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Commissioners consider closing Floyd County Jail

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners met in Special Session Tuesday, November 25, and discussed the possibility of closing the Floyd County Jail.

County Judge William D. Hardin told the commissioners, "The county jail did not pass inspection. And because the jail did not pass inspection, we do not have liability insurance at the present time."

Fire Marshall Darrell Gooch inspected the jail and turned in a three page type written report, dated November 17, 2003, about the various building, electrical and fire code violations.

According to Hardin, the jail also failed inspection in February of this year due to faulty electrical problems and the need for painting. "The jail has since been painted and looking at what Darrell (Gooch) has listed, the jail needs a lot more than electrical repairs this time," said Hardin.

The Fire Marshall's report stated: The listed code violations are set forth in the Southern Building Code, International Fire Code, International Electric Code, International Building Code, and the Life and Safety Code. Each Code Violation is a class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine. If these code violations are not corrected, it can result in utilities being disconnected until such code violations are addressed.

Some of the Building Code Violations are: the front of the jail building has deteriorated to the point that it is unsafe due to cracks in the mortar and the two

columns attached to the front of the building are on the verge of collapse.

Some of the Electrical Code Violations are: electrical control boxes being blocked, several electrical box plates and lids are missing, several broken conduits are exposing electrical wiring, and improper wiring runs through the shower area.

Some of the Fire Code Violations are: no secondary fire escapes on the Third or Second Floors, the self-closing device for the doorway leading to the basement is not working, conduit and junction boxes are missing, lack of remote controls for the Second and Third Floor cell doors, compromised firewalls exist throughout the jail with holes in them, broken windows on the Third Floor, a heater door on the Second Floor cannot be secured, all self-contained breathing apparatus do not conform to NFPA or OSHA regulations, the SCBAs are damaged and are missing face pieces, no training of employees has been given in the past two years, no protective clothing exists for rescue personnel, no emergency lighting exists in stairways on the First or Third Floors, and the smoke ventilation exhaust fans on the Second and Third Floors do not work.

Judge Hardin told the commissioners, "I think we should close the jail. We have spent \$5,000 on the electrical wiring problems since the February inspection. We can farm out the prisoners to the Spur facility for \$38 per day. They would be picked up within an hour, ar-

raigned and magistrated there." Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden asked, "What about our liability while we hold them here to be picked up?"

Commissioner Lennie Gilroy stated, "The jail is not going to get any better."

Hardin told the court, "It cost approximately \$140,000 per year to operate the jail and that does not include insurance."

Commissioner Craig Gilly asked about the number of prisoners held at the jail on a daily basis. Floyd County Sheriff Royce Gilmore said the average was 13.6. Hardin said around 10 prisoners were the county's and the others were from the City of Floydada and Motley County this week.

Gilly said that averages out to about \$13,870 per inmate.

Gilroy stated, "If we shut down the jail and tried to reopen it later, wouldn't it be more expensive than fixing it now?"

Concerning the closing of the jail, Sheriff Gilmore said, "It's okay with me if you close it. It will be just one less big headache for me."

Gilly said, "I can find many reasons for closing the jail, but none for keeping it open. How long are we going to be exposed to liability?"

Hardin suggested no action be taken now on closing the jail until all the questions asked can be looked into. "We need answers."

Gilly made the motion to pass on all items on the agenda concerning the jail. It was seconded by Gilroy and unanimously approved.

Holiday Affair kicks off tonight

In Lockney, the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their Holiday Affair on December 4th. Children can visit Santa Claus at Lockney's City Bank from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Lockney Chamber will also be giving away two \$100 certificates which can be spent at any Lockney chamber member business. To enter the give-away for the "Chamber Bucks", drop your name into the entry boxes at the chamber member's business all day and evening on December 4th. The winners will be drawn on December 5th.

The Lockney Library will have an Open House in conjunction with the Holiday Affair and have quilts on display. The Library will also display the first in a series of Christmas ornaments which features the mural at the Lockney High School.



KAYLA KELLEY was recognized with the Gold Star Award at the District Gold Star Banquet held November 24th at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Also being honored was Chance Crossland. The annual event is sponsored in part by Lighthouse Electric Cooperative in Floydada. Courtesy Photo



ROTARY GRANT--Rotary International in Lockney presented the Lockney Library with a grant of \$1,000 to purchase books for the youth section of the library. Shown with the books are: (l-r) Caleb McLean, assistant librarian; Neta Marble, librarian; Sharon Hunt representing Lockney Rotary; and Kameron and Kami Hunt. Staff Photo



SANTA ON THE SQUARE--Several downtown stores stayed open late in Floydada Tuesday night to take advantage of people in town to see Santa Claus, and hear youngsters singing Christmas carols on the pavilion. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event. Kirby Nixon checked out the stuffed animals at Payne's Pharmacy and his little brother, Keenan, flipped through a book while their mother shopped for Christmas.

Mangold Hospital to sponsor Health Fair this Saturday

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will hold its eleventh annual "Holiday Health Fair" on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria.

Admission to the Health Fair will be a donation of a canned good or a new toy to be donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Program.

Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will be at the Fair to do mammography. If you would like to make an appointment for a mammogram, call 1-800-377-4673. United Blood Institute will have a blood drive and

there will also be bone marrow testing at this year's fair.

There will be over 30 booths providing glaucoma checks, cholesterol screens, blood sugar and blood pressure checks, body fat evaluations and posture evaluations and you can also consult with a hearing specialist. Flu shots will be available for a nominal fee.

Again this year at the Health Fair will be "Project KidCare" a children's identification project that provides a picture and current information about your child in a handy vinyl pocket. This is part of a national effort to pro-

vide parents with personal safety ID's of their children in the event of an emergency. KidCare is being offered as a free public service to families in the area. If your child attended last year, bring your packet to be updated. If you didn't attend last year, a new packet will be issued.

The "Holiday Health Fair" will have over 30 booths manned by various local and area organizations plus children's activities booths (see the ad in this newspaper). Local and area merchants will provide door prizes, and a healthy lunch will be available.

Santa letters due by December 8th



HOME TOUR--Denise Doucette stands by the fireplace and tree in her home. The home will be one of 5 homes in the Hospice Hands of West Texas Home Tour on Sunday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and on sale at Hospice Hands and Schacht Flowers, in Lockney; and Payne Pharmacy in Floydada. Staff Photo

Boy Scout Food Drive

The Floydada and Lockney Boy Scouts will be conducting their annual food drive this Saturday.

Floydada Scout Troop 357 will be going door to door from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Saturday, asking residents to donate canned and non-perishable foods which will be distributed to those less fortunate.

Lockney Boy Scout Troop 259 will be placing an empty sack at your front door this Saturday and will return next Saturday, December 13, to pick up the sack. The Scouts ask that residents fill the sacks with canned goods and non-perishable foods and place the sack on your front porch on December 13. The Scouts will return and pick up the sacks on that day. The food will be given to the local Salvation Army.

By The Way

By Alice Gilroy



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Does everyone remember Brigitte Boisselier? She was head of the Clonaid project. Remember the Clonaid project?

The Clonaid project was the announcement that a baby (named Eve) had been cloned. The mother of the baby never stepped forward--but Clonaid got lots of free publicity. The Raelian Movement got lots of publicity too--because they support human cloning and (if I remember correctly) Boisselier was a Raelian follower.

Anyway--I still get lots of email from the Raelian movement. Things have been quiet from the cloned baby people and I guess "His Holiness Rael" needs a way to keep the Raelian name out front.

"His Holiness Rael's" real name (according to a press release) is Claude Vorillon.

Claude has a lot in common with other religions who insist they were visited by an "angel" or "being" who told them what the future holds--etc.

It is obviously a way to "mimic" the Christian stories of appearances by angels--or the disciples visions--or the disciple's guidance from the Holy Spirit.

The only trouble with some of these new religions (which aren't really new--they just have name changes)--is their "word" from the "angels" changes with the times, and with the leader of the cult.

Anyway--Claude says in 1973 while hiking a dormant volcano in France he saw a spaceship touch down.

A 4-foot bearded being came out of the spaceship and within minutes (according to a press release) cleared up centuries of debate about the origin of man.

According to the alien, all life--including humans--was created neither through evolution nor divine power--but by aliens. And through science, humans would one day develop technology to become like their creators.

Claude (or Rael) says the aliens told him they experimented with single-cell organisms and Neanderthals, but that the current human most closely resembles "them" (the aliens)--and that we were made from the aliens own DNA.

