

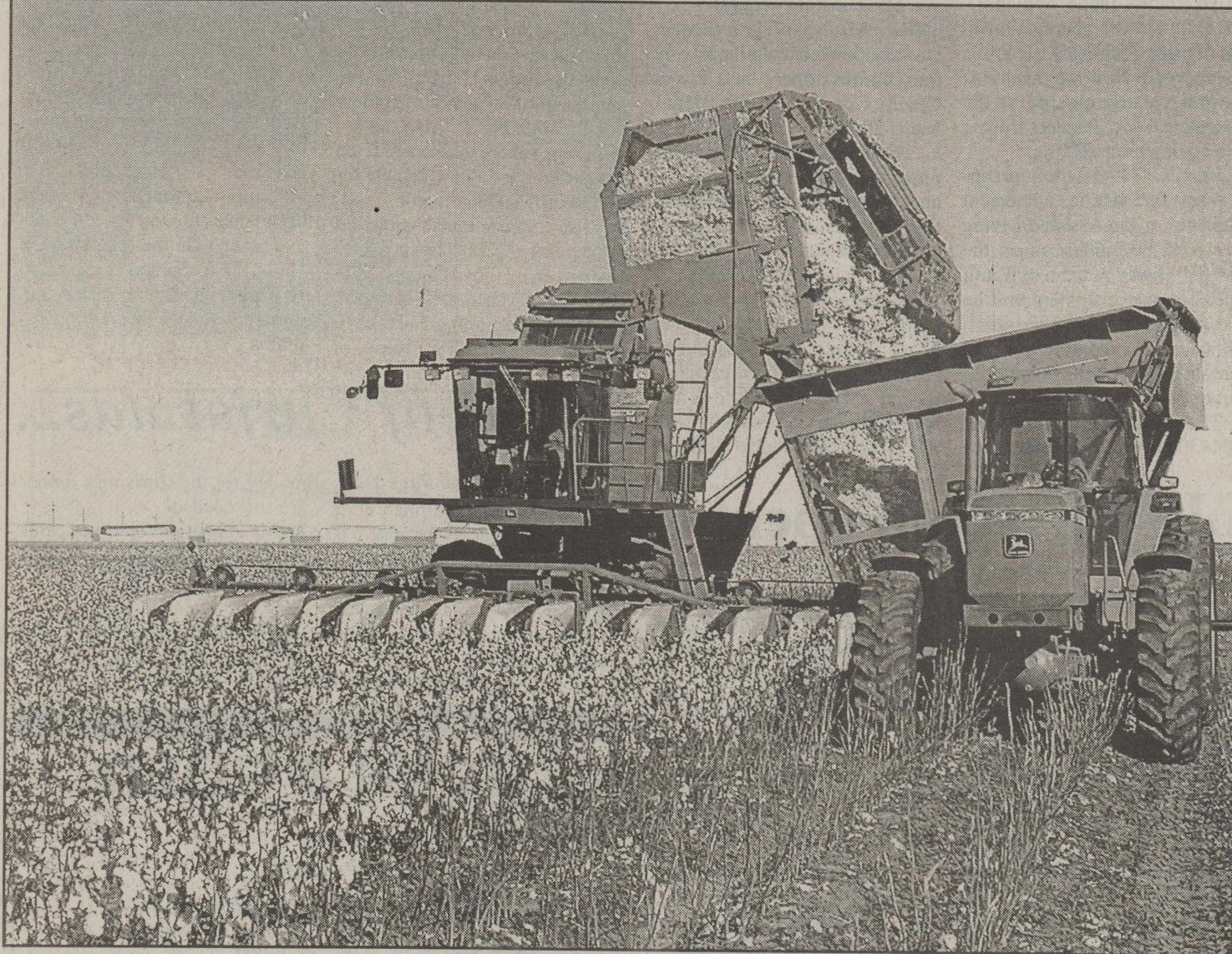
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COTTON HARVEST IN FLOYD COUNTY GOING STRONG AGAIN-Following another week of rains that stopped the cotton harvest temporarily, once again Floyd County producers are harvesting their cotton as fast as they can. Shown Tuesday morning is an 8 row cotton stripper on the Eddie Smith Farms, located about 7 miles south of Floydada. (see related story) Staff Photo

Harvest setting records

By Darwin Robinson
The cotton harvest in Floyd County is back to full speed following all the rain and wet weather a couple of weeks ago. The cotton strippers, module builders and county gins are all running 24/7 this week. According to Floyd County Agent J.D. Ragland, "The cotton harvest in Floyd County is about 50 percent completed." But Floydada Coop Manager Leighton Stovall told the Hesperian-Beacon, "I believe we are well past the 50 percent mark."

Ragland told the County Commissioners Monday morning, "The last ten days have been pretty good for the County cotton harvesters, and it is really good weather for the wheat. Cotton yields are holding up pretty well, but the quality is off some. If the weather holds for the next two weeks, I believe we will finish this year's harvest." Concerning the cotton yields

and quality, Stovall said, "Our yields are still pretty good. We are seeing around 1 1/4 bales to 1 3/4 bales per acre on our dryland cotton, and around 2 1/4 bales to 2 1/2 bales per acre on our pivot irrigated cotton." "Our average loan is around \$.50 cents to \$.51 cents per pound. Since the rains, we are now getting a little more bark and sticks left in the cotton. This affects our average loan price some," said Stovall.

A cotton chart on the wall at Floydada Coop Gin shows the difference in White cotton, Spotted cotton, Stained cotton (light, tinged and yellow) and cotton with Bark in it. Each category, or grade, adds to or deducts from the price of ginned cotton. Despite all the early snow, the heavy rains and the delay in the 2004 harvest, Stovall concluded, "This will be the best year our gin has ever had."



PIG ROAST--(L-R) Dr. Marvin Cepica, Dean of Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Eddie Smith, and Texas Tech President Dr. Smith. Courtesy Photo

Jackson's farming pays off

Boyd Jackson, a 34-year-old farmer from Lockney has been named the winner of Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Contest. Boyd Jackson, along with his wife Shanna, and children Lezlie, Quinn and J.W., grow cotton, grain and run a small cattle operation in Floyd County. Jackson, who won over two finalists in the annual competition, says he can picture himself in another profession, but would not be near as happy. "A lot of people like to complain about agriculture, but it's been very good for me," Jackson said. "I don't think I'd be in the position I'm in now if it wasn't

for agriculture." The annual contest, sponsored by the state's largest farm organization, honors the young leaders of agriculture. The contest recognizes and rewards the hard work and determination needed to succeed when starting out in the challenging business of farming and ranching. Named runners-up in the contest were Jay Davis of Grandview and Jeffery Carlson of Hereford. As winner, Jackson received the following prizes: Title to a 2005 Dodge Ram 3/4 ton 4X4 Quad Cab pickup with a Cummins diesel engine, courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co.; 150 hours use

of a Case IH tractor selected from a 40 PTO horsepower up to 155 PTO horsepower tractor, two-wheel drive or MFD front wheel drive, courtesy of Case IH; plaque and belt buckle representative of the award, courtesy of Am-Pac; \$500 cash award, courtesy of Dodge Trucks; \$500 gift certificate for crop protection chemicals, courtesy of Syngenta; and transportation, two nights lodging and meals to the San Antonio convention. In addition, the Jacksons will represent Texas in the American Farm Bureau Federation Achievement Award Competition in Charlotte, NC. in January

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Local election is being challenged

By Alice Gilroy

The controversial November 2nd election results for the Pet. #1 Commissioner race has now moved into District Court for a legal battle. Ever since incumbent Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden lost the first round of counts to write-in challenger Mike Anderson the election has been surrounded by controversy.

The initial election results showed Anderson the winner by 20 votes. However, Commissioner Bearden was told that 33 additional ballots (straight party ballots) had been found and she called for a recount.

The recount showed 41 more ballots that had not been counted. The recount gave Bearden one extra vote to win. It is the results of the recount that has been called in to question by Mike Anderson.

A petition has been filed in the 110th District Court by Anderson against Ray Nell Bearden asking the Court to impound ballot boxes for trial, for the ballots to be examined and for incorrectly counted ballots be deducted from Bearden's tally and Anderson be declared the winner, or for the election to be declared void and an order be issued for a new election.

The legal process began in a special session of the Floyd County Commissioner's Court, December 10. Anderson's attorney, Mr. Bonner Smith, spelled out his grievances in a letter to the court.

Bonner told the court, "I have been informed of numerous irregularities in this election and the recount, which calls into question the whole election process in Floyd County...It appears the election process was tainted by numerous election law violations and errors, that serious issues could be raised, and will have to be raised if my client is not awarded the election, a run off, or a new election is held and all statutes are followed."

County Attorney Lex

Herrington told the Commissioners Court, "I have gone over this December 1st letter from Bonner Smith and I have tried to compare it, the best I can, to the Texas Election Code and the provisions of the Texas Constitution. Smith seems to raise, what appear to be, legitimate concerns about the election."

Herrington said, "My research shows, even though the District Court may have the authority to do a number of these things, the Commissioners Court, as the canvassing authority, does not have the authority to do any of the things requested in this letter."

The Commissioners Court took no action and the next legal step for Anderson was a petition to District Court. That petition was filed, Tuesday, December 14.

The District Petition states, "At least one illegal ballot was counted in the recount that came from the U.S. Post Office to the Floyd County Clerk on November 4, 2004, two days after the election."

This ballot was counted in the recount and Anderson assumes it was in favor of Ray Nell Bearden.

Anderson submits, said the petition, "that said vote was illegally counted."

Anderson also submitted a copy of a ballot where his name had been written in but was on the wrong line.

Since Anderson was the only write in candidate the petition states that Anderson believes, "the ballot clearly shows the intent to vote for Contestant Mike Anderson...and, the Court should find that ballot was intended to be cast for Anderson and be counted for Anderson."

If the Court were to throw out the mailed in ballot that came in two days late, the vote would be tied between Anderson and

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Smith honored by Texas Tech

Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources honored Eddie Smith, of Floydada, and two other outstanding leaders Nov. 19, as the 2004 Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalists.

The recognition took place during the college's 77th annual Pig Roast, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The Pig Roast was sponsored by the Student Agricultural Council.

