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# Make-a-Wish Foundation delivers 'dream house' to local Floydada girl

By Jennifer Harbin

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas made a special delivery to Faith Nicole Reyes on Wednesday, February 6, dropping off her custom-made pink and purple playhouse in her backyard.

Reyes is the 8-year-old daughter of April Gourdon and granddaughter of Johnny and Penny Gourdon, all of Floydada. At her birth, Reyes was perfectly normal, but around the age of 17 months the family started noticing that something wasn't quite right with the child.

When she and her mother visited the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) office in Floydada and they pricked Reyes' finger for a blood analysis, she bled everywhere according to her mother.

This was worrisome.

And when Reyes had tubes inserted for chronic ear infections, the doctor tested her for a bleeding disorder and the test came back positive for vonWillebrand Type 1. VonWillebrand is classified as a bleeding disorder,

the most commonly inherited, that manifests in many different ways, including abnormal bleeding, chronic nosebleeds, and bruising easily.

According to her mother, her condition got worse as she got older. Her nose would bleed so bad she would go into convulsions and her eyes would roll back into her head.

There were massive amounts of blood loss, not typical with nosebleeds.

In 2010, she began seeing a new doctor and she was diagnosed with vonWillebrand Type 3, which is the most serious form. She was fitted with a totally implantable venous access system (TIVAS), or portacath as the family refers to it, to replace the constant use of IVs. The entire family is trained to access the port to deliver medicines if the occasion arises.

Gourdon says that her house is practically a pharmacy, with an entire room dedicated to storing her

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Courtesy Photo

Faith Reyes and her family members pose in front of her new play house that was generously given to her by Make-A-Wish Foundation® of North Texas. Back row: Penny and Johnny Gourdon, April Gourdon; (front row) Faith Reyes, cousin Johnny Pesina, Laci Gourdon.

## High Plains Drifters Studebaker Club rolls into town for meeting



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Members of the High Plains Drifters, a club especially for Studebaker lovers, came from far and near to Floydada on Saturday, February 9, for reminiscing and lunch at the The Covey, along with a business meeting. The meeting was hosted by Don and Carolyn Hardy who are members of the club.

By Jennifer Harbin

The streets of downtown Floydada were alive with Studebakers from days gone by as the High Plains Drifters arrived for their bimonthly meeting on Saturday, February 9.

They met at Don Hardy's Classic Cars and More on the corner of Missouri and Wall Streets to visit and then moved to The Covey for a meal and business meeting.

The Studebaker got its humble beginnings from the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company in South Bend, Indiana, which was founded in 1852 by three German-American brothers and incorporated in 1868 and originally produced wagons for farmers, miners and the military. But the first actual automobile didn't make its entrance until August 1912. For 50 years it offered reliable and quality cars. When Stude-

baker dropped production in the U.S., they also dropped a full line of vehicles that ranged from diesel engine trucks, pickups, Hawks and Avantis.

The South Bend plant ceased production on December 20, 1963, and the last Studebaker left the Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, assembly line on March 16,

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## Reverend Vance Mitchell announces retirement after 44 years of pastoral ministry

By Virginia Smith  
Daughter

Reverend Vance Mitchell, long time pastor of Trinity Assembly of God has announced his retirement from full-time ministry. Rev. Mitchell and wife, Bernice have served in pastoral ministry for 44 years serving

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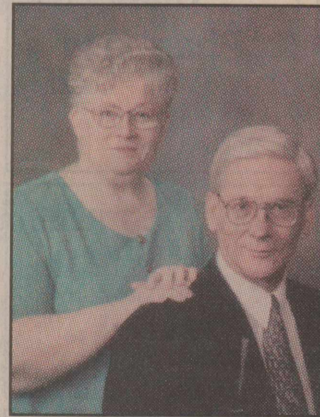


Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Floydada and Lockney received a welcome snowfall during the night and morning of February 11-12 with a possibility of 2-4 inches to come during the next two days according to the government weather forecast website as of press time.



# LIFESTYLES

## FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

**CORRECTION:** We would like to apologize for the error typed in last week's Floydada Senior Citizens News: The paragraph should have read: "To quote a personal comment made by a 14 year employee....I just believe that when something like this happens, one door closes, and God's going to open another door." Let us remember that in learning to live, we are daily faced with the unknown, and to keep ever looking upward and beyond ourselves for answers.

By Margaret Jones

From Cupid's quiver an arrow is drawn and rapidly soars through the air in celebration of St. Valentine, Patron Saint of Love, Young People, and Happy Marriages, who died a Martyr on February 14th, 269A.D. Legend has it that on the eve of St. Valentine's death he penned a farewell note to the jailers daughter and signed it, "From, your Valentine."

Interesting I note...Red, heart-shaped boxes filled with chocolate delicacies and cards with hearts and flowers still celebrate the day. Who would have known...Do you have a Valentine?

Our hearts are saddened by the death of another one of our favorite people, Harold Bertrand. It seems only yesterday that his ready smile and quick chuckle greeted us wherever we were. I remember so well how proudly Harold shared the photo album his daughter, Donna, put together for him with treasured memories of the Lubbock Area World War II Veteran's Flight to Washington, D.C. this past October. Having served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from November 18, 1943 to May 25, 1946, in the Pacific Area, including the battle of Iwo Jima, he especially enjoyed seeing the World War II Memorial. Let's remember his family in prayer.

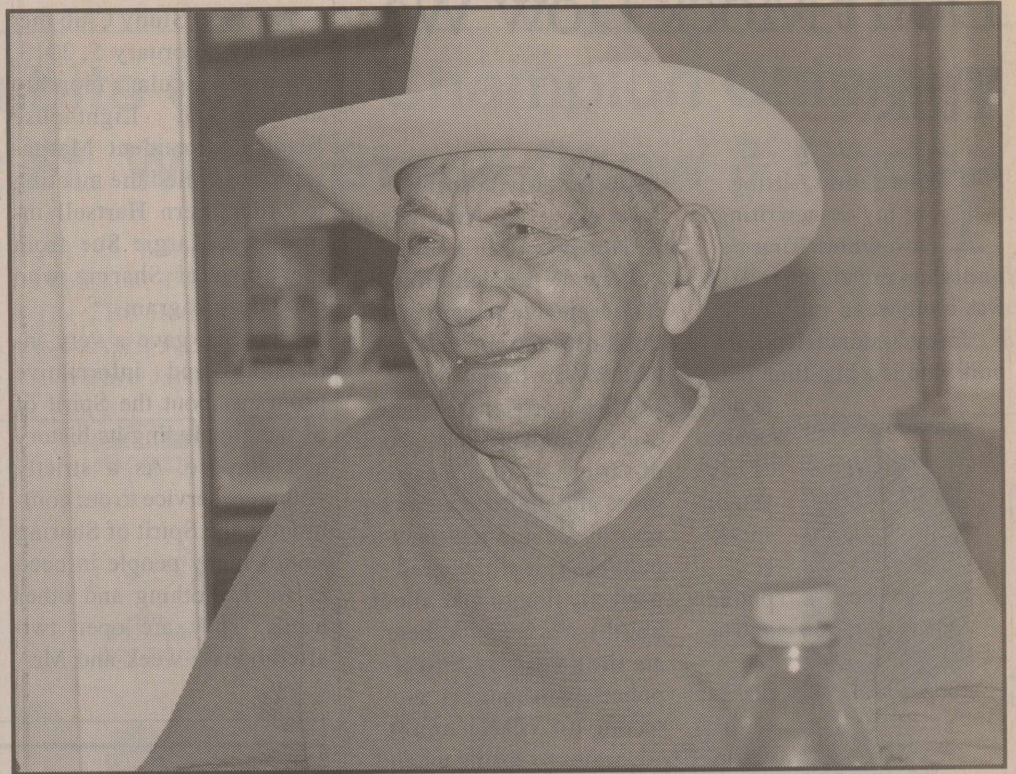
### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### COCONUT-PECAN BARS

- 1 (18 oz.) package refrigerated sliceable cookie dough
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Press cookie dough in a lightly greased 10x15 inch rimmed baking sheet. Pour condensed milk over dough, spread evenly. Sprinkle with chocolate chips, coconut and pecans; press down slightly. Bake 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely on wire rack. Cut into bars.

**Thought for the Week** -  
...faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.  
**1 Corinthians 13:13**



## Celebrating 86 years!!!

Ventura Gonzales of Floydada celebrated his 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the home of his daughter and son-in-law Nora and Joe Zavala on February 9. He is the father of 5 boys and 5 girls, two of which live in Floydada.

### Healthy Recipe of the Week Provided by Pure Balance Nutrition 806-983-3119

#### Valentine's Day Blackberry Parfaitini

By Michele Borboa, MS

A sexy way to serve a skinny Valentine's Day dessert, this vanilla vodka-laced berry treat is layered in martini glasses.

Serves 2

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh blackberries (or other berry of your choice)
- 2 tablespoons vanilla vodka
- Sprinkling of granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 1-1/4 cups Greek honey-flavored yogurt
- 1/2 cup crumbled graham crackers

#### Directions

1. Place berries and vodka in a small bowl. Sprinkle with sugar, gently toss, and set aside for 10 minutes.
2. In a small skillet over medium-high heat, toast almonds, shaking skillet often, until almonds are just lightly browned. Remove from heat immediately and transfer to a paper towel to cool.
3. Making thin layers, evenly divide yogurt, graham crackers, almonds and berries between 2 martini glasses. Chill for 1 hour.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE FLOYD COUNTY MUSEUM

### PERILS OF WAR STRIKE NATION IN 1917 Floyd County Hesperian 100th year edition May 23, 1996

Jack Close was among the first of Floyd County's young men to learn first hand the peril of war. But he was not alone, as those on the war front and the home front suffered together following this nation's entry into World War I.

Close, son of Mr. And Mrs. B.D. Close, who was in the initial draft to leave Floydada in September 1917, was also the first Floyd County man to return to the states after seeing action in France. He was gassed on April 6, 1918, "with a number of other men in the same area and had been in the hospital in France since that time" until his return on July 14 of that year to Ellis Island, New York.

Enroute home. Close's ship was attacked by three submarines. One of the German Submarines was sunk.

#### 914 Register for Draft

"Nine hundred and fourteen men in Floyd County 21 years of age and over and under registered under the Selective Draft Act on Tuesday," according to a June 7, 1917 article appearing in the Floyd County Hesperian.

This registration number "comprised practically 30 per cent greater registration than was estimated."

Guesses made soon after the draft became law were that this county would "furnish probably 550 men within the age limit."

According to the newspaper article, "Reports from all over the county reveals that the registry passed off with no friction whatever. Registration Day was observed generally as a holiday over Floyd County. Most of the business houses at Floydada and Lockney were closed and many of the persons who registered early in the day took advantage of the holiday to spend the time in recreation."

Information reached by the Hesperian caused the following observation; "It now appears certain that the War Department will draw all the numbers covering the entire registration of 10,000,000 men in the United States, and that these men will be called before the exemption boards in the order in which their numbers are drawn. This will mean that every man in Floyd who registered will have his number drawn and that he will know as soon as it is made public in just what order he may be expected to report to the County Board.

"Just as soon as the War Department completes the drawing and makes it public. The Hesperian will publish it in its entirety in such a shape as to show at a glance the consecutive order in which they are drawn, so that any registered man can pick out his number- that is, the number that has been assigned to him on the registration lists, and then tell instantly what number in the drawing his registered number represents."

"By preserving the issue of The Hesperian of July 12, (1917), containing the serial registration numbers and the issue that will contain the results of the drawing you will have a complete record of every registered man in the county and the order in which each will be called."

#### First Quota : 66 men

Floyd County will furnish under the draft's first quota 66 men for the military. Following are the quotas, based on population, for this area:

#### County Population No. to Draft

Floyd	9,883	66
Crosby	7,665	58
Hale	12,039	80
Motley	4,390	30
Swisher	4,582	31
Briscoe	2,854	19
Dickens	5,944	30
Lubbock	11,792	79

## THIS WEEK'S

### OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Old Settlers Association will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 27th at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National

### Bank of Floydada. JUICE PLUS+ PREVENTION PLUS+ HEALTH PRESENTATION

Presentation will be held Sunday, February 17th 2 p.m. at 622 Whirlwind Alley, Floydada

(bldg. east of Whirlwind Gym - Federal Programs office) Contact Kelli Hinsley, 806-781-1147 for more information.

### CALVERT HOME HEALTH BLOOD PRESSURE

**CLINIC**  
Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinics on every first and third Thursday of each month between 9 - 11 a.m. at the Community Room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

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The Family of Elizabeth Clementine Carthel wish to express their appreciation for all the acts of kindness that have been shown to our family during this difficult time in our lives. You may have brought or sent food to help nourish our bodies, sent a card or text or made a phone call to encourage us. You may have visited us and gave us a hug and a shoulder to cry on and shared your faith with us. You may have sent a beautiful plant. You may have attended or helped in her "Celebration of Life" service. Maybe you were the ones that said uplifting prayers for us. We are thankful for all the love and kindness that has come our way. May our loving Heavenly Father bless each of you!

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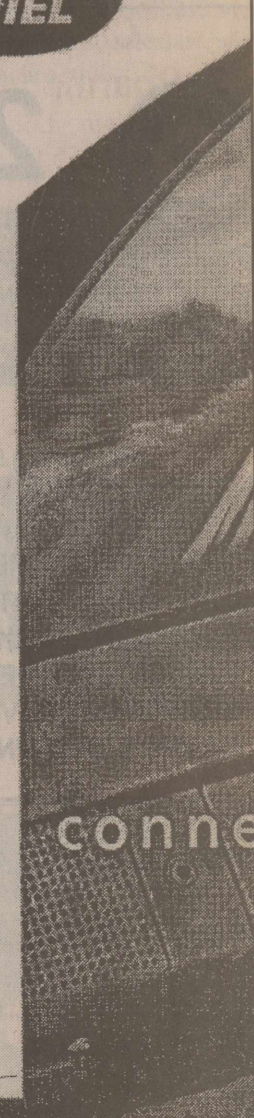
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# FLOYDADA SCHOOL

## Winds lose two games...forced to play for playoff spot

By Coach Renfro

The Floydada Whirlwinds lost two district games this past week, which will most likely force a one game playoff with Slaton for the final postseason berth from district 3-2A.

The Winds lost on Tuesday night to 4th ranked Idalou, 82-43. The Winds were able to keep the respectable at halftime, trailing 33-18. The Wildcats, however, opened the 3rd quarter scoring the first 8 points as they outscored the Winds 27-6 in the frame, putting the game out of reach.

Leading Floydada in scoring was Landry Morren with 10 points, including 3 three pointers. Tyler Renfro, Jordan Woody, and B.J. Perez each put in 6. Renfro also grabbed a team high 6 rebounds and had 8 assists. DeAndre McCann, Ventura Gonzales, and Michael Cisneros each added 4 points. Tucker Lowrance added a 3 pointer to round out the scoring.

On Friday night, the Winds lost a heartbreaker to the Childress Bobcats, who have wrapped up the number 2 spot in the district. Despite leading by as many as 9 points in the third quarter, the Winds were unable to hang on losing 63-62.

The Winds shot the ball extremely well, going 25 of 41 from the floor including making 5 of 9 three pointers, only to see the Bobcats sink 10 three pointers.

McCann led the Winds in scoring with 17 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Woody put in 15 points, with 13 coming in the first half. Foul trouble kept Woody on the bench for much of the second half, including missing the last 5 minutes of the game after getting his 5th foul. He also had 4 assists in the contest. Morren put in 13 points and grabbed 7 boards as he went 3 for 3 from beyond the arc. Renfro put in 11 points and dished out 5 assists while Gonzales added 6 points.

## Nixon Exhibits Grand Champion Chianina Female at Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

Platte City, MO – Keenan Nixon, Floydada, TX., exhibited the Grand Champion Chianina Female in the Open Chianina Show at the

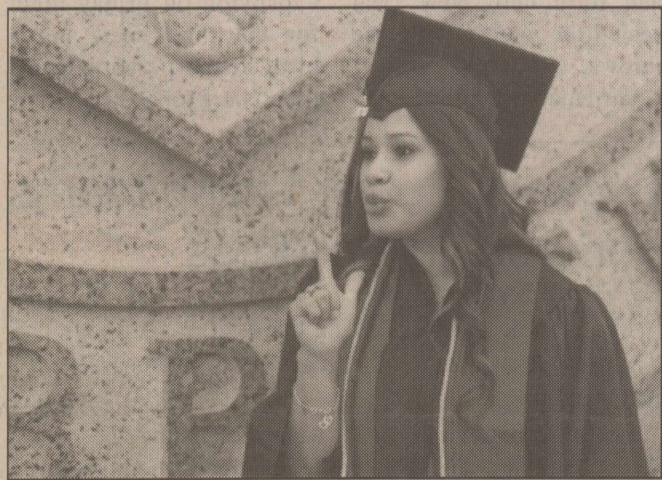
2013 Ft. Worth Stock Show Feb. 1 in Ft. Worth, TX. The FBF Zee Jackie 052Z is an April 8, 2012 daughter of Yellow Jacket.

The Chianina Show was held at the Ft. Worth Stock Show in Ft. Worth, TX. Tyler Melroe from Britton, South Dakota evaluated the

Open Show entries. For more information on this event or any ACA activity, please contact the ACA at (816) 431-2808.



Courtesy Photo Keenan Nixon, Floydada, Texas, exhibited the Grand Champion Chianina Female in the Open Chianina Show at the Ft. Worth Stock Show, Feb. 1 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Among those pictured are Nixon Family, Foster Brothers Family & Crew, ACA National Queen Megan Hunt, and Judge Tyler Melroe.



Courtesy Photo

Crystal Linda Alvarez, a 2009 graduate of Floydada High School, graduated from Texas Tech University on December 25, 2012 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She graduated with a 3.7 GPA and with Magna Cum Laude honors. Crystal has been offered a job by Pioneer and Natural Resources in Midland, Texas where she and her family will reside. Way to go Crystal!

## Floyd County 4-H'ers participate in livestock shows

By Ethan Fortenberry  
CEA-AG/NR  
Floyd County

Floyd County 4-H'ers have been busy participating in major Livestock Shows during the months of January and February. Participants and their placings include:

Tristan and Tasha Schlueter represented Floyd County at the Fort Worth Junior breeding sheep show. They also competed alongside

Karina Torres at the Junior market lamb show in Fort Worth.

