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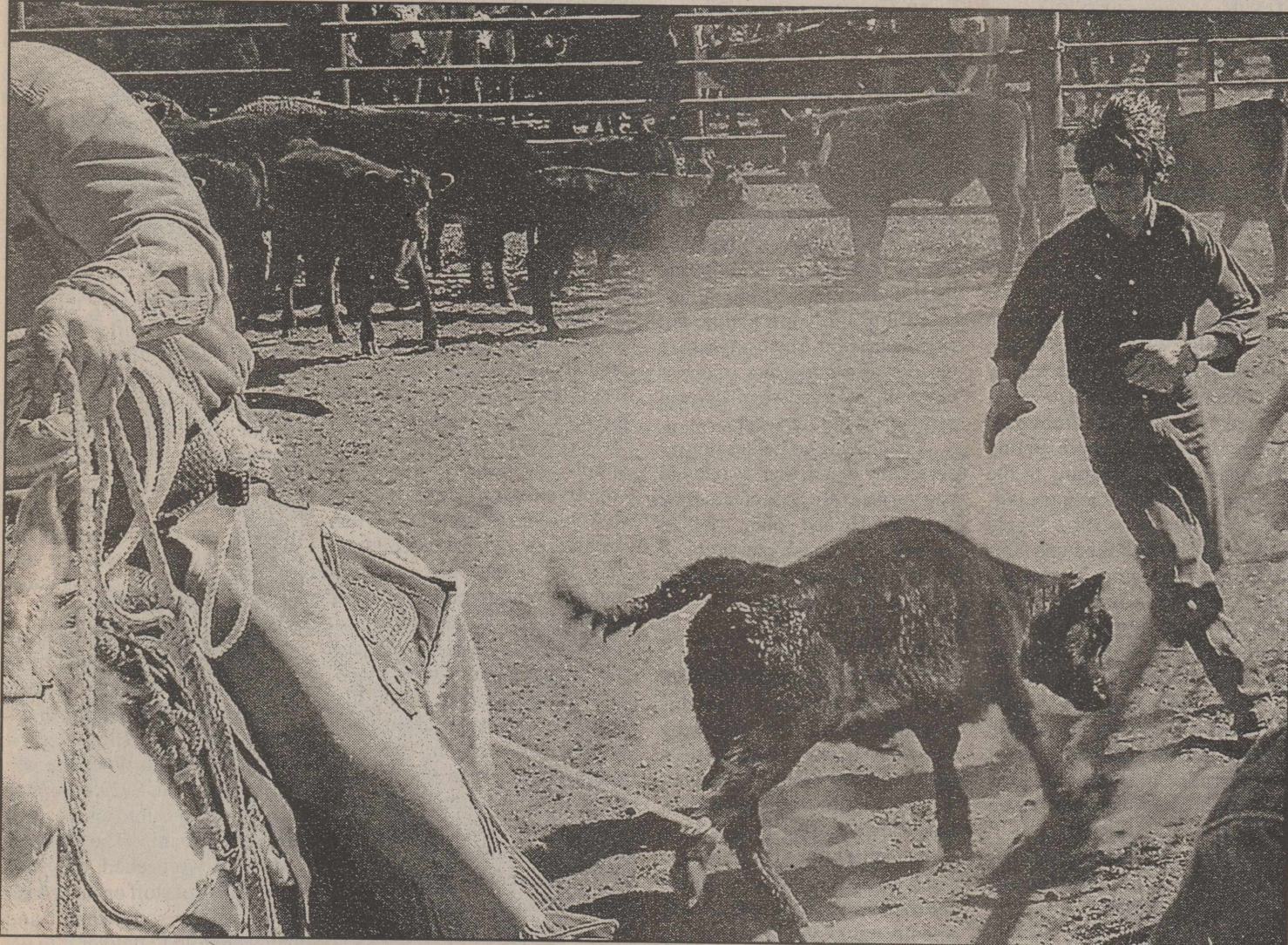
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SPRING BRANDING—On Saturday, March 12, the local tradition of spring calf branding on the Farris/Francis herds took place 8 miles east of Matador. It may be hard work but calf branding is also a chance for area friends to gather together and enjoy a warm spring day doing the thing they all love—working cattle. Rob Francis, of Francis Ranch, tends to the cattle during the year. Martha Farris, of Floydada, owns the land and her son, Tom Farris, helps in the branding each year. Mr. Farris is also President of First National Bank, in Floydada. Rob's children, Robert and Fritz and Tom's son T.K. and his friend, Cole Covington, also worked at this year's branding. Monte Williams, of Floydada, and his gray and white paint horse, can be seen here dragging the calf. Monte is the son of rancher Q.D. Williams, and he is also the vice-president of First National Bank in Floydada. One of the flankers for the group was Steven, a student from Ireland (shown here). Steven said, "It was hard work-but quite rewarding". Doing the branding honors were Tempie Francis and her father-in-law, Vann Francis.
Photo by Ron Bush, of Dougherty

Lockney Banquet is Saturday night

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce will host their Citizen Awards banquet Saturday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary Cafeteria.

The banquet will name the Citizen of the Year and the Volunteer Fireman of the Year.

Entertainment will be provided by the youth in the community, including Rhythm High Harmony, the Lockney High School Jazz Band, and tumblers.

Rhythm High Harmony singers will be accompanied by Kellen Hooten, Landon Cotham,

Danny Cervantes, Cagan Cummings, Cole Patton, Bryan Cooper, and Marti Nolan.

Students of Mrs. Lucy Dean Record will provide the dinner music. The dinner music musicians will include: Katie Bice, Bryan Cooper, Greg Gonzales, Joanie Reecer, and Christopher Rodriguez.

The cost of tickets is \$10.00 in advance or at the door. The meal will consist of brisket, cole slaw, baked beans, potatoe salad, rolls and cobbler.



Ex P.O.W. ends search for Chinese friend

(Introduction by Alice Gilroy)

When I was growing up, my father (Ken Towery) a former Japanese Prisoner of War would not discuss his 3 1/2 years behind the prison walls of Mukden Prison Camp in China. The memories were too painful for him to speak and I was too young to understand. There was no talk of the cruelties inflicted on the prisoners--of the starvation and deprivations suffered by my father. However, there was talk of one man--Ge Qingyu.

I couldn't remember Ge

Qingyu's name much less pronounce it--but I always remembered to be grateful to a man I never met. I was grateful because my father made it clear to me that he felt he probably would not be alive had it not been for Ge Qingyu. I may not have heard stories of beatings, death, and starvation, but I did hear stories of a Chinese man who, at the risk of his own life, smuggled eggs to my father (in exchange for ball bearings out of a prison factory they both worked in).

As a free man Ge Qingyu was allowed to leave the camp and

return home. The ball bearings stolen from the factory were sold and provided necessities for a very poor Ge Qingyu. He shared some of that wealth by bringing food back to the factory and hiding it in saw dust for my father to find at a later time.

Ge Qingyu also brought information from outside the walls. Yearning for truthful information prisoners trusted the news brought to them from Ge Qingyu. And while in charge of organizing work details, the prisoners also appreciated Ge Qingyu's fair and kind treatment of them.

At the risk of his own life, Ge Qingyu also taught my father words and phrases of Chinese. At one point, Ge Qingyu and my father were caught by an angry Japanese guard, in a guard house going over Chinese words. Some lies told with great conviction by Ge Qingyu convinced the guard that everything was alright and Ge Qingyu was only giving my father his orders for the next job.

When the Japanese surrendered and the prison wire came down, Ge Qingyu was my father's guide around China and even invited him to his humble

home for dinner with his wife and son. They considered each others friends for life.

Since leaving China my father has talked of Ge Qingyu and worried over his outcome. Ge Qingyu hated communists and when the Russians came to "liberate" the prison camp and take over the area, my dad worried that Ge Qingyu would be forced into labor camps, or killed.

In the 70's my dad set about trying to locate Ge Qingyu to see if he was still alive. A letter (saved from prison camp) was not translated correctly and Ge Qingyu could not be found.

In the past couple of weeks a series of quickly moving events has led to the location of the family of Ge Qingyu--not far from the former Mukden Prison Camp. It has been an emotional roller-coaster for Ken Towery and several other people in China. The story was told by Mr. Towery in a recent "Reflections" column on the Hesperian-Beacon website. I have chosen to also run it in the printed edition of The Hesperian-Beacon.



GE QINGYU

Qingyu is over. Ge Qingyu died of a stroke in Shilihe Village in North China, some 50 kilometers from Shenyang, in 1989.

The information was relayed to me by Yang Jing, a citizen of China and a resident of Shenyang, who has taken an interest in the fate of both the survivors and bricks of the Hoten prison camp. Yang Jing took it upon himself to find Ge Qingyu (whom I called Guh Ching-yu for many years) where the efforts of others had failed. That, plus the opening of China to much more personal freedom, made it all possible.

This story began a long time ago, nearly 60 years ago as the calendar tells time. Still, history continues and ghosts of the past
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"Friends" collecting items for Gala Auction

Gala guests will be entertained this year by Don Turner Dixieland Band, and will also enjoy the return on Gala Host Nick Long and co-host Tim Assiter.

The lively group of musicians from South Plains College, and the antics of Long and Assiter will be featured at the 10th Annual Floyd County Friends Gala Saturday, April 9th, 6:00 p.m., at the Unity Center in Muncy.

The theme for the 2005 Gala this year will be "Floyd County Mardi-Gras and All That Jazz." The Dixie Land Band has been playing together for years and play everything from traditional Dixieland to jazz/big band.

Assiter, of Floydada, is a nationally known and acclaimed auctioneer. He was also named Citizen of the Year at this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

"Tim has a good sense of humor and is easy to work with," said host Nick Long. "He has got a lot of charisma and can really work with the crowd."

"We will be auctioning off a variety of items. Brownies have even been a good sell in the past," said Assiter. "We are still accepting donations of items to auction and we want everyone to know that we will accept any items from individuals, families, or businesses."

The Gala is the chief fund-

raiser for the Unity Center.

The Center opened in January 2000 and has hosted 800 events, with over 75,000 people attending.

"The Center receives over \$10,000 every year in rental fees," said Long. "Our budget is \$25,000 and the Gala brings in \$15,000 - \$20,000 every year."

Ray Lee Equipment will be providing the \$1,000 cash giveaway this year. There will also be lots of surprise give-aways.

Tickets for the Gala are \$30 each and a reserved table of 8 will be \$280.

Besides the live auction conducted by Assiter, a silent auction will also be available for audience participation.

The meal, entitled "Go Texan Shrimp Boil Appetizer", with all the trimmings, will be furnished by Lowes of Lockney and Floydada, while the main course of filet mignon will be provided by Cargill Cattle Feeders of Lockney.

Raffle tickets of \$25 each, or five tickets for \$100, for a John Deere 4-Wheeler are available at Nick Long Insurance in Floydada, 983-3441, D.J. Gin of Lockney, 652-3351, and/or any board member of the Floyd County Friends.

Second prize will be \$500 cash, and the 3rd prize will be \$250.

