford, what do the parents want, and what does the community want. We will develop a master plan."

General Conclusions and Recommendations of TASA Study (Which will be addressed by Facility Planning Teams)

1. Establish long-range policies/goals regarding school organization.
2. Develop a facility master plan, addressing the needs for 20 or more years into the future, and the next 10 years.
3. Relocate the junior high school to a new and suitably large site, as the district's highest priority.
4. Relocate the intermediate school program to new facilities, possibly moved partly to a new middle school and partly to additions at Duncan Elementary school
5. Regarding replacement of elementary and intermediate school the district's alternatives should be consistent with planning and will likely result in reduced administrative units.
6. Evaluate RCA for reuse for the district's central administrative services, AEP programs, or other public agency use.
7. Evaluate FJHS and associated permanent buildings for use as storage and warehousing facilities or for razing to provide stadium parking.
8. Evaluate the AEP programs future and eventual relocation to a more suitable long-term facility.
9. Evaluate the high school site for expansion; based on options available, determine the facility's better use, as a high school, a middle school, or a 7-12 secondary school.
10. Evaluate the expansion of Duncan Elementary to include grades EE-4, EE-5, EE-6
11. Improve all sites for vehicular access and parking
12. Refurbish both ABD and FHS, as both are of an age where full updating and refurbishing should be done.
13. Provide adequate housing for special needs programs at the appropriate locations.
14. Provide a phased plan for making all schools handicapped accessible.
15. Make all buildings and improvements technology ready, according to the technology plan.

Assisted Living Center plans to be discussed

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elderly residents to an assisted living center in another community," said EDC Director Dora Ross. "When they leave, a void is left in our community." Ross said the cost of living in

an ALC is comparable to maintaining your own home.

"EDC research shows if you're paying rent or making a house payment, paying utilities, property taxes, food, insurance, and maintenance the estimated

cost to live in a home is \$1,500-\$2,400 per month," said Ross.

The cost to live in an ALC depends on the level of care needed by the resident, and size of suite.

Approximate rent would be between \$1,400 and \$2,800.

bedroom suites (approx. 365 sq. ft), and 2 one-bedroom deluxe suites (approx 550 sq. ft). Estimated cost to build would be \$1.3 million.

"There are several ways we could go about getting an ASL," said Ross.

"We could ask a taxing entity to form a non-profit corporation to operate under that entity and build the center.

"Or, we could ask a taxing entity to form a committee to look into building a Center and find investors to own and operate the ALC.

"We need investment seed money which would provide 25% down for financing and operating expenses for one year until the ALC began operating at a profit.

"Whoever owns and operates it would reap the profit benefits," said Ross.

Caprock Hospital Board Report

The Caprock Hospital District Board met Tuesday, November 18, and heard an update of a \$10,028.01 profit at the PNS Cogdell Clinic, according to Board Member Tom Farris.

The board approved \$502.49 of Indigent Health Care claims. According to Farris, "The EMS has been very busy this past month."

Those present at the meeting were: Board President Rex Lawson; Board Members Tom Farris and Kyle Smith; Paul Acreman of PNS; and Cogdell Clinic Office Manager Maybelle Monreal

THIS WEEK'S

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army in Lockney is in need of children's toys for Christmas.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Mark your calendars to remember the annual Christmas Brunch sponsored by the Floyd County Unit of the American Cancer Society. The festive event will be held at the home of Pat and Sally Bradley, 112 South 1st Street on Saturday, December 6th from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. Tickets for a donation of \$7.50 are available now or at the door that day.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas carols will be played daily during December from the Carillon Tower of First United Methodist Church. The Carillon is a gift from the Guthrie family in memory of Sue Guthrie.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

There will be a Whirlwind Booster Club meeting on December 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Jim and Deidra Covington, 906 W. Kentucky. This meeting will be to prepare for the concession stand during the Whirlwind Classic Basketball Tournament. Please make plans to attend!



DOOR PRIZE FOR CHRISTMAS BRUNCH—One of the door prizes to be given away at the annual Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 6 will be silver coins from First National Bank of Floydada. Shown displaying a coin is Beth Eckert with Glenda Wilson (right), president of the local unit of ACS. Staff Photo

American Cancer Society to hold annual Christmas Brunch

By Martha Farris

A holiday event which always emphasizes the beginning of the Christmas season is the annual Christmas Brunch sponsored by the Floyd County Unit of the American Cancer Society. The festive occasion this year will be held in the beautifully redecorated home of Sally and Pat Bradley at 112 South First Street in Floydada, on Saturday, December 6, from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m.

The lovely home would be invitation enough, but, as in previous years, board members will provide and serve a bountiful buffet of holiday brunch foods

including breakfast casseroles, fruit breads and muffins, cheese balls and crackers, veggie trays,

fruits and dips, candies and cookies -- all served with coffee and fruit drinks!

Tickets are now available for this very special event from any board member, First National Bank of Floydada; Linda Matsler at Thayer and Washington, CPA; or you may purchase a ticket at the door for a donation of \$7.50 to the American Cancer Society.

"We need to remember, also, the very worthy cause behind our sponsoring the brunch," said Glenda Wilson, president of the local unit. "Cancer never takes a holiday; and, while we are celebrating a joyful occasion, we are being involved in the battle against cancer."

Holiday blood drive scheduled

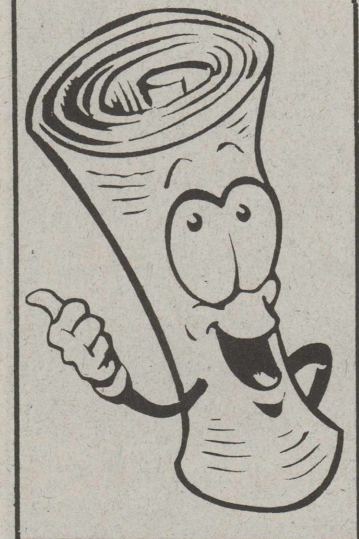
LHS senior Hannah Rockwell is coordinating this month's blood drive at the Lockney Holiday Health Fair, December 6. She is encouraging Lockney residents to, "Take a load off your feet and start your holiday planning while donating blood at our Lockney Holiday Health Fair blood drive."

"The blood drive will replenish our local blood supply and stock hospitals' shelves for the upcoming holiday season," said Rockwell.

The drive will be held at the Lockney Elementary School Library from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 6.

Make a commitment to stop by the Lockney Holiday Health Fair to donate blood, or call Julie Ellison, Kathy Azua, or Hannah Rockwell at 652-3325 for a convenient appointment. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

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Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Donald and Mavis Reecer ate at the Center last week when they were in town to help move his mother, Clara Reecer, to the rest home in Floydada. Donnie B is sure going to miss seeing Clara every morning when he visits the Lockney rest home.

Visitors also eating at the Center last week were Audvie and Betty Barnett of Lubbock.

I visited Donnie M Bowman in the Lockney hospital last week and she is recovering nicely but slowly from her injuries.

I also visited Eula Bramlet who was in the room next door where she is recuperating from a heart attack. She was sitting up in a chair and was in good spirits after having been so sick.

Mamie Hays is at home now recuperating from a bout of the flu. She was in the hospital for a few days last week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Jerry Williams family. Jerry passed away Wed. November 19 and his memorial services were Saturday November 22. The community has lost another great friend.

Sincere good wishes to you and yours for a wonderful and enjoyable Thanksgiving. This is the season set aside for reflecting on all our blessings.

Menu for Dec 1-5

- Mon: Beef Enchiladas
- Tuesday: Pork Chops
- Wed: Beef Fajitas
- Thursday: B.B.Q. Chicken
- Friday: Chicken Fried Steak

Williams honored with bridal shower

Amanda Williams, daughter of Monte and Kellie Williams, was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Mitch Probasco on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

The Probasco home, beautifully decorated with antiques and Patty's artistic creations, featured autumn flowers and greenery in each room.

