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PAC Drill Sergeant returns from Iraq

By Alice Gilroy

Robert Fisk has recently returned from a tour in Iraq to his job as Drill Instructor at the Parent 'Adolescent Center in Floydada. Fisk says the experiences he has learned in Iraq are his teaching tools for the troubled teens in PAC.

Fisk spent 7 1/2 years on active duty with the U.S. Army. He was part of the 82nd Airborne Division 509th Infantry Battalion at Fort Polk, LA. His first combat tour was in 1996 in Panama, working on a drug intervention

In 1997 he served in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. His 3rd tour of duty was in Iraq.

Fisk said he was in Iraq when Saddam was captured and when the country was turned over to the Iraqis. "I've been a part of Enduring Freedom, Iraq Freedom I and Iraq Freedom II.

"The names change as the operation and mission changes."

When Fisk's active duty ended he signed up for Reserves and then went to work for PAC from August 2001 to December

In December 2002 Fisk was called up for "Operation Enduring Freedom" in Iraq. He left January 26th 2003 for Fort Bliss and got to Iraq, April 10, 2003.

Assigned to the 974th Quartermaster Company out of Amarillo, Fisk was in charge of a 24 man Quick Reaction Force (QRF). "We responded to all direct and indirect threats to our post," said Fisk. "We patrolled Fallujah, Amareh, and Adhamija.'

over 350 P.O.W.'s and took care of 200 perimeter breech attempts.

"We were responsible for the safety of over 6,000 people," said Fisk. "I didn't lose one man, but I was praying every chance I

Fisk said the environment and weather in Iraq does not treat soldiers well. Besides enemy soldiers, Fisk also battled abscessed wisdom teeth and a terrible sinus infection in both ears caused by

"I didn't get much sleep or rest while in Iraq," said Fisk. "During the dust storms you have to sleep with goggles and a rag over Iraqi people want to leave Iraq you face just to get a few hours simply because they were never

winter to summer in one day. It changes from 158 degrees to 30 the world," said Fisk. "The longer degrees. You have to battle the they see that we are going to be hot weather with a 110 pounds of there and not leave them on their gear on you.

"In the summer you send your winter gear home and then it would turn cold immediately and they would have to send your winter stuff back in a hurry."

Fisk says the Iraqi people are appreciative of the soldiers work. "The children really like us," said Fisk. "We would take them candy

"The media doesn't tell you that we have rebuilt schools and brought roads, water, and electricity to areas that have never had them. There was a village near our base that we took a generator to before we even had a generator. We also got them gasoline to run the generator.'

It was in that same village that Fisk had one of his more intense

"There was a riot going on in the village when we got there," said Fisk. "Our vehicle was sur-Fisk said his team captured rocking the truck trying to turn mind. us over. We were afraid we weren't going to make it. Backup arrived and got us out."

Fisk said he doesn't really know what the riot was about but he believes the good citizens in the village were trying to kick out the bad ones

"What I think is weird about fighting over there is that the enemy would bring you their injured buddy that you had shot because they knew you had to treat him. Then they would go back out and pick up a weapon to shoot you.

According to Fisk a lot of the allowed to go out of the country "The weather changes from when Saddam was in power. "They want to see other parts of own then I think the country will become stable.

> "They have been oppressed for so long, that they are scared

Fisk was an "Army Brat", having been born at the Naval Training Base in Chicago.

'My dad was a dental technician in the Army," said Fisk. "When he left the Army he started preaching. We moved all over, but I was raised in West

Fisk has been married for 10 years to his wife, Christie. They have two children: Brendan, 5, and Dereck, 2

One of the hardest parts of being in Iraq, for Fisk, was the separation from his family.

'There were guys all around me getting "Dear John" letters. Their wives and girlfriends were sending them videos of them telling the guys that it was over. It rounded by hundreds who started really starts to mess with your

> get a phone call through and then when you did if your wife didn't answer the phone then your mind would start going crazy. It's bad for your morale.'

Fisk understands some of the controversy surrounding lack of adequate supplies for the soldiers. "I was the recipient of some of that," said Fisk.

"The first 9 or 10 months I was there we only had ballistic vests (which only stop fragments), but we did not have bulletproof vests. Our trucks weren't armored for the first 8



Courtesy Photo



IRAQI CHILDREN gather around to receive treats of cokes and candy from American soldiers.

months. Our major was hit with the first IAD and almost lost an arm and leg. After that they started putting metal on the

"Even after a year I drove a truck that didn't have doors and the back was open. But, I believe soldiers. it has gotten better now.

"They are putting iron on the bottom and on the back for protection.'

Suicide bombers and roadside bombs were a constant threat for

"The terrorists had all kinds of way to kill you," said Fisk. "At first they would string piano wire across the bridge. When the vehicle drove through the wire

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Youth prepare for County Stock Show

By Darwin Robinson

The 2005 Floyd County Junior Stock Show will be held in the Floyd County Friends Unity Center in Muncy on January 14-17, according to the Floyd County Extension Agency.

On Friday, January 14, the doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. The lambs and swine will begin weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The goats weigh-in at 5:00

On Saturday, January 15, the Rabbit Show will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Goat Show will start at 10:00 a.m. and the Lamb Show will be at 11:00 a.m.