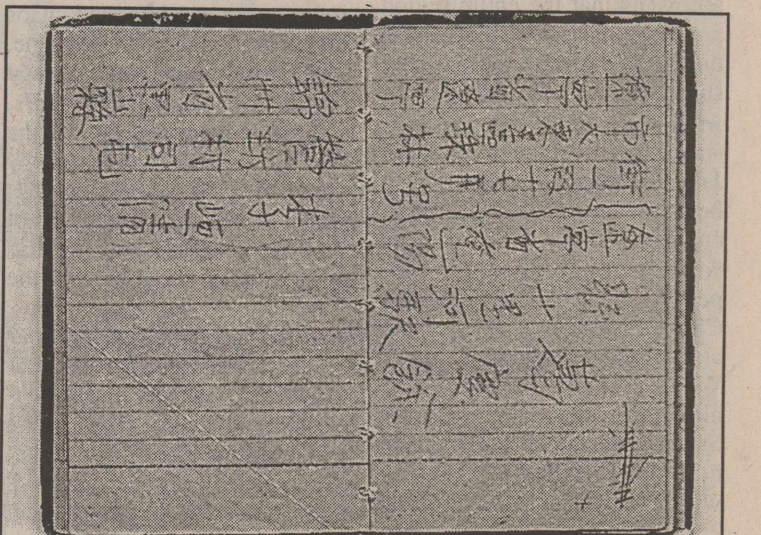


GETTING READY FOR GALA AUCTION--Auctioneer Tim Assiter and Gina Nelson are currently collecting items to be auctioned off at the "Friends" Gala, April 9. Already donated, and shown here, are: a case of cotton seed oil, a case of herbicides, a massage, a \$100 gift certificate, and several \$45 windshield repair certificates.
Staff Photo

In Search Of Ge Qingyu

By Ken Towery

The long search for Ge



GE QINGYU LETTER--This letter was written by Qingyu to Ken Towery, inside's Towery's prison diary book. The letter was basically Ge Qingyu's address and invitation to Towery in case Towery ever found his way back to China and to Ge Qingyu's village. It has been saved by Towery for 60 years in the hope of someday finding his friend.

Ex P.O.W. brings end to search for Ge Qingyu

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have a way of resurfacing. In this instance, the ghosts of the past were never very far below the surface.

So read on....

Not long ago, someone sent me, via the internet, the translation of a story that had appeared in the China Daily News, a newspaper published in Beijing, China. For obvious reasons, the sender found the story fascinating, as did I.

(The story dealt with the Prisoner of War camp in Shenyang, China where I spent a few mostly unhappy years. The prison camp, in what used to be Manchuria, but is now simply the "northeastern province", had, over the years, become home to many, many squatters who had built lean-to's around the old brick walls that used to enclose us. That was just fine and dandy with the Communist government of Mao Tse-tung, but in late years the prison had become a sort of Mecca for those who wanted to emphasize Japanese wartime treatment of lesser peoples, which included both American POWs and the Chinese people. The current government evidently wanted to clean up the place and make it fitting for tourists. So, they went in and tore down all the old lean-to's. The resulting outcry was as predictable as it was useless. Needless to say, a lot of people were both unhappy and loud. The Beijing paper, many miles away, picked up on the flap, and a reporter named Wu Yong wrote a very good story about the affair. I merely sought to get in touch with him and tell him it was a good story, and that it was being read and reread in the United States. There, of course, my own efforts came to a grinding halt.

Despite the fact that the paper had a web address repeated attempts to deliver a message there failed. No response.

Then, another thought entered the picture. Many years before he became President of the United States, when the elder Bush was Ambassador to China following his stint as head of the CIA, (and following his thankless job as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations) I had written to him, asking if he could arrange for me to enter the Shenyang region and search for an old friend, Gu (or Guh) Ching-yu, a civilian guard at the MKK factory who was a friend of mine, and who once was part of a smuggling ring that occasionally fenced roller bearings for at least one prisoner (myself) ...roller bearings that had been deliberately left out of reassembled machinery destined for distant factories. In return, Ching-yu would occasionally hide a raw egg in a sawdust pile on the factory grounds, and I would go there, when it was appropriate, and scrounge around until I found it.

George wrote back that Shenyang (or Mukden, as the Japanese called it) was still "off limits" to foreigners. No one was being allowed into the region. Knowing George, I knew also that he was not willing to rock any boats, that the dreams I had to search for Ching-yu some day were just that...dreams.

Anyhow...during the days immediately after World War II, in 1945, when chaos prevailed throughout that region of North China, Ching-yu (or Qingyu) and I had exchanged notes that we hoped would be helpful, depending on the way things went. American planes had dropped leaflets over our prison camp, telling us that the entire region was to be under Soviet influence, that the Red Army would be there shortly (which it was) and that we were not, under any circumstance, to accept the surrender of Japanese troops, that that was to be the responsibility of the Soviets. Obviously, we had no idea what exactly was going to happen. We did not know that Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt had met at Yalta and divided up the world. We did not know that an old, sick, ailing President of the United States had essentially abandoned his duties, that Stalin got to play with everything down to "the 38th parallel." All we knew then was that America had turned the region over to the Soviets, that the Soviets had a friend in Mao still holed up in Western China, and that Stalin would ultimately arrange things so Mao would in-

herit that region of North China. (That is exactly what happened, as Stalin saw to it that the arms of the defeated Japanese were turned over to friends of Mao, and that ultimately that act gave a leg up to Mao in the warring factions that would ultimately rule China.)

Guh Ching-yu (or Ge Qingyu) was an ardent anti-Communist. He believed, and at that time was not bashful in saying so, that "all Red Soldiers have rotten hearts." He felt, or seemed to feel, that Mao was bent on destroying traditional China, that if Mao prevailed, Chinese family life would be a thing of the past, as would the traditions that held China together. He had fought Mao's troops as one of Chiang's followers, and he knew, as well as anyone, that the future did not bode well for him, his wife and newborn son. So my note for him, in English, was that he had been a good friend of America and Americans who were prisoners of the Japanese, that I hoped any American, or friend of America, he might come in contact with would treat him accordingly. He was to know who could see the note. The way things turned out, I can only hope he destroyed my message.

His note to me, which I still have, is in Chinese, which I do not read. But I have since had it translated, and basically it told me that should I find myself friendless in China, I should go to the address listed in the message, where members of his family would see to my welfare. It was that message that I intended to take with me to China, should Bush be successful in arranging for me to visit the Shenyang region. He was not.

So the entire matter was put on a sort of "hold," but it was never entirely forgotten. One does not forget another human being who lends help in those circumstances.

And the help of Ge Qingyu extended far beyond the nuts and bolts of everyday existence. It went to the very heart of that existence. It must be remembered that we had no radio, no newspapers, no independent means of learning anything, or verifying any rumor that swept the camp. Through it all he was the rock. When we would hear rumors of the impending end of hostilities, I would check with him and he would say: "No, not yet."

Then one day, and I remember it as if it were yesterday, he took me aside and said the war would soon be over. I asked how he knew. His response was very simple and direct. The Soviet Union, which until then had stayed out of the Far East conflict, had entered the war. "And they would not come in at this late date and declare war on Japan unless they felt the war would soon be over."

I remember also that that particular conversation continued along the vein of the impending Cold War. The United States and Russia would someday fight, he said, simply "because the world is not big enough for both of them." The two systems of government could not, and would not, he thought, get along without much, much, friction.

Again, he was right. The Cold War did ensue. Friction between the two supposed "allies" did, in fact, develop and blossom, much quicker, in hind sight, than many of us believed at the time.

He was right on so many things. That may sound somewhat trite to some, but to people starved of news from "the outside", it was a breath of fresh air. And it would be difficult, to some, to comprehend the chaos that prevailed there at that time. The Japanese, who had run that region for many, many years, were no longer top dogs. But the Red Army, which was to occupy the country and accept the surrender of the Japanese, was not yet there. American prisoners had been ordered not to accept the surrender of Japanese troops, who wanted desperately to surrender to the Americans in order to prevent surrender to the Soviets, whom they knew had a long and abiding hatred for them. (Their fears were well founded. Some 300,000 Japanese, men, women and children, were ultimately rounded up and sent to Siberia to do Russian bidding.) Under those conditions, old scores were being settled. More than a few dead bodies were scattered throughout Mukden, (or

Shenyang) as this or that hated Japanese individual got killed. Even one of our own guards was found in a ditch near camp with a bullet hole between his eyes. I do not know for certain who killed him. One of the ex-prisoners claimed credit, but it could just as easily have been one of the Chinese.

Perhaps a flavor of the times can be illustrated by an anecdote that I know to be true. In our camp there was a prisoner who had served many years in the U.S. Navy, named J.D. Osborne. He had spent most of his time in the Orient, and would be today what is called "an old China hand." He knew how to speak Chinese. When the war ended, and before the Soviets got there, we had taken over administration of the camp. That included, for a time, checking people through the front gate. Obviously, we had taken over the arms of the Japanese guards, and the ammunition that went with those arms. Osborne, because of his ability to comprehend Chinese, was assigned to duty at the front gate simply because we were getting so many Chinese coming to the camp and asking for a single bullet. Why did he want a single bullet?, Osborne asked one Chinese. He was very ill, was the reply. He had a bad headache, and he could drink a potion of water and the bullet's powder, and immediately feel better.

Well, Ozzie told the Chinese, if that was the reason, he would simply just take the bullet apart and give the Chinese the powder, which he could then take home and drink.

No dice. He left without his bullet. He was not interested in pursuing the matter.

But...things change. The current government of China, beginning with the death of Mao, has gradually undergone a transformation, in which it is no longer a crime to get rich. In fact, riches now seem to be downright acceptable. Oh, the government still runs things with an iron hand, when it deems it necessary (they still don't like any religion other than their own), but there now seems to be an appreciation of wealth.

So, hoping to take advantage of what was seen as a relative change in policy toward a little more "openness", and for some strange reasons probably akin to serendipity, we recently checked "Google" and then followed directions. Lo and behold, the Department of State listed a Consul General in...of all places...Shenyang, China.

Why in the world any government, even our own, would open a Consulate in Shenyang is beyond the comprehension of most of us who were there for a few years. But I, for one, am happy they did. It's an ancient city, true enough. Ancient walls are built around, and outside, previous walls. Siberia is not far distant. Neither is the Gobi desert. The weather can get very cold. At that time (in 1945) there was not much there but factories of various kinds and a railroad that runs all the way from the coast to Vladivostok and on to Moscow, plus, of course, some very rich surrounding farmland. The countryside has been fought over for centuries by the Japanese, the Russians, the Chinese, the Manchus, the Mongols, and just about anybody else who has taken a fancy to the area throughout history. At that particular moment, the Japanese ruled things, and it was there they sent a bunch of us to do the military's bidding. The Japanese had won the war in the Philippines. Bataan and Corregidor were lost, and Japan called the shots.

But Shenyang does one thing that has captured the imagination of some. It has a former POW camp that has acquired a certain amount of notoriety, and one that gets visited by tourists and even occasionally by a few prison camp survivors. Those prisoners, including myself, tilled the fields and built buildings, worked in the factories...did, in fact...whatever the Japanese instructed us to do.

