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Floydada honors outstanding citizens

Floydada honored their outstanding citizens at the annual Floydada Chamber Banquet, Monday night, March 7th.

Earning the community's thank-you for outstanding service were Charles Tyer as Citizen Through the Years, Jon Jones with the Extra Mile Award, Linda Matsler as Volunteer of the Year, and Superintendent Jerry Vaughn as Employer of the Year.

Tyer was recognized for his willingness to come to the aid of the school district by serving in several capacities as a principal and teacher. Several times Tyer has been pulled from retirement to fill a vacated position on different campuses in FISD.

A 1949 graduate of Levelland High School, Tyer attended West Texas State in Canyon for two years before going into the Korean conflict. He returned to W.T. and graduated in 1955.

After graduation Tyer came to Floydada as a junior high coach and a 7th grade teacher of Social Studies, American History and Driver's Education. In 1960 he became head coach and athletic director for two years.

In 1962 Tyer became High School principal and remained in the position for 22 years. In 1984 he left high school and went to R.C. Andrews as principal for 6 years, retiring in 1990.

In 1996 he was called back to work to finish one semester at R.C. Andrews as principal—and retired again.

During retirement Tyer set up a woodworking business and built cabinets, desks, and computer tables for the school district.

In 2000 he un-retired again after the High School principal left at mid-term. After one semester Tyer retired again.

In 2002 Tyer was called out of retirement to serve as principal at A.B. Duncan. Finishing his third year at Duncan, Tyer said,

"This is absolutely the last year. I am really going to retire."

Jon Jones was recognized for his enthusiasm and hard work on community events such as Punkin Day, Relay for Life, Old Settlers, stock shows, and more.

JoLyn Dean presented the award to Jones and thanked Jones for "wearing many different hats."

"He organizes the Punkin Day Bead Run for the motorcycle group and delivers huge loads of his own pumpkins to the square to decorate the town. He has also been known to dress up in a pumpkin suit and sell Cow Patty Bingo tickets at the Floydada-Lockney game," said Dean.

Jones is a member at First Baptist Church and a leader of the Royal Ambassadors. He is past president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Old Settler's Committee. A County Commissioner for Pct. #4, Jones has also traveled to Brenham and cooks for kids and families participating in the Houston Stock Show pig sift.

Martha Farris presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Linda Matsler.

Farris praised Matsler's volunteer work in the 1956 Study Club, and the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

"When she is asked to chair a committee," said Farris, "that doesn't mean to her to 'sit in chair' and delegate work. She leads and we try our best to keep up."

Farris said Matsler has worked in every corner of her church. "Three years ago the parsonage needed renovating and she kindled the spark to light the fire for fundraising and supplies."

As a help mate with her husband, 25 years ago she helped lay the foundation of Leonard's Cafe in Floydada. After her working hours she helps her husband in the family business.



OUTSTANDING CITIZENS honored at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Banquet were: (back, l-r) Extra Mile Award Jon Jones, Employer of the Year Award Jerry Vaughn; (front, l-r) Volunteer of the Year Linda Matsler and Citizen Through the Years Charles Tyer.

De Chance, and employee of FISD presented the Employer of the Year Award to Superintendent Jerry Vaughn.

"He is responsible for 200 employees and 1005 students," said Chance. "His workday is not the normal 8 to 5 but he works many long hours and weekends to make FISD a safe, learning environment for all the staff and students. He is a very fair employer who has an open door policy with all his employees. He

makes working for FISD fun as well as a wonderful learning experience.

Chance pointed out that FISD has received thousands of dollars in grants since Vaughn became superintendent.

According to Chamber Manager Iantha Smith, 206 people attended the banquet at the Unity Center.

"We had some difficulty with the Coronado film we were going to show because of a scratch

on the CD," said Smith. "That was a disappointment, but our speaker did an excellent job of reviewing Coronado's expedition."

Dr. Michael Mathes, Professor Emeritus at the University of San Francisco and a specialist in Spanish Exploration was the guest speaker at the banquet.

Mathes spoke on the 1541 expedition of Spanish Explorer Francisco V. de Coronado. Recently discovered artifacts in

Blanco Canyon have proved that Coronado's 1,500 member expedition came through the Canyon and camped for 3 weeks. Mathes talked extensively about how the expedition was represented by all walks of life, and on the care of the animals and people on the journey.

Smith apologized after the banquet for omitting the name of Nick Long State Farm Insurance from the program as one of the chamber sponsors.

Floydada in running for "Town Haul" renovations

The City of Floydada has been chosen as one of 25 small-town American cities in the running for a new series on television. TLC (the Learning Channel) has a new spin-off series from their popular program "Trading Spaces", call TOWN HAUL. This is a renovation program for small-town America, refurbishing buildings and improving downtown areas.