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Christmas meal to be held December 24

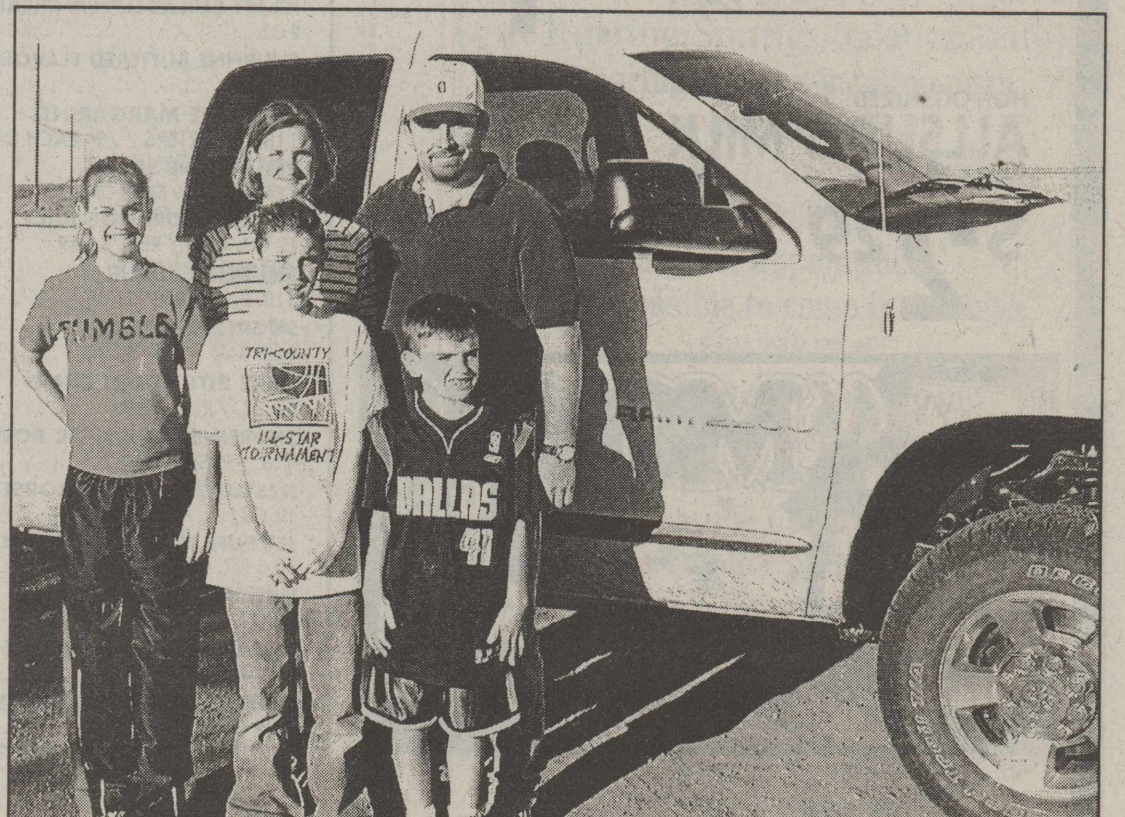
This year's traditional Spirit of Christmas holiday meal for shut-ins will be held on December 24 instead of Christmas Day. Volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver food on the 24th, and to prepare food on the 23rd. Money to buy food is also needed.

Volunteers will need to report for work at Floydada's First United Methodist Church on the

morning of December 23, at 8:00 a.m. to de-bone the turkey, and at 7:00 p.m. to prepare the food.

The meal will be delivered the morning of December 24th. Volunteers who will be preparing the take-outs should be at the church at 7:00 a.m., December 24. Volunteers who will be delivering the meals should be at the church at 10:30 a.m.

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JACKSON'S STAND WITH NEW TRUCK--(Front, l-r) Lezlie, Shanna, and Boyd Jackson; (front, l-r) Quinn and J.W. Jackson. Staff Photo

Letter to the Editor

Alice,
I want to brag on our kids and staff in Lockney Jr. High and Lockney High School. Around September, I heard that for every gallon of pop-tabs collected, the Ronald McDonald House would sponsor a free chemo treatment for a child. So I figured what the heck, and I brought a gallon jug and set it on the counter in the library. It's only been word of mouth, but we have

collected over 4 gallons so far and I see no need to stop. What makes me so proud of everyone is that it is done from the kindness of their hearts. There has been no "drive", no sponsoring organization forcing its members to participate, etc. It's just people wanting to help others. That's all

I wanted to say. Just a big thanks to all who help.

Kathy Young

Election to be contested

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Bearden. If the Court ruled to count the ballot with the write-in on the wrong line, then Anderson would be declared the winner.

The petition also outlined other Election Code violations, including: original ballots not correctly printed and the County Attorney's name had to be added after absentee balloting had begun;

Two sets of notices were not given to the Texas Secretary of State as required by Texas law;

All printed ballots were not used and were destroyed or given away, and have not been properly accounted for. The law states the unused ballots have to be retained for 22 months. Because the unused ballots are missing/and or destroyed, a "proper audit of this election and its ballots cannot be done."

The petition further states: "There may be other irregularities in that a larger number of ballots are reported to have been

found for the recount then were first said to be found and some were reported to be not folded so as to fit into the ballot boxes, but were single folded together as a group, which calls into question where they came from and who they were for."

The petition states there may be other violations and errors which may be discovered later which may call into question the validity of the election.

"If the true outcome of the election is unable to be ascertained, the election must be declared void," said the petition.

Therefore Anderson requests in his petition that the Court order all ballot boxes be impounded until trial and they be opened for discovery and examination; and that all incorrectly counted votes be deducted from Bearden and that Anderson be declared the winner, or the election be declared void and an Order issued for a new election in the commissioner's race.

County approves tax abatement

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners met Monday, December 13, and voted unanimously to close one block of a county road in South Plains, located just west of the South Plains Baptist Church.

A petition signed by more than eight land owners from South Plains was presented to the commissioners. According to Floyd County Judge William D. Hardin, "These signatures fulfill the first step of the law to close a county road. Now we must post a notice of the closing at the courthouse for 20 days during this 30 day process."

In other matters, the court approved a five year tax abatement package for the Assisted Living Center to be built soon on the Ralls Highway at the City Limit sign. The tax abatement will be 100 percent the first two years, 75 percent for the third year, 50 percent for the fourth year and 25 percent for the fifth year.

The commissioners accepted \$39,430.00 worth of surplus road

materials from TXDOT to be used on County roads.

A request by Sheriff Royce Gilmore for an affidavit to use regular license plates on exempt vehicles in his department was passed by the court with a split vote. Commissioners Lennie Gilroy, Craig Gilly and Ray Nell Bearden voted in favor of the request, while Commissioner Jon Jones voted against the request. Jones did not give his reason for voting against the request.

Ray Macha, of Providence, was reappointed unanimously by the commissioners as a Floyd County Constable starting January 1, 2005.

The court approved the transfer of \$24,000.00 from the Road and Bridge Fund to be placed into the four precinct's working funds at \$6,000.00 each.

An official bond of \$5,000.00 was approved by the court for Deputy Gayla Griffin in the Floyd County Tax Department. Also, the commissioners renewed a one year lease at the Extension Service building with the Health and Human Services

Commissions.

Three farm contracts were approved by the commissioners. They were in Precinct No. 1, 8 miles southwest of Floydada to fill in washes for soil conservation by Elayne Reid; Precinct No. 1, on the Glass farm, fence line and leveling ground for soil conservation, by Bill Glass; and Precinct No. 4, in the Hillcrest Community, filling in washes on a ranch road for soil conservation by D.A. Swepton.

No action was taken by the court on several bids, opened and read by Judge Hardin, for the purchase of two motor graders for Precinct No. 2. Also, no action was taken by the court on advertising for a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department.

The commissioners approved a November, 2004 financial report given by Floyd County Treasurer Elva Martinez. The report showed a Beginning Balance of \$426,953.30, with Receipts of

\$621,387.82. Transfers In and Out were at \$284,775.68. Disbursed showed \$255,633.48, leaving an Ending Balance of \$792,707.64.

Floyd County Commissioners J.D. Ragland and Melissa Long gave reports to the commissioners. Ragland said, "Our Floyd County Annual County Stock Show will be held January 14-16, 2005 at the Unity Center. We should have around 200 swine, 25 heifers, 20 steers, 30 lambs, 28 goats and about 10 rabbits this coming show."

"The Annual Cotton Conference will be held at the Plains Baptist Assembly camp on January 26, 2005," concluded Ragland.

Long mentioned to the court about her upcoming activities and plans with the Harmony EE Club, Floydada and Lockney 4-H Clubs, the Diabetes Program and the Master Memory Programs.

LISD post job opening

During a regular board meeting, December 14, Lockney ISD approved the recommendation from the Superintendent Input Committee on the procedures and criteria for Superintendent applications. The advertisement for a new Superintendent has now been posted on a website and the deadline to apply is February 1st.

During the financial report Superintendent Raymond Lusk said the district was in "good shape". The bank balance for LISD is \$4,163,342.21.

Kenny Hooten came to the board and requested their consideration for a "top dressing" for the football field.

The item was tabled until the February meeting.


Christmas gifts needed

Reflections of Love is needing donations of money or new toys for the annual toy drive.

Toys should be appropriate for children ages infant through fourteen (14) years old. The organization will deliver toys to approximately 300 less fortunate

children in our community before Christmas Day.

Mail donations to Reflections of Love, P.O. Box 9, Floydada, TX 79235, or take to Thayer and Washington, CPA office at 122 E. California (downtown-east of Duckwall's) as soon as possible.



A Christmas Subscription to The Hesperian-Beacon Keeps on Giving All Year Long

Spirit of Christmas...

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The charitable dinner held every year gives away approximately 400 meals for people in Floydada and surrounding communities, as well as to the Ronald McDonald houses in Amarillo and Lubbock.

Donations of turkeys, pies, or

money for the Christmas dinner are still needed.

Mail donations or turkey cards to Spirit of Christmas, P.O. Box 9, Floydada, TX 79235.

For more information call Sudie Cochran at 983-5165, or Fred Thayer, 983-3121.

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Wilhoit and Shay Wed

Miss Sara Beth Wilhoit and Mr. Charles Vincent Shay, III of San Diego, California were married Saturday, October 16, 2004 in a double-ring ceremony at Pomerado Christian Church in Poway, California with Rex Kennemer, music minister, officiating. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Leslie Wilhoit of San Diego, California.

Grandparents of the bride are Douglas and Mary Glenn Degge of Allen, Texas and Maxine Wilhoit of Portales, New Mexico.

The groom is the son of Gale Shay of Escondido, California and Vincent Shay of San Diego, California.

Grandparents of the groom are Glenn and Evelyn Boston of Poway, California.

The bride wore a white strapless full-length gown from the Ginza Collection. The neckline was embroidered with flowers and beading which also edged her full, bouffant skirt that fell into a full chapel train. Her hair was swept up on the sides falling in cascading curls and accented with rhinestone accessories.

She carried a bouquet of yellow and purple roses. The bride

and her bridesmaids wore handmade beaded necklaces made by the bride and Stephanie Barraco.

The couple exchanged personally written vows along with traditional vows. Attending the bride were her maid of honor, Shannen Bilyeu of San Diego, bridesmaids: Stephanie Barraco-La Verne, California; Bonnie Vandewater of San Diego; Shareen Blackley of La Mesa; Robin Keresztury of Poway; and Elizabeth Cain of Eugene, Oregon. Junior bridesmaid was Sabrina Schalk of San Diego. Flower girls were Lillian Ragsdale, Kerrigan Schalk and Abigail Ragsdale all of San Diego. Feminine attendants wore full-length purple skirt with varying bodices chosen by each attendant. Sabrina and the Flower Girls wore white dresses.

