

Day Care gets fresh start with \$80,000 donations



DOUCETTES DONATE TO DAY CARE-- Denise Doucette (left) and her husband Jim Doucette (right) presented Gerry Summers, President of the Floyd County Day Care Board, (center) with a check for

\$40,000 which will be used for educational purposes and to help fund the addition for the new Day Care building.

Staff Photo

Armed with donations of \$80,000 the Floyd County Day Care is well on its way to a new beginning.

With the help of two separate donations of \$40,000 the Day Care Center will soon break ground on a new building which will be attached to the First Christian Church in Floydada.

The welcomed donations have come from the First National Bank in Floydada, and from private individuals,

Jim and Denise Doucette, of Lockney.

Although the Day Care Center will take over the unused Sunday School rooms, and also enjoy the use of the church's kitchen area, parlor, and fellowship hall--the Sanctuary will still be home to the member's church services.

"The donations will enable us to add 3,000 square feet to the west end

of the church building," said Day Care Board Member Laura Farris. "We will then have good space for an infant room, a 2 and 3 year olds room, and storage."

"The church currently has four Sunday School rooms and we are going to knock out the walls and make it a larger two rooms."

The building project is slated to

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FNB FLOYDADA DONATES TO DAY CARE--(L-R) Tom Farris, President of the First National Bank of Floydada, presented Gerry Summers, President of the Floyd County Day Care, with a check for \$40,000. The

money will help the Day Care make an addition to the First Christian Church building which will soon be housing not only the church, but also the Day Care Center.

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Texas Forest Service donates 4-wheel drive truck to DVFD

By Page Tumlinson

(Editor's note: Research for the following article written by Texas Tech journalism student Page Tumlinson, was made possible by a grant from the Reader's Digest Foundation.)

When the Dougherty Volunteer Fire Department first formed in 1989, it owned one fire truck that it purchased from the Floydada Fire Department. Nearly 10 years later, the DVFD has not only grown in size, but has acquired two more trucks with the help of area donations.

The newest addition to the DVFD is a one and a half ton, 4-wheel drive Chevrolet truck. It was given to the department by the Texas Forest Service in July.

"The Forest Service receives surplus military equipment and distributes it to fire departments around the

state at no charge," says Jim Covington, a DVFD volunteer.

In addition to the Forest Service donation, the DVFD has been able to continue its service to the area with many other community donations and support.

"With the help of First National Bank, American State Bank, Quality Body Shop, Floyd County, and many faithful individuals, we were able to equip our first truck and our newest truck to be the only 4-wheel drives used for wildland attack trucks in the county," said Covington.

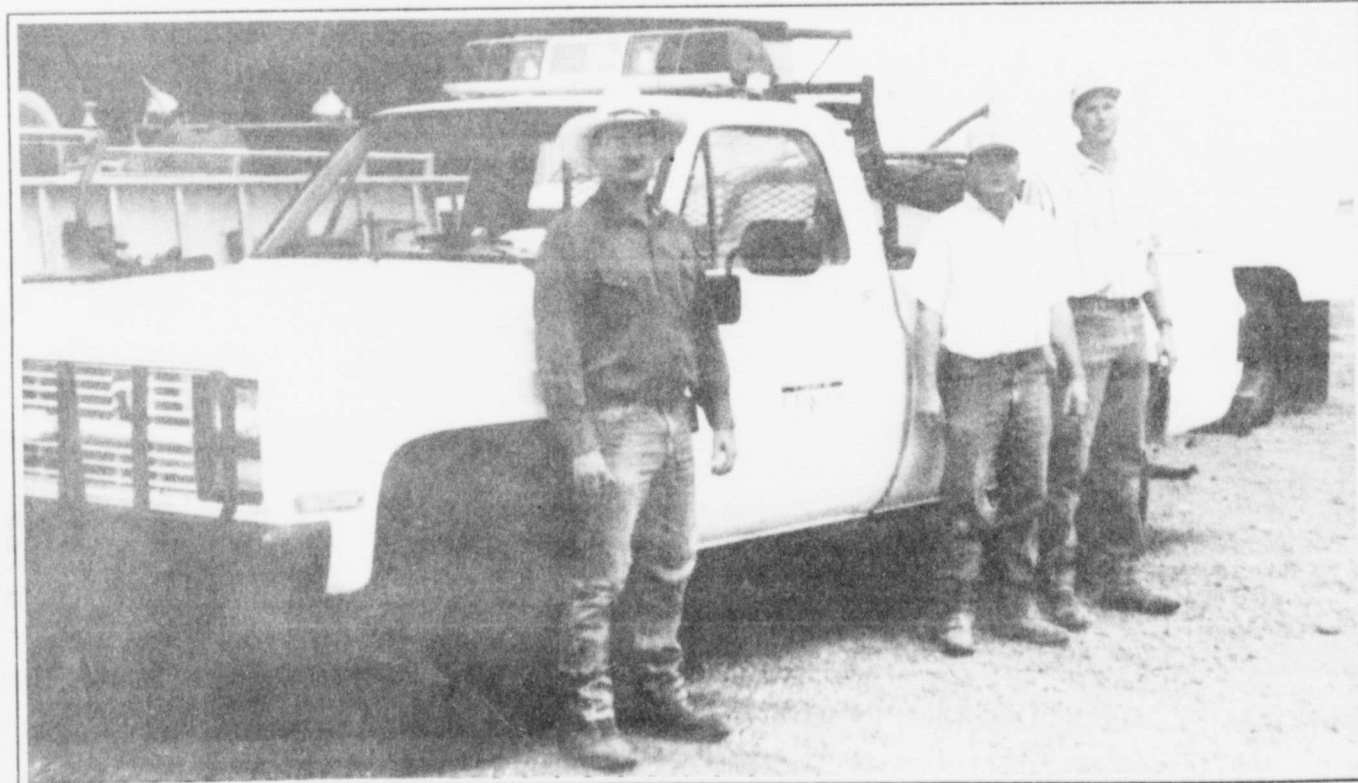
According to Marty Covington, also a member of the department, the Dougherty volunteers recently assisted the Floydada Fire Department and other surrounding departments with three major fires in the northern part of the county in which the trucks

were a great asset in the rougher areas.

"We want people to know that our department operates solely on donations and that we greatly appreciate all the assistance we have received over the years," said Wes Campbell.

"We do get some help from Floyd County as well, but without help of some businesses and individuals around the area, we couldn't have come this far. We would especially like to thank all of the guys that are a part of the department who work only for a pat on the back," said Wesley Campbell, Jr.

Members of the Dougherty Volunteer Fire Department include: Wes Campbell, Wesley Campbell, Jr., Jim Covington, Jason Jameson, Rance Parnell, Randy Parnell, Rick Parnell, Lance Poole, Mike Rainwater, Randy Rainwater and Jody Scott.



DOUGHERTY VOLUNTEERS--(L-R) Dougherty Volunteer Firemen, Marty Covington, Jim Covington, and Wesley Campbell are putting the new 4-wheel drive

fire truck to good use in Floyd County. The truck was donated to the department by the Texas Forestry Service.

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Mark Lee injured while skydiving

Mark Lee, of Floydada, was injured in a sky diving accident in Stanton on Sunday, September, 20, at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Lee's wife, Holly, said that Lee suffered a broken right leg, 3 fractures in his pelvis and his right elbow was crushed.

"His face was also broken everywhere," said Holly. "His jawbones and cheekbones were broken all over and all his teeth were knocked loose."

Holly said Mark was in surgery for 10 hours to repair the broken bones.

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Pumpkin Plans

Punkin Day plans are being made and the time is approaching for the popular event.

Punkin Days will be held this year on October 31 and as customary downtown businesses in Floydada are encouraged to decorate for the occasion.

If you want your windows painted with a Punkin Day theme, contact the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, 983-3434, or LaDelle Gowns, 806-352-5818, by October 5th.

Items are also being collected for the Punkin Day auction. Anyone wishing to donate an item should call the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

The courtyard square will be full of arts and crafts booths on that day, and if you have not already reserved your spot-time is running out. For more information on any of the events, or to volunteer to help out with the activity, call the Chamber of Commerce.

Young cowboys and cowgirls invited to Floydada's first Bull Bash

Young cowboys and cowgirls, of all ages, will show off their western skills during Floydada's first Bull Bash competition September 27-Nov. 7.

The state competition will be brought to the area courtesy of the American Junior Bull Riders Association and Floydada Ford Mercury.

Although the name "Junior Bull Riders Association" may bring visions of youngsters straddling Brahmas--

There are seven riding divisions--starting with five year olds and younger doing the "Mutton Bustin" on top of sheep.

Six years and younger will get a chance to straddle a calf and 7-8 year old children can ride Pee Wee Steers.

Ages 9-10 will compete in Junior Steers Division, and 11-12 will compete with Senior Steers.

Bull Riding will start with 13-15 year olds in the Junior Bull Riding di-

vision and 16-19 years will compete in the Senior Bulls Division.

All riders will be required to stay aboard for eight seconds, with the exception of the Mutton Bustin and Calf Riding events, which are judged on six-second rides.

Sheep and calf riders making the six-second signal receive a score, while the others were judged according to "ground time" (the amount of

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Innovative surgery improves quality of life for Rita Webster

Rita Webster, of Lockney, has been living with Parkinson's disease for 20 years but thanks to a new surgical procedure she is no longer suffering the severe side effects.

Three years ago the disease became debilitating for Webster. She was unable to sleep because of abnormal movements, she had great difficulty at mealtimes because she was unable

to hold anything steady, and she had a tendency to fall frequently.

Today, however, thanks to the first joint program between St. Mary and Methodist Hospitals, Webster is a new person. The surgical procedure, called pallidotomy, uses state-of-the-art monitoring equipment made possible through the efforts of two private hospitals, a group of physicians in private

practice and the driving force of the Neurology Research and Education Center (NREC).

"I had been in pain for five years," said Webster. "My balance was not worth a flip. I decided that without the surgery my quality of life was gone anyway. It was an easy decision."

On Friday, August 7, Mrs. Webster

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RITA WEBSTER is now enjoying her garden again after a new and revolutionary surgery to treat

Parkinson's Disease. See related story.

Staff Photo

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

Have you ever noticed that you are the only one that ever does anything around the house or the office.

If it wasn't for you nothing would ever get done. Your spouse or your co-workers never work as hard as you do.

Even if they weren't around you are sure you would still have the same amount of chores to do as when they are there!

My husband just went out of town for five days. He is going to some kind of Commissioner's school.

I wasn't worried. I was actually excited about the thought that there was not going to be as many clothes to wash or things to pick up while he was gone.

He only asked me to do one little thing for him while he was gone. (It just proved my point that I had a whole lot more chores than him.)

He asked me to check on his cows. That didn't even require me working up a sweat--like mowing the yard or something.

I drove out to the cows on Monday evening--my first night of bachelorette-hood. The sun was just starting to set. It was beautiful and so peaceful--not like washing dishes, vacuuming, and chasing kids. I understood why he always found something to do out there.

The cows were way out in the bottom of a lake bed so I had to let down an electric fence to drive out to them. No problem--I had been there a bunch of times. I drove over the wire and put it back up--because I am so conscientious.

I got to the cows and counted them. I couldn't remember how many there were supposed to be--but I figured just counting them should get me some kind of pat on the back.

Then I decided I'd go that extra mile and water my husband's little trees behind the barn. He would be so proud.

I drove up to the barn and then looked for a way out of the electric fence. I saw another gate I could let down. I unhooked it and drove over the wire.

Then I tried to hook it back. I don't know how it happened but the wire was a whole lot shorter. It would not stretch back to the loop.

I pulled and tugged with all my might. Nothing. I was starting to work up a sweat and getting mad. I wished I was at home cleaning up the kitchen.

I couldn't leave to get help because I didn't want to leave the fence down. The cows had to walk right by it to come get water.

The thought of them coming up while I was trying to hook the fence

LISD Board hears report on enrollment

LOCKNEY—The LISD Board of Directors met Tuesday, September 15 for their regular meeting. Board members heard reports on enrollments, voted to purchase a fifteen passenger van, and changed the date for a bad weather day.

Each principal reported on the enrollment at their campus.

High school reported 50 in the 12th grade, 62 in the 11th grade, 77 in the 10th grade, and 75 in the 9th grade for a total of 264.

There are 195 students currently enrolled in junior high. There are 75 in the 8th grade, 44 in the 7th grade and 76 in the 6th grade.

Elementary school reported 54 in the 5th grade, 59 in the 4th grade, 70 in the 3rd grade, 53 in the 2nd grade, 49 in the first grade, 52 in kindergarten, 27 in pre-k, and 6 in early childhood; for a total of 370 students.

There are a total of 829 students enrolled for the 1998-99 school year.

The totals from the 1997-98 school year showed 263 in high school, 178 in junior high and 407 in elementary. There were 848 students enrolled in the LISD system.

A bid from Gene Messer Ford was accepted for a 15 passenger van. The van will be used for school activities.

The date set as a bad weather day has been changed from April 5 to April 2 due to a conflict.

Superintendent Raymond Lusk told the board of the appreciation dinner being held for Representative Pete Laney. The dinner will be held in Levelland September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

sent me into a panic. They don't show away. They are a bunch of pets who want to see what is in your hand.

I pulled and tugged some more. Nothing.

Then I got the bright idea that if I could just grab the other plastic insulator I could pull the wires together.

I had always heard that the human body was a great grounder for electricity--and it is.

It is hard to explain but the first bolt of electricity that shot through my body must have surprised me so much that it slowed me down. I would have sworn that I never would have held on long enough to get zapped two more times.

Needless to say the wire was thrown on the ground like a live rattlesnake. I now knew what a cow felt like. I didn't even want to pick up that wire again.

Tears started to well up in my eyes. Then I started to pray--"Please God--don't let the cows get thirsty--or want to come see what I'm doing."

The sun had set and the coyotes were howling.

I didn't want to admit it, but I knew I needed help. I went to the phone to call someone. I left distress calls all over town on answering machines.

After I called everyone whose number I knew by heart--I decided to get out the teeny weensy car size Feist directory to look up phone numbers of everybody else.

Another problem--when I'm wearing my contacts (which I was) I can't read little bitty print.

I made a distress call to my 12 year old son--at home waiting for supper.

I give him a list of phone numbers I wanted him to look up for me. The first person I called--Ed Marks--was at home.

He left the Dallas Cowboys football game to rescue a lady in distress.

Ed brought his wife, Joyce, with him. Joyce says he brought her because he didn't want her to change the channel.

Ed had to pull and tug too. But he eventually got it.

We all stood outside listening to the coyotes and enjoying the evening air for a few minutes--and then we heard something.

The cows had come up for a drink. As I stood there and watched them I remembered my prayer and thanked God for helping me out.

This cow-checking sure was an easy job. Anybody could do it.

Donations help Day Care Center

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begin the first week of October and according to Mrs. Farris the Day Care Center will stay at its current location until the cold weather moves in.

"We don't have heat and as soon as it gets cold we will move into the part of the church that is already available," said Mrs. Farris.

"We are very excited about the new director, Kristi Crader, and new curriculum being implemented by her," said Jim Doucette. "This is not just a baby-sitting service--it is an enhanced learning experience. This donation will help give the children an environment in which they can learn the necessary skills to be successful."

Tom Farris, chairman of the board of the First National Bank of Floydada, said, "This is a county project. The Day Care Center is planning on ways to make this Center convenient for children and parents all over Floyd County. There are also plans for a variety of new educational experiences which will be beneficial to the children."

"For the three years I have been here we have continuously asked the Lord to show us how our church could best serve this community," said First Christian Church Pastor Ione Sedinger. "When the opportunity came to open our doors to the Day Care Center, we knew it was the answer to many prayers. This opportunity has brought a renewed Spirit and much excitement to the entire membership."

"For everything there is a season (time)...There is a time to build and a time to break down. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-3). Well, now is the time we must build," said Pastor Sedinger.

Courtroom Activities

In County Court September 17, 1998:

Aaron Neil Eisenhower, 42, of Minco, Oklahoma, pled guilty to a September 26, 1997 charge of Possession of Marijuana. He was fined \$750.00 plus court costs and sentenced to one day in jail.

Alfredo Barron Gaitan, 48, of Plainview, pled guilty to a May 28, 1998 charge of DWI. He was fined \$750.00 plus court costs and sentenced to 9 months in jail which was probated for 2 years. His drivers license was also suspended for 180 days.

Tyrone Tommies Henderson, 22, of Floydada, pled guilty to a August 13, 1998 charge of Possession of Marijuana. He was fined \$300.00 plus court costs. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail which was probated for 1 year. He was also ordered to pay \$140.00 to DPS.

Mark Lucio, 17, of Plainview, pled guilty to Inhaling Paint and was fined \$350.00 plus court costs. He was also sentenced to 60 days in jail which was probated for 2 years.

Mark Martinez, 17, of Floydada, pled guilty to a May 26, 1998 charge of Assault. He was fined \$350.00 plus court costs and sentenced to 60 days in jail which was deferred for one year.

Robert Navarro, 33, of Donna, was charged with Hindering Apprehension. There was no disposition on this case.

David Padillo, 21, of Hale Center, pled guilty to a June 18, 1998 charge of DWI. He was fined \$600.00 and court costs and sentenced to 6 months in jail which was probated for 2 years.

Daniel Pesina, 47, of Floydada, pled guilty to a Nov. 20, 1997 charge of DWI-2nd. He was fined \$700.00 plus court costs. He was sentenced to 6 months in jail which was probated for 1 year. His drivers license was suspended for 90 days and probated.

Tommy Shane Rayvon, 19, of Floydada, pled guilty to a August 13, 1998 charge of DWI. He was fined \$1,250.00, and court costs. He was also sentenced to one week in jail and his drivers license was suspended for one year.

Andy Perez Rendon, 19, of Lockney, pled guilty to a June 18, 1998 charge of Inhaling Paint. He was fined \$350 and court costs and sentenced to 60 days in jail which was probated for 2 years.

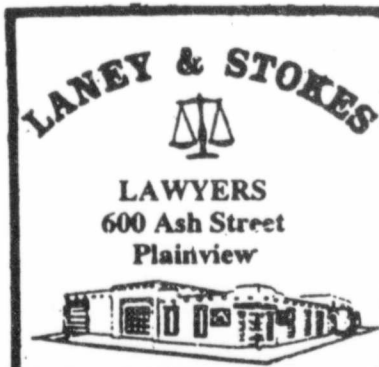
Juan Eloy Rodriguez, 27, of Lajunta, Colorado, pled guilty to an April 17, 1998 charge of DWI. He was fined \$600.00 plus court costs and sentenced to 180 days in jail which was probated for 2 years.