Mrs. Elaine LaBaume registered guests as they arrived.

The refreshment table, laid and overlaid with cream and red tablecloths, was centered with a tall arrangement of clustered white and dark red mums. Fruit punch was served in crystal wine goblets from a footed silver punch bowl. Fruit breads, cream puffs, tiny cakes, and sandwiches, quiche, fresh fruits, and nuts, were offered to guests.

Gifts were displayed in rooms throughout the house. The hostess gift was a beautiful black and tan comforter and matching bed linens.

Co-hostesses included Zahn Turner, Diane Emert, Jan Beedy, Mary Sanders, Penny Ogden, Linda Seymour, Ann Evans, Paula Pyle, Trena Simpson, Atha Sue, Amanda Miller, Charlene Brown, Joy Smitherman, Cindy Fuller, Cheryl Dawdy, Elaine LaBaume, Dee Sanders, Donna Anderson, and Amber Robbins.

Amanda is the bride-elect of Todd Hinsley, son of Kjm and Sarah Hinsley. They plan to marry on January 3, 2004 in the First Baptist Church of Floydada.

Floyd County Lifestyles



RALPH MARTIN AND PATRICIA ANN LEE LANGLEY CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Langleys celebrate 50th Anniversary

Ralph Martin and Patricia Ann Lee Langley celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday November 15, 2003 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Slaton. Father Nicholas Rendon officiated the Anniversary Mass for the Langleys.

Ralph and Pat's four children and one great granddaughter that Ralph and Pat are raising were present for the Anniversary Mass as they renewed their vows and for the blessing of the rings. Children present were Ralph Edward of Plainview; William Martin of Slaton; John Patrick of Lubbock; Sarah Cordelia Langley Gallemore of Lubbock; and Delissa Lynn of the home.

Following the mass a dinner, reception and dance with karaoke were held in St. Joseph Hall next to the church.

Attending the anniversary from out of town were: Ralph's only living uncle from Ennis, A.D. Langley and wife Gertrude Langley; Mr. and Mrs. Van

Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitfill, Mrs. Helen Fowler, and Mr. Richard Fowler, all from Ennis; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitfill, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lee of Lawton, OK; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hendrix, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Webster, all of Floydada.

Other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Olin Rapp of Hobbs, NM; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Parker, Kelsey Parker, Nathan Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Langley of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Galloway, Clayton, Lacey, and Kasey Galloway of Olton; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Davis of Lockney; Mr. Michael Higdon of Snyder; Mrs. Theresa Daniel, Lindsey and Kyla of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Galloway of Plano; Miss Tracy Damron of Amarillo; and Mrs. Bobbie Damron of Dimmitt.

Also attending were Jaclyn Nicholson Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Higdon, Dr. Maribeth Dennis, Mrs. Dorothy Stinnitt and Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Gallemore, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jester and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Scoggins, Mr. Peter Scoggins, Mr. Garet Gallemore, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Flores, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Mac Davis of Ransom Canyon.

Slaton attendees were: Mr. and Mrs. David Woody and Lizzy, Kyle and Michael Woody, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bednarz, Mrs. Mary Bednarz, Mrs. Idalee Bednarz, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuss, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meurer, Mrs. Syliva Meurer, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Dormer, Deacon and Mrs. Darris Linder, Deacon and Mrs. Leroy Behnke, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Aberle and Reguba, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Hlavaty, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denzer, Mrs. Judy Portwood, Mrs. Tammy Prindle, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Ketten, Desi Davis, Father Nicholas Rendon, Mr. Charles Hankston and family.

Floydada senior citizens news and menu

By Margarette Word

The Center will be closed for Thanksgiving Day, November 27.

Joe and Pat Jones of Brownwood ate lunch at the Center Friday, November 21.

Flora McNeill is home after going on a long trip to Rome, Italy. She was home a short time, then went with a tour group on a Fall Foliage trip to Nashville, Tennessee and other scenic places.

December Birthdays: 13- Jerrold Vinson; 14 - Betsy Dempsey and Dorothy Holland; 17 - Alice Baker; 24 - Deota Odam; 26 - Jerry Pearson; 28 - Tiny Lorange.

Our sympathy to the family of

Blanton Hartsell.

Our sympathy to the family of Monroe Schulz.

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

In memory of **Pauline Myrick** - Delmas and Pauline McCormick.

In memory of **Blanton Hartsell** - Dale and Carolyn Smith.

In memory of **Betty Gilbreath** - Whirlwind Good Sam Club, James and Sue Lovell.

In memory of **Kyle Glover** - Vonda Dane, James and Sue Lovell.

In memory of **Mildred Cates** - James and Sue Lovell, Wayland and Margaret Jones.

"Happy Thanksgiving Holidays" Menu

December 1 - December 5

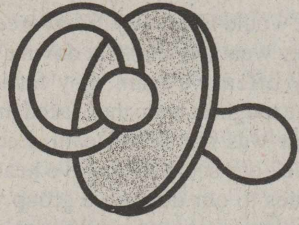
Monday - Pork chops, butter beans, spinach, coleslaw, cornbread, rice or bread pudding

Tuesday - Chicken strips, gravy, tater tots or fries, peas and carrots, toast or bread, fruit salad

Wednesday - Meatloaf, new potatoes with sauce, broccoli, celery sticks, wheat roll, lemon cake

Thursday - Turkey and dressing, poultry gravy, carrots, tossed salad/Ranch, pineapple cake

Friday - Chopped beef, parslid new potatoes, okra and tomatoes, biscuits, apricots, frosted cake-chocolate



FRANKLIN
Pepper and Jeff Franklin, of Lubbock, welcome with love the birth of their blessed twins, Evan Jeffrey and Avery Renay, born on November 6, 2003. Avery was born at 12:08 p.m., weighed 3 pounds 2 ounces and was 16

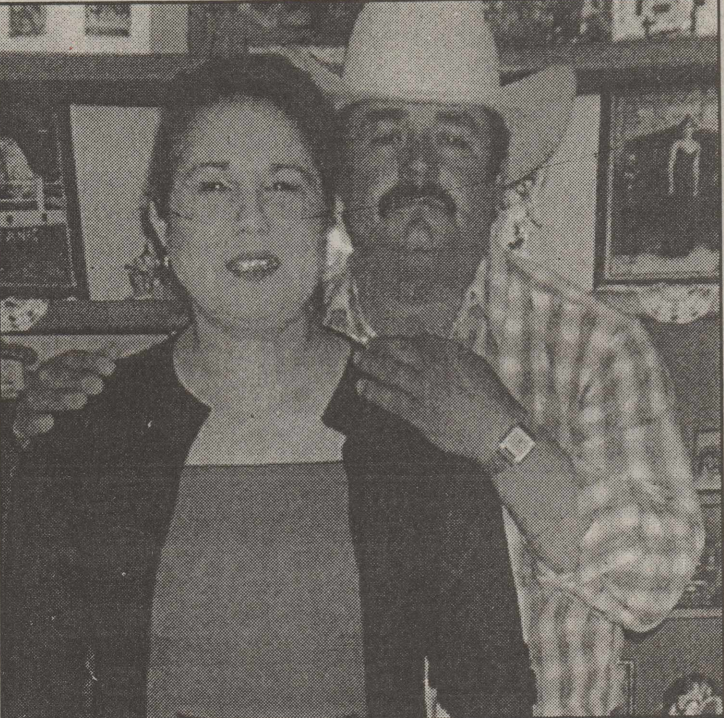
inches long. Evan was born at 12:09 p.m., weighed 3 pounds 6 ounces, and was 16 1/2 inches long.

Both are doing exceptionally well and will soon be home from the hospital.

Proud grandparents are Bill

and Duffy Hinkley of Lubbock, and El and Linda Franklin of Snyder.

