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FIGHT AFTERMATH--This Ford extended cab pickup was heavily damaged during a fight between a large group of young men in Floydada, February 21st, at approximately 5:00 p.m. According to Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch, the fight began between two men but escalated to include friends on both sides. "There were 14-18 young men between the ages of 16 and 23 years fighting in the alley in the 300 block of Virginia and Mississippi. A pickup was beat with bricks and boards during the altercation," said Gooch. The owner of the pickup was hit above the eye with a brick and required 26 stitches. Gooch stated suspects fled before police arrived and no arrests were made. "The investigation is continuing," said Gooch. **Staff Photo**

Tires attacked by Pit Bull

People escape injury

The City of Lockney dog catcher, Eddie Jimenez, and an Atmos meter reader are happy that a vicious pit bull was only able to tear up their car tires instead of them.

According to Jimenez he was called to the alley behind the 500 block of S.E. 1st, at approximately 2:30 p.m., February 15, about a loose Pit Bull who had chased a Main Street Church of Christ day care worker back into the church.

Jimenez stated he arrived at the scene and the Pit Bull attacked his tires. "I got out of the truck to try and catch him and he came after me," said Jimenez. "I jumped back in the truck and

rolled up my window. The dog then 'took out' (punctured the tires with his teeth) two of my tires.

"I couldn't go anywhere and I called City Hall to send the police. The police arrived about the same time the owner came out.

"I found out a little bit later that he had also attacked the Atmos Energy meter reader's car. The man told me he was sitting in his car with the door open and the dog tried to jump in with him. The man shut the door and drove off while the dog was attacking the tires. He only got a little ways down the road before two tires went flat."

According to Lockney City Manager Ron Hall, "the Pit Bull

also tore off the plastic bug screen under the bumper. We were able to fix one punctured tire, but the other one was punctured and flattened."

"The owner was cooperative," said Lockney Police Chief Jerry Edwards. "He told us he had been having trouble with this dog and he asked us if we could 'put him down' --so we did. He raises Pit Bulls and he had two others in his back yard, but he said they haven't given him any trouble. The owner was also issued a citation."

According to Edwards the owner did not know how the dog got out of his pen, and also out of his fenced in yard.

County Commissioners vote to send prisoners to Hale County Jail

By Alice Gilroy
Floyd County Commissioners voted unanimously Friday, February 18, to try using Hale County Jail to house Floyd

County prisoners. The trial basis will last 60 days, and if the process is met with approval by the Commissioners Court then the Court will

reconsider sending prisoners to Hale County on a more permanent basis.

"I don't want to burn our bridges with Dickens County," said Commissioner Jon Jones.

"We don't have to pull our prisoners out of Dickens," said Commissioner Lennie Gilroy. "We can keep the ones we already have in Dickens County in their jail. If Hale County doesn't work then we can keep going to Dickens, but I think we need to

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Cotham gets vote for Superintendent

During their regular LISD meeting, February 17, trustees voted unanimously to hire Lockney Elementary School Principal Phil Cotham as the new Superintendent.

Cotham emerged as the lone finalist from a field of 9 applicants.

After the decision, Superintendent Raymond Lusk called Cotham at home and asked him to come to the meeting for "an interview".

When Cotham sat down he was informed that he was the lone finalist and asked if he would take the position. Cotham expressed surprise and thanked the board for their vote of confidence.

Board President John Quebe told Cotham that his application was excellent.

For the next 21 days, as required by law, the terms of the contract will be determined. The contract will be presented to the board at the next meeting, March 10.

The board also voted unani-

mously to extend the contracts of all building principals and Coach Robertson, by one year.

In other business the trustees ordered a school board election for May 7th. The positions held by John Quebe (At-Large), and Mike Ford (Pct. 5), will be up for election.

Trustees spent considerable time discussing a project for "top dressing" the football field.

The total cost of the project would be \$4,481, which includes:

\$350 for "shooting grades with laser to identify low area"; aerate, \$525; top dress with sand, approximately \$1,400; spot fill, \$100; 120 yards of sand delivered, \$2,106.

The board approved the top dressing unanimously.

The board also discussed and approved the cost of installing an ITV lab (interactive TV lab) for the 2005-2006 school year.

"We are one of 2 schools in Region 17 that does not have ITV," said Lusk. "But, of course, that is not a reason to do it.

"In the discussions I have had

with other school who use ITV I've found that some schools use it a lot and some don't. It depends on how much emphasis our district places on the program.

"Our counselor will also have to push the program."

The interactive lab would be used to bring college courses, labs, and possibly continuing education courses to Lockney.

The class would be set up in the Home Economic building so the whole school would not have to be opened at night.

The initial cost for LISD to join the ITV consortium, the yearly fee, and to install the equipment, will be \$4,747. After this the yearly fee for the district will be \$2,000.

"This fee is not locked in," said Lusk. "It will depend on how many districts are in the consortium. If districts dropped out the fee could go up."

Lusk then presented the board with two major projects for discussion and future consideration: alternative education facility and teacher, and a curriculum direc-

tor. "We pulled out of CCLC because of costs and the lack of control over the criteria for admitting someone to CCLC," said Lusk.

"But we have enough kids that there is a need for something like this. The alternative education is for those kids that may not do well in the classroom or need extra help making their graduation requirements. We would have to hire a certified teacher for this.

"We are also required by law to have 'disciplinary placement' off campus (DAEP). We have to have a certified teacher for this too. We are going to have to form something of our own or Co-op with others.

"It may be possible to hire one certified teacher to oversee the Alternative program and the DAEP program at the same time," said Lusk.

Trustees also discussed the position of a Curriculum Director. All building principals recommended the school having a Curriculum Director. High School Principal Tom Thompson had worked with a Curriculum Director in Tulia and said the Director was a big help to the teachers and the principals.

Coronado documentary will be featured at Chamber Banquet

The Annual Floydada Chamber Banquet will be held Monday, March 7, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy.

Chamber Manager Iantha Smith told the Hesperian-Beacon, "The Museum has just completed a film documentary of the Coronado dig, entitled,

'Coronado in Blanco Canyon' and we will be the first to view it the night of the Chamber Banquet."

Dr. Michael Mathes, Professor Emeritus, University of San Francisco and Specialist in Spanish Exploration, will be the featured speaker.

Dr. Mathes resides north of Lockney and has had extensive involvement with the excavation.

Awards will be presented to Employer of the Year, Extra Mile Award, Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. Applications for nominations for these awards are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at City Hall, or call 983-3434.

Nielson's Catering will be serving a ribeye steak dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Banquet tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the Chamber office, First National Bank of Floydada, or at the Hesperian-Beacon office.

A grand prize drawing for two Southwest Airlines tickets will be held at the end of the evening. You must be present to win.

Lockney Police give racial profile report to City Council

By Judy Macha
In his report to the City Council at its February 17, 2005 regular meeting, Police Chief Jerry Edwards fielded several questions regarding taking prisoners to Hale County. "We are entering a trial period," stated Chief Edwards. "It is a good move for the Lockney Police Department. For the same money, we will spend less time processing a prisoner." Edwards also enumerated several other advantages.

Justice of the Peace Michelle Araujo added, "I have talked with Hale County Judges and J.P.'s and offered to help magistrate if they ever get bogged down, as a result of the added load."

Chief Edwards delivered his annual Racial Profiling Report which is mandated by both federal and state law. The report covered February 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005:

#Contacts 1045: Blacks 61; Hispanics 557; Whites 419; Asians 1; Other 7; Male 669; Female

376
#Searches 37: Blacks 9; Hispanics 18; Whites 10; Asians 0; Other 0; Male 33; Female 4
#With Contraband 9: Blacks 4; Hispanics 3; Whites 2; Asians 0; Other 0; Male 8; Female 1
#Citations 152: Blacks 7; Hispanics 104; Whites 40; Asians 0; Other 1; Male 104; Female 48
#Warnings 801: Blacks 47; Hispanics 387; Whites 362; Asians 1; Other 4; Male 501; Female 300
#Arrests 36: Blacks 5; Hispanics 27; Whites 3; Asians 0; Other 1; Male 31; Female 5
#Complaints filed on officers: Informal 1 and Formal 0.

"Are racial contacts proportionate to percentage of population? You can see we met that criteria real well," said Chief Edwards. "The informal complaint was on me, and it was over a dog call."

City Administrator Ron Hall informed the Council the City had spent over a thousand dollars to

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County Clerk deposed in election dispute

The dispute over the election outcome in the Precinct 1 Commissioner race continues in the civil suit brought by Commissioner Candidate Mike Anderson against Commissioner incumbent Ray Nell Bearden.

Anderson's attorney, Bonner Smith, of Lubbock, deposed County Clerk Marilyn Holcomb on Wednesday, February 16, in the discovery phase of the civil suit.

Initial results of the November 2 election showed write-in candidate Anderson winning by 20 votes against incumbent Bearden.

Bearden called for a recount after learning that 33 straight party ballots had not been counted.

During the recount 41 uncounted ballots were discovered, and the recount gave Bearden one extra vote to win.

