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# Floyd Co. Commissioners question penalty checks

**By Homer Marquez** Herald News Editor

Floyd County commissioners were calling foul during their monthly meeting Monday, after it was discovered that three IRS penalty checks had slipped under the court's table.

According to Precinct 2 Commissioner Lindan Morris, three penalty checks which added up to a little more than \$8,500 were signed and given to the IRS in 2013 without any of the commissioners' knowledge. Normally, county commissioners oversee all financial actions taken by the county, which include approving all bill payments during their monthly meetings.

However, Morris and Precinct 3 Commissioner Nathan Johnson stumbled across three checks made out to the IRS late last month, which were never brought before the court for its approval.

In addition, the checks did not feature signatures from any of the commissioners or the county judge, but were signed by the County Treasurer Jo Elliot and/or Floyd County Clerk Ginger Morgan.

"All checks have to come to the court's attention," said Morris, as he questioned Elliot during the court meeting. "If not, then what's the point of us being here? For this court to have any integrity or honor, these actions can't take place . . . A mistake was made when these checks were cut."

In January, the commissioners held a special session to talk with the treasurer about discrepancies in a county employee's monthly income.

Upon further investigation, Morris said he discovered that the county had been penalized by the IRS for failure to report in a timely manner; something the commissioners said they knew nothing about prior to the discovery.

The checks in question were used to pay what was initially owed and \$8,800 in penalties.

"If there are any penalties, we should know about it," Johnson explained to the treasurer.

Elliot countered that those checks did not

necessarily need to be presented to the court, but the commissioners quickly disagreed.

According to Elliot, instead of waiting for the County Judge Penny Golightly to return from lunch, she requested that the county clerk sign the checks so that Elliot could place them in the mail.

Morgan said she signed the checks, but failed to look what they were for.

"I just assumed everything was correct," Morgan said at the court meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Elliot said she had spoken with officials in the Texas Administrative Code. They informed her that she did no wrong.

Elliot was questioned further by the commissioners, including over a letter that she never responded to which could have lessened the

Elliot said she had already paid the amount and

"This is far from over," said Morris, who said the commissioners will continue their investigation.

# **Upcoming**

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

### WHIRLWIND

**BOOSTER CLUB** The Floydada Whirlwind Booster Club will meet Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the library at the High School.

### WHIRLWIND

PLAYOFF SHIRTS Playoff shirt orders will be pre-paid only. \$10 short sleeve or \$15 long sleeve. \$2 extra for sizes 2x and up. Forms may be picked up at the KFLP Radio station, A.B. Duncan Elem. or the Floydada High School. Forms must be turned in no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14th. \*\*Shirts will be delivered on Monday, Feb. 17th from 6-7 p.m. at the high school basketball gym!\*\* For more info contact Mita Chavarria, 983-3038 or Patti Lowrance, 983-4167.

### LOCKNEY SR CITIZENS FAMILY FISH NIGHT

The Lockney Senior Citizens "Family Fish Night" will be held Friday, Feb. 7 from 5 - 8 p.m. Dine in or carry-out. \$10 per plate! Come enjoy the meal and fellowship!

# LOCKNEY CHAMBER

Nominees for Citizen of the Year are being accepted by the Lockney Chamber. Deadline to submit is March 1 Nominees can be mailed to the Chamber at PO Box 477 or dropped by J & K Insurance.

# **BLOOD PRESSURE**

CLINIC Calvert Home Health holds their blood pressure clinic 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.

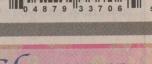
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# News on the go



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# **Early Voting** Begins Feb. 18

**By Charles Keaton** The Hesperian-Beacon

Early voting in Floyd County contested races begins on Feb. 18 and runs through Feb. 28. Early voting locations will be at the Courthouse Annex meeting room in Floydada and First United Methodist Church in Lockney. The regular election is March 4 at the same

Offices with contested races include the County Judge and Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2 and 3. County Judge candidates include Penny Golightly, Bobby Guilliland and Marty Lucke. Justice of the Peace candidates include Ed Marks and Kelly Dunbar. Profiles for all the above candidates can be found on page 5.

Other offices that are unopposed include County Clerk Ginger Morgan, Commissioner Precinct 2 Lindan Morris, Commissioner Precinct 4 Amado Morales and Justice of the Peace for Precincts 1 and 4 Tali Jackson. Also unopposed are County Chair for the Democrats Jeffrey Johnson, County Chair for the Republicans Kerry Pratt, 110th District Clerk Patty Davenport and 110th District Judge Bill Smith.

Runoff elections, if necessary, will begin with early voting running May 19 through May 23 and runoff election on May 27.