Great-grandmothers are Doris Hinkle of Possum Kingdom Lake, and Lorene Franklin of Snyder.



HAPPY 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Jaime and Maria Cuellar of Floydada, who married on November 22, 1978, from your mom Dolores DeLa Funete and all your family. We love you.

Remember!
Santa Claus is coming to town:
Floydada, Dec. 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Lockney, Dec. 4, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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Hope to see you soon

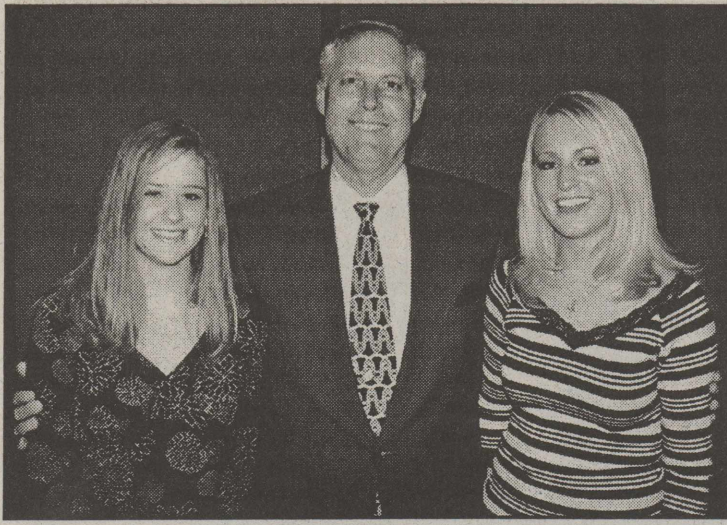
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Cathy's Floral & Gifts
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Don't forget to come in for All Your Christmas Arrangements And Decorating Needs.

Join us Tuesday Evening Dec. 2nd for Christmas on the Square 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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Floydada Students Attend Baylor Banquet--Kristan Lackey and Meghan Graham, both juniors in Floydada High School, were guests at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Alumni and Friends Banquet in Lubbock on Monday, November 10. The two high schoolers attended the banquet as the guests of Martha White Farris and Emily Griffin Davis, both of Floydada and both graduates of the university. More than 30 people attended the banquet, which was hosted by the University Alumni Association. Dr. Jerry G. Bawcom, president of the university, spoke about the current events at the university and shared the university vision for the future. The banquet was held in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas' annual meeting in Lubbock.

Floydada Junior High School UIL Individual and Team results

On November 12, 2003, Floydada Junior High School competed in the annual academic UIL competition. The Floydada students performed very well and brought many awards home. FJHS ended up with the second place finish. Abernathy took 1st place, Friona 3rd place, Lockney 4th place, Hale Center 5th place, and Olton 6th place. Point totals for the overall event were as follows: Abernathy 714, Floydada 556, Friona 506.6, Lockney 302, Hale Center 264.8, and Olton 204.6.

Individual and team places include the following:

7th grade Ready Writing: Titus Miller (2nd); **8th grade Number Sense:** Kevin Smith (2nd), (3rd) Team, Tanner Sue, Tucker Ross, Adam Rainwater; **6th grade Dictionary Skills:** Abigail Miller (1st), Daniel Longoria (2nd), (1st) Team, Jacque Barricentos, Sage Fulton; **7th grade Dictionary Skills:** Sarah Duus (3rd), Dusty Hicks, Lindsey Wells (Tie, 4th), (2nd) Team, Bailey Davenport; **8th grade Dictionary Skills:** Abel Cortinas (2nd), Landon Lackey (4th), Anthony Herrera (5th), (1st) Team, Brandon Monreal; **6th grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts:** Titus Miller (1st), Randy Lerma (4th), (2nd) Team, Tyler Derryberry, A.J. Pitts; **8th grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts:** Blake Greer (6th); **6th grade Spelling:** Blanca Suarez (4th), Maisey Martinez (5th), (2nd) Team, Lindsey Beedy, Crystal Yannis; **7th grade Spelling:** Keegan Williams (1st), Chad Davis (3rd), Dusty Hicks (5th), (1st) Team, Luis Ramos; **8th grade Spelling:** Melinda Ramos (2nd), Anthony Herrera (3rd), (1st) Team, Martika Rando, Abel Cortinas; **6th grade Calculators:** Sierra Vestal (1st), Randy Kennedy (2nd), Halie Swinney (4th), (1st) Team; **7th grade Calculators:** Everado Rodriguez

(2nd), Dillon Chesshir (3rd), (1st) Team, Jennifer Rainwater, Richard Gonzales; **8th grade Calculators:** Tucker Ross (1st), Blake Greer (3rd), (1st) Team, Eladio Saldana, Charlie Beedy; **8th grade Science:** Chris Hayter (2nd), (3rd) Team, Roderick Rolfe, J.C. Simpson, Robert Beuning; **6th grade Impromptu Speaking:** Evan Johnson (2nd), Kaylie Nutt (3rd), Megan Aleman (6th); **7th grade Impromptu Speaking:** Colton Covington (6th); **8th grade Impromptu Speaking:** Ross Baldwin (6th); **6th grade Oral Reading:** Blanca Suarez (3rd), Evan Johnson (6th); **7th grade Oral Reading:** Johanna Dawdy (2nd), Adriana Delacerda (5th); **8th grade Oral Reading:** Morgan Norrell (2nd), Jennifer Leatherman (4th); **7th grade Modern Oratory:** Johanna Dawdy (5th), Jennifer Rainwater (6th); **6th grade Music Memory:** Kenya Pesina (5th); **6th grade Listening Skills:** Crystal Foster, Alana Hernandez (Tie 3rd), (2nd) Team, Sean Gutierrez, Zack Baldwin; **7th grade Listening Skills:** Valerie Perez (2nd)

On November 8, 2003, Floydada Junior High School competed in the district One Act Play competition. We ended with a 3rd place overall finish and had several of our students recognized for their performance. Awards given were as follows: **Honorable Mention All star Cast:** Kristyn Muse, Morgan Norrell, and Randa Shurbet; **All Star Cast:** Eladio Saldana; **Best Actor:** Jordan Cornelius.

A huge congratulations goes out to everyone who was involved with these endeavors! We are very proud of all the students who competed in this year's district meet and all the sponsors who helped prepare them. We made a tremendous improvement over last year's results and will to continue to improve in the years to come. We appreciate all the support that has been given to Floydada Junior High School!

Floydada FFA team competes at district meet

By Skyler Cornelius
The Floydada FFA competed at the Plainview District contest Monday, November 17, at Wayland Baptist University.

The Public Relation team placed 1st, team members are Meghan Graham, Skyler Cornelius, and Britnee Brotherton.

Radio team placed 2nd, team members are Katie Beth Crossland, Britnee Brotherton, and Katy Gooch.

Ag Issues team placed 2nd, team members are Spencer Schacht, Jesse Finley, and Tate Greer.

Jr. Chapter Conducting placed 3rd, team members are Tana Lloyd, Tate Jones, Kelsey Ross, Kali Ferguson, Taylor Beedy, Taylor Hilburn, and Morgan Marble.

Sr. Creed was done by Meghan Graham placing 2nd. Kala Kelly did Jr. Creed and placed 3rd.

The Sr. Quiz team placed 5th and team members were Lauren Powell, Chance Crossland, and Chase Hammonds.

The Jr. Quiz team placed 6th and team members were Ryan Monreal, Kali Ferguson, Brandon Rainwater, and Cam Battey.

Teams will be competing this Saturday, November 22, at WTAMU in Canyon. Good Luck to all!!