Madelyn McCormick represented Floyd County at the Fort Worth Junior gilt show as well as in the Junior market barrow show.

Kirby and Keenan Nixon exhibited in the Fort Worth Chianina Jr and open shows. Kirby won reserve division heifer champion and Keenan won grand champion over

all heifer.

This past week 4-H'ers competed in the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Those participating included:

Kirby and Keenan Nixon who were joined by Braden and Heston Graves in San Antonio for the Junior gilt show. Kirby had two first in class gilt's and several more top ten placings. Keenan, Braden, and Heston all

placed in the top ten of their classes multiple times.

There were several more shows taking place at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo with Floyd County 4-H being represented well. The San Angelo Livestock Show got underway last Friday and results should be available for publication in next week's Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon.

## FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU

February 18 - February 22

Monday

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

**Lunch**- Beef & cheese chalupas, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, tortilla chips, milk

Tuesday

**Breakfast**- Sausage/biscuit

or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Country style steak, whipped potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk

Wednesday

**Breakfast**-Pancakes/syrup or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**-Chicken fajitas w/ peppers & onions, 8" tortilla, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, milk

Thursday

**Breakfast**- Oatmeal and cinnamon toast or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk  
**Lunch**-Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, apple slices,

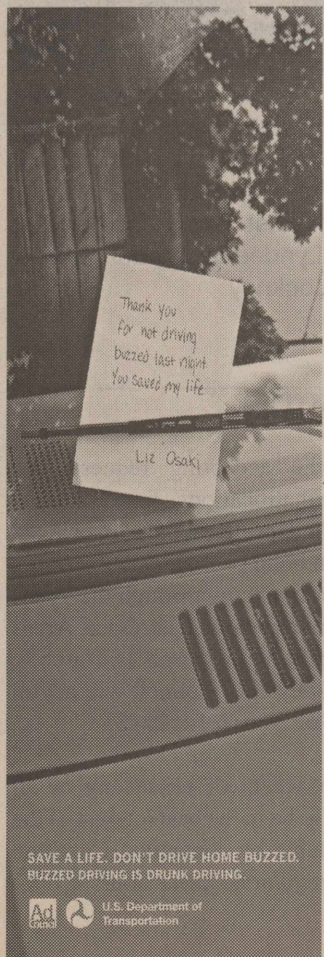
baby carrots, breadsticks, milk

Friday

**Breakfast**-Breakfast burrito or cereal and graham crackers, juice, milk

**Lunch**- Fish tacos w/ fish strips, corn tortillas, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
**HOME CONTRACT NO. 1001754 RSP #2011-0113**

The City of Floydada has recently received a grant contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Owner Occupied Housing Assistance through the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Accordingly, the Contract Administrator (City of Floydada) is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities, including grant administration and housing provider services.

Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at City Hall, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas 79235, addressed to the Mayor, City of Floydada, 114 W. Virginia, Floydada, Texas 79235.

The Contract Administrator must receive proposals no later than Friday, February 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102.

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# LOCKNEY SCHOOL

## Foster Exhibits Grand Champion Chiangus Female at Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

Platte City, MO – SyAnn Foster, Lockney, TX., exhibited the Grand Champion Chiangus Female in the Youth Division, as well as in the Open Chiangus Show at the 2013 Ft. Worth Stock

Show Feb. 1 in Ft. Worth, TX. The BMS Xcellance is a November 4, 2010 daughter of FBF Turning Point 514T. The female had a September 5, 2012 daughter of KBCC Carpe Diem on side, FBF

Zoey 113Z.

The Chiangus Show was held at the Ft. Worth Stock Show in Ft. Worth, TX. Ed Miller from Big Spring, Texas evaluated the Youth Division. Tyler Melroe

from Britton, South Dakota evaluated the Open Show entries.

For more information on this event or any ACA activity, please contact the ACA at (816) 431-2808.

## Longhorns lose playoff spot to Crosbyton

By Josh Strickland

With a playoff spot on the line Friday night the Lockney Longhorns found themselves on the losing end against Crosbyton 25-46. Landry Kidd led the Horns in scoring with 13

points. Ian Dunbar had 7 points, Nathan Caballero and Ky Teeter had 2 points each, and Erik Cortez had one point. The Horns overall record is 8-20 and 3-5 in district play. Lockney was open on Tuesday night.

## Lockney Longhorns lose to Hale Center Owls

By Coach Strickland

Last Friday night the Lockney Longhorns played the Hale Center Owls and lost 27-71.

Erik Cortez and Landry Kidd had 7 points a piece. Andrew Hooten scored 5 points, Ian Dunbar had 4

points, and Ky Teeter had 4 point.

The Horns' overall record is 8-18 and 3-3 in district.

Next week's schedule is set up for the Horns to be on the road on Tuesday vs New Deal and on the road vs Crosbyton on Friday.

## Horns come up short in close game with New Deal

By Coach Strickland

The Lockney Longhorns fell short on Tuesday night as they lost 52-57 vs New Deal.

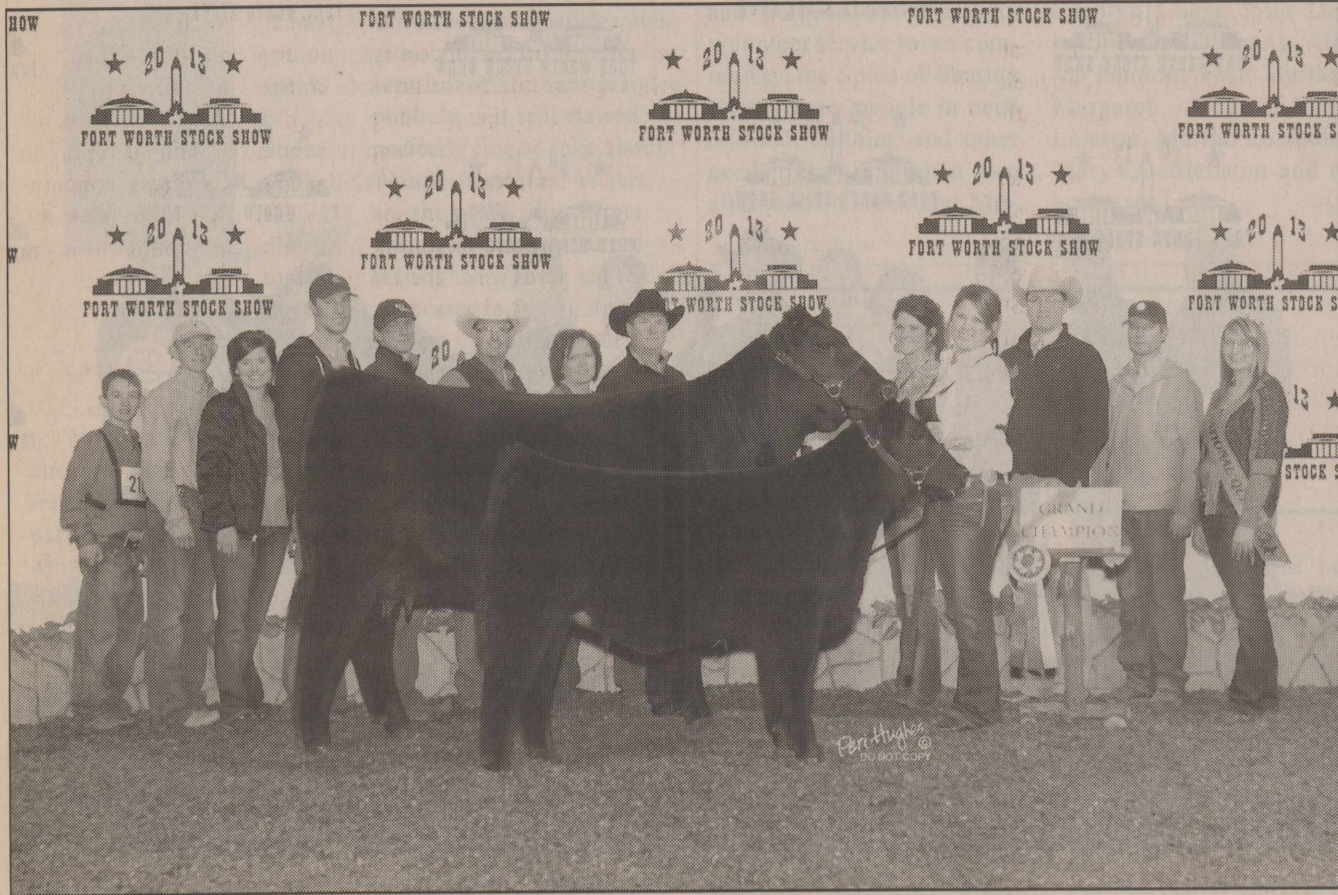
The Horns were up seven after the first quarter, but found themselves trailing by two at halftime. The entire second half went back and forth until New Deal sealed the victory with free throws.

Ian Dunbar led the Horns

with 17 points and Ky Teeter added 16 points. Landry Kidd scored 6 points, Erik Cortez had 5 points, Andrew Hooten had 5 points, and Kameron Hunt had 3 points.

The loss brings Lockney's overall record to 8-19 and 3-4 in district.

The Horns will play at Crosbyton on Friday night for the third seed and a birth to the playoff. Game time is set for 6:30.



Courtesy Photo

SyAnn Foster, Lockney, Texas, exhibited the Grand Champion Chiangus Female in the Youth Division & Open Chiangus Show at the Ft. Worth Stock Show, Feb. 1 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Among those pictured are SyAnn & Segayle Foster, Foster Brothers Family & Crew, ACA National Queen Megan Hunt, and Judge Tyler Melroe.

## Bigger, Batter, Better: Lubbock Lions Club 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Pancake Festival

Lubbock, TX (February, 2013). Guided by the slogan "Bigger, Batter, Better" The Lubbock Lions Club pledges to make the 61st Annual Pancake Festival, scheduled for Saturday, February 16, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, its biggest in recent years.

When the Pancake Festival's doors open at 7:00 am volunteers, split into three shifts, will stand behind massive grills prepared to flip enough pancakes for 18,000 people eager to enjoy the delicious "all-you-can-eat" menu. City officials and local celebrities will be 'flippin' pancakes at the VIP Grill. In addition to plenty of orange juice, milk and coffee, the grocery list includes 5,625 pounds of pancake batter, 16,416 ounces of margarine, 72,000 links of sausage and 38,800 ounces

of maple flavored pancake syrup including sugar-free syrup. A scoop of delicious blueberry or strawberry topping can be added to a serving of pancakes for a token. As always, the food is freshly prepared and cooked throughout the day.

The atmosphere is festive and family oriented. The entertainment is ongoing and additional items have been added to the benefit drawing.

More than 900 volunteers, including students from Texas Tech University, will assist throughout the day. They will also be available to help visitors with special needs into the Exhibit Event Hall and carry pancakes to their tables. Look for the Special Needs entrance sign on the North East side of the Civic Center.

"For several years we've

been teetering on the brink of raising \$100,000 in net profits," stated Pancake Festival Co-Chair Kelly Zuber. "This year we are asking for our community's help. With increased participation we can exceed our \$100,000 goal. Even better, we will have raised additional funds to give back to nonprofits in our community."

Tickets are \$5.00 in advance when purchased in person from any Lubbock Lions Club member, at all Bolton Locations and on Friday, February 15th at several United Supermarkets. Tickets purchased at the event are \$6.00. There is no charge for children under two years of age.

Want to save time? For just \$5.00, purchase your tickets online at lubbocklions.org until 3:00 pm Friday, Feb. 15th. Pick them up at "will call" the day of

the event and proceed directly into the festival.

See you at the Pancake Festival!

About the Lubbock Lions Club: In 1953 Lubbock Lions began flippin pancakes to give back to the community. Guided by the motto "We Serve", the Lubbock Lions Club members have continued flippin. Each year they donate all of the profits raised from the Pancake Festival fundraiser to charities. Some of the charities that benefited from the funds raised at last year's festival include the Adult Eyeglass Program, Boy Scout Troop 157, LISD Eyeglasses for Children, Children's Miracle Network, The Salvation Army, Sick Children's Clinic of Lubbock, YWCA Adaptive Aquatics Program and the Texas Lions Camp for Handicapped Children.

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The City of Lockney will be accepting requests for proposals and statements of qualifications for Bond Counsel from interested qualified professionals to provide legal opinion with respect to accessing the viability of authorizing and issuing evidences of indebtedness by the City of capital financing or refinancing; for the preparation of the ordinance, resolution, indenture or other document authorizing and securing the Bonds and other authorizing documents. The City's initial financing will be through the Texas Water Development Board Economically Distressed Areas Program. The deadline for submitting proposals is March 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., and the Lockney City Council will act on proposals at the Council Meeting on March 14, 2013.  
  
The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for any reason it finds to be in the best interest of the City. More information is available by contact Charlotte Hooten, City Secretary, during regular business hours at 806-652-2355.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The City of Lockney will be accepting requests for proposals and statements of qualifications for engineering services for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications to provide for planning, designs, and construction phase services involving acquiring and developing public drinking water supplies for the City of Lockney. This project will be financed through the Texas Water Development Board Economically Distressed Areas Program. The deadline for submitting proposals is March 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., and the Lockney City Council will act on proposals at the Council Meetings on March 14, 2013.  
  
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## Lockney Power Lifting teams compete in Childress

By Coach Kyle Browne

The Lockney Power Lifting teams competed in Childress last Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Results are as follows:

- Girls:** Rayann Race – 1<sup>st</sup>; Mary Samman – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Paula Cuellar – 4<sup>th</sup>; Whitney Ascencio – 7<sup>th</sup>; and Ashly Alvarado – 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Boys:** Marriano Alonzao – 4<sup>th</sup>; Cody Amador – 5<sup>th</sup>; Jake Bramlet – 6<sup>th</sup>; Luke Sherman – 7<sup>th</sup>.



Courtesy Photo

Lyndee Setliff, a sixth grader from Lockney Junior High competed in the UIL Solo and ensemble contest on Saturday, February 2nd, at Frenship High School. She received a 1, which is the highest rating, for her solo titled "Homeward Bound". Lyndee is the daughter of Craig and Sammie Setliff of Lockney.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The City of Lockney will be accepting requests for proposals and statement of qualifications for Financial Advisor from interested qualified professionals to provide analysis of market conditions on bond proceeds; and provide recommendations to the City for financing through the Texas Water Development Board Economically Distressed Areas Program. The deadline for submitting proposals is March 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., and the Lockney City Council will act on proposals at a Council Meeting on March 14, 2013.  
  
The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for any reason it finds to be in the best interest of the City. More information is available by contacting Charlotte Hooten, City Secretary, during regular business hours at 806-652-2355.

# AGRICULTURE

## 2013 CRP Emergency Grazing Ends Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

(Floydada, Texas), February 6, 2013 –Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley Fryer, announced that the 2013 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing deadline is February 28, 2013.

“Producers who took advantage of the emergency grazing provisions must remove all livestock from CRP acres by the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> deadline,” said Fryer. “Pro-

ducers must report the actual acreage grazed to the Floyd County FSA office as soon as possible,” she said.

There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

For more information about CRP emergency grazing, please contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.3763 ext.2 or visit the web at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/tx](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx).

## Foreign Persons Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings

(Floydada, TX) –February 6, 2013– Floyd County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Stephanie Bradley Fryer reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

“Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction,” said Fryer.

Foreign investors must file Agricul-

tural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

“Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land,” said Fryer.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural

to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Floyd County FSA office at 806.983.3763 Ext. 2 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## Pesticide applicators training course, pre-register now

By Ethan Fortenberry  
CEA-AG/NR

Floyd County Extension Office will hold a pesticide applicators training course in March for any one interested. The test will be administered at the extension office by Texas Department of Agriculture after the training is completed.

Anyone interested should contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office to pre-register. The course will only take place if an adequate number of attendees pre-register. Date of training to be determined based on the needs of par-

ticipants.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Floyd County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

## Certified food manager course set Feb. 26-27 in Amarillo

AMARILLO – Before the next state health inspection, eating establishments may want to review whether or not they have a certified food manager. If not, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering a course to help them meet state requirements.

By law, food establishments are to have at least one staff member with a valid certification, said Amy Wagner, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Potter County.

AgriLife Extension officials from Potter and Oldham counties are offering a two-day food manager certification training course, “Food Safety: It’s Our Business,” Feb. 26-27 at AgriLife Extension’s office in Potter County, 3301 E. 10th St., Amarillo. The registration deadline is Feb. 19.

If successfully completed, this course allows establishments to meet the state requirement, Wagner said.

The training includes materials and the state food manager certification exam-

ination. Cost of the course is \$125. For those individuals wanting to test only, the cost is \$65.

Food-borne illnesses affecting an establishment are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills, Wagner said.

By attending the course, food service managers will learn about:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling.
- Preventing contamina-

tion and cross-contamination of food.

- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees.

- Complying with government regulations.

- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings.

- Controlling pests.

For more information, call Wagner at 806-373-0713, or Charli Weatherford, AgriLife Extension family and consumer sciences agent in Oldham County at 806-267-2692.

## FM 651 closed to traffic due to safety concerns

WHERE: FM 651 in northern Crosby County, near the Floyd County Line

EVENT: Due to concerns regarding the safety of the traveling public, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has closed off a portion of FM 651, from FM 1958 to FM 193, in the Blanco Canyon area of northern Crosby County.

“Fractures have developed on the face of a bluff adjacent to northbound FM 651. The

‘cracks’ have created the very real potential of the hillside giving way,” said Ted Moore, P.E., Lubbock District director of maintenance. “Given the limited sight-distance in this canyon area and the anticipated wet weather being predicted tonight, the safest course of action is to close down the roadway until we can re-stabilize the slope.”

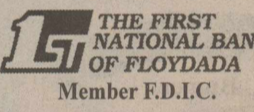
Over the next few days, TxDOT anticipates bringing in equipment to remove and


reshape the portion of the slope that has become unstable. In the meantime, traffic is being detoured around the area. Southbound motorists traveling FM 651 will be detoured at FM 1958, while northbound traffic will be detoured at FM 193.

The roadway will remain closed until the slope can be stabilized, Moore added.

For more information contact Dianah Ascencio, at (806) 748-4472.