# Whirlwinds get ready for playoff run

By Coach Riley

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

The Whirlwinds will pay their first playoff game (bidistrict) on Tuesday, Feb. 18 against either Brownfield or Denver City, depending on who wins on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The bi-district game will be played in Littlefield.

The 'Winds are currently 3-6 in district with a chance of being 4-6 after playing Lubbock Roosevelt on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

It has been a successful season so far under the leadership of three juniors: Tucker Lowrance, DeAndre McCann, and Zach Martinez. Also the enormous help of four freshmen, a couple of sophomores, and a senior.

The Whirlwinds are expected to finish district strong and take on a much deserved bi-district opportunity.

# City of Lockney **Considers Issuance of General Obligation Bonds**

**By Charles Keaton** The Hesperian-Beacon

In action not seen since August, 1964, the City of Lockney City Council approved a resolution to publish a notice of intention to issue up to \$985,000 in Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation. The bonds, if issued, would be used to help fund water projects that would include acquiring, constructing, installing, and equipping additions, improvements, extensions, and equipment for the City's waterworks and sewer system, including acquiring existing water wells, drilling new water wells and construction of water distribution lines.

The bonds would also be used for paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system that remain after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses and after all debt service, reserve and other requirements in connection with all revenue bonds or other obligations of the City have been met, to the extent that such obligations are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the System.

City Councilman and acting City Secretary Shad Schlueter said that this process is necessary in order to help fulfill the requirements of a \$700,000 grant that was awarded this past November in the form of a Disaster Relief Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 5 P.M. at the Community Building to explain the reason for requesting the issuance of the certificates of obligation.

"We have to have two new wells tied into our system no later than 2015 but preferably by October, 2014 in order to comply with the grant requirements," Schlueter said. "Once we comply with the requirements of this grant, then we are eligible to apply for other multimillion dollar grants but the process with those grants could take two to five years to complete."

Schlueter said that another area community has

Hearts Desire

awarded one of the multimillion dollar grant but they have yet to receive any funds nearly four years later. He said they have complied with everything but are still in the process of receiving the funds.

"We need to safeguard our future," Schlueter said. "Following three years of excessive drought and one of our primary water sources [Lake Mackenzie] drying up, we have to act now."

Schlueter said we need two good wells that will produce about 600 gallons per minute combined in order to meet the needs of the City of Lockney. The money from the bonds will be used to conduct feasibility and engineering studies of land the city is interested in acquiring, then acquiring the land, drilling the wells in compliance with state standards for municipal water supplies and connecting the wells to the city supply lines.

"To drill and complete a well, in compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, it can cost \$300,000 plus the cost of connecting to the city water lines which can cost \$150,000 per mile of pipe to run the lines," Schlueter said. "It's not the same as drilling an irrigation well. There are different requirements we have to meet to make sure it's a safe water system."

Schlueter said that over the past three years the city has been under various water restrictions due to the drought but if we don't see moisture this year, there will be even tighter restrictions.

"Last year [2013] the city used 78 million gallons of water with stage three drought restrictions in place. In 2012, we used 70 million gallons and in 2011 we used 89 million gallons," Schlueter said. "We had tighter restrictions in 2013 than 2012 but we used more water. We have to do a better job conserving water." If the bonds are issued, Schlueter hopes the city

can begin acquiring land by the middle of April with the goal of drilling beginning by late June or early July and being attached to the city water lines

Again, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 5 P.M. at the Community Building to explain the reason for requesting the issuance of the certificates of obligation.

Editor's note: A more in-depth story about the water supply and the future needs will be in a future issue of the Hesperian-Beacon.

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# Deaths

# **Gordon Eugene Joiner**

Gordon Eugene Joiner, 77, of Farmers Branch, Texas, passed away on February 3, 2014, in Dallas, Texas, after a courageous 26-month battle with brain cancer.

Funeral services were held at 10 on Saturday, February 8, 2014 in the Wildwood Chapel of Restland, in Dallas.

Burial at Restland followed the memorial service. Visitation was held on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Restland Funeral Home.

Gordon was born on December 4, 1936, in Hereford, Texas to Early Eugene Joiner and Virgol Brumley Joiner. He was a 1955 graduate of Floydada (Texas) High School, where he excelled in sports and enjoyed the close friendship of Floydada classmates that he cherished his entire life.

He attended Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech University, graduating from Texas Tech in 1960 with a degree



**GORDON JOINER** 

in Business - Real Estate & Insurance. At Tech, he was a member of the ROTC and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and it was at Tech where he met Martha Jean Morton.