Floydada school Menu

Week 4
December 1 - December 5

Monday:

Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Pizza, green salad, corn, fruit, milk

Tuesday:

Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch - Taco salad/meat & cheese w/tomato & lettuce, pinto beans, jello, milk

Wednesday:

Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, cereal, juice

Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, pudding, milk

Thursday:

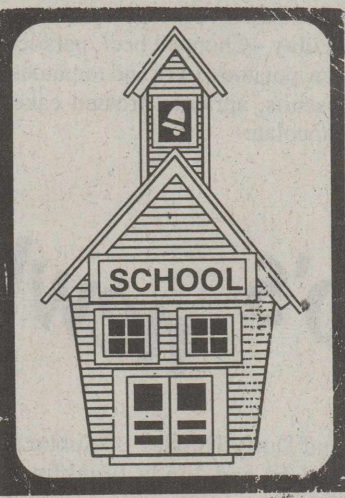
Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup, juice, milk

Lunch - Corn dogs, fries, carrots, cookie, milk

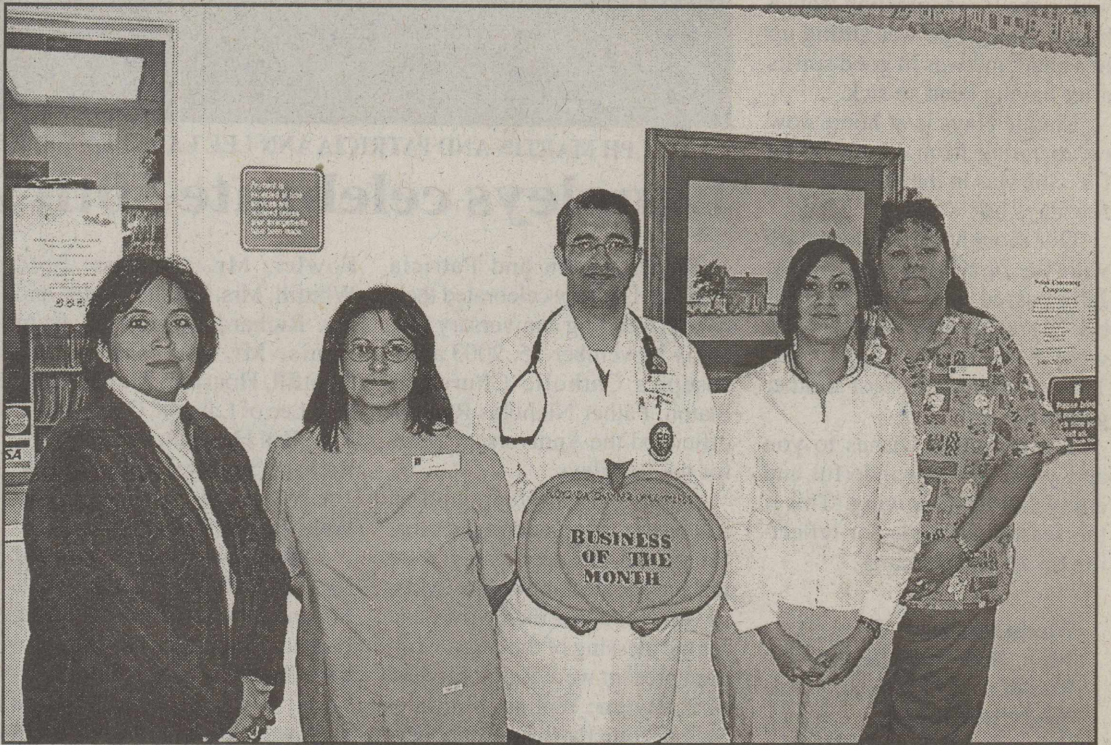
Friday:

Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburger, fries, salad, cobbler, milk



FLOYDADA FFA COMPETED AT PLAINVIEW DISTRICT-The Floydada FFA competed at the Plainview District contest. Those shown are: (back row, l-r) Brandon Rainwater, Kelsey Ross, Tana Lloyd, Morgan Marble, Jesse Finley, Skyler Cornelius, Spencer Schacht, Tate Jones, Rayan Monreal, Taylor Beedy; (front row, l-r) Kayla Kelly, Taylor Hilborn, Cam Battey, Chase Hammonds, Katie Beth Crossland, Katy Gooch, Tate Greer, Britnee Brotherton, Meghan Graham, Lauren Powell, Kalli Ferguson. Courtesy Photo



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH-The Floydada Chamber of Commerce selected Cogdell Clinic, 901 Crockett Street, Floydada as Business of the Month for November, 2003. Their phone number is 983-2875. Shown are: (l-r) Office Manager Maybelle Monreal, Staff - Elida Garza, Dr. Salman Ahmad, Staff - Olivia Bueno and Norma McGowen. Staff Photo

Floydada 8th Grade Football Report

8th BREEZERS - 32
8th GRADE OWLS - 0

By Coach Ayala

The 8th grade Breezers go back-to-back with a undefeated football season and another District Championship. The Breezers finished with a 9-0 record along with a 5-0 district record. They finished the 2003 season traveling to Owl country in Hale Center and came home with a 32-0 victory.

The Owls came out tough and really played a very good game. The Owls defensive front line played very hard. They held us to a 6-0 first quarter score.

The first score was set up by a 32-yard reception by Brandon Monreal from Payte Beedy to the 2 yard line. Kevin Smith took the ball over the left side for the first score of the night. Extra point after failed.

The Breezer defense played like they have all year long. Giving a little at times, but forcing their opponents (Owls) to punt the ball away. The Breezer punt return has been good all year for one or two scores a game. This game was no exception. Payte Beedy returned a 45-yard and a 62-yard punt return for scores.

Payte Beedy also scored on the opening kickoff of the third quarter for a 95-yard score. Af-

ter a mishandled snap for the extra point try and following a great team of blocking, Payte Beedy scored the 2 point conversion. Kody Smith scored on a 4-yard sweep play around the right side of the offensive line. Extra point after failed.

All year long our backs have scored following some great blocking by the front line (tightends- Brandon Monreal, Adam Rainwater, Cade Miller; tackles- Josh Moreno, Daniel Saldana; guards-Landon Lackey, Ryan Hayter, Anthony Herrera and our center-Charles Beedy). This is a great bunch of linemen. They blocked all the fronts that where put in front of them. They missed some assignments but as a whole they are a very good offensive group. The end results are a perfect season record.

On the defensive side of the ball, these young men played very aggressive football...Floydada Football, as we would like to say. Every week they went out and shut down every offensive team they faced. The toughest team they faced this year was our scout team. Each week our scout team gave headaches to our defensive group. It is always to our advantage to have such a talented group of young men. They are a special

group of young boys. We hope they will be a very special group of young men playing the game of football in the near Whirlwind future.

At the conclusion of the game the final score was 32-0. The score did not reflect the outcome of the game. The Hale Center Owls will always give their all. The coaching staff at Hale Center gets these young boys ready to play to the best of their abilities. It is always a challenge to play the game against them and especially tough at their house.

A special thanks this year for a good group of managers who also filmed each and every football game. We would also like to thank our biggest supporters of this team, the parents and fans of the Breezers. They really backed these young boys in a very special way. We really feel lucky to have them.

A special thank you to Mrs Cooper and the cheerleaders for your support and the cheers you gave to this team. You did a great job. Mr. James and the band was always ready at all the pep rallies to give a great show. Also the twirlers always put on special shows. That takes a lot of hard work to put all these things together for their contributions. We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Floydada 7th Gr. Football News

7th BREEZERS - 28
HALE CENTER OWLS - 0
By Coach Tobias

The 7th grade Breezers finished the season with a undefeated record of 9-0 and the District Championship. The Breezers traveled to Hale Center and came home with a 28-0 victory. Both teams came into the game with an undefeated record and a district title on the line. The field was set and both teams seemed ready to play the game.