The recount vote has been called into question by Anderson. Anderson's suit alleges that one ballot was illegally counted because it had arrived at the clerk's office after the deadline. Anderson is also disputing the failure to count another ballot in which the voter wrote his name on the wrong line. Anderson contends the intent of the voter to vote for Anderson was clear.

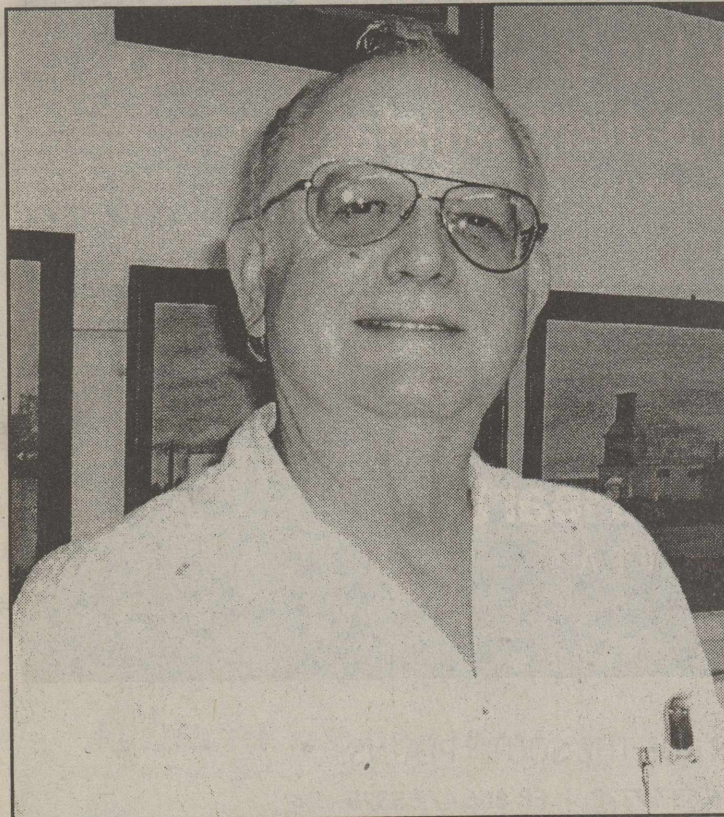
Judge John Forbis, of Childress, has been assigned to preside over the case and the depositions will be presented to him for consideration. Forbis will then set a hearing to hear arguments and decide the outcome of the election.

Hospital receives clean opinion audit

By Judy Macha
According to Hospital Administrator Sharon Hunt, Mangold Memorial Hospital received a "clean opinion" report from Paul Gafford, CPA of Durbin and Company on their 2004 audit.

The following are a few of the highlights from the audit: Net

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DR. MICHAEL MATHES

By The Way

By Alice Gilroy



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My husband doesn't like me using "Canned Copy". In other words, if it isn't an original from me he doesn't think I should put it in my column. But since he doesn't write a column and has no idea how hard it is to make the time to get this done, then I just ignore him. Actually, I ignore him about a lot of stuff.

He also doesn't check the email so he won't get this "chain letter" at all—but those of you that do have email will understand it completely and I hope you will think it is as funny as I did.

Thanks...

I want to thank all of you who have taken the time and trouble to send me your chain letters over the past two years. Thank you for making me feel safe, secure, blessed, and wealthy.

Because of your concern... I no longer can drink Coca Cola because it can remove toilet stains.

I no longer drink Pepsi or Dr. Pepper since the people who make these products are atheists who refuse to put "Under God" on their cans.

I no longer use Saran wrap in the microwave because it causes cancer.

I no longer check the coin return on pay phones because I could be pricked with a needle infected with AIDS.

I no longer use cancer-causing deodorants even though I smell like a water buffalo on a hot day.

I no longer go to shopping malls because someone will drug me with a perfume sample and rob me.

I no longer receive packages

from UPS or FedEx since they are actually Al Qaeda in disguise.

I no longer shop at Target since they are French and don't support our troops.

I no longer answer the phone because someone will ask me to dial a stupid number for which I will get the phone bill from hell with calls to Jamaica, Uganda, Singapore, and Uzbekistan.

I no longer eat prepackaged foods because the estrogens they contain will turn me gay.

I no longer eat KFC because their chickens are actually horrible mutant freaks with no eyes or feathers.

I no longer go to bars because someone will drug me and take my kidneys and leave me taking a nap in a bathtub full of ice.

Thanks to you, I have learned that God only answers my prayers if I forward an email to 7 of my friends and make a wish within 5 minutes.

I no longer have any savings because I gave it to a sick girl who has been dying for the past seven years.

I no longer have any money at all, but that will change once I receive the \$15,000 that Microsoft and AOL are sending me for participating in their special e-mail program.

I will now return the favor. If you don't send this e-mail to at least 1200 people in the next 60 seconds, a large bird with diarrhea will fly over your head at 5:00 p.m. and the fleas of a thousand camels will infest your armpits. I know this will occur because it actually happened to a friend of a friend of a friend's neighbor's cousin, and he's a lawyer.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

After keeping up with the Beacon and Floyd County News over the past year, the debates over the new dairy that could be built in Lockney has caught my eye. I believe both sides of the debate have extremely good arguments and if I lived across the road, I would have concerns as well, yet these concerns may be extenuated.

As many of you know, Stephenville is at the center of dairy production in the state of Texas. Actually we are known as the largest "Milk Producing County in the state", annually we exceed 140 million dollars in milk sales. The city is surrounded by 35, yes 35 dairies located within 10 miles (10 which are within 3 miles of the

city).

After a year and a half of residing in Stephenville, I have not once smelled a dairy cow, or have seen any negative effects that might come along with the business. Also, most of these dairies are not "self contained" like those of Floyd County. Dairies are the reason Stephenville is as populated as it is and they offer hundreds of jobs and income to the city. I am not taking sides, simply because I think both debates have extremely good issues. I just wanted everyone to know what it is like when you are living, surrounded by the dairy business.

Sincerely,
Brady Rasco
Tarleton State University

Courtroom Activities

In District Court, February 16, 2005, probation was revoked on Rodolfo Mendoza, 49, of Floydada. He had been placed on probation for DWI which occurred on May 8, 1999. The probation was revoked and Mendoza was sent to TDC for 6 years and fined \$2,000.

In County Court, February 16, 2005:

John Arredondo, 28, of Floydada, was charged with DWI;

Orlando Lira, 25, of Floydada, was charged with DWI-2nd;

Damian Luna, 29, of Lockney, was charged with Possession of Marijuana Less Than 2 ozs.

Jaime Suarez Leanas, 39, of Plainview, was charged with DWI;

Cedric Parker, 28, of Tulia, was charged with Possession of Marijuana under 2 ozs.;

Mario Alberto Ramirez, 18, of Lyford, Texas, was charged with DWI;

Jesus Perez Salazar, 45, of Muncy, was charged with DWI;

Terry L. Schank, 50, of Plainview, was charged with Possession of Marijuana Less Than 2 ozs; and

Cruz Tamayo, 37, of Floydada, was charged with DWI.

Cameras watching for illegal dumping

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properly dispose of 800 tires that had been illegally dumped at the City's Collection Center. "Our security cameras should now prevent such dumping at or near the site," said Hall. The completed Collection Center will be open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Brenda Johnson presented the October - December 2004 quarterly LEDC report to the Council. According to the report, the second class of Leadership Lockney continued with its monthly sessions. Eighteen participants (14 adults and 4 students) remain in the program and will have the opportunity to graduate in May of 2005.

Elections were held for new officers. Bill Anderson will be serving as president, Preston Belt as vice-president and Brenda Johnson will remain as treasurer.

The LEDC continued work on the community marketing plan. Three separate billboards on the eastern edge of Plainview were displayed during the quarter and continued through the end of January 2005. "According to Raymond Lusk, there have been eleven calls as a direct result of the billboards," Johnson said.

According to Johnson the LEDC is continuing its efforts to attract business to Floyd County. Discussions pertaining to the Downtown Beautification project continue and budget proposals from that committee are anticipated to be available for review in the near future.

The LEDC report showed an income for the quarter of \$6,312.31, and an expenditure of \$2,199.31 for a net income of \$4,113.00.

In a related matter, the Council voted unanimously to place Kelly Prayor on the LEDC board on a motion by Ginger Mathis and second by Michael DeLeon.

Councilwoman Tina Graves expressed the Council's gratitude to the 2005 Leadership Lockney Class for taking books of City Ordinances and placing the ordinances on computer disk, making them immeasurably more accessible and easy to work with. "In particular, we would like to

thank Emily Mercado and her keyboarding class for taking this burden on themselves," Graves said.

The Council heard a request by Guadalupe Enriquez concerning condemned property she owned, but had since sold to Joe Castro, for an extension of time to allow him to bring the building on it up to code as storage. Much discussion ensued as previous extensions granted on this property had gone unheeded, resulting in it being condemned. Considering the new owner, one last 30 day extension to have the roof replaced was unanimously granted on a motion by Tina Graves and second by Ginger Mathis.

New MMWA board member Ed Marks gave the Council a report. According to Marks, the lake level has risen to over 82 feet at the dam and is still rising. The continued rise is credited to springs that have reopened as well as the previous rains received. Marks fielded questions as further discussion continued.