Gordon and Martha Jean married on September 13, 1959. Gordon entered the United States Air Force following graduation, serving his country with distinction from 1960-1963. He settled in Dallas, workinsurance industry, real estate brokerage, residential

Gordon is survived by his wife of 54 years, Martha Jean; sons, Gordon Joiner, Jr. of Coppell and wife, Sharon, and Gary Joiner of Bulverde and wife, Karen, and granddaughter, Kate; mother-in-law, Mildred Morton of Dallas; brother-in-law and sister-inlaw, Bill and Patti Kramer of Plano; and nephews, Charles Kramer of Plano and David Kramer of Fort Worth, and niece, Kathy Kramer of Plano.

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new home construction, residential remodeling and commercial retail sales of building materials.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed golf, fishing, hunting and in his later years, working in his cabinet shop.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the American Cancer So-

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# ing professionally in the

# **Jessie Ray Pernell**

Jessie Pernell, age 85 of Floydada passed away, Friday, February 7, 2014 in Lubbock.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2014 at the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada. Pastor Levi Sisemore officiated.

Interment followed at the Dougherty Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Jessie was born on September 16, 1928 in Dickens County to Monroe and Chlora (Lewis) Pernell. He was married to his loving wife, Donna for 65 won derful years.

He worked in the cotton ginning business up to this last season. Jessie was in-



JESSIE PERNELL

volved in his family sports events. He was an active member of the City Park Church of Christ in Floydada.

Jessie is survived by his wife, Donna Pernell of the home; two sons, Rick Pernell and wife, Donna of Lubbock, and Randy Pernell and wife, Denise of Dougherty; a daughter, Nona Pernell of Brownfield; 7 grandchildren, 21 greatgrandchildren; one brother, Tommy Pernell and wife, Norma of Abilene and one sister, Irene Thomas of Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Memorials may be made in Jessie Pernell's name to: Hospice of Lubbock: P.O. Box 16800, Lubbock, Texas 79490; Floydada Senior Citizen: P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235; Dougherty Cemetery Association: P.O. Box 2, Dougherty, Texas 79234; City Park Church of Christ: 505 S. 5th St. Floydada, Texas 79235

Online condolences may be made at www.moorerose.com.

# The Paperboy

**CHRIS** 

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# What would you do with billions of bullets?

Tguess if we're ever invaded, you can trust the United States Post Office to get your six.

L Or perhaps the USPS just needs tons of ammunition to fight off wild dogs. Whatever the reason, the USPS has joined other government

agencies in stockpiling enough ammo to take down a country. Or

keep one together.

In what postal officials now call a "standard purchase" for the Postal Police, the USPS is currently seeking companies that can provide "assorted small arms ammuni-

The agency now joins the Department of Education and NOAA acquiring huge

On Jan. 31, the USPS Supplies and Services Purchasing Office posted a notice on the Federal Business Opportunities website soliciting contractors to register with USPS as potential ammunition suppliers.

"The United States Postal Service intends to solicit proposals for assorted small arms ammunition," the notice reads, which also mentioned a deadline of Monday, Feb. 10.

Since 2001, the U.S. Dept. of Education, through purchases orchestrated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, has spent over \$80,000 on Glock pistols and over \$17,000 on Remington shotguns.

In July of last year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration purchased 72,000 rounds of .40 Smith & Wesson, following a 2012 purchase for 46,000 rounds of .40 S&W jacketed hollow point by the National Weather Service.

NOAA spokesperson Scott Smullen responded to concerns stating the purchase was meant for the NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement for its bi-annual "target qualifications and training.'

Including mass purchases by the Department of Homeland Security, it is estimated that non-military federal agencies have combined to purchase over two billion rounds of ammunition in the past two years.

For good measure, the Feds have also spent millions on riot

In addition, Homeland Security spent over \$58 million on hiring security details for just two Social Security offices in

The arms and ammunition grab goes on and on. Does any of this make anybody else a little nervous?

Is there a reason for non-military agencies to stockpile over two billion bullets?

I find it ironic that the USPS can't afford to keep the lights on, but they're buying enough ammunition to arm a large militia.

I don't like the fact that our government feels it should take arms from Americans yet is preparing to do what to Americans? Protect us? Control us? Kill us?

It should scare everyone of us for agencies based on our own soil to have as many weapons and as much ammunition as they

For the life of me, I can think of only one reason for this and it's terrifying.

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Floydada Senior Citizens

This is Sunday afternoon. It was cold and the wind blew.

I did get to go to church in spite of the weather. After the

morning church service several of my friends met at the

Dairy Queen to have lunch and visit. Several members

of other local churches also come to the Dairy Queen to

have lunch and fellowship. We really have a good time and

Tommie Rowan fell a couple of weeks ago while out

walking on her block and she broke her arm. We have re-

ally missed her. She is so faithful to the Center. We pray

Our attendance has been very small this past week due

to the icy weather. Some of our members are out due to

being in rehab. Hopefully they will be back at the Center

soon. Some are out due to the cold weather because of

Thank you for remembering the Center when you need

to make a memorial donation or just want to help us fi-

nancially with a donation. We have a lot of expenses and

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Jessie Per-

In memory of Fred Zimmerman, III, William

Thought for the Week- When I started counting my

O'Donill Smith and Melvin Powell - Gary and Emma

it's nice to visit with people from our local churches.