Given the anxieties of the moment, and learning of what we thought had transpired, we wasted no time in contacting the Shenyang Consulate. The result was most gratifying. A young State Department Cultural Officer named Cynthia Caples was exceptionally responsive. The Consulate put us in touch with a

wonderful Chinese individual named Yang Jing (we don't know now whether it is a man or woman, but we will assume it is a man and hereafter refer to Yang Jing as "he") who has taken an interest in the camp and its fate. Yang Jing, in tandem with a former prisoner of war, has written a book about the camp and its inmates, and volunteered to take up the search for Ge Qingyu, whose family home, it turns out, is in a village not far distant from Shenyang.

Ultimately, in cooperation with the General Consul in Shenyang, Yang Jing began looking for Ge Qingyu, and I am forever indebted to him for his having done so. A series of correspondence, via e-mail, between myself and Yang Jing, the General Consul, and the Cultural Officer, Miss, (or Mrs.) Cynthia Caples, ended up with Yang Jing locating the family in the village of Shilihe in North China, not terribly far from Shenyang where we discussed matters of great moment in 1945. When I was a prisoner of the Japanese.

I can say it no better, nor report it any better, than to relay to you the message he sent me a few days ago. He had gone...well let us let him relay the message...it is very poignant, and I recommend it to all readers:

"Dear Mr. Towery,

Thanks to the address you sent me, I did go out to that place this morning. It took me 2 hours by two relay buses to get there - Shilihe Village, but it turned out that I got off at a wrong place at first. When I went in to a Ge's house in that village, they told me that I was wrong. They pointed out that the address I have was actually indicating the name of a train station with the same name of Shilihe. This was one along the South Manchurian Railroad which led you to Dalian in September 1945.

"So I took another bus to the area of that train station; however, the train station had been shut off for more than a year. Believe it or not, when I stopped a farmer who was working on a

hand truck that carried fertilizer, I asked him for a way to the Ge's house. He asked who, and I said Ge's family. He asked which GE? I was asking myself in the heart if he knew someone of the GE's? I said Ge Qingyu.

"He waited a while, and said he was my father! What a coincidence! I was so happy at that very moment that I found HIM. I then hurried him to take me to his house. There I met his wife. He was the second son of GE. I then told them who I am and why I was here. He then went for his elder brother, the oldest son. I then had a very nice talk with them. The elder son recalled that the father mentioned his American friend, the shaving blades and sunglasses his American friend gave him. However, it turned out to be quite a sad and disappointing news that GE died of a stroke in 1989 at the age 69. His wife passed away even earlier in late 70's. The son you saw in GE's house in Shenyang accidentally died at a very young age, just days after GE and his wife got back home from Shenyang in 1948. GE there since lived a very simple and peaceful life in the countryside as a farmer. He had five children (three sons and two daughters), and 9 grandchildren. The two sons felt so much touched by your remembering of the father. They asked me to convey their best wishes to you, and they treasure you as their friend, too. They said they would like to see the friendship passed along to the new generation. They also expressed a warm warm welcome to their house if you have the chance to visit Shenyang. I did not meet other children of GE since they are not living near. We had a lunch together in a nearby restaurant, and they are nice and wonderful men - hard working and low profile. I took several pictures of them. I will send you copies when I have them printed. And please advise if you have any question about this visit, and please feel free to let me know if there is anything you may require from this side.

"I got back home late this afternoon, but I can't make myself

quiet down. I have to admit that I was once again strongly touched today, as I had always been when I did my research on POW issues. I can only say that it well worth telling. This is not only a story, but also a history. No war is a good war, but no history is a bad history. It always tells the right from the wrong. Learning from the history is a life long lesson.

Thanks and best regards,
Yang Jing

So Ge Qingyu is no more. I do not remember him as an old man, which he finally became before he died. I remember him only as a young man who came to our prison camp almost every morning, took charge of the prisoners when the Japanese had finished counting off those who would work that day, strutting like a peacock leading the prisoners to work while Japanese guards walked alongside with bayonets, relaying to us what the Japanese wanted us to do once we got to the factory, and, in the final analysis, being a true friend of Americans in dire straits. It is probable that not too many people will remember Ge Qingyu, but those who do will remember one whose heart was "not rotten."

And, on top of everything else, I am happy that Ge Qingyu spoke, to his children (and perhaps to his grandchildren) of the razor blades and sunglasses. I remember it well. When the war ended, American B-29's dropped tons of supplies into an area just outside our camp. They had no idea what we needed, they just had a bunch of stuff on hand back in Saipan, or somewhere, and they were told to deliver it to us. A lot of the stuff was useless, to us, since we were only going to be there, we thought, a few days. The planes came in very low, disgorged tons of supplies on racks helped downward by parachutes that sometimes held firm. Among those supplies was a pair of sunglasses and some razor blades, which I gave to Qingyu. I am happy he remembered.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Many of you are already aware that the TOWN HAUL representatives have traveled through our area and have returned to New York City. At this time, we are still "in the dark" whether they were here in Floydada or not! We do know they did spend time in Crosbyton and vis-

ited with their citizens. I have left messages at their offices hoping that will return my calls so that we can let all of you know the outcome of their trip. I would like to thank all of you for being so supportive in preparations for their visit. We were ready for them! Evidence of our claim to fame as "Pumpkin Capital, USA"

was everywhere. Our community has been thinking of ways to improve itself and why we love to live in small-town rural America. Let's continue to carry that forward! Thank you, Iantha Smith, Manager, Floydada Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

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Floydada Senior Citizens News



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH-Floyd County Judge William D. Hardin is shown signing a proclamation declaring April, 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The proclamation urges all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect in years to come. The proclamation states: "Whereas, Y2K means 'Yes to Kids' and everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in safe, nurturing environment." Others shown at the signing are: (l-r) Mary Ann Reyes, President; Kelli Hinsley, Secretary; Connie Peralez, and Glenda Wilson. Staff Photo



FIVE GENERATIONS-Mrs. Pernie Leatherman is 90 years old. She has lived at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center for about 5 years. She is celebrating 5 generations with her son C.E. Leatherman; daughter Pat Warren; granddaughter Anna McKim; great granddaughter Grace McKim, 5 weeks old. Courtesy Photo

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor
In this day and time who would have ever thought that we would be living to see a husband legally kill his wife.

I have wondered what could be going through Judge Greer's mind. I first was angry at him but decide he must not have all the information. I began to wonder what our other alternatives would be.

Forget the feeding tubes. I know a family who helped feed a lady baby food for a year to save her life.

I would love to see Judge Greer give her husband a divorce from Terri (because he is breaking the law in some states being married and having children by another woman).

Let her family take her home and feed her till her time comes. My prayers are with America because this affects us all!

Debbie Montandon
Lockney

Lockney Senior Citizens

By Vera Jo Bybee

I hope all of you had a great time celebrating Easter Sunday!!!

Ty Rodgers told me at Church Sunday that it was too cold for the Easter Bunny to leave his eggs outside so he came right inside his house and when he woke up Sunday morning he found eggs all over his house. That little boy has captured the McPherson and Bybee's hearts.

Friday night grandson Tyler came by and had some soup with us. Then he laid in the floor just like he use to and listened to the Lockney Floydada baseball game over the radio. Needless to say we enjoyed him coming by.

Sunday we ate lunch with our daughter Becky and her family. Husband Steve, sons Matt and J.W. The boys are pretty quiet. I asked them all about their school etc., and I just can't get information out of them. I think it is cause they think I would put it in the paper. Now I wouldn't do that would I?

Jo Webb had all her children home over the Easter weekend. Her daughter Ruby and husband Jimmy Wardlow of Seymore. Son Randy Webb and family of Plainview. Daughter Arlene Anderson of Littlefield. Daughter Lynda Holley of Lockney. They all went to Pampa on Easter to visit Bernice and Aubrey Kent and their daughter Weita and husband Ronnie Loder.

Jimmy Scott of Tulia a 1955 Lockney graduate wrote and told me that the Class of 55 will be having their 50th class reunion on April 29th and 30th in Lubbock at the Sheraton Hotel where they had their 40th reunion.

He expects around 55 to attend.

I had the nicest visit over the phone the other night when Donnie M. Bowman called me. She called to ask about the synvisc injection I have been getting in my knee. Then she told me she had been sick in the Mangold Hospital for a few days but said she was okay now. It was so good to talk with her.

Our thoughts and prayers are for the Marilyn Doucette Ander-

son family.

Marilyn passed away Sunday afternoon at 6:30 at Lubbock. Her funeral services were Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church and she was buried in the Lockney Cemetery.

Our sympathy goes to the families of June Powell Williams of Arlington a former Floydada resident. June passed away March 23.

Menu for April 4-8
Monday: Salisbury Steak
Tuesday: Mexican Casserole
Wed: Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday: Navajo Tacos
Friday: Liver and Onions
He who dies with the most toys is none the less dead.

By Margarett Word
Easter weekend Nell McClung, her granddaughter Lori Battey and her two sons drove to Bureson to be with daughter Sue and Alton Higginbotham and to see their new home.

Gene and Nancy Lawson had seventeen family members in their home on Easter Sunday.

Geraldine Callaway went to Wolforth to spend Easter Sunday with her daughter Kay and other family members.

Margaret Jackson is home after a ten day trip to Greece with her daughter, granddaughter and two great-granddaughters. After coming home all of Margaret's family spent Easter weekend with her.

Last Monday, Iantha brought a cake to help her dad, Louis Pyle, celebrate his birthday. The cake was shared with those eating lunch.

"Happy Birthday" to the following who have an April birthday: April 6 - Ruby Gooch; April 9 - Ione Sedinger; April 10 - Geraldine Callaway and Elizabeth Armstrong; April 11 - Bill Hopper; April 17 - Johnnie Cates and Vic Sedinger; April 18 - Tom Pearson; April 22 - Edell Moore; April 23 - Diana Glover; and April 24 - Vance Mitchell.

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

In memory of Sam Baker - Ray Nell Bearden, Larry Isby, Rolfe and Ann Neill, Randy and Connie Bertrand, Ronald and Alyne Evans.

In memory of Vergie Summers - Adrain Helms and family, Gene and Nancy Lawson.

In memory of Polly Cardinal - Roy and Neva Barter, Bob and Melba Vickers, Ronald and Alyne Evans.

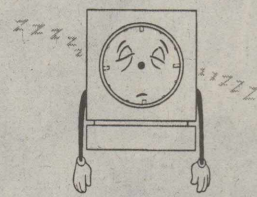
In memory of John Burris - Roy and Neva Baxter.

In memory of Thomas Warren - Ronald and Alyne Evans.

In memory of Jay Hollums - Ronald and Alyne Evans.

Thought for the week - We must use time as a tool, not as a couch.

- John F. Kennedy



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Henderson and Benolken Wed

Tiffany Joy Henderson, daughter of Edd and Sharon Henderson of Lubbock, and Aaron John Benolken, son of John and Linda Benolken of Tyler were married March 5, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite. Terry Henderson, ordained

minister, officiated at the ceremony.