Jorge Saldana, 19, of Floydada, pled guilty to a September 17 charge of Resisting Arrest. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail plus court costs. He was also charged with Driving While License Suspended-2nd and sentenced to 60 days in jail plus court costs.

Saldana also pled guilty to a Feb. 20, 1998 charge of Assault (domestic violence), and was sentenced to 60 days in jail plus court costs.

September 18, 1998 James Robert Kemp, 45, of Post, was charged with DWI. There was no disposition on this case.

Also on September 18, 1998 Francisco Luna, 21, of Floydada, was charged with DWI-2nd. There was no disposition on this case.



ISSUE UPDATE

with
Mac Thornberry

Despite Scandal, Congress Needs to Move Ahead and Pass Aid for Farmers and Ranchers

The scandal involving the President may be the number-one issue in Washington right now.

But the drought and low commodity prices are things which farmers and ranchers in our area and around the country are struggling with everyday.

Congress can't lose sight of its obligation to do the people's business. And as it stands now, helping producers who are trying to make ends meet ranks pretty high up on the list.

I've spent the past few weeks working with members of the House Agriculture Committee on a plan to provide some relief from these dual disasters. We introduced this plan last Thursday, and it should be voted on by the end of the month.

It will provide farmers and ranchers with nearly \$4 billion dollars in federal disaster assistance. This includes over \$2 billion dollars for producers who have suffered current and multiple-year

crop losses, and additional livestock feed assistance for livestock producers who lost their 1998 supplies of feed to disaster. The plan also includes over a billion and a half dollars in market loss assistance payments to producers who are eligible for Freedom to Farm payments.

This disaster aid goes hand-in-hand with a tax relief bill that's expected to be voted on soon in the House. Among other things, this bill will provide for an immediate increase in the inheritance tax exemption to a million dollars and make income averaging permanent. It will also increase the net operating loss carry-back period for farmers, and let small business owners write off 100 percent of their health insurance costs.

In short, it will help make the lives of farmers and ranchers a little easier -- which, after the year we've gone through so far, is the least that Washington can do.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515.



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Newest State of Texas ornament on sale now

Nelda Laney, wife of Speaker of the House Pete Laney, has designed another beautiful Capitol Ornament and is staying busy promoting the ornament and the educational programs the sales of the ornaments will help fund.

The colorful red white and blue ornament is the third in an annual collectible series and commemorates the official flag of The State of Texas.

The collectible is a 3 3/4 inch oval, three dimensional design finished in 24k gold and enhanced by the flag's colors. The blue field stands for loyalty, the white for purity and liberty, and the red for courage.

It also features the single star which gave Texas its nickname, *The Lone Star State*.

Mrs. Laney said in her research to design the ornament she learned of the significance of each point of the star on the Texas flag.

She included this information in the flag's history which comes with each ornament that is bought.

According to history, the five points of the star tell of the five characteris-

tics of a good citizen. The first point is for courage; moral courage, mental courage, and physical courage; the second is for loyalty; the third for righteousness and moral integrity; the fourth for prudence; and the fifth for broadmindedness.

The ornament is presented in an gold gift box lined with a decorative blue velvet insert.

The ornament can be purchased in Floydada at the Floyd County Museum and from the Library.

Because the discounts are offered for the purchase of 25 or more ornaments, the Museum and Friends of the Library, will benefit from their sales of the ornament.

In Lockney the ornament can be bought at Floyd County Farm and Ranch Supply.

Proceeds from the sale of the ornaments is used to support the Capitol Preservation Project and also provides additional funding for educational programming.

The cost of the ornaments are \$15.00 each.



TEXAS CHRISTMAS--Nelda Laney displays the new Texas Ornament now on sale at the Floyd County Museum, the Floydada Library, and the Floyd County Farm and Ranch Store in Lockney. Staff Photo

Webster benefits from new surgery for Parkinson's

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became the first patient in Lubbock to undergo a pallidotomy using the cutting-edge equipment provided by St. Mary Hospital through the CH and Helen Jones Foundations as well as specialized surgical equipment and operating room capabilities at Methodist Hospital. This combination of equipment and expertise in Covenant Health System signals the beginning of an exciting time for Parkinson's disease patients in the region.

Covenant Health System is the only health care provider in the United States performing the procedure outside an academic (university hospital) setting.

"The formation of Covenant Health System (St. Mary and Methodist hospitals) has made microelectrode-monitored pallidotomies possible for our region," said Dr. Thomas Hutton, director of the Neurology Research and Education Center.

"We are the only private hospital between Dallas and Los Angeles to have the monitoring equipment capabilities to perform a pallidotomy that offers less risk and an improved outcome for the patient."

Refined techniques and new technology in neurosurgery have brought about renewed interest in the pallidotomy as a surgical treatment for Parkinson's disease. The pallidotomy is a surgery that was used in the 1950s to cauterize a particular part of the brain to improve some of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Unfortunately, there were numerous complications and the surgery was no longer used, especially following the discovery of the medication levodopa in the 1960s for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Improved technology in recent years has led to a resurgence in surgical treatment of Parkinson's disease.

"I was in surgery for ten hours, and I didn't feel any pain," said Mrs. Webster. "The only medication I got was four shots in my head. I didn't think I would be able to do it--but with God's help I did."

"This surgery has enabled me once again to feel that I am now able to live to my fullest abilities. What a blessing that has been to me and my family. I feel as if I am living in someone else's body and am grateful for every new day."

"If anyone has any doubts about getting the surgery--I think they should erase those doubts."

Dr. Bhupesh Dhenia, the attending neurologist, said, "Bringing this technology and opportunity to our region has been a three-year endeavor. My goal was to identify and recruit the best individuals to make up the core pallidotomy team," said Dr. Hutton. "We are fortunate to have the expertise of Dr. Harold Smith, who is a skilled stereotactic neurosurgeon, and Dr. Bhupesh Dhenia, who has special training in microelectrode brain monitoring."

The pallidotomy team also includes Dr. Charles Walker, Dr. Matt Lambert, Dr. Zuhair Shibab, Dr. Cecil Fincer, Robert D. Kassay and Judy Pesetski.

The new surgery is performed in two stages. First, the neurosurgeon places a frame around the patient's head and anchors it to the skull for stabilization. Dr. Smith uses computerized imaging techniques to target the specific brain areas for treatment.

In the second stage of the surgery, the neurologist and neurosurgeon use a microscopic electrode tip to precisely define areas of the brain responsible for major signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The ability to

distinguish cell groups by their firing patterns allows for a more precise localization of the target area, ensuring that cauterization destroys only the cells which need to be destroyed. Lastly, a radio frequency electrode is placed in the midst of the identified target and the tip is heated to create a lesion at the target site.

The procedure takes approximately four to 10 hours, and the patient is alert the entire time. Patients receive only a local anesthetic to the scalp so that they are able to communicate with the physicians during the procedure.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive disorder of the central nervous system that affects up to 1.5 million Americans. Parkinson's is a result of a deficiency of the chemical dopamine caused by a loss of cells in a portion of the brain called the substantia nigra. This loss causes the Parkinson's symptoms, which usually appear between ages 50 and 70.

Cardinal signs of Parkinson's include the three "S" symptoms: slowness of movement, shaking (tremor) which may be more pronounced on one side and stiffness (rigidity). Other common signs are problems with walking, difficulty with speech or swallowing, episodes of "freezing" or feeling unable to move, small crowded handwriting, lessened facial expression and shuffling gait.

After five to 10 years of treatment with medications, abnormal involuntary movements frequently develop as a side effect of chronic treatment with levodopa, the most often prescribed medication. The pallidotomy offers the possibility of treating Parkinson's disease for patients who are no longer responding to medication or who have a complicated course of the disease.

Mrs. Webster, who was released from Methodist Hospital the day after undergoing the pallidotomy, says she now feels safe to go out on her own without the fear of falling and the embarrassment of the abnormal movements.

"My daughter Deb, and her husband Paul Harmon, were so good to me," said Webster. "They did so much and took me so many places. My son, Bobby, and his wife, Nancy, were here in spirit and did lots of things for me when they could come. I had to depend on others and now I can do for myself."

She is once again enjoying attending church and spending time with her friends and family. She is also able to return to her favorite hobbies of painting and gardening.

"Before the surgery I couldn't hold a brush or know where it was going to go when I did try and paint," said Webster. "My paintings didn't look like much."

"Trying to cope with the long days and nights was an everyday struggle. I turned it all over to God," said Webster. "I have thanked God for the doctors, my family and my friends."

City hears report on costs of lowering water lines

A public hearing concerning the completion of the 1997 TCDP water project, lowering the water lines under Highway 70, and authorization of the final payment to the contractor was held at the Tuesday, September 15 regular monthly session of the Floydada City Council. Kay Howard, consultant from HOWCO, Inc. of Lubbock, told those present the city used \$237,834.76 of the original \$250,000.00 in grant funds and required a total of \$66,480.00 in city matching funds.

Howard indicated the \$12,165.24 in remaining grant funds would be returned to the TCDP program as mandated by the government. The return will be made after final payment on the completed contract is made. Following the hearing, a motion to return the excess funds was made by Eric Cornelius and seconded by Jon Nielson. All voted in favor of the motion.

Terry Turner from Floydada Power and Light brought council members up to speed on the state of the power generating equipment at the city. His report told the council that a major repair is being undertaken on one of the generators and that another has been rewired and is now hooked into the system but has not been tested at this time.

After reviewing a letter regarding the calculation of franchise fees for local cable operations in Floydada, the council voted unanimously to leave the franchise fees unchanged at this time. The vote was necessary due to a court decision reversing an interpretation of federal law made several years ago by the Federal Communications Commission.

Franchise fees are paid by the cable company to the city and then passed on to the cable customer on their monthly bill. The new ruling says such fees are includable in the calculations for gross revenues of the cable provider. The motion by Sheldon Sue with a second by Dale Lawson, approves exempting the fees from the calculations and allows the TCA Cable to exempt the franchise fees from gross revenue calculations.

An agenda item to raise the matter of levying a personal property tax on vehicles and recreational vehicles for the tax year 2000 was tabled until a later meeting. The request by three council members, Jon Nielson, Eric Cornelius and Sheldon Sue, was not worded to allow for any action at this time according to Mayor Hulon Carthel.

Carthel also told the council that the issue of taxing vehicles in the year 2000 probably should have been worded to take effect in the year 1999. "We did it a year too early and now there is a year to overturn it if the minds of voting council members can be changed," said Carthel.

Nielson asked that the item be on the next agenda and that it be worded so that a vote could be taken on the issue. Mayor Carthel told Nielson he would assist him in making sure the

request and the agenda were properly worded.

Mayor Carthel made appointments to two city boards during the session. Charles Craig, Jeffery Johnson, Larry Jones and Jim Crawford were appointed to the Floydada Municipal Airport Board. Barbara Gilliland and Ralph Jackson were reappointed to serve on the Floydada Planning and Zoning Commission. All appointments were approved by the council.

Two items were mentioned during the time set aside for public comment. Jon Nielson asked that the council members go look around at Annie Taylor Park in Northeast Floydada. He said he would like to discuss the condition of the park at a later meeting.

City Manager Gary Brown also commented on a request he had received from citizens interested in seeing Sunset Street paved on the west side of town. Brown said very preliminary estimates are nearly \$180,000.00 for paving the street from Price to Crockett and that the city could not undertake such a project.

He said he had told those who inquired that the residents adjacent to the street would need to pay for the paving. Brown said the city is obligated to pay for the intersection and the width of the alley. As in the past, if grant funds were not being used, other costs would have to be paid by the residents and/or property owners on the street.

No action was taken on a zoning variance request by Amado Morales. Morales had asked the city to close a public street in the 500 block of East Mississippi. The request was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and was denied so no action by the council was necessary. Brown said the underlying problem, people driving on Morales' property, would be handled with installation of appropriate traffic signs.

Line item adjustments and budget amendments to complete the 1997-98 fiscal year were tabled until the next meeting as the necessary documentation has not been completed. The designation of an official newspaper for publication of city notices was considered and the council unanimously named the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon as their method of reaching the local public. Motion for the action was made by Clar Schacht and seconded by Albert Hill.

Council members approved the selections made by the city manager in the TML 1998 Board of Trustee elections. The ballots will be marked accordingly and forwarded to TML for tabulation.

Other items on the agenda for the Council included the reading and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting and the review and acceptance of financial reports for the month. Along with the reports, Brown told council members the city is ending the fiscal year with an improved overall financial status totaling about \$189,000.00 when compared to the previous fiscal year.

Mark Lee hospitalized after sky diving accident

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"The doctors worked like a tag team. One doctor started on one end and another doctor started on the other end--and they met in the middle."

"They were in surgery so long because they said Mark was doing so well and they wanted to get everything done the first time. They are very hopeful he won't have to go back in for anymore surgery."

Holly said Mark suffered no brain damage, no spinal damage, and no organ damage.

"There were only a few incisions made for the surgery so there won't be a problem with scarring but he has countless pin and screws in him," said Holly.

According to Holly, Mark's parachute opened fine. "He was about 25-20 feet off the ground when he turned himself into the wind in a maneuver that is designed to bring you down easier."

"I have been assured by everyone

who skydives that Mark was doing everything right, but he had some kind of new parachute instead of the one he normally uses. For some reason the way Mark pulled up is not good for this kind of parachute."

"The chute inverted and slung Mark up and the parachute down. The chute hit the ground first and Mark came down on top of it."

Mark's mouth has been wired shut and he has a tracheotomy. He will also be on a ventilator for a few more days.

Mark is currently in Midland Memorial Hospital. "Hopefully we will be able to move him to Lubbock in a few days," said Holly.

"We are so appreciative of everyone's concerns," said Holly. "This has been hard and the outpouring of support has been a lifesaver for me. I spend a lot of time in the ICU waiting room. I appreciate the calls that I am getting there."

Mark Lee is an owner of Ray Lee Equipment in Floydada.

Floydada's first Bull Bash starts Saturday

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time they rode before falling off).

All riders are required to wear a mouthpiece and protective vest. The use of a helmet is optional for riders but is strongly recommended for the youngest divisions. AJBRA Region III has helmets for loan for young ones, and vests can be borrowed.

The top ten contestants from each event will qualify for the regional finals, to be held on Nov. 7th, in Floydada.

Regional finalists will then qualify for the AJBRA Texas State Finals.

The American Junior Bull Riders Association was formed in the fall of 1996 and has grown from one state participation (Texas) to its current 10-state membership. Founder Jerry Don Galloway has been pleased with the

associations success. In the first year \$47,000 worth of prizes and cash was distributed to winners at the Texas regional competitions and the Texas State Finals.

The competition emphasizes building riding skills, safety regulations, and good sportsmanship.

The first day of competition will be at 2:00 p.m. September 27, at the Floydada Rodeo Grounds.

Two weeks later, Saturday, October 10, competition begins at 7:00 p.m. October 24, 7:00 p.m. will be the third round of competition.

The first performance of regional finals will be held Nov. 7th, at 2:00 p.m. and the 2nd (short round) will start at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone desiring more information on Bull Bash '98 should call 806-823-2139.

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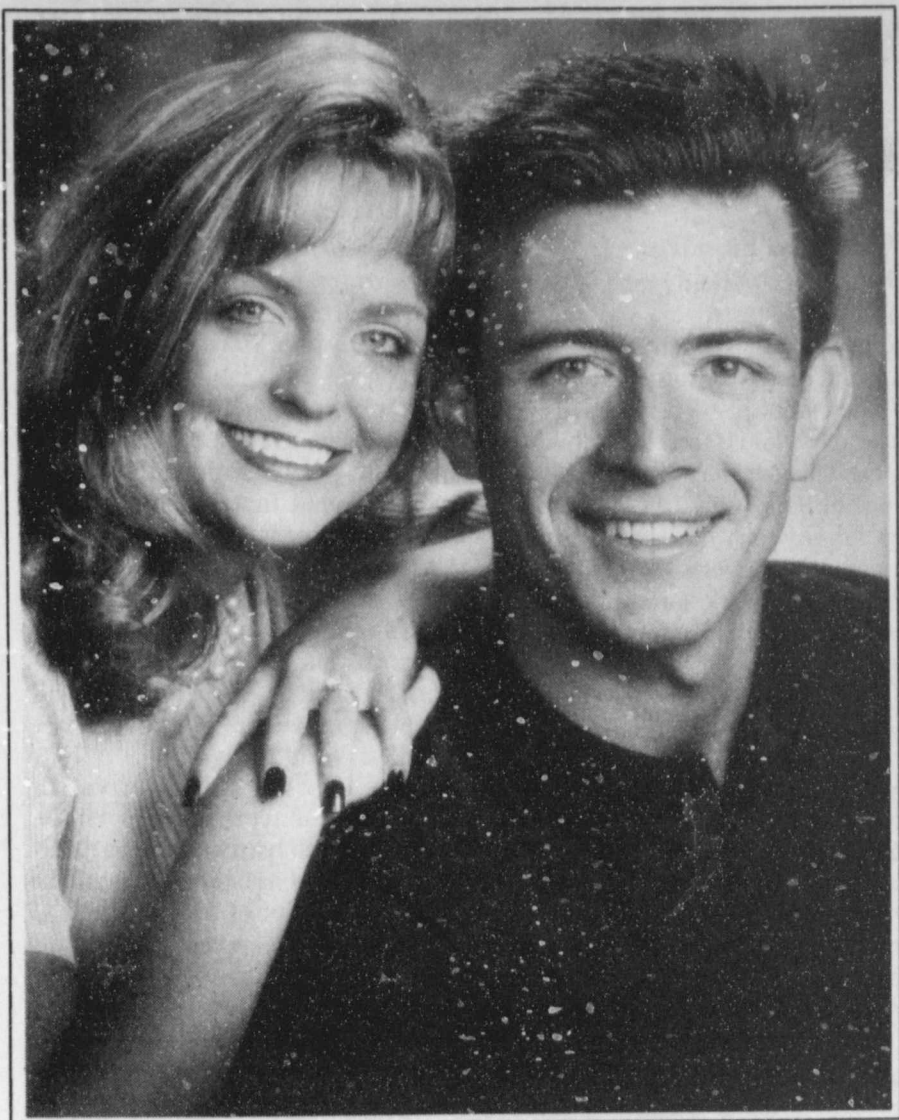
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PEPPER HINKLE AND JEFF FRANKLIN

Hinkle and Franklin

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinkle of Floydada, wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Pepper Renay, to Jeffrey Wayne Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. EL Franklin of Snyder.

Miss Hinkle is a 1995 graduate of Floydada High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in May of 1999 with a degree in Early Childhood.

Mr. Franklin is a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School, and a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a degree in Accounting. He will attend seminary in January of 1999.

The couple is planning a January 2, 1999 wedding at First Baptist Church in Floydada.