News

**By Margarette Word** 

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

she will be coming back soon.

groceries keep going up in prices.

blessings, my whole life turned around.

# Precious Moments ladies' luncheon to feature music from area churches

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All women of the area are in- at 12:00 noon at First Baptist vited to attend and bring their Church, Matador (FBCM). friends to the upcoming Precious Moments Ladies' Salad Lun- focus on how our moments with

Precious Moments, a musical cheon on Saturday, February 15, the Lord are the most precious moments that we have in life, will feature musicians from several area churches. The theme is based on Psalm 119:17, "How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them."

Guests who would like to

bring a salad are encouraged to do so, but this is not required. Also, women attending as a group are asked to bring one salad for every two or three women in the

The event is hosted annually by the Women on Mission of the church's WMU.

For more information, call the FBCM church office (347-2345).

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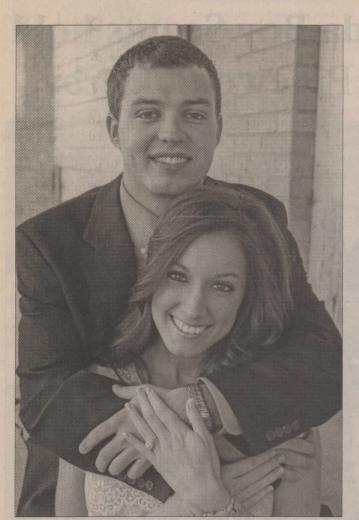
Monday - CLOSED Tuesday - BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk Wednesday - Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato

w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, low-fat milk Thursday - BBQ beef sandwich, tator tots, carrots &

zucchini, ambrosia, low-fat milk Friday - Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipped topping, low-fat milk



# SOCIETY



MR. & MRS. ANDREW MICHAEL CARSON (nee Heather Kylen Brock)

# **Brock and Carson** united in marriage

Miss Heather Kylen Brock and Mr. Andrew Michael Carson were united in marriage on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at five o'clock in the afternoon at Grace United Methodist Church in Plainview, Texas. The ceremony was officiated by Kyle Brock, father of the bride. Their families celebrated with a dinner reception at The 50 Yard Line restaurant in Lubbock, Texas following the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Kyle and Kay Brock of Plainview, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Byron and Charlotte Brock of Lockney, Texas and Boyd and Gayle Reay of Lockney, Texas.

The groom is the son of Benand Ann Carson of Texarkana, Texas. He is the grandson of Bob and Charlotte Davis of Dillon, Colorado and Mable Carson of Arlington, TX. Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless Galina gown of champagne satin sash and ivory Chantilly lace. The Trumpet skirt featured godet inserts at the hem and beaded details. Mrs. Ashley Kay Brock Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas, sister of the bride, served as Matron of Honor. The flower girls were Miss Zoey Ann McChristian of Arlington, Texas and Miss Avery Grace Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas, nieces of the groom and bride. Mr. Scott Carson of Houston, Texas, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. The bride is a graduate of Lockney High School in Lockney, Texas. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, and is a 3rd grade teacher at Centennial Elementary in Lubbock, Texas.

The groom is a graduate of Hutto High School in Hutto, Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business in Personal Finance, and is currently employed as an underwriter with Burns and Wilcox in Arlington, Texas.

# **Museum Archives**

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STERLEY COMMUNITY

An announcement was made on July 9,1927 that a new town was being planned at the junction of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroads. Both railroads were a part of the Burlington system and were under construction at that time.

When the announcement was first made the town was named Rhodes "The Junction City". After some discussion the towns name was changed to Sterley Junction in honor of W. F. Sterley, a general freight and passenger agent who had worked for the Ft. Worth and Denver Railways for 35 years.

Sterley had insisted that trees should be planted alongside the railroad tracks in West Texas. He declared that trees were instrumental in bringing rain.

The Fort Worth Record Telegram did a story about the new town on the railroad, and the man for whom it had been named, on June 2,1928. The headline read "Rail Fete to Be Held at Sterley Junction".

These railroad tracks ran from Estelline on the main line through Quitaque and Plainview to Dimmitt and from Silverton through Lockney and Petersburg to Lubbock. A junction was created where passengers, mail, baggage, and freight to and from all points was transferred and exchanged.

The plans included a depot of 100 feet in length with waiting rooms for passengers, rooms for baggage, mail and express. It included a graded platform 500 feet long. A right of way 300 feet wide that ran through the entire section. This right of way was deeded to the railroad by Earl Fuqua.