Attending the groom were his best man, Brett McCarty of San Diego, and groomsmen: Christopher Shay, brother of the groom of Escondido, California; Eric Wilhoit, brother of the bride of San Diego, California; Randy Vandewater, Mike Woods, Dan Lewis, and Mike Tyler all of San Diego. Junior groomsman was Joey Brennan of San Diego. Ring bearers were Christopher Casey of Poway and Nathan Lewis of San Diego. Ushers were Pierce

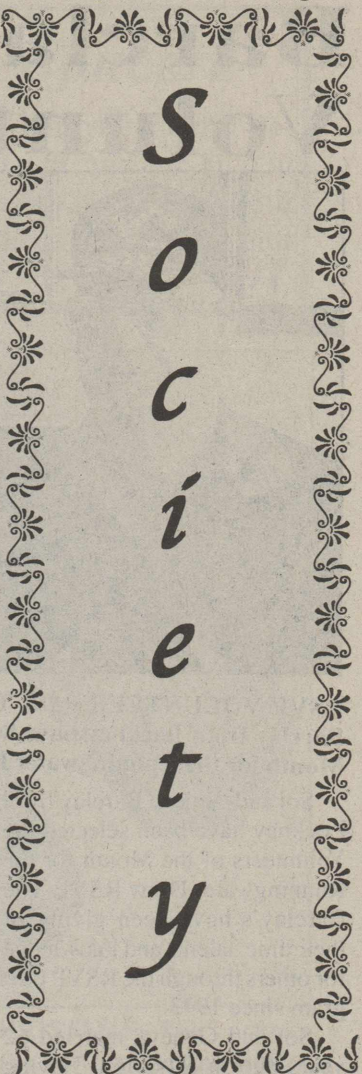
Bilyeu of Los Angeles; Simon King of Ventura and Peter Strong of Norco, California.

The wedding was coordinated by Sue Valle, Chris Keresztury and Anne O'Rourke.

The groom's parents and grandparents hosted a rehearsal dinner on Friday evening at the church building. Following the wedding ceremony, a reception honoring the couple was held in the backyard of the Winslow and Ramona Garnier home in Poway. The reception was coordinated by Sue Valle, Chris Keresztury and Anne O'Rourke. Servers for the dessert reception were Roseshel Doyle and Rhoda Poor.

Following a three-week honeymoon to Ireland and England, the couple currently reside in Scripps Ranch in San Diego. The bride is a 1999 graduate of Scripps Ranch High School and recently completed her degree in Technical Theatre at the University of La Verne. She is employed by Starbuck's.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Rancho Bernardo High School and a 2001 graduate of UCSD with a degree in Theatre. He is employed by Pomerado Christian Church and Poway City Schools and plans to enter Talbot Seminary at Biola University in the Fall of 2005.



Floydada Senior Citizens News And Menu

Remember our Center's "Christmas Party" will be this Monday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m. at the Center, 301 East Georgia. Everyone 60 years or older is invited to come. Please bring a "White Elephant" gift wrapped that will be exchanged. We plan on singing Christmas Carols, exchanging gifts, eating some goodies and visiting friends. Come and join us.

Saturday afternoon, December 10, Doris Snodgrass was given a 90th Birthday Party by her daughter Elaine Reid, at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. A lot of friends and relatives enjoyed visiting with Doris and enjoyed birthday cake and punch.

Our sympathy to the family of Maggie Jones Perry.

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

In memory of Jo V. Bingham - Delmas and Pauline McCormick.

In memory of Willie Mae Smith - Randy and Judy Payne. (Correction from last week)

In memory of Betty Boren, Wayne Russell and Cecil Baxter - Wayne and Naomi Battey. Sorry.

Thought for the week - Christmas is the season when people run out of money before they run out of friends. -Larry Wilde

Menu

December 20 - December 24 Monday-Roast Beef Sandwich on wheat toast, tater tots or fries, peas and carrots, sliced tomatoes, fruit salad.

Tuesday-Turkey and gravy, cornbread dressing, green beans, wheat roll, grapefruit or orange sections.

Wednesday-Baked fish, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, raisin bread, applesauce

Thursday-Liver and onions, braised steak with onions, scalloped potatoes, spinach, cornbread, berry cobbler

Friday-Closed

Cancer Brunch held

The annual Christmas Brunch, a special event fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, was held in the home of Kyle and Shelly Smith, on Saturday, December 11, 2004.

To date, donations of \$930.00 have been received.

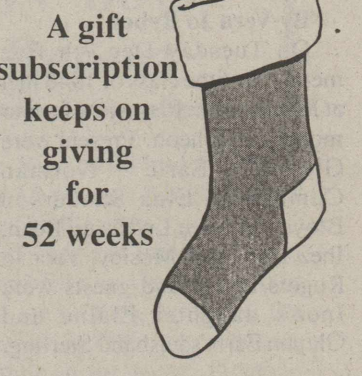
The hostess gift was a poinsettia, donated by Cathy's Floral. The hostess, in turn, donated this as a door prize, which was won by Jo Goen. Gift certificates do-

nated by Triple T Smokehouse and Pizzeria were won by Bonnie Graham and Laura Turner. Eagle coins donated by the First National Bank, Floydada, were won by Sally Bradley and Nell Swinson. Fragrant apple candles donated by Martha Farris were won by Emogene Haenish.

The American Cancer Society wishes to thank all who purchased a ticket or made a donation of money or a door prize to,

once again, make this a very special holiday event.

Funds are used for research and education in the American Cancer Society's efforts to eliminate cancer as a health risk.



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1950 Study Club News

The 1950 Study Club met at the Floydada Country Club for their Christmas party. Hostesses were Fern Hartsell, Joy Smitherson and Martha

Lotspich. The Country Club was beautifully decorated by Elaine McNeil. She also prepared and served a wonderful Christmas dinner.

After the meal, our business meeting was called to order and the minutes of the past two meetings were read and approved. Each member gave a monetary donation to be given to the Floydada Rehab and Care Center. The money will be used to help equip the new Spa room they are installing for the residence. There being no further business, we played Bingo and had a fun time together.

Floydada Chamber Bucks winners

Santa came early to some very deserving students and staff of Floydada ISD. As a tradition with Santa On the Square, many of our civic groups, businesses, and individuals sponsored a drawing of \$30.00 in Chamber Bucks on each campus of FISD.

Duncan: Chassidy Sanchez - Dr. Nadene Tipton, Orthodontist; Bryan Luna - 1956 Study Club

RCA: Lizbeth Orozco - Floydada ISD; Jose Martinez - Jerry and Sandy Vaughn

Jr. High: Jerry Delgado - 1950 Study Club; Karina Bazan - Floydada Rotary Club

High School: Charles Beedy - Floydada Lion's Club; Tania Pesina - Dr. William Dean, General Dentistry

CCLC: Jessica Coss - 1934 Study Club; Ralph Eguia - Floydada Eastern Star

FISD Staff: Jan Beedy - Floydada Masonic Lodge; Dub Holt - Charles and Emagene Haenisch

Santa will be at Brown's Dept. Store

Santa Clause will be at Brown's Department Store, Saturday December 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon only.

Barry Barker, Secretary of the Community Store and Alicia Luna, Chairman would like to thank the community of Lockney for the help and donations they have contributed for the people in need. It will make their holi-

days brighter.

We would like to thank the churches, Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ; the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, the Marines from Lubbock and Mangold Memorial for the health fair and everyone that helped.

5724 cans were donated to the store. In 2003, 3154 cans were received - a nice gain.

Thanks to each of you who came and celebrated with me at my 50th year at Kirk and Sons. It has been my pleasure to be of service when I could. A special thank you to Kirk and Sons who employed me at a time when segregation was so intense. I will be forever grateful.

John Campbell

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We appreciate Elionor and the great job he does for our hospital!

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Barclays are named RSVP Volunteers of the Month



RSVP VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH--Sol and Geneva Barclay from Lockney have been selected the Volunteers of the Month for the Runningwater Draw RSVP. Courtesy Photo

Sol and Geneva Barclay from Lockney have been selected the Volunteers of the Month for the Runningwater Draw RSVP. The Barclay's have been giving of their time, talents and knowledge for others through the RSVP program since 1993.

Sol and Geneva married 62 years ago in Silverton. Having met in October and marrying in December, Geneva's mother felt

the marriage would not last! The Barclay's have three daughters and one son. Wilma Barclay, Jessie Johnson, and Bobbie Bowman all live in Plainview. Their son, Jerry, lives in Flomot.

After marriage, they moved to Arkansas for one year, Lakeview one year, and then lived at Lone Star for 42 years. They moved into Lockney the fall of 1988. Sol has farmed during their

years together. And he is still involved in farming at 80 years of age. He is presently helping out during cotton harvest by running a module builder.

Geneva and Sol devote many hours each week to volunteering at the Lockney Senior Citizens Center. Geneva purchases the groceries and supplies along with ordering food from the Food Bank and food service. Sol is always there assisting her with the loading as they pick up the groceries and supplies together. They believe in the importance of the Senior Citizens Center and the positive impact having the Center is for seniors in Lockney.

In addition to meals served at the Center, meals are delivered to homebound seniors when needed. The Center also provides a place for games, pot luck dinners and other activities including quilting. The Center is a true asset for Lockney and remains open due to the hard work of the Barclay's and other caring citizens.

When not volunteering, the Barclay's enjoy having their fam-

ily come to visit. In addition to their four children, there are 12 living grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

The Barclay's are an excellent example of hard workers who care about others and who have a cheerful and positive attitude no matter what they are dealing with. Geneva says they love volunteering - it's great. RSVP knows this is a special couple and we are proud to have them as our Volunteers of the Month.

The Runningwater Draw Retired & Senior Volunteer Program is a federally funded grant program housed by Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. It is sponsored by the City of Plainview and covers Floyd, Hale and Lamb counties.

RSVP coordinates volunteers aged 55 and older who donate their time, talents, knowledge and experience for others in their communities. For more information call the RSVP office at 291-1895 or come by 2503 W. 8th in Plainview.



FUMC CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL--George James, Director of Music, Penny Ogden, organist, and Sue Reeves, pianist, plan Music Festival for Sunday, December 19, at First United Methodist Church. The evening will feature a variety of Christmas music. Courtesy Photo

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

On Tuesday Dec 7th five members of the class of 1948 met at Mr. Gattis in Plainview for our monthly luncheon. Present were Glynne Earle Norman Cummings, Elna Sanderson Bloys, Bobby Lu Casey Bean, Inez Dunavant Mosley, Vera Jo Rogers Bybee and guests were Inez's daughter Elaine and Glynne Earle's husband Sterling.

On Wednesday Dec 8th Peggy Dean Carthel Turner came from Floydada and picked Barbara Mullins Cunyus and me up and we went on to Plainview and picked up Peggy's sister Billie Rene Carthel Howard. We then went on to Betty Joan Handley Black's house two miles west of Hale Center and toured her home. It was so pretty. I just loved it. Betty married Preach Black from

Cotton Center. He was real sick for several years and he wanted to build a big house for them but he passed away two months before Betty moved in.

Betty drove us all to Lubbock where we went to Holland Garden's and saw all those beautiful decorated Christmas trees. We went down the block to Harrigans and ate lunch and then guess what we did. We went to the movies. I had not been to the movies in years and years. I did not get home until 6:30 but I had a wonderful time.

Oh and if you get a chance go see Betty's house. She has four daughters and she said they helped her decorate it. Now I tell you she has some talented girls.

On Monday night Dec 13th the Buffalo Grass DAR Chapter met at the Cotton Patch in Plainview for our Dec meeting and Christ-

mas party with 10 members and one guest present.

Dr. Kevin Stennett flew his parents Slick and Teresa to Marble Falls where they spent the day visiting with R.L. and Betty Knox.

Congratulations go to Kara Kay Faries Womble on her graduation Saturday from Tarleton State University at Stephenville with a Bachelor of

Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Cum Laude. Specializing in 7th grade literature and reading. Kara is the daughter of Gary and Dara Faries of Plano and grand daughter of Donnie and Vera Jo Bybee. (Kara was our first grand child and only grand daughter) Then those five grandsons. Yeah!!! That's what this life is all about right? Congratulations also go to Sol

and Geneva Barclay for the honor of being chosen the outstanding volunteers by the RSVP in Plainview. We thank you Geneva and Sol for all you do for the Center.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Eula Bramlet. We are thinking about you and yours Annabelle on your loss.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Vel Cooper who also passed away and was buried in the Floydada cemetery.