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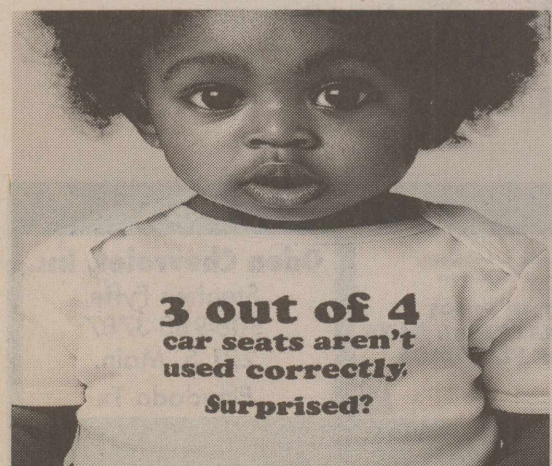
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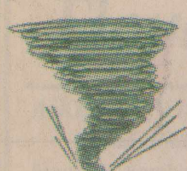
  
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# Whirlwind News



## Seniors Recognized for College Acceptance

By Hunter Schwertner and Mattie Sanders - Staff Writers

Floydada High School seniors who have been accepted into college were recognized for their accomplishment on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Family members, friends, fellow students, and staff gathered in the gymnasium for the first annual Senior Signing Day. Of the fifty-two students in the 2013 graduating class, ninety-eight percent had the opportunity to receive this acknowledgment.

Students should remain focused on being successful to get accepted into a university or college.

"I stayed active in many organizations throughout the school. I kept my grades high, and I got accepted," said senior Jordan Woody.

For every school that a student will be attending in the fall, a representative was present for the signing.

"I think it's great for all students to attend this no matter if they're seniors or elementary school students," said Texas Tech Representative, Spencer Schacht. "It's important to know that college is attainable."

Siblings of the graduates are having mixed emotions about seeing their brother or sister moving away.

"I'm sad because I won't get to really see

him everyday, and I'll worry about him; but I'm kind of happy for him too. He's going out there and making his life better," said Aimee Chavarria, sister of senior, Ryan Chavarria.

A majority of students are looking forward to attending their choice of study in the fall semester.

"I'm really excited about going to college, and I'm just ready to begin this new chapter in my life," said Texas Tech attendee, Jianna Davenport. "I'm ready to go to Tech!"

Some have made it evident that they are thrilled to be fulfilling their dream.

"I'm really, really excited to further my education in cosmetology," said senior Keri DeBusk.

The beginning of a new chapter offers a teen with many experiences.

"I'll get to be on my own, and I won't have my mom there to tell me what to do," said graduating senior, Chelsea Garza.

To close the ceremony, students were given a letter of intent to sign. With their signature on this document, seniors have promised to do their best in college for a promising future ahead of them.

"A student's desire to attend is the most important thing, and the impact of that upon their success and staying true to those values is critical for their success in college," said principal and senior parent, Wayne Morren.



## Whirlwind Word Search

### Valentine's Day Word Search

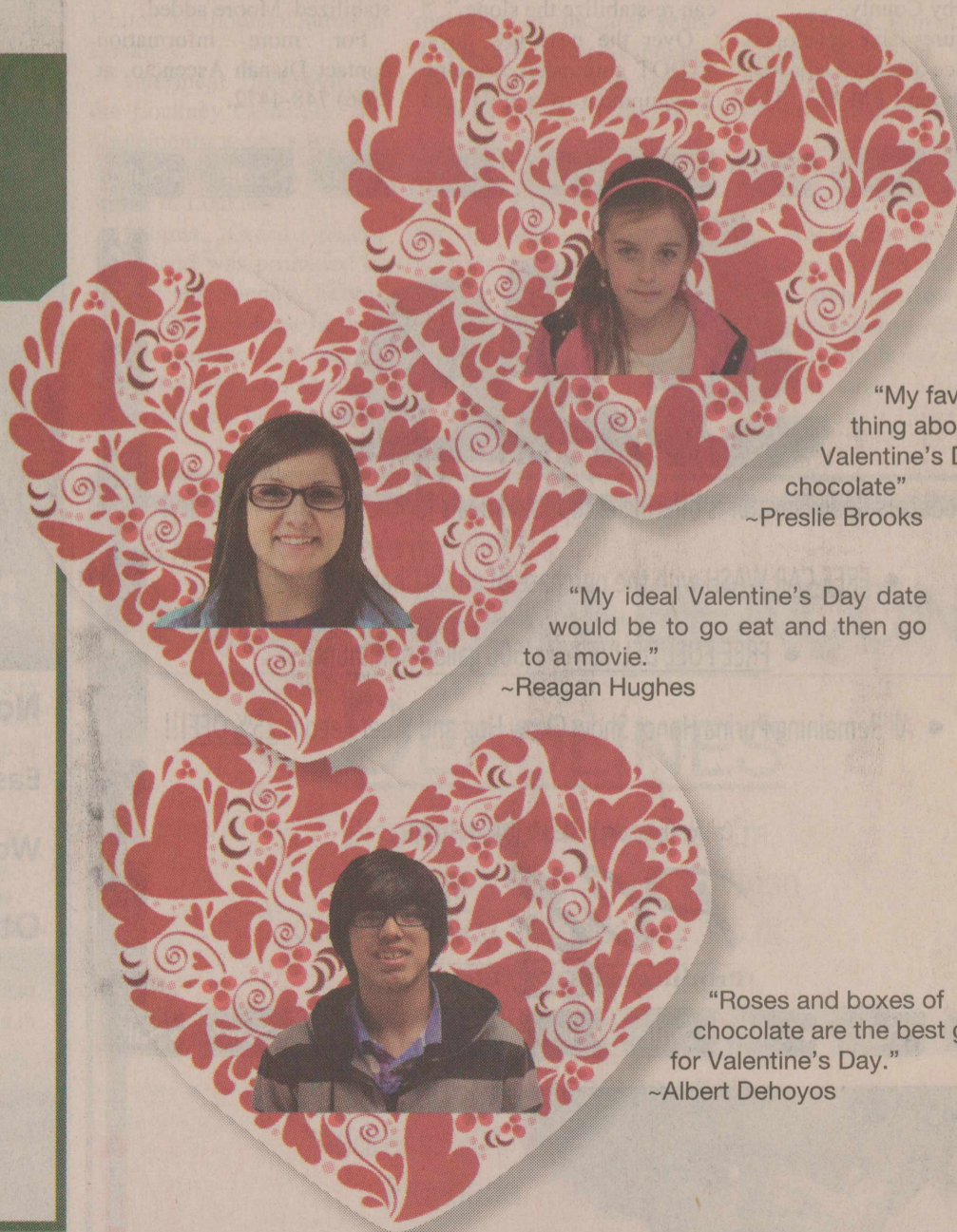
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"My ideal Valentine's Day date would be to go eat and then go to a movie."  
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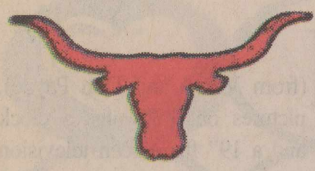
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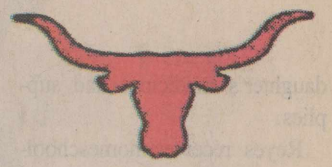
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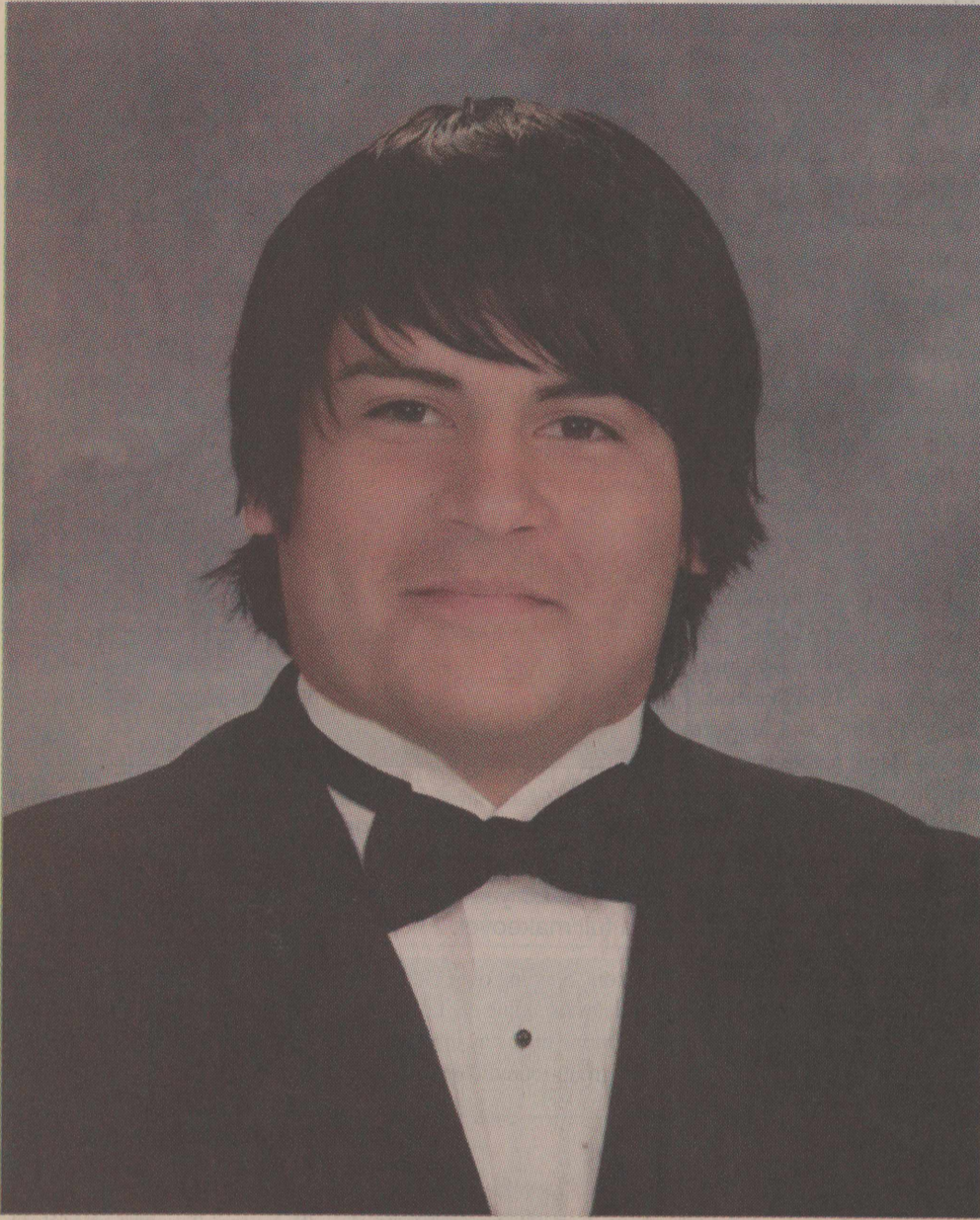




# Longhorn News



## Marcos Mercado



Marcos Mercado is a senior at Lockney High School. He has been lived here his whole life. Marcos has two older siblings, a brother and a sister. He was involved in football his four

years at high school. His hobbies outside of school are fishing and hunting. If you would ask Marcos' friends how to describe him they would say that he is crazy, funny, and very ath-

letic. His most memorable moment here at LHS is when the football team beat Floydada this year. After Marcos graduates he sees himself living in Dallas and being a police officer.

## Rubina Cruz



Rubina Cruz was born in Lubbock but she has lived in Lockney for all of her life. She has two brothers, Angel and Renee, and one sister, Dolores Luna, who all graduated from LHS. Her hobbies are playing softball, hanging with her friends and spending with her family. She enjoys watching football and baseball but playing softball is

her love. She enjoys the people and teachers at LHS and enjoys hanging out with her friends every day. One of her most memorable moments at LHS was from her forensics class when they went to the Randall County DPS and shot tan-neries and blew up a toy hummer. Her friends would describe her as kind, crazy, and outgoing. Her favorite

thing about Lockney is that it's a caring community. She describes herself as fun, nice and adventurous because she always likes to do fun things and she's outgoing because she tries to be friends with every-one. Ten years from now she should be working as a registered nurse or physi-cal therapist with a nice car and a house.

### Lockney School Menu

February 18-22

#### Monday

Chicken & broccoli penne, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk

#### Tuesday

Ultimate taco salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

#### Wednesday

Steak fingers, whipped potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, apple-pine-apple D'Lite, milk

#### Thursday

Chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, orange smiles, salsa, milk

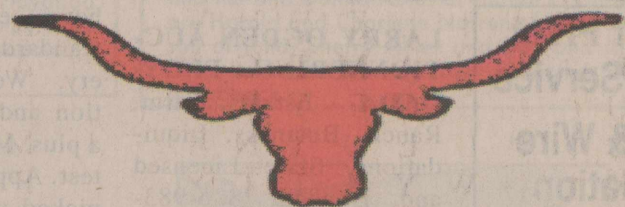
#### Friday

Pizza choice, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk



Tanae Ramos at the free throw line

## Go Lady Horns



Kennedy Hallmark at the free throw line

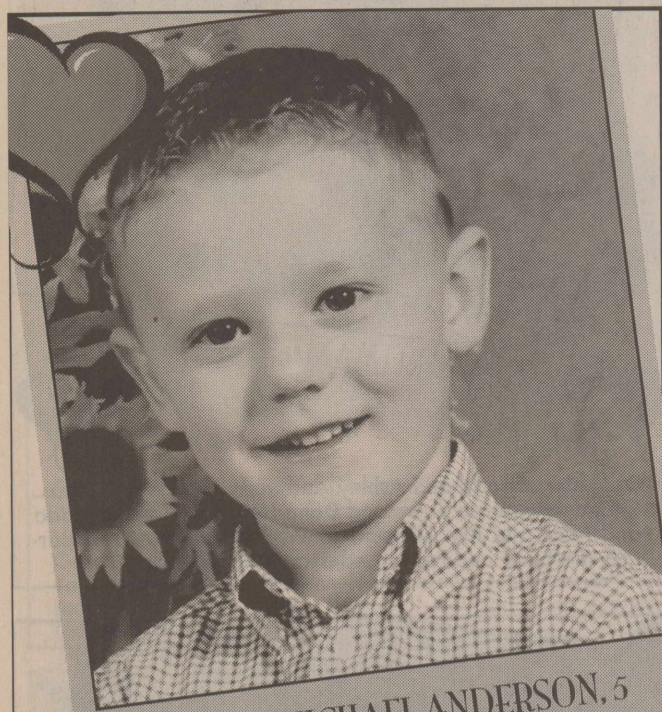
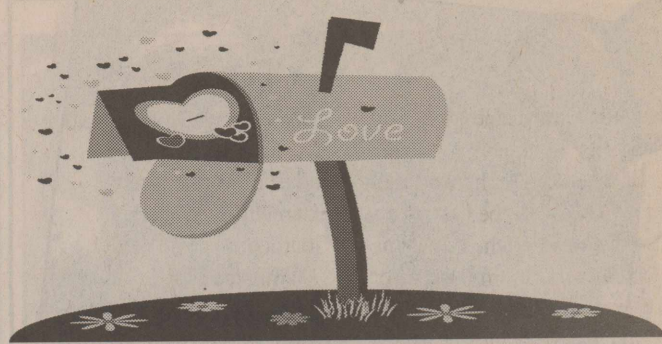


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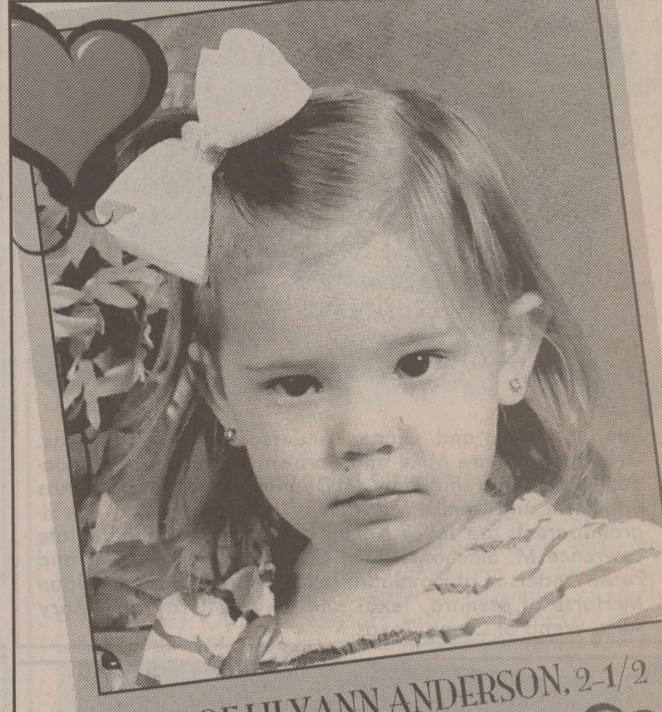
PEYTON MICHAEL ANDERSON, 5

Son of Monty and Ginger Anderson of Celina, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada, Greg and Patty McDonnell of Collinsville and Mike and Denise McHorse of Little Elm. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Ralls and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr. of Crosbyton, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Martin Omra and Joan McHorse of Menard and the late Gray and Mary Alice Webb of Crane.



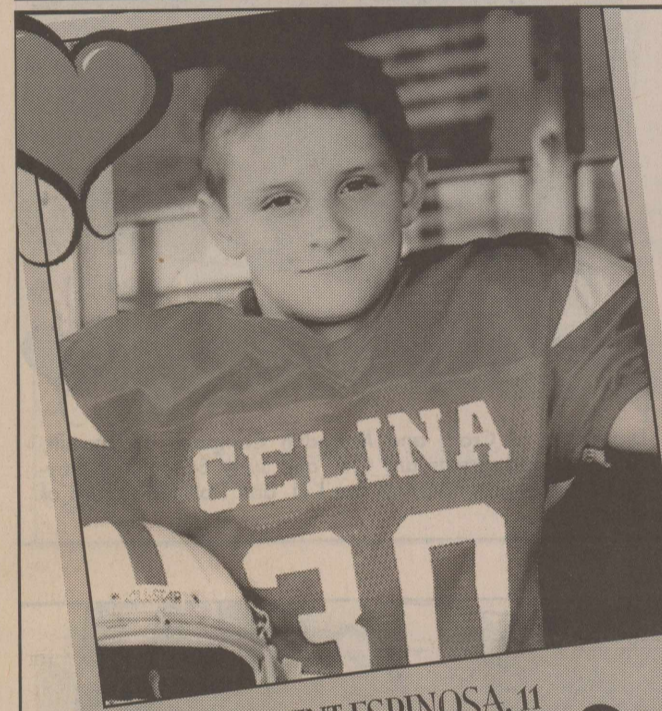
BELLA RYAN ANDERSON, 3

Daughter of Dusty and Brook Anderson of Celina, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada and Mitch and Michelle Harrison of Quinlan. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Ralls and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr. of Crosbyton, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Robbie Mayo of Quinlan, Merl Harrison of Dallas and the late Tom Harrison.