The grade on the track was completed and provided for "Y" tracks and hotel were mostly used by the of several thousand feet, three lines railroaders. Almost all the population of passing tracks 3000 feet in length, of Sterley worked for the railroad. scale tracks, repair tracks and a four

rection from which they came. Leon- Fields was the Phillips "66" distribuard Clayborn was the chief foreman tor. Mrs. Leonard Day had a grocery of the roundhouse and Sidney Martin and produce store. After she closed was the first depot agent.

According to the Lockney Beacon, July 14,1927, "The new town is located in the center of a splendid wheat Fuqua his wheat for the year 1927 averaged 15 bushels to the acre. He had been farming 900 acres for eight years and had "never had a failure".

The new town served a permanent farming country with a population of several thousand as well as the railroad community.

The plat of Sterley shows the property running from Fuqua Avenue to Industrial Avenue north and south and from Jefferson Avenue to Broadway Street east and west.

A "Harvey House" restaurant was built of stone and was later used as a hotel for the railroad workers.

A Church was purchased and moved from the Lone Star Community in the early thirties. Later there were three churches in Sterley, the Baptist, the Methodist and the Church of Christ. According to the Sterley News column, in the Lockney Beacon, "Rev. E. C. Armstrong filled his regular preaching services at the church Sunday, preaching to a nice appreciative crowd who seemed to enjoy his splendid sermon."

The Sterley Post Office was established December 15,1928 with Luther W. Gregg as the first postmaster. He had a grocery store and ice house. There was an elevator run by Pete Thornton and Gilbert Bean and Willie Thornton. Mr. Stanton had the blacksmith shop. There was a lumber yard, drug store, barber shop, boarding house and hotel. The boarding house

The community had an evening stall roundhouse and a repair shop. newspaper. The Sterley Evening Post, The roundhouse could turn engines which came out once a week. Cy Daaround and send them back in the di- vis had a grocery store and Menard

the store she ran a self serve laundry. Milt Robb bought the laundry from

J. B. Kirk sold his store to Bargrowing district. "According to Mr. ney McDaniel and McDaniel put in a Conoco station. Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Howell opened Howell's Grocery Store in 1934. Mr. Howell was appointed postmaster in 1946. The Henry Rowell Family moved to Sterley in 1960 and opened the Sterley Grocery. Mrs. Rowell was appointed postmaster, a position she held until 1969 when the post office and store was closed and they moved to Lock-

> The Sterley Independent School District #30 opened in 1929. Maye Foster was the first teacher. The first principal was Miss Jessie James.

> In the early years of 1930 through '35 or '36 there were approximately 1000 people living in Sterley and approximately 160 students in the school. Wesley Jones was the principal when the school was at its peak. The students worked at everything they did. They won the baseball and basketball games, tennis meets and debating matches. George Meyers was the tennis coach. He was not a faculty member but a brick layer who taught the kids to play tennis. The schools that were the chief rivals of Sterley were South Plains and Aiken.

> After the coming of diesel engines the roundhouse and repair shop were no longer needed and the buildings were moved to another location. The population dwindled and the Sterley School was closed in 1945. The students were transferred to school in Lockney. In the middle 1950's the school building was moved to Lockney and is now serving as Evans Chapel Church.

> The only businesses located in Sterley today are the Sterley Gin and The Sterley Branch of the Lockney Coop-



# **Lockney Senior Citizens News**

**By Renee Armstrong** Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Our Family Fish Night will be held again on Friday, Feb. 14 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Dine in or carry-out. \$10 per plate! Come enjoy the meal and fellowship!

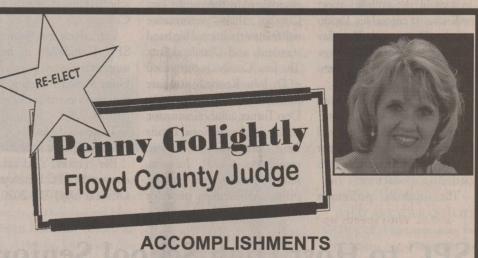
MENU February 17 - February 21 Monday: Baked potatoes & chicken

Tuesday: Tacos Wednesday: Chicken fried steak Thursday: Chicken & dumplings Friday: Meatloaf

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION OF THE CITY OF LOCKNEY, **TEXAS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lockney, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 5 p.m. on March 20, 2014, at its regular meeting place in the Lockney Community Center, 502 NE 8th Street (FM 378), Lockney, Texas, tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of interest bearing certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$985,000 for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with: (i) acquiring, constructing, installing, and equipping additions, improvements, extensions, and equipment for the City's waterworks and sewer system, including acquiring existing water wells, drilling new water wells and construction of water distribution lines; and (ii) paying legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system (the "System") that remain after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and after all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding) of the City have been met, to the extent that such obligations are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the System. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF LOCKNEY, TEXAS