The Swine Gilt Show will be-Staff Photo gin Saturday at 1:00 p.m., followed by the barrows. The swine will be released at the end of Showmanship. The steers weighin and heifers being classed will begin Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16, the Heifer Show will begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Steer Show. Tearing down of the pens of the swine and lambs will be at 5:00

Monday, January 17, the finishing of tearing down the pens and building the Sale Ring will begin at 9:00 a.m., if needed. The Buyers Meal, sponsored by the Floyd County Farm Bureau, will be at 5:00 p.m, followed by the Premium Sale at 6:00 p.m.

clean up will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Floyd County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland said, "We should have around 200 swine, 25 heifers, 20 steers, 30 lambs, 28 goats and about 10 rabbits this coming show.'

New this year for the swine show will be the Gilts. They will be divided by weigh classes and will be shown in the following three divisions: (1) Minor Breed Division - Berk, Chester, Spot, Poland and Landrace; (2) Major Breed Division - Duroc, Hamp and York; and (3) Cross Breed Division - Crosses.

According to the 2005 Rules, "A Breed and Reserve Division Tuesday, January 18, the final Champion will be selected from each Division and will compete for overall Grand and Reserve Grand Gilt."

For the 2005 Show, there will be no limit on the number of rabbits and goats to be entered by each exhibitor. No rabbit or goat will be eligible for premium auction. Also, the prize money awarded to rabbit and goat exhibitors will be determined by the superintendents and exhibitors.

The 2005 Rules also state, "Only a total of four head of steers, swine, lambs, heifers or a combination totaling only four may be entered per exhibitor and Junior Heifers will be eligible for premium auction.'

Cotton Kings to honor Floy

The Lubbock Cotton Kings Hockey Team and Floydada's Chamber of Commerce have joined together to bring a special Floydada Night to the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Specially priced tickets will be sold, at reduced prices, to Floydada citizens who can make it to the "Floydada Night in the Kingdom", Saturday, January 8th. Tickets will be sold for only \$8.00 (reduced from the normal price of \$14.00- \$18.00). The Lubbock Cotton Kings will then

sold back to the Chamber of Commerce.

GETTING READY FOR STOCK SHOW-FHS Freshman

Allison Griggs is shown Monday afternoon feeding her FFA

Duroc swine at the school barns east of town. The Floyd County

Stock Show begins next week, January 14-16. (see related story)

Chamber office, KFLP Radio, and future upcoming events will and the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada.

All of the tickets sold will be in section 213, 214, and 215 so all Floydada residents can sit to-

tional Anthem.

An intermission contest for

citizens on the ice.

Throughout the game, infor-Tickets are being sold at the mation about Floydada's history be announced. The night will also feature recognition for Floydada residents and one special Floydadian will drop the ceremonial first puck.

Every Floydada resident that Tate Greer will sing the Na- buys a ticket as a part of this promotion will be entered into a raffle to win a hockey stick that Floydada citizens will involve is autographed by the entire Lub-

return \$3.00 of every \$8.00 ticket small puck-size pumpkins and bock Cotton Kings hockey team. The first 1,500 youth (12 and under) who walk through the coliseum door January 8, will receive a free Cotton King jersey.

"Because of the short time frame to sell tickets we will also have a special Floydada envelope, with the reduced price tickets, at the door," said Todd Chisnell, Assistant General Manager of Lubbock Cotton Kings.

The Cotton Kings will host the Colorado Eagles Saturday night, beginning at 7:05 p.m.

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By Alice Gilroy



A friend sent me a new diet on my email. I thought I would share it with everybody else.

I have no idea where she got it from, but it sounds like a diet worth checking out.

"For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health.

"It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies

"1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

"2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

"3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

"4. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than

Americans. "5. The Germans drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

Another funny which should make you feel better about any stupid thing you've ever done. It was sent as a true story--but I'm not swearing by any of this.

Some boaters on Lake Isabella, in California, were new to boating and having some prob-

No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied.

After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong.

A thórough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch.

So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check un-

He came up choking he was laughing so hard.

Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

A view from

The Lamplighter

By: Ken Towery email: chowdipper@austin.rr.com

The Old Year is now part of History, and, like always, the New Year promises much in the way of Hope. Like always, we

shall see. But, really, 2004 wasn't such a bad year, considering what could have been. John Forbes Kerry did not become President of these United States. The rains came back to the Plains. The grass grew lush, but the price of cattle held reasonably strong. A record cotton crop graced our farms and gins. All in all, most things on the domestic front turned out well. The exceptions being, of course, our President's idiotic position on immigration and the Middle East.

Not so on the foreign scene. Osama ben Laden remained foot loose and fancy free. The news out of Iraq gets worse by the day. A massive earthquake shook the planet, in the opinion of some Geologists moving the position of the North Pole by as much as an inch, and causing a minute change in the Earth's rotation. It was bad, very bad, but it was not the worst earthshaking event to plague our planet. There were others, before our time, but this one was one for the history

We are terribly saddened by news out of Indonesia, and thereabouts, of the horrific earthquake and tidal waves that killed thousands upon thousands of locals who made their living by working the seas in search of food. With many of our peers, we know some of them, or their descendants and cousins of their descendants, who make up the populations that inhabit those environs. We feel terrible, terrible sorrow for those who suffered the devastation visited upon them by the forces of nature.

We've never been to Ceylon, now called Sri Lanka, so we can't comment on matters there. But the poorest, most povertystricken regions we've ever seen first-hand, fronts upon the Indian Ocean and the waters adjacent to that ocean. A sudden change in the water level throughout that region, even a few feet, is bound to affect millions of people, one way or another. One cannot help feeling sorrow for people scrounging for a living under those wretched conditions.