CHLOE LILYANN ANDERSON, 2-1/2

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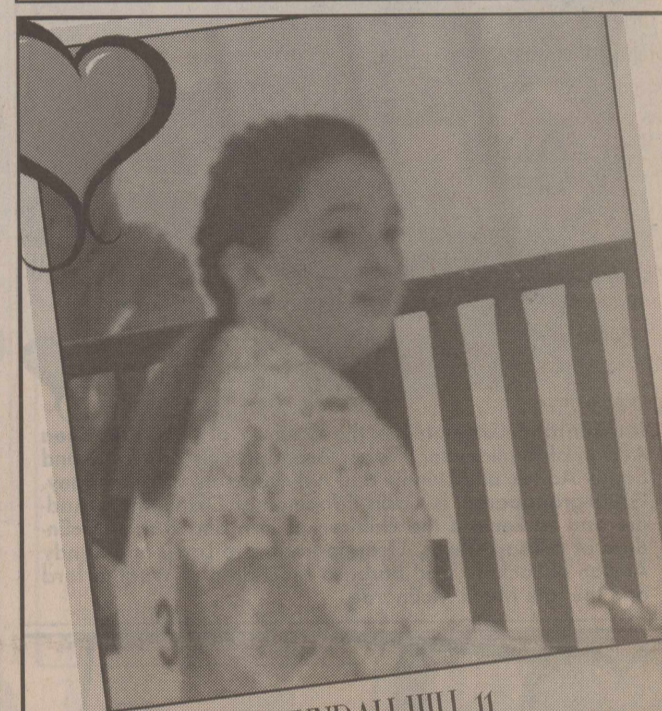
TRENT ESPINOSA, 11

Son of Dusty and Brook Anderson of Celina, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Barbara Anderson of Floydada and Mitch and Michelle Harrison of Quinlan. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adkins of Ralls and the late Lawrence M. Simmons, Jr. of Crosbyton, Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Robbie Mayo of Quinlan, Merl Harrison of Dallas and the late Tom Harrison.



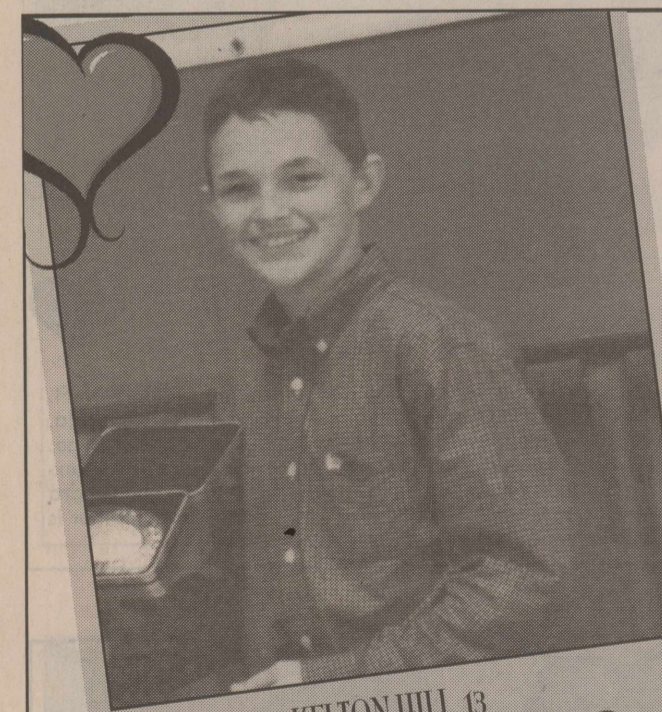
BLAYNE HURST, 13

Son of Lyn and Roxene Hurst of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada and Cal Hurst of Wellington. Great-grandmothers are Sybil Brown of Groom and Ismanell Gray of Clarendon.



KYNDALL HILL, 11

Daughter of Wallace and Rhealene Hill of Canadian, Texas. Grandparents are Frankie Hill of Canadian, and Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada. Great-mothers are Ismanell Gray of Clarendon and Sybil Brown of Groom.



KELTON HILL, 13

Son of Wallace and Rhealene Hill of Canadian, Texas. Grandparents are Frankie Hill of Canadian, and Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada. Great-mothers are Ismanell Gray of Clarendon and Sybil Brown of Groom.



MADDOX BROWN, 2-1/2

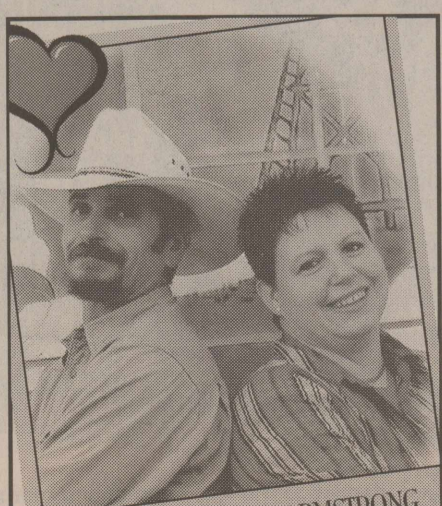
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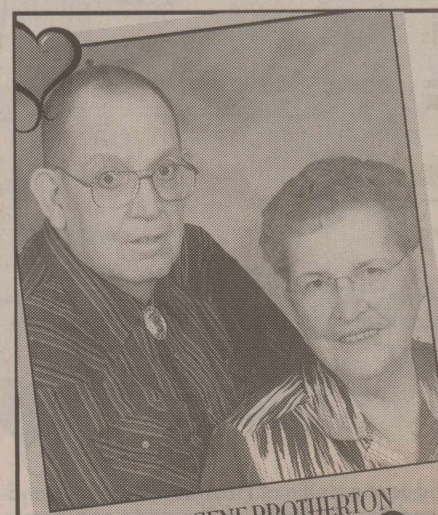
PAYTON RILEY ABLES, 2

Daughter of Sean and Ashley Ables of Idalou, Texas. Grandparents are Gerry and Vickie Norrell of Floydada and Pat and Donna Ables of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Harold and Charlene Norrell of Floydada, Inette Johnson of Tulia, Sherry Ables and Don and Janet Copeland, all of Lubbock. Great-great-grandmother is Nell Hendrick of Lubbock.

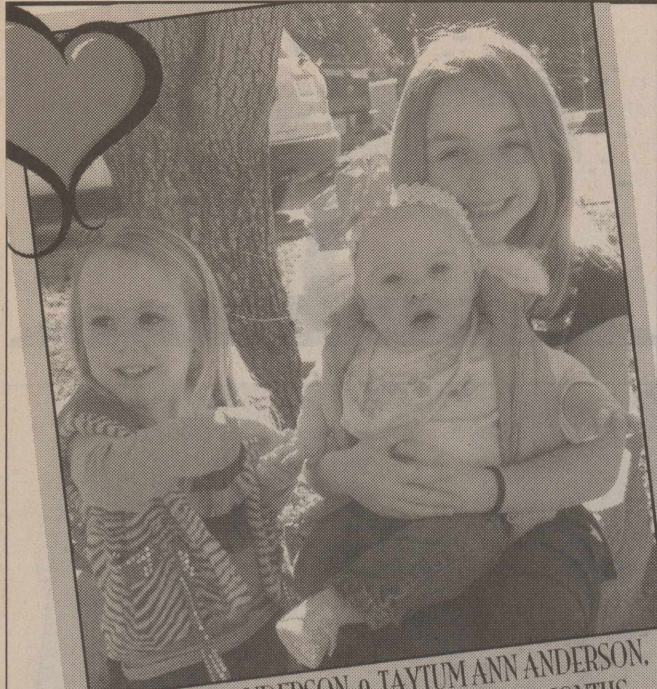
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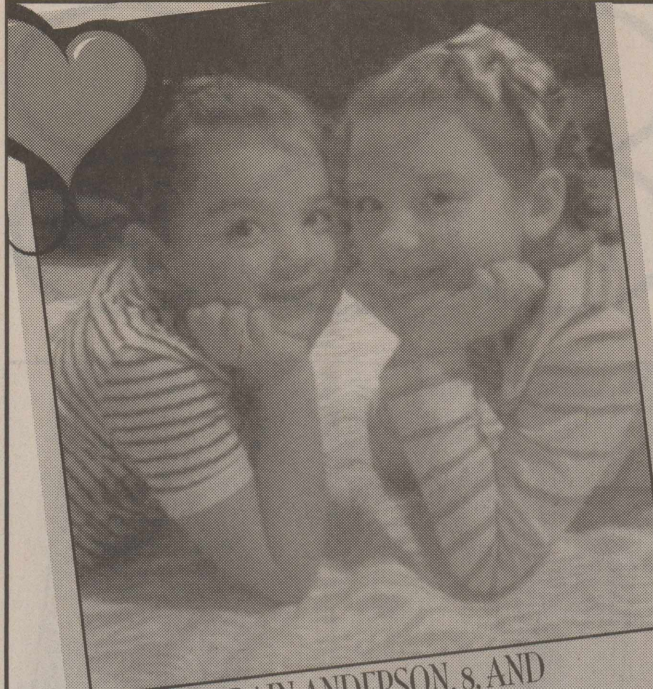


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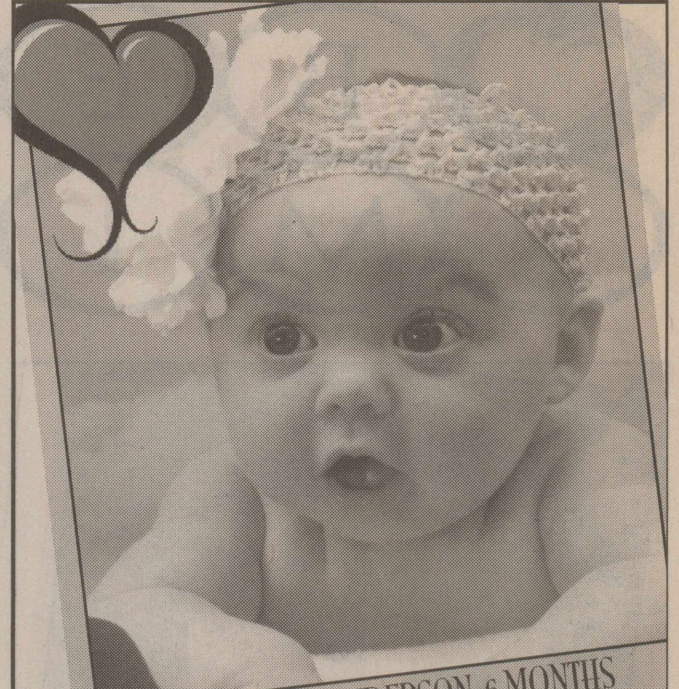
MACI TEAGAN ANDERSON, 9, TAYTUM ANN ANDERSON, 3-1/2, AND BRYTON LAKELY ANDERSON, 6 MONTHS

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JAYLEE RAIN ANDERSON, 8, AND LAYNEE MORGAN ANDERSON, 7

Daughters of Brady and Donna Anderson of New Deal, Texas. Grandparents are Steve and Donna Anderson of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada.



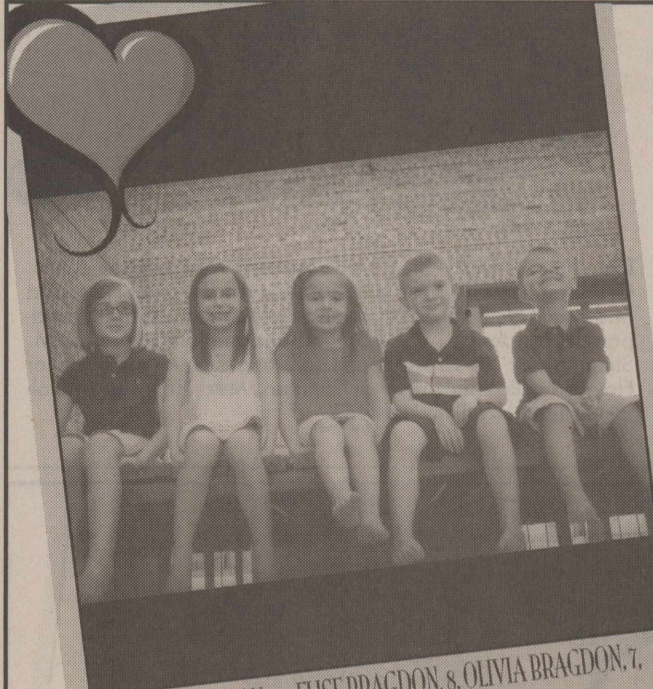
BRYTON LAKELY ANDERSON, 6 MONTHS

Daughter of Todd and Ashley Anderson of Whitney, Texas. Grandparents are Steve and Donna Anderson of Floydada and Mike and Kim Sharrow of Whitney. Great-grandparents are Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada.



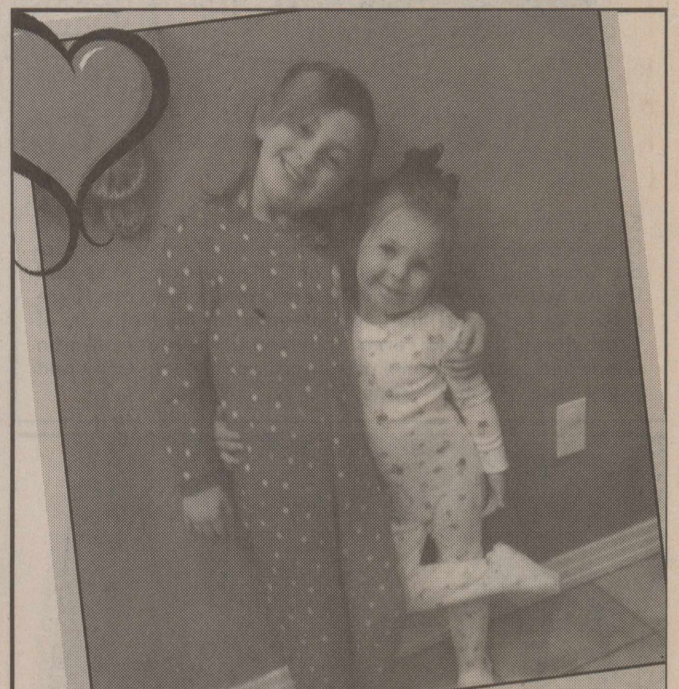
JACKSON ADRIAN, 14, GREYSON ADRIAN, 11, MADDIE MCENDREE, 10 AND PARKER MCENDREE, 9

Jackson and Greyson are the children of Clay and Shea Adrian of Shallowater, Texas. Grandparents are Larry and Sandy Adrian and Donnie and Judy Jackson, all of Lockney. Great-grandparent is Carlis Edgemon of Oklahoma. Maddie and Parker are the children of Erin and Darryl McEndree of Millsap, Texas. Grandparents are Larry and Sandy Adrian of Lockney and Barbara McEndree of Weatherford and the late Mack McEndree.



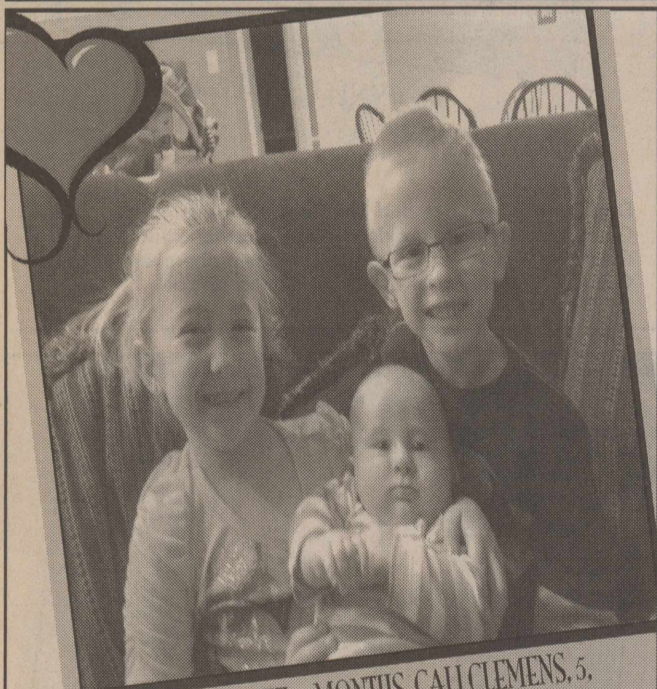
FAITH LYN BRAGDON, 10, ELISE BRAGDON, 8, OLIVIA BRAGDON, 7, LUKE OSTRANDER, 7, AND JUDSON BRAGDON, 5

Faith, Elise, Olivia and Judson are the children of Dan and Kelli Bragdon of Pine Valley, California. Luke is the son of Angie Ostrander of Pflugerville, Texas. Grandparents are Oliver and Lenda Clark of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Dorothy Crabb of Floydada and Madeline and Wayne Cumbie of Plainview.



ELLEIGH CAMPBELL, 7, AND CHAYCE CAMPBELL, 3

Daughters of Craig and Meredith Campbell of Dimmitt, Texas. Grandparents are Clar and Judy Schacht of Floydada. Great-grandparents are L.H. and Doris Maggard of Plainview.