And now, according to Rael, since we have inched closer to cloning man--we have inched closer to being "God" (like our creators--the aliens).

The Raelians don't believe in the soul, or spirit, or heaven, or God. Cloning takes the place of heaven because cloning can provide eternal life.

Rael doesn't discount the Bible--he just says it has been distorted by successive transcribers. (Some Christians believe the same thing--it is the only way some Christians can preach what they think God really meant).

Rael says the supernatural forces in the Bible was really technology but the writers couldn't conceive technology so they couldn't explain it in the way it should have been told.

The Raelians accept any type of sexual expression--so they tend to attract those who want to express themselves sexually.

Again--nothing new under the sun.

Of course--if you don't believe in Heaven then you've got a problem with eternal life. So since there is no life hereafter (until cloning is a viable option) then Raelians believe you should enjoy life the way you want now.

Past Raelians, of course, had no options. Dead is dead. Future Raelians have cloning to look forward to. "They can be recreated scientifically--they will have a choice not to perish".

They will be able to live on this earth forever because after our body is successfully cloned then our memory, or consciousness, will be "downloaded" into the clone.

Too bad if the computer kicks out an "error" message while cloning. Too bad all those painful memories will keep following you around for the rest of your life.

Of course there is a problem justifying why future Raelians deserve to live forever and current and past Raelians didn't.

I don't know why I've decided to use all this space to talk about Raelians. I guess Thanksgiving and the Christmas season have me thinking about all God has given me and what I have to be thankful for.

I'm thankful I have a God who is the same now and forever. An unchanging God that cannot lie or make mistakes. A God that won't tell me one thing and then come back and change the rules. A God who gave me personally the Word to live by--not someone else's translation. Promises to stand on. A foundation that won't crumble out from under me with the next new technological invention or catastrophe that hits the world.

A Savior I can count on. A Savior that brings me comfort and joy. A promise of Heaven where I will once again see my loved ones.

A very simple message that doesn't have to be interpreted to me by a scientist--or downloaded by a computer.

A God that is as close to me as my prayer. I don't have to hike a dormant volcano. I just have to stop at this very moment and talk to him.

Isn't God good!

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

In 2002 many generous citizens, businesses and organizations of Lockney joined together and built a Center for the youth of Lockney. The Lockney Youth Activity Center has been a great success. It has provided a safe place for our adolescent youth to have fun in a safe, monitored environment.

In addition to providing a place for after school activities the Youth Center has sponsored basketball, volleyball, and billiard tournaments. This past fall over 100 children from 6 to 12 years old participated in NFL flag football league. The Youth Center has had New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day dances. It has provided a meeting place for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The local churches have held the after-game-suppers at the Center.

To provide this safe, monitored environment for our adolescents we need a full time staff member on the payroll along with numerous volunteers. The members of the Lockney Youth Center Board are making a direct appeal to the citizens of Lockney to help cover the operating costs for the Center. We are estimating that it costs \$50,000 a year to operate the Center.

We are committed to using all your tax-deductible contributions for the operating expenses. Members of the board will be volunteering their time to write grants to leverage the contributions you make.

Please, during this season of giving, remember the youth in your community and give generously to the Lockney Youth Activity Center Fund.

You may make your contributions by mail to Lockney Youth Activity Center, P.O. Box 597, Lockney, Texas 79241, or in person at City Bank in Lockney.

Pat O'Connell
Chairman, Lockney Youth
Center Annual Fundraiser

Courtroom Activities

In County Court, November 26, 2003:

David Burkes was charged with Theft of \$20 or more but less than \$500.

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Floydada Police Report

November 8, 2003, Elisa Gutierrez, 27, of Floydada, and Jessica Flores, 28, of Lubbock, were arrested on outstanding DPS traffic warrants.

November 13, Mike Garza, 17, was arrested on municipal warrants.

Also on November 13, Ezekiel Caldera, 18, of Floydada, was arrested on a warrant out of Deaf Smith County.

November 16, a man reported the theft of his daughters car which was parked in the 900 block of W. Mississippi. The car was a Red Blazer 4-door and the keys were left inside.

November 16, at 6:20 p.m., Salvador Ortiz, 18, was arrested in the 300 block of N. 4th, for Resisting Arrest and Evading Officers. According to Police Chief Darrell Gooch police had been called to the area to investigate a drug sale. When officers arrived in the area, Ortiz ran away but was later apprehended.

Later in the day police were called to a fight in the 300 block of W. Mississippi. Ray Cuba, 27, was arrested on outstanding municipal warrants.

November 18, Robert Wells, 17, of Floydada, was arrested on municipal warrants.

November 19, Jose Arrendondo, 23, of Floydada, was arrested for being a habitual violator by driving a vehicle without a license.

November 22, at 11:26 p.m., Johnny Benton, 39, of Austin, was arrested for DWI on Hwy. 62.

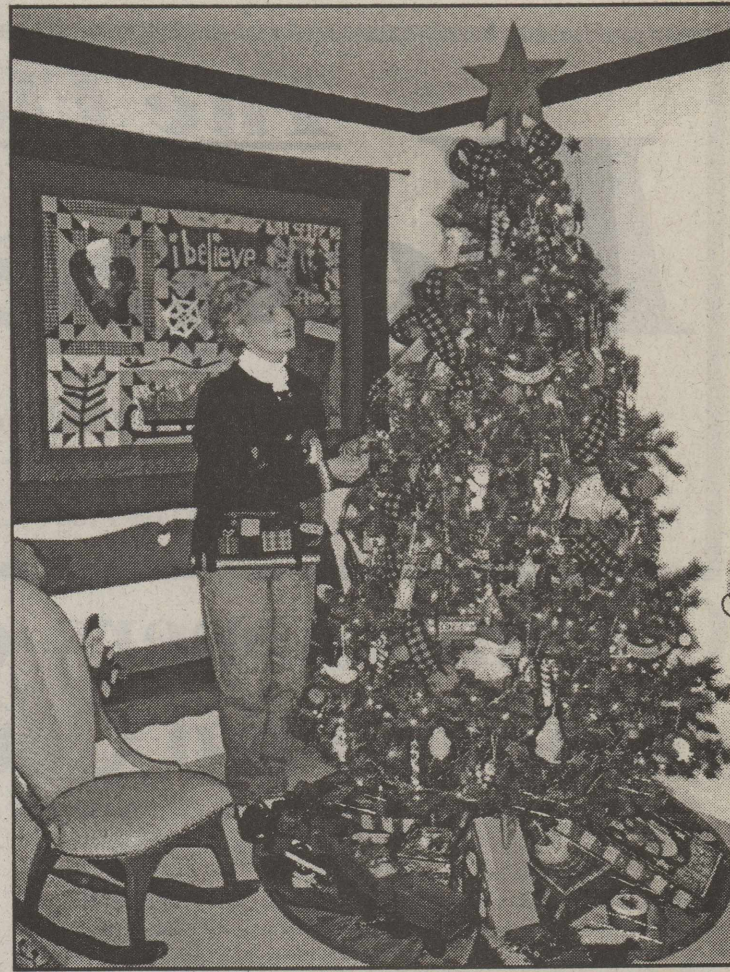
November 27, police were called to the 800 block of S. 3rd in reference to a fight. Amador Rosa, 34, was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Later in the evening, in the 400 block of W. Grover, Navidad Rosa, 20, was arrested for outstanding city warrants. Leonardo Rosa, 28, was arrested in the 500 block of W. Tennessee for outstanding city warrants.

November 29, in the 100 block of W. Tennessee, James Johnston, 46, of Floydada, was arrested for DWI. The passenger, Erbey Molinar, 45, of Floydada, was arrested at 12:53 a.m., for Public Intoxication.

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CHERYL TEETER works on her tree to get ready for the Hospice Hands of West Texas Home Tour on Sunday, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each and on sale at Hospice Hands in Lockney. Staff Photo

Lockney Youth Activity Center
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Floydada senior citizens news and menu

By Margarette Word

Since the showing of "You've Got Mail" movie at Kid's Korner, Friday November 21, was not shown because the electricity went off, the movie will be shown tomorrow, Friday December 5.

It is a very good movie starring Tom Hicks and Meg Ryan. It will start at 2:30 p.m. at Kid's Korner. Martha Farris asked me to let you know there will not be any more movies this year. I will let you know through my article the start of 2004 movies.

Thomas and Marie Warren had 37 family members to attend Thanksgiving Dinner in their home Thursday, November 27. This also included part of her sister Charlene and Bob Alldredge's family.