Jim and Denise Doucette presented a request to the Council on behalf of the Lockney Youth Center for the City to take over the administration accounting responsibility. The Council recognized the positive effect the Center has had on the community youth and commended the Doucettes on their vision for and support of the Center. However, after much discussion, the request was denied because of the question of legality in mixing government and private entity administration. The Council's recommendation was that the accounting stay within the Youth Center Board.

Another agenda item was tabled pending further investigation.

Jesse Garza addressed the Council, requesting the road leading up to his house be caliche so that the Caprock Bus and/or an ambulance could pass over it in adverse weather should it be needed as both he and his wife are in ill health and require transportation on a frequent basis; for example, three times a

week to dialysis. The Council assured Mr. Garza the road would be built up with the materials available and maintained. "However," Mayor Stapp said. "The City is budgeted out for caliche

this year." Discussion followed concerning optional material and its availability.

Other routine agenda items were passed and the meeting adjourned.

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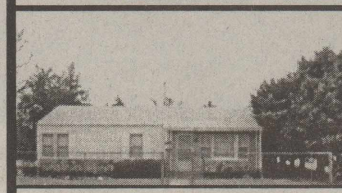


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Historic "Rawlings" Hotel, Antiques, Vehicles, Collectibles
131 E Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas

Floydada Rehab & Care Center

By Joyce Williams

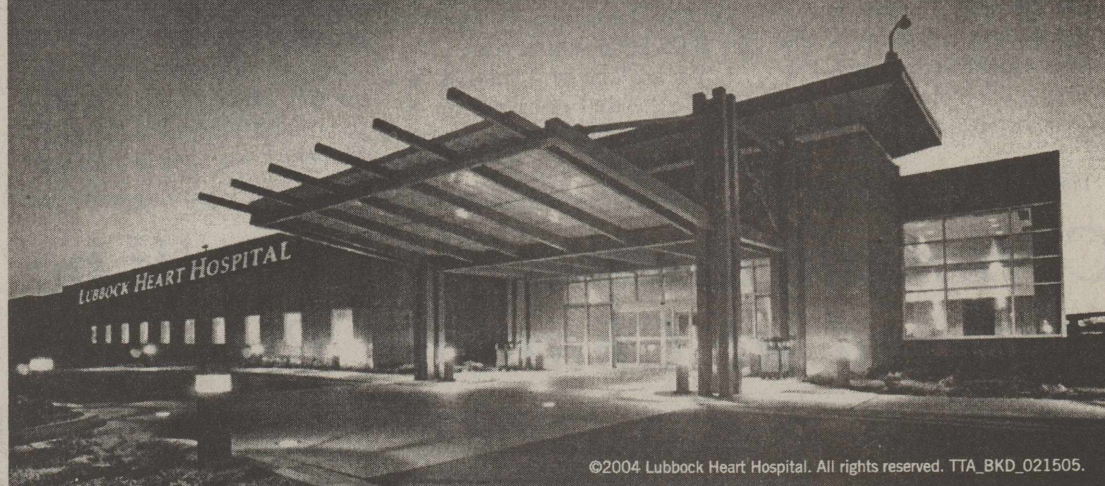
Floydada Rehab and Care Center birthday honorees for February included: Ruby Higginbotham on February 12th, and Pauline Foust, February 16th. The residents, honorees, and visitors gathered in the dining room at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the occasion. February 17 after the honorees had each been presented with a beautiful seasonal corsage from Cathy's Florist, the Hesperian-Beacon photographer arrived to take the birthday picture. Refreshments were served including a red velvet cake and fruit punch. Visitors who came to the birthday party were: Mr. and Mrs. Alton Higginbotham and a number of other relatives were present to share the day.

The City Park Church of Christ hosts the monthly birthday party on the third Thursday of each month, honoring all residents who have a birthday during the month. Friends and relatives are invited to attend and celebrate with their loved ones. New residents at the Center include: Thelma Fawver, Lloyd Nelsen and Gracie Perez.



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for 20 wonderful
years.
Love Chuck

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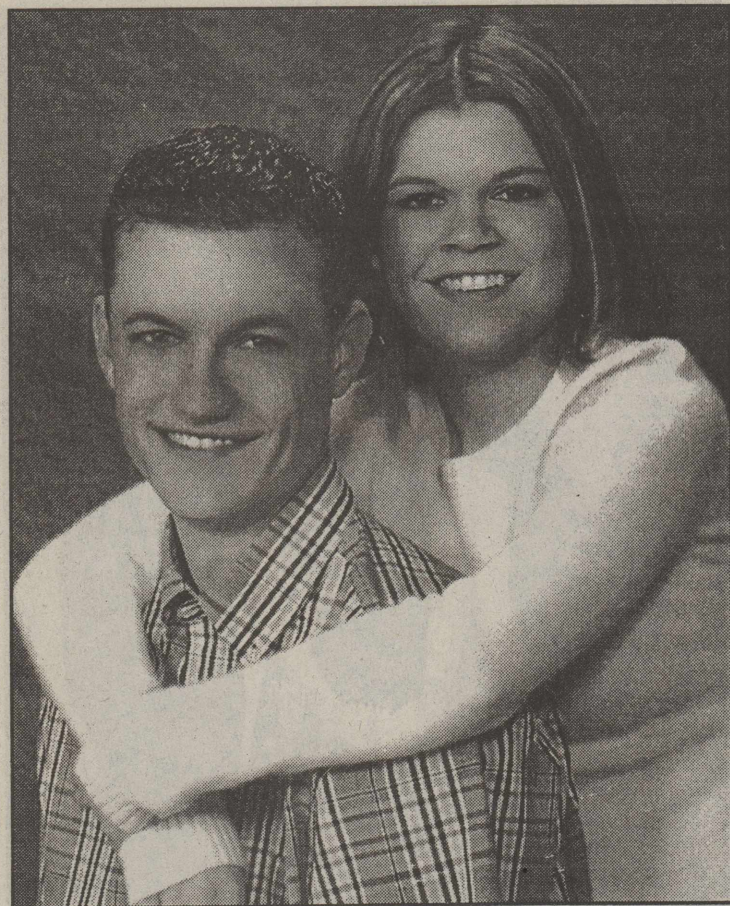
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BRANDON HUTCHISON AND JENNIFER JOHNSON

Johnson and Hutchison

Steve and Tracy Johnson of Canyon are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Ann Johnson to Brandon Mark Hutchison the son of Mark and Julie Hutchison of West Lafayette, Indiana.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jimmie and Lawauna Wesley of Canyon and James and Ray Johnson of Fort Worth. She is the great-granddaughter of Elwauna Taylor, formerly of Lockney, now of Canyon and the late George M. Taylor. She is a 2003 graduate of Canyon High School and attends West Texas A&M University and is a Delta Nu Delta pledge.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Canyon High School and attends West Texas A&M University. He is affiliated with Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He is currently in the management training program at Archer, Daniels, Midland Grain Company.

The couple plan a March 13, 2005 wedding at Country Home Weddings in Canyon.

Floyd County Lifestyles

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Guest eating at the Center last week was former Lockney resident Barbara Withrow Kimbrough and husband Marion from Nacogdoches.

Eleanor Schacht is at home now under the care of hospice. Numerous friends and relatives visited over the weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Eleanor and the Schacht family. Lynn Sissney is here visiting her Dad Ray Sissney and wife Virginia.

Virginia is recuperating at home from recent surgery.

Dewanda Blenden is at home after a stay in the Plainview hospital with pneumonia.

Lots of colds and flu have been going around the Center. What can we expect due to the weather. Hot one day and cold the next.

Rusty Baccus fell at his home last week and broke his leg real bad right above his knee replacement. He is in the Lubbock Covenant Hospital.

Please keep Rusty and Jody in your prayers while the Drs. decide what procedure would be best for Rusty at this time. Former Lockney nursing

home residents Bennie Cox and Clyde Baxter are now residents of the Prairie House in Plainview.

Saturday Donnie and I attended the funeral services for Jean Bybee Hays at the Garland Street Church of Christ in Plainview. Jean was a 1948 Floydada Graduate. Jean's Dad, Walter Bybee and Donnie's Dad Delbert were brothers. Jean also was a sister to Juanita Teaff (Mrs. Bennie) formerly of Muncy and Floydada.

Monday Mary Louise McCarter, Joyce Wilson and I, Geraldine Johnson of Plainview and Martha Nell Jennings of Tulia all went together to Amarillo to attend the Funeral service for former Lockney resident Tom Simpson. Tom and Charles (Tom's twin brother) and I started to school together in 1936 and were classmates all of our school days.

Menu for Feb 28-Mar 4
Monday: Meat Loaf
Tuesday: Liver and Onions
Wed: Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday: Brisket
Friday: Navajo Tacos

Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives.



LANCE MCHAM AND CHARLA YEARY

Yeary and McHam

Max and Vikki Yeary of Floydada are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Charla Dawn Yeary to Lance Earl McHam, son of Dennis and Patty McHam of Floydada.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Floydada High School and is currently attending South Plains College to obtain her ASPT Certification in Phlebotomy.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1999 graduate of Floydada High School and a 2004 graduate of West Texas A&M University where he earned his BBA in General Business. He is currently employed by Caprock Motor Parts & Hardware.