Iantha Smith, Chamber of

Commerce Manager, has been contacted by a representative of the program and that TOWN HAUL will be in town to "scout" our city. Smith was told Floydada was chosen because producers keyed in on advertisement that Floydada was the Punkin Capital USA.

"They are very interested in our festival and marketing of pumpkins," said Smith. "This may be a definite point in

Floydada's favor in being chosen for a TOWN HAUL series. The chamber is encouraging everyone to get out you punkin decorations, get them in our business windows, and put them in your yards. TOWN HAUL has also done their research and they are aware of the Coronado excavations."

During their scouting of the town, producers will be looking
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WHIRLWINDS WIN TEAM TENNIS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT-The Floydada Whirlwind Tennis Team won the Regional Team Tennis Tournament held March 3rd at Plainview High School. The team defeated Slaton 11-8 and Wellington 10-5. The team will compete in Round Rock, March 11 and 12 in State Team Tennis Tournament. (back row, l-r) Landon Lackey, Jess Finley, Tana Lloyd; Kody Smith, Reagan Heflin, Spencer Schacht, Kevin Smith, Brandon Rainwater, Cam Battey, Tate Greer; (middle row, l-r) Coach Robin Nixon, Coach Regenia Smith; (front row, l-r) Whitney Williams, Jesalyn Bradley, Lindsey Leatherman, Kenan Nixon, Rachel Griffin, Kirby Nixon, Kelsey Williams, and Emily Griffin. (not pictured, Kendra Covington, Blake Greer) (see related story) Courtesy Photo



ART PROJECTS HEADED TO STATE-Four art projects from FHS have qualified to compete at state competition in Houston, April 15th. Chosen by a panel of judges at the regional competition are: (l-r) Lindsey Leatherman, charcoal self-portrait entitled "The Promise"; Kristan Lackey, a charcoal self-portrait and a clay bodice sculpture; and Justin Vargas, a pencil self-portrait. Congratulations to these very artistically talented students. Staff Photo

Love Fund started for man who loses arm in auger accident

Elpidio Diaz, of Floydada, has been transferred from ICU to a private room at UMC Hospital where he has been after an auger ripped off his right arm while digging post holes, Sunday, February 28. Although the Diaz family feared he might also lose his left arm, the left arm has been saved.

According to family members

Diaz was helping a friend dig post holes when his coat sleeve got caught in the auger and twisted his arm off. Before Mr. Diaz could be freed his left arm was also badly damaged.

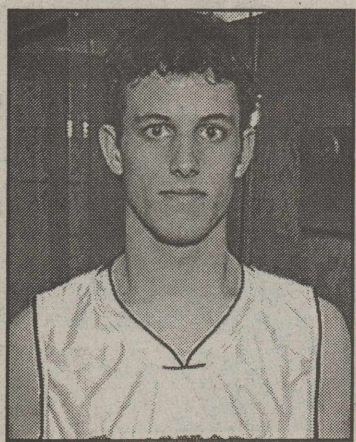
"He was in surgery for 10-12 hours," said a daughter. "The doctors said he had a 50-50 chance to lose the other arm, and a 50-50 chance to live, but he is

now out of the woods." He is facing more surgery on the left arm.

Mr. Diaz is employed at Thrashers and is married to Josephine Diaz. They have two children at home and two grown children.

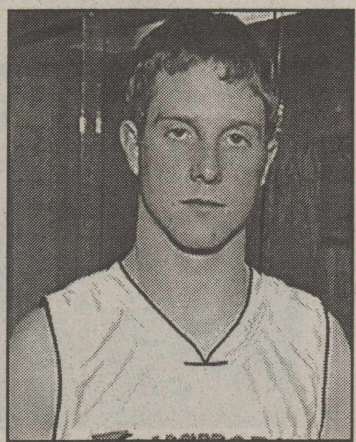
A Love Fund has been set up at First National Bank and American State Bank to assist the family with expenses.

Lockney Longhorns and Lady Horns named to 2004-2005 All-District Basketball Team



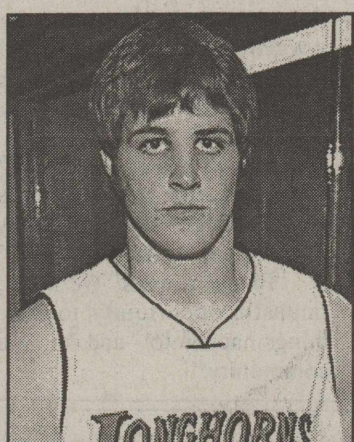
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6AA ALL-DISTRICT
1ST TEAM



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SENIOR
6AA ALL-DISTRICT
1ST TEAM



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1ST TEAM



AMBER DORMAN

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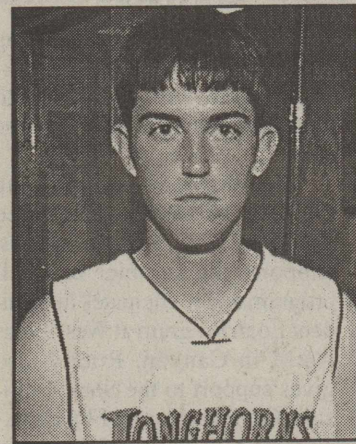
KARAH HRBACEK

SENIOR
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1ST TEAM



TORI TERRELL

JUNIOR
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1ST TEAM



DAHLEN MCCARTER

JUNIOR
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ALISSA POINDEXTER

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Congratulations!