Lockney Health and Rehab Center

By Gladys Ragle

LOCKNEY--Well, I hope everyone had a good week last week. Our one little shower cooled us off and made us feel better anyway. I would rather have our situation with not enough rain than flooding like they are having in so many places.

Leona Watson is in Mangold Memorial Hospital but at this time we are not sure what her problem is. We wish her well. James Hill went back to Lubbock on Monday to see his doctors so they can determine what they need to do for him in the future.

Lockney lost two more good men last week with the passing from this life of Pat Stansell and Bob Lane. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

Wampler Hearing Aid service will

be here Thursday morning September 24.

"Weekly Words of Wisdom"

Pray for faith that will not shrink when washed in the waters of affliction. Feed your faith and it will starve your worries to death.

MENU

September 28-Oct. 2

Monday - Hamburger steak, vegetables, salad, dessert

Tuesday - Fried chicken, vegetables, salad, dessert

Wednesday - Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad, dessert

Thursday - Turkey and dressing, vegetables, salad, dessert

Friday - Brisket roast, vegetables, salad, dessert

Whirlwind Sams travel to Elk City, Oklahoma

By Darlynn Hambricht

FLOYDADA--The Whirlwind Sams trail boss, Robert and Betty McPherson led 5 other rigs which included Boone and Ruth Adams, J.W. and Betty Gilbreath, Gordon and Darlynn Hambricht, John and Christine Lyles, and Harold and Charlene Norrell.

They departed from the Wayne Russell parking lot. A coffee break with homemade goodies was enjoyed at a park north of Wellington. Some friends of the McPhersons joined us for the campout at Elk Creek RV Park in Elk City, Oklahoma.

The remainder of the day, the Sams were on our own to eat, rest, and play cards. Keith and Jeane Patzer arrived late Thursday afternoon.

Friday, we ate a buffet lunch at Western Sizzlin'. We then toured the Route 66 Museum. Travelers will find nearly 400 miles of Route 66 in Oklahoma, more than any other state. The rest of the afternoon and evening was spent shopping, resting, and lots of visiting and playing cards.

Saturday the group went to the civic center for the Fall Festival of Arts. Another interesting attraction was the Model Airplane Fly-In at Elk City Municipal Airport and the Car Show at Ackley Park. Again everyone was

on their own for dinner and the remainder of the afternoon. For supper we ate at El Charros.

It was interesting to learn some historical background about Elk City, which became a townsite in 1901 as a shipping center at the end of Choctaw, Oklahoma, and Gulf Railway Line. Originally called Crowe, the townspeople, eager for industry renamed the town Busch, hoping to woo the favors of Adolphus Busch, so that the town might get a brewery. However, when the brewery didn't materialize, the name Elk City was adopted. Present day Elk City is named after Elk Creek, which runs through the city. The creek was named after Indian Chief, Elk River.

Sunday morning we assembled at the rec. room for our devotional time. Favorite songs were sung and led by J.W. Gilbreath. Darlynn Hambricht gave the devotional based on commentaries of "The Lord's Prayer." Robert and Betty McPherson hosted a delicious brunch. "Happy Trails" was sung before everyone was dismissed to return to their perspective homes.

We express to Robert and Betty a hearty thank-you for a successful and enjoyable campout.

1990 Study Club

By Delinda Lucke

FLOYDADA--The 1990 Study Club held its September meeting on the 9th at Tonya Gooch's house with Lori Hendricks and Sandra Garcia helping hostess. They served lasagna with bread sticks, salad, and cheesecake for supper. The meal was delicious!

The meal was served first. Lori Hendricks had the new yearbooks ready and they were picked up after supper. The roll was taken by Delinda Lucke. Then, Libby Galvan, Sunshine Girl, read letters of resignation from Angie Lipham and Tammy McDonough, and a leave of absence was requested for Betty Ann Fortenberry. We will miss them all very much!

The first order of business was the Lights of Unity project. A tentative date was set, Saturday, November 14th. Becky Ross, chairperson, told us that the lights are in and that she was supposed to meet with Nick Long and Shana from Lockney, to decide more details. It was decided that mailers will start going out in September. Forms can be mailed back to any committee members or taken to certain business. Committee members are

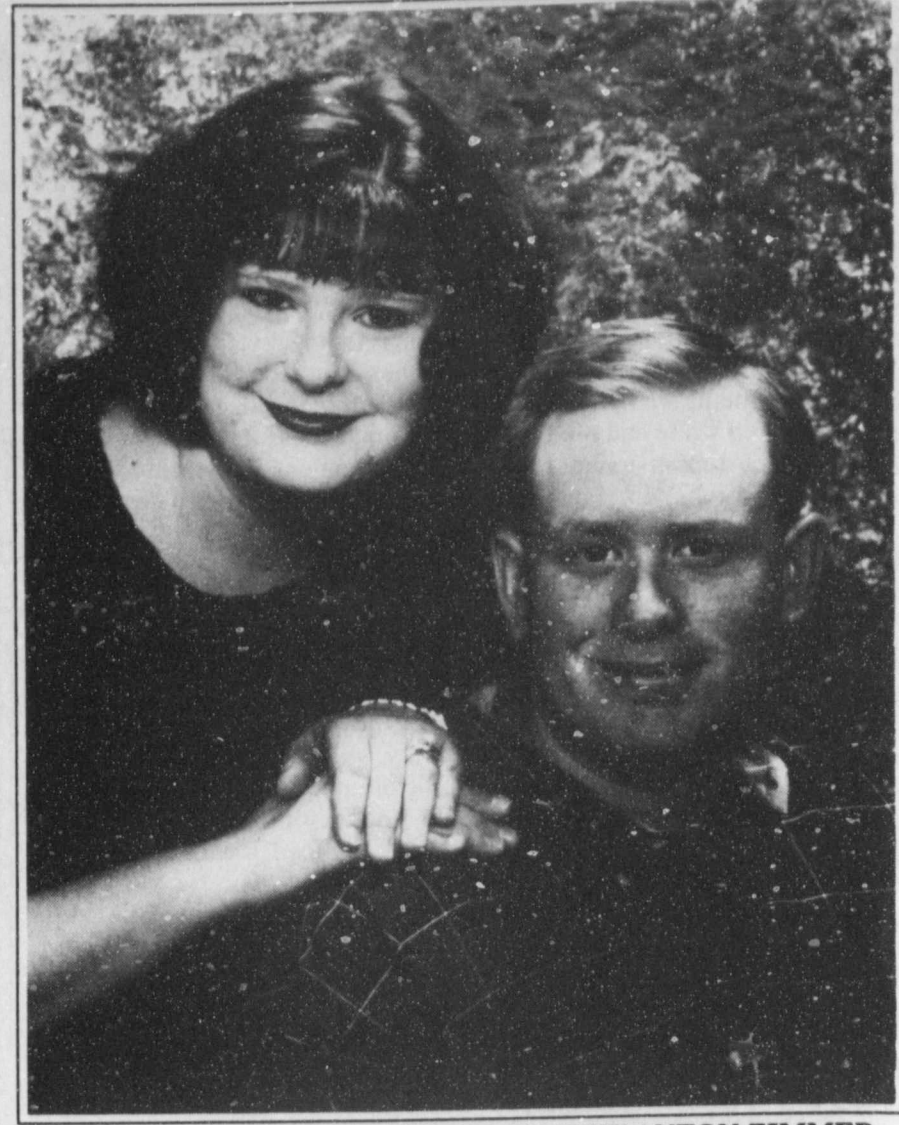
Becky Ross, Katrina Gooch, Shannon Cage, Stacy Nutt, and Jennifer Jackson. The businesses will be announced later.

Tonya Gooch said that she would have everything for the Halloween Carnival ready next month. Presently, all that has been decided is that it will be the afternoon of Punkin' Days with a booth(s) on the Square downtown, lots of games and prizes, and a Cakewalk.

Kellie Williams gave the treasurer's report. As of meeting time, the treasurer's book had not been transferred to her, so the amount she gave us was what she personally knew of, which was \$237. Then, everyone drew Secret Sisters. For those members not in attendance, Libby Galvan will mail you your Secret Sister's information sheet.

Our next meeting will be October 14th at 7 p.m. at Libby Galvan's with Misty Seymour helping hostess.

Members present were Tracy Brogden, Shannon Cage, Libby Galvan, Sandra Garcia, Katrina Gooch, Tonya Gooch, Lori Hendricks, Delinda Lucke, Stacy Nutt, Becky Ross, and Kellie Williams.



ASHLEY RENEE SMITH AND MATTHEW ANTON ZIMMER

Smith and Zimmer

Kenneth Smith of Lubbock announces the engagement of his daughter, Ashley Renee, to Matthew Anton Zimmer, son of Kim Zimmer of Jayton and Bill Zimmer of Stratford.

Smith is the granddaughter of Carl and Ola Smith of Floydada.

Smith is a graduate of Coronado High School. She is employed by Lane Bryant.

Zimmer is a graduate of Jayton High School and Texas State Technical College. He is employed by Robert Heath Trucking.

Floydada Rehab and Care Center

By Patricia Hill, A.D.

FLOYDADA--Hello again from the residents and staff at the Floydada Rehab and Care Center.

Last week was Housekeeping and Laundry Week. Maria, Alex, Pat, Suzy, and Gloria were treated to Babes Steak Barn for lunch by the company.

Thursday, September 17, was the residents birthday party and we had a wonderful time. I would like to thank all the visitor's, friends and most of all the family members for coming out

and celebrating with us. We look forward to seeing you next month.

Next Week is Rehab Week.

The family support group for the Alzheimers will meet Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served.

We would like to welcome our new employees, Peter Garcia, LVN, Delores Mata, LVN, and Gabe Garcia, CNA. That's about all for this week. God be with you until next time.

Harmony F.C.E. travels to Ralls to visit King home

By Maye Williams

FLOYDADA--The Harmony F.C.E. Club met for their first meeting of the fall at 1:30 p.m. in the club room for a short business session.

President Karen Miller called the meeting to order, and as hostess also gave some interesting quotes for the day from various people.

Roll call was answered by "A New Craft Idea" I have tried this year. Most members had been busy with gardens and other activities, so had not tried very many new ideas.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary as well as the treasurers report.

Ruth Scott gave the council report which was held in the council dining room, August 27. She stated the State

Meeting will be September 15-17 at Corpus Christi this year, the County 4-H Food Show will be November 7 and the District meeting for 1999 will be March 25th at Levelland.

In the order of business, the programs for the two October meetings will be reversed due to a conflict of meetings by the agent. Anna Hopper will have "Fall Fix Ups," October 12 and Melissa Long will have "All American Breakfast," October 26.

Imelda Ramsey, of the Sunshine Committee had names prepared for drawing for our exchange of gifts at our Christmas Party which will be December 7 at the home of Bennie Dutton.

The business meeting was adjourned and the group traveled to Ralls

where one of our members, Arvis Schulz' daughter and her husband, Barbara and Glen King had invited us to tour their home and yard areas.

The unique element of their home, is the fact that they have done their own landscaping and the architectural additions and decorating themselves. Practically all the stones, bricks, plants, furnishings and decor have come from family members, ranches they own, places they have lived or have a historical background.

They added a den and basement to the original structure and this is built out of rock that they have hauled themselves as well as all the rocks used in the landscaping of the yards.

They are meticulously arranged and groomed. They consist of everything

from a cactus garden to a miniature farm scene by the front entrance.

The garage has been made into a game room and is sealed with the wood of an old barn that was blown away by a tornado. This belonged to one of the grandfathers.

After we had viewed the front yard, house, basement and game room, we were escorted to the back yard area, which consisted of patio area, decks, barbecue grills, and old hay wagon that was a grandfathers, and a gazebo. We were served delicious refreshments by Barbara and Glen, of chicken roll ups, apple strudel, pecan tarts, various cookies, punch and coffee.

The Kings are both artists in their own fields. Barbara with her ideas and sewing machine. She sews beautifully, making the majority of her husband's western shirts with original appliques, stuffed animals, wall hangings, bed coverlets and much more. Glen draws, paints, does ceramics with his own kiln, wood burning, leather work and they both are avid readers with quite a library of books and tapes.

Upon our leaving Glen presented each one of us a print of one of his drawings. Those enjoying this unusual experience were: Karen Miller and children, Ericka, Laura, Rachael, Matthew, Bennie Dutton, Ruth Scott, Juanita Pool, Anna M. Hopper, Vivian Curtis, Arvis Schulz, Imelda Ramsey, Maye Williams and a guest, Novice Bartlett.

Family Support Group for Alzheimers & other related diseases

September 24 6:00 p.m. First Methodist Church, Floydada

Call: Kiki Wilcox at 983-3704

Floydada Rehab & Care Center



MISS FLOYD COUNTY PAGEANT WINNERS--Participants named runners-up in the 1998 Miss Floyd County Pageant were Meredith Schacht, 1st Runner-up; Katie Smith, 2nd Runner-up; Amber Morris, 3rd Runner-up; Desiree Bradford, 4th Runner-up and Jolie Robnett, 5th Runner-up. The girls modeled sportswear, formalwear and were given a question to answer before the judges made their final decision. Staff Photo



EXCHANGE STUDENT RETURNS--John and Marleen Packle-Kessels of Roermout, Holland, have visited several days in Floydada with the Howard Gregory family. Marleen Kessels was an AFS student in 1964-1965, and lived with the Gregorys. This is her first visit back to Texas. She especially enjoyed experiencing a pep rally at FHS last Friday. They also enjoyed their visit to the Floyd County Museum which was not here when Marleen lived in Floydada. Staff Photo

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Floyd County Lifestyles

Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margaret Word

FLOYDADA--The center is open Monday through Friday. We serve a very good hot meal. If you are 60 years or older and want to eat lunch with us, call 983-2032 and let us know you will be there.

Tom and Edwina Emert spent this past week traveling around visiting Edwina's daughter, Harryette Purris at Cisco, then on to Tom's daughter, Darlene Hollis at Marquez, and on to visit Tom's brother Dale Emert at Dayton.

Welcome home. Ernestine Gilley moved to Amarillo about a year ago. She has returned to Floydada, bought a home and plans to stay in Floydada to be close to family and friends. She is enjoying eating at the center and seeing her friends and we are glad she has come home.

Madge West spent last week in Slaton visiting her granddaughter and family.

Jo Davis and Sue Moore attended their granddaughter, Lindsey Lanae Moore's wedding to Brandon Eugene Wing in Amarillo at the First Baptist Church on September 5th.

David Carr of Georgia spent this past weekend with his parents Charles and Ann Carr. Saturday evening Ann and Charles and Mary Garrett fixed hamburgers for us. David is Jim

Word's grandson. David's sister Sandy Carr was also there.

Rev. Ione Sedinger at the First Christian Church is going to have a Bible Study, starting Monday, September 28th at 9:30 a.m. on Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This study is non-denominational so come join us. Please bring your Bible. It will be a several month study.

George and Betty Mize and daughter Sally of Apache Junction, Arizona visited Edna Patton and a cousin, Bill and Edna Beth Tye, one day last week.

Our sympathy to the family of I.T. Graves. He was 100 years old at the time of his death.

Our sympathy to the family of Lucy Eastham. Her memorial service was Monday, September 21st.

Our sympathy to Sally Gallaway on the loss of her brother.

Our sympathy to Flora McNeill on the loss of a cousin and an uncle this past week.

Our sympathy to Dr. Keith and June Patzer on the loss of their son Gregory Wayne Patzer.

Roy Baxter had hip surgery again. Hopefully this will take care of his problem. He's had several surgeries on the same hip.

Margaret Edmonston had knee surgery last week and is home now.

James Minner is home after having

heart surgery.

Jo Rainer is in the hospital in Dallas.

Those who made donations this past week to help keep the center open were Faye and Rubey Gooch, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Russell. Those making memorial donations were Madge West in memory of Gladys Jones and Jenelle and Milton Evans in memory of Red Watts. Thank you all for your help.

Thought for the Week

We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there.

Charles F. Kettering

MENU

September 28-October 2

Monday: Beef enchilada, Mexican corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad/1000 island, banana cake

Tuesday: Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, tossed salad/ranch, wheat roll, cinnamon roll or cake

Wednesday: Mexican cod steaks, golden potatoes, cabbage, flour tortillas, rice pudding

Thursday: Liver and onions, macaroni and cheese, green beans, coleslaw, wheat roll, brownies

Friday: Brisket, parsleyed new potatoes, okra and tomatoes, biscuits, apricots, frosted cake-chocolate

Lax and Ford recite promises

Summer Lee Lax and Ryan Holt Ford were married Saturday August 22, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in Burkburnett. Dr. Tim Russell, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Steve and Janis Lax of Burkburnett and Ray and Ann Ford of Lockney.

Angie Klameth served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Theresa Land, Tiffany Elder, Raelene Aldridge, Stephanie Legion and Christy Hall.

Neal Lauder milk, of Bryan, was best man. Groomsmen were Chad Brown, Sammy Lax, brother of the bride; Jesse Campos, Chris Sartor and Allen Martin.

The groom's nephew, Tanner Ford was ring bearer and flower girls were Leigh and Lauren Martin, cousins of the bride.

Roxanne Hennagan, sister of the groom, sang "The Wedding Song". The bride's aunt, Janet Murphy, sang "From This Moment".

Parents of the bride hosted the reception at the Wichita Club. The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at McBride's Seafood and Steaks in Wichita Falls.

The bride is a graduate of Burkburnett High School and Texas A&M University. The groom is a graduate of Lockney High School and Texas A&M. He is employed as a field engineer by SpawGlass of San Antonio, contractors.

After a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple will live in San Antonio.

Bridal Courtesies

A miscellaneous bridal shower hon-



MRS. RYAN HOLT FORD
(nee Summer Lee Lax)

oring the couple was held at the First Baptist Church Garden Room in Lockney.

Hostesses for the courtesies were Kay Abney, Annabel Bramlet, Sheryl Bybee, Lenda Clark, Vicki Clark

Edith Cooper, Zelda Ellison, Pat Frizzell, Jackie Lou Holt, Lynda Gant, Linda Graves, Lozell Keeter, Shandra Kidd, Judy Macha, Neta Marble, Linda Marr, Kay Martin, and Ann Race.

Germans visit Floyd County

Fourteen visitors from Germany accompanied by Dr. Meredith McClain, Language Professor at Texas Tech, Georgia Mae Ericson of Crosbyton and Ronnie and Rita Peek of Slaton, Texas toured the Floyd County Museum before attending the National Cowboy Symposium at Lubbock this past weekend.

The German visitors were especially pleased with welcome bags furnished by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. Some of the visitors purchased Floyd County T-shirts to take back home to wear in Germany.