The couple plan a May 21, 2005 wedding in Floydada.

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

Congratulations to Bessie Glover who turned 103 years old January 29th.

William and Faye Bertrand recently spent a month at Port Isabel. On their way home at Banderita they met a young retired couple from Alicante, Spain. They had bought a truck and a trailer and are traveling the U.S.A.

In their visiting, the Bertrands invited them to come by Floydada. They came in last Sunday and parked at Wayne Russell's R.V. Parking and ate lunch with the Bertrands and their family. After lunch and visiting, the Bertrands took them to explore their ranch. The couple from Spain had not seen a real ranch. The Bertrands showed them other interesting things about our town. The couple left Monday morning heading for Albuquerque, New Mexico. Faye said they were a very interesting couple and very excited in visiting the U.S.A.

Genelle Breed had her grandchildren visiting this past weekend. They were Ryan Breed of San Antonio and Linda Breed of New York, New York.

Happy Birthday to those who have a March birthday: March 3 - James Lovell; March 4 - Molly Stringer; March 6 - Wanda Hickerson; March 7 - Keith Patzer; March 13 - Queen Annie Lawson; March 17 - Ruth Aleman; March 20 - Dub Ferguson; March 24 - Mildred Smitherman; March 28 - Louis Pyle; March 29 - Evelyn Williams.

Our sympathy to Sue Daniels on the loss of a brother.

Our sympathy to the family of Lloyd McCray.

Thank you for remembering

the center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of **Vernola Hanna**: Joyce Williams, Edwin and Barbara Nutt, Ken and Ann Free, Ray and Marilyn Holcomb, Danny and Laura Nutt, Ruby Hartsell, Clorene Hollaway, Sam and Betty Baker, Sammy and Sandra Bradley, Randy and Denise Pernel, Jon and Elaine LaBaume, Jackie Gregory, John and Judy Dunlap.

In memory of **Polly Cardinal**: Dale and Carolyn Smith, James and Sue Lovell.

In memory of **Thomas Warren**: Delmas and Pauline McCormick, Jackie Gregory, Jerry and Winola Galloway, Dale and Carolyn Smith, James and Sue Lovell, Sue Daniels, John and Judy Dunlap.

In memory of **Lloyd P. McCray**: Adrian Helms and family.

Thought for the Week:

Truth is all around you, what matters is where you put your focus.

Roger Von Oech

Menu

February 28-March 4

Monday-Salisbury steak, green peas, cauliflower, cheese sauce, wheat rolls, pears, gingersnaps
Tuesday- Meatloaf, new potatoes w/sauce, broccoli, celery sticks, wheat roll, spice cake
Wednesday-Salmon patties, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, tomato salad/Italian, cornbread, chocolate pudding
Thursday-Roasted chicken, scallop potatoes, spinach, tossed salad/Ranch, roll, frosted cake
Friday-Liver and onions, chicken strips, potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, roll, cookies

South Plains Hobby Club News

By Sandra Lass

Following lunch at the Triple T Restaurant in Floydada, the South Plains Hobby Club met at the office of Melissa Long, Floyd County Extension Agent on Wednesday, February 9, 2005.

The purpose of the meeting was to learn about the care of fresh fruits and vegetables. Members present included Kay Gilbert, Ann Hartman, Betty Deavenport, Carolyn Marble, Mildred Smitherman, Virginia Taylor, Sandra Lass and Dorthy Cummings. Melissa Long said that her office provides instruction and certification following successful completion of the course to all food handlers, including grocery store managers, restaurant owners and their staff, even motel managers who typically handle no unpackaged food but do have coke, ice and/or coffee machines. The program is under the jurisdiction of the Tri-State Fruit and Vegetable Safety Consortium.

The program Melissa provided to the Hobby Club focused on the care and handling of food from the placement of items into the shopping cart at the grocery

store through food preparation and storage at home. For example, Melissa said that not only should fruits and vegetables be placed into the plastic bags provided by the store at the fruit and vegetable section but should be placed into the shopping cart away from soap, cleansers or other household chemicals. She said that the same care and handling should also be given to fresh meat, fish and poultry to avoid contamination of fresh fruit and vegetables from blood and other fluids that occasionally leak from fresh meat packages. Melissa recommended that we not put fruits and vegetables into the seat that most shopping carts have for infants and small children. She also said that we should make sure that fresh fruits and vegetables are bagged separately from meat, fish and poultry at the grocery check-out.

Before storing fruit and vegetables at home, Melissa recommended washing hands with hot soapy water for 20 seconds and drying them with a paper towel rather than a cloth towel and that we should wash our hands after handling raw meat. Melissa said

that all fruits and vegetables should be washed with water only (no soap or bleach) even if the rind or skin is not to be eaten. She said that many people are not aware that when cutting or paring with a knife, bacteria from unwashed fruits or vegetables can be transferred to the parts of the fruit or vegetables to be eaten. When hand washing kitchen utensils such as knives, cutting boards, plates, bowls, counter tops and sinks, always sanitize by adding chlorine bleach to the hot soapy water. (Sanitizer recipe: mix 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach to each quart of hot soapy water.)

In addition to refrigerator safety tips, which includes determining that the temperature inside stays at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and storing vegetables and fruits in the crisper and raw meats on the bottom shelf on a tray or pan, Melissa said that items should be checked frequently for signs of spoilage such as mold and slime. Spoiled items should be thrown out immediately so as not to contaminate other food.

When serving food, Melissa

told us to refrigerate all food within 2 hours of peeling or cutting because after a two hour period unrefrigerated food can acquire bacteria that will multiply at a very rapid rate. Melissa said that due to improper care and preservation of food about one in every four people will get sick and that 1 in every 1,000 will require hospitalization per year due to food poisoning. She said that the most frequently affected groups include young children, the elderly, pregnant women and those whose systems have been weakened by other illnesses. She concluded her presentation by saying that bacteria grows more rapidly in foods that are low in acid, high in protein and/or due to high moisture and heat. She said that potatoes bacteria growth.

President Betty Deavenport and Hobby club members thanked Melissa for her very informative and helpful presentation. The next Hobby Club meeting will be held at the home of Juanita Teeples on Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Helen Teeples, Health Care Professional, will give a presentation on "Tips for Mature Women."

1934 Study Club News

By Wilma Gowens

The 1934 Study Club met Tuesday, February 15, 2005 in the Parlor of First Baptist Church.

Hostesses were Willie Mae Ferguson, Frieda Simpson and Margarette Word. Each member invited a guest for the February meeting. President, Emogene Haenisch called the meeting to order and extended a warm welcome to members and guests.

We answered Roll Call with

the names of our guests. Members attending were: Diana Glover; Ila White; Emogene Haenisch and guests, husband, Charles and Sally Galloway; Betsy Dempsey and guests, daughter Jan and Mac Willson, Dixie Harris and Mary Quattlebaum; Willie Mae Ferguson and guest, Elaine LaBaume; Effie Foster and guest, daughter Linda Cumpston from Hereford; Wilma Gowens and guest, husband Donnell; Queen

Annie Lawson and guest, Dorothy Reeves; Nell McClung and guests, Geraldine Calloway and Estelle Carthel; Flora McNeill and guests, Bob and Pat Renfro from Lubbock; Frieda Simpson and guests, Vel Simpson from Hereford and Karen Houchin; Wanda Turner and guests, husband J.R. and Dolores Cannon; Margarette Word and guests, Jane McCulley and Genelle Breed.

Flora McNeill introduced our Speaker for the evening, Martha Farris. Martha touched our hearts with a stirring presentation of her book, "My Beloved Son" depicting Mary and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The 1934 Study Club extends our prayers and sympathy to Marie Warren and her family in the loss of their husband and father, Thomas Warren, our dear friend.

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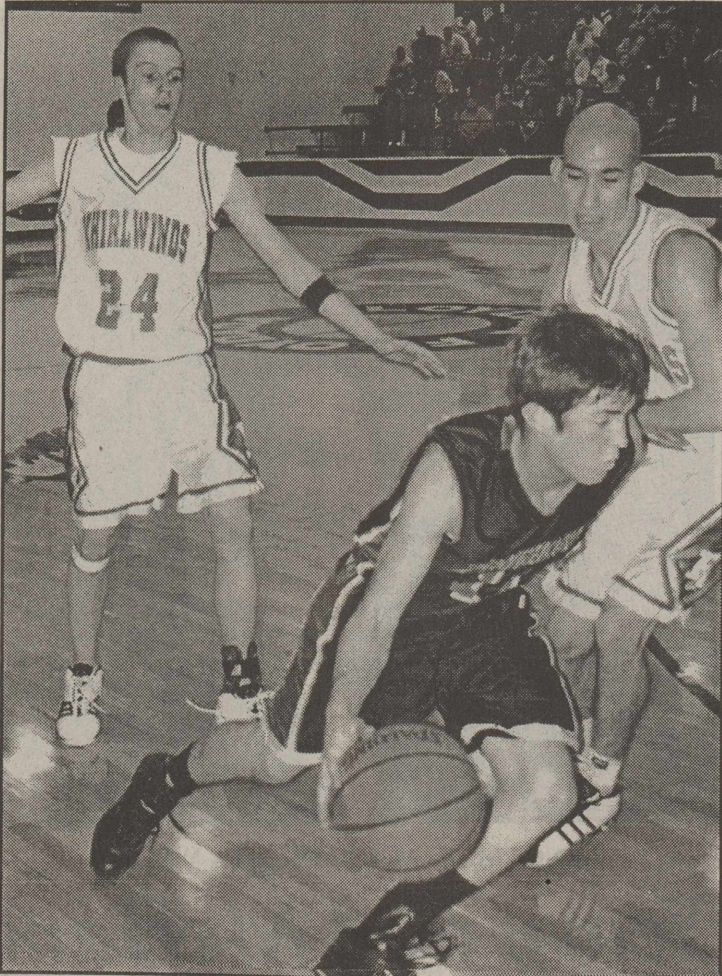
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A LONGHORN COMING THROUGH-A Lockney Longhorn is shown coming through the Whirlwind defense last week in their close game. Floydada won the hard fought game 49-43.