We do not feel the same sorrow for those rich hippies, or descendants of rich Westerners who traveled to those environs many, many years ago so they could live the good life while their parents supported them from afar. For many, it was a way to escape responsibility. They have had a good life, but now the chickens have come home to roost. Beachcombers, like fishermen, may both appreciate the water. But there, the similarity ends. One looks at the water as a means of

making a living. The other, as an escape. Some, searching for adventure, went into that region looking for big waves. Now, they have found them.

Aside from all else, we hope those of you who can, will do what you can to help. Do not go overboard, and throw money at the situation thinking it will automatically solve the problem, but choose your targets of giving wisely. We like the Doctors without Borders, simply because we hear good things about them, and we think most of the money going that way ends up helping someone. There well may be others. There may well be church organizations that are more concerned with helping people than spreading the political influence of this or that particular church. Just look at it carefully and help where you can...please. The need is great. And know that your own government, with money you have contributed in taxes, is helping in many ways, despite what some idiots at the United

Nations might say. Most of the people who receive the aid will not be of our particular religious persuasion. Most will not be called Christians, although a few will. Still fewer will be Jewish. Most will probably be Muslims. More than a few will be sanctimonious Hindus, who will pause in their philosophical instructions to everyone else long enough to accept whatever aid is given, as long as no strings are attached. Still, we think Jesus Christ would approve your giving whatever you can afford. So help, if you can. We will, and we hope you can, and will, as well.

We see where our old buddy, Dave McNeeley, is retiring from the business of writing for his home paper, the Austin American-Statesman. He says a few editors around the state will continue to carry his column, but he plans to spend most of his time fishing down at Port Aransas, in company with grandchildren. Dave has always been a real good Democrat, and other real good Democrats, including those who

affecting their District, usually appreciated his carrying the torch for them (which he happily did). So we wish Dave happiness and ran and hid in Ardmore, Okla- long life. He is only 64, so he has homa rather than vote on matters a long life ahead.

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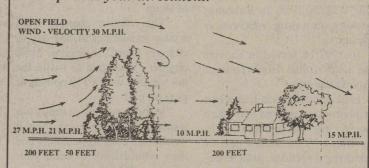
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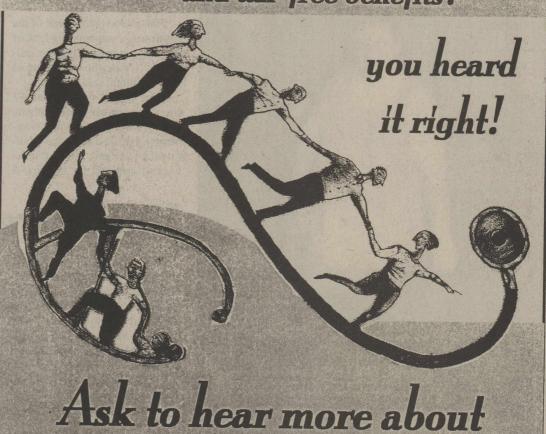
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A meeting will be held January 10th, 2005 at the Massie Activity Center. It will start at 7p.m. and conclude by 8p.m. David Cheek of Unicare will present a power point program. We will serve refreshments. If you can attend, please call Glenda Wilson at 983-3717.



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Letter to the Editor

I read in your 12-30-04 paper about our local police apprehending felons at Uncle's on Dec. 23rd. Evidently they were all from Virginia, had a sizable sum of cash and weapons in their possession. I just wanted to congratulate all the officers involved

for a job well done. There isn't much telling what they have done between here and Virginia and it is entirely possible an armed robbery of Uncle's was thwarted.

Again I wish to thank those officers involved for doing such a tremendous job!

Philip Wilbanks

House fire under investigation

A loud explosion was heard in northwest Floydada last Thursday night at 10:10 p.m., according to Floydada Fire Chief Carroll Sims. The explosion resulted in a house fire located at 737 W. Ross Street. The fire was der investigation at this time.

extinguished by the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department.

'The front windows were blown out of the vacant house,' Sims told the Hesperian-Beacon. "The cause of the fire is still un-

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Fisk returns from Iraq

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would decapitate the gunner standing up in the back. Bombs are put in dead animals, coke cans---anything they can find on the side of the road. There is so much trash in the country. People are living in dump grounds.

"When we liberated the country people took everything they could get. They even stole the guard rails on the highway. There was nothing made in Iraq except for concrete and munitions, so the people are looking for anything they can get. Saddam, of course, had marble walls, marble floors, gold doors, and a solid gold toilet seat."

Fisk says he does believe there are probably weapons of mass destruction in Iraq that have not been found yet. "There are so many places to hide weapons," said Fisk. "The tunnel system is unbelievable. There are tunnels everywhere.

Fisk says the Army has been good to him. "The Army made me grow up a lot. I was going down the wrong road.

"I love my country and love serving (Fisk re-enlisted for another 6 years in Reserves). It

bothered me that it took 911 to get people in this country to be patriotic again.

"I had gotten out of the Army 1 1/2 weeks before 911. I went home and cried when I heard the news. I felt like I wasn't doing my part and I thought I wasn't going to be able to help. But I

Fisk has brought back his experiences to help in his work at

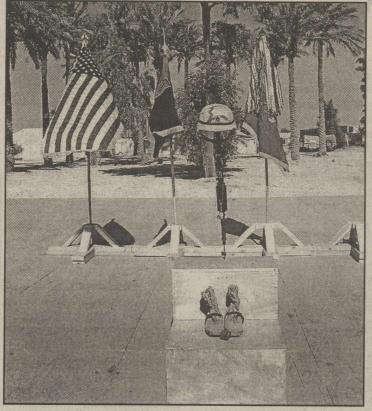
"I am responsible for all disciplinary action and for physical training here at PAC," said Fisk.