Menu for Dec 20-23
Monday: BBQ Chicken
Tuesday: Mexican Casserole
Wed: Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday: Smothered Pork Chops

Friday: Closed
Only in America.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage

Don't top the trees

By The International Society of Arboriculture

A tree sometimes needs to be pruned to avoid interference with utility lines, buildings, or parts of the surrounding environment. Whenever pruning is required, it is important to avoid the practice of topping - the removal of all parts of a tree above a certain height with no consideration for its structure or health.

While long thought to reduce a hazard, topping is a temporary and ineffective solution that actually makes a tree more hazardous in the long run.

Topping "starves" trees by robbing them of their food-cre-

ating leaves.

Topped trees (in an act of defense) create shoots that grow quickly (up to 20 feet in one year) and are prone to breaking.

Topping makes trees more susceptible to insects and disease.

Topping creates "high maintenance trees" that are expensive to treat, repair, and care for.

Tree-trimming basics:
Reduction pruning is an effective alternative to topping. It reduces the size of longer branches by cutting back lateral ones. Some branches are removed at their point of origin.

Avoid excessive thinning of interior branches. It can lead to rapid growth of upright interior

shoots and limb breakage.

The best way to learn to manage tree growth and maintain tree health is to consult a Certified Arborist. These tree care professionals know how to safely prune trees, and they can teach homeowners how to best maintain and care for them.

(The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world. Headquartered in Champaign, Ill., ISA is dedicated to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees. For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit www.treesaregood.com.)



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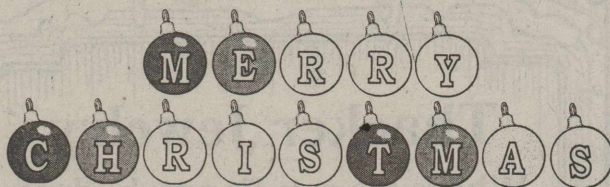
"Reflections of Love" would like to thank the community for their generous support, the PAC kids for all their help, the City employees, the Floydada EMS and the Floydada Police Department for delivering the baskets.

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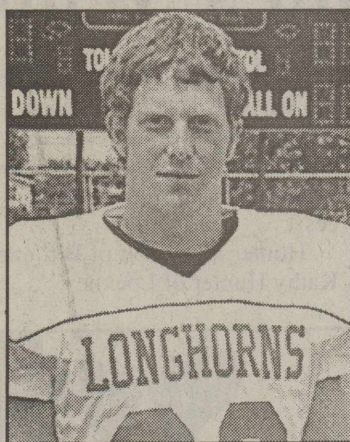
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2004 A-J All-South Plains 2A Football Team Ford selected as Offensive Player of Year

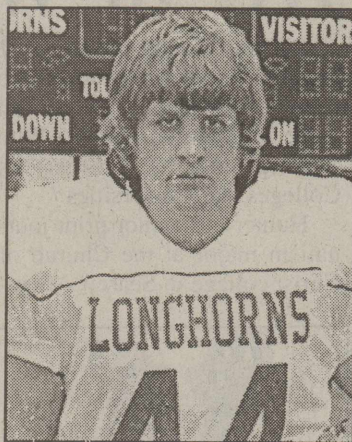


MARK FORD

LOCKNEY - SENIOR

2004 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A FOOTBALL TEAM

*OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
*(1,522 yards, 21 TDs, 10 regular games)



RANCE SCHUMACHER

LOCKNEY - SENIOR

2004 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A FOOTBALL TEAM

DEFENSIVE END
(68 tackles, 5 sacks, 5 fumble recoveries, 4 caused fumbles)



JEREMY PYLE

LOCKNEY - SENIOR

2004 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSIVE LINE CENTER

Photos courtesy of Hall Photography

Congratulations!

Longhorns win third place in New Deal Tournament

By Bubba Edwards

The Lockney boys basketball team continued play on the hard court as they captured third place in the New Deal Tournament this past weekend.

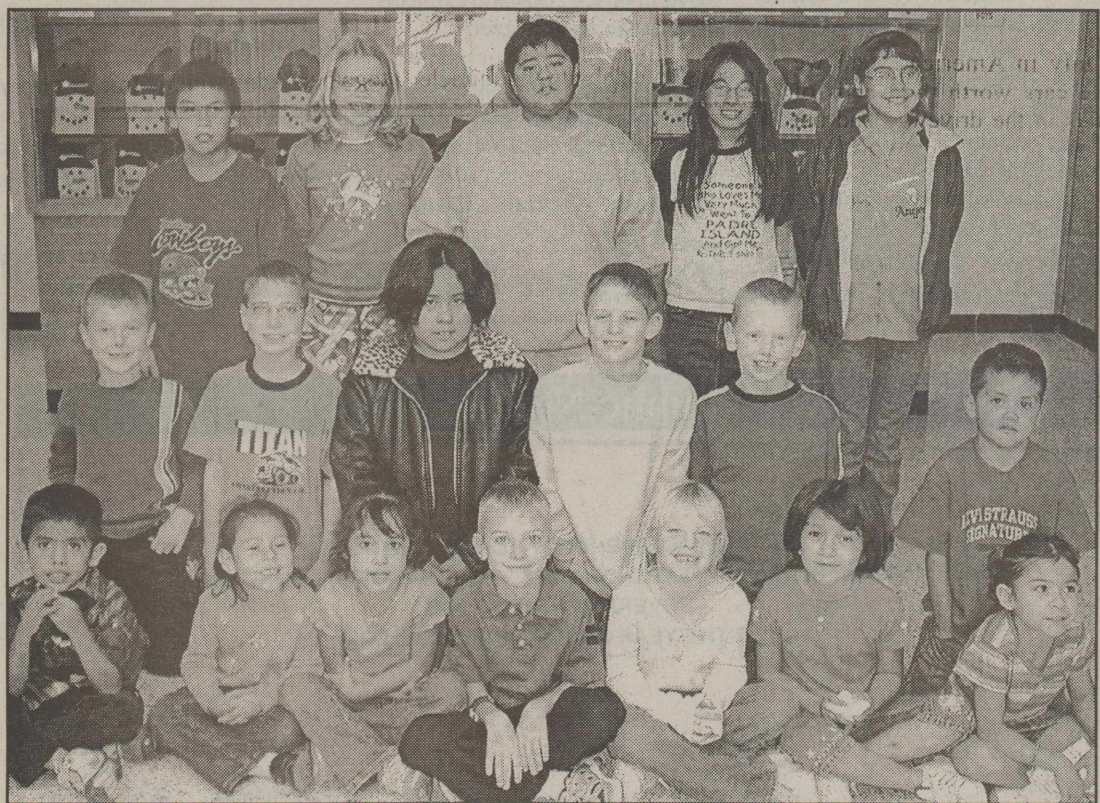
The Longhorns opened the tournament with a win over the Anton Bulldogs 50-29. Lockney jumped out to a 14-4 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Rance Schumacher lead the team in scoring with 13 points. Cagan Cummings followed with 11 points. Mark Ford had a team high in rebounds with 12.

Lockney went up against a strong Lorenzo Hornet team in the semi-final round. The Hornets hit 10 three point shots in the game and outscored Lockney 13-4 in the final quarter to win the game 48-32. Cummings lead the team in scoring with seven points. Mark Ford and Trevor Morris added six points.

In the third place game, the Horns met up with district foe, Floydada. The Whirlwinds dominated most of the game except for the last three minutes. Lockney trailed 61-50, but connected on four-three points shots

to go on a 12-1 run tying the game 62-62 at the end of regulation. The Longhorns outscored the Whirlwinds 9-4 in overtime earning a 71-66 victory. Dahlen McCarter and Trevor Morris lead the team with 14 points. Ford followed with 13 points and Taylor Becker added 10 points.

Lockney will play their last matched game before the Christmas break at home against Smyer. After Christmas, the Longhorns will open up with Clarksville in the Whataburger Tournament in Ft. Worth.



LOCKNEY LITTLE LONGHORNS---(back row, l to r) Rocky Flores, Rayann Race, Candy Rea, Crystal Sanchez, Amber Segovia, (middle row, l to r) Jake Moore, David Johnson, Cassandra Jimenez, Ky Teeter, Nicholas Sherman, Kevin Lopez, (front row, l to r) Estaban Pena, Mary Nunez, Irene Mariscal, Jeremy Myers, Skye Robison, Lena Luna and Jacque Salazar. Staff Photo



FORMER LOCKNEY student, Sasha Wood, granddaughter of Lanny and Connie Barnett of Lockney, made All Tournament Team-Amherst 12-11-04.

COLLEGE NEWS

Sherman named to Dean's List

Rolf Sherman, senior Plant Science major at Lubbock Christian University, is listed on the Dean's List for the Fall Semester, 2004. Rolf is a 2000 graduate of Kress High School, and the son of Tommy and June Sherman of Lockney.



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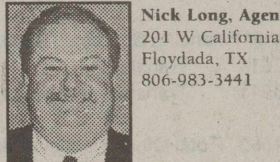


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Lockney Band Christmas Concert

The Lockney Band will perform a Christmas Concert, Thursday night, December 16, in the new Gym. The concert will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. A variety of fun holiday songs will be played by the 5th grade band, 6th grade band, Junior High band, and High School band. There is no charge and everyone is invited.

Sports



COLLEGE NEWS

Miller named NAIA Scholar Athlete at OCU

Oklahoma Christian University runner Wade Miller has been named a NAIA Scholar Athlete for the fall cross country season.

Miller, a 6-1 junior, is a 2002 graduate of Lockney high school and carries a 3.57 grade point average as an elementary education major.

Selection for the NAIA Scholar Athlete Award is based on at least junior standing, a minimum of 3.5 grade point average and athletic achievement.

"Wade ran exceptionally well this season before having to deal with a stress fracture in his foot," coach Randy Heath said. "He improved his times with off season work and was posting the best times of his career before the injury."

Miller placed fourth in the East Central Invitational with a 27:14 in the 8,000 meter race and ran his career best race with a 26:23 for fifth place in the Oklahoma Baptist Invitational Sept. 25.

Wade is the son of Jerry and Sheri Miller of Lockney.



LONGHORN DOG TAGS FOR CHRISTMAS--The Lockney PTO is selling Longhorn Dog Tags the perfect stocking stuffer idea, or the perfect gift for your hard to buy for Longhorn fan! Dog tags come on a ball chain but can be easily put on a key ring. Tags are \$2.50 and can be purchased at the elementary school or you may call Kelly Dunbar @ 652-2945 or Christy Frizzell @ 652-2345. Courtesy Photo

Longhorns JV Boys Basketball Report

By Bubba Edwards

The Lockney Junior Varsity basketball squad raised their bar a notch as they won consolation in the Loop Invitational which was a varsity tournament.

Lockney lost the first round game to the tournament champion, Dawson Dragons, 61-43. Landon Cotham lead the team with 11 points followed by Rion Aufill with eight points.

In the second round game, the Longhorns bounced back and defeated the Spade Longhorns 42-25. Lockney outscored Spade 9-0 in the second quarter and then came out in the third quarter scoring 20 points and only giving up

four. Rion Aufill lead all scorers with 14 points. Alston Becker added eight points.