Photo by Jim Covington

Lockney Menu

February 28-March 4 Monday
Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak patty or corn dog, potatoes, green beans, pineapple, rolls, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast-Breakfast burrito or toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Lasagne or grilled cheese, tossed salad, fruited gelatin, Italian bread, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken nuggets or corn dog, mashed potatoes, green beans, pears, hot rolls, milk

Thursday
Breakfast-Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Frito pie or PBJ sandwich, corn, applesauce, milk

Friday
Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or chicken salad sandwich, baked fries, lettuce and tomato, peaches, milk



SASHA WOOD was named to the Silverton Lady Owl First Team All District. Earlier in the season, Sasha was on the "Athlete of the Week Honor Roll" in the Amarillo Globe News. Sasha scored 23 points against Amherst. She is the granddaughter of Lanny and Connie Barnett, of Silverton and the great-granddaughter of Embre and Lou Douglas of Lockney. Courtesy Photo

Longhorns fall to Floydada

By Coach Bubba Edwards

The old cliché, "It's hard to beat a team three times", came true last Tuesday night as the Floydada Whirlwind defeated the Lockney Longhorns 49-43.

With the game tied at 40-40 with less than a minute to play, Floydada scored five unanswered points to put the pressure on Lockney. Dahlen McCarter's three-point bucket cut the lead to two points, but Luke Miller's clutch free throws down the stretch secured the victory.

"It was typical Lockney and Floydada battle," Coach Edwards exclaimed. "They played a great defensive game which kept our offense quite most of the night."

Lockney shot 30 percent from the field and only shot six free throws on the night. On the other hand, Floydada shot 42 percent from the field and made 70 percent of their free throws.

The loss for the Longhorns put them in the third seed going into the Texas State playoffs. Floydada earned a second seed spot in the playoffs.

Mark Ford lead the Longhorns in scoring with 13 points. McCarter added nine points followed by Rance Schumacher with seven points.

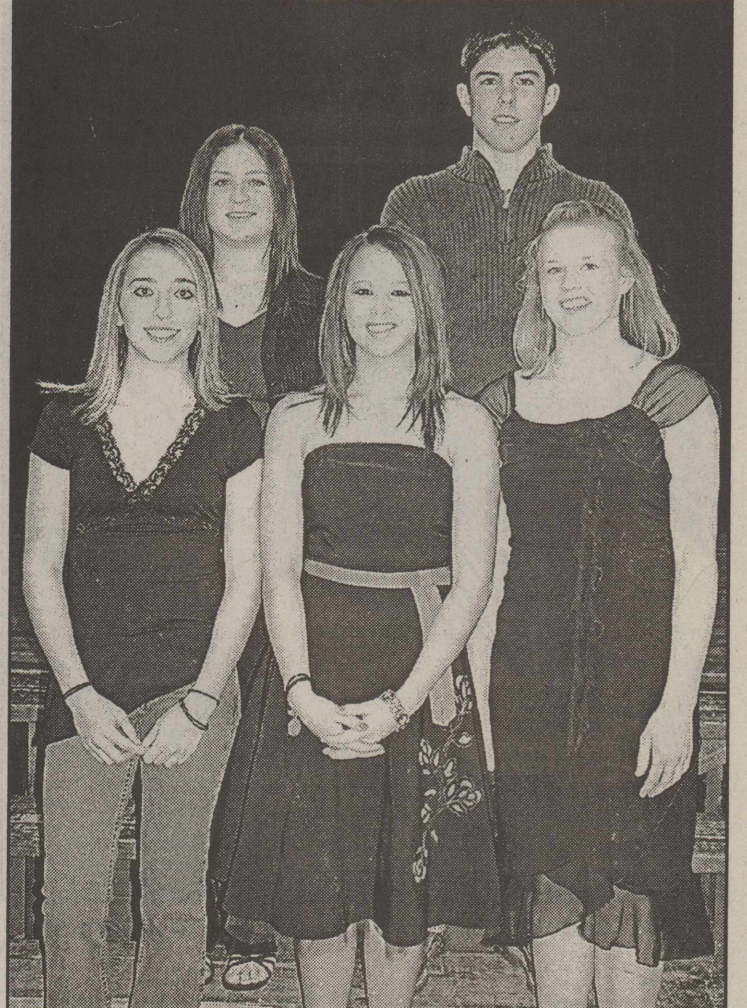
On Friday night, the Longhorns gained some confidence heading into the playoffs with a

win against district 3-3A champion, Seminole. Lockney defeated the Indians 80-77 in double overtime.

Lockney led the majority of the game, but could not put the Indians away. Several missed free throws and some close ranged shots gave Seminole some hope. As a matter of fact the Indians had a two point lead with seconds remaining in regulation. Rance Schumacher knocked down both free throws of a one-and-one situation to send the game in its first overtime. Lockney had a three point lead which was vanished after the Indians nailed a three point shot as time expired sending it into another overtime. Lockney held off Seminole in the final overtime for the victory.

"What a wild and crazy game," Edwards said. "I felt like we had control all night, but we just could not put them away. We played a great game by handling their pressure and using our inside game to our advantage."

Schumacher dominated the paint scoring a career high 39 points and adding 16 boards. Ford finished with 16 points followed by McCarter with 12 points. Cagan Cummings added 10 assists for the 'Horns. As a team Lockney made 31 total baskets which included 21 assists.



SOPHOMORE CLASS WINNERS AT THE MR. AND MISS LHS EVENT WERE: (front, l-r) Most Athletic Audrie Arjona, Most Studious and Most Dependable Kayla Thomas, Most Studious and Class Favorite Krista Rasco; (back, l-r) Most Courteous Edrie Marricle and Class Favorite Tyler Kidd. Not pictured are: Most Athletic Jon Sherman, Most Studious Tyson Carthel, Class Clown Adrian Luna and Emma Morales, Most Dependable Rion Afill, and Most Courteous Tyson Carthel. Staff Photo

THROUGH THE HALLS

Lockney Junior High "A" Honor Roll

The "A" Honor Roll for Lockney Junior High School for the fourth six weeks has been released.

Eighth grade: Heather Brock, Jonathan Coleman, Patrick Doucette, Segayle Foster, Anabell Gonzalez, William Johnson, Daryn McCarter, Hector Mercado, Brendi Morales, Estella Rodriguez, Caleb Schumacher, Amanda Vasquez,

Adrian Cortez, Raul Cruz and Ellison Kyle

Seventh grade: Katie Bice, Alisha Damron, Lezlie Jackson, Walker Kemp, Blanca Molinar, Tessa Saul, Anna Sherman, Lexie Terrell, Ellisa Vasquez, Jathan Williams and Bethany Wilson

Sixth grade: Lydia Annunziato, Devin Caballero, Kami Hunt and Antonia Morales.

Commissioner's Court...

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try this and get our officers back on the streets as fast as possible."

The cost for housing prisoners in Hale County will be the same for Floyd County as it was in Dickens.

Lockney Police Chief Jerry Edwards and Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch are pleased with the changes in prisoner housing.

The departments have agreed to transport the prisoners themselves after the arrests and the Sheriff's office will be asked by Commissioners to transport the prisoners back to the County for court time or doctor's visits.

The commissioner discussed buying a "transport vehicle" and hiring a "transport officer".

"I want to wait to spend that

money and give the Sheriff's Department a chance to do the job (of bringing the prisoners back for court, etc)," said Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden.

The Commissioners agreed to table any decisions on a transport vehicle and officer.

The Commissioners also approved the purchase of a car for the Sheriff's Department. The vehicle is a 2004 Program Crown Victoria, 23,000 miles, fully loaded, for \$15,000.

"A new one costs \$24,000-\$25,000," said Gilroy.

Commissioners also discussed the paying of a bill for the repair of a vehicle used by the Sheriff's Department. The car required a new motor and cost the County \$3,781.97 for the motor and labor.