"I teach them leadership skills and leadership qualities. I try to show them how to be successful.

"A lot of the kids have the same disabilities I had when I was younger. I teach them that disabilities aren't an excuse. I show them love and care.

"I had a lot of time in Iraq to think about what I had done wrong in my life--as a husband and father and with my work here at PAC as a motivator and disci-

"I tell these kids a lot about my life and the mistakes I've made. I love this job and I think I can help serve here too."



THE SCENE AT A MEMORIAL SERVICE in Iraq held for a fallen soldier.

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American State Bank has es- . can donate to the victim assistablished the "Asian Disaster tance fund at any ASB branch. All of the donations will be given to the Breedlove Dehydration Plant in order to send as much food as possible to the disaster victims in Asia. Checks should be made out to the "Asian Disaster Relief Fund."

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Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Okay everyone have you made a list of resolutions for the year 2005? I haven't this year. I use to faithfully write a list and then by the 1st of March I had bombed on all of them so I gave up. I use to have a lot of good intentions but not any more. I think by the age of 74 it is time to just have fun. Isn't that right?

Football, Football. Have you ever watched so much football? I think I am now qualified to coach the Dallas Cowboys. But I don't think I would have to be all that good to do a better job than the coach they now have.

Congratulations goes to Monty and Cindy Bybee on having a new grandson, Connor Bybee. He is our great great

Happy Birthday goes out to Jay Scudder of San Angelo. He a buddy of my grandson Tyler. Tyler says Jay reads my column faithfully. Thanks Jay and Happy Birthday.

Kay and Kyle Brock took their family on a Christmas ski trip to Colorado. A great time was had by all.

Still dribbling after all these years!



Love, Hannah

Mary Kay Cosmetics Susan Simpson Independent consultant 983-5325

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Clyde Baxter one of our Senior Citizens fell and injured himself recently and was in the Mangold Memorial hospital for a while and now is living in the Lockney nursing home. I know Donnie will be visiting him daily. Our thoughts and prayers are

with June Sherman and her family on the loss of her Mother, Pearlie Mooseburg who lived in an assisted living home, in Amarillo. Her funeral services were in Center, Texas on Wednesday.

Only in America----do we buy hot dog wieners in packages of ten and buns in packages of 8.

Warrick Ku

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Schacht and Campbell wed



MR. AND MRS. CRAIG CAMPBELL

Meredith Ann Schacht and Craig Mark Campbell exchanged wedding vows Thursday, De-Church in Floydada with Jim Bret Campbell, brother of the groom officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Clar and Judy Schacht of Floydada and the granddaughter of Leighton and Doris Maggard of

of Lockney.

Craig is the son of Jimmy and Brenda Campbell of Hereford cember 30, 2004 at First Baptist and grandson of Roy and Leta Campbell also of Hereford.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride appeared in a couture collection gown by Oleg Cassini. The classic, off the shoulder a-line satin dress featured an overlay of candlelight

swarovski crystals tapering to points below the waist and leading into a delicate chapel length train. She wore a tiara and fingertip length veil trimmed with pearls and crystals. Her bouquet was roses centered with large rhinestones, greenery and pearl sprays held in a tasseled, red fab-

Matron of honor was Leah Bailey of Richardson, cousin of the bride, and maid of honor was Ashlee Vinyard of Fancy Farm, Kentucky, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were: Chelsea Campbell of Hereford, sister of the groom; Cally Burk of Raton, New Mexico, cousin of the groom; Amanda Maggard of Houston, cousin of the bride; Kirsten Compton of Casa Grande, Arizona; Kami Casabonne of Hobbs, New Mexico; and Micah Black of Lubbock. They wore different dresses in the same cranberry red color and carried bouquets of dusty miller, rosemary, and other assorted greenery with red berries in a tasseled, sage fabric

Brady Daniel of Dallas and Curtis Flood of Mesquite served as best men. Other groomsmen, included: Cameron Burk of Raton, New Mexico, cousin of the groom; Colby Campbell of Hooker, Oklahoma, cousin of the groom; Spencer Schacht of Floydada, brother of the bride; Matt Corder of Lubbock; James Miller of Hereford; and Nathan Nash of

Scripture reading during the service was by Raymond and Laci Richardson of Lubbock.

Flower girls were Lauren and Wrye Akers, friends of the bride. Plainview and Eleanor Schacht organza. The bodice was hand- They wore candlelight satin in Lubbock.

beaded with pearls and dresses layered with tulle and tied with red sashes. In their hair, each wore a halo of greenery and red ribbon. The ring bearer was Hagen Sage, nephew of the

Music was provided by Cellist, Devree Lewis and violinist, Zachary Saathoff. Vocalists were members of the youth group at Quaker Avenue Church of Christ

A reception and buffet were held in the Fellowship Center of First Baptist Church.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School. She received her Bachelors in Ag Communications from Texas Tech in 2003 and her Masters in Ag Educaton from Tech in 2004. She is currently employed by Tech as Coordinator of Student and Career Development.

The groom graduated from Hereford High School in 2000. He received his Bachelors in Ag Communications from Texas Tech in 2004 and is currently employed by Academy in Lub-

The rehearsal dinner was held at the Floyd County Unity Center and catered by Desperadoes of Amarillo.