- Brought Floyd County's fund balance from \$774,336. Audited Sept. 2006 to \$2,101,603. Audited Sept. 2013. Achieved this by restructuring contracts and utilites, phone bills and law library. Also by acquiring grants to help with repairs such as Fema for county roads, roofs and energy efficient lights for our county buildings, vehicles for law enforcement, and some carpet for some rooms,
- Worked with city of Floydada to repair most courthouse sidewalks,
- Worked to upgrade our trees around the courtyard, Helped negotiate tax abatements for 4 different Wind Farms, with Wake Wind project
- starting work mid-December,
- Acquired a web-site for Floyd County, Worked hard to acheive medical health insurance for our employees,
- Received a Texas Association of Counties' 2012 Safety award to help reduce the cost of Workers' Comp. premiums,
- Received "Making A Difference" award from Texas Association of Counties for 2012, Currently working on a \$400,000 Home Reconstruction Grant - building 5 new homes
- Working with the city of Lockney on a \$350,000 Texas Department of Agriculture Disaster Relief Fund Grant.

I appreciate your vote and support Subject to the Republican Primary • Pd. pol. ad by Lori Morales, Campaign Treasurer

# SCHOOL NEWS

# **School Menus**

FLOYDADA SCHOOL MENU February 17 – February 21

### Monday

Breakfast – Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

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

### Tuesday

Breakfast – Cheddar Omlette wrap, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, strawberry cup, milk variety

### Wednesday

Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Chicken fajitas w/peppers & onions, 8" tortilla, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, milk variety

### Thursday

Breakfast – Waffles with sausage, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, apple slices, baby carrots, breadsticks, milk variety

### Friday

Breakfast – Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Fish tacos w/fish strips, corn tortillas, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk variety

# Floydada Boy Scouts hold annual Pinewood Derby



Courtesy Phot

FLOYDADA BOY SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY was held on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Winners pictured are (back row, I-r) Logan Emert, Lewis Alaniz, Darolyn Snell, Tyson Snell; (front row, I-r) Brock Powell, Jakob Cuellar, John Pasada and Elijah Contreras.

# **By Curtis Emert**

The Floydada scouts held their annual pinewood derby on Saturday, February 1 at the Massie Activity Center.

We had cub, scout and outlaw divisions. It was hard to hear over the roar of the engines and the crowd. There were coupes, roadsters, nascars, sleek futuristics and even a tank.

All the boys present won a trophy. All got ribbons and special awards for best design, fastest looking, meanest looking and others.

In the Cub division, Jakob Cuellar took first place. Second place went to

Brock Powell and John Anthony Pasada garnered third place.

In the Scout division, first place went to Lewis Alaniz, Tyson Snell garnered 2nd place with Elijah Contreras getting third place.

In the Outlaw division, Darolyn Snell won first place, Tyson Snell got 2nd and Logan Emert garnered third place.

We also had a King of the Ramp, who beat all comers, and that went to Lewis Alaniz.

I believe all the boys and their families had a great time racing and just being together. We hope to see them all next year with new and crazier designs.

### LOCKNEY SCHOOL MENU February 17 – February 21

### Monday

Breakfast – Sausage Kolache, oven roasted potatoes, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety.

Lunch – Beef & cheese chalupa, garden salad, refried beans, milk variety

### Tuesday

Breakfast – Cheddar omelette wrap, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk variety

### Wednesday

Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit

juice or fresh fruit, milk variety
Lunch – Chicken fajitas w/pepper
& onion garnish, charro beans,
seasoned corn, orange smiles, milk
variety

### Thursday

Breakfast –Waffles with sausage, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety Lunch - Popcorn chicken, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadstick, milk variety

### Friday

Breakfast – Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk variety

Lunch – Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, sliced peaches, milk variety

# SPC's Annual Scholarship Gala to showcase musical talents of students, faculty

LEVELLAND

Participants attending South Plains College's 16th Annual Scholarship Gala on March 1 will be pleasantly entertained by the musical talents of students and faculty of the Creative Arts and Fine Arts Departments. The gala, promoted as "A World of Opportunities," is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Physical Education Complex.

According to Wade McNutt, instructor in Commercial Music, students performing in two of the college's most well-known ensembles, Pickin' on the Plains and Thursday Nite Live, will grace the stage playing a variety of songs from different eras.

"The songs will be hits from every era for gala guests," McNutt said. "And, we will bring back some of our Thursday Nite Live alums to perform a special treat."

The students performers

are Jonathan Cristan, drums; Mariano Cordero, bass; Boone Wheeler, lead guitar, vocals and harms; Eric LaMascus, acoustic, vox, harms, auxiliary player; Jayc Waller, vocals, electric guitar, piano, harms; and Brianna Ross and Dakota Earnest, vocals. Former TNL members Bethany Longoria and Kelsey Ribody also will perform. Ribordy is a current member of the Touring Ensemble.