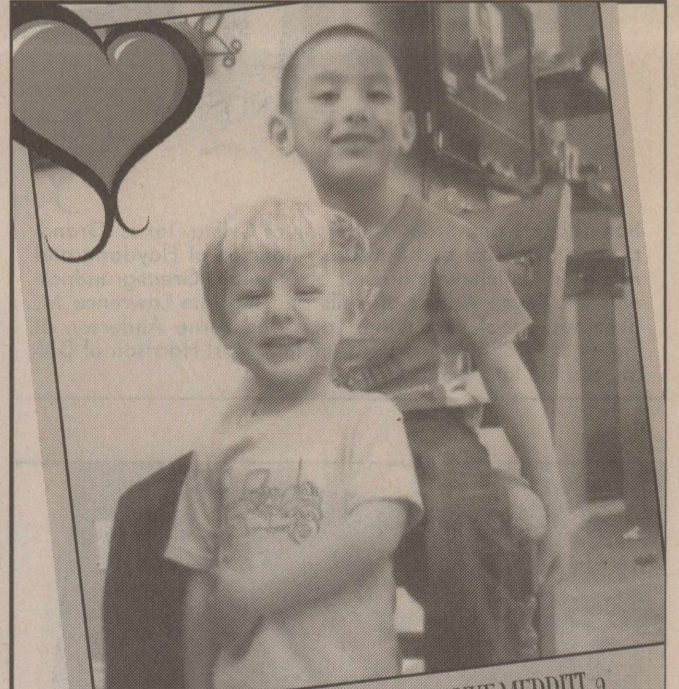
BYRM SWARTZ, 5 MONTHS, CALI CLEMENS, 5, AND CARSON CLEMENS, 5

Byrm is the son of Jaymie and Na'Lyn Swartz of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Scott and Trena Simpson of Floydada and Rooster and Della Swartz of Tahoka. Cali and Carson are the twin children of Chris and Neisha Clemens of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Scott and Trena Simpson of Floydada, Jerry and Lynn Clemens of New Orleans, Louisiana and Paulette Jordan of Lubbock. Great-grandparents of Byrm, Carson and Cali are Betty Simpson of Floydada and Wayne and Gevene McLarty of Lubbock.



LANEY DAWN CUMMINGS, 3

Daughter of Adam and Ashley Cummings of Canyon, Texas. Grandparents are Zach and Sandra Cummings of Lockney, Denzil Traylor of Houston and the late Sherry Traylor. Great-grandparents are Rochelle Dorman and the late John Dorman and Sterling and Gleyenn Earl Cummings. Great-grand-grandparents are Jane Traylor, Quency and Gail Traylor and Tina Hall.



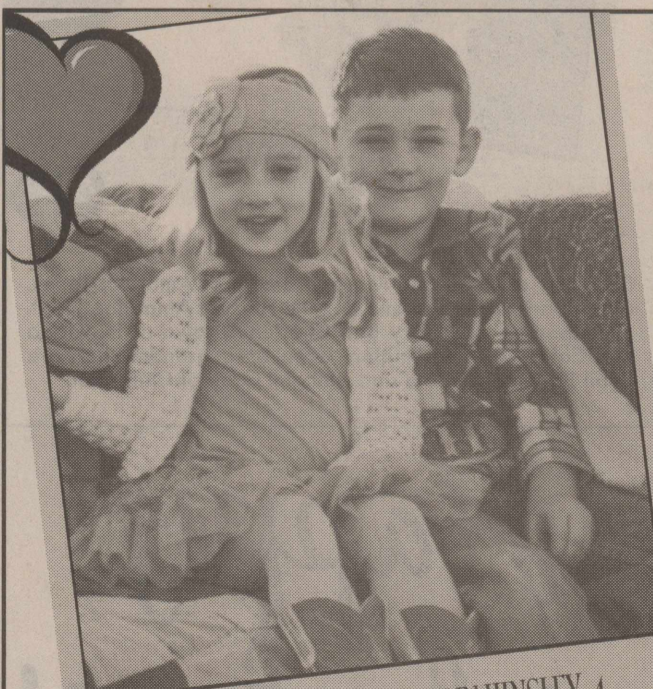
BRAYDEN DANIELS, 6, AND LUKE MERRITT, 2

Brayden is the son of Brandon and Jane Daniels of Ft. Worth, Texas. Grandmother is Sue Daniels of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Estelle Lee of Hobbs, New Mexico. Luke is the son of Jon and Zan Merritt of Round Rock, Texas. Grandmothers are Sue Daniels of Floydada and Cindra McCormick of W Chazy, New York. Great-grandmother is Estelle Lee of Hobbs, New Mexico.



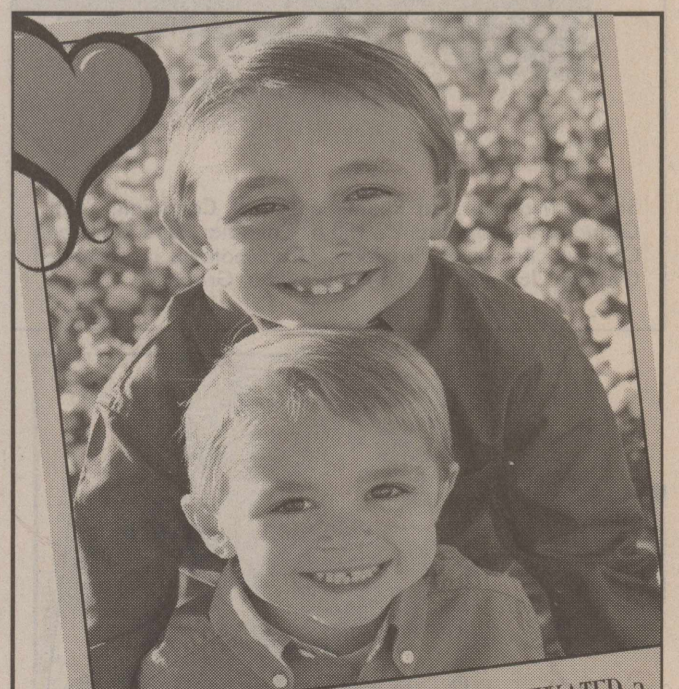
BRYLEE HEFLIN, 2

Daughter of Ty and Jenna Heflin of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Rick and Brenda Heflin of Floydada and Bernie and Cindy Ford of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Kay Hicks of Floydada, Rob and Edna Heflin of Plainview and Byron and Patsy Ford of Floydada.



HAGEN HINSLEY, 6, AND RILYNN HINSLEY, 4

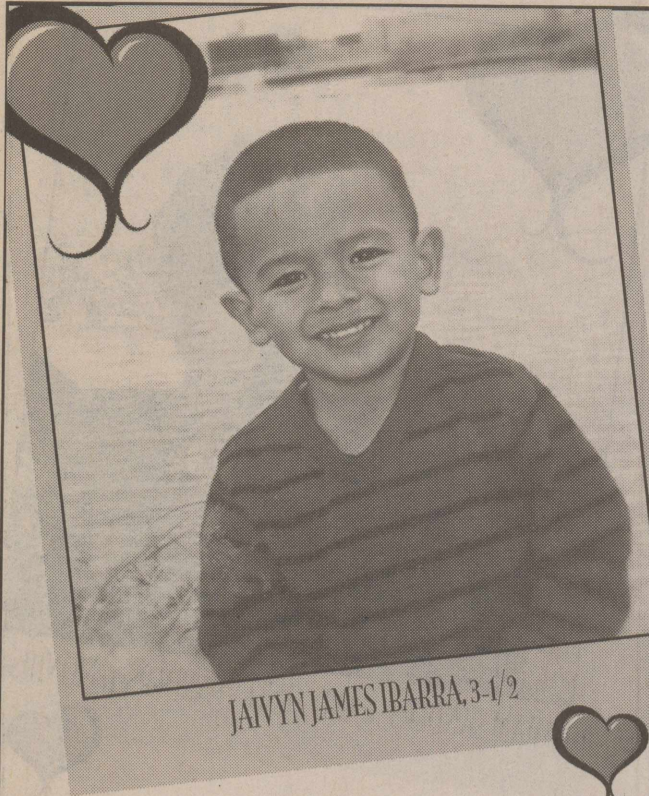
Children of Chad and Kelli Hinsley of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Michael and Linda Hinsley, Glen Bertrand, and Debbie Bertrand, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Wynell Hinsley, Helen Bertrand, Wanda Williams and Austin and Dovie Holmes, all of Floydada.



KYLER GILLESPIE, 7, AND KANON RAINWATER, 3

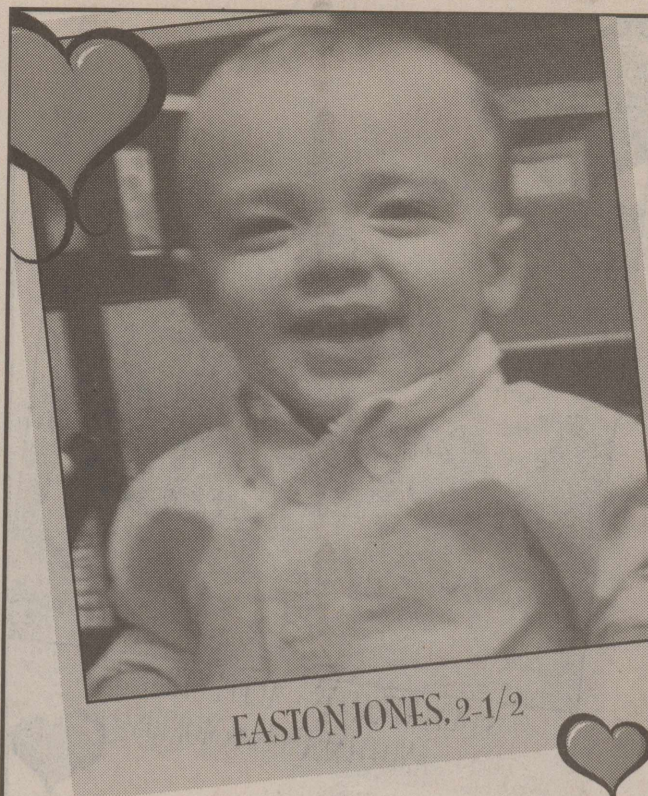
Sons of Matthew and Kember Rainwater of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Randy and Sharon Rainwater and Rob and LeShay Everett, all of Floydada.





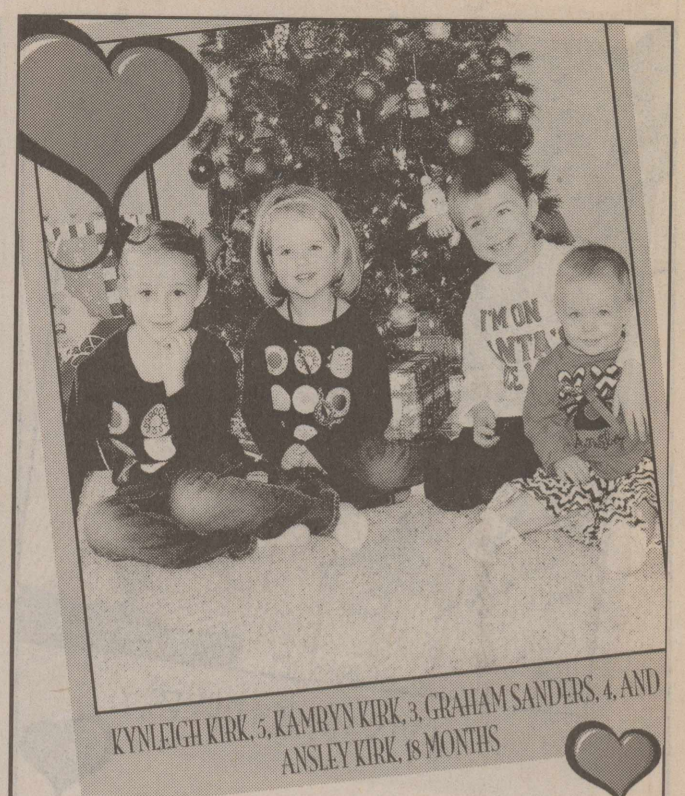
JAIWYN JAMES IBARRA, 3-1/2

Son of Tiffany Vasquez of Canyon, Texas and Jesse Ibarra II of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Lucio and Irma Vasquez and Jesse Jr. and Cindy Ibarra, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Maria Briones of Floydada, Servando and Luz Maria Charles of Slaton, Jesse and Irma Ibarra of Floydada, Juan Ibarra of Floydada and Juanita Charles of Silverton.



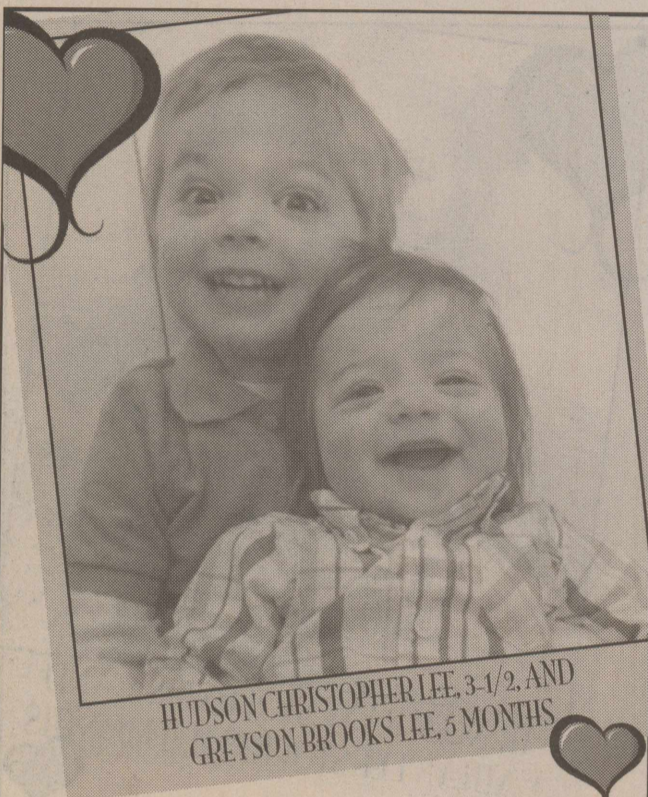
EASTON JONES, 2-1/2

Son of Adam and Whitney Jones of Canadian, Texas. Grandparents are Archie and Glenda Jones of Lockney and Bill and Patti Piel of Derzeit, Texas. Great-grandparent is Violet Cooper.



KYNLEIGH KIRK, 5, KAMRYN KIRK, 3, GRAHAM SANDERS, 4, AND ANSLEY KIRK, 18 MONTHS

Kynleigh and Kamryn are the daughters of Cory and Cori Kirk of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Grandparents are Larry and Nancy Kirk of Levelland and Bill and Judy Davis of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada and Edna Davis of Plainview. Graham and Ansley are the children of Dane and Robin Sanders of South Plains, Texas. Grandparents are Larry and Nancy Kirk of Levelland and Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada, Sterling and Gleyenn Earle Cummings and Connie Sanders, both of South Plains.



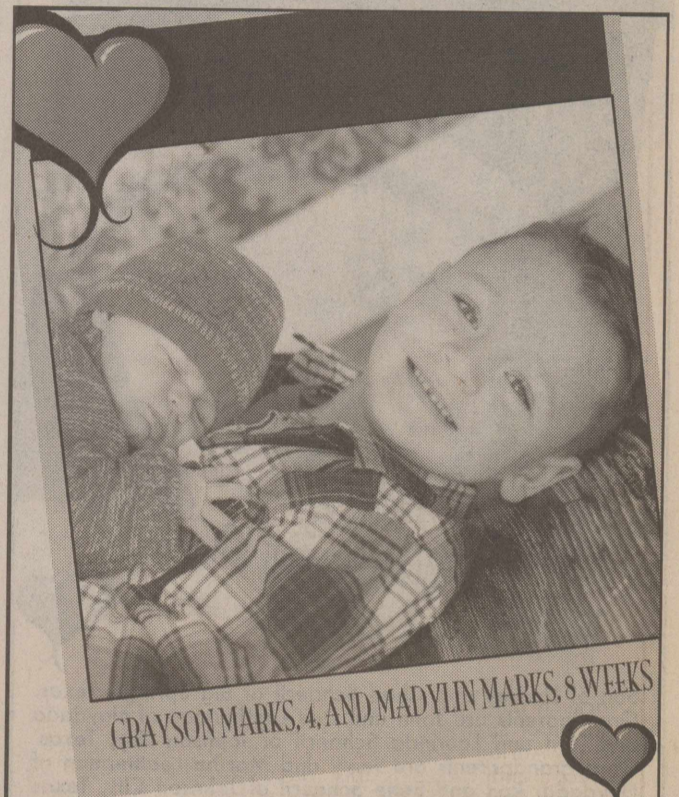
HUDSON CHRISTOPHER LEE, 3-1/2, AND GREYSON BROOKS LEE, 5 MONTHS

Children of Colby and Allison Lee of Saint Louis, Missouri. Grandparents are Dr. Gary and Brenda Mangold of Lockney.



KATIE LEE, 11

Daughter of Johnny and Tammi Lee of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada and Paula Lee of Frankston, Texas.



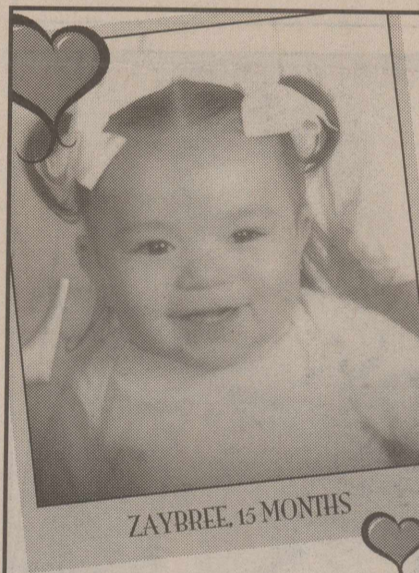
GRAYSON MARKS, 4, AND MADYLIN MARKS, 8 WEEKS

Children of Joe and Salina Marks of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Ed and Joyce Marks of Lockney, Abe and Connie Enriquez of Floydada and Lee Hurt of Matador. Great-grandmother is Dortha Grundy of Floydada.



KARIS MCINTOSH, 18 MONTHS

Daughter of Ian and Bonnie McIntosh of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are John and Judy Dunlap, Kreis McIntosh and Kathie McIntosh, all of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Norma Marrs of Matador.



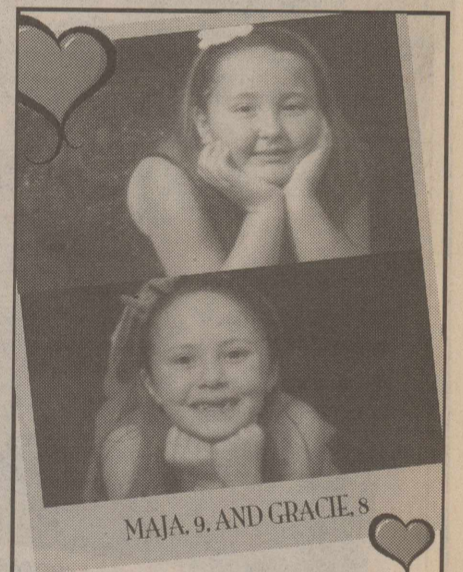
ZAYBREE, 15 MONTHS

Daughter of Shane and Amber Derryberry of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Earnest and Sheryl Back of Floydada and Dale and Vicki Derryberry of Lubbock. Great-grandmother is Loretta Burns of Floydada.