Donnell and Wilma Gowen's son Arvin Gowen and his family were home for the Thanksgiving holidays. They live in California.

Genelle Breed's daughter Shirley who lives in Nashville, Tennessee was here over the holidays.

Effie Foster spent four days this past Thanksgiving week in Lubbock with her daughter

Helen and Burl Masters. Several family members were in and out visiting during the four days.

Flora McNeill met her family in Lubbock and enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner together.

Edell and Lovene Moore spent a week in Branson MO. On the way home they stopped in Oklahoma and ate Thanksgiving dinner with their grandson.

Geraldine Callaway spent Thanksgiving Day with her granddaughter Kelly and Monty Williams and other family members.

Margaret Soudelier went with Danny and Mitzi Nixon to Mitzi's parents, Teresa and Richard Hale, Thanksgiving Day.

Frances Weathersbee went to Anton to be with 33 family members at her niece's home.

Spending Thanksgiving day with Letha Lightfoot were Kenneth and Gayle Lightfoot of Amarillo; Kelsey and Stacy Lightfoot of Salida, Colorado; Kurt and Tonya and Josh Eddy of Oceanside, California; Druston and Amber Chidester and children, Autumn, Cody and Bryce of Pampa; and Friday, Brad Carmack, a grandson spent

the night.

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

In memory of **Kyle Glover** - Elayne Reid and Doris Snodgrass.

In memory of **Elvie Henderson** - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pate.

In memory of **John Speer** - Thayer and Washington, C.P.A.

In memory of **Mrs. Clovis Myrick** - Thayer and Washington, C.P.A.

Menu

December 8 - December 12 Monday - Cubed steak/gravy, egg noodles, broccoli, wheat roll, strawberry or peach shortcake

Tuesday - Baked ham, blackeyed peas, brussel sprouts, carrot raisin salad, hot roll, cherry cobbler

Wednesday - Chili con carne, onions, peppers, carrot raisin salad, cornbread, banana lime gelatin

Thursday - Green chili chicken, pinto beans, tossed salad/1000 Island, cornbread, cranberry delight

Friday - Salisbury steak, cabbage, green peas, pickle, cornbread, pumpkin crunch or bars



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH-Preparing to greet guests on Saturday, December 6, from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. are board members (l-r) Bonnie Graham, Martha Lopspeich, Sue Daniels, and Sally and Pat Bradley, hosts for the festive event. Tickets for the occasion, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, are available now and at the door for a donation of \$7.50. Door prizes are gifts from Bonnie Graham, First National Bank, Dr. Dean, and Gary Motsler of Leonard's Cafe. The poinsettia plant for the host couple is from Cathy's Floral. **Staff Photo**



LIBRARY OFFERS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS--The Lockney Library Associates represented by: (l-r) Neta Marble and Denise Doucette, will be selling the first in a series of Christmas ornaments. The wreath encircles a line drawing of the mural in the front hall of Lockney High School. The reverse side is the Lockney Longhorn and the year 2003. **Staff Photo**



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1934 Study Club News

By Frieda Simpson

Members and guest of the 1934 Study Club enjoyed an interesting and informative program by General Robert E. Dempsey when they held their meeting on November 18.

The club met in the home of Wanda Turner with Nell McClung as co-hostess. General Dempsey did a wonderful job informing us of some of the latest military equipment and bringing us up to date.

In the absence of the President, Margarette Word, who was ill, Emagene Haenisch, Vice President, conducted the business session. The hostesses served delicious refreshments of sand-

wiches and frozen pumpkin pie.

Attending the meeting were Betsy Dempsey, Bill Ferguson, Effie Foster, Diana Glover, Wilma Gowens, Emagene Haenisch, Queen Annie Lawson, Nell McClung, Wanda Turner, Marie Warren, Ila White and guests, Margaret Jones and General Dempsey.

The next meeting will be on December 16 in the home of Bill Ferguson with Betsy Dempsey and Margarette Word as co-hostesses. Frieda Simpson will bring a Christmas story. Members were reminded that as customary, instead of exchanging gifts, they are asked to bring a gift of money for the American Cancer Society.

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

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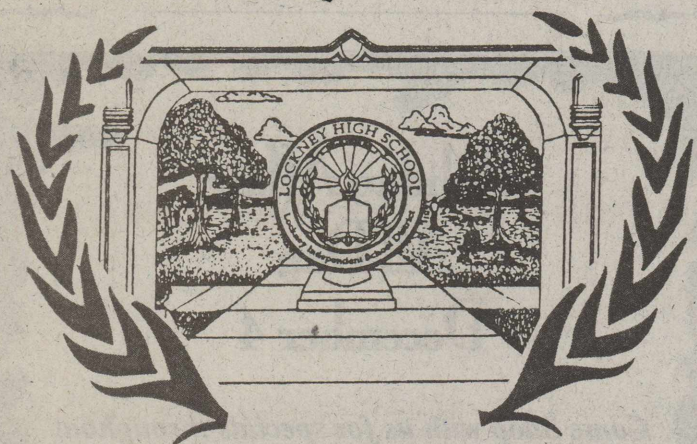
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

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

AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

An afternoon at the movies will feature Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan in "You've Got Mail" Friday, December 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the Kid's Korner auditorium. Don't miss this delightful romantic comedy! Admission is free; and this will be the only movie this month of December.

Lockney Library offers First in a series of Christmas Ornaments



2003 ornament features the Mosaic Mural in the entry hallway at the Lockney High School. Reverse side includes a Lockney Longhorn

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JASON PYLE AND LINDSEY REDDY

Pyle and Reddy

Rick and Kelli Reddy of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsey Reddy to Jason Pyle, son of Robert and Paula Pyle, also of Floydada.

Lindsey is the granddaughter of Ann Reddy of Floydada, Carole Lyons of Lubbock, and Richard and Dorothy Lyons of Blue Springs, MO. She plans to graduate from Texas Tech University with a degree in Accounting in May 2004.

Jason is the grandson of Louis and Virginia Pyle of Floydada and Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings of Lockney. He is a recent graduate of the Texas Firefighters Certification Program and he farms in the Floydada area.

The couple plan a February 14, 2004 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

Daughters of the American Revolution hold meeting

By Pricilla Minter

The Buffalo Grass NSDAR chapter met for their monthly meeting Saturday November 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Floyd County Historical Museum with 8 members present.

Regent, Mrs. Sherry Colston opened the meeting in the ritualistic form. Members then heard the committee's reports. The President General's Message was read from the NSDAR magazine, American Spirit. The Flag Minute, Constitutional Sidelight, and Indian Highlight was given by the respective chairmen. The Officers reports were also given.

Regent, Sherry Colston then closed the meeting thanking the hostess, Nancy Marble for the delicious refreshments.

Members present were Sherry Colston, Margaret Berry, Grace Ashley, June Sherman, Susan Dunavant, Nancy Marble, Carolyn Hardy, Pricilla Minter.

At the closing of the meeting an Educational/Genealogy program was held in the Mary Lou Bowman Library with guest speaker Ed Veal from the City of Lubbock Public Library. Mr. Veal gave a program on Genealogy Today. He gave up helpful hints, websites and search engines on the World Wide Web, known as the "Internet" for genealogy research. The program was interesting and very informative for people wanting to do genealogy research on the Internet.

Guests in attendance other than Ed Veal were Janet Milam, Frances Davis, Martha Wilmeth and Teresa Sutton.

The Christmas meeting will be Tuesday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Smith House in Crosbyton. The members will enjoy a delicious dinner and have a Chinese Christmas gift exchange.

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Bobby and Mervean Carthel's Thanksgiving guest were their daughter Sherrey and husband Jim of Plainview. Sherrey's daughter Lana and husband Cory Castleberry and daughters Brook and Bree of Canyon. The Carthel's daughter Jackie of Lawton, Okla. and their daughter Tammy and husband Randy Mitchell and boys Rowdy and Bo of Farwell.

Dart and Joann Carthel spent Thanksgiving with their daughter Tobi and her husband Brian Rosencranz in Burleson.

Edna Workman's Thanksgiving company was her son Wayne and his two sons and their wives Eric and Robin and Shane and Michelle all of Lubbock.

Her son David and his wife Jeanette and their daughter Sundai and her children all from San Angelo. Also her daughter Donna and husband Dick Barton of Plainview.