A bridal luncheon December 29, was held in the home of Debra Graham with Melissa Long, Atha Sue, Shawnda Greer and Julianne Cornelius serving as hostesses. Guests brought recipes and Christmas ornaments. Other bridal courtesies included miscellaneous and lingerie showers in Floydada, Hereford and Lub-

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside

Floyd County Lifestyles



BETH BRAMLET shown with some of the "Christmas crafts from around the world" she taught other passengers to create, during a steamboat cruise on the Mississippi. See related story.

Love of crafts earns local couple a steamboat cruise

By Judy Macha

Beth Bramlet's lifelong love of crafts (and her ability to share her knowledge with others) earned her and her husband Larry a cruise on the Mississippi Queen; one of three steamboats owned by the Delta Queen Steamboat Company. Their adventure lasted eleven days, November 28 through December 8,

Beth explained, "Four years ago, in 2000, Larry and I went on a steamboat cruise just to 'get away' after a really bad year for our family. I enjoyed the craft My name was selected from among other passengers who had also volunteered. The very next year they notified me and by the first week of September, 2001 contracts were signed and airline tickets bought. Then came the attack on the twin towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11. The cruise was cancelled and later that year, the Delta Steamboat Company went bankrupt and quit running for several months!"

When the Company notified Beth again this year, she and Larry were more than ready to

"In addition to the fun of teaching the classes in the Paddle Wheel Lounge area, the cruise offered many other opportunities to keep their guests entertained. Larry had plenty to do during the two hour sessions I taught," she laughed. Beth taught a two hour class on three of the five days sailing out and then again sailing back with all new students.

"We both loved taking the tours of plantation homes, seeing the Old South and learning Civil War history," Beth added. "We started in New Orleans and docked at Oak Alley, Natchez, of two children, Jill and Jake.

Baton Rouge, St. Francisville and Houmas House (a plantation home).

According to Beth, the Mississippi Queen's guest capacity was 360 people; of these, there were 35 to 40 participating in each of her craft classes. "Many were mothers and daughters,'

Beth continued, "The Company had chosen the theme 'Christmas Around the World' for this cruise. They sent me a book, 'Christmas Crafts from Around the World' by Judy Ann Sadler, from which they chose the parclasses so much I agreed to teach ticular crafts I would be teachthe classes at a future date for the ing. The crafts included a gold Company, should they need me. star from Poland; a woven paper heart from Denmark, and felt mittens from America. I displayed and then told the tradition on how the following crafts were started: a silver spider web from Ukraine; a box paper chain from South Africa; a Christmas fairy from Britain; and a wheat straw star ornament from Finland. I had students attend from Alaska to

Pennsylvania to California!" Beth enjoys sewing, and made a lovely red and green Christmas print apron to wear while teaching her craft classes. She had Ginger Mathis, owner of Kaleidoscope, a local business, embroider the bib of it with a globe encircled by the words Christmas Around the World. Around the bottom of the apron was embroidered Merry Christmas in five languages: Veseloho Vam Rizdva (Ukraine); Hauskaa Joulua (Finland); Merry Christmas (America); Wesolych Swiat (Poland); and Gladedelig Jul (Den-

When asked if she would consider doing it again, she smiled and said, "In a heartbeat --- when do we pack?"

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Floydada Senior Citizen News and Menu

By Margarette Word

The Center was closed Monday, January 3. It will be open Tuesday the 4th.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Now that we have the start of a New year I hope we will be eager to take better care of our selves, eat right, and take

Over the holidays Donnell and Wilma Gowens had their son Kelton and family and a friend from Lubbock in their home.

Charlene and Bob Alldredge had 18 family members in their home Christmas.

Marie and Thomas Warren had 26 family members plus two guests in their home Christmas

Lorene Newberry's son from Lamesa and her daughter from Weatherford spent the holidays

Frances Weathersbee spent Christmas in Plainview with her daughter Lee Finley and family.

Eva Parker's daughter Patsy Parker of Tucson, Arizona drove Eva to Canyon where they spent Christmas with Eva's son and Patsy's brother Jimmy and his wife.

Our sympathy to the family of Margaret Collier.

Our sympathy to Janice Guffee on the loss of her brother Jimmy Hill.

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need to make a memorial donation. In memory of Jimmy Hill -

Roy and Neva Baxter. In memory of Margaret Collier - James and Darlenda

Marquis. In memory of Evelyn Daniel

Crull - Margarette Word.

January birthdays: Jan. 1-1 Fay Gooch and Jonelle Fawver; 1-3 Pete Salazar; 1-4 Jo Payne; 1-5 Wayland jones and Bobbie Hamilton; 1-8 Gene Baird; 1-9 Roberta Russell; 1-11 Nathan Mulder; 1-20 Henry Russell; 1-21 Don Daniel; 1-22 Jessie Bradley and Delmas McCormick; 1-

28 Doyle Walls and 1-30 Royce Gilmore.

Menu

Monday-Chicken fried steak, Tuesday-Chicken and dump-

hot roll, pumpkin pie or bars Wednesday-Roast beef, brown frosted spice cake

lings, green peas, cauliflower, Thursday-Pork chops, carrots,

tossed salad/Ranch, hot roll, pineapple cobbler cake

Friday-Parmesan chicken, kid-

By Sandra Lass and Clem-

ent Clarke Moore

The stockings were hung on the mirror with care.

soon would be there.

Gifts lay in the closet, unwrapped

Sorry no tree yet, but lots of good The table was set, Jack's casse-

role hot. and coffee was perking in each coffee pot.