The Breezers won the toss and elected to defer to the second half. The Owls elected to take the ball. After the kickoff the Breezers defense went to work shutting down the Owl's defense. The Breezers allowed only three first downs all night. The special teams, punt return by Aarrhon Flores scored the first touchdown from 52-yards out. Titus Miller connected to Isom Bolton for the extra point.

On the next set of plays, the Breezer defense caused an Owl fumble and recovered the ball on the 32-yard line. From there the

Breezer offense went to work and drove the ball to score in 5 plays. Aarrhon Flores took the ball in from one yard out. Flores also scored on the point after (16-0).

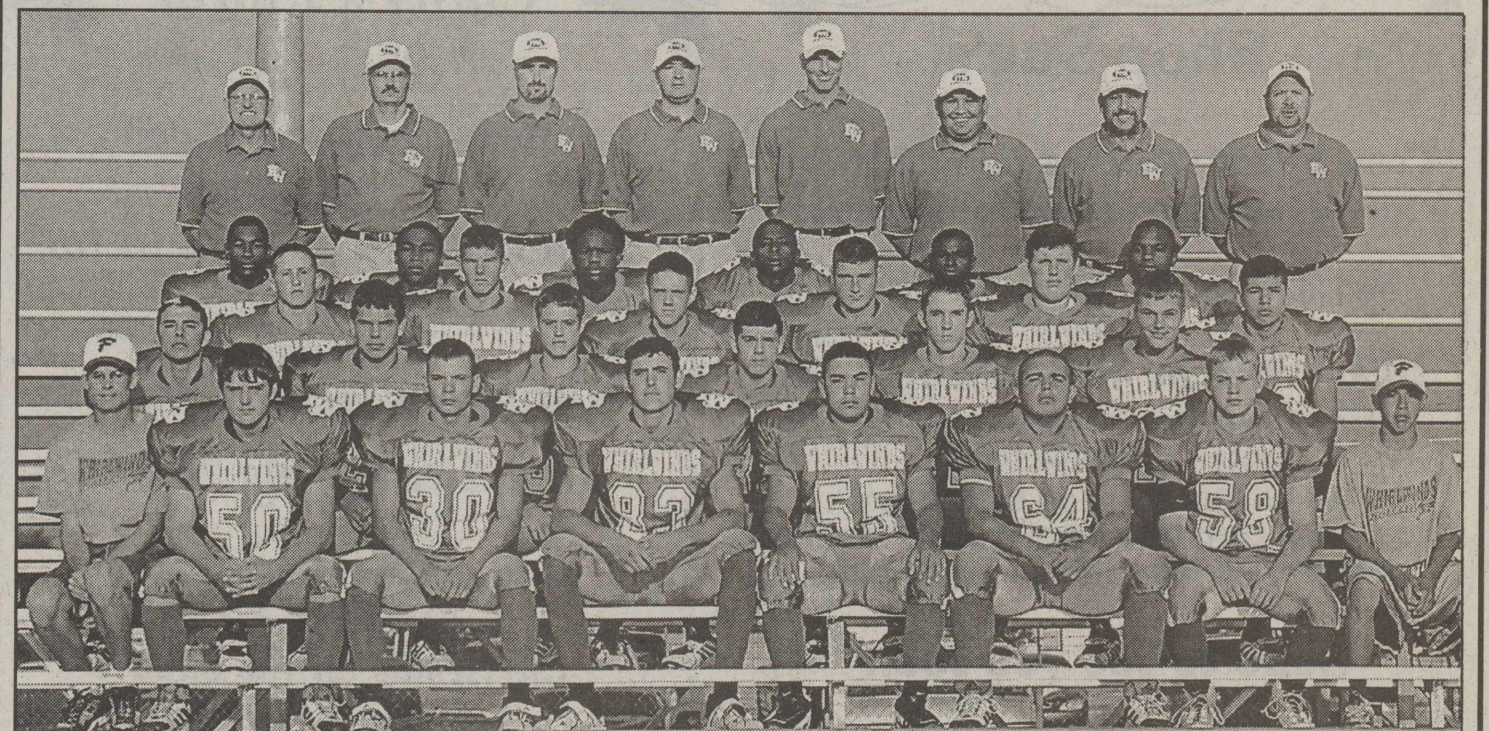
The Breezer defense did not allow the Owls to ever get on track. You could tell that the Owls were getting frustrated with the Breezer's stingy defense. Titus Miller scored the next touchdown from one yard out on a quarterback sneak. The point after failed.

The second half started with Isom Bolton scoring on a 72-yard run after the kickoff. The extra point failed (28-0).

The game ended with the Breezers winning the district championship. The 7th grade Breezers dominated the season and really did a great job this year playing as a team.

I would like to take this time to thank all the support the parents and fans gave to these young boys. The support of the student boy, cheerleaders and faculty was just fantastic. Thanks again and now it's off to the hard floor.

Thanks to Coach Hurt, his staff and the Floydada Whirlwinds for a great Season



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Lockney High School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

second six-weeks

Twelfth grade: Paul Amador, Amanda Hancock

Eleventh grade: Addie Foster, Clara Reecer, Rance Schumacher

Tenth grade: Alexis Hall, Emily Mercado, Lance Terrell, Tori Terrell, Rebekah Thornton

Ninth grade: Krista Rasco

"AB" Honor Roll

Twelfth grade: Oscar Delgado, Richard Landrum, Cammy Lass,

Valerie Molina, Paul Peralez, Mary Ramirez, Hannah Rockwell, Justin Stoerner, Rachel Vega, Justin Wright

Eleventh grade: Jamie Austin, Taylor Becker, Ashley Brock, Lindsay Collins, Cagan Cummings, Mark Ford, Eugene Gonzales, Trey Graves, Karah Hrbacek, Megan Johnson, Monte Lass, Jaime Ledesma, Sarah Martinez, Jana Miller, Martina Nolan, Shelly Pachiano, Alissa Poindexter, Jeremy Pyle

Tenth grade: Cassandra Carrillo, Philip Cotham, Amber Dorman, Trinity Ford, Brandon Hall, Nathan Hancock, Kami Keaton, April Lopez, Malarie Luebano, Dahlen McCarter, James McPherson, Trevor Morris, Tana Saul, Brady Tannahill, Brance Wilson, Ty Young

Ninth grade: Bethany Dietrich, Emma Morales, Matthew Prather, Ryan Reagan, Joanie Reecer, David Rosales, Coby Tannahill, Kayla Thomas

Lockney Junior High "A" Honor Roll

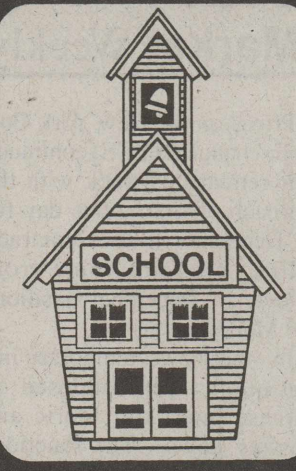
Eighth grade - Jamie Butler, Audrey Collins, Bryan Cooper, Leah Ford, Elizabeth Foster, Dickie Hernandez, Ashley McCulloch, Zachary Montandon, Lorenzo Salazar, Lauren Stewart, Stephana Villarreal

Seventh grade - Heather Brock, Sara Clay, Adrian Cortez, Kyler

Ellison, Saray flores, Segayle Foster, Daryn McCarter, Hector Mercado, Brendi Moralez, Emily Prayor, Aura Rodriguez, Estella Rodriguez, Caleb Schumacher

Sixth grade - Katie Bice, Konner Ellison, Courtney Golden, Lezie Jackson, Malory Johnson, Tessa Saul, Anna Sherman, Lexie Terrell, Bethany Wilson

Through The Halls



Lockney School Menu

December 1 - December 5

Monday

Breakfast - Breakfast pocket or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Steak fingers or PBJ sandwich, mashed potatoes, broccoli, applesauce, hot rolls, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Scrambled egg or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Frito pie or grilled cheese, tossed salad, pinto beans, peaches, cornbread, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast - Pancakes or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Sliced turkey on hoagie or corn dog, corn, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk

Thursday

Breakfast - Apple churro or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Lasagne or ham and cheese, tossed salad, green beans, fruited gelatin, Italian bread, milk

Friday

Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch - Hamburger or tuna sandwich, french fries, lettuce and tomato, orange halves, milk

Longhorns pull away from Post to win 57-46

The Lockney Longhorns hit the hard court for the first time this year as they hosted the Post Antelopes. Lockney used a late surge to pull away from the Antelopes beating them 57-46.