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LOCKNEY LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of February 21: (back row, 1 to r) Ian Dunbar, Jonathan Sustaita, Mary Elizabeth Sammann, Jennifer Ybarra, Wil Prayor, (middle row, 1 to r) Starla Johnston, Yesinia Garcia, Brittany Jimenez, Nival Gomez, (front row, 1 to r) Tabitha Bigham, Trip Fortenberry and Jaden Rosalez. Staff Photo



JUNIOR GOAT SHOWMAN AT ODESSA-Floyd County 4-H member, Kortney Williams, recently was named Junior Goat Showman at the 2005 Odessa Stock Show held in Odessa, January 6-8, 2005. Courtesy Photo

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A WHIRLWIND JUMPING HIGH FOR TWO-A Floydada Whirlwind is shown going up high for two points against the Lockney Longhorns in last week's game. Floydada defeated the Longhorns by a close score of 49-43. Photo by Jim Covington

COLLEGE NEWS
Bennett earns ASC honor at McMurry

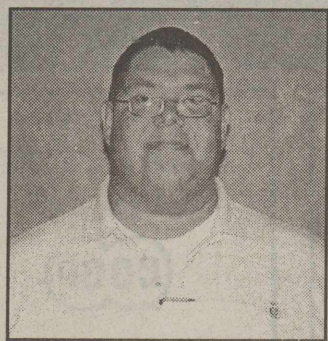
McMurry University freshman tennis player Ross Bennett has been named the top West Division male athlete of the week for matches February 9 through 15, the American Southwest Conference announced yesterday.

Bennett, of Floydada High School, made an immediate impact in his collegiate debut for the Indians, going undefeated in three No. 5 singles of his singles in two sets, going 36-12 in games against Howard Payne, Texas-Dallas and Sul Ross State. He teamed with Adam Cherry for doubles wins against HPU and UTD.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 28 - March 4	
<p>Monday Breakfast-Eggs/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Frito Pie, corn, beans, brownie, milk</p> <p>Tuesday Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, carrots, bread sticks, Jello, milk</p> <p>Wednesday Breakfast-Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, milk Lunch-Stuffed Baked Potatoes</p>	<p>w/Ham & cheese, broccoli w/cheese, fruit, milk</p> <p>Thursday Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch-Enchiladas with meat, beans, salad, cornbread, fruit, milk</p> <p>Friday Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk Lunch- "Whirlwind Sandwich", (Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich) fries, salad, assorted fruit, milk</p>

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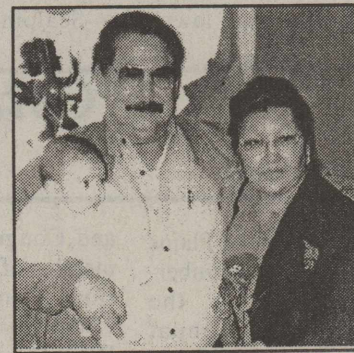
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Immigrants, Not Americans, Must Adapt

(This is an internet story which states the editorial was written by an American Citizen and published in a Tampa Newspaper. It was brought in by Gordon Adams, of Lockney, who wishes to run it as a paid editorial. According to the Urban Legends Reference Pages: Rumors Of War (This is America) the editorial was originally written by Air Force veteran Barry Loudermilk and was originally published in a local Georgia newspaper, "The Bartow Trader". The piece has been around the internet for a long time and has been changed from it's original printing. For the real editorial by Loudermilk, go to the Urban Legends website.)

I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the "politically correct" crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants. However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As American, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language.

"In God We Trust" is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider moving to another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.

If Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, our land, and our lifestyle. Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great American freedom, THE RIGHT TO LEAVE. Paid Editorial

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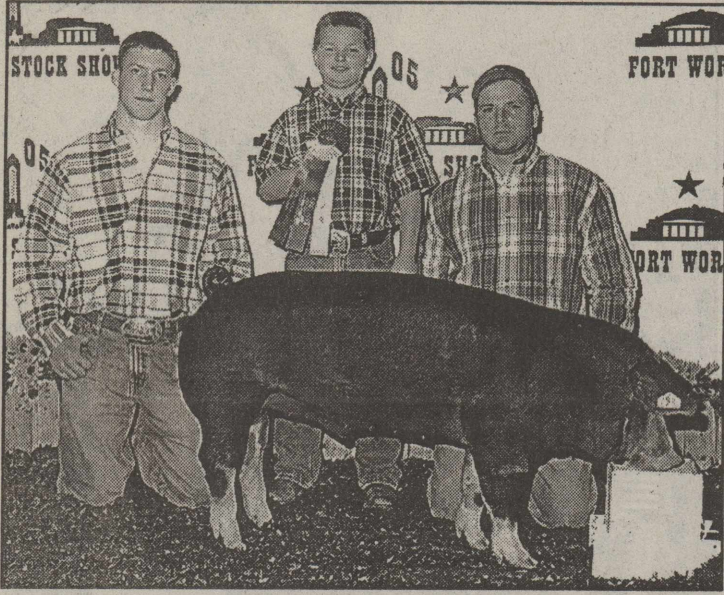
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AUSTIN ADAMS, a FFA member from Hedley, exhibited the Black OPB Breed Champion in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2005 Southwest Exposition and Livestock Show on February 3, 2005. (l-r) Andrew Snyder, Austin Adams, and Lon Adams. Austin is the great-grandson of Mrs. Estelle Carthel of Floydada. Courtesy Photo-Peri Barron

Beef cow and stocker meeting set for 3-1-05

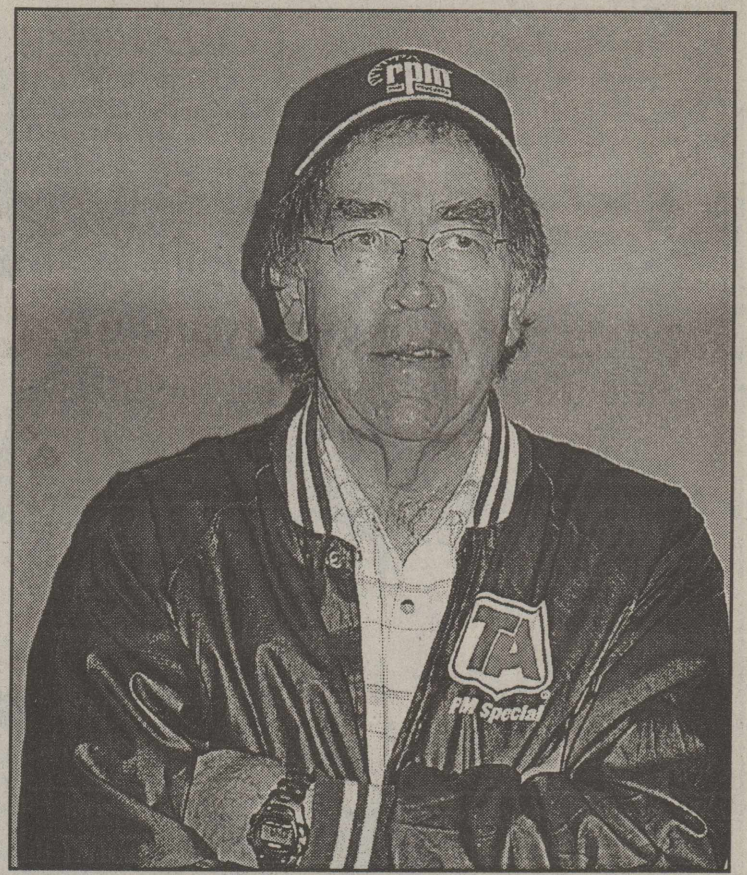
The Floyd County and Crosby County offices of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service are sponsoring a Beef Cow and Stocker Cattle Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center at Muncy.

The meeting will begin at 8:15 with Registration /Coffee/Donuts & Welcome. The cost will be \$8 per participant (payable at the registration door). A total of three (3) CEUs will be provided for all private applicators with 2.5 hours in general and .5 drift minimization.

Program topics and speakers will be as follows: "Introduction to Beef Quality Assurance", J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Extension Agent. "Stocker Cattle/Beef Cow Health & Nutrition", Dr. Ted McCollum, TCE Beef Cattle Specialist. "New Health Products/Varieties for Stocker Cattle & Bee Cows", Hi Pro Animal Health Representative.

"Wheat Management for Grazing & Haying", Steve Davis, IPM Agent Floyd/Crosby Counties. "Managing Rangeland Pastures for Maximizing Grazing", Steve Young, CEA Crosby County Agent. "New National Cattle I.D. Program" updates, Dr. Ted McCollum.

A noon meal will be catered by Nielson's Restaurant. An RSVP is not mandatory, however it would be helpful in meal planning. Please do so through the Floyd County Extension Office by 5 p.m. Friday, February 25 at 983-4912.



LOYD WIDENER, of Lockney, was recently selected as a finalist in the 2004 Company Equipment Driver of the Year Contest, sponsored by the Truckload Carriers Association and Truckers News Magazine. A panel of independent judges will select the top five winners. The winners will be announced during TCA's Convention, March 6-9, at the Bellagio Resort and Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The finalists were chosen on the basis of miles driven without accidents as well as a review of their driving records, moving, and hours of service violations. The contest is open to all members of the trucking industry, and the grand prize winner will receive a brand new fully-loaded International tractor. Widener has traveled 1.25 million miles with no accidents and no citations. He has been driving trucks for 13 years. For the past 4 years he has driven for Celadon. He has been married to his wife, Jan, since 1971. Staff Photo

Scalping your lawn - should you do it?