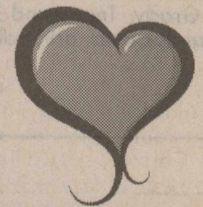
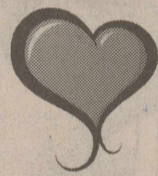
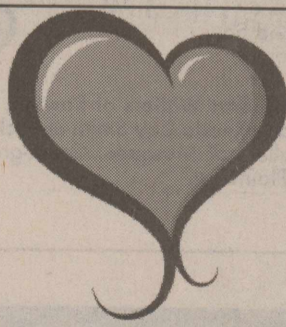
XAIVERY, 8 MONTHS AND WINTER, 11

Daughters of Robert and Amy Back of Pampa, Texas. Grandparents are Earnest and Sheryl Back of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Loretta Burns of Floydada.



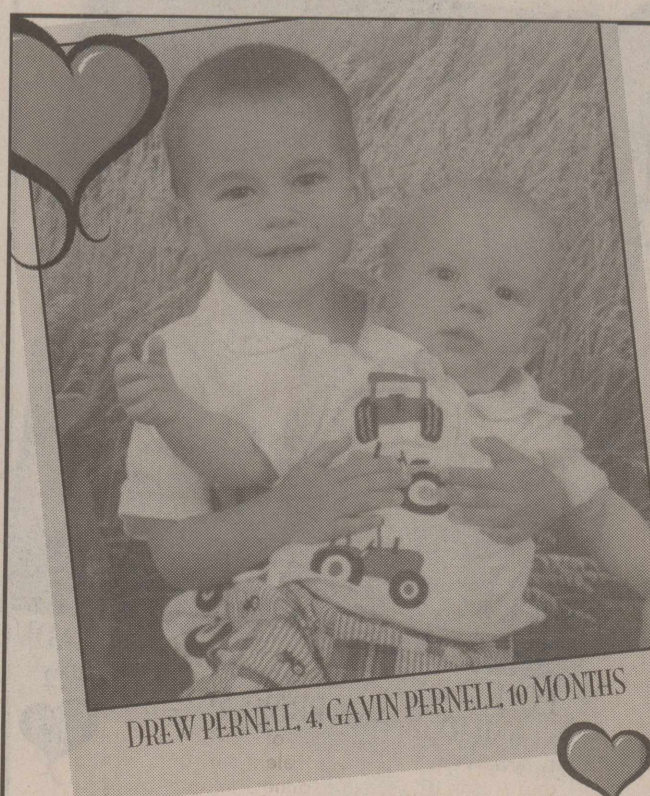
MAJA, 9, AND GRACIE, 8

Daughters of Robert and Amy Back of Pampa, Texas. Grandparents are Earnest and Sheryl Back of Floydada. Great-grandmother is Loretta Burns of Floydada.



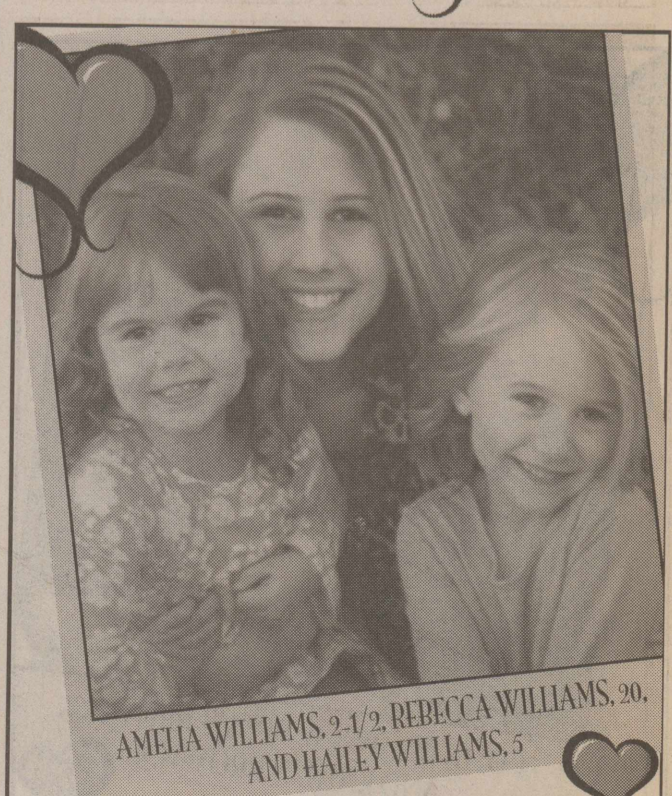
ASPEN HOWARD, 13, AND TALON HOWARD, 10

Children of Richard and Reagan Howard of Stinnett, Texas. Grandparents are Dennis and Debbie Howard of Stinnett, Randy and Denise Pernell of Dougherty and Revis Pernell of Stinnett. Great-grandparents are Jessie and Donna Pernell of Floydada, Dennis and Betty Mahaffey of Roswell, New Mexico and Sue Wheeler of Slaton.



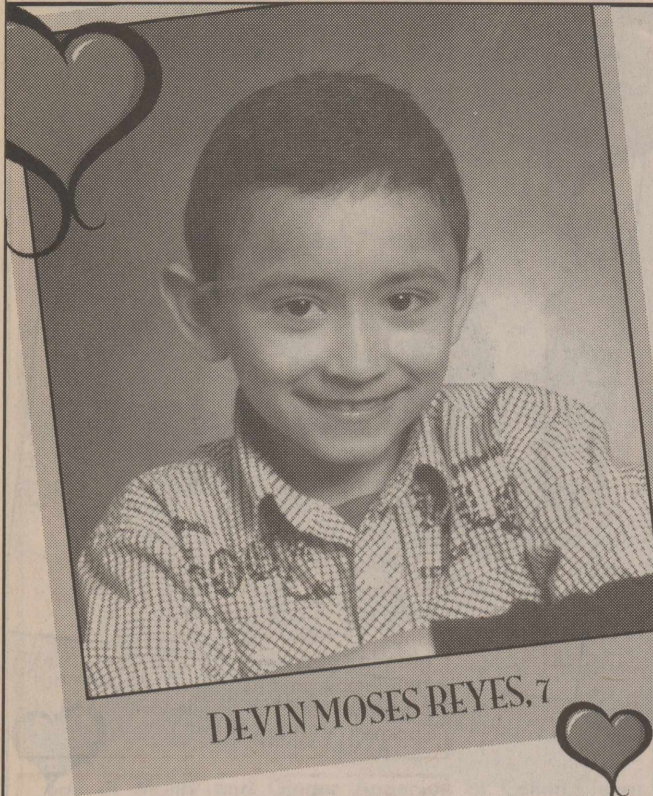
DREW PERNELL, 4, GAVIN PERNELL, 10 MONTHS

Sons of Rance and Marijon Pernell of Dougherty, Texas. Grandparents are John and Oleta Myatt of Granbury, Randy and Denise Pernell of Dougherty and Revis Pernell of Stinnett. Great-grandparents are Jessie and Donna Pernell of Floydada, Dennis and Betty Mahaffey of Roswell, New Mexico and Sue Wheeler of Slaton.



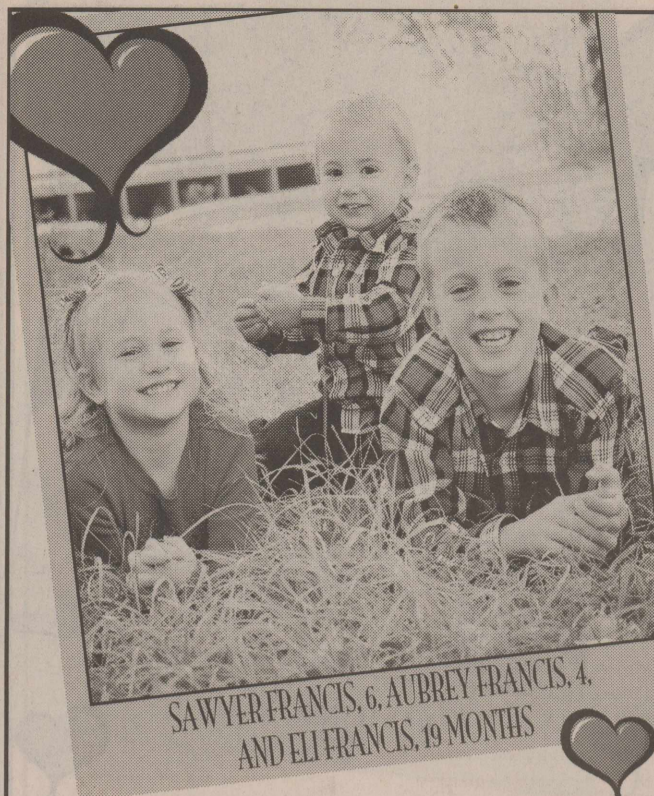
AMELIA WILLIAMS, 2-1/2, REBECCA WILLIAMS, 20, AND HAILEY WILLIAMS, 5

Daughters of David and Reagan Williams of Celina, Texas. Grandparents are Paul and Tricia Melton of Rochester, Minnesota, Randy and Denise Pernell of Dougherty and Revis Pernell of Stinnett. Great-grandparents are Jessie and Donna Pernell of Floydada and Dennis and Betty Mahaffey of Roswell, New Mexico.



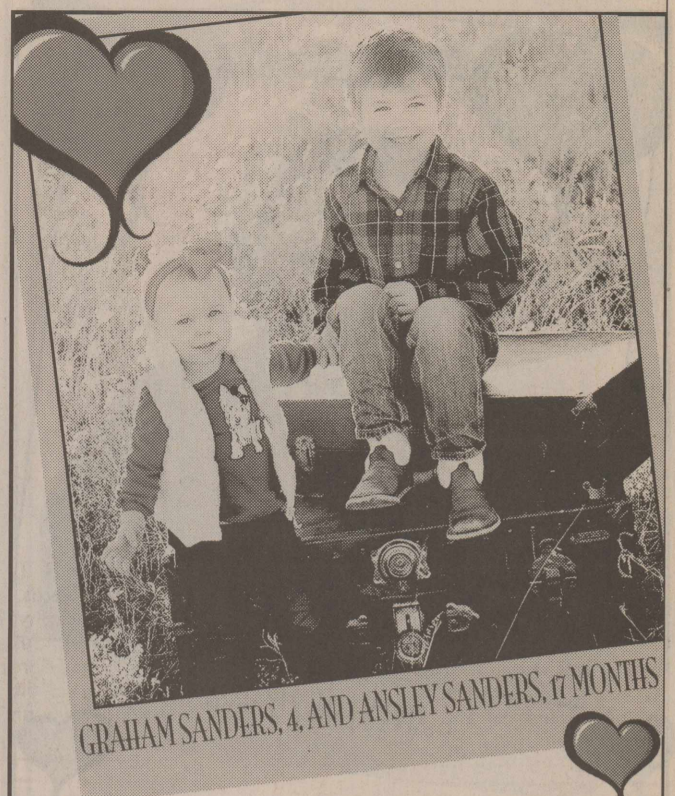
DEVIN MOSES REYES, 7

Son of Moises and Mary Ann Reyes of Floydada, Texas. Brothers are Rocky Moses Reyes and Christopher Moses Reyes. Grandparents are Robert and Gloria Cavazos and Pedro and Florence Reyes, all of Floydada.



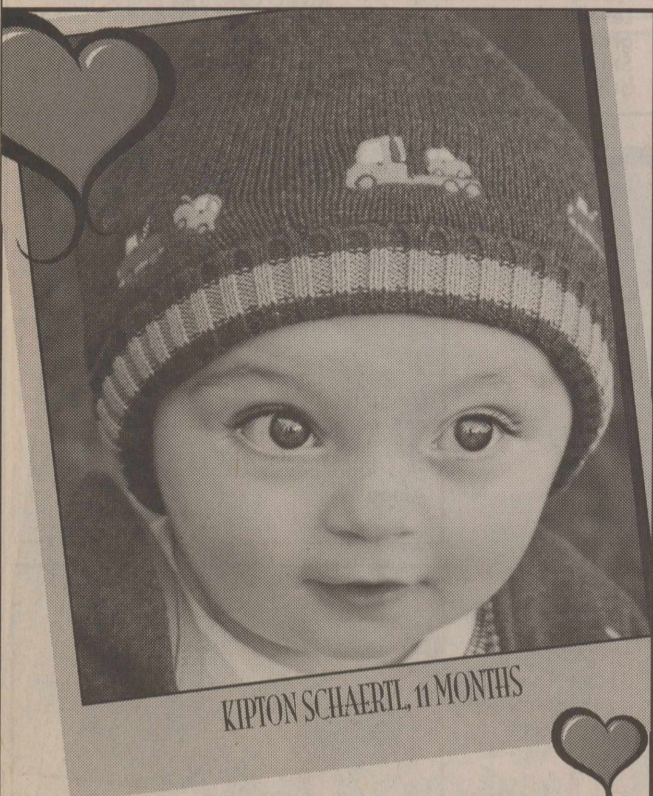
SAWYER FRANCIS, 6, AUBREY FRANCIS, 4,  
AND ELI FRANCIS, 19 MONTHS

Children of Matthew and Kylan Francis of Silverton, Texas. Grandparents are Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada and Danny and Donna Francis of Silverton. Great-grandparents are Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings and Connie Sanders, all of South Plains and Denny and Johnnie Mack Quisenberry of Floydada.



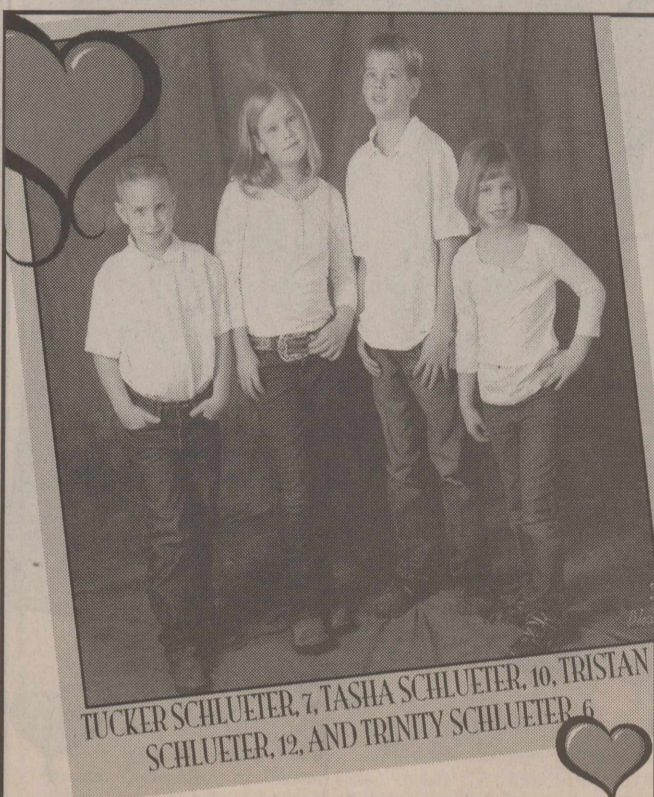
GRAHAM SANDERS, 4, AND ANSLEY SANDERS, 17 MONTHS

Children of Dane and Robin Sanders of South Plains, Texas. Grandparents are Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada and Larry and Nancy Kirk of Levelland. Great-grandparents are Connie Sanders and Sterling and Gleyann Earle Cummings, all of South Plains and Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada.



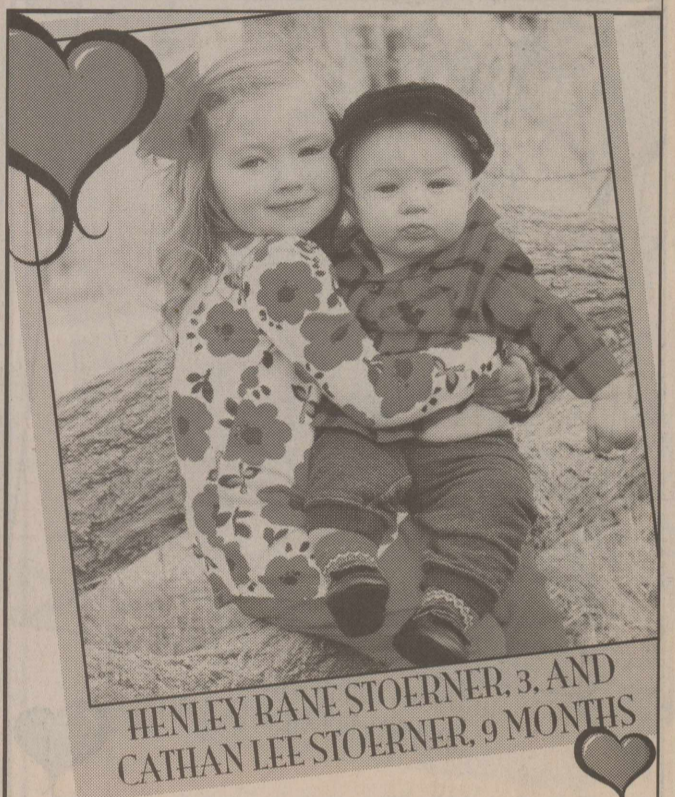
KIPTON SCHAERTL, 11 MONTHS

Son of Lindsey and Chad Schaertl of Big Springs, Texas. Grandparents are John and Dee Leatherman of Floydada and Dan and Laurinda Schaertl of Johnson City, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Martha Leatherman of Floydada, Ron and Bette Schaertl of Johnson City, Texas and Budje and Ann Smith of Blanco, Texas.