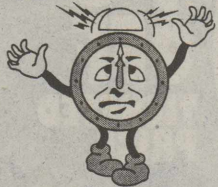
Tiffany and Aaron are both graduates of Texas A&M University.

Grandparents are Edd and Joyce Henderson of Floydada and Don and Audre Taylor of Plainview.



BALLET FOLKLORICO PALOMA LIBRE, under the direction of Monica Lopez, recently competed in the 11th Annual Viva Aztlan Festival in Lubbock, March 11-12. Groups traveled as far as California, Oklahoma, New Mexico and South Texas to compete in this yearly competition. Paloma Libre walked away with 4 trophies and 4 medals. The children's group received 3 trophies in Division C for Best Technique and Form. Best male and female dancers for the children's group were Marcos Martinez and Ashley Torrez. Best male and female dancers for the adult group were Ricardo Lopez and Monica Lopez.

Paloma Libre first originated in August of 2002. Starting with only 3 members, the group has expanded and now has 16 members. Paloma Libre has enjoyed dancing for their Hispanic culture and heritage. The group has performed for variety of occasions, including quinceañera's, weddings, jamaicas, family reunions, benefit dinners, etc. Shown are: (top row, l-r) Marissa Castillo, Andrew Martinez, Lisa Hernandez, Director Monica Lopez, Ricardo Lopez, Michelle Salas; (middle row, l-r) Maurissa Castillo, Ashley Torrez, Marcos Martinez, Marissa Martinez, Savannah Marmolejo; (front row, l-r) Kimberly Hernandez, Brianna Casillas, Jasmine Salinas, Madelena Martinez. Courtesy Photo



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County Tax Report

By Darwin Robinson
Floyd County businesses sold \$835,354.00 worth of lottery tickets in 2003, compared to \$225,169.00 sold in 2002, according to internet sources. 2004 lottery sales amounts are not yet available.

Floyd County population was at 7,366 in 2002, the latest numbers available. Not counting visitors to Floyd County who pass through, these numbers translate into lottery sales of \$113.41 per individual in the county in 2003.

Compare these lottery amounts collected in Floyd County in 2003 to property taxes levied (to be collected) in 2003. Property taxes levied in 2003 were \$1,136,859.34, levied from 2003 total property values of \$275,268,306.00. Property taxes levied in 2004 were \$1,232,099.57, from 2004 total property values of \$271,986,566.00.

2003 state total lottery amount collected was \$3,120,458,199.

2003 FISD total taxes levied were \$2,093,435.17, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$2,088,173.01.

2003 LISD total taxes levied

Total all taxes levied in 2002 were \$1,040,703.00, in 2003 they were \$5,725,899.40, compared to total all taxes levied in 2004 at \$5,862,072.18.

Floydada City 2003 taxes levied were \$213,062.17, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$244,397.82.

Lockney City 2003 taxes levied were \$127,867.12, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$127,370.77.

Floydada Caprock Hospital District 2003 taxes levied were \$175,165.01, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$190,299.27.

Lockney Mangold Hospital 2003 taxes levied were \$385,864.25, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$374,437.39.

Mackenzie Water-Floydada 2003 taxes levied were \$169,308.41, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$173,872.67.

Mackenzie Water-Lockney 2003 taxes levied were \$90,086.31, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$90,354.49.

High Plains 2003 taxes levied were \$23,258.44, compared to 2004 taxes levied at \$22,983.52.

South Plains Hobby Club News

By Sandra Lass

The South Plains Hobby Club met at the home of Juanita Teeple on March 9, 2005. Helen Teeple, Health Care Professional, gave a presentation on Consumer Tips on Medications. Those present included Hobby Club members: Gleyann Earle Cummings, Ann Hartman, Betty Deavenport, Shirley Weldon, Peggy Roberts, Juanita Teeple and her guest Martha Taylor and Sandra Lass. After introductions, Helen distributed and discussed a handout containing general information about medications, what appears on a written prescription (including the definitions of some of the Latin abbreviations that are commonly used) as well as a selected list of food and drug interactions (what things you should or should not eat or drink when taking certain medications.)

Helen suggested that each of us keep a list of all medications, vitamins, over the counter drugs and herbal products that we use on a regular basis. She said that we must know whether or not our medications should be taken with food, on an empty stomach, 30 minutes before eating or one or two hours after a meal, with water or with milk. Helen emphasized the importance of telling all of our health care professionals (nurse, doctor, dentist, pharmacist) about the regular use of all prescribed medications, vitamins and over the counter drugs. Many of us see more than one health care professional and we need to let all of them know what we are taking. Helen said to clarify with our health care professional any questions regarding the use of multiple medications to identify

any problems with medications interfering with each other, causing adverse reactions or containing the same ingredients, particularly when using over the counter drugs while taking prescribed medications.

Helen said that we should recognize the difference between an allergic reaction (frequently a rash) and a side effect (often a stomach upset or diarrhea) but that we should contact our health care professional should an allergic reaction occur or a side effect persist. She said that we should be prepared to describe in detail to our health care professionals any specific reaction so that they can make recommendations accordingly.

Helen said that we should keep medications in their original containers, store them in a cool dry place that is not easily accessible to children and that, although convenient, the medicine cabinet in the bathroom is not a good place because heat and moisture can cause the medicine to deteriorate. She cautioned us to keep track of the expiration dates of medication, particularly those we take on an infrequent basis. She said that expired medications can lose their effectiveness, be dangerous to take or may even acquire a strange odor. She said that when aspirins (the most common over the counter medicine) smell like vinegar it's time to throw them away.

President Betty Deavenport thanked Helen for her excellent and very informative presentation as well as the handout which we can all use and refer to when needed. The next meeting will be on April 13, 2005 at the home of Carolyn Marble.

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Floyd County Lifestyles

America's favorite old-fashioned Big Top Circus is coming to town

Thanks to the sponsorship of Floydada Chamber of Commerce, the Big Top Circus Culpepper & Merriweather is coming to Floydada on Thursday, April 7 at the Rodeo Grounds with two scheduled performances at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

In its 20th season, C&M Circus has become known for quality family entertainment. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, Arizona Highways Magazine. It has also been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program.

This year the circus is proud to present Skeeter as the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Advance Clown. Skeeter will be in town Wednesday March 30 to visit schools, day cares, recreation centers, libraries, and senior centers. She might be seen in stores, walking down Main Street or handing out the official 2005 Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Coloring Contest sheets.

Skeeter got her clown start at the early age of 9 years old in Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of the Ringling Clown College and has spent much of the last 18 years traveling around the country - clowning around.

Skeeter's clown program educates students and community members about what a day in the life of a clown is really all about. She spends time talking about the different types of clowns and the history of the circus. Skeeter will delight audiences with her unique style of clowning, comedy and true love for the circus.

Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling Circus City. Activity swirls around the grounds as animals are unloaded, the Big Top is erected,

and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day.

Between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the free Morning Show and Tour. This presentation offers a unique face to face opportunity for families, schools, and interested community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus family and includes a walking tour of the Circus Grounds. Learn interesting facts about the performers, the history of the show and the different species of animals in the Circus Family. In this presentation topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of our animals receive, will be addressed.

In recent years the Morning Show and Tour has become a popular program for families and interested community members. It is presented in a way everyone, young and old can learn many interesting facts about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Family. The Morning Show & Tour is a special part of Circus Day that should not be missed.

On circus day, the performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90 minute show. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers. Some highlights include: the high energy teeterboard and acrobatic routines of the Los Pampas Family, the Arlise Troup presenting aerial and unicycle acts, Natalie and her American Eskimo Escapades, Miss Simone and her Birds of Paradise, and Casey Cainan with all his wonderful animals.

Save money by purchasing your tickets in advance. Advance tickets are available at: Floydada Chamber of Commerce and Floydada Hesperian. Prices for advance tickets are \$6.00 for children ages 2 to 12, children under 2 are always free, and \$8.00 for adults. On show day tickets will be \$1.50 more. Buy tickets early and save.

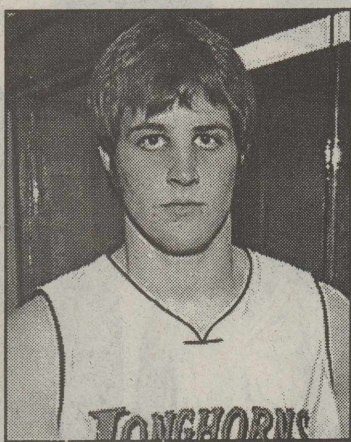
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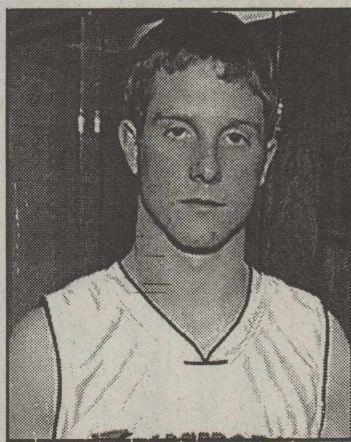
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Longhorns named to A-J 2A All-South Plains Team



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ALL-SOUTH PLAINS
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Congratulations

4-H Fashion Show winners named

By Melissa Long

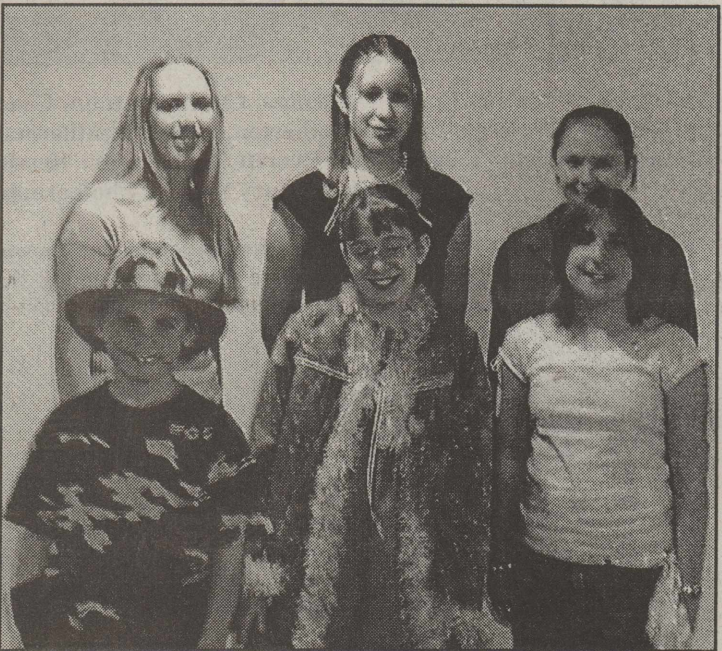
4-H Paradise was the theme of the 4-H Fashion Show held Tuesday, March 22 at the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney with seven 4-H members participating. 4-H'ers constructed garments, comparative shopped for outfits and recycled and embellished clothing items to compete in the show. All 4-H members will advance on the District Competition to be held Tuesday, April 12 at First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock.