Their interest in West Texas history and customs led them to build a western town near Cologne, Germany which they named Lubbock. The weekend club is an hour away from the Rhine River. Activities at the German Lubbock town may include riding horses, roping cattle, wearing century old western clothing, dancing, drinking bourbon and singing western songs.

According to a Ray Westbrook story in the Avalanche Journal, the Germans who built the movie set town, came to real Lubbock 25 years

and received the keys to the city.

They returned this year to revisit area ranches and spend time at the National Cowboy Symposium.

On their last trip to the area the Germans buried a bottle of Jim Beam on the Casa del Sol ranch in Blanco Canyon. This year they will dig it up.

The group expressed much enthusiasm and appreciation for the friendliness and hospitality shown to them. They found the pioneer exhibits and Montgomery Ranchhouse of special interest and declared that they would be making a return visit to Floyd County.



GERMANS VISIT MUSEUM--(From l to r) Lilo and Richard Daubach of Dormagen, Germany tour the Floyd County Museum as they visit in Floyd County. See related story. Courtesy Photo

Ladies celebrate their September birthdays

By Lorilla Bradley

September is a quiet time when nature begins her rest.... A time to slow our daily chores And see how we are blessed!

We honor Mrs. Hagood

....She dates from 1902....

Through her many days of living She's found so much to do!

Our greetings to Mrs. Szydlowski

....Her years are 84....

May days for her be brighter With happiness in store!

We greet our Mrs. Benefield

....She counts from 1901.... Her days have been quite happy With work and lots of fun!

Lets cheer these lovely ladies

With the good old Birthday Song They've earned our love and caring For all the things they've done!

FLOYDADA--Thursday, September 17 was party time at the Care Center with members of the City Park Church of Christ hosting. The Hesperian photographer was also present to take a picture. Everything was ushered into the dining room with the honorees being seated at the

"honor" table. Their places were marked with a special card and each wore a lovely corsage given by Williams Florist and Card Shop.

The table was laid with a pink cloth and held a floral arrangement in shades of pink with blue accents. The poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday Song.

A delicious refreshment plate of cherry cake or angel food cake along with a tasty fruit punch was served to the honorees, other resident and employees. The next party will be Thursday, October 15, 3 p.m. You are invited to attend.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES--Floydada Rehab and Care Center residents (from l to r) Pauline Benefield, Juanita Szydlowski, and Kathleen Hagood recently celebrated their September birthdays with the help of friends, family, and City Park Church of Christ members. Staff photo

1934 Study Club News

By Margaret Word

FLOYDADA--The 1934 Study Club had their first meeting, Tuesday, September 15 at the Cotton Patch Restaurant in Plainview.

After placing our orders for our meal, Betsy Dempsey voiced a prayer and then we enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship.

Nell McClung, our new president, called the meeting to order and welcomed us all to a new and exciting year.

Marie Warren, Recording Secretary,

called the roll call with members telling what they did during this past summer.

Bill Ferguson, 2nd Vice-President, handed out the new year books and reviewed the years programs. Those on the year book committee were Bill Ferguson, Frieda Simpson, Wanda Turner, Effie Foster, and Frances Weathersbee. Our theme is "Approaching the Next Century."

President Nell McClung held a short business meeting.

Members in attendance were Jean

Appling, Jo Davis, Betsy Dempsey, Bill Ferguson, Effie Foster, Wilma Gowens, Queen Annie Lawson, Nell

McClung, Flora McNeill, Lorene Newberry, Frieda Simpson, Wanda Turner, Frances Weathersbee and Margaret Word.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, in the home of Lorene Newberry with Marie Warren as co-hostess. The program will be "Clown Capers" with Sue Daniels and Ethelyn Garnett presenting the program.

1956 Study Club News

FLOYDADA--The 1956 Study Club started off their year with a meeting on September 8, in the home of Kathy Ross. Plans were discussed for our annual "Tater Bake" which will be held before the Floydada-Ralls football game on October 9.

Secret pals were revealed. Outgoing president, Atha Sue, and new president, De Chance, were presented with gifts of appreciation. Two new members, Duffy Hinkle and Karen Howard, were elected into the club. Delicious refreshments were served

by Kathy Ross, Judy Dunlap, and De Chance. Other members present were Susan Simpson, Sherree Cannon, Donna Henderson, Linda Harbin, Judy Schacht, Joreen Christian, Vicki Christian, Rozanne Bishop, Atha Sue, and Shawnda Greer.

Alpha Sigma Upsilon

By Lori Morales

FLOYDADA--Alpha Sigma Upsilon met September 15, 1998 in the home of Vicky Derryberry. The meeting was called to order by President Dalia Arvizu. Standing of Opening Rituals were 6 members. Roll was then taken. The treasurers report was given and minutes were read and approved. A program was presented by Regina Nelson. The raffle was given by Anna Rivera. The raffle was won by Maria Vasquez. Next meeting will be October 6, 1998 at 5:30. Meeting was adjourned.

FLOYD DATA

For the second time, Kathleen Wood, of Floydada has been chosen a winner in the National Enquirer ColorCross Crossword contest. Her name will appear in the October 6, 1998 edition, and she will receive a check for \$25.00.



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Behind the Sidelines Horns defeat Hornets

By Coach Kurt Ashmore
LOCKNEY--Friday night the Longhorns traveled north to battle the Tulia Hornets. The Horns started pretty sluggishly but continued to fight and gained control of the game after an 85 yard kickoff return by Calvin Collins. This big play let the air out of the Hornets' sails because they had just scored on a 31 yard pass play the series before. We didn't execute as well as we would like; and it seemed that every time we got a drive going, we would kill ourselves with a penalty.

Lockney continued to have a strong second quarter with Calvin Collins running in a 16-yard touchdown. Then in the final minute of the second quarter, junior quarterback Jordan Lambert scored on a 6-yard run. This gave the Longhorns an 18-6 half-time lead.

The Longhorns did not score in the second half, however, we controlled the ball for the majority of the final two periods. Penalties and breakdowns continually contributed to the halting of our offensive drives. Several players had good games Friday night. They were senior guard Brett McQuhae, junior guard Jessie Ledesma, senior fullback P.J. Leal, and senior tailback Calvin Collins.

Defensively the Longhorns played well with the exception of the one big play in which Tulia scored. This score turned out to be the only points the Hornets put on the board all night. Tulia ran the ground-oriented wishbone offense, and our young men stepped up to hold them to only 14 yards rushing for the night.

A couple of breakdowns in the secondary enabled the Hornets to gain 104 yards through the air. The defense definitely kept us in control of the game before our offense got on track and put some points on the board. Defensive players with good games were senior defensive end Ryan Graves, sophomore tackle Chris Ascencio, and senior cornerback Daniel Banda.

The special teams saw improvement in some areas. Members of the kickoff team blocked well opening up the hole for Calvin to run through for the first score. Having good field position is a key to winning ballgames, and our kick-off team continues to

improve helping us win that battle. We are also getting better in the area of fielding punts.

Senior Eddie Amaya came in and did a good job filling in for the injured A.J. Thornton on the punt return. There are some areas in which we continue to struggle, but this football team will keep working daily to improve this vital part of the game.

This week we look forward to playing at home after being on the road for two weeks. The Post Antelopes are an extremely talented offensive football team that can score from anywhere on the field. Defensively they are big and very aggressive. We will have to continue to improve and execute offensively and defensively with fewer mental mistakes in order to put ourselves in positions to win Friday night. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. See you at the game!

STATISTICS	
LOCKNEY	6 12 0 0-18
TULIA	6 0 0 0-6
LOCKNEY	TULIA
13 First Downs	5
41-187 Rushes-Yards	22-27
4-15-1 Comp-Att-Int	9-20-0
16 Yards Passing	92
203 Return Yards	97
6-34 Punts-Avg.	7-29
1-0 Fumbles Lost	1-0
9-70 Penalties-Yards	6-40
4-25 Sacks By-Lost	1-5
2-13 Third Down Conversion	1-9
4-4 Fourth Down Conversions	1-1
22:53 Possession Time	25:41

First Quarter
THS-Kevin Gomez 31 pass Joran Hacker (kick failed)
LHS-Calvin Collins 85 kick-off return (kick failed)

Second Quarter
LHS-Collins 16 run (run failed)
LHS-Jordan Lambert 6 run (pass failed)

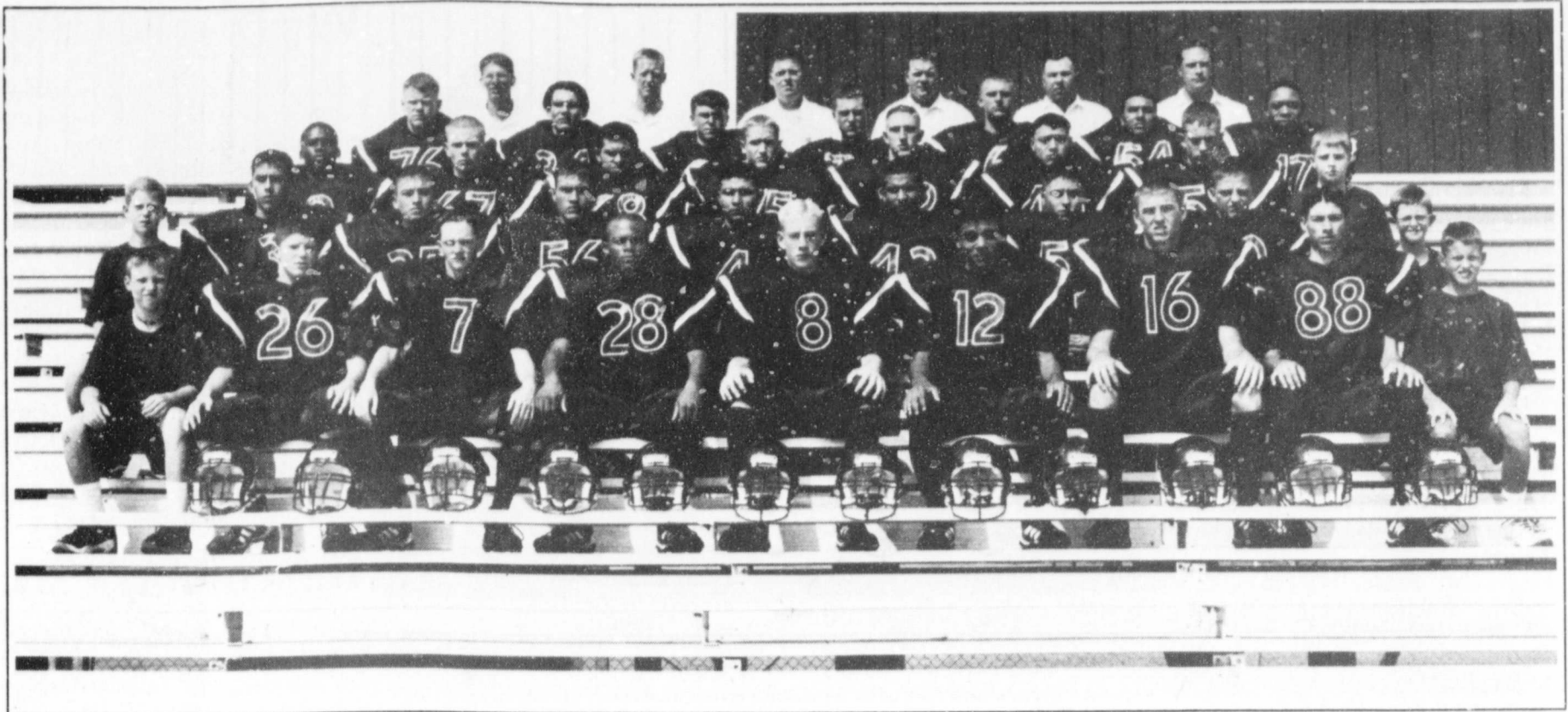
RUSHING-LHS: Collins 23-120, P.J. Leal 9-52, Lambert 7-18, A.J. Thornton 2-1, Juan Gonzales 1-(-4); **THS:** Skyler Vaughn 3-28, Alex Williams 2-16, Manuel Rosales 3-1, Aurilio Chavez 1-(-2), T.J. Olivares 6-(-7), Hacker 6-(-9).

PASSING-LHS: Lambert 4-15-1 16; **THS:** Hacker 7-18-0 89.

RECEIVING-LHS: Thornton 2-13, Thad Lusk 1-6, Collins 1-(-3); **THS:** Olivares 6-43, Gomez 2-45, Chavez 1-4.

RETURN-LHS: Collins 103; **THS:** Gomez 50.

INTERCEPTIONS BY-THS: Gomez.



1998 LOCKNEY LONGHORN VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM--Members, coaches and managers of the Longhorn football team are (front row, l-r) Trey Graves, mgr., 26 Josh Pyle, 7 Cooter Durham, 28 A.J. Thornton, 8 Josh Quebe, 12 Daniel Banda, 16 Jordan Lambert, 88 Matthew Lerma, Cagan Cummings, mgr., (second row, l-r) Mark Ford, mgr., 3 Juan Gonzales, 35 David Martinez, 35 David Martinez, 56 Jessie Ledesma, 4 Eddie Amaya, 43 Able Rosales, 53 Marcus Fierros, 93 Shane Summers, Dahlen McCarter, mgr. (third row, l-r) 9 Calvin Collins, 67 Chris Mayo, 68 Julian Guerrero, 75 Marc Wilson, 22 Thad Lusk, 44 P.J. Leal, 52 Kevin Aufill, Rance Schumacher, mgr.; (fourth row) 76 Hank Henderson, 34 Frank Guerrero, 64 Brett McQuhae, 77 Adam Pachiano, 6 Ryan Graves, 54 Chris Ascencio, 17 Tauren McDonald; (fifth row, l-r) Coaches Todd Hallmark, David Sutterfield, Chad Terry, David Fairchild, Bobby Ventura and Kurt Ashmore.

Photo by Bobby Hall

Hey Whirlwind Fans!
Come on out to Wester Field Friday, September 25th, as we cheer on the Whirlwinds when they take on Slaton's Tigers at 7:30 p.m.
Go 'Winds, Beat Slaton!
Varsity Cheerleaders

Mustangs capitalize on errors to beat Floydada JV

By Bill Gray
FLOYDADA -- Turnovers, penalties, and mental errors at critical points turned a close contest into a 33-6 loss for the Floydada High School junior varsity last week against Shallowater.

The Whirlwinds began in impressive fashion as they stopped Shallowater cold near midfield on the Mustangs' first possession. However, Shallowater quickly regained the momentum with an interception at the FHS 24. The Mustangs needed only one play from there to take a 6-0 lead. Floydada responded with an im-

pressive drive. When the Winds were forced to punt in Shallowater territory, freshman Sean Holster pounced on a mishandled punt to give FHS new life at the 7-yard-line. Three cracks into the line produced only three yards. Halfback Jermaine Wickware came close to tying the game on a fourth-down pass on the right sideline, but he was ruled to have been down before the ball crossed the plane and Shallowater took over at the 1-yard-line.

Facing third down on the first play of the second quarter, the Mustangs

went on top 14-0 thanks to a 98-yard catch-and-run.

Freshman Ed Porter pulled the 'Winds to within a touchdown less than a minute later with a 65-yard gallop through the middle for another of his long-range TD runs.

A fumble just before the half enabled Shallowater to take a 20-6 lead midway through the game, and Floydada, now 0-3 on the year, never seriously challenged the rest of the way.

The FHS junior varsity plays on the road this week when it travels to Slaton for a 6 p.m. contest.

Lockney 9th grade falls short against Kress Kangaroo JV

By Coach Ventura

LOCKNEY--The freshmen of Lockney High hosted the Kangaroos of Kress last Thursday night. Like most teams Lockney faces we were outsize but not out-hill!!! Kress found the endzone first and was denied their 2-point conversion making the score Kress 6, Lockney 0.

After some stingy defense from both sides Frankie Gonzales put Lockney on the scoreboard with a great interception and returning for a 47 yard touchdown closing out the first half with the score Lockney 6-Kress 6.

Both teams struggled through the second half trying to find the endzone. With 9 minutes left in the 4th quarter

Lockney had a 7 play 3 yard drive ending with a 7 yard touchdown by Tyler Snow. Lockney was denied the 2 point conversion by inches.

Kress took possession of the ball and began their drive for the endzone trying to power the ball behind their huge line. Kress found the endzone late and connected their 2 point conversion bringing the final score to Kress 14, Lockney 12.

The Lockney Freshmen had great effort by several individuals, Chad Ferguson, Wade Miller, Tyler Snow, Jared Lambert, Shane Rowell, Dusty Thompson, Ulysses Martinez, Hector Morales, Brad Durham, and Robert Luebano. They all did a great job!!

The freshmen will play Post there on Thursday.

Shorthorns come up short

By Coach Hallmark

LOCKNEY--The eighth grade Lockney Junior High Shorthorns traveled to Tulia September 10 and played pretty well but came up short as the scoreboard showed 12-0 when the final buzzer sounded.

Offensively the kids were able to move the ball, but as soon as we were able to get something going, mistakes would kill the drive. I felt the offensive drive came off the ball better this

week than last week. I think we have improved.

Defensively we played pretty well also. Landon Schumacher played well for us this week defensively. I think these kids are becoming more comfortable with what we are doing defensively and can only get better.

I was very proud of the kids this week.

We play Post here Thursday starting with the 7th grade at 5:00 p.m.

Lockney 7th grade plays Tulia

By Coach Fairchild

LOCKNEY--The 7th Grade Shorthorns traveled to Tulia to take on the Tulia Hornets September 10. The Shorthorns played hard all night, but were outnumbered by a large 7th grade Tulia class.

Offensively, the Shorthorns got on the board with a 60 yard, five play drive. Michael Rodriguez had two runs covering 52 yards. Kirk Wilson finished the drive with an 8 yard run

Lockney 9th grade blasts Friona, 26-0

By Coach Ventura

LOCKNEY--The freshmen football team at Lockney High School traveled to Friona September 3 to take on the Chiefs. The final score was 26-0. Lockney scored all twenty-six points in the first half of play.

The Longhorns came out ready to play and scored on their first possession. Brandon Alvis scampered 52 yards to put 6 on the scoreboard.

The second score came as a 31 yard TD pass from Jaime Cerda to Jerrod

for the TD. Michael Martinez also saw action in the backfield. He had several good runs.

Defensively we were in positions to make tackles and came up short. One good point of the night was that the young men never dropped their heads. They fought to the final second.

Post comes to Lockney this Thursday. The 7th grade game will begin at 5:00 with the 8th grade following.

Lambert. The 2-point conversion by Tyler Snow was good.