Bo and Ruby Kiser's daughter

Jonnell and her husband Bobby Echols of Clovis, Calif were here for Thanksgiving. Also her daughter Alma Jean Parker and her three children and John L Parker and daughter Jackiel and her three children. Ruby's brother Wilford Ransom and his wife Mary of Clovis, New Mexico were also guest.

Donnie and I had Thanksgiving dinner with our daughter Becky and husband Steve McPherson and boys Matt and J.W. Other guest were Steve's parents Gay and Gale McPherson and Steve's sister Darlee Foster and husband David and children Addy and Will Louie, Cynthia and Bryan Bybee went to Cynthia's brother Martin Stoerner and wife Robin and boys Heath and Justin for Thanksgiving dinner. Other guest were Robin's brother Bob Smith and his family of Lubbock and her sister Lana from Granbury. Also Stanley Stoerner and children of Lubbock.

Sunday Donnie and I attended a luncheon at the Floydada's Primitive Baptist Church honoring Gay and Gale McPherson's 50th wedding anniversary. It was so nice and the food was really great.

While we were that close to the nursing home we went down and visited with Clara Reecer. She seems to be adjusting to the move okay.

Thanksgiving guest of Dorothy Hooten was all her children and their families of Lockney and her brother Bob of Providence. Special guest was her grandson Kelsey Hooten who is home on leave from the Navy. When his leave is up he will deport to Norfolk, Va.

J.P. "Smiley" Williams graveside funeral service at the Lockney cemetery was today, December 1. He passed away Saturday, November 29.

This weeks Senior Citizen profile is on Dorothy Hooten. Dorothy was born Oct 17,

1933 at Plainview to Cecil and Denvis Martine Cox. She graduated from Plainview High School. Dorothy married John L. Hooten son of Berry and Florence Vaughn Hooten on January 5, 1953 in her family home. John L. passed away April 25, 1987. They are the parents of two daughters, Gaylynn and Angie both of Lockney and three sons Berry, Lonny, and Kenny all of Lockney.

Dorothy is an active member of the 3rd and College Church of Christ.

She is also a member of Senior Citizens. She enjoys the Thursday night pot luck suppers and after supper games. Thank you Dorothy for being this week's Senior Citizen

Menu for Dec 8-12

Monday: Chicken strips
Tuesday: Beef Lasagne
Wed: Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday: Meatloaf
Friday: Fried Cat Fish

Look Who's New

JIMENEZ

Renea Jimenez and Norma Barrientos, of Floydada are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Leandra Renae Jimenez, born on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 in Plainview at 9:55 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Leandra's sisters are Sonia

J'lin and Jarrah J'de.

Grandparents are Ignacio and Juanita Espinoza of Floydada, Umberto Jimenez, Jr. of Seguin, and the late Salvador and Leandra Barrientos of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Umberto Jimenez, Sr. and the late Eulalia Jimenez of McQueeney, and the late Presentacion and Maria Santos Luna of Floydada.

Floydada Rehab and Care Center

By Lorilla Bradley

November is a busy month With many things to do. We thank our veterans for their care

And THANKS to GOD who sees us through.

Mr. Grubbs we honor at this special time. We hope the "collection" he has made

Has one of every kind! We love our Julia Martin For all she loves to do

Including horses, volley ball And crafts of every hue! We greet our Jewell Burrow. Oh how she loves to sing!

She lines her "dolls" up as a choir And "pretends" their voices ring! Lets cheer these lovely people With the good old birthday

song

To let them know we love them So join the "sing-along".

Thursday, November 20 was birthday time at the Rehab and Care Center with members of the City Park Church of Christ hosting.

The honorees were seated in the lobby and each wore a lovely corsage or boutonniere provided Cathy's Floral.

The poem was read and all joined in singing the birthday song. Each honoree received a gift package of items to be enjoyed in their room.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake with tasty lemonade, provided by the Rehab center, was enjoyed by everyone. The next party will be December 18 at 3:30, and you are invited to be with us at that time.

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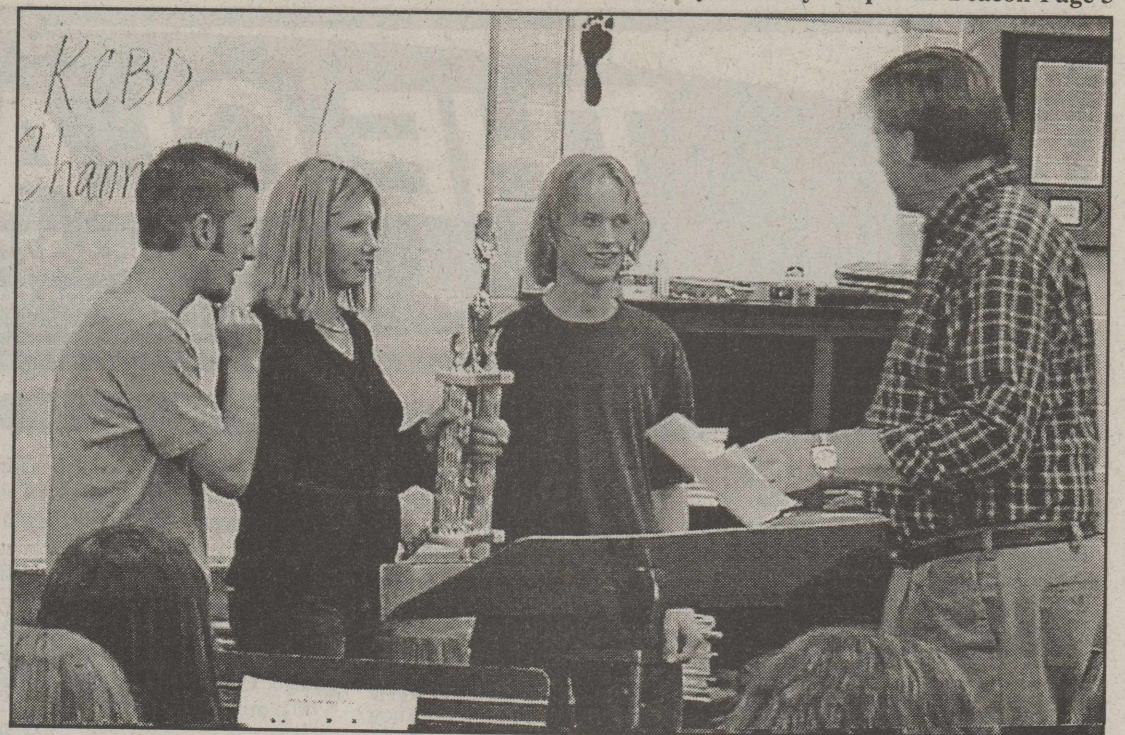
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2003-2004 FJHS STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS-(back row, l-r) Sponsor Nikki Smith, Eladio Saldana - Treasurer, Jordan Cornelius - 6th Grade Rep., Blake Greer - Sgt. At Arms, Colton Covington - 7th Grade Rep., Areil Peralez - 7th Grade Rep., Johanna Dawdy - 7th Grade Rep., Makenzie Schwertner - 6th Grade Rep., Roderick Rolfe - Reporter, and Sponsor Dara Ware; (front row, l-r) Evan Johnson - 6th Grade Rep., Crystal Alvarez - 7th Grade Rep., Claudia Lopez - 6th Grade Rep., Michelle Sanchez - 7th Grade Rep., Blanca Suarez - 6th Grade Rep., Morgan Norrell, Vice President, Emily Griffin, Secretary, and Samantha Flores, President. The FJHS Student Council members planted flower bulbs in the newly made flower boxes that the FHS woodworking class built. For Red Ribbon Week the Student Council wanted a symbol to show students that if you make good choices, you reap the benefits later, just as the bulbs will reap the benefits later in the Spring. Courtesy Photo



BATTLE OF THE BANDS--LISD Music Director Rob Lovett (right) presents Drum Majors Zane Montandon and Addie Foster (center) with a trophy and a \$500 check for the band. The Longhorn Band won the KCBD Battle of the Bands contest with the most internet votes. Courtesy Photo