4-H'ers participating included Junior I Buying Specialty - Sunny Williams; Junior I Recycled & Embellished - Jake Bramlet and Junior I Construction Specialty - Jianna Davenport. Junior II Buying Dressy - Bailey Davenport; Junior II Re-

cycled & Embellished - Jill Bramlet and Junior II Construction Specialty - Cheyann Powell, Kami Keaton participated in the Senior Buying Casual category.

Special awards presented included Best Models - Jake Bramlet and Bailey Davenport, Best Interviews - Sunny Williams and Cheyann Powell and Cotton Awards - Jianna Davenport, Jill Bramlet and Kami Keaton.

Mistress of Ceremonies was Kami Keaton, the welcome was given by Segayle Foster, pledges were led by Jake Bramlet, SyAnn Foster and Sunny Williams, special thanks were given by Jill Bramlet. Kami Keaton and Senee Foster narrated the styleshow and Cheyann Powell led the 4-H prayer.



4-H DISTRICT FASHION SHOW-Those Floyd County 4-H members who will participate in the District 4-H Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 12, in Lubbock are: (front row, l-r) Jack Bramlet, Jianna Davenport, Jill Bramlet; (back row, l-r) Kami Keaton, Bailey Davenport, and Cheyann Powell. Courtesy Photo



LONGHORNS VS. WHIRLWINDS-The Lockney Longhorns beat the Floydada Whirlwinds last Friday 13-2. Photo by Jim Covington



LONGHORNS VARSITY 2004-2005 BASKETBALL TEAM-(back row, l-r) J.W. McPherson, Trevor Morris, Coach Edwards, Coach Rodgers, Brance Wilson, Dahlen McCarter; (front row, l-r) Taylor Becker, Cagan Cummings, Rance Schumacher, Mark Ford, Reid Carthel, Jeremy Pyle. Photo by Hall Photography



LADY HORNS 2004-2005 VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM-(Top row, l-r) Alyssa Poindexter, Amber Dorman, Alexis Hall, Bethany Dietrich, Sofia Ascencio; (middle row, l-r) Torie Terrell, Jana Miller, Rebekah Thornton, Trinity Ford; (front row, l-r) Leah Ford, April Lopez, Coach Edwards, Coach Schumacher, Emily Mercado, Karah Hrbeck, Rina Gonzalez, and Kami Keaton. Photo by Hall Photography

Lockney School Menu

April 4 - April 8
Monday

Breakfast-French toast or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chili dog or PBJ sandwich, corn, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Baked chicken or ham, green beans, potatoes, pears, bread, milk

Wednesday

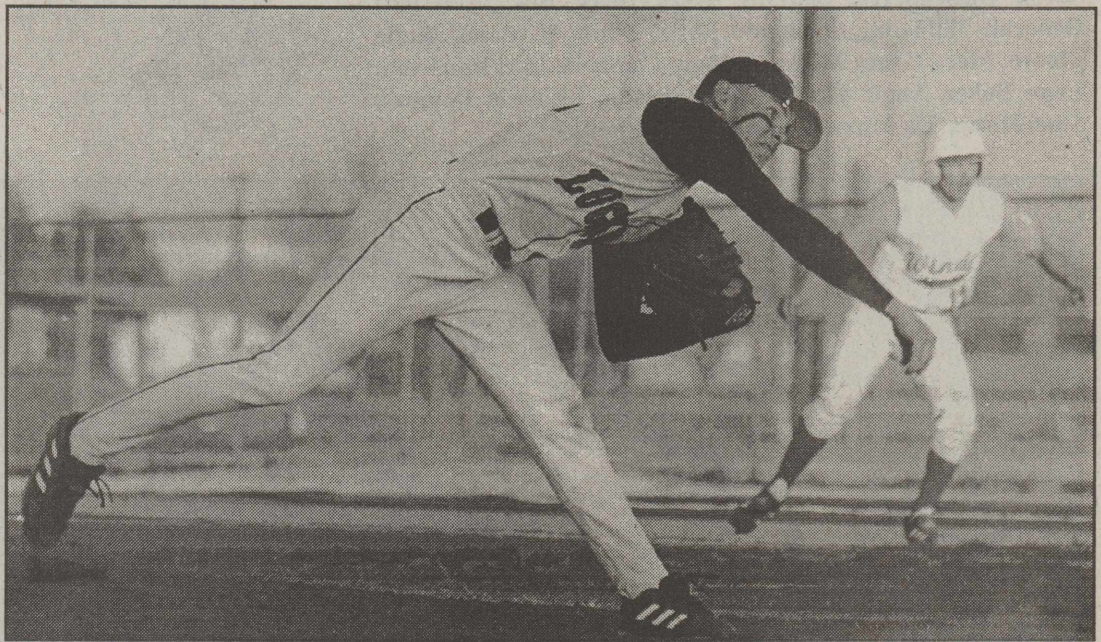
Breakfast-Rice or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Chili cheese baked potato or tuna sandwich, broccoli, fruited gelatin, hot rolls, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs and ham or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Grilled cheese or ham, pinto beans, tossed salad, applesauce, cornbread, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger or burrito, baked fries, lettuce and tomato, peaches, milk

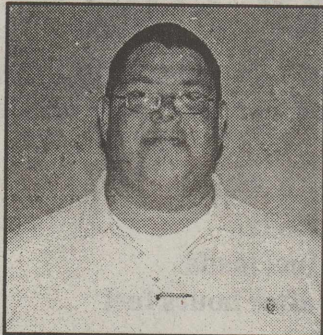


LONGHORN PITCHER HAGAN JOHNSON is shown delivering the ball during last Friday's baseball game against the Floydada Whirlwinds. Lockney won 13-2. Photo by Jim Covington



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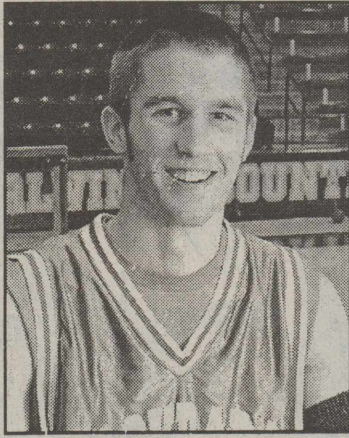
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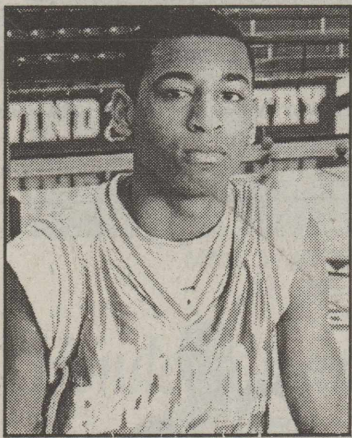
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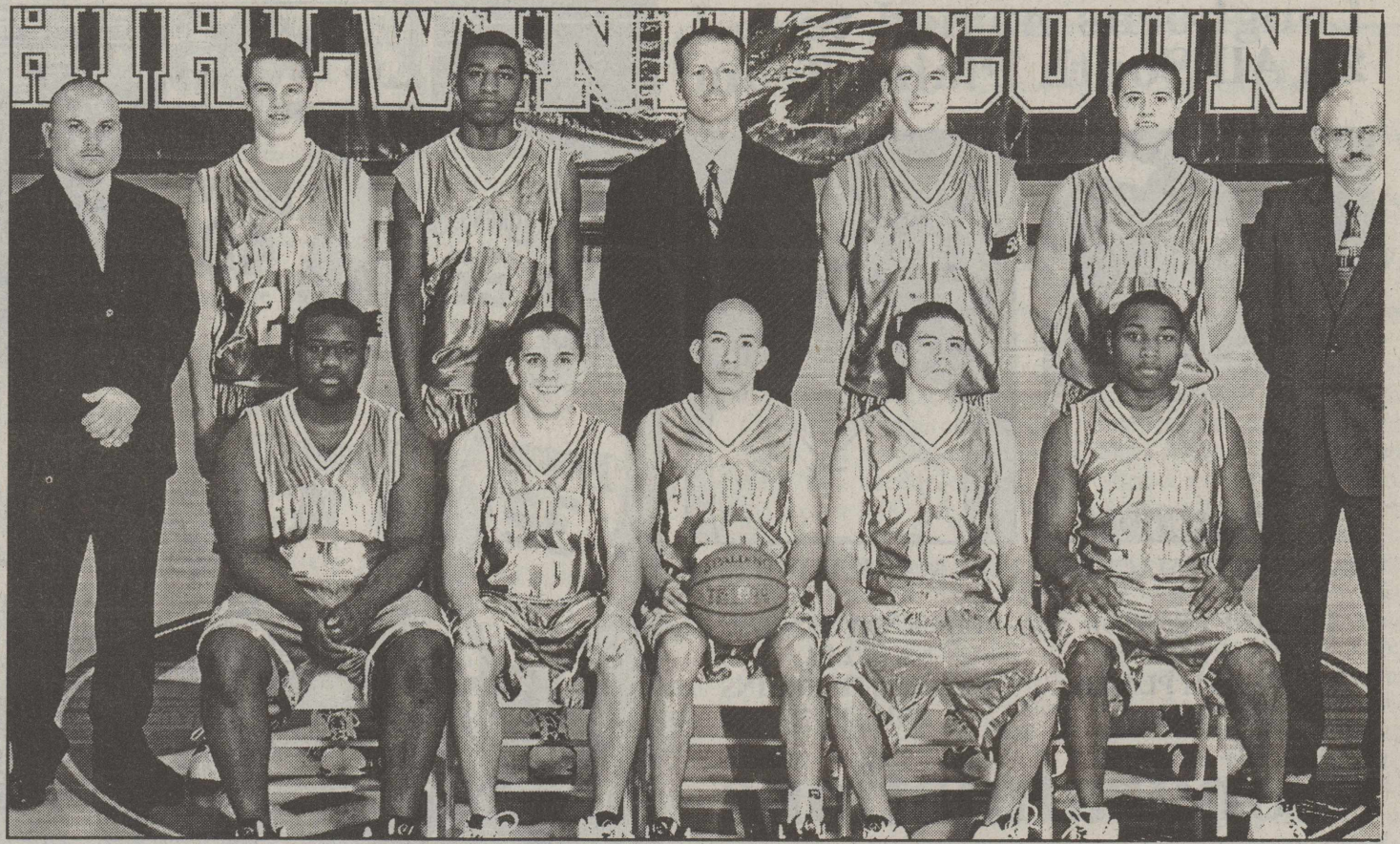


Sports

Congratulations



"KDP Initiation:" Students gather for a photo after the recent induction ceremony into the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for education students at Wayland Baptist University. Pictured are (front row, from left) Debbie Quintana, JoElda Perez, Valentina Salazar, of Lockney, Amanda Rusher, Tracy Rosales, Sarah Quisenberry, Brittany Ayers, (back row, from left) Deborah Williams, Stephanie Shaw, Elyse Newland, Katie Moore, Mary Grace Moore, Tiffany Lambert, Laci Rousseau, Lynn Baker, Angie Aleman, of Floydada, Brandon Douglas, Staci Hutto, Tia Maxwell and Kaci Holcomb.