South Plains College Gala attendees also will be entertained by the Faculty Jazz Combo. Their performance will feature traditional big band standards and Dixieland jazz. The Jazz Combo is comprised of Dr. John Kennedy, associate professor of Music, trumpet; Don Turner, adjunct instructor, clarinet and saxophone; Lynda Reid, professor of Music, saxophone; Jon Johnson, retired professor of Music, piano; Al Gardner, professor

are Jonathan Cristan, drums; of Percussion; and Dustin Mariano Cordero, bass; Boone Wheeler, lead guitar, vocals and harms; Eric LaMascus, acoustic, vox, harms, auxiliary of Percussion; and Dustin Pedigo, a former student who is currently finishing his degree in music at Texas Tech University.

"We're going to have a smaller group this year which will allow us to take requests," said Dr. Bruce Keeling, professor of Music.

The scholarship gala will feature a gourmet dinner, recognition of this year's Pacesetter recipients and a live and silent auction of unique treasures, all of which benefit scholarships at South Plains

City Bank has joined the SPC Foundation in helping support the event as gala hosts. Great Western Dining, Inc. is this year's event underwriting partner.

Tickets and table sponsorships are available.

For more information, contact the SPC Development Office at (806) 716-2020.

# RE-ELECT EDWARD (ED) MARKS

# JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Precinct 2 & 3 Lockney, Tx

- Commander of Veteran's Honor Guard
- Post Commander -- American Legion Post 141
- Founder & Builder of Lockney Veteran's Memorial Park
- Vietnam War Veteran
- Lockney Citizen of the Year 2005
- Certified Judge

# YOUR SUPPORT & VOTE IS APPRECIATED!

Political ad pd for by Friends of Ed Marks, Lockney, Tx 79241

# SPC to Host High School Seniors

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will welcome 800 high school seniors from the local area to preview college life during the annual Senior Sneak Preview set for Feb. 21 on the Levelland campus.

The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. in the Texan Dome. Opening assembly will take place at 9:30 a.m., where attendees can expect to see the Texan cheerleaders, Ballroom Dance Team and other student leaders. Dr. Kelvin Sharp, President of South Plains College, will welcome all seniors and their guests.

Participants will have the opportunity to speak with SPC faculty and currents students about career choices, unique college programs and student life during the Program Showcase. Campus tours, led by student ambassadors,

will follow.

Parents will participate in a special session specifically for them. The "Just for Parents" information segment will include information sessions from various departments including Financial Aid, Campus Housing and Admissions.

Lunch will be provided in the Physical Education Complex. A student ensemble from Creative Arts will perform. Various studentled clubs and organizations will have booths available to provide information to prospective students.

For more information, contact Kathryn Perez, coordinator of New Student Programs, at (806) 716-2115 or Christy Wright, administrative assistant for New Student Relations, at (806) 716-2113.

# Floyd County Judge Candidates Profiled



**BOBBY GILLILAND FAMILY AND EDUCATION:** I was born and raised in Floydada. I graduated from Floydada High School and attended Texas Tech University. I returned to Floydada in 1978 along with my wife, Barbara and my son, Michael and Brandon. We wanted to raise

our boys in Floydada and to be close by

to my mom and dad.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE? I believe that my experience with municipal concerns are a great benefit. I have served the City of Floydada as mayor for the past 14 years and during my tenure as mayor we have received numerous grants for improvements to the city, which I continue to pursue for the benefit of Floyd County. Also, I have owned my own business since 1990 and understand business and finance. This also, I believe would be a great benefit.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU ARE ELECTED? I believe that the citizens of Floyd County need to be treated equally and will work very hard to serve the entire county. I want better communication between the county and the member cites. I would like to work with all community leaders and county commissioners to find ways to bring more business back to our

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALI-FICATIONS FOR THIS JOB? My experience as mayor and business owner have led me to understand budgets, grants, and proper procedures to effectively manage. I have worked with people as a volunteer in many organizations since 1978. I enjoy working with people and will always maintain professional and personal decorum. I love this county, this is my home and I know we

have many good people in this county. I also know that we have many needs. I am willing to work hard to improve and build together with the citizens a stronger Floyd County.