The Longhorns had a difficult time finding consistency in the perimeter game, but played solid defense throughout the contest. Lockney outscored the Antelopes 42-27 combined in the second and fourth quarters. Post pulled within 3 points late in the fourth quarter, but several key steals down the stretch allowed the Longhorns to widen the margin.

"We had some really good looks at the basket, but we just had a hard time making them fall

in," Coach Bubba Edwards said. "It is early in the season now, but I know those shots will begin to fall as the season progresses. Our defense did an excellent job stepping up late in the ball game helping us to secure the victory."

Lockney was lead by Mark Ford with 22 points and Cagan Cummings with 10 points. Rance Schumacher added nine points, Kirk Wilson with eight points and Jeran Butler with six points. Trevor Morris also chipped in two points.

The Longhorns will travel to Springlake-Earth on Tuesday and play in the Nazereth Tournament when they return from the Thanksgiving holidays.

Lockney JV Boys Basketball Report

The Lockney Junior Varsity Kicked off their basketball season with a victory over the Post Antelopes 38-27.

The game was tied 20-20 going into the fourth quarter, but the Longhorns outscored the Antelopes 18-7 in the final stanza. Lockney used a strong low post game which scored 24 of its 38 points in the contest.

Brance Wilson lead the team in scoring with 14 points. He was followed by Trevor Morris with 10 points. Both Tyler Kidd and J.W. McPherson added five points and Blaine Hall with two points. Brandon Hall and Brittan Golden each added one point.

The Lockney JV will resume play after the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Lockney 8th and 7th Grade Basketball Report

The Lockney Junior High teams have hit the hardwood court a running. Both teams have already played one matched game and a tournament.

The eighth grade squad opened the season last week hosting the Hale Center Owls. The Shorthorns came up on the short end 46-32. Ernie Vasquez lead the Shorthorns with 10 points followed by Alston Becker with five points. Dimitri Cortez and John Vasquez each scored four points. Both Zacary Gonzales and Roman Salas added two points. Tanner Morris chipped in a point.

The eighth graders participated in the Idalou Tournament over the weekend. In the first round, the Shorthorns fell to the Ralls Jackrabbits 34-30. Dimitri Cortez and Ernie Vasquez lead the team with 10 points each. Will Foster, Zacary Gonzales, Tim Luebano, Alston Becker and Tanner Morris each scored two points each.

The Shorthorns had a rematch with the Hale Center Owls in the second round, but came up on the short end 36-28 eliminating them from the tournament. Tim Luebano lead all scorers with eight points followed by Dimitri Cortez with six points. Alston Becker scored four points, and Zacary Gonzales, Cole Patton and Ernie Vasquez each scored three points each. Roman Salas added a point.

"We are getting better each game and that is what is important," coach Heard said. "These guys work hard every day and are improving different aspects of the game."

The seventh grade Shorthorns got off to a good start defeating the Hale Center Owls 34-30. Adrian Cortez lead all scorers

with 13 points followed by Caleb Schumacher with nine points. Brett Johnson added five points and Jonathan Coleman with three points. Angel Cruz and James Mercado chipped in two points each.

The seventh grade squad advanced to the championship game of the Idalou Tournament, but fell to the Floydada Breezers 31-20 finishing in second place. Brett Johnson lead the team with eight points followed by Adrian Cortez with six points. Kyler Ellison and Daryn McCarter each added two points while Lucas Hall and Jonathan Coleman both chipped in one point.

In the semi-final round, the Shorthorns had to use an overtime period to hold off the Hale Center Owls 31-28. Brett Johnson and Adrian Cortez lead the team with 11 points each followed by Caleb Schumacher with four points. Kyler Ellison and James Mercado both added two points, and Lucas Hall chipped in one point.

The seventh grade Shorthorns defeated the Ralls Jackrabbits 44-14 in the opening round of the tournament. Adrian Cortez lead all scorers with 21 points. Brett Johnson finished with seven points and Caleb Schumacher with five points. Kyler Ellison and Daryn McCarter each had four points while James Mercado added two points and Angel Cruz with one point.

"We have some size and we do take advantage of it," Coach Heard said. "But we also have some good guards to balance our team which makes it hard for our opponents to stop just one player."

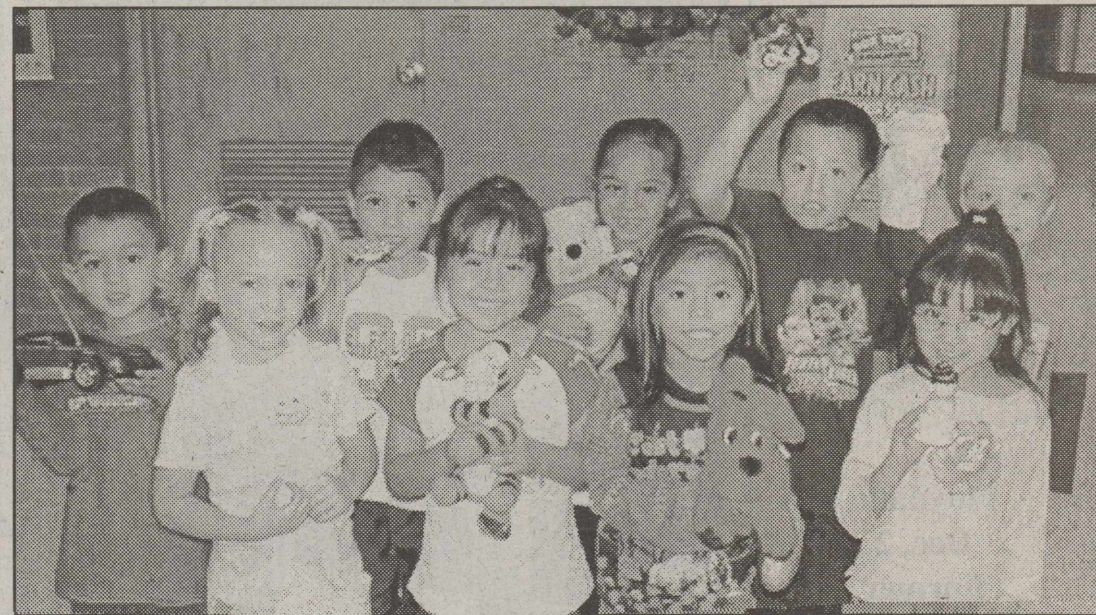
Both Junior High squads resume play on December 1 at Abernathy.