Lockney seniors visit colleges

Recently, Lockney senior students were given an opportunity to visit at least one of three colleges on a field day.

Each college has a special day targeted at giving future freshman a look at their specific programs and campuses. The colleges were chosen by their specific sizes and the students could experience the atmosphere at the campuses.

South Plains, a smaller campus, was visited at their "sneak peak" on February 11. West Texas A&M, a more medium sized campus, offered their Discover Day on November 19. Texas Tech University, the largest, had their University Day February 18.

Transportation was paid for by the South Plains Tech Prep grant. Students were treated with

entertainment and meals on all the campuses. The objective of the field trips was to give the seniors an opportunity to start preparation for their future education.

Seniors participated in tours and programs given for their benefit at each of the colleges. All came back more enriched and knowledgeable about the college they might attend in the fall of 2005.

"We will continue to offer experiences for our students to take a look into the future by offering various experiences," said High School Counselor Patsy Ulmer. "We would like to ask the parents of the students to encourage the students to take advantage of any opportunities offered to them through their school."



REBEKAH THORNTON

JUNIOR
6AA ALL-DISTRICT
HONORABLE
MENTION



LOCKNEY'S LITTLE LONGHORNS for the week of March 7: (back row, l to r) Christian Bersaga, Darby Long, Dolores Luna, Miski Hollis, Tommy Lopez, (middle row, l to r) Anthony Nunez, Alyssa Cruz, Andrew Hooten, Rene Guerrero, Alyssa Tejada, (front row, l to r) Estephan Pena, Joshua Guerrero, Sadie Mathis, Elizabeth Clato, Faith Bradley and Lupe Huerta, Jr. Staff Photo

Lockney FFA members attend the San Antonio Stock Show

By Ted Young

Lockney FFA members participated in the 2005 San Antonio Stock Show. The members that participated in the show were Edrie Marricle (gilts), Garrison Marricle (gilts), Ian Dunbar (barrow), McKenzie Kemp (barrow), Walker Kemp (barrow), Krista Rasco (barrow and lamb), Ty Young (barrow), Will Foster (heifer), Asa Cole (heifer), Karmichael Ramos (barrow), and Kayla Kelley (gilts).

Edrie Marricle had a 5th Place Chester gilt and a 5th Place Berkshire gilt. Kayla Kelley had a 10th Place Chester gilt. Asa Cole had a 10th Place Angus heifer. Will Foster had a 4th Place Chianina heifer. Krista Rasco had a 5th Place Cross barrow, Ty Young had a 6th Place Cross bar-

row. These Lockney FFA members represented our school and community very well at the show.

Ty Young also participated in the San Antonio Stock Show Calf Scramble on Sunday night, February 13th. He competed against 23 other FFA and 4-H members from across the state. The calf scramble participants try to catch a calf during the rodeo performance. There are 12 calves and 24 contestants at each scramble. Ty caught a calf and was awarded an \$800 certificate towards the purchase of a heifer. He will have to keep records on the heifer project and will have to show his heifer in the 2006 Junior Heifer Show.

Congratulations to the Lockney FFA members on their accomplishments at the show.

Lockney FFA members attend the San Angelo Stock Show

By Ted Young

Lockney FFA members participated in the 2005 San Angelo Stock Show. The members that participated were: ASA Cole (heifer), Ty Young (heifer), Katalina Araujo (barrow), Garrison Marricle (barrow), Ian Dunbar (barrow), and Karmichael Ramos (barrow). Asa Cole had a 3rd Place An-

gus heifer and Ty Young had a 2nd Place Angus heifer at the show.

Garrison Marricle had a 5th Place Chester barrow. The Lockney FFA members represented Lockney FFA and the community very well.

Thank you to the school and community for your continued support of our members.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jordan inducted into Gamma Beta Phi at Texas Tech

Jessica Noel Jordan, daughter of Bonnie and Jackson Jordan and granddaughter of Belton and Clydelle Jack of Lockney, was invited to join Gamma Beta Phi, an honor/service organization at Texas Tech University.

The invitations were based on grades, and offered to only those students in the top of their classes. The inductions were March 6, 2005.

After her first semester at Tech, Jessica also received the President's Honor List which is the award that students receive when they earn a 4.0 GPA.

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