When out on the driveway there arose such a clatter, I opened the door to see what was

Out of the house I flew like a

to quiet barking dogs, but not be too rash.

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear, but 10 lovely ladies full of Christ-

mas good cheer. More rapid than eagles to my

called them by name.

"Now Virginia (Taylor)! Now (Deavenport)! and Gleynn Earle (Cummings)!"

(Roberts)! On Ann (Hartman) and Juanita (Teeple)! On Shirley (Weldon) and Wanda (Lane)!" "Come into the kitchen, you can come through the hall."

"Watch your step on stairs and careful, don't fall."

sweetly and said,

my head.

ney or pinto beans, brussel sprouts, cornbread, bread pud-

"The hat will look good atop of

I need the rest for a cold winter's

day," hoping those yet to choose

But Donnie's turn soon came.

Donnie took the set from her, sat

I hid my touch lamp under my

I said it would break and be hard

And so the game went on, with

Donnie said, "Getting late, so I

"But wait," Peggy said, "Gleynn

No one can leave now, for good-

Wanda and Ann got towel sets,

There was a nice lipstick holder

Virginia got perfume and giving

said, "The game's almost over.

But Betty was left with one gift

She got back the scarf set with

The game now was over, all

But Donnie still had one more

Donnie had schemed, that scarf

She borrowed it last week.

and candles like none seen.

Earl has her turn yet to take.

gifts back and forth,

guess I'll head north.

one red and one green,

We'll be done in a jiff."

each of us a whiff,

to choose.

nothing to lose.

stood up to leave,

trick up her sleeve.

set she'd get.

would look the other way.

Betty's luck did not last.

down real fast.

chair.

to repair.

ness sake."

A Visit from The South Plains Hobby Club

'Twas the eighth of December when all through the Lass house, All creatures were stirring but not my computer mouse.

in hopes that the Hobby Club

the matter.

driveway they came and I smiled and I shouted and

Donnie (Bowman)! Now Betty

"On Carolyn (Marble) and Peggy

angels bright, ing room at night.

The ladies came in, food and gifts

nobody slipped 'cause there was no snow. With little preamble, since the

table was set, we uncovered the food, waited for those not here yet.

We chatted and placed the gifts on the floor and decided not to wait for any-

one more. With each serving self, 'round the counter we went.

The food was so good that it seemed heaven sent.

Following the feast we began with a game, a Chinese Birthday Party, but not quite the same. We each drew a number from one

to eleven. I got lucky and drew number

I could take a gift that looked pretty keen or choose one wrapped that no one had seen.

Ann was first, having drawn number one. but could choose another when the rest were done.

Carolyn was next, got a wallet of cowhide, so pretty, that I thought that she might take it outside.

Shirley's gift was a star with eight it would look quite nice in the liv-Juanita's gift I never did see. With a Cheshire cat's grin, she sat

Betty's not seen it yet! still as could be. Betty got a scarf set, smiled Happy New Year!

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Longhorns gained valuable experience in tournament

By Coach Bubba Edwards Valuable experience and some fine tuning for a very competitive district is exactly what the Lockney Longhorns gained as they traveled to the metroplex to participate in the Whataburger Invitational.

Fourteen of the sixteen participants were rated in the top 10 of their classifications. One of the most exciting games that took place was the number one team in the state in class AA, Ponder, went up against the top team in class AAA, Van. Ponder upset Van in overtime. But in the championship game, #7 ranked Clarksville in class AA used their quickness to upset Ponder by a

The Lockney Longhorns got a quick taste of the Clarksville Tigers in the first round last Tuesday night. The Tigers beat the Longhorns, but not without a fight, 61-42. The largest point deficit quarter-by quarter was eight points when Lockney was outscored 18-10 in the second

"After the game was over, it just did not seem like they beat us by nineteen points," Coach Edwards stated. "They played tremendous pressure defense, but I felt like we responded well by turning the ball over only 12 times. We played extremely hard and felt pretty good about ourselves after the game.

Rance Schumacher lead Lockney with 21 points and nine rebounds. Cagan Cummings added 10 points for Lockney.

Lockney's next opponent was the #8 ranked team in the state in class AA, Jim Ned Indians,

which lost to last year's state runner-up, Argyle, in their first round game. Lockney trailed the Indians 42-32 going into the final quarter, but went on a 12-0 run to take the lead. Jim Ned took the lead back with 30 seconds remaining in the contest giving Lockney the last chance for the win. However, the 18 foot jump shot hit the back iron securing the victory for Jim Ned 50-49.

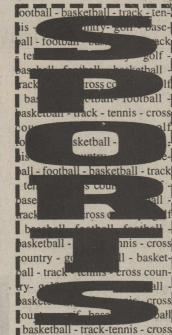
Schumacher lead the team in scoring with 16 points and six rebounds followed by Mark Ford with 14 points.

"The most amazing moment of this game was at the end when both teams were shaking hands," Coach Edwards said. Both teams congratulated each other as if they had been playing against each other for years. It was just a hard fought game between two good teams which had tremendous respect for one another."

Lockney finished the year of 2004 with two consecutive losses, but got everything that they wanted from this caliber of

"We matured as a team," Coach Edwards stated. "One of the kids in the locker room said that he felt like we grew up alot. Hopefully we will take things that we have learned from this tournament and use it to prepare for teams like Dimmitt, Tulia and Floydada. We definitely got better as a team, but most importantly we had fun.

Lockney continues their nondistrict schedule at Seagraves on Friday with the junior varsity starting at 5:00 p.m. and the Varsity at 8:00 p.m.