FHS BOYS 2004-2005 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM-(back row, l-r) Coach Emery, Payte Beedy, Douglas Williams, Head Coach Brattain, Luke Miller, Jacob Reddy, Coach Prather; (front row, l-r) T.J. Collins, Trey Helms, Oscar Garza, Dustin Ochoa, Lionel Williams. Photo by Cory Sinkler Photography



LADY WINDS 2004-2005 VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM-(back center, l-r) Coach Eddleman, Coach Brattain, Coach Watson; (back row, l-r) Tabitha Barrientoz, Jackee Wickware, Reagan Heflin, Katya Vega, Britnee Brotherton, Lindsey Leatherman, Cynthia Martinez, Megan Flores, Katy Gooch; (front row, l-r) Kalli Ferguson, Kristan Lackey; Tana Everett, Tania Pesina, Kendra Covington. Photo by Cory Sinkler Photography

Spring
Forward
Saturday
Night!



Floydada School Menu

April 4 - April 8
Monday

Breakfast-Eggs/biscuit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, hot roll, fruit, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast-Breakfast pizza or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, carrots with ranch dressing, crackers, fruit, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast-Pancake and sausage on a stick or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Tacos, Spanish rice, beans, salad, fruit, milk

Thursday

Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast and jelly or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch-Corndog, potato rounds, tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk

Friday

Breakfast-Cinnamon roll, fruit or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

Through the Halls

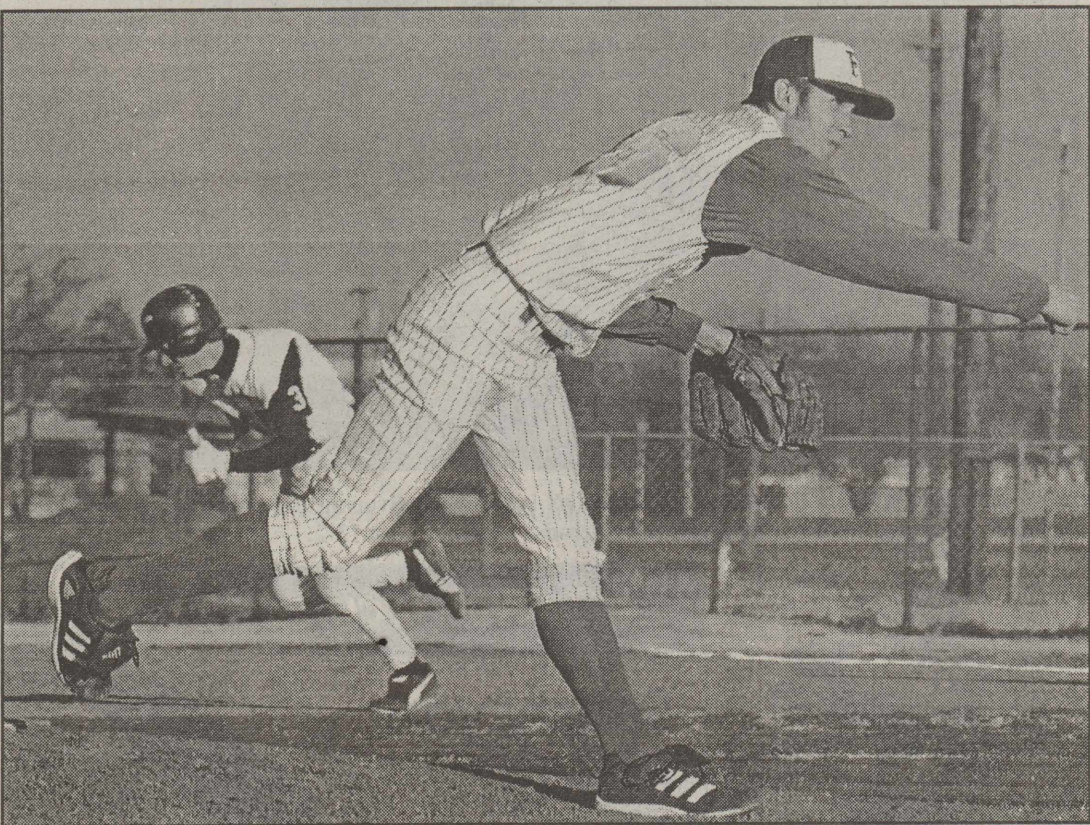
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WHIRLWIND PITCHER LUKE MILLER is shown throwing the ball in last Friday's game against the Lockney Longhorns. The Longhorns came out on top 13-2. Photo by Jim Covington

Daylight Savings Time!



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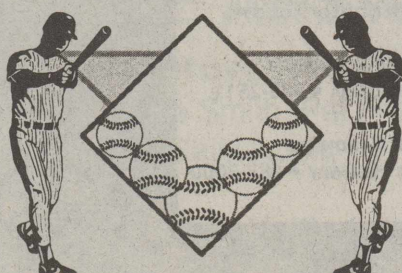
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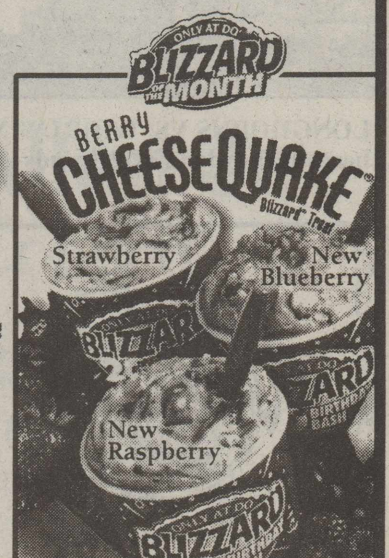
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The amazing tale of Trumpeter Swan H99

By Scott Flaherty
Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

(Editor's Note: This is the continuing saga of Trumpeter Swan H99 who was shot near Lockney in the fall of 2003. The female mate was never found. Two cygnets with the pair were killed and two were injured. Eventually only the male and one cygnet survived. The adult male was eventually released after surgery and has been spotted in Wisconsin. According to local Game Warden, Mark Collins, "It appears this adult swan has a type of cult following. It has turned into a very interesting journey for the swan and for people who are watching and tracking him.")

Recently this story was published in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife publication.)

Each winter, Assistant Zookeeper Jeff Becker's daily routine at the Wildwood Park and Zoo in Marshfield, Wis., includes tending to dozens of resident ducks, Canada geese, and swans that resist the urge to migrate and over winter on two aerated ponds that border the zoo. But one early December day this winter was anything but routine. "I went up to our upper pond to tend to one of our two mute swans. When I got there, I looked up and here comes this big ol' trumpeter on to the pond," he said. "It was quite a surprise."

A trumpeter swan is not a tough bird to notice. Adults measure nearly four feet long with a wing span of nearly 8 feet. The all-white trumpeter is larger than its cousins, the tundra swan and mute swan, and is easily identified by its broad black bills and distinctive loud, trumpet like call. Becker also noticed this particular swan was adorned with a red and white plastic neck band that identified the new arrival as "H99."

To learn more about the origins of the zoo's winged visitor, Zookeeper Kathryn Yochis contacted Robyn Flaherty of the Migratory Bird Permits Office at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in

the Twin Cities. Flaherty learned from the USGS Banding Lab in Maryland that the swan was hatched in Iowa in 1999. After an exchange of emails concerning the swan with several of her contacts in the migratory bird community, Flaherty learned that H99's road from an Iowa wetland to a municipal zoo in Wisconsin was an incredible journey involving many people on both sides of the law.

H99, a male, was hatched in 1999 near West Bend, Iowa, and was raised at the Swan Restoration Project, a captive breeding program operated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Non-Game Wildlife Program. In March 2000 the young swan received its red identifying neck band and was released to the wild. Over the next three years, H99 was sighted in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Along the way, H99 had mated with a wild female trumpeter, and was nesting near Sleepy Eye, Minn. The pair eventually produced four cygnets. In late fall 2003 the adult pair and their four cygnets left the Midwest, ending up at the small town of Lockney, Texas, on December 13, 2003.

Alice Gilroy, editor of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon newspaper in Floydada, Texas, still remembers the day she first heard the news about the swans in her home town. And, it wasn't good news. "I was at home when I got a call from the Floyd County Game Warden Mark Collins and he was really upset. He told me that if I wanted a story I should come down to a city-owned pond in Lockney right away."

Gilroy arrived at the pond minutes later and encountered a visibly upset Collins surrounded by two dead and three wounded trumpeter swans. The birds had been shot by poachers and left to die. A passing pheasant hunter saw the injured swans and reported it. H99 had survived the shooting, but was badly wounded. His mate was nowhere to be found. Two of the cygnets were dead; the other two were in bad shape. H99 and his two injured cygnets were taken to the

South Plains Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock, Texas.

"It was sad to see them so peppered with buckshot," said Center Director Carol Lee, who until that day, had never worked with a bird larger than a Canada goose. "We X-rayed the birds, medicated and treated them. It was hard work. It took at least two people to handle and treat each swan because of its large size. As we treated the cygnets, H99 would trumpet as if pleading with us to leave them alone. It was heart wrenching," recalled Lee. One of the cygnets was later euthanized due to the extent of its injuries.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department immediately offered a \$1,000 reward for the poachers. Nine days later, four individuals came forward and confessed to shooting the swans. The four were fined a total of \$17,000--\$500 for each swan shot plus veterinary expenses and court costs.

On January 1, 2004, H99 and his surviving cygnet were transferred from Lubbock to the Orphaned and Injured Wildlife Inc., a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Spirit Lake, Iowa. During their three month stay at the Institute, the birds' wing fractures healed and a bone chip in H99's knee joint was surgically removed, allowing him to walk normally again. The cygnet also received its own red neck band from the Iowa DNR: SC7. In the spring of 2004, the swans were released back to the wild.

Since the December 2003 shooting incident, H99's female mate has never been found. Although trumpeter swans mate for life, wildlife officials at the Iowa DNR thought they might be able to pair H99 with 1F4, a female trumpeter who had also lost its mate. In March, the swans were introduced to each on a wetland near New Hartford, Iowa. "We hoped H99 would hit it off with the female but they never really bonded," said Dave Hoffman, wildlife technician with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Hoffman said that through the spring and summer,

H99 was beginning to fly, "but not very well." In August, Hoffman's surprise, H99 left the Iowa wetland.

For now, H99 appears content to over winter within the safe confines of the Wildwood Park and Zoo in Marshfield. "We'll continue to feed him along with the other waterfowl and swans until spring when he'll likely set out for someplace else," Becker said.

"This year he may be a little gun shy of Texas," Hoffman said.

About Trumpeter Swans
Although rare in many parts of the United States, the trumpeter swan is not federally-listed as a threatened or endangered species, but is state-listed as an endangered species in Wisconsin, and as a threatened species in Michigan. It is also protected by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and various state laws.