LITTLE LONGHORNS---(back row, l to r) Ashley Alvarado, Nathan Mendez, Rico Rodriguez, KaCee Armstrong, Ian Dunbar; (front row, l to r) Cristian Bejarano, Alexandra Lopez, Robert Guerrero, and Brooke Teague. Staff Photo



LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY'S TOY AND FOOD DRIVE is underway. These students are shown with some of the toys and canned food already brought in. The Toy Drive has been going on since the second year of the Health Fair. This year's drive will include canned goods as well as toys, and will go until December 6, the day of the Health Fair. Each class that collects at least as many cans of food as the number of its students, will be treated to a juice and popcorn party on December 5. Prizes this year are (1) \$100 savings bond donated by Citi Bank Lockney and (2) a personal CD player donated by the doctors at Mangold Memorial Hospital. The Health fair will begin at 9:00 am and run until 2:00 p.m. Drawing for the prizes will take place around noon. Staff Photo



LOCKNEY KINDERGARTEN students were asked to emphasize "Terrific Tuesday" by wearing a T-shirt, Tennis shoes, and bringing a toy with them to school on November 18, 2003. They did this as part of learning the letter "T." Courtesy Photo



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The Lockney Rotary Club and the Lockney Youth Activity Center are selling Krispy Kreme donuts to be picked up Friday, December 12th at the Lockney Youth Activity Center. The donuts are \$6.00 a dozen and the proceeds will go to the operation of the Youth Activity Center. Call Ray at 652-2550 or see a Rotary Club member to pre-purchase your doughnuts, just in time for opening day of Pheasant Season!

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China safeguards decision a victory for U.S. industries seeking "fair" trade

By Shawn Wade
Even though the recent decision by the U.S. Commerce Department's Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) affects only three relatively small categories of textile imports, it sends a hopeful message to other manufacturing industries that the U.S. is willing to enforce the provisions of the trade agreements we make.

The petitions granted by CITA last Monday involve Chinese imports in only three textile categories: knit fabrics; dressing gowns and brassieres. These categories account for no more than 5 percent of the \$10 billion-plus in Chinese textile and apparel sales that currently flow into the U.S.

For the cotton industry and its textile trade partners the ruling was a small victory in a much larger war to protect not only what remains of the U.S. textile industry, but also the critical new textile industries in the Caribbean Basin and Latin America that utilize mostly U.S. grown cotton.

The decision should send a clear message to current and future U.S. trading partners that we expect them to abide by the trade agreements they sign to gain further access to the U.S. marketplace.

The Bush Administration's decision to invoke the safeguard rule is intended to get China to fully comply with its WTO obligations and puts the ball in China's court by first opening a consultation process between the countries to develop a plan to limit Chinese imports in these categories.

If no agreement is reached, the U.S. then has the option to arbitrarily cap any further rise in Chinese imports in these categories to 7.5 percent above the amount of product that entered the U.S. during the first 12 months of the 14 months preceding the request for consultation. PCG fully supports the Bush

Administration's efforts to get China and the rest of our trading partners to abide by the rules they agree to when trade deals are struck.

"The reality of trading with China has always been that, regardless of the agreements they enter into, they will trade when it is to their advantage to do so," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Past history shows that the U.S. has maintained a very liberal trade policy overall. How else could we post a total 2002 trade deficit of \$418 billion with the rest of the world, of which \$103 billion is with China alone."

"For me the most important part of this decision is that the Administration is finally saying we expect our trading partners to deal with us fairly and that is to abide by the rules."

The most feared impact by U.S. cotton growers would be that China will quit buying U.S. cotton to make up their current fiber shortage.

Market analysts believe that implementation of the China safeguard provision will ultimately amount to little more than a bump in the road to future Chinese sales.

Chinese demand has already spurred them to purchase over 2.5 million bales of U.S. cotton to date and another one million is forecast to be needed down the line.

Any slowdown that analysts foresee will be caused more from the fact that China has already booked enough cotton to meet their immediate needs.

In public, China can now vociferously object to the U.S. action, threaten to buy the cotton they need elsewhere and then take a wait and see approach to purchasing the additional supplies they need from the U.S. when prices move in their favor.

There is little disagreement that significant damage has been done to the U.S. textile industry and that much of it is directly and

indirectly the result of Chinese imports.

The real danger for cotton producers trying to sell their cotton is the fact that most of the U.S. market share that China has gained has been at the expense of the textile exporting countries of Latin America, countries of the Caribbean Basin and to a certain extent Asia, all of whom have been good customers for U.S. cotton.

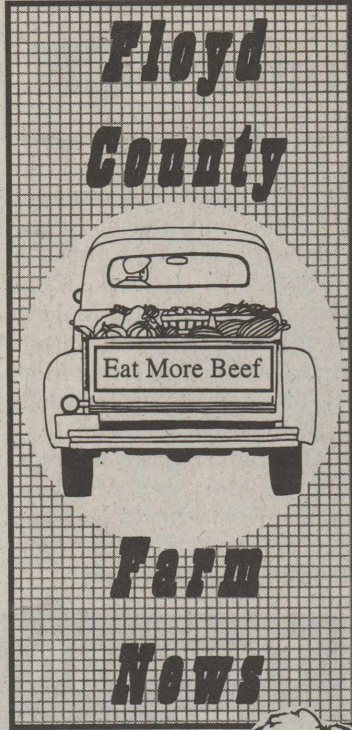
In the case of the Caribbean Basin and Latin America, many U.S. textile companies have strong ties with the textile industries in these countries and provide a competitive alternative to Chinese textile goods with the added bonus of buying mostly U.S. cotton.

3rd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium

Farmers and ranchers should mark December 3 on their calendar and plan a trip to Amarillo to take in the 3rd Annual Texas Commodity Symposium. The Symposium is sponsored by the Corn Producers of Texas, Texas Grain Sorghum Association, Texas Wheat Producers Association and for the first time in 2003, Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. The event is being held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, December 2-4 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Scheduled speakers for the Texas Commodity Symposium and the topics they are expected to address are: Trade Issues - Floyd Gaibler, USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Federal Crop Insurance - Ross Davidson, Administrator USDA Risk Management Agency; Farm Service Agency Update - John Fuston, Executive Director Texas FSA; School Finance Reform - Billy Hamilton, Texas Comptroller's Office; and USDA Pay Limit Commission Report - Dr. Ed Smith, Texas A&M University.

For more information call 800-827-8007 or on the internet go to: www.farmshows.com



FLOYDADA FSA EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS-The USDA Floyd County Farm Service Agency recognized the following employees for years of service to the farmers of Floyd County. (l-r) Helen Bertrand, 20 years; Carolyn Green, 30 years; and Gerry Summers, 15 years.
Courtesy Photo

Cotton Market Weekly

A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Prices on the New York Cotton Exchange (NYCE) continued their retreat this week with the approach of first notice day for the December futures contract. Selling pressure came from rollover of December positions into March.

In other news, temporary import quotas were imposed on Chinese bras, knit fabric and dressing gowns. The sanctions were imposed on China in response to the U.S. textile industry's petition to invoke safeguard relief in accordance with China's WTO agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, WTO members may request consultations with China if it is thought the pace of imports threaten orderly market development. Following a review, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, chaired by the United States Commerce Department, voted to invoke the safeguard on behalf of the U.S. textile industry.

Analysts said the trade dispute could put a snag in U.S. cotton sales to the country but probably only in the short term.

"The Chinese still are facing a woeful shortage of fiber due to a disastrous crop," one market observer said. "Equally important, the only major source of cotton going into 2004 is the United States, and I don't think there's any other country that has the quantity and quality of cotton that we could provide," he concluded.

USDA, in its closely followed November supply/demand report, estimated Chinese cotton production at 22.0 million bales, down sharply from the 25.5 million bales forecast in the department's previous report. Additionally, the country's consumption of cotton now is expected to hit the 30.20 million-bale mark with imports pegged at 7.0 million bales, according to USDA.

Because China is simultaneously the world's largest cotton producer and consumer, cot-

ton futures on the NYCE shot to an 8-year high of 86 cents per pound at the height of the buying frenzy last month. Therefore, the possibility of year-long sanctions on several Chinese manufactured textile and apparel products and the country's potential retaliation was big news for the market this week.

Cotton futures on the NYCE closed at weaker levels Thursday despite a round of bullish export sales figures released by USDA. In the week ended Nov. 13, the department reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 527,000 bales, a 17 percent boost from the previous week, but 24 percent lower than the four-week average.