Floydada 4-H Club

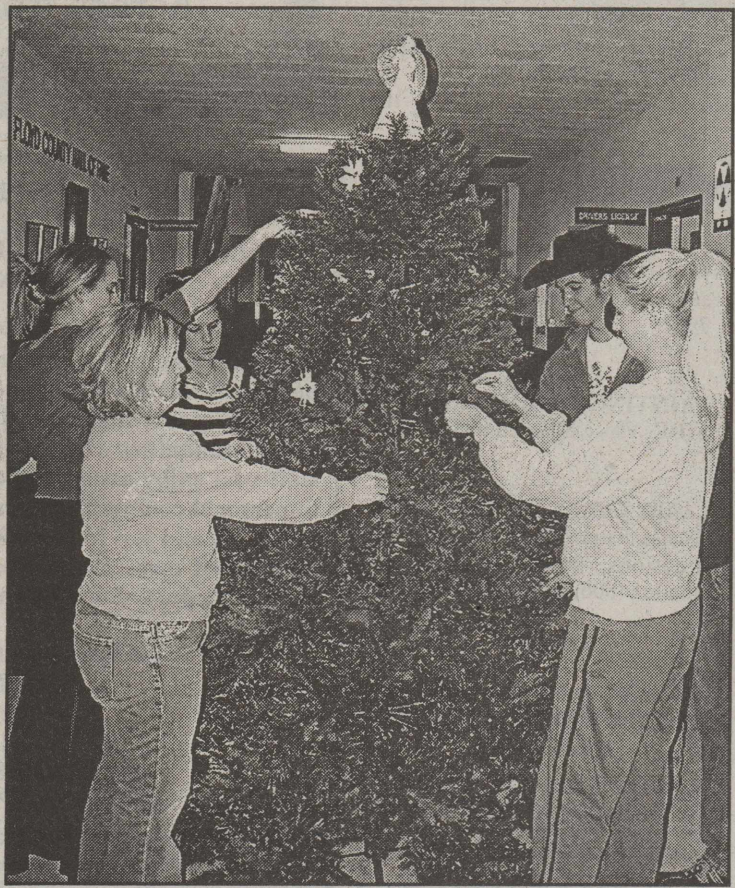
By Skyler Cornelius
The Floydada 4-H Club met Monday, November 17. The pledge was led by Kelsey Nutt, and Randy Kennedy led the 4-H Motto and pledge. Sarah Jo Miller read the inspiration from the Bible and Matthew Miller gave a mini-demonstration explaining how to play the Viola. Spencer Schacht gave various project reports and recognized Lindsey Nutt who will compete at the State Food Show in June 2004. Spencer Schacht announced the community service was to bring books for the Day Care. Jordan Cornelius provided the doorprizes which were won by Tyler Chesshir and Niki Oakes.

Molly Long read the minutes and Melissa Dunlap gave a treasurer's report, and announced that Bailey Davenport will decorate the window at Payne Pharmacy in December.

In other business, stock show dates were announced, Holiday Casserole Sign-ups were discussed for Christmas on the Square, and the 2004 Scholarship Applications are now available. Melissa Long announced the Gold Star Banquet at Texas Tech. Chance Crossland is our club's recipient. Molly Long and Spencer Schacht will also attend as District Officers.

The 4-H County Council will decorate an Angel Tree November 25 at the Courthouse. The Program was a 4-H Fundraiser, a Bake Auction led by Marty Lucke as auctioneer. We really appreciate Marty's help, he did a great job! Chance Crossland then led the Recreation. We want to thank the parents in charge of refreshments who were the Tom Ross's, Hugh Miller's and Dana Crossland. Members were invited to the FJHS 1-Act Play and the American Cancer Society Brunch.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 11 at the unity Center. It will be a skating party. The Community Service will be to bring canned goods for SOS.



ANGEL TREE-Floyd County 4-H council members recently placed a Community Angel Tree at the Floyd County Courthouse. The Angel Tree will be a memorial to a family's loved one or in honor of family members. Anyone should feel free to place an ornament with a loved one's name on the tree anytime and pick it up by January 2, 2004. 4-H's shown decorating the tree are: (l-r) Molly Long, Kami Keaton, Katie Beth Crossland, Tyler Chesshir and Melissa Dunlap. Staff Photo

Floydada High School Honor Roll

2nd SIX WEEKS "A" HONOR ROLL

12th Grade - Melissa Dunlap, Valentine Luisa Reyes, Rebecca Warren

11th Grade - Meghan Graham, Rachel Griffin, Ty Heflin, Daniel Houchin, Kristan Lackey, Luke Miller

10th Grade - Kendra Covington, Reagan Heflin, Jarrett Kirk, Lindsey Leatherman, Ruben Ortis, Jacob Reddy, Marla Reeves, Christopher Reyes, Jeffri Vaughn

9th Grade - Taylor Beedy, Britnee Brotherton, Chase Hammonds, Tate Jones, Morgan Marble

"A-B HONOR ROLL

12th Grade - Antwonnette Acy, Angelica Arrendondo, Ross Bennett, Joshua Bradley, Eason Campbell, Chance Crossland, Jeremy Lloyd, Molly Long, Sylvia Mancilla, Lindsey Nutt, Denise Rainwater, Suelem Saldana

11th Grade - April Arevalo, Kia Baker, Jesse Finley, Katy Gooch, Tate Greer, David Mancilla, Brian Odom, Spencer Schacht, David Vasquez

10th Grade - Christopher John Briones, Tyler Chesshir, Timothy Collins, Vanessa DelToro, Jana Everett, Estrella Celeste Foster, Frank James Ibarra, Rashay Zoe Kelley, Diamond Leal, Cynthia Martinez,

Hector Martinez, Israel Morales, Tania Pésina, Jessica Runnels, Andrew Sanchez

9th Grade - Jose Jaime Alaniz, Mickel Arevalo, Cameron Battey, Laura DeLeon, Abran Enriquez, Nicholas Manuel Espinoza, Kalli Ferguson, Raymond Gutierrez, Crystal Hernandez, Rusty Hopper, Kayla Shaye Kelley, Tana Jo Lloyd, Gerardo Mata, Kayla Pesina, Brandon Rainwater, Juliann Runnels, Michael White, Douglas Williams, Michelle Ann Yannis

Floydada School Menu

December 8 - December 12 Monday:

Breakfast - Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch - Frito pie, corn, cake, milk

Tuesday:
Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch - Spaghetti, peas, carrots, bread sticks, Jello, milk

Wednesday:
Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly, juice, milk
Lunch - Stuffed baked potatoes w/ham, broccoli w/cheese, fruit, milk

Thursday:
Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Enchiladas, beans, salad, cornbread, fruit, milk

Friday:
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk
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Lockney UIL team wins first

LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY'S UIL TEAM---pictured are the students, second grade through fifth, who placed in this year's District 5-AA Elementary UIL contest. See related story. Staff Photo

Lockney School Menu

Menu

December 8 - December 12 Monday

Breakfast - French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Pig in a blanket or PBJ sandwich, corn, tossed salad

Tuesday
Breakfast - Mini corn dogs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets or grilled cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast - Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Fish sticks or ham and cheese, pinto beans, squash casserole, pears, cornbread, milk

Thursday
Breakfast - Oatmeal or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Burrito or corndog, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, milk

Friday
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch - Hamburger or bologna and cheese, lettuce and tomato, french fries, mixed fruit, milk

Lockney Elementary Principal, Phil Cotham is very proud of "his" UIL team. They came away from this year's District 5-AA Elementary UIL contest in first place.

Team results:

First	Lockney	287	pts
Second	Friona	270	pts
Third	Abernathy	260	pts
Fourth	Floydada	155	pts
Fifth	Hale Center	148	pts
Sixth	Olton	78	pts

Lockney Individual results:

Second grade Creative Writing - Anna Hernandez (1st), Clay Bigham (3rd)

Second grade Storytelling - Kameron Hunt (3rd)

Third grade Ready Writing - Lindsay Stewart (2nd), Rayann Race (3rd)

Third grade Spelling - Rayann Race (3rd)

Third grade Storytelling - Landry Kidd (5th)

Third grade Oral Reading - Justin Roberts (4th), McKenzie Kemp (5th), Marcos Mercado (6th)

Fourth grade Picture Memory - (team event) Lockney (3rd), team members - Steven

Fernandez, Dolores Luna, Stacey Rodriguez, Sunny Williams)

Fourth grade Number Sense - Dylan Aufill (1st), Quinn Jackson (2nd)

Fourth grade Ready Writing - Courtney Edwards (1st)

Fourth grade Oral Reading - Landon Kidd (st), Lauren Johnson (2nd)

Fifth grade Picture Memory - (team event) Lockney (2nd), team members - Molly Cazares, Sabrina Guerrero, Shialo Huerta, Isabel Solis

Fifth grade Listening Skills - Kami Hunt (1st), Bridgit O'Connell (3rd)

Fifth grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Alece Annunziato (6th)

Fifth grade Music Memory - (team event) Lockney (3rd), team members - Devin Caballero, Toni Morales, Alece Annunziato

Fifth grade number sense - Molly Cazares (3rd), Toni Morales (5th)

Fifth grade Ready Writing - Hailey Dickerson (1st)

Fifth grade Spelling - Hailey Dickerson (2nd)

Fifth grade Oral Reading - Shanequa Wilson (4th)

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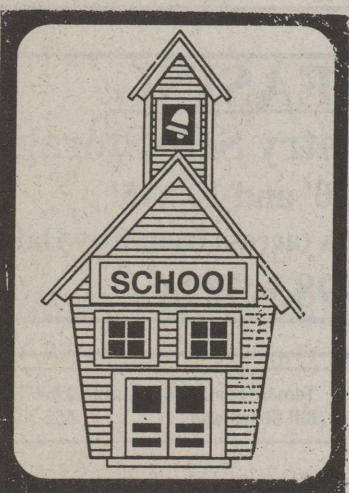
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All creditors having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2003.