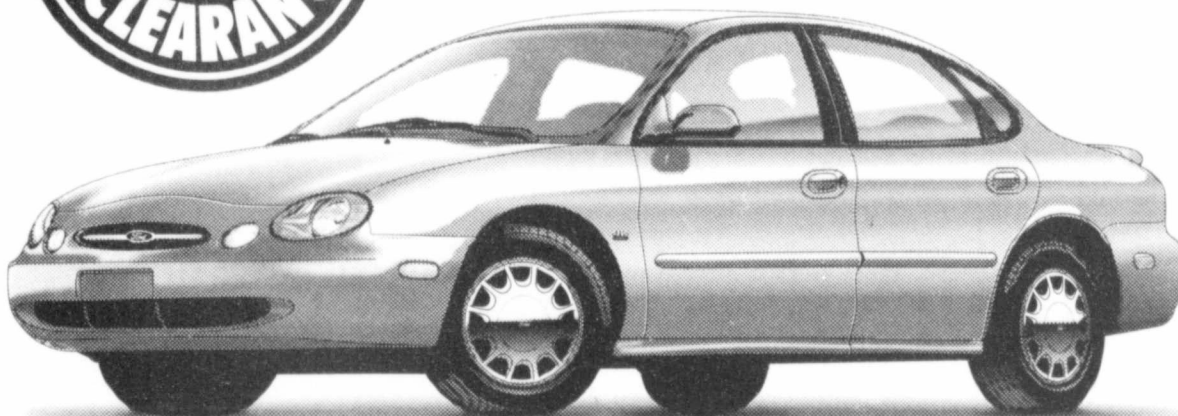
Brandon Alvis completed a 19 yard run to put the third score on the board. The 2-point conversion was unsuccessful.

Tyler Snow made the final touchdown on a 6 yard run.

Overall we were very pleased with the kids efforts. Defensively they played well. We had a good goal line stand in the third quarter to allow the shutout. These kids have worked hard and it showed with the 26-0 victory.

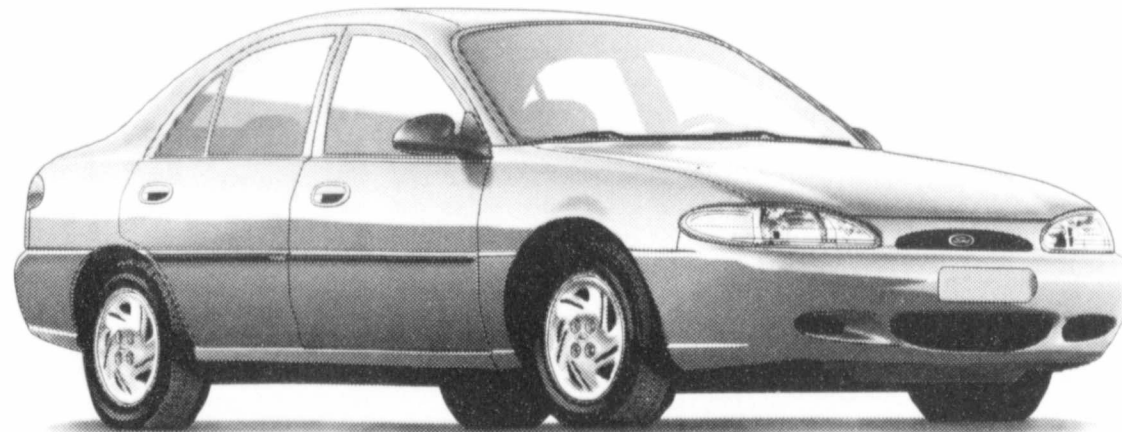


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Cargill and Hale County Literacy Council gives grant

FLOYDADA--Friday, September 18, a \$400.00 grant was presented to Floydada I.S.D. for the benefit of A.B. Duncan Elementary School Library and R.C. Andrews Elementary School Library. Monies were provided by Cargill Inc. and the Hale County Literacy Council.

Grants were presented in Plainview by Texas First Lady Laura Bush and Nelda Laney, wife of Speaker of the House, Pete Laney. Accepting the grants for Floydada I.S.D. was Robbie Odom.

The money will be used to celebrate and encourage family literacy. A.B. Duncan will be holding a "Hats Off to Reading Day" on October 6 followed by a Book Fair at P.T.A. at 7 p.m. Books may be previewed and parents will be able to purchase books at that time.

R.C. Andrews will be having Family Time at their Book Fair on September 28th, from 4-6 p.m. RCA will also be having guest readers on October 22. The projects are all part of Governor George Bush's initiative to read.



HERE ARE YOUR CHECKS, LADIES -- Robbie Odom, center, presents grant funding checks to Janis Julian, left, for R.C. Andrews Elementary School Library and to Kathy Mulder, right, for A. B. Duncan Elementary School Library. Odom secured the money through Literacy grants made by Cargill, Inc. and the Hale County Literacy Council -- Staff Photo

Silver Spurs Horse Club holds first meeting of year

By Laura Miller
The Silver Spurs Horse Club had its first meeting of the year, Monday,

September 14th at 7:30 at the Lockney Co-op. President Tyler Phillips called the meeting to order.

Eddie Lee Fortenberry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ashley Brock led us in the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Rachel Miller called the roll. Ten members were present. Eddie Lee Fortenberry read the treasurer's report.

During our business meeting we discussed activities that we participated in this summer. Some of these activities were the trail ride in Caprock Canyons, a horse club play day, and the Burleson Rodeo. We also discussed our last horse vaccination clinic and the stick horse rodeo which was held at the Floyd County Fair.

Tyler Phillips and Eddie Lee Fortenberry assisted each other in the mini demonstration which was on how to rope a calf. Our program for the evening was a video on Western Horsemanship. After the program the meeting was adjourned. Delicious refreshments were served by Kathy Young. Our next meeting will be October 5th at 7:30 p.m.



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Missile Defense: The Stakes Couldn't Be Higher

By Edwin Feulner

The year is 1964. A young girl picks petals from a daisy and counts, "One, two, three, four..." Suddenly, another countdown begins—this one by a technician. "Three, two, one, zero." A rocket launches. A camera zooms in on the girl's frozen face; her eye becomes a screen in which the viewer sees an atomic mushroom cloud. "These are the stakes," Lyndon Johnson intones. "To make a world in which all God's children can live, or go into the dark..."

That famous political ad was used, ironically enough, against Sen. Barry Goldwater—the man who wanted to protect America against a nuclear attack. Today that ad could more appropriately be used against those who don't want to protect America from destruction. I'm referring to those who argue that America should not be permitted to blast an incoming missile out of the sky—indeed, that the 1972 ABM Treaty bars us from doing so.

During the 1960s Robert McNamara, the architect of America's Vietnam War policy, formulated a strategic nuclear plan that was aptly named "MAD," for "mutual assured destruction." Designed to keep both the United States and the Soviet Union vulnerable to a nuclear attack by preventing the deployment of missile defenses, the policy was codified with the ratification of the ABM Treaty. The thinking: What madman would dare push the button if he knew his own cities would perish in a retaliatory attack?

Fast forward to 1998. The Soviet Union is gone, but the threat of a missile attack on the United States may be more real than ever. Not only is China a bona fide nuclear power—with missiles already aimed at the United States—but India and Pakistan have detonated nuclear devices as well. North Korea and Iran have been developing missiles that soon may be able to reach the United States. And a number of countries already possess missiles capable of striking U.S. allies and troops stationed abroad.

Although the ABM Treaty was a mistake, it doesn't have to bind us any longer. Many legal scholars say that since our treaty partner, the Soviet Union, no longer exists, the agreement is null and void. Even former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, one of the treaty's architects, agrees it has expired.

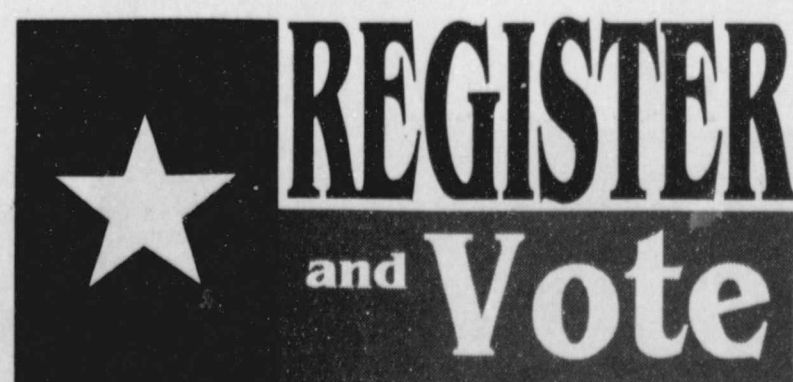
Now before you start conjuring images of Star Wars and expensive sci-fi lasers, remember that technology has improved greatly since President Reagan launched the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) in 1983. Four years ago, The Heritage Foundation convened "Team B," a group of defense experts led by former SDI director Henry Cooper. Team B found that an effective missile defense system could be built by upgrading the Navy's AEGIS guided-missile cruisers. The cost of giving 22 AEGIS cruisers the ability to counter ballistic missiles would be about \$3 billion—a mere pittance given a \$1.7 trillion federal budget. More advanced defenses could be built later.

Need more evidence that the missile threat is real? Just recently a bipartisan commission headed by former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld concluded that missiles from rogue nations could strike American cities with "little or no warning" in just a matter of a few years. This despite the fact that U.S. intelligence agencies keep telling us we have nothing to worry about. Of course, these are the same intelligence experts who had no idea India and Pakistan were about to explode nuclear bombs.

If even one nuclear missile reached the United States, millions could die within minutes. The United States needs to build a missile defense system. It's not just a defense consideration, it's a moral imperative.

As LBJ said back in '64, "The stakes are too high..."

Note: Edwin Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.



Webb retires after 38 years with SPS

Jake Webb of Lubbock is retiring October 1 as Manager of Community and Economic Development for Southwestern Public Service and its parent company, New Century Energies, completing nearly 38 years. He directed the companies' civic involvement in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming.

Steve Deaton, SPS's area manager in Lubbock, will continue to direct the company's community and economic development efforts in Lubbock and surrounding cities.

Webb, 61, began working for SPS in 1961 as a sales representative in

Amarillo. He is a native of Gorman, and a graduate of Phillips High School in the former company town of Phillips, near Borger. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) in Canyon in 1960.

Webb became an SPS district manager in Floydada from 1968-1992. He later was district manager in Hereford, and was named district manager in Lubbock in 1979. He became division manager in 1994, overseeing SPS operations throughout the South Plains. He was named to his present position in 1997, the same year SPS completed

its merger with Public Service Company of Colorado to form the New Century Energies holding company.

Webb has been active in community affairs in Lubbock and all of the cities in which he has worked for SPS. He is a member and past chairman of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, member of the Lubbock Lions Club, member and past president of the Lubbock Executive Association, director and past president of Area 17 Special Olympics, past chairman of the Retail Merchants Association, active in the United Way, having served as campaign vice chairman, and a member of the Red Raider Club.

Rasco plays at national meeting

LOCKNEY--Brady Rasco recently played his fiddle for the 1998 4-H Talent Revue at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference.

Approximately 2500 persons attended the conference which was held in San Antonio. The Talent Review was held in the Marriott River Center Hotel.

Seventy-six acts were submitted from across the United States and 15 were chosen. "I was one of the lucky ones," Brady stated. "It was scary thinking about being up there in front of all those people but when I got to playing I wasn't so nervous."

Monsanto Life Sciences Company is the national sponsor of the talent revue and the NACAA contributed funds for the event.

The director and choreographer for the revue was Crystal Campbell. She is a member of the faculty at West Texas A&M University in Canyon and a member of the Lone Star Ballet. She is head choreographer and assistant director for the musical "Texas".

Rasco is the thirteen year old son of Darrell and Marva Rasco of Lockney. He is an eighth grade student at Lockney Junior High. He has been



BRADY RASCO

playing the fiddle for several years and has entered and won many contests as well as performed at special events around the area. He plays often with his grandfather. A special memory Rasco has was playing the fiddle with long time fiddle player Johnny Gimble.

Campaign signs on right-of-way illegal

With elections just around the corner, campaign signs are showing up on state right-of-ways. However, most people don't realize that it is illegal to place anything on the right-of-way. In state legalese, it's called encroachment.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right-of-way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

However, politicians may place signs on private property. Last year, the Texas Legislature passed a bill (SB 446) allowing signs on private property along federally-funded highways. Prior to SB 446, campaign signs along federally-funded highways were illegal, even if they were placed on private property by the land owner.

The state law applies to campaign signs that are on private property, erected no earlier than 90 days before an election and removed within 10 days after the election, made of lightweight material and have a surface less than 50 square feet.

The new law does not allow signs to be placed in the highway right-of-way.

"The right-of-way is only for official traffic control signs," said Mike Anderson, Floydada roadway maintenance supervisor. "We will continue to work to make sure the right-of-way

is clean and uncluttered so that the official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public."

Signs within city limits remain subject to local ordinances.

Thanks for reading the Hesperian-Beacon!

Keeping an eye on Texas

Kids can feel safe at school

Texas law is clear about the responsibilities of the state's schools to keep children safe while teaching them clear standards for their behavior. As parents are concerned about crime and violence in public schools, a new report, "Keeping Texas Children Safe in School," outlines the roles of teachers, principals and other district personnel. The report, published by the Texas School Performance Review team, is available by calling toll-free 1-800-531-5441, extension 3-4900, or by writing P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528, and on the Internet at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us/tpr/tpr/safe/childsafety.html>.

Guidelines for an effective school safety program

- | Prevention | Intervention | Enforcement |
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| 1. Know your goals and objectives: where your district is going and what you want to accomplish. | 4. Look for trouble before it finds you. | 8. Leave no room for double standards. |
| 2. Establish clear expectations for students, parents, teachers, and administrators. | 5. Recognize trouble when you see it. | 9. Ensure that discipline management extends inside and outside the classroom. |
| 3. Address warning signs before they turn into trouble. | 6. Have individuals in the right place and at the right time to intervene. | 10. Alternative programs are not just a matter of compliance with the law; they are many children's last chance at success. |
| | 7. Have a plan of action appropriate for the occasion, and practice it. | |

* The Texas School Performance Review was created by the Texas Legislature in 1990. In the past seven years, TSPR has offered more than 2,800 detailed ways to save taxpayers nearly \$340 million in 28 public school districts throughout Texas.

SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Matter of Fact

Rick Perry
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

As responsible stewards of our land, folks in agriculture know the importance of properly disposing of our waste products to protect our natural resources—such as surface and ground water. But what do we do when the county landfill won't accept some of the items we need to get rid of?

To help agricultural producers safely dispose of waste items such as empty rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, oil filters and lead acid batteries, the Texas Department of Agriculture works closely with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to host Texas Country Clean Up/Agricultural Waste Pesticides Collection events statewide. These disposal opportunities are offered at various times of the year free of charge.

As an industry that values saving money and our natural resources, it is up to each of us to use these collection events when they are sponsored in our area. These collections offer a safe, convenient and cost-effective way to dispose of those items that could be potential problems to our environment. Just as important, it sets a clear example that the hard-working folks of agriculture truly know the value of our land and will take the necessary steps to preserve it now and for the future.



CORRECTION -- This photo of the Best of Show from the Floyd County Fair Pet Show is being rerun because the negative was positioned incorrectly on the page last week and the child on the right, Colt Smith, was partially deleted. Others in the photo are Jordan Sherman, left, and Lexi Terrell, center.

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1998 FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS--Members of the 1998 FHS Varsity Cheerleader squad are (front row 1 to r) Charla Davis, Marissa Barrientos, Shonda Smith, (middle row 1 to r) Jessica

Castaneda, Royanne Mercado, Abbie Horn, Veronica Galvan, (back row 1 to r) Gracie dela Fuente, Tara Williams, and Ruth Vasquez.

Photos by R Photography



LHS CHEERLEADERS--Members of the 1998-99 Lockney Longhorn Cheerleader squad are (l-r, top row) Brandi Wright, Tessa Stapp, Traci McQuhae, Kelli McLain; (l-r, 2nd row) Sarah Martin, Mary Lou

Photo by Bobby Hall



1998 FJHS TWIRLERS--The 1998 Floydada Junior High School Twirlers are (standing) Maggie Vick, 8th grade, and (kneeling 1 to r) Alyssa Bennett and Sandra Sanchez, both 7th graders.

Courtesy Photo

Fashion Follies slated at 1998 South Plains Fair

By Melissa Long, CEA-FS
Floyd County

South Plains junior 4-H members (ages 9-13) from 20 counties will be participating at the 4-H Fashion Follies at the Panhandle South Plains Fair coliseum. The "Follies" will be on Sunday, September 27, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Youth participants have completed the equivalent of a 3-hour study of clothing, grooming and consumer buying. Participants will be modeling a garment they constructed or purchased as a result of their 4-H clothing project. This year's theme is "Kick Up Your Heels."

Participants from Floyd County include: Katie Kelley, Kayla Kelley, Britnee Brotherton, Casey Campbell, Katie Beth Crossland, Lindsey Nutt, Tasha Powell, Molly Long, Melissa Dunlap, Allison Griggs, Meghan Graham and Rachel Miller.

Join 4-H'ers from the 20-county area for Fashion Follies at the Panhandle South Plains Fair on Sunday, September 27, 1998.



SUBWAY ADOPTS RCA -- Subway Sandwiches in Floydada has taken on the task of encouraging R.C. Andrews Elementary School students as they pursue higher TAAS test scores. Pictured with RCA Principal David Hutton, back left) are Kia Baker, Cody Ware,

South Plains Subway Manager Mark Lindsey, Felisha Luna, Cynthia Martinez, Floydada Subway Manager Jan McMurrian; (front) Jackie Wickware, Taylor Beedy, Sandra Rendon, Julian Runnels, and Trey Helms.

-- Staff Photo

THROUGH THE HALLS

Box Tops for Education to continue at Lockney Elementary School

LOCKNEY--Parents and families at Lockney Elementary are proud to announce that General Mills will continue its "General Mills Box Tops for Education" program into the 1998-1999 school year. Parents hope that even more members of the community will take advantage of the opportunity to earn money for the school this year.

Students at Lockney Elementary

Lockney seventh grade opens season

By Coach Fairchild

LOCKNEY--The Lockney 7th grade Shorthorns kicked off their 1998 season Thursday, September 3, with a scrimmage against the Slaton Tigers. It did not take the Shorthorns long to get in gear.

They scored three of their first four offensive plays. There were runs of 50, 65 and 70 yards for touchdowns. The first score came on the second play of the scrimmage. Kirk Wilson took the ball around the left end for fifty yards and the score.

The second score came on the following play with Michael Rodriguez rumbling up the middle for 65 yards

and their parents have been busy collecting box tops from at least 60 General Mills products like Lucky Charms, Cheerios, and Golden Grahams. Schools will receive 15¢ for every qualifying General Mills cereal box top collected, and 10¢ for every qualifying General Mills snack and Yoplait Yogurt multipack product box the General Mills Box Tops for education collected. A qualifying box top has

cation symbol which can be found on the side panel or flap of General Mills products.