Trumpeter swans were once common throughout most of the northern United States. In the Midwest, the Trumpeter's historic breeding range ranged from Nebraska to central Michigan. Trumpeters regularly nested in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin until the 1880s when market hunting began to decimate swan populations. Swan skins were sold in the fur trade to Europe where they were used to make ladies' powder puffs and feathers were used for fashionable hats.

The high demand for feathers and plumage from trumpeter swans and other migratory birds took its toll on bird populations and led Congress to enact the Migratory Bird Treaty Act in 1918. The Act decreed that all migratory birds and their parts (including eggs, nests, and feathers) were fully protected. The federal law put an end to the unchecked commercial trade in birds and their feathers that, by the early years of the 20th century, had wreaked havoc on the populations of many native bird species. In the 1930s, less than 100 trumpeter swans were known to exist in the United States.

In 1935, the federal government established Red Rock



Game Warden Mark Collins holds H99

Cotton Market Weekly

A service provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures closed higher Thursday on speculative buying in moderate trade ahead of the Easter holiday break. Traders appeared to be bidding time until next week's release of USDA's anticipated cotton plantings report. In the meantime, analysts said support also was offered by the department's weekly export sales report.

In the week ended March 17, net export sales of U.S. cotton increased 32 percent from the previous week and were five percent more than the four week average. The 160,500 bale sales figure was considered healthy by industry observers. Primary buyers were China, Indonesia, Turkey and Thailand. Sales of 10,600 bales for delivery in 2006-07 were for El Salvador.

Export shipments reached a marketing year high at 348,900 bales. The figure represented a 17 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Indonesia and South Korea.

In the spot cotton market, online sales by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas slowed in comparison to the past few weeks as only 14,921 bales were traded in the week ended March 24. The previous week's online sales totaled 31,032 bales. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 35.82 to 43.33 cents per pound compared to 38.45 to 43.31 cents per pound the previous week.

Market players now are turning their attention to USDA's annual planting intentions report. Most traders believe U.S. cotton plantings will fall between 13.50 million and 14.20 million acres compared to 13.76 million acres planted to cotton in 2004.

The 2005 crop season now is steadily getting underway. Most cotton in the Texas Rio Grande Valley has reached a stand and is in good shape, according to observers in the area. Some fields, however, would benefit from a slow, soaking rain.

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in the Texas Coastal Bend under favorable conditions this week while outside activities remained at a standstill across most of the Upper Coastal Bend due to saturated soils. Cloudy, warm weather prevailed on the High and Rolling Plains, and farmers made great strides in getting fields prepared for planting. However, rain and snow are in the forecast for the weekend which could slow progress.

Rain continued to fall in California's San Joaquin Valley (SJV) this week. As many as 36 inches of snow are predicted for the Sierra Nevada Mountains which will boost the snow pack and increase water allocations for the SJV area. Planting has yet to commence there due to unfavorable soil conditions, and farmers are anxious to get the crop in the ground. The optimum sowing period is drawing near, and warmer, dry weather is urgently needed to allow final field preparations to be completed.

Meanwhile, cotton planting is nearing an end in southwestern Arizona, and planting is expected to begin in approximately seven to 10 days in the central parts of the state.

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By Shawn Wade

Monsanto Company officials have announced a change in the eligibility requirements for the 2005 Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma Roundup Rewards Program after consultations with Lubbock, Texas-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

As a result of PCG's input Monsanto has made the following change for the 2005 growing season: Roundup Original Max (tm), in addition to Roundup WeatherMax(r), will now qualify a farmer for Monsanto's \$17.00 per cotton seed bag Trait Replant Relief Program. This change does not eliminate any other qualifications required for participation in the Monsanto Roundup Rewards(r) Program.

"High Plains cotton producers will appreciate Monsanto's efforts to listen and respond to their concerns," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Providing growers the full benefit provided by the Roundup Rewards(r) Trait Replant Relief Program, and the latitude to select the most economical and appropriate Monsanto Roundup-brand herbicide for their farming situation, is a significant help to growers concerned about the potential increase in Roundup Ready(r) system costs going into the 2005 season."

"This change allows growers to maintain an essentially flat Roundup Ready system cost during the 2005 growing season without the loss of the important value-added benefits that come with use of Monsanto-branded products," concluded Verett.

Prior to this announcement, eligibility requirements for the Trait Replant Relief Program

specified at least one qualifying treatment to be Roundup WeatherMax(r). Otherwise, the farmer would have only been eligible for the technology fee rebate portion of the program in a replant situation.

The Monsanto decision follows a series of meetings involving members of the PCG Executive Committee, Officers and Staff who have been discussing producer reactions to the technology providers 2005 pricing and value-added programs.

One of the main messages communicated to Monsanto was the importance of the company responding to producer concerns about the increase in technology pricing for 2005. As a part of that response, PCG encouraged Monsanto to continue to point out the corresponding decreases in Roundup herbicide prices, and that the company go further and consider modifications to their 2005 Roundup Rewards(r) Trait Replant Relief Program.

Monsanto was also encouraged to continue efforts to communicate to growers how the company's 2005 technology and herbicide price changes were intended to achieve its stated goal of keeping the cost of the Monsanto's Roundup technology package even with 2004-cost levels.

Monsanto officials note that when evaluating the 2005 cost of the Roundup Ready technology system, producers need to keep in mind the interaction between 2005 Roundup Ready technology fees and 2005 prices for Roundup-brand herbicides.

The price of Roundup Original Max(tm) was lowered in

2005 as part of the company's efforts to balance its pricing structure between the technology and herbicide product lines.

One Monsanto Program that growers can access through the use of WeatherMax(r) is the company's seed drop exception or "Cap-Cost" program. This program puts a ceiling on Roundup Ready technology costs for growers that utilize WeatherMax(r) in their Roundup technology program and whose average seeding rate exceeds 56,000-58,000 seed per planted acre.

The vast majority of High Plains cotton acreage is planted at seeding rates below this level, although some growers could lower their Roundup technology cost through the program.

Monsanto officials remind growers that additional, product specific guarantees, in addition to qualifying for the "Cap-Cost" program, are also part of the WeatherMax(r) product package. They add that growers should contact their local authorized Monsanto retailer or Monsanto sales representative to determine which product provides the best fit for their operation.

Free Options and Hedging Workshop April 12

For the second year the New York Board of Trade, Cotton Incorporated and Plains Cotton growers are hosting a free "Hedging with Options for Cotton Producer: Beginner and Intermediate Workshop" that is designed to help producers develop and sharpen their cotton marketing skills.

This year's workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005

at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers, located at 801 Avenue Q in Lubbock. The workshop will run from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided to all workshop participants.

Workshop topics include: "Why are options on cotton futures critical to your business?"; "What can options do for you and how?"; "Actionable hedging strategies"; and presentation of a 2005 Market Outlook by Texas Cooperative Extension Economist Dr. John Robinson of College Station.

Instructors for the workshop will be Judith Ganes-Chase, of J. Ganes Consulting, LLC, and Eric Matsen, of Matsen Enterprises, LLC. Mr. Matsen and Ms. Ganes-Chase each have more than 20 years of food and agricultural commodity trading experience and conduct risk management and marketing seminars around the country.

For information about the conference contact Tim Barry at the New York Board of Trade (212-748-4096). Jeanne Reeves at Cotton Incorporated (919-678-2370) or Shawn Wade at Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (806-792-4904).

Registration is required for the conference and participants can register by telephone or email. Telephone registrations can be directed to Raquel Allen (212-748-4094); Kay Wriedt (919-678-2271); or Julie Wheler (806-792-4904).

Email registration should be sent to one of the following addresses: rallen@nybot.com at the New York Board of Trade, or kwriedt@cottoninc.com at Cotton Incorporated.



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ORDINANCE NO. 04-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA FIXING AND PRESCRIBING MINIMUM RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS TO SUCH SERVICE, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES, FINES AND FORFEITURES, PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL INVALIDITY, REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT, INCLUDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-7.

The entire ordinance may be found in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall.

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NO. 5700

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ESSIE B. GIBSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ESSIE B. GIBSON, ("Decedent"), were issued on February 17, 2005 in Cause No. 5700, pending in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, to the undersigned JACK TRUMAN GIBSON.

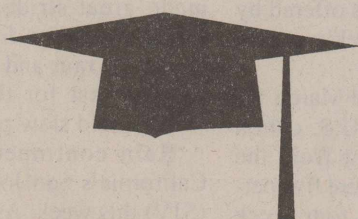
Claims may be presented to the representative's attorney, Derry D. Harding, Underwood Law Firm, 1111 West Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PLAN AND ZONING MAP AND DIVIDING THE CITY INTO SEVERAL DISTRICTS; ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR ZONING REGULATIONS AND CREATING ZONING DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS REGULATING THE USE OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; REGULATING THE HEIGHT, SIZE AND LOCATIONS OF BUILDINGS; ESTABLISHING DENSITY, OPEN SPACE, SCREENING, REGULATING THE ERECTION, REPAIR, AND ALTERATION OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC USE PERMITS FOR CERTAIN USES; RECOGNIZING NON-CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES AND PROVIDING RULES FOR THE REGULATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND COMPLIANCE; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; PROVIDING A METHOD OF AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SUCH ORDINANCE AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE.

The entire ordinance may be found at the City Secretary's Office at City Hall.

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 13.800 SEWER RATES AND CHARGES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 13, Article 13.800 Sewer Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Floydada is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 13.800 SEWER RATES AND CHARGES SECTION 13.801 Rates Established

The monthly service rate or charge for service furnished by the Sanitary Sewer System shall be as follows:
 Residential Rate: 8.85 base plus \$.60 per 1,000 gallons of water used during the months of November, December, January and February.

Business Rate: Based upon water usage between: 0- 5,000 gallons \$9.40 Minimum plus \$.60 per 1,000 gallons of water used during the months of November, December, January and February 6,000 - 12,000 gallons, \$12.40 Minimum plus \$.60 per 1,000 gallons of water used during the months of November, December, January and February 13,000 - 20,000 gallons \$15.40 Minimum plus \$.60 per 1,000 gallons of water used during the months of November, December, January and February 21,000 - 50,000 gallons (Max) \$18.40 Minimum plus \$.60 per 1,000 gallons of water used during the months of November, December, January and February.

This monthly charge for service will be in effect each year for 12 months. In March of each year, the winter average for water usage will be recalculated for the months of November, December, January and February. Should a customer not have an established water usage for the months of November, December, January and February, a charge of \$11.85 will be assigned until the customer receives their average water usage.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective for the January, 2005 billing.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas on this 18th day of January, 2005.

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

ATTEST:
 Karen E. Lawson, City Secretary

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, UTILITIES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 13.1000 GARBAGE RATES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 13, Article 13.1001 Garbage Rates of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Floydada is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 13.1000 GARBAGE RATES SECTION 13.1001 Garbage Collection and Disposal Rates Established

The monthly service rates or charges for garbage collection and disposal service furnished by the City of Floydada shall be as follows:

Residential Rate: \$16.00 per month - 1 container; 1 pickup per week

Business Rate: \$20.00 per month - 1 container; 1 pickup per week
 \$34.00 per month - 1 container; 2 pickups per week \$48.00 per month - 1 container; 3 pickups per week

All other customers outside the City Limits currently serviced shall pay an additional \$5.00 per month.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective for the January, 2005 billing.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas on this 18th day of January, 2005.