JOHN PERRY
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF
THE ESTATE OF BETTY JO GILBREATH
C/O KAREN HOUCHEIN
ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE
P.O. BOX 421, 124 W. CALIFORNIA
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Floydada JV Boys Basketball Report

BY COACH PRATHER WHIRLWIND JV - 31 SUDAN JV - 27

The Floydada Whirlwind JV team traveled to Olton to participate in the Olton Tournament on November 20-22, 2003. They played Sudan in their first game of the tournament. Scoring results are as follows:
T.J. Collins - 18 points; Oscar Garza - 4 points; Lionel Garza - 3 points; Lionel Williams - 2 points; Rudy Luna - 2 points; Abnan Enriquez - 2 points and Jermaine Rando - 2 points.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Wind JV 8 10 4 11
Sudan JV 7 10 6 4

WHIRLWIND JV - 60 OLTON JV - 61

In their second game of the Olton Tournament the Whirlwind JV played the Olton JV and lost by a score of 60-61. Scoring results are as follows:
T.J. Collins - 23 points; Lionel Williams - 13 points; Oscar Garza - 13 points; Rudy Luna - 5 points; Tate Jones - 4 points and Jermaine Rando - 2 points.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Wind JV - 13 14 13 20
Olton JV - 13 16 15 17

WHIRLWIND JV - 38 FRIONA JV - 23

The Whirlwind JV played the

Friona JV in their final game of the Olton Tournament. The team played well on the whole as a team. They finished in 3rd place with their only loss going to Olton on a last second shot.
Scoring results are as follows:
T. J. Collins - 10 points; Andrew Weeks - 8 points; Jermaine Rando - 4 points; Lionel Williams - 4 points; Greg Vasquez - 3 points; Shannon Bolton - 2 points; Oscar Garza - 2 points; Rudy Luna - 2 points and Taylor Beedy - 2 points.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Wind JV - 11 11 10 6
Frion JV - 4 7 7 5

Floydada JV Girls Basketball Report

BY COACH EDDLEMAN LADY WINDS JV - 25 NAZARETH JV - 41

The Lady Winds Junior Varsity traveled to Olton to play in the Olton Tournament on November 18-22, 2003. Their first game was against the Nazareth Junior Varsity. The scoring results are as follows:
Kendra Covington - 9 points (4 field goals and 1 free throw); Stephanie Flores - 9 points (2 field goals and 4 free throws); Tania Pesina - 5 points (2 field goals and 1 free throw); Stacey Griggs - 2 points (2 free throws).
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds JV - 5 12 6 2
Nazareth JV - 11 6 8 16

LADY WINDS JV - 32 HART JV - 10

The Lady Winds JV played the Hart Junior Varsity in their second game of the Olton Tournament. Scoring results are as follows:
Jackee Wickware - 9 points (4 field goals and 1 free throw); Marla Reeves - 8 points (3 field goals and 2 free throws); Stephanie Flores - 7 points (2 field goals and 1 free throw); Kendra Covington - 4 points (2 field goals); Tana Lloyd - 2 points (1 field goal) and Tania Pesina - 2 points (2 free throws).

SCORE BY QUARTERS Lady Winds JV 6 9 7 10 Hart JV 2 4 4 0

LADY WINDS JV - 25 COOPER 9TH - 23

In their third game of the Olton Tournament, the Lady Winds JV played the Cooper 9th grade team. Scoring results are as follows:
Jackee Wickware - 7 points (3 field goals and 1 free throw); Kendra Covington - 5 points (2 field goals and 1 free throw); Tania Pesina - 5 points (2 field goals and 1 free throw); Marla Reeves - 4 points (2 field goals) and Michelle Yannis - 4 points (2 field goals).

SCORE BY QUARTERS Lady Winds JV 9 7 6 3 Cooper 9th 4 7 8 4

LADY WINDS JV 31 OLTON JV 18

The Lady Winds JV played the Olton JV girls in the championship game and won by a score of 31-18. They took home the first place trophy. They all have done a great job. We are very proud of them. Scoring results are as follows:
Tania Pesina - 10 points (2 field goals and 6 free throws); Michelle Yannis - 6 points (1 field goal and 4 free throws); Stephanie Flores - 4 points (2

field goals); Jackee Wickware - 3 points (1 field goal and 1 free throw); Kendra Covington - 3 points (1 three-point field goal); Whitney Williams - 3 points (1 field goal and 1 free throw) and Marla Reeves - 2 points (1 field goal).
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds JV 6 6 5 14
Olton JV 6 3 0 9
SEASON RECORD: 3-1

LADY WINDS JV - 41 KRESS JV - 15

The Lady Winds JV team traveled to Kress to take on the Junior Varsity girls on November 24, 2003 and came away with a huge win by a score of 41-15. Scoring results are as follows:
Jana Everett - 9 points (3-two point field goals and 1-three point field goal); Jackee Wickware - 9 points (4 field goals and 1 free throw); Marla Reeves - 6 points (3 field goals); Stephanie Flores - 6 points (1-two point field goal, 1-three point field goal and 1 free throw); Tana Lloyd - 4 points (2 field goals); Whitney Williams - 3 points (1-three point field goal); Stacey Griggs - 2 points (1 field goal) and Kendra Covington - 2 points (1 field goal).
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Lady Winds JV - 19 10 10 2
Kress JV - 6 2 3 4
SEASON RECORD: 4-1

Floydada Boys 8th & 7th Grade Basketball Report

8th Breezers - 43 Olton - 24

The FJHS 8th grade Breezers played Olton on November 17, 2003 in their first district game of the season. The Breezers won by a score of 43-24.
Scoring results are as follows:
Payne Beedy - 16 points; Cade Miller - 12 points; Kody Smith - 9 points; Brandon Monreal - 2 points; Charlie Beedy - 2 points and Blake Greer - 2 points.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Breezers 14 11 8 10
Olton 2 8 4 10

8th Breezers - 61 Tahoka - 28

The 8th grade Breezers played in the Idalou Tournament on November 20-22, 2003 and in their first game of the tournament played Tahoka. They won by a score of 61-28.
Scoring results are as follows:
Payte Beedy - 18 points; Kody Smith - 12 points; Eladio Saldana - 8 points; Kevin Smith - 8 points; Cade Miller - 6 points; Brandon Monreal - 2 points; Adam Rainwater - 2 points; Blake Greer - 2 points; Daniel Saldana - 2 points; Magdiel Alvarado - 1 point.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Breezers 18 14 18 11
Tahoka 6 14 4 4

8th Breezers - 51 Abernathy - 28

In the second round of the Idalou Tournament, the 8th grade Breezers played Abernathy and won by a score of 51-28.
Scoring results are as follows:
Kody Smith - 16 points; Payne Beedy - 15 points; Blake Greer - 8 points; Cade Miller - 4 points; Brandon Monreal - 2 points; Adam Rainwater - 2 points; Magdiel Alvarado - 2 points; Kevin Smith - 2 points.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Breezers 12 13 18 8
Abernathy 7 6 9 6

7th Breezers - 44 Olton - 14

In their first district game of the year, the 7th grade Breezers played Olton on November 17, 2003 and won by a score of 44-14.
Scoring results are as follows:
Titus Miller - 15 points; Keegan Williams - 6 points; Randy Lerma - 6 points; Aarrhon Flores - 6 points; Isom Bolton - 4 points; James Espinoza - 2 points; Juan Carlos Ascencio - 2 points; Tyler Derryberry - 2 points; Chris Trevino - 1 point.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Breezers 15 7 16 6
Olton 6 2 0 6

7th Breezers - 43 Tahoka - 18

The 7th grade Breezers played in the Idalou Tournament held November 20-22, 2003 and played Tahoka in their first game. The Breezers won by a score of 43-18.
Scoring results are as follows:
Titus Miller - 19 points; Aarrhon Flores - 16 points; Keegan Williams - 2 points; Colton Covington - 2 points; Isom Bolton - 2 points; Tyler Derryberry - 2 points.
SCORE BY QUARTERS
Breezers 17 8 14 2
Tahoka 0 7 4 7

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Longhorns win over Petersburg 60-37

The Lockney Longhorns collected another victory on the hard court beating the Petersburg Buffaloes 60-37.
Lockney outscored the Buffaloes 20-9 in the opening quarter and never looked back. Also, an 18-6 run in the third quarter gave the 'Horns a comfortable lead.
The Longhorns defense kept Petersburg frustrated all night long and not allowing any individual for the Buffaloes to score in double digits.
"For it being so early in the season, our team played exceptional defense," Coach Bubba Edwards stated. "It will be a great season if we can keep that kind of defense going all year long."
Just about every Longhorn with a uniform got in the books.