Because the General Mills Box Tops for Education campaign is so easy to participate in, many schools across the country are already earning money for important projects. Mr. Cotham says, "This is a great opportunity for students, parents, grandparents, and the whole community to combine their efforts for the good of our school and our children's future." He added, "I urge everyone to watch for those box tops logos, clip them off the box, and send them to the school. We are all excited about what this will mean to our students and our school."

The school has a list of participating products and will be happy to share it with individuals and groups willing to help.

Floydada School Menu

September 28-October 2

Monday

Breakfast: Juice, cinnamon toast, milk

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, hot roll, milk

Tuesday

Breakfast: Juice, scrambled eggs, toast, milk

Lunch: Bar B Q chicken, broccoli, sliced potatoes, peaches, hot roll, milk

Wednesday

Breakfast: Juice, cereal, graham crackers, milk

Lunch: Beef/cheese chalupas, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread fruit up, milk

Thursday

Breakfast: Juice, pancakes, syrup, milk

Lunch: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, sherbet, milk

Friday

No School/Staff Development



RCA BOOK FAIR SLATED -- Students at R.C. Andrews Elementary look over books as they prepare the library for the upcoming book fair. The event is scheduled for Monday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Parents and others interested in purchasing books should contact Librarian Janis Julian at R.C. Andrews for additional information.

-- Staff Photo

Floydada FHA plans activities for members

By Shonda Smith

FLOYDADA--On September 15, 1998, twenty-nine Floydada FHA members met for a chapter meeting and hamburger supper. We planned

activities for upcoming events, such as star events, leadership activities, and our FHA point system.

We also adopted a state highway that is a two mile stretch and located

east of Floydada. We also finalized about adopting a grandparent from the nursing home. These adopted grandparents will share memories and activities with FHA members.

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Events:

5 & Under: Mutton Busting (sheep riding)

6 & Under: Calf Riding

8 & Under: Pee Wee Steers

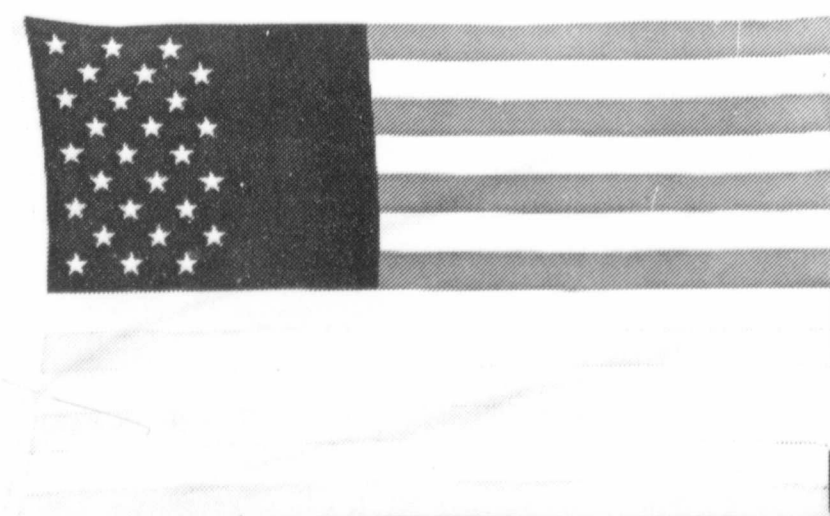
10 & Under: Jr. Steers

12 & Under: Sr. Steers

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19 & Under: Sr. Bulls

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Obituaries

C.E. DICK JR.

Memorial services for C.E. Dick Jr., 73, of Florence, Oregon, were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 22, 1998 in First Baptist Church of Crosbyton, with the Rev. Les Griffin, pastor, officiating.

Adams Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton handled the arrangements. Dick died Thursday, September 17, 1998.

He graduated from McCauley High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University. He trained at Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago, Illinois, and was a veteran of World War II.

He married Mary Jean Fulkerson in 1942 in Crosbyton. She died in 1988. He married Mona Smith in 1989 in Florence, Oregon.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Randall Neil Williams, Arizona; a daughter, Gayle McCrea of Florence, Oregon; three sisters, Edith Moore of Crosbyton, Hazel Shugart of Austin, and Sally Galloway of Floydada; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



LUCY JO EASTHAM

Memorial services for Lucy Jo Eastham, 61, were at 11 a.m. Monday, September 21, 1998 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wendell Horn, pastor, and Rev. Jimmy McGuire, officiating.

Private burial was under direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

She died Friday, September 18, 1998, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Lucy Jo Whitehurst Eastham was born April 11, 1937 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to Joseph Frank and Isaac Lucille (Filmore) Whitehurst. She attended schools in Ardmore and Roswell, New Mexico and graduated from Roswell High School.

She married Carmel Eastham on June 5, 1955 in Roswell. They lived in Clovis, New Mexico, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Fort Polk, Louisiana, before moving to Daugherty in Floyd County, where they raised their children and lived for many years. They moved to Floydada a year ago.

Eastham was a homemaker, substitute teacher in the Floydada schools for many years and assisted at the Daugherty Gin many years. She also was a librarian at the Daugherty schools for several years. She was a volunteer for Spirit of Sharing in Floydada, a former member of the Child Welfare Board, Floyd County Friends of the Library, and was active in many bridge clubs.

She was a member of First United Methodist church in Floydada, where she taught Sunday School for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years; one son, Martin Eastham of Fort Worth; two daughters, Sara Coursey and Jodie McGuire, both of Floydada; one sister, Carole Walker of Shreveport, Louisiana; five grandchildren, Jamie and Justin McGuire, Carissa, Trisha and Dustin Coursey; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423; or to the First United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235, or to Floyd County Friends of the Library, c/o Janice Lloyd, Rt. 2 Box 49, Floydada, TX 79235.

BOB LANE

Graveside services for Mr. Bob Lane, 66, of Lockney were held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, September 18, 1998 at the Lockney Cemetery.

Memorial services followed at 3:00 p.m. at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains with Reverend Earnest Stewart, pastor of the South Plains Baptist church, officiating. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Lockney.

Lane died Thursday, September 17, 1998 at Saint Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Bobby Dean Lane was born August 4, 1932 in Turkey, to Foy Alltrice Browning Lane and the late John Richard Lane. He graduated from Turkey High School. He went on to attend and graduate from West Texas State University where he was the quarterback for the football team. Lane served as a medic in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He married Wanda "Booboo" Gilbert on November 29, 1952 in Flomot. They moved to Floyd County from Louisiana in 1957. Mr. Lane was a member of the Lockney Lions club, the Young Farmers, the Lockney Quarterback Club, the Floyd County Fair Board and numerous youth programs. Lane has been a farmer and rancher in Floyd County since 1957.

He is survived by his wife: Wanda Lane of Lockney; his mother, Foy Lane of Turkey; two sons and daughter-in-laws, J.H. and Melody Lane of Lockney and Glen and Kellye Lane of Midland; one daughter and son-in-law, Gwen and Jimmy Waller of Temple; two sisters, Nita Puckett of Memphis and Gayle Rhoades of Canyon; and nine grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Bob Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the First National Bank of Lockney at 201 N. Main St., Lockney, TX 79241.

FORREST L. WHITFILL

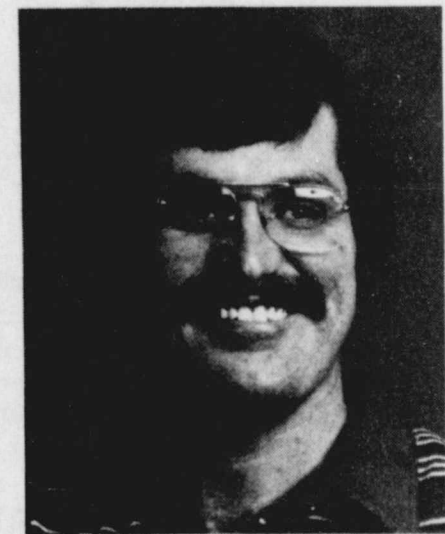
Graveside services for Forrest L. Whitfill, 76, were held at 11 a.m. Monday, in Lockney Cemetery with Mark Hayes, an elder at 11th and Amarillo Church of Christ in Plainview, officiating.

Burial was under direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Whitfill died at 7 p.m. Friday, September 18, 1998, in Care Inn Nursing Home.

He was born March 22, 1922 in Lockney and lived in Floyd County all his life. He worked at Whitfill Wood Shop doing custom woodwork and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two brothers, James Whitfill of Plainview and Glenn Whitfill of Sweetwater and a sister, Martha Jennings of Tulsa.



GREGORY WAYNE PATZER

Memorial services for Gregory Wayne Patzer, 44, of Los Angeles, California will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 26, 1998 at Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada with Reverend Wendell Horn, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Floydada, officiating.

Cremation is under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

He was born on November 7, 1953 in Mendota, Illinois to June and Keith Patzer. He moved with his family to Floydada in 1954. He attended schools in Floydada and graduated from Floydada High School.

He served in the United States Marine Corp as an infantryman. He was employed by the maintenance department of the University of California at Santa Barbara, California.

A brother, Kelly Patzer preceded him in death in June, 1965.

He is survived by his parents, Dr. Keith and June Patzer of Floydada; one brother, Bart Patzer of Austin; one sister, Kathleen Prichard of Plainview.

The family suggests memorials be made to Floyd County Friends of the Library, c/o Janice Lloyd, Route 2, Box 49, Floydada, Texas 79235 or to the Floydada Senior Citizens, 301 E. Georgia, Floydada, Texas 79235.

Great Ladies

By Edward Marks

The ingredients for a moral society, are found here in this song. Learn them well and do these things, and your life can do no wrong.

These values are found in a godly woman the world so desperately needs. More precious are these principles, than all of the worldly creeds.

She speaks to us of honor, a value that seems misplaced, And shows us our lack of character, and it leaves a bitter taste.

She's a portrait of common decency, for all the world to see, And sets the goal for goodness for the rest of us to meet.

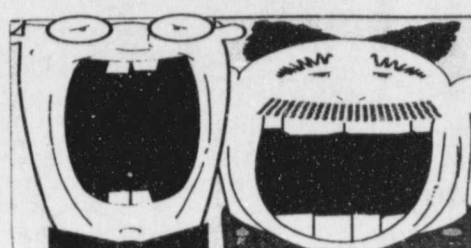
She's committed to her family, to this she has sacrificed her life. She's worked hard at motherhood, and always sought to be a good wife.

Good manners, and kindness to others are by-products of her unfailing love. She is truly a gift from a loving God, a rare treasure from heaven above.

She's our country's greatest resource, her presence is more precious than gold.

To have known a great lady like you is treasure to my soul.

So our hats off to you dear lady, and all that you hold dear. Your approval we'll always seek, and your scorn we'll always fear.



This Week's Announcements

FJHS OPEN HOUSE

Floydada Jr. High School will have Meet The Teachers/Open House on September 29th from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. First six weeks report cards will be given to parents at this time.

FHS OPEN HOUSE

Floydada High School will have Open House on Tuesday, September 29th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Meet Teachers, Door Prizes. PARENTS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

FHS SOPHOMORE PARENT MEETING

There will be a Sophomore Parent Meeting concerning your child and TAAS on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. PARENTS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Whirlwind Booster Club will meet every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Floydada High School cafeteria. Come out and help support our kids. Be sure and fly your green Whirlwind flags every Friday in support of the "Winds."

LOCKNEY BOOSTER CLUB

The Lockney Booster Club will meet Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Longhorn Gym.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons meet each Tuesday night in Floydada at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope is welcome. Meetings are at 111 North Wall, a block north of the courthouse. Anyone interested can call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTERS

Lockney Band Boosters will be serving their "Famous" hamburgers at the football game Friday night in addition to all their regular food items.

RNR CERTIFIED NURSE TRAINING CLASS

RNR, Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. will hold the last two Certified Nurse Aide Classes of 1998. The evening class will begin on Tuesday, September 28. The day class will begin on Tuesday, October 5. Scholarships are available to qualified applicants. To receive an application packet or for more information call RNR's office at (806) 983-8096.

ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a Family Support Group for Alzheimer's and other related diseases held on September 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. For more information call KiKi Wilcox at Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center - 983-3704.

FRIENDS OF THE FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY

Friends of the Floyd County Library will be meeting Monday, September 28th in the Community room of the First National Bank of Floydada at 5:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

FLOYDADA AND LOCKNEY COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Monday, September 28th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Lockney Community Center and Tuesday, September 29th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Boy Scout Building. Recipients are asked to bring Drivers License, Social Security card and proof of residence.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE TESTING

Free blood pressure and glucose testing is held every other Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lockney Care Center. Everyone is welcome.

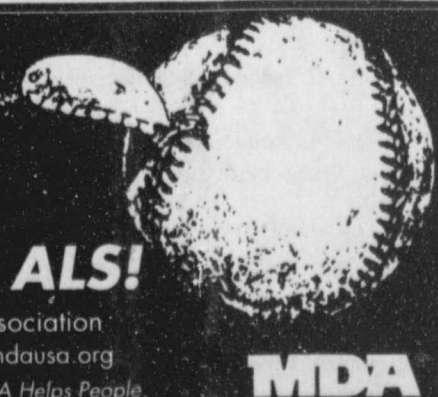
LOCKNEY AA

Open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in Lockney will be Fridays, at 8 p.m., at Grace Fellowship Church, across from the hospital. If you are worried about your drinking, or someone else's, we understand, we care, and we want to help. Phone 652-3546 or 652-2280.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Floyd County Central Appraisal District will hold its regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, October 1, 1998 at 104 E. California, Floydada.

9-24c

The family of Lucy Eastham would like to express our deepest appreciation to each and everyone who shared in our time of loss. All your expressions of love and concern through the years have been a blessing to our family. God Bless You All.

Carmel Eastham
& Family

The Drew Shurbet family would like to thank all of you who have prayed, called and expressed your concern for the condition of Drew. The prayers are working as he seems to be improving somewhat each week. He is in the Southern Manor Nursing Home in Lubbock and still needs your prayers.

God Bless,
The Drew Shurbet Family

The H.G. "Red" Watts family would like to thank friends and neighbors who showed such overwhelming support and fellowship during our time of need. The generosity and kindness was heart warming. Thanks again for all that everyone did to help make this difficult time easier.

Meda Ruth Watts
Dr. Tom, Nancy Watts & family
Sam, Joyce Watts & family
Dr. Danny, Melanie Watts & family
Janet Sue Watts Courtrol
Ricky, Laura & Cora Sue Watts

We at Total Home Health Care would like to thank the following merchants for their donations of gifts for door prizes and food to serve the participant agencies at the 1998 Health and Safety Fair on September 15, 1998: Babe's Steak Barn, El Rancho, Pizza Gold, Our Place, Caprock Meat, McGowan's Equipment, Lowe's Grocery Store, Sue Gifts, Payne's Pharmacy, Rudy's Barber Shop, Cornelius Conoco, Kirk and Sons, Silver Screen Video, Higginbotham-Barlett, Williams Florist, all of Floydada; Maximus Inc. and Lutheran Lifeline of Lubbock and Karol's Kountry Korner of Quitaque.

There were over 200 in attendance at the fair and we are so grateful for your participation. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Irma Rubalcado, RN
Agency Branch Director
Total Home Health Care, Floydada, Texas

20-Second Plan to food safety

What can you do in 20 seconds?

You can't run a mile. You can't mow a lawn. You can't even vacuum a room.

But you can sing "Happy Birthday" twice while you wash your hands, and when you're finished you're ready to handle food. And that could be the most important 20 seconds you spend in a day.

Unwashed hands are among the top 10 food safety mistakes made by consumers when preparing food. Washing hands before handling food means clean hands, and in turn, that means safe food.

This September, National Food Safety Education Month, Texas beef producers join Texas Gov. George Bush in the Texas Partnership for Food Safety. Together, they remind consumers that "keeping it clean" is the first step to food safety.

"By taking simple steps such as frequent hand washing, the rate of illness can be drastically reduced and lives can be saved," says Gov. Bush.

Here are all the keys to eliminating bacteria and their ability to cause illness from the Food Partnership for Food Safety Education.

* Wash hands in hot soapy water before preparing food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers and handling pets. For best results, consumers should use warm water to moisten hands and then apply soap. Rub hands together for 20 seconds--the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice--before rinsing thoroughly.

* Wash cutting boards, knives, utensils and counter tops in hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before going on to the next one.

* Use plastic or other non-porous cutting boards. Cutting boards should run through the dishwasher or washed with hot soapy water after each use.

Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. Or, if using cloth towels, consumers should wash them often in the hot cycle of the washing machine.

Here are other ways to fight back against bacteria:

Don't cross-contaminate.

* Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and your refrigerator.

* Use a different cutting board for raw meat products.

* Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry and seafood.

Cook to proper temperatures.

* Cook roasts and steaks to at least 145 degrees F or medium rare. Cook ground beef to at least 160 degrees F.

* Bring sauces, soups and gravy to a boil when reheating. Heat other leftovers to at least 165 degrees F.

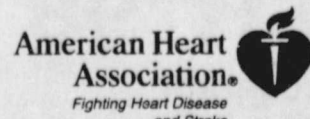
Refrigerate promptly.

* Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods and leftovers within two hours or sooner.

* Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator, under cold running water or in the microwave. Marinate foods in the refrigerator.

* Divide large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.

* Don't pack the refrigerator. Cool air must circulate to keep food safe.



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10-1c

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9-24c

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DRYLAND FARM EAST of Floydada with 580 acres in cultivation. Located with highway frontage on FM 602. Call Larry, Broker at 983-2151.

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9-24p

THREE BEDROOM, 2 bath trailer and 2 bedroom house for rent. Call 983-5022.

9-24p

GARAGE SALES

Floydada
GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1209 S. 3rd - Furniture, Christmas tree, nice clothes, toys, LOTS MORE.

9-24p

Lockney
GARAGE SALE--Friday and Saturday Only. Big garage sale. Must go! Furniture, appliances, tools, men's western shirts, hats, boots. Lots of miscellaneous. Nice 1976 motorhome - \$3,000.00. 602 Wilson, Lockney.

9-24c

BACKYARD SALE--317 S.W. 6th-Saturday, September 26th. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Baby items (swing, playpen, toys), maternity clothes, various other items.

9-24p

HELP WANTED

TEMPORARY CLERICAL HELP needed at Oden Chevrolet. October thru December. Apply at 221 South Main.