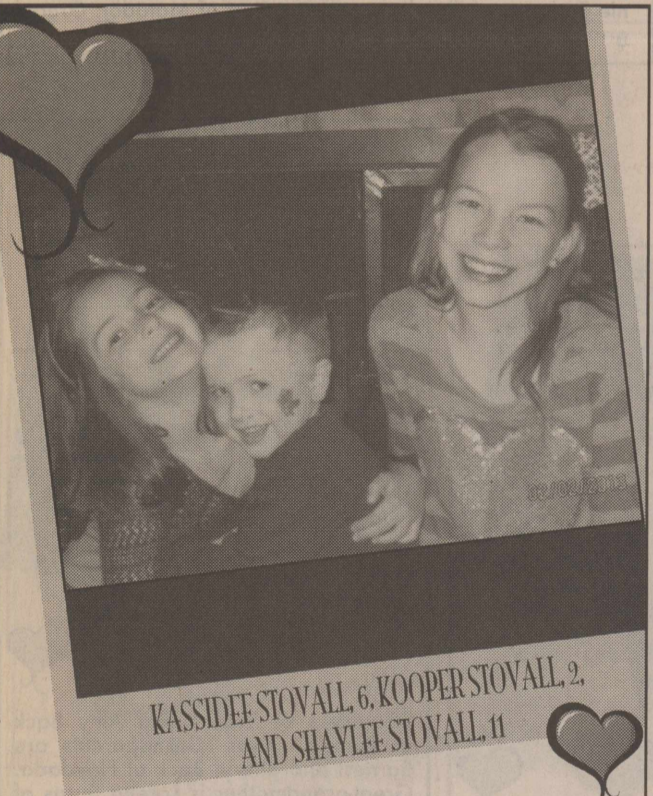
TUCKER SCHLUETER, 7, TASHA SCHLUETER, 10, TRISTAN  
SCHLUETER, 12, AND TRINITY SCHLUETER, 6

Children of Shad and Cynthia Schlueter of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and Dwayne and Sue Schlueter of Sweetwater. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and Jo Anne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



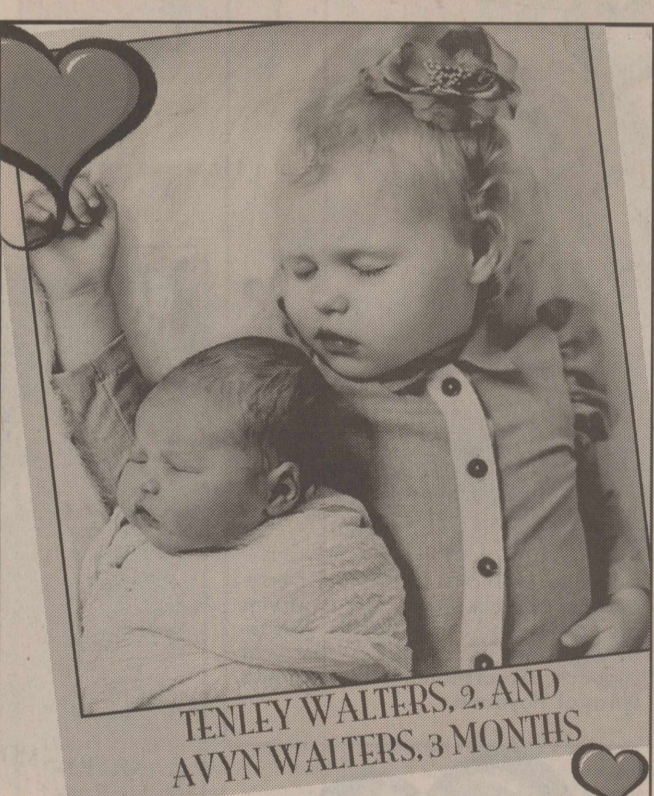
HENLEY RANE STOERNER, 3, AND  
CATHAN LEE STOERNER, 9 MONTHS

Children of Heath and Cailey Stoerner of Plainview, Texas. Grandparents are Martin and Robin Stoerner of Lockney and John and Chris Truitt of Bangs. Great-grandparents are Mary Lee Truitt of Temple and Don and Betty Fritz of Whitney.



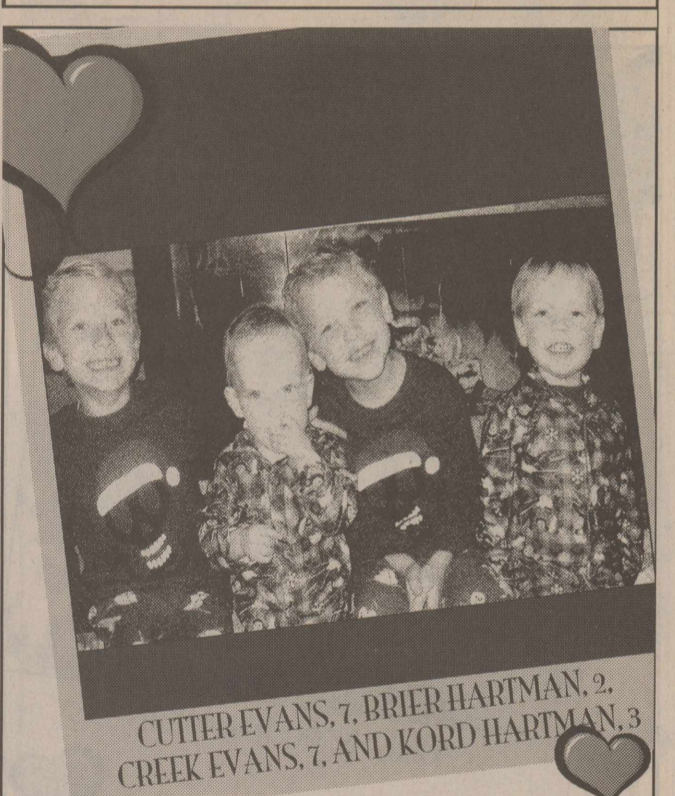
KASSIDEE STOVALL, 6, KOOPER STOVALL, 2,  
AND SHAYLEE STOVALL, 11

Kassidee and Kooper are the children of Grant and Denise Stovall of Lubbock, Texas. Shaylee is the daughter of Ty Stovall of Grady, Texas and Debra Swanson of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Robert and Darlean Stovall of Floydada.



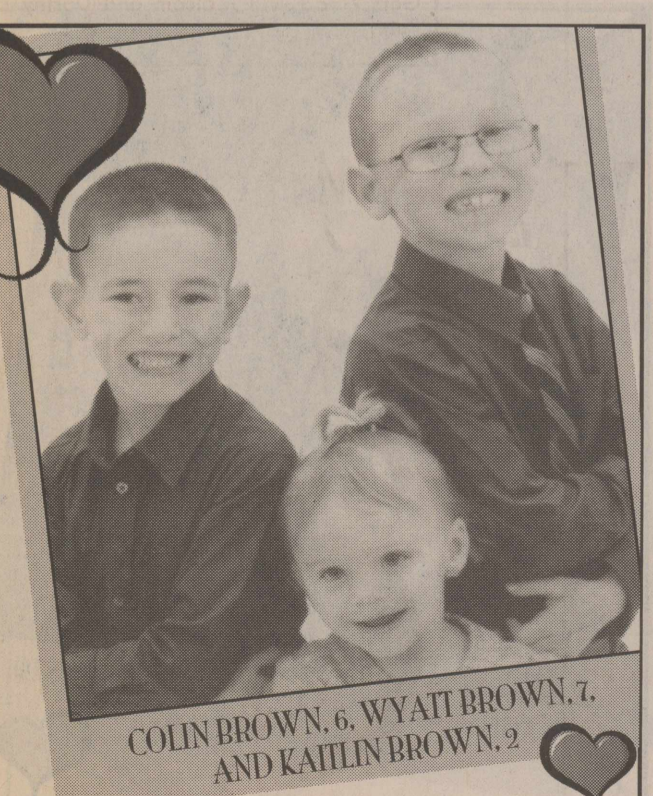
TENLEY WALTERS, 2, AND  
AVYN WALTERS, 3 MONTHS

Children of Tikka (Smith) and Bart Walters of Rowlett, Texas. Grandparents are Dan and Reeda Cay Smith of Lockney and Jessie and Sharon Walters of Mesquite. Great-grandparent is Dorothy Smith of Plainview.



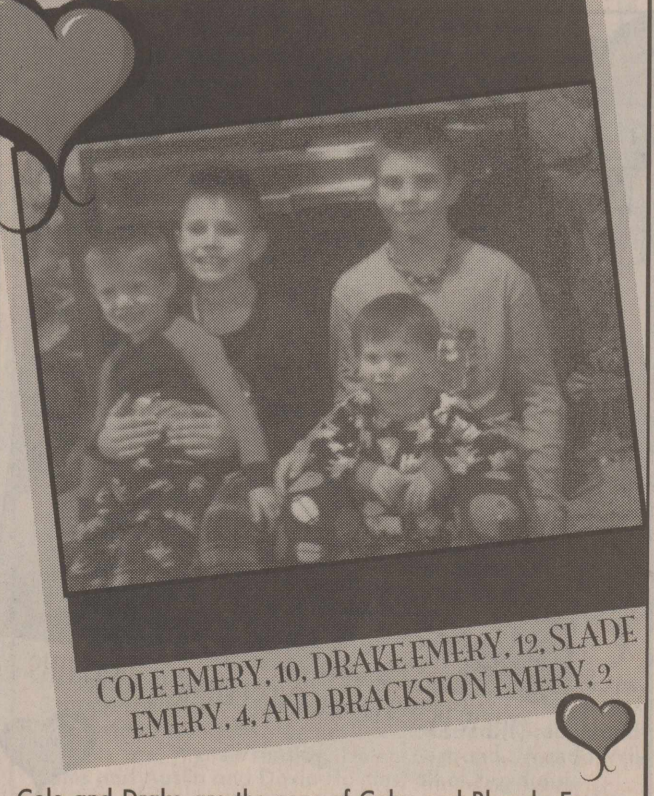
CUTTER EVANS, 7, BRIER HARTMAN, 2,  
CREEK EVANS, 7, AND KORD HARTMAN, 3

Cutter and Creek are the children of Tyson Evans and Dotie Evans. Grandparents are Marlon and Sherry McDonald and Mike and Debbie Harrison. Brier and Kord are the children of Richie and Britta Hartman. Grandparents are Marlon and Sherry McDonald, Richard and Patty Hartman and Bob and Carolyn Peterson.



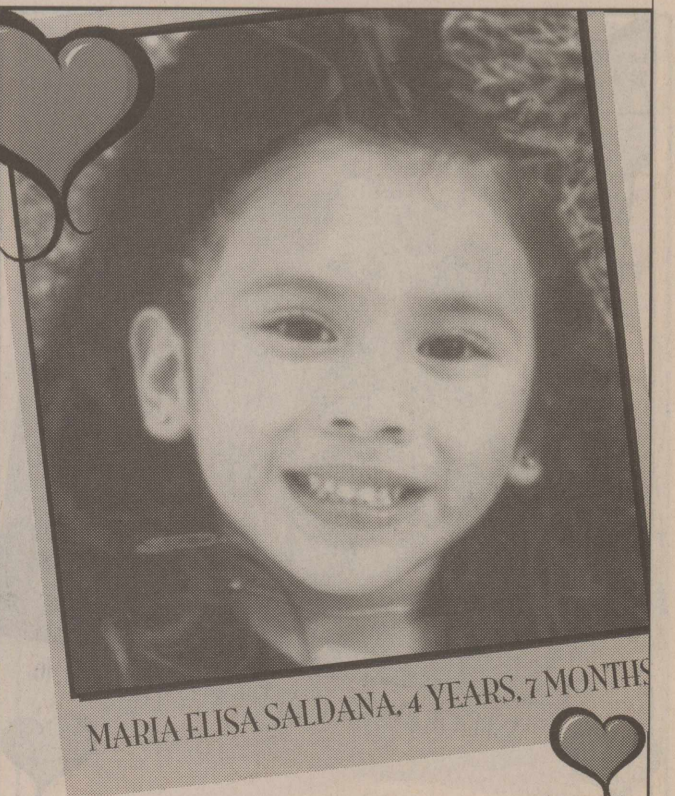
COLIN BROWN, 6, WYATT BROWN, 7,  
AND KAITLIN BROWN, 2

Children of Nick and Maggie Brown of Canyon, Texas. Grandparents are Gary and Sherry Vick of Floydada and Mkke and Evelyn Kasher of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Winola Galloway of Floydada and John Van-Dyke of Amarillo.



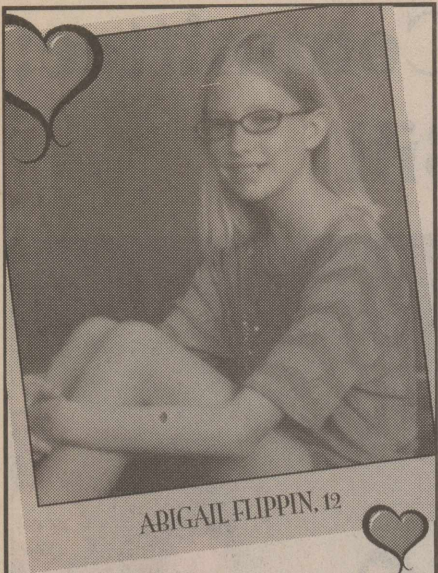
COLE EMERY, 10, DRAKE EMERY, 12, SLADE  
EMERY, 4, AND BRACKSTON EMERY, 2

Cole and Drake are the sons of Coby and Rhanda Emery of Wink, Texas. Slade and Brackston are the sons of Leslie and Cint Emery of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Randy and Julie Hancock of Lockney and Debbie and Ted Emery of Bentonville, Arkansas. Great-grandparents are Margaret and Wayland Jones of Floydada and June and Doyle Davis of Hart.



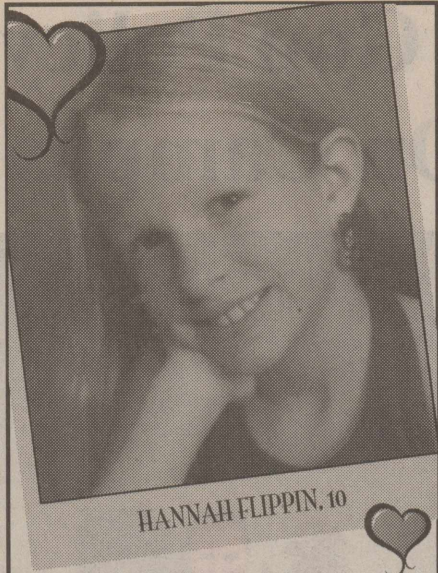
MARIA ELISA SALDANA, 4 YEARS, 7 MONTHS

Daughter of Eladio Saldana and Crystal Linda Alvarez of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Benito Jr. and Carmen Alvarez and Victor and Maria Del Toro, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Benito Alvarez, Sr. of Plainview and the late Jose Carmen, Maria Suarez and Romana Alvarez.



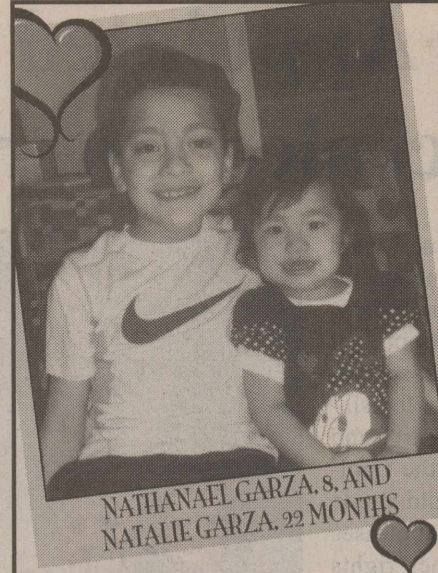
ABIGAIL FLIPPIN, 12

Daughter of Ty and Brandi Flippin of Sanger, Texas. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ricky and Susan Flippin of Edmondson. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Graham of Floydada, Wanda Flippin of Plainview and Faye Walker of Leveland.



HANNAH FLIPPIN, 10

Daughter of Ty and Brandi Flippin of Sanger, Texas. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ricky and Susan Flippin of Edmondson. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Graham of Floydada, Wanda Flippin of Plainview and Faye Walker of Leveland.



NATHANAEL GARZA, 8, AND NATALIE GARZA, 22 MONTHS

Children of Lionel Sr. and Laura Garza of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Oscar Sr. and Cande Garza and David Sr. and Ester Ramos, all of Floydada.



CADEN GRIFFITH, 8, CARLEY GRIFFITH, 6, AND CARAGEN GRIFFITH, 10 MONTHS

Children of Jeff and Lindsey Griffith of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis and Ricky and Linda Griffith, all of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Warren and Barbara Mathis and Julie Griffith, all of Lockney.



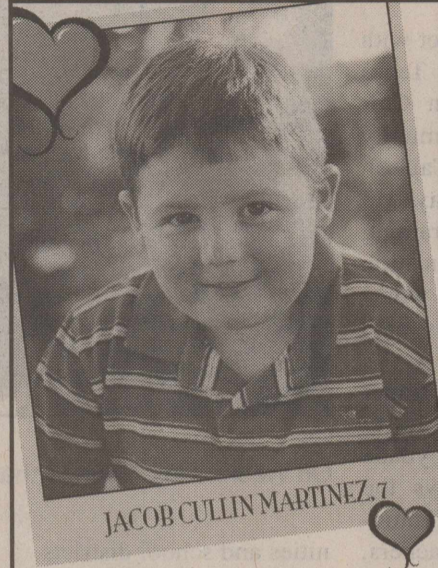
ELIZABETH LYNN MARTINEZ, 7

Daughter of Shondra and Derrick Martinez of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Mary and Junior Martinez and Vicki and Curtis Emert, all of Floydada.



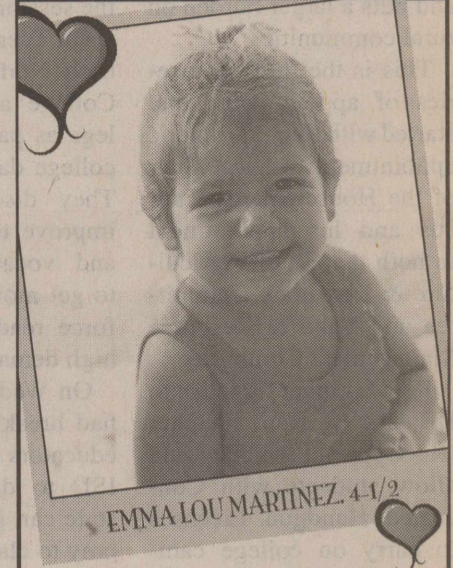
HARPER KATE HAILE, 4 MONTHS

Daughter of Nathan and April Haile of San Antonio, Texas. Grandparents are Johnny and Julie Dorman of Lockney and Alan and Patty Haile of Friona. Great-grandparent is Rochelle Dorman of Lockney.