Lockney ran into the Cotton Center Elks in the consolation final which they outscored the Elks 41-40. With 15 seconds remaining in the game, Jonathan Silva made a jump shot inside the paint to give Lockney the lead for good. Lockney outscored Cotton Center 14-5 in the final quarter. J.W. McPherson lead all scorers with 19 points. Cotham added six points for the Longhorns.

Lockney will finish up with 19 Smyer on Friday going into Christmas break.

Be Wise, Advertise!

Lockney Youth Activity Center Fundraising Drive

The mission of the L.Y.A.C is "to provide a safe, nurturing, drug-free environment for the youth of our area by providing services such as counseling, tutoring, educational and recreational activities to benefit the social, mental and physical well being of the youth."

The LYAC targets Junior and Senior High School students in Grades 6-12 totaling 361 students. The LYAC gives the youth a safe, supervised place to enjoy being with peers and to have positive interactions with each other and volunteers from the community. The youth can play pool, air hockey, ping pong, foosball, video arcade games, X-Box and video games, watch movies on a big screen TV, utilize 10 computers for homework and learning, and workout in the weight room. The middle court area is used for many different activities such as: basketball, volleyball and rollerblading. We also hold special events such as dances, community jamborees as well as inspirational/motivational speakers. The Youth Center also sponsors NFL Flag Football programs for children in grades 1-9 from local and surrounding communities as well as Little Dunksters which is a basketball program for Pre-K through 2nd grade. On a daily basis anywhere from 35 to 70 youth attend the Center and during special events, including community events, the LYAC has hosted up to 150 people.

The overall goal of the LYAC is to bring forth the best in each youth through the support of our community by being positive role models, by showing them the community cares about what they are doing, and by helping them achieve their dreams. There is no better investment than investing in our youth. To achieve these goals, the LYAC has established several objectives to offer: physical activities, educational services, and counseling services.

Ultimately, the sustainability of the Lockney Youth Activity Center will be through increased annual fundraisers and the establishment of a permanent endowment to provide annual operating income to the LYAC. The LYAC asks your help in creating an endowment to support the Center for years to come. Our short-term goal is to raise \$100,000 toward endowment. Please consider a donation for the perpetuity of the Lockney Youth Activity Center. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely, Reba Moore, Chair

P.S. All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Please make checks payable to the Lockney Youth Activity Center. Forms and inquiries can be directed to the Lockney Youth Activity center. P.O. Box 597, Lockney TX. 79241, or call (806) 652-2550

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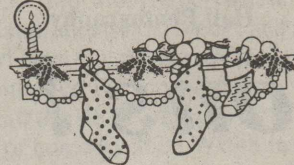
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LOCKNEY ALL REGION JAZZ BAND members are (left to right) Tyson Carthel, Trombone; Zane Montandon, Trumpet; Danny Cervantes, Guitar; Greg Gonzales, Electric Bass; Rion Afill, Tenor Saxophone; Zach Montandon, Tumpet; Landon Cotham, Trap Set; (and kneeling) Bryan Cooper, Piano. These students rehearsed and performed a concert with the 2004 All-Region Jazz Band in november. The concert was 11-14-04 at Coronado High School with Cliff Franklin from Plainview High School as guest clinician. "These students had a great jazz experience and gave an outstanding performance," said Lockney Band Director, Rob Lovett. Staff Photo



BRYAN COOPER, ninth grade Lockney band student was selected to be a member of the 2005 ATSSB (Association of Texas Small School Bands) Region 16 Honor Band. Bryan plays the French Horn. The Honor Band will perform on January 29 at the Lubbock Civic Center. The guest clinician will be Robert Tucker from Howard Payne University in Brownwood.



Popular "Pocket" bikes are hazardous on the roads

With the holiday sales of pocket bikes (minibikes resembling small motorcycles) expected to be high this season, a highway safety group representing state motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies nationwide is urging consumers, parents and retailers to heed the safety warnings with these toys and learn the state laws and local ordinances governing their operation on public roads.

"In most cases, it is unlawful to operate one of these 'pocket bikes' on state, county or city maintained roads," said Linda R. Lewis-Pickett, president and CEO, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). "Children and their parents who fail to learn or choose to ignore their local and state ordinances regarding these toys might receive an unwanted Christmas gift: a traffic citation."

In Texas, most of these small, inexpensive vehicles are not considered roadworthy and therefore are not registered or titled, which means they are not legal to drive on public roads. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Floyd County tax assessor-collector's office also warn that these toys can be dangerous and life threatening. Unlike the bigger bikes they emulate, pocket bikes often lack basic safety features like rearview mirrors, lights and turn signals, and do not meet minimum state safety requirements. Recently, the World Against Toys Causing Harm (WATCH www.toysafety.org), a consumer group, ranked the Pocket Rocket Miniature Motorcycle as one of the '10 Worst Toys of 2004.'

"These pocket bikes are classified as toys," said Penny Golightly tax assessor-collector for Floyd County. "And unlike registered 'motor vehicles,' these toys do not belong on our roadways. If riders do not behave responsibly and obey traffic laws, they may pay heavily with a trip to the emergency room."

According to Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates, there were 2,345 emergency room visits related to minibikes in 2003.

Hunter is selected by HU to Who's Who

Jeffrey Hunter is among 71 Harding University students who have been selected for inclusion in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Hunter is a senior print journalism major at the Church of Christ college in Searcy, Arkansas.

The selection was based on the basis of academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Hunter is the son of Bill and Kathy Hunter of Lockney.



SPECIAL KIDS AT R.C. ANDREWS ELEMENTARY-Some of the special kids at R.C. Andrews were serving cake and cookies to the staff and visitors on Tuesday at their 2004 Christmas Open House in the Functional Living Center. Shown serving are: (l-r) Kimberly Ramirez, Royanne Almaguer, Yesenia Delgado. (not pictured) Hostesses: Ashley Rodriguez; Hosts: Masters Artie Rivera, Salvador Ruiz, Victor Anzaldua; Teacher: Ms. Brenda Greer. Staff Photo

LOCKNEY VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL RESULTS

LOCKNEY 64
FLOYDADA 47
Lockney came away from New Deal with a win of 64-47 over Floydada on Dec. 11.

LOCKNEY 41
SMYER 44
Lockney travelled to New Deal Dec. 10 to play Smyer. They came home with a 44-41 loss. Tori Terrell had the high score of 15 points; Karah Hrbacek - 9; Amber Dorman - 8; Emily Mercado - 3; Bethany Dietrich - 3; Rebekah Thornton - 2; and Alissa Poindexter - 1.

LOCKNEY 72
ANTON 47
Lockney came away from

New Deal on Dec. 9, with a win of 72 to 47 over Anton. Tori Terrell made the most points - 20; Karah Hrbacek - 15; Jana Miller - 14; Leah Ford - 8; Trinity Ford - 6; Amber Dorman - 5; Alissa Poindexter - 2; Emily Mercado - 1; and Bethany Dietrich - 1.

LOCKNEY 69
LUBBOCK COOPER 51
Lockney won over Lubbock Cooper on Dec. 7, with a score of 69 to 51. Amber Dorman and Tori Terrell tied for high point player, 16 points each; Karah Hrbacek - 11; Jana Miller - 10; Leah Ford - 4; Bethany Dietrich - 4; Trinity Ford - 3; Alissa Poindexter 3; and Rebekah Thornton - 2

LOCKNEY 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL REPORT

By Coach Edwards

These young ladies continue to improve on their skills and knowledge of the game. They have a strong work ethic during practice and during the game. They play hard and that is one of their strong suits. They will continue to get better and look forward to a great second half. They finished 4th at the Slaton Tournament and are 5-0 in district play. Their overall record is 6-2. These young ladies are Heather Brock, Brittany Mathis, Tiffany

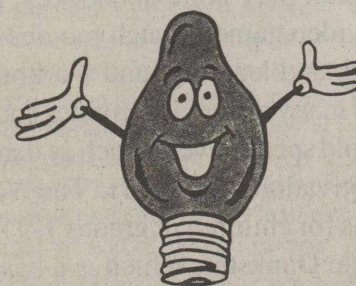
Luna, Paula Alvarez, Melissa DeLuna, Amanda Vasquez, Caitlann Wiley, Segayle Foster, Emily Prayor, Sara Clay, Jenie Martinez, Brendi Morales and Savannah Ascencio.

Lockney 44	Tulia 18
44	Floydada 10
39	Olton 22
40	Muleshoe 19
21	Sudan 35
29	Cooper 30
25	Dimmitt 17
48	Friona 12

The Lockney Volunteer Fire Department has disconnected its telephone. (Number 652-2451) In the future please call 911 if you have an emergency.



DRUGS ARE BAD! NO DRUGS ARE GOOD!



LOCKNEY 7th Grade Girls Basketball Report

By Coach Edwards

We have reached the midpoint of our season and these young ladies have done a fantastic job. I am proud of the way they have worked to get better each day and know they will continue the hard work the second half of the year.

The young ladies are Slaton Tiger Tournament champions and are 5-0 in district play. Their overall record is 8-0. The Ladyhorns are Lezlie Jackson, Tessa Saul, Bethany Wilson, Mercedes Aday, Lexie Terrell, Malory Johnson, Alisha Damron, Danielle Moya, Destinee DeLeon, Ana Sherman, Blanca Molinar, Jill Bramlet, Katie Bice and Ellisa Vasquez.

Lockney 38	Tulia 13
31	Floydada 30
33	Olton 6
51	Muleshoe 16
38	Snyder 29
20	Slaton 19
32	Dimmitt 13
56	Friona 16

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FLOYDADA 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL REPORT

FJHS 8th - 22
Olton - 25

The FJHS 8th grade girls basketball team played Olton on November 15, 2004 and came up short at the final buzzer.

Leading the scoring was Blanca Garza with 7 points.

Brooke Sansom and Jennifer Rainwater each added 4 points to the scoreboard.

Ashley Aleman scored 3

points.

Carrol Chavez and Johanna Dawdy rounded out the scoring with 2 points each.

COACH WILLIAMS' COMMENTS:

"We got off to a rather rocky start but I was extremely proud of the way the girls kept their teamwork going and pulled it together to finish the game."

Drugs are bad! No drugs are good!