Kirk Wilson lead all scorers with 14 points followed by Rance Schumacher with 10 points. Mark Ford finished the night with nine points, Jeran Butler with eight points, Trevor Morris with six points and Cagan Cummings with five points. Both Jeremy Pyle and Taylor Becker scored three points while Brance Wilson scored two points.
"If we have balanced scoring like we did tonight, it might make it difficult for our opponents to just stop one person," Coach Edwards added.
Lockney will be headed to Nazareth for the weekend to participate in The Nazareth Tournament. The Longhorns will open up against the Wink Wildcats starting at 4:30 p.m.

Lockney JV Boys Basketball Report

The Lockney Junior Varsity squad improved its record to two wins and zero losses on the season by beating the Petersburg Buffaloes 49-32.
The Longhorns opened up a comfortable 27-15 lead at the half. However, the Buffaloes fought back in the second half.

But the Longhorns defense stiffened early in the fourth quarter to halt any Petersburg threat.
Trevor Morris lead the team scoring 22 points followed by Brance Wilson with eight points. Brandon Hall and J.W. McPherson each added six points in the contest while Blaine Hall,

Rion Afill and Frankie Mendez chipped in two points. Brandon Gilroy nailed a free throw for the Longhorns as well.
The Lockney J.V. will continue play next Tuesday at home against the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles.

Lockney 8th & 7th Grade Boys Basketball Report

The Lockney 8th grade squad fell behind early against the Abernathy Antelopes losing a hard fought battle 38-25.
The Shorthorns found themselves down 17-4 at the half, but managed to tie the Antelopes 21-21 in the second half.
"The kids played really hard even when they fell behind in the first half," Coach Heard said. "Some of those shots that we missed in the first half began to fall in the second half and we were able to play with those guys."
Ernie Vasquez lead the team with 10 points followed by Alston Becker with eight points. Dimitri Cortez chipped in four points, Tim Luebano with two points and Zacary Gonzales with one point.
The Shorthorns also came up on the short end earlier in the week losing to the Floydada

Breezers 51-17.
Floydada outscored the Short-horns 20-4 in the first quarter and continued the pressure throughout the game.
Zacary Gonzales finished the night with five points while Roman Salas, Ernie Vasquez and Alston Becker added three points. Tanner Morris chipped in two points and Dimitri Cortez with one point.
Lockney will play the Olton Mustangs next Monday, in Lockney.
The Lockney 7th grade hoopsters lost a close one to the Abernathy Antelopes 30-26.
After falling behind by seven points in the opening quarter, the Shorthorns managed to play good defense to get back in the ball game. A late surge in the fourth quarter by the Shorthorns just was not enough to hold off

the Antelopes.
Brett Johnson lead the Short-horns with 12 points followed by Adrian Cortez with 11 points. Jonathan Coleman added two points and Daryn McCarter with one point.
The Shorthorns ran into some trouble earlier in the week against the Breezers of Floydada losing 40-19.
After only being up 14-9 at the half, Floydada outscored the Short-horns 26-10 in the second half to pull away for good.
The Shorthorns were lead by Angel Cruz with five points. Caleb Schumacher added four points and James Mercado with three points. Brett Johnson, Jonathan Coleman and Adrian Cortez each had two points. Ruben Pesina chipped in one point.
The 7th grade hoopsters will play host to the Olton Mustangs on Monday starting at 5:00 p.m.

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Obituary

J. P. WILLIAMS

Graveside services for J. P. Williams, 86 of Lockney, were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, December 1, 2003 at the Lockney Cemetery with Russell Harris officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Williams died November 29, 2003 at the Lockney Health and Rehabilitation Center in Lockney.

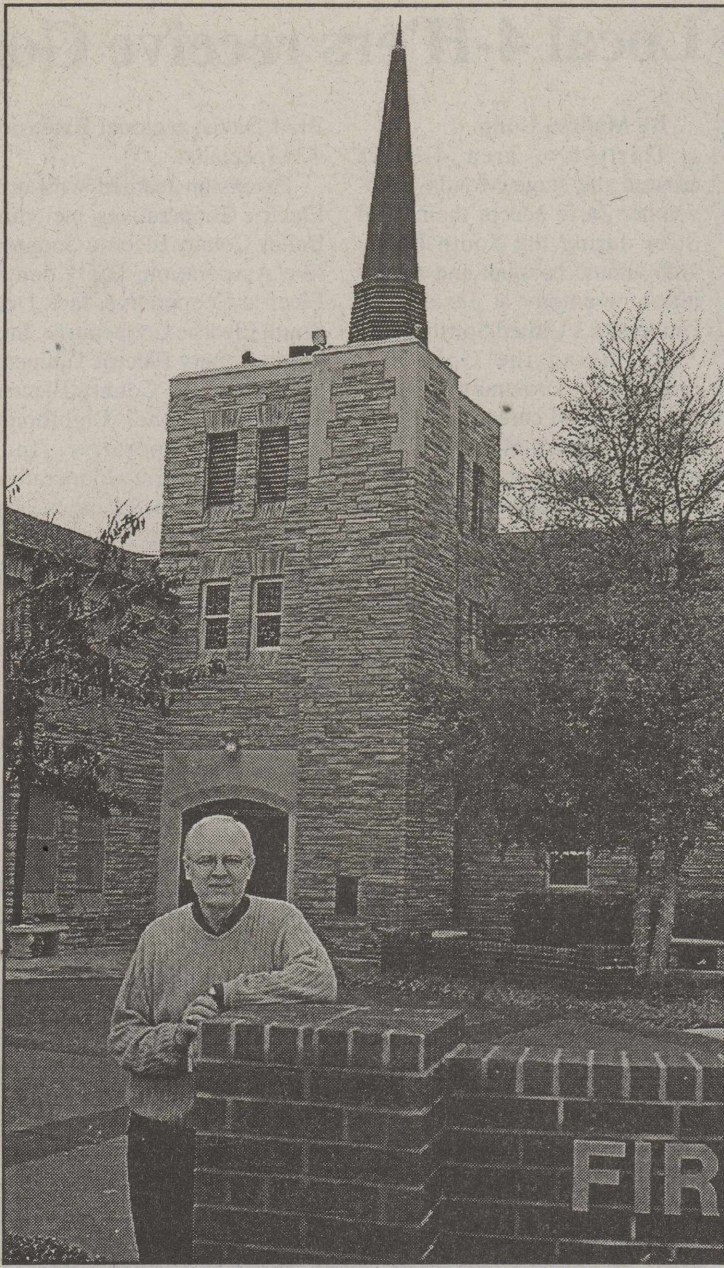
He was born on March 19, 1917 in Pryor, Oklahoma to the late Sylvester and Cora Glover Williams. He moved to Floyd County from Pryor, Oklahoma in 1917 and graduated from Lockney High School.

He married Tommie Lou Thannisch on May 8, 1951 in Clovis, New Mexico. He owned a pest control business and retired in 1985.

His wife preceded him in death on January 22, 2002 in Lockney.

Survivors include one daughter, Brenda Gallagher and husband, Bill of Lubbock and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice Hands of West Texas, 305 N. Main, Lockney, Texas 79241.