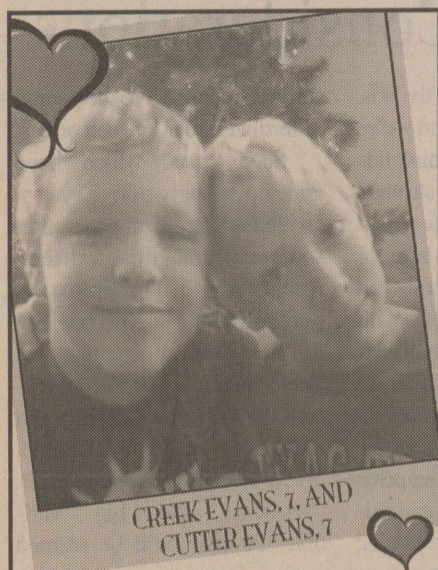
JACOB CULLIN MARTINEZ, 7

Son of Brenda and Darin Martinez of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Mary and Junior Martinez of Floydada and Dixie and Alan Gray of Amarillo.



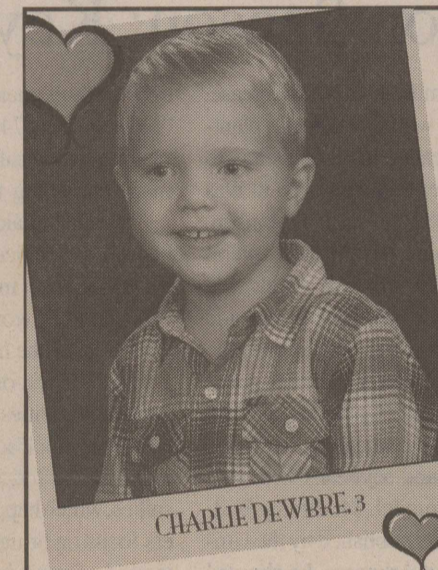
EMMA LOU MARTINEZ, 4-1/2

Daughter of Brenda and Darin Martinez of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Mary and Junior Martinez of Floydada and Dixie and Alan Gray of Amarillo.



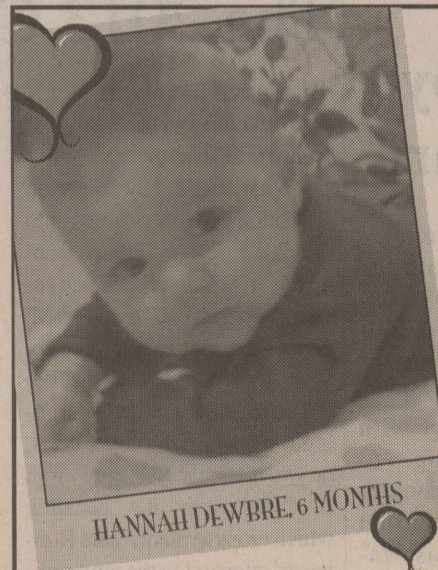
CREEK EVANS, 7, AND CUTLER EVANS, 7

Twin sons of Tyson Evans and Dotty Jo Harrison of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Debbie Harrison and Marlon and Sherry McDonald, all of Lockney.



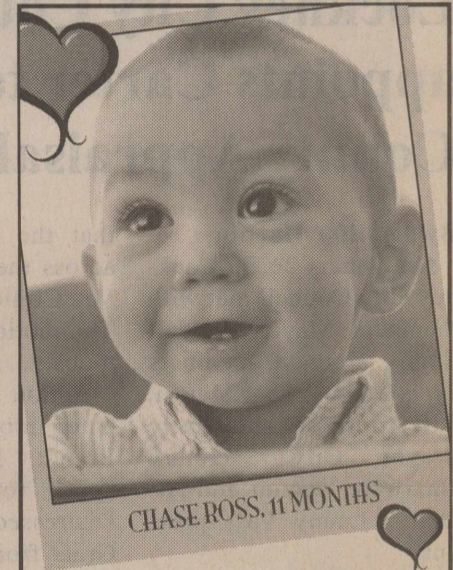
CHARLIE DEWBRE, 3

Son of Ryan and Sarah Dewbre. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and Jerry and Kathy Dewbre of Corpus Christi. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and Jo Anne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



HANNAH DEWBRE, 6 MONTHS

Daughter of Ryan and Sarah Dewbre. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and Jerry and Kathy Dewbre of Corpus Christi. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and Jo Anne McGiboney of Flower Mound.



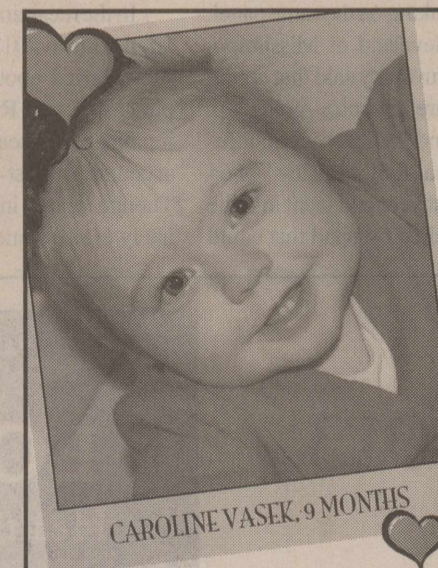
CHASE ROSS, 11 MONTHS

Son of Paul and Hillary Ross of Floydada. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ron and Sherlyn Kurkendall of Wichita Falls. Great-grandmother is Bonnie Graham of Floydada.



LANEY SCOTT, 3-1/2, AND MASON SCOTT, 3-1/2

Twin children of Kodi and Kaci Scott of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis of Lockney and Ocie and Mary Scott of Idalou. Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Warren and Barbara Mathis of Lockney. Marge Lewis of Idalou and Tilden and Lorene Wilson of Humboldt, Kansas.



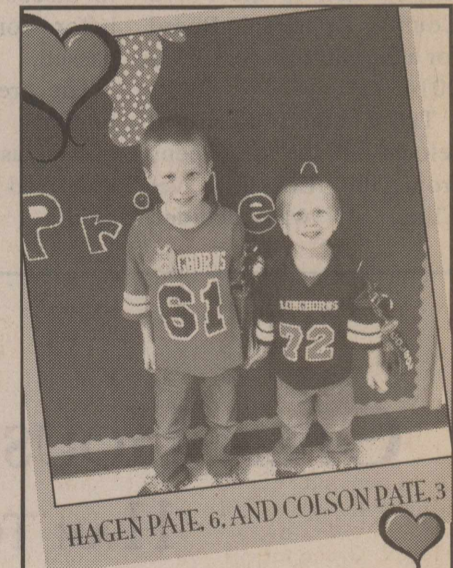
CAROLINE VASEK, 9 MONTHS

Daughter of Koby and Lindsey (Nutt) Vasek of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Danny and Laura Nutt of Floydada and Rickie Vasek of Abernathy. Great-grandparents are Barbara Nutt of Floydada, W. A. and Sue Covey of Abernathy and Sut and Carol Pittman of Burleson.



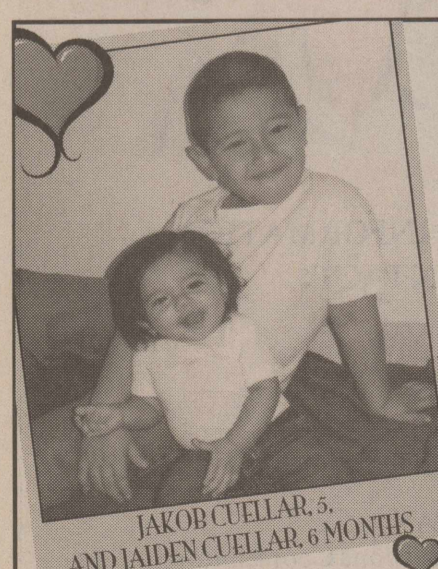
MAKINLEY WHITTLE, 4

Daughter of Nathan and Kristi Whittle of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Gary and Pam Bennett and Mark and Teresa Whittle, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett, Cleo Whittle and Wilma Colston, all of Floydada.



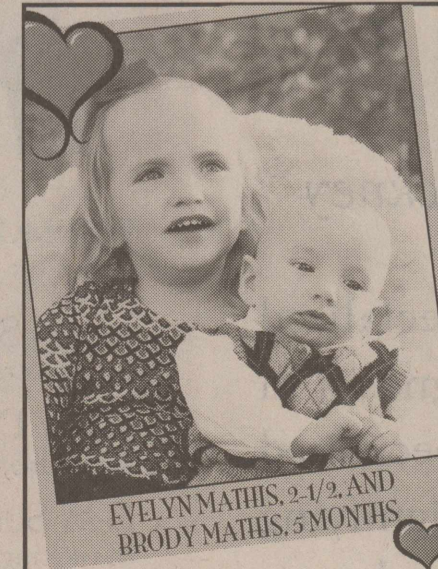
HAGEN PATE, 6, AND COLSON PATE, 3

Sons of Derrick and Leigha Pate of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Johnny and Teresa Wood, Dennis Pate and Lanny and Connie Barnett. Great-grandparents are Valeria Wimmer, Geri Wood and Malcom and Dorothy Pate.



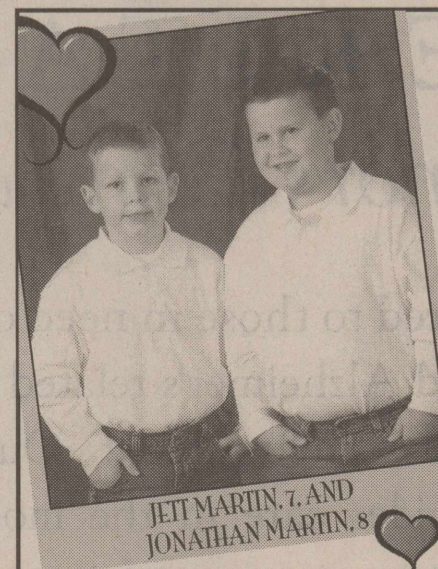
JAKOB CUELLAR, 5, AND JAIEN CUELLAR, 6 MONTHS

Sons of Jaime Cuellar and Kim Garza of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Jaime and Maria Cuellar and Harvey and Martha Garza, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Dolores DelaFuente and Oscar and Cande Garza, all of Floydada, Dora Enriquez of Lubbock and Juan Garcia of Virginia.



EVELYN MATHIS, 2-1/2, AND BRODY MATHIS, 5 MONTHS

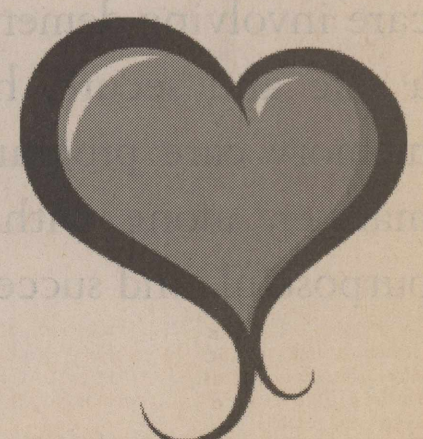
Children of Garrett and Lindsie Mathis of Lockney, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis of Lockney and Carroll and Denice Gerber of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview, Warren and Barbara Mathis of Lockney and Evelyn Rossi of Tulsa.



JETT MARTIN, 7, AND JONATHAN MARTIN, 8

Sons of Allen and Brandy Martin of Canyon, Texas. Grandparents are Jim and Kay Martin of Lockney and George and Maria Blanch of Nixon. Great-grandparents are Naomi Johnston of Lockney and Jo Anne McGiboney of Flower Mound.

Be My Valentine



# Rep. Springer Appointed To GOP Policy Committee; Co-Signs Concealed Carry On Campus Bill

AUSTIN, TX. -- On Wednesday, Rep. Drew Springer was chosen as just one of two West Texas Legislators to join the House Republican Caucus Policy Committee.

"It is an honor to represent West Texas on the House Republican Caucus Policy Committee," said Springer. "With this new position, I hope to use my experiences and ideals to help influence our agenda towards cutting back the unnecessary regulations and unfunded mandates that steal our liberty and puts a larger burden on rural communities."

This is the third in a series of appointments that started with Rep. Springer's appointment to Vice-Chair of the House Energy Caucus and his appointment to both the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee and Land & Resource Management Committee.

Rep. Springer signed onto HB 972 by Rep. Fletcher (R - Cypress) which would allow students with Concealed Handgun Licenses to carry on college campuses statewide.

"This is a piece of legislation that is common sense and I have support-

ed for a long time," said Springer. "It is unconscionable that we do not allow certified students to protect themselves while at school. Why should I as a legislator be allowed to carry and protect myself at the Capitol but a 40 year-old single mother taking night classes cannot exercise her rights walking to her car after class?"

Rep. Springer met with several groups of constituents from House District 68 this week to discuss their unique priorities for the session.

On Tuesday, he met with both North Central Texas College and Vernon College as part of community college day at the Capitol. They discussed ways to improve technical training and vocational education to get more citizens workforce ready in fields with high demand.

On Wednesday, Springer had breakfast with several educators from Floydada Independent School District to discuss ways the state can give more autonomy to classroom teachers. Testing was a large concern that many felt should be scaled back drastically and given back to local commu-



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nities and school districts. Wednesday was also 4-H day at the capitol. Throughout the day, Springer met with several different 4-H

groups from around HD68 and heard their personal stories, reinforcing his understanding that 4H helps build future leaders and

strengthens rural Texas. Rep. Springer is always open to questions and suggestions for the session. Please feel free to contact

his Capitol office by phone (512) 463-0526 or by email [Drew.Springer@house.state.tx.us](mailto:Drew.Springer@house.state.tx.us) at any time for more information.

## Lockney City Council appoints Carter to Floyd County Appraisal Board

By Jennifer Harbin

On January 24, the Lockney City Council met with members Mayor Randall Stapp, Council members Tina Graves, Kay Martin, Bil Anderson and Kelly Prayor, City Secretary Charlotte Hooten and Attorney Lanny Voss present.

Members passed a resolution appointing Mayor Stapp to act as Judge of the Municipal Court of Lockney. Also, Dennis Carter was appointed by the Council to the Floyd County Appraisal Board for a 2-year term for 2013-2014.

The Council discussed relocating the dog pens from the Lockney Vet Clinic. It was decided

that the pens be moved across the street from the Vet Clinic on 8th Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Action was tabled to enter into a contract with Brandt Engineering to apply for Economically Distressed Area Program Grant from the Texas Water Development Board.

The Council discussed passing a golf cart ordinance and Attorney Lanny Voss advised the council to have a special meeting to discuss this ordinance before considering it to be passed.

The previous meeting's minutes were read and passed as well as it was approved that the bills be paid.

## The 2013 Cotton Season: Key Considerations

By Boyce Thompson, AgWeb.com Editorial Director

What's the key question for cotton producers going into the 2013 season? John Robinson, a professor and extension economist at Texas A&M, gets asked that question every year. In some years, the big unknown might be what's going to happen with input costs, or when should I sell my crop.

"This year it's deciding which crops to plant," said Robinson, referring to the temptingly high prices that cotton farmers can get for corn and soybean crops. Many cotton farmers, especially those in the Mid-South, will plant corn and soybean on land this year that would otherwise be used for cotton.

Early surveys indicate planted acreage could be down about 20%. The USDA's final estimate was that 12.36 million acres of cotton were planted in 2012. A recent survey by Cotton Grower magazine pegged 2013 acres

at 9.73 million, a 21% decrease. "I would expect planted acreage in the Delta to be at least as low as it was in 2008/9," said Robinson.

Robinson was one of several speakers at this year's Beltwide Cotton Conferences to provide key economic and agronomic advice to cotton farmers going into the 2013 planting season. Robinson explained the move to corn and soybeans with a financial model. Modifying budget targets published by the University of Arkansas, he showed that in some regions you'd need 86-cent cotton to break even with corn, 90-cent cotton to compete with soybeans. July Cotton futures sold for about 77 cents during the conference.

Speaking on the same panel, O.A. Cleveland of Mississippi State University said that cotton prices are probably going up. Cleveland believes cotton futures hit a "long-term low" of 64 cents last year and went into the year backed by wind that could

support movement into the 80s. "Now we're at 74, 76 and we're making strong sales. I think this market is going to be strong."

Cleveland said that he would have already priced a quarter of his cotton crop in December at 78 cents. He would wait with the rest until the market hits 82.

Joe Nicosia of Lewis Dreyfus Commodities, speaking on an earlier panel, advised farmers to price their cotton during price spikes, which happen when traders focus on limited free stocks, instead of considering reserves, too. "When [traders] get nervous and the market moves up, that's when you should be pricing your cotton, both old crop and new crop. You'll have some scares," he said.

In the meantime, what about input costs in 2013? "Nobody's that worried about surging input costs," said Robinson, adding that hasn't seen many news accounts of fast-rising inputs. Though many input costs are likely to rise somewhat, Robin-

son doesn't expect to see a surge in fertilizer, fuel, or seed prices.

Seed costs, which have gone up strongly over 10 years, leveled off in recent years after some companies froze tech fees, Robinson said. Fertilizer costs may rise a little in 2013 but then fall next year and remain flat. Fuel and labor costs are projected to be stable too. Repairs and machinery, on the other hand, are projected to steadily rise.

Again, the big variable for 2013 will be planted acres. Decisions made this year may have future repercussions, Nicosia said.

"We need to protect cotton acreage," he said. "We don't want a complete collapse because we know it's hard to get it back. We saw what happened in 2008/09 when cotton prices collapsed, how hard it was to re-gear production. We had to take prices to substantially higher levels before we got that big push back up in acreage again around the world."

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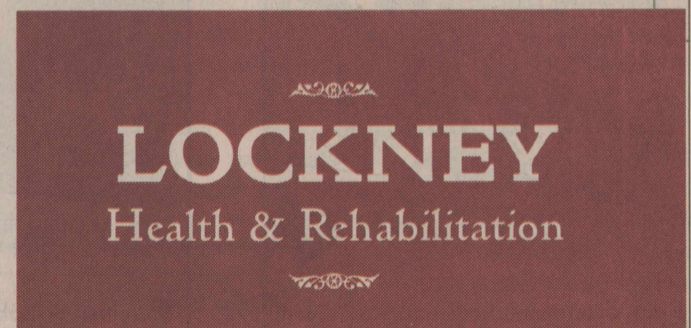
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