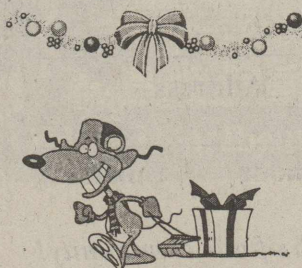
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LOCKNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

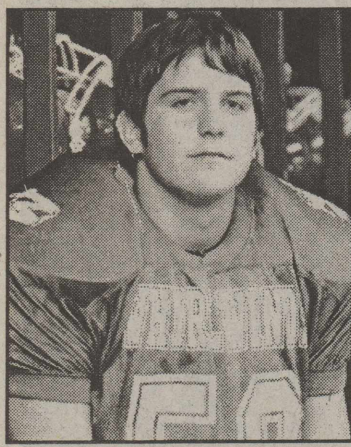
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Date Control Codes	10 General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,383,986	\$ 30,071	\$ 1,414,057
5800 State Program Revenues	3,420,683	154,801	3,575,284
5900 Federal Program Revenues		423,252	423,252
5020 Total Revenues	\$ 4,804,669	\$ 607,924	\$ 5,412,593
Expenditures:			
11 Instruction	\$ 2,770,768	\$ 350,438	\$ 3,121,207
12 Instructional Resources & Media Services	187,940	1,708	189,648
13 Curriculum and Staff Development	4,741	11,108	15,849
21 Instructional Leadership		11,667	11,667
23 School Leadership	323,555	1,387	324,942
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	123,478	1,368	124,844
32 Social Work Services		12,882	12,882
33 Health Services	30,990	3,948	34,938
34 Student Transportation	121,966	1,937	123,923
35 Food Services		185,960	185,960
36 Extracurricular Activities	283,750	879	284,629
41 General Administration	302,751	5,169	307,920
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations	444,309	5,161	449,470
52 Security & Monitoring Services	20,739		20,739
53 Data Processing Services	24,440		24,440
81 Community Services	439		439
71 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt		12,663	12,663
72 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt		1,285	1,285
81 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	22,500		22,500
93 Payments for Shared Service Arrangements	47,022		47,022
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ 4,689,409	\$ 607,556	\$ 5,296,965
1100 Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 115,260	\$ 368	\$ 115,628
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
7915 Transfers In	\$ 368	\$	\$ 368
8211 Transfers Out (Uses)		(368)	(368)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 368	\$ (368)	\$ 0
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 115,628	\$	\$ 115,628
0100 September 1 - Fund Balance	2,971,275	0	2,971,275
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



A-J All-South Plains 2004 2A Football Team



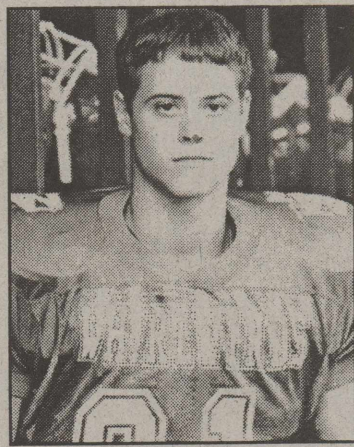
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2004 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A FOOTBALL TEAM

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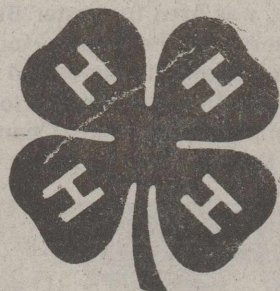
2004 A-J ALL-SOUTH PLAINS 2A FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSE

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Sports

Through the Halls



Floydada 4-H News

By Kaylie Nutt

The Floydada 4-H meeting was held December 9. Katie Beth Crossland called the meeting to order. Spencer Schacht led the pledge of Allegiance. Dylan Thomas led the 4-H Motto and Pledge.

Jianna Davenport brought her rat terrier "Oreo" and gave a wonderful Min-Demonstration on training and caring for dogs. McCrae McCormick gave the Inspiration.

Kelsey Nutt and Dylan Thomas provided delicious refreshments. Door prizes of homemade Christmas cookies provided by Matthew Miller, were won by Madolyn McCormick and Kelly McCormick.

We welcomed new members Dustin Nichols and Stetson Smith. Community Service was lotions, soaps, and powder for the Nursing Home. We delivered those after the meeting was adjourned.

We all went to the Nursing Home and sang Christmas Carols. Our next meeting will be January 16, 2005.

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Anderson nominated by TSU for Who's Who

Dusty Anderson has been nominated by Tarleton State University in Stephenville for inclusion in the 2004-2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

The Who's Who honor is one of the highest regarded academic honor programs in the nation and is one of the most prestigious awards the university can bestow.

Anderson is a senior Exercise and Sports Studies major. His minor is in biology.

Nominations were sought from faculty and staff. Selection is based on an established crite-

ria. Nominees must be of a junior, senior or graduate student status. Juniors or seniors must have completed at least 45 hours at Tarleton and have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0.

Nominees must also have demonstrated record of participation and leadership in a variety of academic and extracurricular activities, and show potential for continued success. Selection is also based on academic achievement and community service.

Anderson is the son of Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada.

Floydada Band students earn Area advancement

On Saturday, December 11, All Region Band Tryouts were held at Floydada High School. This was the first round of the All state Band process. There were twenty-eight schools from class A through Class AAA represented with 251 students trying for sixty-five places to area as well as a place in the Region 16 Honor Band.

Four Floydada students participated and are now able to advance. They are: Jeffri Vaughn - 1st chair Alto Clarinet; Brian Odum - 1st chair Bass Trombone; Melissa Shipping - 3rd chair Bass Clarinet; J.C. Simpson - 3rd chair Alto Saxophone. These four will go to the Area tryout on January 8 at Lubbock Cooper High School. Area consists of the Ama-

rillo, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and El Paso Regions.

They will also participate in the Region 16 Honor Band which will play at the All Region Concerts held at the Lubbock Civic Center on January 29, 2005. Clinician for this concert will be Mr. Robert Tucker, Director of Instrumental Music at Howard Payne University.



FHS BAND STUDENTS EARN AREA ADVANCEMENT-On Saturday, December 11, All Region Band Tryouts were held at FHS. Those qualifying for advancement were: (l-r) J.C. Simpson - 3rd chair Alto Saxophone; Jeffri Vaughn - 1st chair Alto Clarinet; Melissa Shipping - 3rd chair Bass Clarinet; Brian Odum - 1st chair Bass Trombone. (see related story)

Staff Photo



FJHS STUDENTS/EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH-FJHS recognized this month Students and Educator of the Month. They are: (back row, l-r) R.C. Andrews Elementary 5th Grade Student Cole Covington; Educator Mack Sherman, CCLC Social Studies; FHS 10th Grade Student J.J. Alaniz; (front row, r) A.B. Duncan Elementary PreK Student Alexis Molinar. (not pictured, FJHS Grade 8 Student Chad Davis)

Staff Photo

Congratulations

FLOYDADA 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL REPORT

By Coach Fox
FLOYDADA 28
FRIONA 27

The 7th grade girls basketball team played Friona on December 2, 2004 and came up with a big win by a score of 28-27.

Megan Aleman - 15 points, Abigail Miller - 2 points, Laura Cruz - 2 points, Tara Hughes - 2 points, McKenzie Schwartner - 2 points, Blanca Suarez - 2 points.

This was a great game. All of the girls contributed to this win.

FLOYDADA 22
TULIA 27

The FHJS 7th grade girls basketball team played Tulia on December 6, 2004 and was behind at the final buzzer by a score of 27-22.

Megan Aleman - 6 points, Crystal Yannis - 5 points, Blanca Suarez - 3 points, Abigail Miller - 2 points, Tara Hughes - 2 points, McKenzie Schwartner - 2 points, Lindsey Beedy - 2 points.

This was a tough loss. We just could not seem to come together and make things happen. They all played really good. We just missed too many shots.

The B Team also played and won! They are also doing very well.

POST TOURNAMENT

The FJHS 7th grade girls played in the Post Tournament on December 9-11, 2004. They played Lubbock Christian in their first game of the tournament. The girls did really well and had no problem putting the game away.

FLOYDADA 33
POST 12

In their second game of the tournament the girls played Post and came away with a huge win by a score of 33-12.

These 7th grade girls worked so hard to be in the championship game. I am very pleased with their efforts.

Megan Aleman - 14 points; McKenzie Schwartner - 6 points; Tara Hughes - 3 points, Crystal Yannis - 2 points, Lindsey Beedy - 2 points, Kenya Pesina - 2 points, Leslie Gonzalez - 2 points.

FLOYDADA 32
TRINITY CHRISTIAN - 40

In their third game of the tournament, the 7th grade girls were playing Trinity Christian for the championship. We won second place and I am so proud of these girls! The first half was rough and we never could recover from it, but they did do their best.

Megan Aleman - 20 points, Tara Hughes - 4 points, Lindsey Beedy - 2 points, McKenzie Schwartner - 2 points, Crystal Yannis - 2 points.

FLOYDADA 35
DIMMITT 8

The FJHS 7th grade girls took on Dimmitt and won huge by a score of 35-8.

The girls were on fire the first half and played a great game. Megan Aleman - 9 points,

Abigail Miller - 8 points, McKenzie Schwartner - 6 points, Lindsey Beedy - 4 points, Elena DeOchoa - 2 points, Crystal Yannis - 2 points, Blanca Suarez - 2 points, Laura Cruz - 2 points

The B Team won also.

Claudia Lopez - 12 points, Laci Nixon - 2 points, Kenya Pesina - 2 points, Maisey Martinez - 2 points.

FJHS 7th - 62
OLTON - 3

The 7th grade girls basketball team played Olton in November 15, 2004 and won by a score of 62-3.

McKenzie Schwartner and Lindsey Beedy both were high point scorers with 10 points each. Blanca Suarez and Kenya Pesina each sank 8 points.

Megan Aleman and Tara Hughes each scored 6 points. Abigail Miller and Claudia Lopez sank 4 points.

Laura Cruz, Leslie Gonzales and Crystal Yannis rounded out the scoring with 2 points each.

FJHS 7th - 30
LOCKNEY - 31

The 7th grade girls basketball team played Lockney on November 22, 2004 and came up short at the buzzer by a score of 31-30.

Megan Aleman was high point with 13 points.

Tara Hughes ended the game with 7 points.

Lindsey Beedy added 4 points to the scoreboard.

Crystal Yannis and McKenzie Schwartner each scored 2 points.

COACH FOX'S COMMENTS:

"The girls are doing great and working as a team. We have a lot to look forward to. I am so proud of them."

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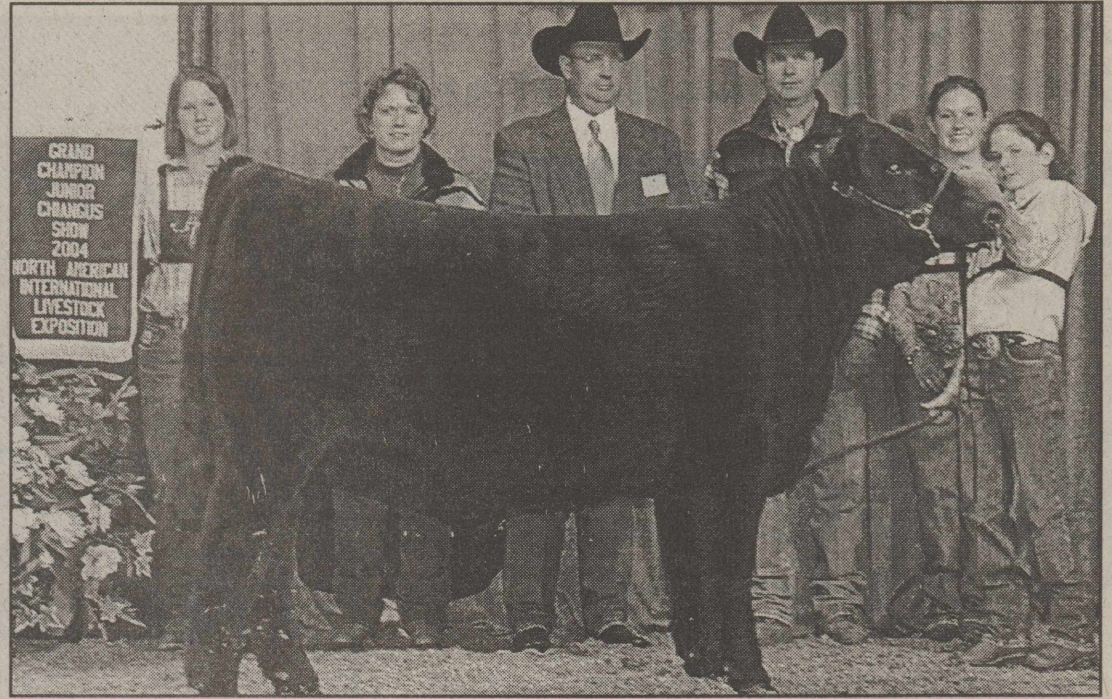
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FSA HONORED SCHACHT FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE-Floyd County Farm Service Agency honored Paul Schacht, County Committee Chairperson, for serving 15 years on the COC. (l-r) Adrain Helms, Andrea Ford, Gayle Schacht, Paul Schacht, Rodney Schoppa, and Lyle Miller. Staff Photo



SYANN FOSTER, Lockney, exhibited the Grand Champion Chiangus Female, FBF New Star Arisen 515N 1CA, at the 2004 ACA Junior Show. The Sept. 12, 2003, daughter of RDD Destiny's Ace, was bred by Foster Brothers Farms and also took home the Senior Heifer Calf division honors. This heifer also won Reserve Grand Champion Chiangus Female in the 2004 ACA National Show. The show held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY, took place Nov. 17-18, 2004. Foster also exhibited the Chiangus Reserve Junior Yearling Heifer Champion, RDD Shes the One 1CA, a March 25, 2003, daughter of Vermilion Dateline bred by Deiter Bros., Faulkton, S.D. Courtesy Photo

Cotton  **News**
By Shawn Wade
4517 West Loop 289
Lubbock, Texas 79414
Telephone: 806-792-4904 Fax 806-792-4906

The 2004 crop year continues to have producers and crop watchers alike on the edge of their seats even though even though recent weather conditions have allowed producers to move more cotton from the stalk to the module.