January 10-January 14 Monday

Breakfast-Donut or cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch-Pig in a blanket or PBJ sandwich, corn, tossed salad, pineapple, milk

Tuesday Breakfast-Blueberry muffin or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Steak fingers or grilled cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancakes or cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk Lunch-Fish sticks or ham, pinto beans, cole slaw, pears, hush puppies, milk

Thursday Breakfast-Eggs or cereal, toast,

Lunch-Lasagne or ham and

cheese, tossed salad, applesauce, Italian bread, milk Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk Lunch-Hamburger or corndog. lettuce and tomato, fries, orange halves, milk

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The Lockney Junior High Student Council would like to

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Clerk Marilyn Holcomb (not pictured) officially swore into office these elected officials. (l-r)

County Attorney Lex Herrington, County Tax Assessor/Collector Penny Golightly, County

Constable Ray Macha, Precinct 1 County Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden, and County Sheriff

Royce Gilmore. (not pictured, Precinct 3 County Commissioner Craig Gilly)

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Special thanks to Mary Ann Gonzales.

Brag Page Deadline! February 3rd

Monday

Breakfast - Breakfast sausage link in a biscuit or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Pizza, green salad, corn, fruit, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast - Sausage in a biscuit or cereal and Graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch - Taco salad/meat and cheese with lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, Jello, milk

Wednesday

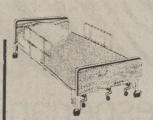
Breakfast - Pancakes, syrup or cereal, Graham crackers, juice,

Lunch - Chicken fried steak, quick baked potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pudding, milk Thursday

Breakfast - Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal, Graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch - Corn dogs, fries, car-

rots, cookie, milk Friday Breakfast - Breakfast burrito or cereal, Graham crackers, juice,

Lunch - Hamburger, chips, salad, cobbler, fruit, milk







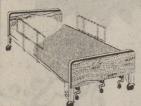






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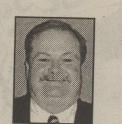








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The past year has been one of tremendous change for the Texas High Plains. In fact, it seems that just about everything

that could possible change did. Through it all High Plains cotton producers have accomplished more than many thought possible in the field and on the legislative and regulatory issues that affect them. Mother nature and a change in the weather provided the biggest surprise and helped push 2004 production

beyond expectation. Producers, working together through Plains Cotton Growers, helped secure beneficial disaster assistance legislation, protected the key components of the 2002 Farm Bill and worked to lay the ground work necessary to protect agriculture's interests.

At the state level, future debate on issues ranging from water to the budget and school finance reform will be shaped by the efforts PCG put forth in

At the federal level, budget issues will ultimately shape the debates important to cotton. Federal issues on the horizon include the start of the 2007 Farm Bill development process, preserving and expanding conservation program funding and dealing with the delivery of farm programs, crop insurance, and conservation programs.

PCG has stayed on top of these issues and is preparing to build on the successes achieved in 2004. Production-wise the 2004 crop is expected to be a record-setter, despite the prolonged effort of moving it from field to bale.

As "Cotton Years" go, 2004 will probably go unsurpassed in the record books for decades to come. For a new generation of cotton farmers the 2004 crop year will be remembered as a once in a lifetime event.

Despite the blessings that were received by many, the 2004 crop year was far from perfect. The same weather patterns that blessed the 41-county PCG service area with the second-highest rainfall amount ever recorded, also left destruction as well.

A truly significant event in 2004 was the passage of a 2003/ 2004 Disaster Assistance bill by Congress in the days leading up to the November elections

Timely effort to secure crop disaster assistance to help cotton producers on the Texas High Plains is always a top priority on the Plains Cotton Growers

Following the Summer of 2003, when the area was devastated by multiple hail storms that destroyed nearly one million acres of cotton, efforts were redoubled and resulted in a 2003/ 2004 disaster assistance program.

As usually happens with such legislation, things moved quickly once a suitable catalyst was identified in the Florida hurricanes. Plains Cotton Growers was ready to act and played a significant role in final passage of the bill.



The version of the legislation that eventually passed was introduced by Congressman Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock and includes both yield and quality loss components based on the crop disaster assistance programs approved for the 2000, 2001 and 2002 crops.

PCG is looking forward to working with new District 11 Representative Mike Conaway of Midland to look after the significant cotton interest he represents in the southern part of the PCG

Perhaps the most visible change that occurred in the area was the change brought about by mother nature with what we hope to be the end of the area's recent drought cycle.

Because of this change, the High Plains has a great abundance of cotton to sell in 2004. What the area missed was a supply-altering trigger that could keep prices up. In fact the lack of any area suffering a significant production shortfall is one of the most eye-catching characteristics of the 2004-crop worldwide.

For U.S. cotton producers the significant drop in worldwide cotton prices isn't something they have to bear alone thanks to the multi-layered support system provided by the 2002 Farm Bill.

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The marketing loan program also have mechanisms, such as Loan Deficiency Payments, that enable U.S. cotton to be price competitive, find a place 3 in the market and not hang around to become a drag on world prices

Add in the support provided through the 2002 Farm Bill's Direct- and Counter-cyclical support programs and U.S. cotton growers have the tools necessary to work through the current situa-

For cotton producers 2004 has been a year of hard work, handsome rewards and, at times, bittersweet farewells.

Just as the organization worked hard to be in the right places at the right times in 2004, PCG is ready to tackle the challenges of 2005 and be the advocate the High Plains cotton industry needs to remain successful.