10-8c

TYPESETTER WANTED at Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon for 3 days a week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Must be proficient with computers and type at least 65 words per minute. Must also be proficient in the English language. Will also be required to answer phones and wait on the public. So you must have a pleasant personality. Call 983-3737 for an appointment.

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7-1p

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10-15p

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10-1p

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9-24p

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9-24c

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10-8p

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10-8p

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10-1c

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9-24p

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9-24p

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INSIDE STORAGE for R.V.'s, boats, cars. Call Russell Equipment 983-3535.

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Thornberry pushes disaster relief plan for farmers and ranchers

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry has thrown his support behind a disaster relief plan that will provide farmers and ranchers with nearly \$4 billion dollars in federal assistance to help them cope with the drought and low commodity prices.

"The Monica Lewinsky scandal may be the number-one thing everybody in Washington is talking about right now," Thornberry stated, "but the drought and low commodity prices are things which farmers and ranchers around the country are struggling with everyday. Congress can't lose sight of its obligation to do the people's business, and helping producers who are trying to make ends meet ranks high up on the list."

"The plan announced today will help us meet that obligation by providing farmers and ranchers with nearly \$4 billion in federal disaster assistance."

According to Thornberry, the plan

includes \$2.25 billion in total funding to address crop disaster losses. This funding is divided into three parts:

- * \$1.5 billion to assist producers who have been hit by crop losses in 1998;

- * \$6.75 million to provide assistance to those producers who have suffered a multiple year crop loss; and,

- * \$75 million in livestock feed assistance to assist livestock producers who lost their 1998 supplies of feed to disaster.

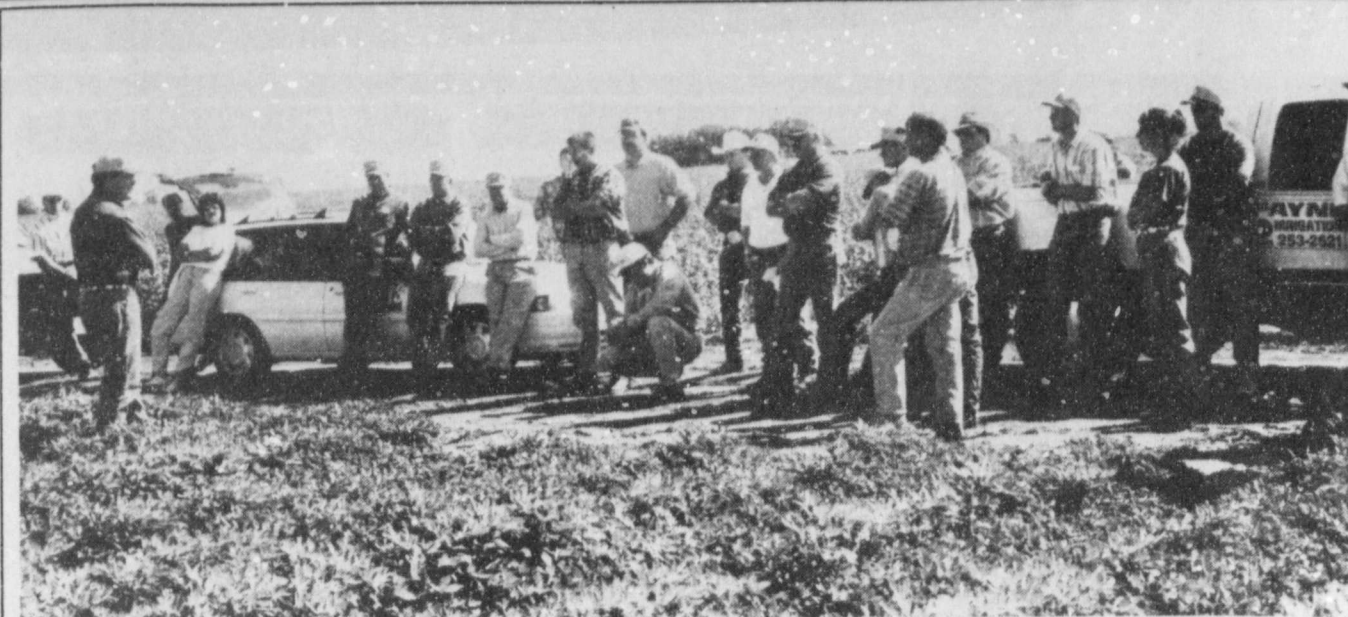
In addition, the plan also includes \$1.65 billion in market loss assistance payments to producers who are eligible for Freedom to Farm contracts. This assistance will come in the form of a one-time payment similar to the Agriculture Market Transition payments. All of the payments under this disaster relief plan will be determined and administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Thornberry noted that the disaster relief plan goes hand-in-hand with a tax relief package the House of Representatives is currently considering that will also benefit farmers and ranchers. The tax relief package includes; expanding the health insurance deduction for self-employed individuals to 100 percent; making income averaging for farmers permanent; increasing the net operating loss carry-back period for farmers; providing an immediate \$25,000 per small business expense deduction; and providing an immediate increase in the inheritance tax exemption to \$1 million dollars.

Thornberry is the author of legislation that would abolish inheritance taxes entirely. He said the disaster relief plan and tax relief package, taken together, could provide farmers and ranchers with benefits—both in the short and long term.



Floyd County Farm News



FLOYD COUNTY AG FIELD DAY -- Forty-eight agriculturally minded people joined a tour of Floyd County fields Tuesday, September 15. The tour was conducted by the County Extension Office and participants lunched at Nielson's Restaurant following the bus trip. -- Courtesy Photo

Forty-eight attend ag tour

By J.D. Ragland, CEA-AG

The Floyd County Ag Committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service sponsored the first annual Floyd County Ag Tour on September 15. A total of 47 producers and guest attended. Three tour stops were featured on this year's tour.

Tour Stop 1 on the John Dunlap farm included viewing a planting cot-

ton insecticide test. Tour Stop 2 on the Steve Lloyd farm focused on Cotton Plant Growth Regulators and Harvest Aid Treatments. The third and final stop consisted of Peanut Production on the Ed and Zach Nutt farm. At each stop, producers were provided with test data and update information from Extension Specialist personnel.

We were extremely pleased with the

turn out and support. We were expecting maybe 20 producers and the final count was 47. The Floyd County Ag Committee will be holding the tour annually and is hoping to develop it into the counties major agriculture educational event of the year. We wish to thank all those who assisted in organizing the tour and looks forward to next year's tour.

Producers watch for sticky cotton

By J.D. Ragland, CEA-AG
Floyd County

A few sticky cotton bales produced in 1995 caused major problems to textile mills. South Plains producers are again threatened with the possibility of sticky cotton from a late buildup of aphids on opening cotton in some fields. The West Texas Cotton Task Force has once again gone on the offensive to alert producers to this potential problem and to provide recommendations on how to avoid honeydew contaminated cotton caused by small numbers of aphids feeding in fields with opening cotton.

The 1995 sticky cotton problem was the result of honeydew contamination in probably less than 120,000 acres of the over 3 million acre South Plains crop, said James Leser, Texas Agricultural Extension Entomologist headquartered in Lubbock. "Some mills found they needed to blend as many as 30 clean bales with a sticky bale to overcome the problems associated with processing sticky cotton."

"Contaminated cotton adheres to the machinery causing production

slow downs," said Dean Ethridge, International Textile Center director at Texas Tech University. "Sand clinging to the sticky fiber can cause increased abrasion and premature wear of machine parts. This all leads to additional expense to the mill. The end result can be significant discounts, and even more importantly, loss of market access in ensuing years."

While aphids are only a scattered problem across the area, says Leser, some fields already have a stickiness problem from earlier infestations. "Unlike the higher numbers of aphids required to cause yield reductions earlier in the season, levels as low as 10-15 aphids per leaf could excrete enough honeydew to get a field in trouble with sticky lint," Leser advises producers to check potential problem fields and consider treating aphid infestations once cotton is at least 5% open and aphids number 15 or more per leaf on the 5" mainstem leaf from the top of the plant.

"This action level come from California where rainfall events are rare after cotton begins to open. The South

Plains production region has a higher probability of getting honeydew-washing rains and may be able to be less aggressive in spraying aphids in opening cotton." According to Randy Boman, Extension Cotton Specialist located Lubbock, once the lint is contaminated, it doesn't do any good to control the aphids until the honeydew deposits are removed by rainfall. "At least a 1/4 inch is considered necessary to clean the lint. Producers with overhead sprinkler systems may consider applying a 1/4 inch irrigation to clean a contaminated field." Stickiness is difficult to detect until it adheres to machinery surfaces during processing, Ethridge said.

While research is underway to develop a commercial testing procedure, it will be up to individual producers to do their part in preventing contaminated bales from entering the market undetected. Unfortunately, sticky cotton is a problem that is not limited to the field or farm from which it came. Sticky cotton is everyone's problem since honeydew-contaminated cotton from one farm can ruin the reputation of all cotton produced in West Texas.

Late-season insects pose threat

By Tim W. McAlamy
Extension Communications Specialist

South Plains cotton growers are facing another decision as their crop approaches harvest in what has been a problematic year. An influx of late-season insects now pose a threat to next year's crop and this year's crop quality, said a Texas A&M University entomologist.

"Weevil numbers are increasing almost exponentially in our 28-county Extension trapping program," said Dr. James F. Leser, Extension entomologist at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. "These weevils are still damaging immature cotton bolls, but their feeding won't negatively affect yields this late in the growing season."

"Our concern is that they will fatten up on remaining squares and soft bolls and have a better chance of successfully overwintering. If that scenario pans out, it could set the stage for a large weevil infestation next year."

Growers, entomologists and crop consultants were surprised earlier in the growing season to see boll weevils virtually disappear following robust emergence from their overwintering sites.

Robust emergence produced higher numbers of weevils than last year, but overall numbers didn't reach population predictions made from last year's late season trap counts, winter survival cage studies and overwintering site surveys, the entomologist said.

"Drier conditions in their overwintering sites and poorer body fat condition kept populations below what we expected. It also meant that a large percentage of weevils emerged before there were enough cotton squares available for feeding and egg laying," Leser said. "Weevil counts were almost nonexistent in July and early August, but they've since made a comeback. This is a typical weevil pattern in limited-rainfall regions."

"It's too late now for weevils to have a real effect on yields, but growers should be thinking about applying harvest-aids (desiccants, defoliant, boll openers) and their last weevil treatment of the growing season. Weevils that in the fields now are feeding on the plant's topmost bolls-bolls that won't mature before harvest or make it to the gin anyway."

Still, cutting off late weevils' food supply (squares and small bolls) is imperative. Without their food supply, the insects cannot store enough fat to live through winter.

"If growers find weevil activity in their fields as crop termination approaches, they should add 1 pint of methyl parathion (4E) or Guthion (2L) to the defoliant or desiccant. This will reduce the number of late-season weevils that might successfully survive the winter," Leser said. "Growers shouldn't underestimate the importance of late-season weevils."

"The number of weevils capable of diapause (suspended growth) increases from about 10 percent in early September to about 60 percent by the middle of October. If a cold winter follows, only about 1 percent of those that enter overwintering sites in September will survive to threaten next year's crop. But the survival rate increases to about 10 percent for those begin overwintering in November."

The later a well-fed, diapausing weevil enters its overwintering site, the higher its chances of surviving the winter and infesting next year's squaring cotton."

A late-season buildup of aphids poses another concern.

"Aphids excrete a sticky substance called honeydew, which can contaminate the lint in open bolls and reduce lint quality," Leser said. "Once lint is contaminated, the only remedy is a quarter-inch of rain or sprinkler-applied irrigation water to wash off the honeydew off."

"Late-season aphid infestations won't reduce yields, but honeydew contamination (sticky cotton) can threaten the integrity of an entire region's crop. Growers should monitor their crop closely for aphids and take any steps necessary to avoid harvesting sticky cotton. A good rain might eliminate stickiness, but it won't remove the aphids that cause the stickiness."

Growers should consider a control treatment for aphids if they find 15 or more aphids on the 5th mainstem leaf from the terminal, the entomologist said.

Producers can find information on how to use late-season pest treatments in conjunction with harvest-aid chemicals in the 1998 High Plains Cotton Harvest-Aid Guide; available at County Extension offices and on the internet (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu/html/html/taex/focus/focus.html>).

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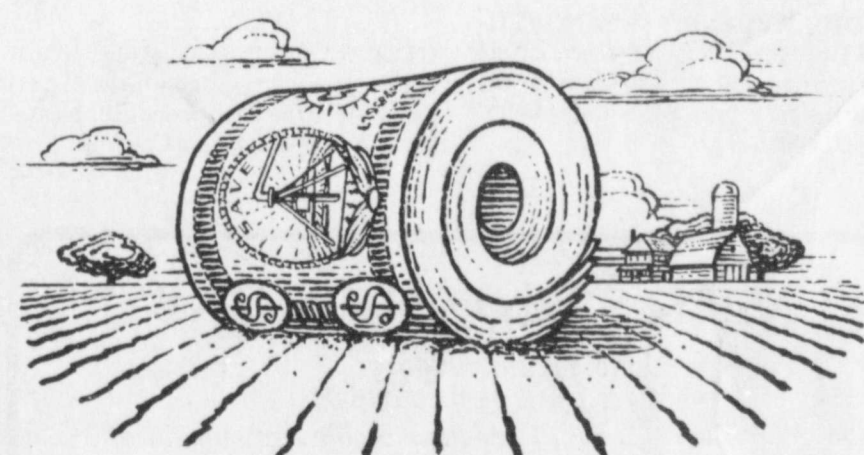


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Classes will be held October 23 - November 5, 1998. There is a \$25 fee for training which helps to offset the cost of the training manual and course materials. Scholarships are available.

After completion of the training, volunteers are asked to provide one year of service to the organization. While volunteers may choose to work in direct patient care or assist in the Hospice office, most opt to work with the patients and families. Typically, volunteers give two to four hours per week working directly with the patients and their families. Each volunteer works with one patient at a time.

Hospice of Lubbock, the regions only non-profit hospice organization, provides care and support for the terminally ill and their families during the last phases of a patient's illness. The organization also provides comprehensive bereavement programs that are open to the community at no charge. The goal of Hospice of Lubbock is to enable the patient to live as fully and comfortably as possible in their final days, in the loving environment of family and friends. Volunteers are a vital part of this care and

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The Paper Pulpit

By: Pastor Henry Russell



"Contagious"

I chuckled at one of those monkey calendars, they were dressed like people, one was a doctor and the other a patient. The caption read, "I don't really know what you've got...but what you had, you've got again."

The word, "Contagious," brings a chill to the spine. We usually think it is something to be avoided at all cost. However there are some things that are quite contagious that are not all bad, others are. What about a smile, usually if you give one, you will get one also. Sometimes you might hear a song and it gets on your mind until you also are humming or singing it. Even an itch often effects others. We attended a high school play once, called, "A Hillbilly Wedding." One of the characters part was to scratch. She played her part well. I looked around at the audience...a bunch of us soon found ourselves scratching too. One yawn can mushroom into a sleepy crowd.

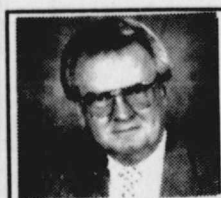
You may even be contagious if you have: FEAR! If one woman screams "Mouse," they usually all scream. When someone begins to talk of bad world conditions, without a possible solution, the feeling spreads fast. Jesus comforted His hearers by saying, "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12:6-7)

DOUBT! After God parted the Red Sea, delivering Israel out of Egypt's bondage, doubt started...it soon spread. Within three days it infiltrated the whole congregation. They watched their leader, Moses, fall to his knees in prayer seeking God for an answer. God straightened it all out by causing water to flow from the Rock.

FAITH! Jesus said, "If any two of you agree concerning any one thing, it would be done." Our faith in God can will effect others we come in contact with. It could cause a chain reaction!

Do we possess something contagious, that as it spreads, it will make our world better? Jesus was extremely contagious. That's why there are "Christians." Christ like as he becomes Lord of our life. He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me!"

Everyone of us... are "Contagious!"



Anger Doesn't Have To Hurt

By Ron Trusler

Everybody gets angry in some form or other. Some of us handle it right and some of us do and say stupid things when we are angry. Stupid things to do when you are angry is like: hitting or shoving others; or saying hurtful things. Hopefully, after we have messed up we want to do differently next time. The problem is that angry behavior can get some people what they want. They can throw a temper fit and get others to give in to them - so they just keep doing it because it works. However, if you are tired of hurting others and are interested in controlling your anger, try the following.

1. **Be willing to admit you are angry.** Anger is an emotion just like crying, fear, depression, etc. We are created to have emotion. It helps us cope with things that occur in our lives. You may not be willing to admit your anger because you think it is bad to feel that way. It's the bad things we do or say, when we are angry that is wrong - not the anger itself.

2. **Learn to be aware of your own anger.** It's not easy to identify when you are getting angry. If you have someone you can trust to honestly help you, ask them to tell you when they know you are getting angry. You may recognize your muscles tensing up in some way or feel your face flush. My wife and others who know me pretty well, can see it in my face and my movements. Most of the time I am not yet aware of it.

3. **Develop a "Plan of Action" to take when anger increases too much.** Set this up before you get angry, while

you are thinking clearly. Write down specifically what you will do, where you will go or who you will call when your anger is showing signs of being hurtful to others. Think it through. Now, I know when you are angry you will not get out your little "Plan of Action" and read it out loud to know what to do. However, you will be more apt to follow it because you worked on it when you were thinking more clearly. It will be more imbedded in your mind.

4. **Take "Time-Outs."** If you have the tendency to be hurtful to others when angry, do this for sure.

* When you notice you are too angry, say, "I am getting angry. I need to take a time-out." That's right, say it loud.

* Leave for at least 30 minutes.

* Go for a walk. DO NOT GO FOR A DRIVE! There are too many mad drivers on the road now.

* Come back when you said you would. Be on time. This shows control and dependability.

* If you are still too angry to be productive, postpone again.

One of the best antidotes for anger is talking to someone you trust. Some who will let you express whatever you feel without giving you a bunch of "should" and "do's" and "don't's".

Anger can be used for good. It can be an inner drive for doing worthwhile things. Please don't hurt others when you are angry. Thank you.

(Ron Trusler is Executive Director of Central Plains MHMR and Substance Abuse Center. He may be reached at 806-293-2636.)