Once again, China was the primary buyer of U.S. cotton for the week with purchases totaling 196,500 bales. Mexico and Turkey purchased smaller quantities of cotton totaling 132,000 and 104,200 bales, respectively. For the same week, export shipments to China totaled 40,900 bales which brings the season's total commitments to 2.7 million bales for the country.

Meanwhile, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the five trading days ended Nov. 20 totaled 12,521 bales compared to 14,837 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 62.86 to 69.63 cents per pound versus the previous week's 69.12 to 70.61 cents per pound range.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported 71 percent of the U.S. cotton crop had been harvested across the Cotton Belt by Nov. 16. The figure is

seven percentage points higher than the same time one year ago but seven percentage points less than the five year average. Harvesting was complete in Louisiana and virtually finished in Mississippi. Good progress was reported in other cotton producing states although Texas remains well behind normal. Only 49 percent of the Texas crop had been harvested compared with the 60 percent five-year average.


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Obituaries



MONROE A. SCHULZ

Services for Monroe A. Schulz, 82, of Floydada were held Saturday, November 22, 2003 at Shepherd King Lutheran Church. Pastor Gerald Kaskela officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Monroe died on Thursday, November 20, 2003 in Lubbock.

He was born on April 8, 1921 in Vernon. He married Arvie Foerster on June 11, 1945 in Posey. Monroe was a farmer in the Harmony Community of Floyd County for 58 years. After he retired from farming he worked for Floyd County for 15 years. He served our country in the United States Army Air Corp. in World War II. He was a member of Shepherd King Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a son, Monroe A. Schulz, Jr. and wife Sharon of Levelland; three daughters Barbara King and husband Glen of Ralls, Donna Rogers and husband Doug of Lubbock, PJ Tomison and husband Rick of Roosevelt; two brothers, Arthur Schulz of Vernon and Leroy Schulz of Temple; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Shepherd King Lutheran Church, 2122 18th St., Lubbock, TX or to a favorite charity.

WINONA STEWART

Funeral services for Mrs. Winona Stewart, 89, of Levelland were held Friday, November 14, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Levelland. Rev. Will Fish, of Levelland, officiated. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors of Levelland.

She died at 2:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born on November 14, 1913, in Navarro County, Texas and moved to Levelland in 1962 from Lubbock.

She was a 1931 graduate of Floydada High School. She married George Arthur Stewart on March 19, 1933, in Floydada and he died on January 19, 1973. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Levelland where she taught the Young Married Womens Class for many years. Her parents ran the Felton Grocery Store in Floydada for many years.

Survivors include her son, George Stewart of Boerne; her daughter, Betty Schrein of Levelland and Alberta, Canada; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

GARNIE MAE TAYLOR

Funeral services for Garnie Mae Taylor, 90, of Lockney were held Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at Grey Mule cemetery in Quitaque. John Francis officiated. Services were conducted by Myers-Long Funeral Directors in Quitaque.

Mrs. Taylor died November 22, 2003 in Lockney.

She was born September 5, 1913 in Southwest, Arkansas. She was married October 6, 1942 to Ursel "Booger" Taylor in Clovis, NM.

She was preceded in death by two daughters.

Survivors include her husband Ursel "Booger" Taylor of South Plains; two sons, Ray Taylor of South Plains, Danny and wife Donna Francis of Silverton; one daughter, Kay Gilbert of South Plains; two grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and one great-great-granddaughter.

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JERRY DALE WILLIAMS

Memorial services were held for Jerry Dale Williams, 63, of Lockney Saturday, November 22, 2003 at the West College and Third Church of Christ in Lockney. Frank Duckworth officiated.

Mr. Williams died November 19, 2003 at his residence.

He was born on July 15, 1940 in Winters to the late Loise and Ilene Shuffield Williams. He was a lifelong resident of Aiken and Providence. He married Frances Kay Golden on July 30, 1960 in Lockney. She preceded him in death on December 14, 2001. He was a farmer and a rancher and loved showing cattle with his grandchildren. He was the past director for the American Angus Association, a Texas Jr. Angus

sponsor and a member of the Lockney School Board. He was a Deacon of the West College and Third Church of Christ in Lockney, a member of the Church of Christ in Ruidoso, NM and recently attended the Eleventh and Amarillo Church of Christ in Plainview. He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Williams.

Those left to mourn his passing include two sons, Ty Taylor Williams and wife Nikolyn of Lockney, Matthew Dale Williams and wife Jean Anne of Lockney; one daughter, Libby Williams Coody and husband J.R. of Seymour; one brother, Luther Williams of Colleyville; one sister, Peggy Williams Cline of Dimmitt; four grandchildren, Brazos Taylor Williams, Tylee Jo Williams, Sunny Jean Williams and Dixie Kay Williams.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Jerry Williams Memorial Showmanship Scholarship, 201 N. Main, Lockney.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003**

Exhibit C-3

Data Control Codes	Major Fund 10		
	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,446,779	\$ 33,768	\$ 1,480,547
5800 State Program Revenues	3,272,992	169,265	3,442,257
5900 Federal Program Revenues	371	455,468	455,839
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 4,720,142	\$ 658,501	\$ 5,378,643
Expenditures:			
Current:			
11 Instruction	\$ 2,644,185	\$ 387,326	\$ 3,031,511
12 Instructional Resources & Media Services	179,165	4,024	183,189
13 Curriculum and Staff Development	6,622	16,061	22,683
21 Instructional Leadership		11,667	11,667
23 School Leadership	318,752	6,856	325,608
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	121,648	2,860	124,508
32 Social Work Services		26,720	26,720
33 Health Services	32,286	1,014	33,300
34 Student Transportation	151,957	3,643	155,600
35 Food Services		179,022	179,022
36 Extracurricular Activities	273,970		273,970
41 General Administration	299,985	7,373	307,358
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations	385,059	9,771	394,830
52 Security & Monitoring Services	16,443		16,443
53 Data Processing Services	25,395		25,395
61 Community Services	400		400
Debt Services:			
71 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	13,948		13,948
Capital Outlay:			
81 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	88,775		88,775
Intergovernmental:			
93 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	47,022		47,022
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 4,605,612	\$ 656,337	\$ 5,261,949
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 114,530	\$ 2,164	\$ 116,694
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	\$ 39,900	\$	\$ 39,900
7915 Transfers In	3,188	1,024	4,212
8911 Transfers Out (Uses)	(1,024)	(3,188)	(4,212)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 42,064	\$ (2,164)	\$ 39,900
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 156,594	\$	\$ 156,594
0100 September 1 - Fund Balance	2,814,681	\$	\$ 2,814,681
3000 August 31 - Fund Balance	\$ 2,971,275	\$ 0	\$ 2,971,275

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy Curtis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third, Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ken Free- Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
401 S. Main, Floydada
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Duce Cooper, Minister of Students
Bill Swinney, Minister of Ed./Music
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Phillip Golden - Pastor
Chad Frizzell-Youth Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Dr. David Jones, Pastor
Rev. Ione Sedinger, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Rev. Neely Landrum, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Praise/Worship 7:00 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Jay Don Poindexter, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
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Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Joe Weldon, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Rev. Ray Gonzales
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School 9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Arsenio Redulla
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
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Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Sunday (Spanish) .. 5:30 p.m.
Mon. Tues. Wed. Mass 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Mass 9:30 a.m..
Confession Sat. 10:00-11:00 a.m.

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Pastor
Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Rev. Eliseo Ovalle 983-6202
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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

TRINITY ASSEMBLY
500 W. Houston
Floydada
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Melvin Loseke, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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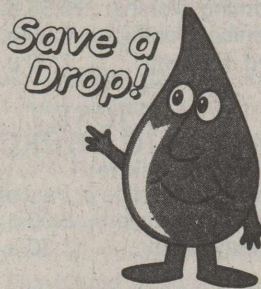
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