The following information is provided by the Floyd County Cooperative Extension office as a means to educate homeowners with helpful lawn care and tree management tips.

This article was provided by Roger D. Havlak, Texas Cooperative Extension Turf and Water Management specialist.

There are usually pros and cons to every decision you make in life—even scalping your lawn. Scalping is defined as the removal of an excessive quantity of leaf tissue at any one mowing, resulting in a stubbly brown appearance due to exposed stems, stolons, crowns, dead leaves and even bare soil. While scalping is not normally recommended for the warm season turf grasses during the active growing season or prior to winter dormancy, it can be a beneficial cultural practice in late winter to early spring. Benefits from early season scalping prior to green-up include; earlier spring green-up, control of some winter annual broadleaf weeds, and removal of some debris that could contribute to thatch accumulation. Scalping during the growing season will cause undue stress or potential injury to the turfgrass plants.

A more appropriate time to scalp warm season grass lawns

is just prior to spring green-up. Drop your mower cutting height down to 1/2 - 1 inch and begin mowing. It is an excellent practice to remove old, dead plant material and to expose the soil to sunlight to warm the soil for quicker lawn green-up. Scalping too early may injure the turfgrass by exposing plant parts such as stolons and crowns to frost or extremely low temperatures. If delayed until the grass is actively growing, scalping will result in turf stress and shock the grass plant to the point that it slows growth until it can recover. Take caution to not overdo scalping on lawns with heavy thatch—especially on St. Augustine grass. If the active stolons (runners) are located in the upper portion of the thatch, scalping may cause a tremendous amount of damage to these vital plant parts and result in turf injury and even death.

Scalping creates a good bit of debris so it will be necessary to haul off all the old, dead plant material that is removed during the scalping process. However, do not bag this material and send it to the landfill. Landfills are not appropriate sites for disposing of yard waste. Instead, use the debris in your own compost pile or send it to a city or commercially owned compost site.

Scalping is a great cultural

practice to help produce a strong, healthier stand of turfgrass when done correctly. However, use caution when scalping your lawn so as not to cause any injury or stress to the lawn.

It's also time to sharpen your mower blades! Spring green-up will be here before you know it, so it's time to drag the old lawnmower out of the garage and get it ready for your lawn. One practice that is sometimes ignored but extremely important is sharpening your mower blades.

Dull blades will not only cause your lawn to look unattractive but can also place undue stress on your lawn. Leaf tips become splintered and ragged which leaves a straw colored appearance. These jagged-edged leaf tips are entry points for small insects and disease pathogens which can cause damage to your turf. So, pull the blades off the mower each month or so and give them a good sharpening.

If they are in terrible shape, replace them--you'll be impressed with the results! If this is something that you do not feel comfortable doing yourself, then take your mower blades to a repair shop and have a professional do it for you. Your lawn will show its appreciation by an improved appearance. It will be healthier too!

Mangold gets clean audit

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Profit for 2004 fiscal year - \$241,563; Gross Patient Revenue - up \$1,565,193 from 2003 to 2004; Cash and Investments up \$172,361; Gross Patient Revenue doubled from 2000 to 2004 (\$3.1 million to \$6.2 million).

"In the last two years we've gotten approximately \$126,000 in grants to purchase equipment and supplies," said Hunt. "We are also in the process of purchasing a CT Scanner and are looking at adding onto the building beside the E.R. Our goal is to have this project completed in six months."

Hunt added, "Our hospital remains financially strong. We are continuing to add services to provide the best care that we can."

FARM NEWS



By Shawn Wade

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In six short weeks the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Membership will gather for the organization's 48th Annual Meeting. With the planning process in full swing for the April 7, 2005 meeting, PCG is on track to provide its members an unparalleled speaker lineup.

PCG's Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with the Teas Cotton Ginners' Convention & Trade Show, April 7-8 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The meeting will be held in the Civic Center Banquet Hall with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the program starting at 9:00 a.m. April 7.

PCG officials are working to develop the agenda for the meeting and are well on their way to finalizing an interesting and informative program. PCG is pleased to announce that this year's lineups includes Jim Wiesemeyer of Informa Economics.

Wiesemeyer lives in the Washington, CC area and is considered the "dean" of Washington ag journalists. He is a nationally respected agricultural policy analyst with over 20 years of experience covering agricultural policy in Washington.

Wiesemeyer will deliver a unique view of the Washington ag policy landscape to growers on the Texas High Plains. Those already familiar with Wiesemeyer's columns through subscriptions to AgWeb.com know about his vast knowledge of ag policy issues. His insight into the actions of major agricultural policy players will be both educational and entertaining.

Speaking invitations have also been extended to Texas Senator John Cornyn and San Antonio Congressman Henry Bonilla. Neither legislator has been able to confirm their availability for the meeting, but additional information regarding their participation will be released as it becomes available.

Senator Cornyn is a member of the Senate Budget Committee

and Congressman Bonilla is a member of the House Appropriations Committee. He is also Chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Development Subcommittee.

It is hoped that these gentlemen can provide an insider's take on the FY06 Budget process as Congress works to develop a budget reconciliation plan.

Also confirmed to participate in the PCG Annual Meeting is National Cotton Council of America President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Lange of Memphis, Tennessee. Lange will provide a report on NCC activities, information on the FY06 budget process, an update on the status of the U.S. appeal of the Brazil Cotton case before the World Trade Organization, and an update on the WTO Doha Round agricultural negotiations.

PCG President Rickey Bearden, Executive Vice President Steve Verett and Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn will also provide reports. Bearden and Verett will report on issues PCG has been involved in over the past year and highlight the issues most important to High Plains cotton Producers that will capture the organization's focus during the remainder of 2005 and beyond.

Swinburn will present an update on PCG led research activities conducted through the Plains Cotton Improvement Program with financial oversight provided by PCG.

Detailed information about PCG's 48th Annual Meeting speakers will be provided in this newsletter and through PCG's Email service in the weeks leading up to the PCG Annual Meeting April 7. For information about how to receive up-to-date and pertinent cotton information go to the PCG website (www.plainscotton.org) or call 806-792-4904.

PCG/RMA making significant progress toward resolution of deferred appraisal issue

Agreeing the best way to find

solutions was to sit across the table from one another, exchange information and fully discuss viable alternatives may prove to be the turning point in a long running dialogue between Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and the USDA Risk Management Agency.

The issue on the table was the current Risk Management Agency rule regarding Deferred Appraisals and a mandatory deferral period for acreage that fails to establish a stand when seed does not emerge due to insufficient soil moisture.

Representatives from PCG and the Risk Management Agency met in Kansas City February 16 and made significant progress toward a compromise solution on the issue that protects the interest of both High Plains cotton producers and RMA.

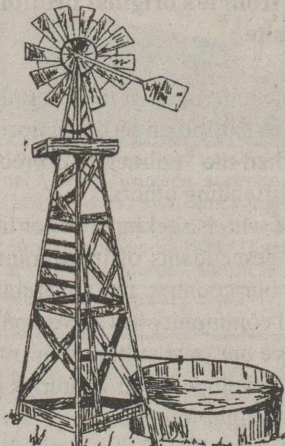
The meeting's positive result should also allow the process to shift from seeking solutions to finalizing an agreement.

"The membership of Plains Cotton Growers is extremely appreciative of the Agency's willingness to work toward an equitable solution on the deferred appraisal issue," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Working together we have crafted what we believe will be a solution that allows producers to make timely farm management decisions and maintains actuarially sound risk management products for the U.S. cotton producer."

PCG offers its sincere thanks to Dr. Randy Boman, Extension

Cotton Specialist, Dr. John Gannaway, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Cotton Breeder, and National Cotton Council Vice President - Producer Affairs Craig Brown, of Memphis, Tennessee, who participated in the meeting with PCG Staff members Steve Verett and Shawn Wade, and to the USDA-RMA personnel who were involved in the meeting.

Risk Management Agency personnel that participated in the meeting were: David Hatch, Associate Administrator, RMA; Tim Hoffmann, Director, Product Development Division; Heyward Baker, Director, Risk Management Services; Ann Jenkins, Insurance Management Specialist; Kent Lanclous, Senior Economist; Dave Bell, Chief, Product Development-Loss Adjustment Standards; Sam Cameron, Senior Risk Management Specialist; Shirley Harris, Risk Management Specialist; and Tara Ponds, Risk Management Specialist.