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Nursery, Preschool Choir, RA's, GA's Sanctuary Choir, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
Phil Cotham, Director of Music
Debbie Wiley, Youth Minister
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir & Youth 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
RA's and GA's 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
3rd Saturdays:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:
Baptist Women 3:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Reverend Ione Sedinger
Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Wendell Horn, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Russ Byard, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women, Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL CME
Floydada
Rev. James Jenkins
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
211 N. Main, Lockney
Interdenominational Church
Rev. Farrel DeFoor, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Cowboy Camp Meetin' (1st & 3rd Mondays) 7:00 p.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
John Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS
404 E. 6th St., Lockney
Lupé Banda, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Russell Harris, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday, Elder Don Martin
4th Sunday, Tom Taylor

PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Pedro Villareal, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
Ambassadors 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Luncheon - 1st Sunday of Month;
Music Worship;
Last Sunday with evening service

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.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor
Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Ernest Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLE GETSEMANI
308 Mississippi
Rev. Alejandro Ruiz Jr.
983-2864 or 983-5286
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Family Night 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father John Olig
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
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TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Christian Training 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St. Lockney
Gabriel W. Ortiz, Pastor
Olga L. Martinez, Youth Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
515 E. Missouri, Floydada
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO LIBERTAD
203 SE 2nd, Lockney
652-2793
Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor
704 N. Main, Lockney
652-3704
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY CHURCH
500 W. Houston, Floydada
Interdenominational Church
Henry Russell, 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.
4th Sunday Singing 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Interim Pastor - Melinda Morton
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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983-3548
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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1998 Hesperian-Beacon FOOTBALL CONTEST



WEEKLY PRIZES

ARE:

1ST - \$25

2ND - \$15

3RD - \$10

South Plains Gin 1. Tulia vs. 2. Muleshoe	Providence Farm Supply & Grain 3. Spur vs. 4. Hale Center	First National Bank in Lockney Member FDIC 5. Hart vs. 6. Olton	American State Bank Member FDIC 7. Springlake-Earth vs. 8. Abernathy	Ray Lee Equipment 9. Farwell vs. 10. Kress
First National Bank of Floydada Member FDIC 11. Plains vs. 12. Petersburg	West Texas National Bank Member FDIC 13. Groom vs. 14. Cotton Center	Floyd County Farm & Ranch Supply 15. Guthrie vs. 16. Silverton	Cargill Hybrid Seed 17. Denver City vs. 18. Alpine	Floydada Power & Light 19. Brownfield vs. 20. Dimmitt
Clark Pharmacy 21. Idalou vs. 22. Tahoka	Floydada Coop Gin 23. Sundown vs. 24. Ralls	Schacht's Flowers, Jewelry & Gifts 25. Texas Tech vs. 26. Iowa State	Lighthouse Electric 27. Rice vs. 28. Texas	
Payne Family Pharmacy 29. NE Louisiana vs. 30. Kansas State	Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon 31. Washington vs. 32. Nebraska	Muncy Elevator 33. Kansas vs. 34. Alabama-Birmingham	Lowe's Pay-n-Save Floydada 35. North Texas vs. 36. Texas A&M	
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Contest Rules

Any subscriber or purchaser age 7 or older is eligible to enter this contest. Only one entry per week per person.

To play, circle on the official entry form, the numbers of the teams you believe will win this week's games. To indicate a tie, circle the numbers of both teams playing the game. Also write a guess of the combined total points to be scored by the two teams listed in each of the tie-breaker footballs. Circle the team you believe will win. Circle both teams if you think the game will end in a tie.

Only entries on official entry forms brought to a Hesperian-Beacon office in Floydada or Lockney no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday. No photocopies will be accepted and no mail entries will be considered.

Three cash prizes are awarded each week. In the event of ties (the same number of correct games & equal scores on tie-breakers) prizes will be combined & shared by those tied. The tie-breaker scores will be used only to break a tie on the number of games correct.

Print your name & address plainly on the official entry form & double check your choices before clipping out the entry form & depositing it at a Hesperian-Beacon office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

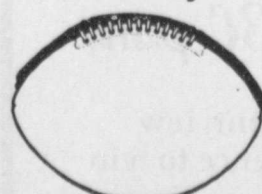
Entries limited to one per person per week. Weekly winners limited to one per household.

Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest Official Entry Form

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Tie Breakers

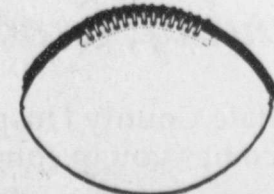
circle winner and write total combined score in football

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Slaton
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"You Knew Him as Red. . ."

By Chris Watts, grandson

I initially wrote this story as an assignment for a writing class my junior year in high school. Since then, this story has become more special to me. I didn't know then that I would be telling it here today, but I would like to share it with you now.



RED WATTS

You knew him as Red - farmer, ginner, hard worker, and good friend. I knew him as Pau Pau - husband, father and grandfather and World War II hero. Many of you may not even know that he served during the war - he certainly did not brag about his exploits - and fewer still probably know of what he accomplished for our country. I don't want this to be a history lesson, but I'm very proud of what PP did during World War II, and I'd like to tell you about a hero who for all these years lived right here among us. PP served six years in the Army Air Corp and those years - from flight school to combat to instructor - helped shape him into the man we all knew. Flying airplanes, especially during war, is dangerous, and he could have died at any time. We can be grateful that God was his co-pilot, especially on one fateful day in 1943.

PP's military began in an unexpected way. He had joined the National Guard to help pay for his education at West Texas State University. He had planned to become a physician, but his unit was mobilized in 1940, and he was assigned to the Army Air Corp. This happened to him at the same age I am now. He received his pilot's wings in July 1942 and on August 2, 1942, he and Poopsie married. The next day, they left for flight school in Waycross, Georgia.

In April 1943, after six months of flight training, PP's first stop was Casablanca, Morocco - a distribution center for the war effort. He was later stationed in Sicily as a member of the 525th Fighter Squadron, 86th Fighter

Group. The objective of the squadron was to support ground forces with the destruction of key infrastructure in mainland Italy. PP was considered by his fellow pilots to be one of the most skilled at flying the A-36, a dive bomber version of the famed P-51 Mustang. He named his plane the "Meda Mia" in honor of his bride. PP's outstanding service and bravery quickly earned him the rank of Captain. PP had entered the service as an inexperienced, naive farm boy from the Texas Panhandle but he soon became a seasoned, courageous and resourceful military leader during one of the most ominous periods in world history. He was now responsible not only for himself and successfully completing the mission, but also for leading rookies into battle and trying to get them home safe and sound.

One such day was October 3, 1943, when PP was leading four new pilots on a bombing mission on the Naples harbor. The job was nearly done when a Nazi anti-artillery fire ruptured the oil line on his plane. His fellow fliers, who were inexperienced and terrified at their first time in combat, never noticed when he was forced to leave formation to try and get his wounded plane back to base. The fire and smoke on board were getting worse and he knew that getting all the way home was impossible, so his new objective was the Volturno River which would at least put him into Allied territory. He was still short of the target when he dramatically lost oil pressure and altitude. It was time to bail out.

PP was intentionally wearing a parachute for a man 60 pounds lighter than himself, to give him more room to maneuver in the cockpit, and he had made only one jump in flight school. The fire on-board was raging, severely burning one of his arms. The ground was fast approaching and finally, with not a second to spare, he struggled free and jumped. He landed very hard on the beach of Tyrrhenian Sea, forcing his knees so hard into his chest that he thought he was dead. He turned in time to see his "Meda Mia" plunge into the sea.

He then saw soldiers quickly coming towards him. He readied his pistol, assuming they were Nazis since this was their territory, but was relieved to see they were British. The Allies had advanced their lines that very morning! They helped him to get back to his base days later where he found his bunk mattress rolled up, a sign of a missing pilot presumed dead.

PP flew 80 missions all together. He returned home in 1944 and spent the

next two years preparing new pilots for combat. He received the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with several Oak Clusters. He was also a member of the Caterpillar Club, for pilots shot down in the line of duty.

A historical publication of his squadron, nicknamed *An Invader Squadron*, recalls his exploits and heroics. Just two months after being shot down, he led a "...sensational bombing and strafing attack completely knocking out some heavy enemy guns, receiving commendations from the Ground Forces and the Group Commander for himself and the other pilots on the mission." He is remembered as one who "...brought back aircraft so badly damaged that one could only stare in disbelief that such a wreck could fly." And perhaps one of the most moving tributes was one in which PP was singled out with several others for a special recognition, "...Many things about the war will be forgotten, many memories tend to fade with the passage of time. But names like...Watts...are written indelibly in the minds of those who knew and worked with them as part of the fighter squadron. Heroes? They'd be the very last ones to have you think so; just plain ordinary Americans...having a job to do, and giving it their very best. And the results bespeak of the very high quality of their efforts."

Ordinary Americans, doing a job to the best of their ability, with high quality results - that certainly describes PP as well as the main character in the popular movie "Saving Private Ryan". Neither man volunteered for military service, but both accepted that it was their duty and obligation. Neither was a trained soldier, nor anticipated a military career. Both followed orders to the best of their ability and assumed a responsibility for those who served under them. Their mission was to defeat the enemy while getting themselves and their men home safely. In the process, they distinguished themselves as soldiers and as human beings.

Heroes are everywhere. They walk among us, disguised as ordinary people. Sometimes they are even the people we've known for years or the folks we're related to. Mission complete, Captain Watts. You served your country with honor and distinction. You have our undying respect and gratitude. Thank you for your sacrifice and devotion. You were a hero, even though you never saw yourself as one. May you rest in peace and forever in our memories.

Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest Results 3rd week yields big 'Oops'!

Due to a case of crossed eyes or just plain error, the last seven games on the contest were not played last week. They are scheduled for the coming weekend. The Hesperian-Beacon regrets the error and will not count those games in the scoring for this week. Scores will be based on the first 21 games listed for the week of the September 17 issue.

Earning the first prize check for the third week of the contest was Martin Ramirez of Floydada. He missed 4 games out of the 21 counted. His check for \$25.00 will be in the mail to him on Friday.

Second and third place were determined by using the tie-breaker scores as five entries had five incorrect guesses. Receiving second place honors and a check for \$15.00 will be Dickie McCarty of Lockney. He selected Shallowater to beat Floydada and at 32 was 2 points under the actual combined score of 34.

Third place goes to Charlie McQuahae of Lockney who also selected Shallowater to win with a combined total score of 31, just 3 points under the actual combined total. The

check for \$10.00 goes to him.

Others missing five games and their combined scores were: Fernando Arvizu of Floydada, Shallowater to win, combined score 41; Roy Saucedo of Lockney, Shallowater to win, combined score 41; and Franklin Harris of Floydada, Shallowater to win, combined score 42.

Honorable mention for this week with six games incorrect were Jeffrey Sutterfield, Angie Blanco, Tyler Bybee, and Jimmy "Slick" Stennett of Lockney as well as Brian Nichols, Weldon Pruitt, Derek Martinez, Santos Billegas Jr., Jeremy Hernandez, and Gene Lowrance of Floydada. 11 entries missed seven games and 13 entries had eight games incorrect.

Seven entries had nine errors, six missed 10 games, and three had 11 incorrect choices. Three entries missed 12 games, one missed 13, one missed 14, and one missed 20.

There were 62 entries in the first week of the Hesperian-Beacon Football Contest, 31 in the Floydada box and 31 in the Lockney box.

Take any opportunity you can to

thank the sponsors of the contest for bringing it to you this year. Support them by taking your business to them whenever possible, not only during football season, but throughout the year.

Third Week Results

1. Kress 28, 2. Memphis 22
3. Abernathy 18, 4. Seagraves 13
5. Wilton 28, 6. Cotton Center 24
7. Plainview 9, 8. Pampa 12
9. Silvertown 40, 10. McLean 45
11. Crosbyton 6, 12. Olton 35
13. Hale Center 13, 14. Petersburg 20
15. Hereford 31, 16. Frenship 28
17. Dimmitt 10, 18. Friona 14
19. Bovina 12, 20. Hart 20
21. Muleshoe 51, 22. Brownfield 0
23. Slaton 3, 24. Littlefield 46
25. Fresno State 28, 26. Texas Tech 34
27. North Texas 15, 28. Arizona 14
29. Northwestern 23, 30. Rice 14
31. SMU 17, 32. Arkansas 44
33. Texas 7, 34. Kansas State 48
35. T. A&M 24, 36. S. Mississippi 6
37. UCLA 42, 38. Houston 34
39. N. Carolina St. 30, 40. Baylor 33
41. Duke 13, 42. Florida St. 62

Tie Breakers:

- Floydada 9 vs Shallowater 25; total 34
Lockney 18 vs Tulia 6; total 24

Sales tax rebates up for Floydada and Lockney

September 1998 sales tax rebates made to Floyd County cities from the state comptroller's office have been received. Both Floydada and Lockney display increases for the month when compared to rebates for the same period in 1997.

Total rebates received in Floyd County this month were \$15,154.90, an increase of 4.18 percent overall when compared to the \$14,546.43 received in September of 1997. The year to date total rebates received in Floyd County now stand at \$140,192.67, an overall increase of 6.90 percent over the \$131,135.55 received to date in 1997.

Lockney displayed an increase of 5.65 percent over the same period for 1997 in over all receipts. The city's September check was in the amount of \$4,576.90 compared to \$4,331.92 received in 1997. Total Lockney rebates to date in 1998 are \$42,341.33 or 8.40 percent more than total rebates of \$39,059.23 at this time in 1997.

Floydada's check from the state comptroller's office was in the amount of \$10,578.00 showing an increase of 3.55 percent from the \$10,214.51 payment received in September 1997. Total rebates for the year now stand at \$97,851.34 compared to \$92,076.32 received at this time last year. This

represents an overall 6.27 percent increase.

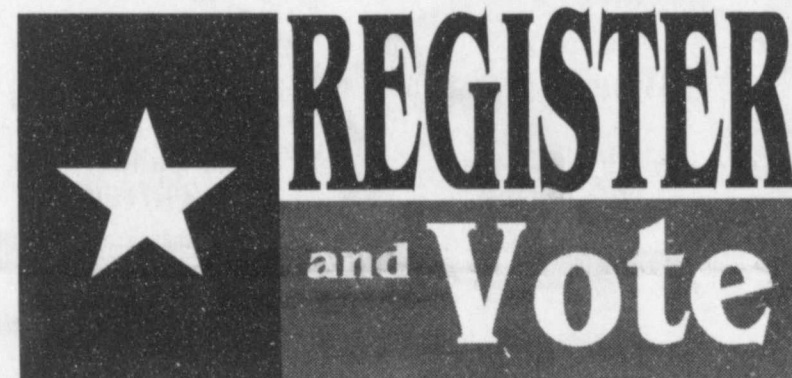
September 1998 rebates and percentage of change for area cities are listed below.

- Quitaque; \$1,305.84, -20.21%
Silvertown; \$1,726.85, +15.51%
Crosbyton; \$6,830.63, -10.34%
Ralls; \$6,081.35, +0.55%
Abernathy; \$8,675.77, -3.48%
Hale Center; \$6,131.11, +13.33%
Petersburg; \$2,080.49, -30.43%
Plainview; \$213,362.24, +11.77%
Lubbock; \$1,910,899.28, -1.79%
Matador; \$1,432.68, -1.59%
Roaring Spgs; \$1,181.80, -37.38%
Tulia; \$21,869.75, +11.78%

September payments totaling \$180.5 million in local sales tax rebates went back to 1,092 Texas cities

and 118 counties, according to the state comptroller's office. This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected on sales in July and reported to the comptroller by businesses filing monthly returns in August.

Sales taxes are collected by merchants and forwarded to the state which retains a 6.25 percent share and returns the city sales tax portion to each city, county, or special interest district such as hospital districts or qualifying transit systems. Neither Floyd County, Lockney General Hospital District or Caprock Hospital District levies a sales tax at this time. No qualifying transit system, which could also levy a sales tax, operates within the county.



CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

By
Congressman Mac Thornberry
U.S. Representative, 13th District

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry recently voted for legislation designed to give parents more control over what their children learn in school by requiring that at least 95 percent of all federal education tax dollars be spent directly on students in the classrooms.

"You can point to a lot of reasons why the quality of education has gone down in America," Thornberry stated, "but it seems to me that some of it leads back to the fact that Washington has too much control over what we teach to our kids, and parents have too little. The goal of this legislation is to level the playing field by giving parents more of a say over what is

taught in our schools and, specifically, how their federal tax dollars are being spent."

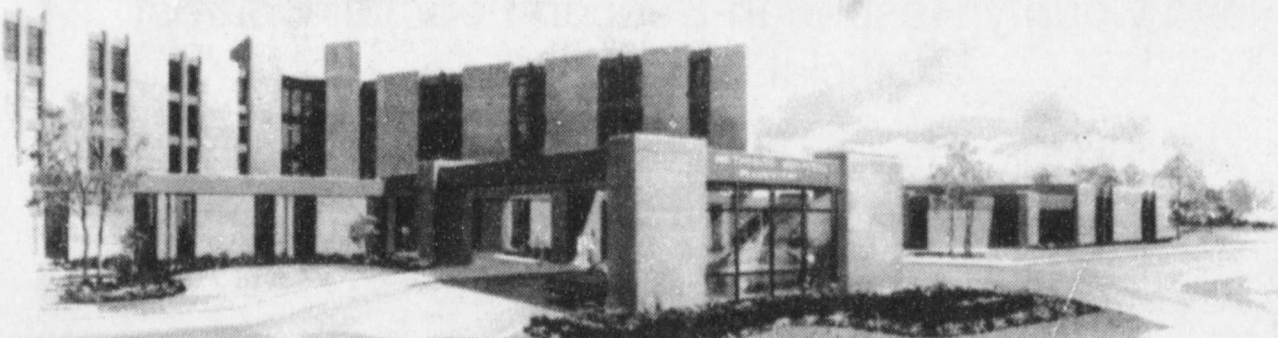
The legislation is called *The Dollars to the Classroom Act*. Approved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 212-198, the bill would consolidate 31 federal elementary and secondary education programs into a \$2.74 billion block grant for the states. Ninety-five percent of the funds school districts receive through this grant would be earmarked directly for classrooms, instead of paperwork or administration.

According to Thornberry, the bill would provide an additional \$800

million dollars for public classrooms nationwide, or an average of \$425 more per classroom. Thornberry also noted that schools in Texas would receive an additional \$80,553,000 if *The Dollars to the Classroom Act* is approved.

"This bill will not only provide more federal funds to schools around America, but give those schools more flexibility to use the funds the way they see fit. In the process, by giving greater control to local officials rather than federal bureaucrats over how these funds are being spent, the bill will also give parents greater say over what their children are taught."

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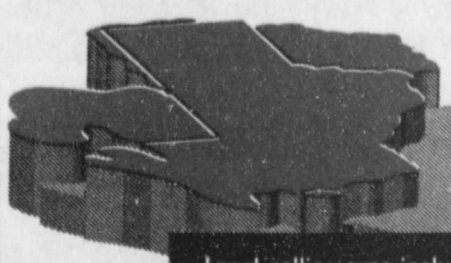
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