Bobby Gilliland, Mayor

ATTEST:
 Karen E. Lawson, City Secretary

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular board meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 104 E. California, Floydada.

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 742 BEING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS, WHEREAS THE CITY OF FLOYDADA DESIRES TO ADOPT NEW ZONING FOR THE HEREIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF FLOYDADA AS A BUSINESS-1 CLASSIFICATION; THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SUCH ORDINANCE, SEVERABILITY AND PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Floydada maintains a substantial and legitimate interest in requiring zoning within the City Limits of the City of Floydada with regard to type of buildings and type of construction in the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS: THAT ORDINANCE NO. 742 BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY TO BE ZONED AS B-1 BUSINESS DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

Part 1: B-1 Business District Classification for the following real property:

Tract 1: 6.6 acres out of the East part of 108.1 acre tract out of Survey 93 in Block 1 A. B. & M., situated in Floyd County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Being a 6.6 acre tract out of the east part of 108.1 acre tract out of Survey No. 93, Block 1, A. B. & M., Certificate No. 1/93 B. S. & F. Patent No. 279, Volume 27, dated February 26, 1877, recorded Volume 2, page 7, Patent Records, Floyd County, Texas; BEGINNING at pipe found for southeast corner of said 108.1 acre tract and the southwest corner of C. O Spencer Subdivision also being in the north right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 62;

Thence N.0°02' 11" W. 1079.4 feet along the east line of said 108.1 acre tract to a point 0.1 feet west of a pole and the southeast corner of 1.36 acre tract recorded in Volume 25, Page 701, Floyd County, Deed Records;

Thence N.87 ° 7'12" W 180.21 feet along a south line of said 1.36 acre tract to a 1/2" rod found for the most southerly southwest corner;

Thence N. 5° 13 '31 "W. 162.18 feet along a west line of said 1.36 acre tract to a 1/2" rod found for an internal corner;

Thence N.89°54'41"W. 37, 9 feet to a 1/2" rod set in a south line of said 1.36 acre tract;

Thence South 1483.37 feet to a 1/2" rod set in the north right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 62;

Thence N.45° E. 330 feet along said right-of-way to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 6.6 acres.

Tract 2: A 0.69-acre tract of land out of a 108.1-acre tract of land as described in Volume 248, Page 453, Floyd County Deed Records, and being out of Survey 93, Block 1, A. B. & M. Abstract 64, Floyd County, Texas.

BEGINNING at a _ inch steel rod with cap found in the North right-of-way of U.S. Highway 62 for the Southeast corner of this tract and the Southwest corner of a 6.6 acre tract of land described in Volume 9, Page 515, Floyd County, Official Public Records, a pipe found at the Southeast corner of said 108.1 acre tract and the Southwest corner of the C.O. Spence Subdivision as recorded in Volume 130, Page 187 of the Floyd County Deed Records bears N 45° E a distance of 330.00 feet;

THEN S 45° W, along said highway right-of-way, a distance of 28.28 feet to a _ steel rod with cap set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THEN North a distance of 1503.30 feet to a _ inch steel rod with cap set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THEN N 89°54'41"E a distance of 20.00 feet to a _ inch steel rod with cap found at the Northwest corner of said 6.6 acre tract, for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THEN South, along the West line of said tract, a distance of 1483.27 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Part 2. Penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) nor more than TWO THOUSAND (\$2,000.00) DOLLARS for each offense and each and every day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Part 3. Severability.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance hereby amended and adopted are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not effect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation of any unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

Part 4. Repeat of Conflicting Ordinances.

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

Part 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance as amended shall take effect upon completion of publication as provided by law, The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause the publication of the descriptive caption hereof together with the civil and criminal penalty provisions for violation thereof

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH 2005.

BOBBY GILLILAND, MAYOR

CITY OF FLOYDADA

ATTEST:

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Obituaries

MARILYN ANDERSON

Funeral services for Marilyn Anderson, 68, of Lockney were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. Reverend Neely Landrum officiated.

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

Mrs. Anderson died Sunday, March 27, 2005 at Lubbock Heart Hospital.

She was born December 11, 1936 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late James A. and Eunice R. Doucette. She attended Franklin K. Lane High School in Brooklyn, New York. She married George W. Anderson in Brooklyn, New York. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1985.

She moved to Lockney from Brooklyn in 1992. She was a secretary for a cable company until she retired in January of 2000. She was a member of the Lockney Library Associates, Athena Study Club, Lockney Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer for Hospice Hands of West Texas. She was an avid reader, loved to travel and do crossword puzzles. She enjoyed cross stitching, loved to entertain and cook and attended the First United Methodist Church of Lockney.

Survivors include four sons, Brian Segarra of Nyack, New York, Steven, George and James Anderson, all of Stanton Island, New York; one daughter, Susan Don English of Southern California; one brother, Jim Doucette and wife, Denise of Lockney; nine grandchildren, Dillon James English, Timothy Anderson, Nichole Anderson, Angela Anderson, Lindsey Anderson, Holly Anderson, Corey Anderson, Kaitlain Anderson, Shannon Anderson; two great grandchildren; three nephews, Patrick Doucette of Lockney, James Doucette, Jr. of Greenwich, Connecticut and Bernard Doucette of Chatham, New Jersey and one niece, Marie Doucette of Brooklyn, New York.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lockney Library, P.O. Box 249, Lockney, Texas 79241.

SARAH B. BICKLEY

Funeral services for Sarah B. Bickley, 81, of Greenville were held Saturday, March 26, 2005 at the Coker-Mathews Chapel in Greenville. Reverend Joe Florence officiated.

Burial was in Farmersville I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Pallbearers were Craig Bickley, Kyle Bickley, Kent Bickley, Chase Powers, Steve Watkins and Phil Watkins.

Mrs. Bickley died Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Baylor Medical Center of Dallas.

She was born June 26, 1923 in Bonham to Roy C. Johnston and Irene Gass Johnston. She married John F. Bickley, Jr. on November 22, 1949 in Greenville. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bickley was preceded in death by her husband in 1983 and two sisters.

She is survived by one son and wife, John and Sandi Bickley; one brother, Roy Johnston of Lake Charles, Louisiana; two sisters, Nell Johnston of Greenville and Bettye Ice of Monahans; three grandsons, Craig Bickley, Kyle Bickley and Kent Bickley; and one great-granddaughter, Lily Bickley.

Dear Floydada community and churches: The outpouring of love through your many gifts, flowers, calls, cards and visits have humbled our family and truly comforted us in this time of loss of our dear son, Jay. There are no words to express how much you have eased our selfish mourning of "what might have been in memories and life if our son had lived." Your extended sympathy is so deeply appreciated. It helps us realize that all of you are God's extension of love for us. And we can more truly rejoice that our son is now God's son in heaven. What a wonder joy to know he still lives with his true Father in heaven and has eternal happiness with no pain now.

May God allow you to continue to show love to everyone.

**Love the Hollums Family,
Sheila, Randy, Teresa, D.G., Tiffany
Edwina Emert and Tom Emert**

Below is a copy of the letter from Jay on December 2, 2004, after his first stem cell transplant and probably would be his thank you for all who prayed and helped him survive even for the year he did from his extremely progressive and lethal cancer.

First, and foremost, I want to say thank you to all of the people that are reading this! I know if you are reading this you have at least at some point worried or been concerned about me. And I want you all to understand the glorius impact that your prayers have had on me and those around me.

When you first find out that you have cancer, it is very hard to believe. You just say to yourself that it is not possible. And you just wait patiently for the doctors to come back with a different reason that you are not feeling perfect. However, once it sinks in you just sit there and try to understand. I think I handled the diagnosis very well, but I had no idea what I was in for when it came to the cure. Chemotherapy is amazingly tough. For me I think it was tougher than the cancer. I just kept telling myself that my God has a purpose for everything, even if I don't understand it. I proceeded to ask for prayers and blessings from all the people I know and the church that I love. I know that many people prayed for my health, and I will take all the prayers that people are willing to make on my behalf, but I will tell you this; I have never seen prayer work as effectively as it did this time. Not necessarily as a cure for my cancer (it is in remission and undetectable right now), but as an impact on my friends and family and myself. I have never felt so much love all the time coming from every where. Your prayers comforted me, my wife, and my family. They allowed me to feel wrapped in love and that is an AMAZING feeling. I have always said that the greatest miracle that God can do is not to move a mountain, but to change a heart. I have no doubt that through your prayers for me and my illness; MANY hearts were changed forever. If you ever wonder why people are allowed to ever get sick, then just realize the changed hearts of the people that form due to experiencing an illness or even a death are a great miracle. Sometimes, the only way to change a heart is through observation of another's illness or death. I truly hope that your spiritual life has grown in some way as you followed my struggles.

I continue to pray for all of you in return, even if I don't know all the names of the people that prayed for me. May God bless you all for your concerns, prayers, and, more to the point, your deep abiding love. Keep praying as we all need miracles. Thank you once again, your prayers and Christ's love hold me together day by day as this ordeal finishes up with the final testing and follow up treatments. I believe it is by the grace of God and your wonderful prayers that I am where I am today.

*Your brother in Christ,
Jay Hollums*

THIS WEEK'S

FLOYD COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE

The Floyd County Relay for Life Team presents Highway 70 Saturday, April 2, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Floydada High School Auditorium. Admission will be taken as \$5 donation for adults and \$3 donation for kids 12 and under.

Have a nice week!

ANNUAL TRUCK RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual truck raffle benefiting the Plainview Rainbow Room are available from Kelly Prayor at City Bank in Lockney. Three hundred tickets will be sold for \$100 each. The drawing is to be held April 6th. The Rainbow Room is a resource for CPS caseworkers and it serves Hale, Floyd, Motley, Swisher, Briscoe and Castro counties.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
Floydada
Armando Morales, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Steve McLean -Minister
Morning Worship .. 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ken Free- Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Anthony D. Sisemore,
Pastor
Bill Swinney,
Minister of Ed./Music
Scott Reed - Min. Students
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney
Carl Moman, Pastor
Chad Cook, Youth Min.
Phil Cotham, Music Min..
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Dr. David Jones, Pastor
Early Worship8:30 am.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ...10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....:5:00p.m.
Youth (Wednesday)..:7:30 p.m

American State Bank
Member FDIC
217 W. California
983-3725

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Floydada
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652-3353

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306 S. Main - Floydada - 983-3370
511 1st Olton, TX 2657796

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102 E. California
983-3524

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
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Wed. Communion .. 8:00 p.m.
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200 S. Main, Floydada
983-5111

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210 N. Main
Lockney
652-2293

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

TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD
701 W. Missouri
Rev. Ray Gonzales
983-5286 (church)
983-3047 (parsonage)
Sunday School 9: 45 a.m.
Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
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Deacon Ricky Vasquez
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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
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.

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

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