The improved weather conditions should also provide a rebound in quality readings as modules harvested in less than ideal conditions before Thanksgiving are finally ginned.

Latest reports indicate the 2004 High Plains cotton crop is nearing the midway point of the harvest season. Producers continue their push for additional progress over the next 10 days to take advantage of weather forecasts that remain favorable. The first ten days of December provided the favorable weather a majority of the region needed to dry out and generate the recent surge in harvest progress. The goal for the area over the next two weeks is to reach the 75-80 percent harvested stage before Christmas.

According to the Texas Ag Statistics Service the area planted an estimated 3.69 million acres and is expected to harvest 3.37 million acres. With half of that total left to work through, a considerable amount of work remains.

Despite the sometimes-rough weather that has affected the area, the crop has fared somewhat better than many might have predicted because of the increased acreage of newer, open boll varieties that have become popular the last few growing seasons. Tempering that performance, however, is the realization that some lint has been lost.

Fortunately for producers, the 2004 crop's projected yield per acre is allowing a broader tolerance for lint loss. That might not be the case, however, in a year where every lock of cotton counts and yields are less than ideal.

As was noted earlier, most area gins are about finished ginning the cotton they had on the year and were able to retrieve from wet fields over the Thanksgiving weekend. Much of this cotton was stripped in less than desirable conditions and was a considerable challenge for both producers and ginners.

Harvest progress since that

time means modules are again stacking up on gin yards and in fields at a staggering pace. Gins are quickly getting back to running at full capacity and bale samples will soon begin to create backlogs at the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Division Cotton Classing offices in Lubbock and Lamesa.

Kenny Day, Director of the Lubbock Cotton Classing office, reports that the office is currently operating 33 High Volume Instrument (HVI) machines and expect to have another 7 on-line soon. Once all the HVI lines are operational, the Lubbock office should be able to sustain a 45-50,000 sample per day pace.

Lamesa Classing Office Director Alan Wells reports his staff is operating 10 HVI lines with one more on the way. They are currently maintaining a 10-11,000 samples per day pace.

The two High Plains offices are estimating they will process some 4.3 million running bales during the 2004 harvest season. Lubbock's latest gin survey estimates it will receive 3.3 million running bales and the Lamesa office is expecting to receive 1 million running bales this season.

Grades reported by the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing Offices provide the best snapshot of the crop and illustrates just how rough the cotton harvested around Thanksgiving turned out to be. Fortunately area gins seem to be working through the situation, Day and Wells say they expect grades to improve as recently harvested cotton becomes more prevalent.

Cotton classed over the past two weeks received lower color grades and had a sharp increase in bark levels compared to cotton harvested before Thanksgiving.

Reports from the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing offices show that 40-50 percent of the 486,153 bales classed between November 25 and December 9 were called baky bales.

These bales also fell predominantly in the Light Spot to Tinged Color grades due to the effects of poor harvest conditions and damage that occurred while the wet cotton was stored in the module prior to ginning.

Overall crop quality continues to be good, however, despite

the bales run-over the past two weeks. For the season, Color grades at the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing offices are averaging a Strict Low Middling (31).

Length and Strength seem to be becoming the signature qualities of the 2004 crop. The Lubbock Classing office is averaging slightly better than 34.5 Staple readings and 29 grams/tex Strength measurements.

Lamesa Classing office reports show that cotton moving through that office is hovering near an average Staple length of 35 with Strength readings averaging 28 grams/tex.

One of the biggest areas of concern for the 2004 crop has been Micronaire. That concern has apparently been justified. So far a significant portion of the 1,195,714 bales classed through December 9 have recorded micronaire readings below 3.5.

Micronaire readings below 3.5 are penalized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Loan Premium and Discount Schedule. To date the average micronaire readings reported by the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing offices are 3.4 and 3.6, respectively.

The good news on this front is that micronaire readings continue to inch higher as more of the crop is harvested and ginned.

Fieldwork continues to go full blast as producers work to harvest as much as possible before the next weather event arrives and slows things down.

Producers wishing to optimize machinery settings to improve harvesting efficiency and minimize lint contamination from bark are encouraged to take a few minutes to revisit the information in the "2004 Harvest Aid Guide" authored by Dr. Randy Boman and others, and published by Texas Cooperative Extension.

The "2004 Harvest Aid Guide" is available online at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/>

To download the entire 2004 guide use the following link: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/cotton/pdf/2004harvaidhandout.pdf>

The information included in the guide could make a tremendous difference in the quality of the crop harvested in 2004, especially under less than ideal weather conditions.

Smith honored by Texas Tech

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Cotton Cooperative Association, a cotton-marketing cooperative that supplies marketing opportunities to growers throughout Texas. Smith also serves as a director to Floydada Cooperative Gins.

Smith resides outside of Floydada with his wife, Jenni Sue. They have one son, Eric, a daughter-in-law, Leigh, and a grandson, Ethan, who is almost 4 years old. "The whole family is so proud of Eddie," said Jenni Sue.

The annual award, established in 1969, honors individuals for their contributions to Texas agriculture in the areas of

agribusiness, production and public service. The award was named for Gerald W. Thomas, who served as dean of Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences from 1958-1970. The Pig Roast honors the college's scholarship donors and their recipients, as well as intercollegiate judging teams.

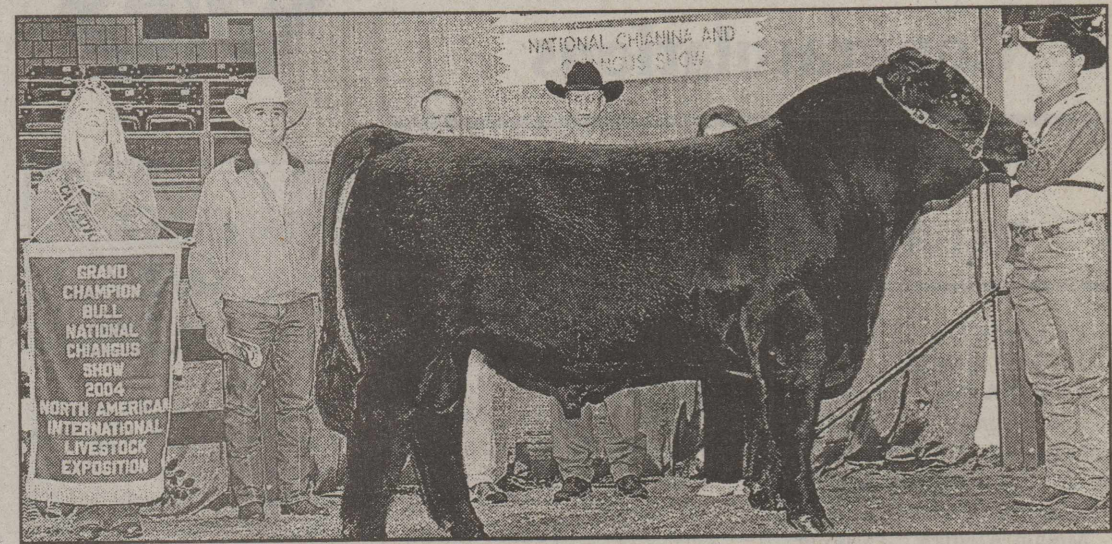
This year's Outstanding Agriculturalists were Eddie Smith for agricultural production, Larry Nelson for agribusiness and U.S. Cong. Henry Bonilla for public service.

Smith is a 1973 graduate of Texas Tech University with a

bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. Smith is a cotton producer from Floydada and has been farming with his father on the High Plains of Texas for nearly three decades.

Smith is partner in Floyd County Farms and serves as president of E&B Farm Enterprises. He also is involved with his son in a cattle concern that runs a cow-calf operation with a yearling sideline during summer months.

A long-time member of the board of directors for Cotton, Inc., Smith is currently a director and chairman of the board. He also was director to Plains



FOSTER BROTHERS FARMS, Lockney, exhibited the Grand Champion Chiangus Bull, RDD Aces High 6N 1CA, at the 2004 ACA National Show. The show, held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY, took place Nov. 17-18, 2004. The March 27, 2003, son of RDD Destiny's Ace was also named Chiangus Junior Yearling Bull Division Champion. Aces High is co-owned with Doug and Andrea Corley, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Deiter Brothers, Faulkton, S.D. Courtesy Photo

Jackson named Outstanding Farmer

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2005. Jackson said he will compete for the "National Title" in North Carolina.

Jackson is the 3rd producer from Floyd County to win the Farm Bureau's Outstanding Farmer and Rancher title. Other winners were Dan Smith and

Mark McCormick.

To compete Jackson filled out an 8 page application and also detailed his work with Farm Bureau.

The contestants were then narrowed down to 13 district winners and then down to 3 finalists. As a finalist Jackson's farm

was visited by 3 judges. "In the end it really boiled down to the application and the sit down interview with the judges," said Jackson.

When asked if he had any comments concerning his win, Jackson laughed and said, "Yee-Ha!"

Cotton Market Weekly A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures settled higher Thursday at the New York Board of Trade after receiving a push at the open from a stronger-than-expected export sales report from USDA.

Export sales of U.S. cotton soared to a marketing year high as Canada came in as the largest buyer for the week, according to USDA. Net export sales for the week ended Dec. 2 totaled 339,300 bales, 81 percent more than the previous week and 64 percent more than the four-week average. Canada purchased 131,600 bales while Turkey and China acquired 49,700 and 33,900 bales, respectively.

Export shipments of 160,400 bales were 12 percent more than one week earlier and 18 percent more than the four-week average. Mexico, Turkey, China, and Thailand were the primary destinations.