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Cotton Market Weekly

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In a holiday-shortened week characterized by thin trading volume, cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade found positive support in USDA's release of better-than-expected U.S. export sales figures.

Net export sales of 244,500 bales were 57 percent more than the previous week and seven percent more than the four-week average. Primary buyers were Turkey, China, and Japan.

In addition to a healthy sales figure, some analysts found hope in the fact that China continues to be a dominant buyer of U.S. cotton and believe it may be an indication of good things to come in the New Year.

Export shipments of 148,500 bales were 31 percent less than the prior week and 16 percent less than the four-week average. Shipping delays due to the Christmas and new year holidays could account for the lower shipment figure, market observers

See story page 1.

Mexico.

edly higher, this week, but spot cotton sales were active as some producers rushed to sell their cotton prior to the end of the year. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 70,892 bales online in the week ended Dec. 30 compared to the previous week when 47,780 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 33.77 to 34.61 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 33.43 to 35.04 cents per pound.

Current cotton prices also may affect other countries as well. "In the coming weeks, we expect the markets to slowly accept that prices below the mid 50-cent level will result in lower cotton acreage in most of the Northern Hemisphere," one analyst said.

U.S. cotton acreage is not expected to fall significantly, but total world cotton production say. Major destination were most likely will be lower next

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A BOMBED PALACE BELONGING TO SADDAM'S SON

China, Turkey, South Korea and season. In fact, news reports say cotton farmers in the Indian Cotton prices were not mark- province of Gujarat currently are receiving prices for cotton that are well below the cost of production, and many producers there will not plant their acreage to cotton in the upcoming year.

Closer to home, widespread precipitation in the form of reain and snow fell late last week across broad areas of the Texas High and Rolling Plains. However, mild and dry weather pre- amounts of seed cotton.

vailed over most of the area this week allowing soft, wet soils to firm and some farmers to return to their fields. Observers say approximately 85 percent of the crop is off the stalk and if favorable weather holds, the harvest will be completed by the middle of January. Ginning, however, is estimated at only 49 percent complete, and gins may continue to operate into March in some areas as they process record

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PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, January 20, 2005 6:45 P.M.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARD ROOM 226 WEST CALIFORNIA FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Donation of South Plains School Property to South Plains Community Center, Inc. to be utilized as a community cen-

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bituary

PEARLIE M. MOOSBERG

Graveside services for Pearlie Marie Hagler Moosberg, 83, were held Wednesday. December 29, 2004 at Oaklawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Center. Tim Perkins officiated and arrangements were under the direction of Mangum Funeral Home of

Mrs. Moosberg died December 27, 2004 in Amarillo.

She was born July 10, 1921 in San Augustine County to A.E. and Alice Creech Hagler. She married Carl Avriete Moosberg on November 22, 1945.

Mrs. Moosberg was preceded in death by her husband in 1990; her parents; three brothers, Lee, Ramon and Tuman Hagler; and one sister, Era Hagler.

She is survived by her sister Margie B. Knight of Schertz, Texas; three daughters, June Sherman of Lockney, Alice of White Deer, and Carla Winslow of Duncan Oklahoma; three grandsons; three granddaughters; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pearlie was a faithful member of the Church of Christ.

For those wishing to honor Pearlie's memory, memorials can be sent to: Boles Home in Quinlan, Texas: White River Youth Camp c/o City Park Church of Christ in Floydada, Texas and Westview Boys' Home at Hollis, Oklahoma,



Dear Friends,

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to all of the loving and caring people of this community. Your outpouring of love showed to this family during our time of distress and sorrow with your prayers, calls, cards and visits will be forever cherished and remembered.

Each of you were very special to our beloved Aunt Margaret.

> Sincerely, The Family of Margaret Collier

Our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Catherine Poteet, was called home to spend Christmas in Heaven.

The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns while she was sick. All the food, cards, flowers and donations to the Cancer Society were deeply appreciated. Most of all thank you for the prayers during this time of our loss of a precious woman.

Thanks to the EMS crew that showed concern and tender care of her the night she went to the hospital.

Thank you, Curtis Poteet, Gail DuBois, Ronnie Poteet, Wayne Poteet and families

THIS WEEK'S

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The American Cancer Society, Floyd County Unit, will meet Monday, January 17th instead of the regular meeting date. Meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

All board members please be present to make some decisions for future programs.

> MISS FLOYDADA **PAGEANT**

The Miss Floydada Pageant will not be on January 8th as previously announced. A new date will be announced later.

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 wel-

Have a nice week!

Pray for our soldiers

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So many people have read the book of Revelation only to be confused by its signs and symbols. Its meaning seems to be hidden; but remember, the title is "REVELATION!"

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If you want to study the book of Revelation from a clearer perspective, join us at the West College and Third Church of Christ for an in-depth study into this exciting book, led by our minister, Steve McLean. The study begins on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, and continues on Wednesdays until its completion.

On the first night of the study we are also hosting a free meal for all study attendees. The meal will be served from 6:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. The worship service and study will begin at 7:30p.m. and will end by 8:30 p.m. All activities will be at our building.

Please be our guest. All ages are welcome. No offerings will be taken at any of these meetings. The introductory lesson is vitally important, so be here for the first study. Don't miss this opportunity to finally understand Revelation!

> West College and Third Church of Christ Lockney, Texas

For more information, call the church office at 652-2668.

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 Evening7:00 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.

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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.

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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. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. EveningService 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 Lund,

Minister 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

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

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