JOY TO THE WORLD-Christmas carols are being heard daily from the carillon tower of the First United Methodist Church during December. A gift from the Guthrie family in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Guthrie, the bells have been heard striking the hour since dedicated in August 2001; now they serve to usher in the Spirit of Christmas. "Nothing else speaks so deeply to the soul as does music," said Dr. David Jones, pastor of FUMC, shown standing beneath the church tower. "We are hoping that these Christmas carols will brighten the busy souls in our community and speak deep joy to every heart." Staff Photo

Use care with internet Christmas shopping

U.S. Internet users intend to do some holiday shopping online this year; however, their confidence in the security of the online shopping experience points to a need for fraud prevention education.

According to an independent survey recently released by the Business Software Alliance (BSA), more than 63 percent of Internet users in the United States will do some of their holiday shopping online. However, these same respondents voiced security concerns over information being sold to a third party; information stolen from the Web databases; transmitting a credit card number; transmitting address or personal information; and receiving unwanted e-mails.

Ken Hunter, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus noted that online shoppers face two distinct challenges: identifying reputable merchants and protecting against online threats to their personal security.

The simplest advice for avoiding dishonest merchants is to ignore unsolicited email offers or advertisements from unknown individuals or businesses.

The BBB advises online shoppers to make their holiday purchases from reliable, trustworthy Web sites that have satisfactory marketplace records with the BBB. Also, seek out Web sites that willingly provide customer service contracts and that post a written refund and exchange policy, shipping/transaction costs and security and private protection information.

Hunter also warns, "Online shoppers that don't take protection measures to secure their computers and personal information can fall victim to a silent, yet very successful intruder: the identity thief." The BBB has established an Identify Web site (www.bbb.org/idtheft) with helpful tips for consumers on how to protect their electronic files when shopping online.

BBB advises consumers to pay by credit card. If you use a credit card, you have the right to dispute a bill, your liability for fraudulent charges is limited to \$50 under the Fair Credit Billing Act.

Never give out your Internet password and guard all personal information. Only provide your credit card information in a secure environment. Look for the prefix <https://> in the Uniform Resource Locator box which lists the web site's address to be sure that a site you are using is secure.

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Floyd County Church Directory

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Randy Curtis, Pastor
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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.
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.

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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.

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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
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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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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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

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My parents and I would like to thank all of our family and friends for their encouraging cards and letters.
Thank you also for all the wonderful telephone calls and the many prayers. I am still in Houston. Hopefully I will be finished with my treatment by December 24th.
Happy Holidays!
Leeta Adams
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"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of RAUL ASCENCIO MESA AND FELICITAS ASCENCIO, Petitioners, was filed in the Court of Floyd County, Texas, on the 20th day of October, A.D., 2003, against Unknown Father, Respondent, numbered 9613 and entitled "IN THE INTEREST OF RAUL ALONZO ASCENCIO, A CHILD". The suit requests to establish the parent-child relationship as more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suits-Raul Alonzo Ascencio, 6-13-2003, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Floydada, Texas, this the 25th day of November, 2003.

Barbara Edwards, District Clerk
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RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES PRESENTED-Caprock Community Action Association Director Dalia Arvizu (left) was on hand to present Recognition Certificates to Better Living For Texans participants (l-r) Jerlean Ledbetter, Ambrosia Hernandez and Loretta Bolton. All three completed the nutrition education series through Texas Cooperative Extension in Floyd County presented by Melissa Long (right), County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Service.

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Cotton Market Weekly

A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures prices on the New York Cotton Exchange exploded higher to end limit-up Wednesday on commercial and merchant buying after closing lower four consecutive days.

The market was expected to continue its decline ahead of the four-day weekend in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. However, reports of "sizable amounts of business" executed Tuesday night provided support to the market.

Rumors of purchases by China fueled the market on Wednesday despite concerns that a textile dispute between Washington and Beijing might have cooled some of the ardor in China's buying. However, many industry observers believe a severe shortage of cotton in China due to a poor crop there means the country will have no choice but to return to the market to secure its fiber supplies.

In the export report for the week ended November 20, released a day later than normal due to the Thanksgiving observance, China was the featured buyer with net purchases of 125,900 bales of U.S. cotton. Net sales to all countries that week totaled 347,900 bales, and export shipments totaled 186,600 bales.

China and Mexico were the primary destinations.

The latest export sales figure was down 34 percent from the previous week and 48 percent less than the four-week average. On the other hand, shipments increased 40 percent from the previous week and were 37 percent more than the four-week average.

In other news, domestic mill use continues to decline. Based on Census Bureau data, the National Cotton Council (NCC) calculated U.S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.12 million bales in October, down from the annualized rate of 7.48 million in October 2002. The NCC also revised its September figure to 6.18 million bales from its previous estimate of 6.17 million. The latest estimate was in line with analysts' expectations although slightly lower than some had predicted.

In the meantime, harvest progress across the Cotton Belt advanced by almost eight percentage points in the week ended Nov. 23, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The agency reported 78 percent of the U.S. cotton crop had been picked compared with 71 percent a week earlier and the

five-year average of 83 percent. Fieldwork now is finished in Louisiana and Mississippi and is almost complete in Arkansas. Cotton harvesting in South Carolina made the greatest advance on the week rising 14 percentage points to 72 percent complete.

Harvesting continues to gain momentum in West Texas where the bulk of the area's crop still is on the stalk. The High and Rolling Plains were rain-free during the past weekend allowing cotton strippers to operate without restriction. The region experienced a hard freeze on Nov. 24 which will leave many fields ready to be harvested next week. Statewide, the harvest was 61 percent complete as of Nov. 23 compared with 63 percent one year ago and the five-year average of 73 percent.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the four trading days ended Nov. 26 totaled 9,165 bales compared to 12,521 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 61.81 to 66.03 cents per pound versus the previous week's 62.86 to 69.63 cents per pound range.

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TEC workshop planned

By Tim W. McAlavy

Farmers and ranchers can gain a better understanding of futures and options, and how to effectively use them as marketing tools at two, one day workshops slated for December 18, 2003, and March 4, 2004, said a Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"These workshops are designed to help producers improve their pricing and marketing strategies through the study of futures and options," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension ag economist-marketing specialist based in Lubbock. "In order to take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities, producers must know how to evaluate market alternatives."

"These workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market. So, we will be

closely studying the basics of futures and options, fundamental and technical analysis, and pricing strategies using these tools."

Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock will host both one day workshops. The center is north of Lubbock on Interstate Highway 27 - take exit 11, turn right on FM 1294 and drive one-half mile east.

Smith will teach both workshops - which are designed for those with a beginning knowledge of the futures market.

"Each workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.," Smith said. "Registration costs \$30 per person for each workshop."

Producers can register, or get more information, for these workshops by calling Smith at 806-746-6101; or by contacting their local county Extension office.

Local 4-H'ers receive Gold Star award

By Melissa Long

Thirty-five area 4-H'ers crossed the stage Monday, November 24 to accept their Gold Stars during the South Plains 46th annual banquet and recognition ceremony at Texas Tech University's United Spirit Arena.

Receiving the Gold Star award is the crowning achievement of a 4-H career, according to Pam Foster, 4-H regional program director with Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

The Gold Star Award is the highest 4-H honor presented at the county level. To qualify, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years of age and have completed three years of club work. They must fully participate in activities and must have completed a record book.

"The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," said

Brad Davis, regional Extension 4-H specialist.

Extension teamed with area Electric Cooperatives, including Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association, Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc. to sponsor the event.

Davis and Jett Major, district Extension administrator, presented the 2003 awards.

Katie Yates, of Texas Senator Robert Duncan's Lubbock office, also presented each winner with a certificate from Senator Duncan. In addition, Jane Kiser, U. S. Senator John Cornyn's local representative, presented each 4-H'er with a letter from Senator Cornyn.

Among the District's top 4-H'ers honored were Kayla Kelley, daughter of Don and Carol Kelley of Lockney and Chance Crossland of Floydada, son of Dana Crossland and Brent Crossland.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies for the event was Rusty Keaton, President of the District 2 4-H Council. Also on program were Molly Long, 1st Vice President and Spencer Schacht, Secretary/Treasurer.

Attending from Floyd County included Larry and Penny Ogden from Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Jim and Kay Martin from the Volunteer Leader's Association of Texas, Don and Carol Kelly and Patty Scheer, Judge Bill Hardin and Roberta, County Commissioner RayNell Bearden, County Commissioner Jon Jones and Brenda and Abby King, Clar and Judy Schacht, Nick Long, Charles and Donna Keaton and County Extension Agent J. D. Ragland.

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