On the spot cotton scene, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 31,584 bales online in the week ended Dec. 9 compared to the previous week when 26,762 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 34.10 to 36.39 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 35.89 to 38.25 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, in its supply/demand report released on Dec. 10, USDA raised its forecast for 2004-05 U.S. cotton production to a record level of 22.82 million

bales, up from its November estimate of 22.55 million. Cotton producers still are expected to harvest 13.22 million acres of cotton, unchanged from the department's last report, but yields are seen stronger.

"Yield is expected to average a record high 828 pounds per harvested acre, surpassing the previous record of 730 pounds set in 2003," a USDA representative said. Record yield averages are expected in Arkansas, California, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. In addition to increased U.S. production, USDA also raised domestic mill use and ending stocks. Domestic mill use was raised 100,000 bales to 6.2 million partly because recent months' mill use has been more than previously anticipated due to continued strong denim fabric exports. USDA's raw cotton export estimate remained unchanged, and the department reported a three percent increase in ending stocks to 7.7 million bales.

World 2004-05 estimates included higher production and slightly higher consumption. Production was raised 2.3 million bales to 114.02 million due to increases for India, Pakistan, the United States, Greece, Australia, and Zimbabwe. Increased consumption was noted in India, Mexico, Pakistan, the United States, and others while world trade was virtually unchanged. World ending stocks were raised

four percent to 46.5 million bales.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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A public hearing concerning this waiver will be held on a date to be announced in a future notice.

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12-16-c

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

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Mayor Bobby Gilliland
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Floydada is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative and planning services in conjunction with the Community Development Fund and Community Development Supplemental Fund from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for program years 2005/2006. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified management firm to administer the contract. Please submit your proposals of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Mayor Bobby Gilliland
City of Floydada
City Hall
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TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 13th day of December, 2004, and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$ 426,953.30.. First National Bank Certificate of Deposits \$ 301,000.00.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 13th day of November, 2004.

William D. Hardin, County Judge
RayNell Bearden, Commissioner, Precinct #1
Leonard Gilroy, Commissioner, Precinct #2
Craig, Gilly, Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jon Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #4

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- Large 3 bed and 2 bath home with 2 car garage near track field and high school.
- Cozy 3 bed and 2 bath home with 1 car carport located near football field.
- Roomy 3 bed and 2 bath home with 1 car carport near the high school.
- Spacious 3 bed and 2 bath home with 2 car garage in good and easily accessible location.
- Large 3 bed and 2 bath home with 2 car brick carport located near football field in south part of town.
- Country Home--3 bed and 2 bath home with 2 car garage, storm cellar, and shop north of town.
- Cozy 2 bed and 1 bath home with 2 car carport near upper elementary school.
- Spacious 2 bed and 1 bath home with 1 car garage and small apartment in west part of town.
- NEW LISTING!!!**
Large 3 bed and 1.5 bath home on 2 lots in mid-part of town.

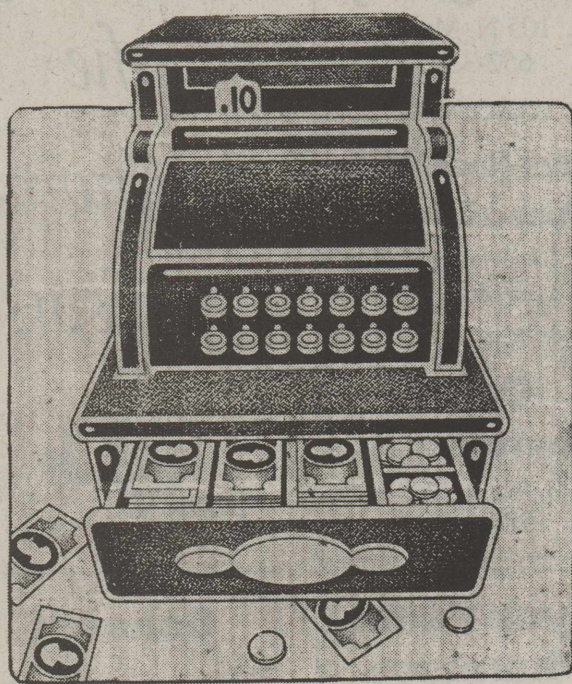
-LOCKNEY-

- Large 3 bed and 2 bath home with 2 car garage located near both schools.
- Country home--3 bed and 2.5 bath located south of town and includes a shop.
- Spacious 3 bed, 1.75 bath home with 2 car garage on corner lot.

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Obituaries

EULA MAE BRAMLET

Funeral services for Eula Mae Bramlet, 96, of Lockney were held Friday, December 10, 2004 at the West College and Third Church of Christ in Lockney. J.D. Nance, officiated and Jay Don Poindexter assisted.

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

Mrs. Bramlet died December 7, 2004 at the Lockney Health and Rehab Center.

She was born December 4, 1908 in Tullia to the late Dick Benjamin and Annie Savage Benjamin. She married Jacob Clyde Bramlet on December 10, 1925 in Plainview. They moved to Lockney from Briscoe County where they had lived from 1926 to 1976.

She enjoyed gardening and working in her yard. She played the harmonica and was involved in the Helping Hands Club and would visit the nursing home when she was able to sing. She was a housewife, homemaker and was a member of the West College and Third Church of Christ and the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband on January 15, 1976; one son, Wayne Bramlet; three brothers, Oliver, Vince and Adam Savage and one sister, Lavenia Savage.

Survivors include one grandson, Larry Bramlet and wife, Beth of Lockney; one granddaughter Carol Huggins and husband, Jim of Lockney; one daughter-in-law, Annabel Bramlet of Lockney; two great-grandsons, Danny Huggins and Jake Bramlet of Lockney; two great-granddaughters, Melanie Huggins and Jill Bramlet of Lockney.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lockney Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 82, Lockney, TX 79241.

OVELLAH (VEL) COOPER

Funeral services for Ovellah (Vel) Cooper, 86, of Lockney were held Sunday, December 12, 2004 at Moore-Rose-White Memorial Chapel in Floydada. Rev. Neely Landrum officiated.

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

She died Thursday, December 9, 2004 after a lengthy illness.

She was born Ovellah Biggs on May 29, 1918 in Muncy Community and was the daughter of the late J.F. and Icy Biggs, long time residents of Floyd County. She attended school at Muncy and Lockney. She attended Baily Beauty School in 1936 and was a beautician for 50 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada and a member of Senior Citizens of Lockney.

She married Cleo (Curley) Stephens in 1938. He died September 5, 1959. She married Bill Darden in January 1969. He died December 1983. She married Paul Cooper August 23, 1995, and he died May 9, 2002.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Biggs, a granddaughter, Sheryl Bennett and a step-grandson, William Paul Cooper.

She is survived by one daughter, Kay Johnson of Plainview; one sister, Ella Goodwin; four grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 6 step-great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

lent artist, working with oils, water colors and china. She enjoyed traveling.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church Exodus Fund, P.O. Box 610, Floydada, TX 79235.



DENE PURSELL

Services for Dene Pursell, 77, of Lubbock were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at Cornerstone Bible Church. Dr. Richard Grubbs officiated.

Burial was held in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pursell passed away on December 12, 2004 in Lubbock.

She was born on June 22, 1927 in Haskell to the late Randall and Elizabeth Terrell. She married Travis Pursell on July 2, 1945. She loved to care for family and friends.

She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and helped at the hospital. She was a charter member of Cornerstone Bible Church where she was very involved in many activities. She also enjoyed sewing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a brother, Leroy Terrell and a sister, Ira Belle Sanders.

Survivors include her four children, Randy Pursell and wife, Cheryl of Lubbock, Donna Davis and husband, Terry of Corrales, New Mexico. Carol Forrester and husband, Bobby and Jon Pursell, all of Lubbock; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Terrell of Lubbock and Melvin Terrell of Floydada.



MAGGIE JONES PERRY

Funeral services for Maggie Mae Graves Jones Perry were held 2:00 Tuesday, December 14, 2004 at the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Perry died December 11, 2004.

She was born October 8, 1909. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tate Jones, in June 1978; her second husband, Everett Perry in September 1994, and a daughter Nancy Carol Jones. She was born in Ranger to Richard and Lydia Graves, who also preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Travis Jones and wife, Sue of Floydada and R.W. (Bill) Jones and wife, Tippi, of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Joe Jones and wife Ann of Floydada, Dr. Jay Jones and wife, Dr. Laurel of Shallowater, Jon Jones and wife, Brenda of Floydada, Nathan Johnson (foster son) and wife, Connie of Floydada, Dr. Derrell Monday (foster son) and wife, Jana of Vernon, Rich Jones and wife, Cathy of Amarillo, Barry Sims and wife, Olivia of Canadian, and Jim Smith and wife, Juli of Vernon; and 12 great-grandchildren.

While residing in Floydada Maggie was a member of Home Demonstration Club and her Study Club. She was an excel-

THIS WEEK'S

24th ANNUAL KLLL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE

The 24th Annual KLLL Country Christmas Blood Drive will be held Friday, December 17 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 400 S. Wall.

Units given will go toward credits for Craig Gilly.

Bring a list of meds and picture ID. All donors will receive a T-Shirt and a goodie bag.

FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

There is a collection of Holiday Barbie dolls on display at the Floyd County Museum through the month of December.

FNB ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

First National Bank of Floydada will hold their annual Open House on December 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE

The Community Storehouse in Lockney is in need of blankets and jackets. These are needed badly for the winter months.



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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.
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
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Bill Swinney, Minister of Ed./Music
Scott Reed - Min. Students
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
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Dr. David Jones, Pastor
Winfield Davenport
Associate 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
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
(806) 637-0430
Sunday Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
Sunday Services .. 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Jesse Caballero, Pastor
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
Phone: 983-5878
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Mon.Wed. Mass 6:30 p.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
Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009
Rev. Burnell Lunds, 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.

FLOYD COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH
Unity Center - Muncy
1st Sunday of the Month
Meal - 6:00 p.m.
Services - 7:00 p.m..

The family of Willie Mae Sue Smith wish to express their sincere appreciation for all the prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and food during the loss of our loved one.

Our special thanks to Dayne Golightly, Dr. Stennett and the nursing staff at Lockney for their kind support during a most difficult time.

Thank you Craig Dubois for your hlep when Willie Mae fell a few days before her death.

*God bless you all.
Coy Smith*

Wayne and I want to thank each one of you that visited, called or said a prayer for Wayne after his very sudden, massive heart attack.

We thank Bro. Sisemore and members of the First Baptist Church that signed the nice letter you sent. We were in church with some of you and were friends of your parents.

Please continue to remember us. Wayne is far from being well.

*Sincerely,
Wayne and Naomi Battey*

Love Fund For Craig Gilly

A Love Fund has been set up for Craig Gilly at American State Bank in Floydada to help pay for medical expenses. Gilly has been diagnosed with Myeloma (a blood disease). He will begin chemotherapy this week.

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217 W. California
983-3725

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102 E. California
983-3524

Lockney Co-op Gin
652-2377

Lockney Ins. Agency
105 N. Main
652-3347

Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home
329 W. Calif. Floydada 983-2525
402 S. Main Lockney 652-2211

Oden Chevrolet-Olds
221 S. Main, Floydada
983-3787

Payne Family Pharmacy
200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

Pay-n-Save
210 N. Main, Lockney
652-2293

Barwise Gin
Barwise Community
983-2737

City Auto Buick, Pontiac, GMC
201 E. Missouri
Floydada
983-3767

Clark Pharmacy
320 N. Main - Lockney
652-3353

Davis Lumber
102 E. Shubert
Lockney
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