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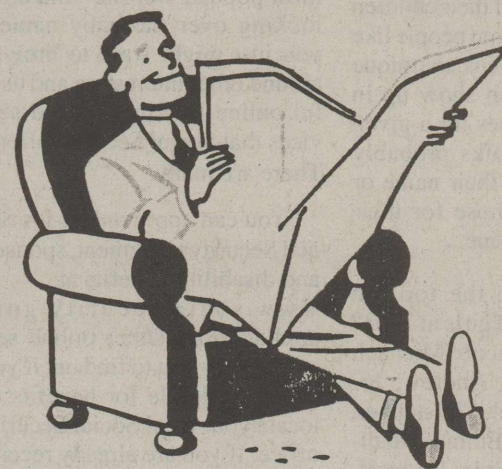
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Obituaries

WAYNE H. ASHBURN

Funeral services for Wayne Howard Ashburn, 76, of Lockney were held Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. Dr. Carl Moman officiated. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery in Tuxedo under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mr. Ashburn died Saturday, February 19, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 8, 1928 in Stamford to the late Thomas William and Effie Lillie Ashburn. He moved from Jones County to Halfway and in 1948 he moved to Lockney. He was a farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, shooting, restoring and collecting old tractors.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia Blanche Ashburn Ball.

Survivors include two nephews, Charles Ball and wife Ann of Plainview, Tom Ball and wife Jann of Worland, Wyoming; one niece Sarah Montandon and husband Paul of Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado; numerous great nieces, nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Charles Ball Memorial Fishing Tournament, P.O. Box 1090, Lockney, Texas 79241 or to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, Texas 79423.

FAYE LACKEY CRAFT

Funeral services for Faye Lackey Craft, 78, of Midland were held Friday, February 18, 2005 in the Chapel of First Baptist Church of Midland. Reverend Bob Hopkins officiated. Interment was February 19, 2005 at Eastlawn Memorial Park, 1921 Early Blvd., Early, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Craft died Monday, February 14, 2005 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born July 22, 1926 in Lockney. She grew up in Floydada and upon graduation married Jack L. Craft on June 6, 1942 in Floydada, beginning a 52 year union of marriage.

She began her nursing career with Memorial Hospital in 1952 and worked for Dr. Roger Buck, Dr. V. Friedwald from 1954 through 1965. She received her LVN at Odessa College. She continued her career with Midland Women's Clinic until 1970 and rejoined Dr. Friedwald until 1978. She then opened a Diet Center in Midland and later owned and operated Diet Center in Fort Worth until 1983. Upon retirement, she and Jack then moved to Brownwood where Faye was active as a supporter and chaperone of the Howard Payne Golf team until 2001 when she moved back to Midland. Her husband, Jack, her parents Roscoe and Edna Lackey, her brothers Jack C. and Joe Eldon Lackey and her sister Margaret Lackey, preceded Faye in death.

Survivors include her son Kenneth Craft of Midland, son Richard L. Craft of Cat Spring, and daughter Waverly Ann Craft of Midland; four granddaughters; three great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and one sister Dorothy Merrell of Lockney.

The family requests memorials be made to the Jack Craft Scholarship Fund of Howard Payne University, 1000 Fisk Ave., Brownwood, Texas 76801 or to Hospice Midland/Rays of Hope, Attention: Vicki Jay, 900 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701.

THOMAS O. SIMPSON

Funeral services for Thomas O. Simpson, 74, were held at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount. Burial was in the Mason Cemetery, Trinidad, Colorado.

Mr. Simpson died February 19, 2005.

On September 23, 1930 in Lockney, Texas twin sons were born to Charles and Norma Thomas Simpson. Thomas O. was born 30 minutes before Charles I.

Tom served 4 years in the United States Air Force. He owned Simpson Jewelry and Floral in Lockney for 12 years. While in Lockney he was Scoutmaster and served as president of the Chamber of Commerce. He and his family were active members of the Methodist Church. He had owned floral shops in Green River and Rock Springs, Wyoming for several years. He retired in Trinidad, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife Ardury, of 43 years; his son, Blane and sister Bettie Emmitt.

He is survived by his wife, Orlie of 8 years; his son, Keith of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; two step sons, Mike McElhane and wife Millie of Lockhart and Jay Penn of Colorado City; one step daughter, Roxie Penn of Van Alstyne; his brother Charles and wife Mildred; a sister, Iwana Monroe of Tulsa; six step grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to V.A. Hospital, 6010 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, Texas 79106, BSA Hopice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176 or Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79105.

THIS WEEK'S

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Whirlwind Booster Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Floydada High School Cafeteria.

Please make plans to attend this meeting as there will be discussions regarding the upcoming spring sports, concessions and the All-Sports Banquet.

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE

The Community Storehouse in Lockney is in need of donations. Also needed is sweaters, blankets and jackets.

FBC ADULT 3 LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Adult 3 Ladies Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church invites ladies of the community to join them on Sunday, February 27 from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel at the First Baptist Church. Virginia Taylor will be giving a very moving dramatization on the life of Mary Magdalene.

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.

LIGHT THE CROSS DONATIONS

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*Love,
Al and Sally Galloway*

We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, memorials, prayers and for each expression of love shown to us during the loss of our Mother, Mary Kathrine Race Mathis. May God bless each one of you.

The Family of Mary Kathrine Race Mathis

Social Security's Website shows most popular baby's names

By Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Mgr., Plnv.

For the last several years, one of the most popular websites in America has been the yearly listing of the Most Popular Baby Names at www.socialsecurity.gov.

It is easy to understand the website's popularity. Everyone has a natural curiosity about the popularity of their own given names, and those of their children or their friends. Some people like to see if their name is so unique that it doesn't even show up in the list of top names for a given year. But more folks probably like knowing that their name or the names they chose for their child is a popular one.

And what are the top ten names for boys and girls in 2003? They would be: Jacob, Michael, Joshua, Matthew, Andrew, Joseph, Ethan, Daniel, Christopher, Anthony, Emily, Emma, Madison, Hannah, Olivia, Abigail, Alexis, Ashley, Elizabeth, Samantha.

Interestingly, Emily and Jacob have become entrenched at the top of the lists. Emily has been the most popular female name each year since 1996. Before that, it was Jessica, which topped the list from 1989 to 1995, but which has now fallen out of the top ten altogether.

Jacob has been the top male name since 1999. Prior to that, Michael was the most popular name each year from 1964 to 1998--and still sits at number two.

At the above mentioned website you can find the list of the 1,000 most popular baby names for 2003, as well as the most popular baby names for each state. We started compiling baby name lists in 1997. Today, the Social Security website offers lists of baby names for each year since 1880.

I urge everyone to visit this most popular website--and after looking over the baby names, you just might want to browse around other interesting and useful online information and services that Social Security offers. There are many.

You can apply online for Social Security retirement, spouse's and disability benefits at: www.socialsecurity.gov/applretire. Other online services allow you to find out if you may be eligible for benefits or locate your local Social Security office. If you are already receiving benefits, you may use the website to change your address or request a replacement Medicare card.

Social Security also offers online benefit planners at: www.socialsecurity.gov/planners. Each planner--retirement, disability and survivors--contains valuable information about the benefits available and factors that can affect you. The planner's three online calculators also allow you to compute estimates of your future retirement benefits and current disability and survivors benefit entitlement.

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. *****	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. *****	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. *****
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. *****	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. *****	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. *****
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. *****	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. *****	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. *****
CARR'S CHAPEL Service Every Sunday: Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.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. *****	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. *****
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. *****	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. *****	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. *****
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. *****	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. *****	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. *****
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. *****	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. *****	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. *****
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 *****	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. *****	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Providence Community on FM 2301 293-3009 Rev. Burnell Lund, Minister Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m. *****
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Floydada Dr. David Jones, Pastor Early Worship 8:30 am. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship ... 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) 5:00p.m. Youth (Wednesday) .. 7:30 p.m. *****	SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH Lockney Jim McCartney Pastor Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. *****	WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST Floydada 983-3548 Sunday Worship ... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m. *****
American State Bank Member FDIC 217 W. California 983-3725	Goen & Goen Insurance 102 E. California 983-3524	FLOYD COUNTY COWBOY CHURCH Unity Center - Muncy 1st Sunday of the Month Meal - 6:00 p.m. Services - 7:00 p.m.. *****
Barwise Gin Barwise Community 983-2737	Lockney Co-op Gin 652-2377	Barwise Community 983-2737
City Auto Buick, Pontiac, GMC 201 E. Missouri Floydada 983-3767	Lockney Ins. Agency 105 N. Main 552-3347	City Auto 201 E. Missouri Floydada 983-3767
Clark Pharmacy 320 N. Main - Lockney 652-3353	Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home 329 W. Calif. Floydada 983-2525 402 S. Main Lockney 652-2211	Clark Pharmacy 320 N. Main - Lockney 652-3353
Davis Lumber 102 E. Shubert Lockney 6523385	Oden Chevrolet-Olds 221 S. Main, Floydada 983-3787	Davis Lumber 102 E. Shubert Lockney 6523385
Garcia's OK Tire Store 306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370 511 1st Olton, TX 2657796	Payne Family Pharmacy 200 S. Main, Floydada 983-5111	Garcia's OK Tire Store 306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370 511 1st Olton, TX 2657796
Lighthouse Electric Coop 102 E. California 983-3524	Pay-n-Save 210 N. Main Lockney 652-2293	Lighthouse Electric Coop 102 E. California 983-3524
Schacht Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts 112 W. Poplar, Lockney 652-2385	Sunshine Pump Oliver Clark Box 266, Lockney 983-5087 - 774-4412 (Mobile)	Schacht Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts 112 W. Poplar, Lockney 652-2385



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