### **PENNY GOLIGHTLY** FAMILY AND EDUCATION:

I grew up in Floyd County. I graduated from Floydada High School in 1969. I graduated from Famous Artist School in 1972. I am a graduate of the Texas A&M Agri-Life Commissioners' Court Academy 2012. I married my high school sweet-heart, Dayne Golightly. We have been married for 43 years. We have one son, Rance Golightly and his wife Kami Flores Golightly and their two children, Justin and Alaina of Lubbock, and one daughter, Lacy Golightly Schilling and husband Greg Schilling and their three children, Kelsea, Grant, and baby boy Schilling(vet to be born) of Slaton.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE? I love my county and the people who live here. I want what is best for us and I am ready to work hard toward that goal. I enjoy working with the public and trying to solve issues and problems that do arise. I want to serve the citizens of Floyd Count. Service is the most rewarding and humbling experience a person will ever do in their lifetime. I truly want to make a difference. We need to continue to reach out to other counties and governments for innovative ideas for the betterment of Floyd County and its taxpayers. I will also continue to utilize any federal and state grant monies we can acquire to help us achieve goals and lessen the tax burden for all. I still have goals that I want to accomplish for all the different departments and our county as a whole. I will continue to strive towards

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU

I want to continue working to bring This is the key that will unlock our potential. When people come together vehicles, and road work among others. with a variety of ideas and talents there

I will continue to conduct safety training and programs with the Texas Association of Counties to reduce the to the Regional Review Board. cost of workers comp

We must work harder and smarter to build our county and tax base. We

must and will be frugal. We need to start with priorities and work from there, utilizing the citizens' tax dollars that are entrusted to county government. We need to adopt a CAN-DO- ATTITUDE and shape our vision. Vision marks the roadmap to success. I want to work at creating career opportunities for our young people and encourage our youth to be entrepreneurs. I have a three "C" plan: It is essential that we Cooperate, Communicate and sometimes we must Compromise with all entities and individuals for the betterment of our county.

"Dreams are today's answer to tomorrow's possibilities".

QUALIFICATIONS? It has been my privilege to serve you as your Floyd County Judge since 2007. I served you as your Tax Assessor Collector and in that office for over 22 years.

I am a graduate of Texas A&M Agri-Life Commissioners' Court Academy-2012, and "Fellow of The Texas Judicial Academy" from 2007- to

I stay current on all continuing education requirements for criminal, civil, juvenile, and probate dockets for the office I was elected to uphold. My court sponsors community service to many entities in Floyd County and I work at making defendants take responsibility for their actions.

I am fair to all and will listen at any of my court proceedings.

I conduct Commissioners' Court

I balance and maintain 2 and 3 million dollar budgets for Floyd County. During my tenure, we have brought the the County, Cities, Police Department, fund balance from \$ 774,336.00 (au-Sheriff's Department, the Economic dited 2006) to \$ 2,101,603.00 (audited Development Corporation and all 2013), which I worked at restructuring other entities and citizens together to contracts, law library, phone and interexpand services and recruit businesses. net, utility bills, plus utilizing grants to help with repair work, law enforcement

I cleaned up criminal and civil dockis no limit to what we as a county can ets and maintain court on regular bases. I also magistrate for Floyd County plus assign attorneys when needed.

I was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry

Floyd County received a "County Safety Award" presented by Texas Association of Counties for 2012, with the safety program I implemented and conduct, to help reduce the cost of Workers Comp. Insurance.

I received a "Making a Difference" award from Texas Association of

I helped negotiate tax abatements on 4 wind farms for Floyd County. I worked hard to acquire medical insurance for our county employees. I am currently working on a \$ 400,000.00 Home Reconstruction Grant, building 5 new homes in Floyd County. I am working with the city of Lockney for a Texas Department of Agriculture Disaster grant and am now helping to work on a TxDot county road grant of



**MARTY LUCKE** 

FAMILY AND EDUCATION: My wife, Delinda, and I have been married for over 22 years. We have two daughters, Ashley attends West Texas A&M University and Delaney is a sophomore at Floydada High School. In 1982, I graduated from Anson High School in Anson, TX. I from Abilene Christian University in December 1985. I graduated from the Texas DPS Training Academy in May 1987 and was assigned to Floyd County. During my DPS career I obtained a Master Peace Officer License, was a State certified Law Enforcement Instructor and a DPS Firearms Instructor. I retired from the Texas Highway Patrol on December 1st, 2013 with over 26 years of service. Delinda was raised on the family farm west of Floydada

and graduated from Floydada High School. Delinda obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Tech University in December 1994. She is currently a 3rd Grade Educator with

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE? I have called Floyd County home for almost 27 years and consider it an honor to have served the people of the county as a State Trooper. I want what is best for Floyd County. I believe that the people of Floyd County deserve a County Judge that puts them first. The people deserve a County Judge that remembers that the position is one of Public Service, Honor and Integrity. The people deserve a County Judge that will listen, after all, that is how we learn. The County Judge should be a leader and work to build a good relationship between all elected County Officials and the public. Hard decisions have to be made and must be made without worrying about the next election or what award might be won. Floyd County has the opportunity to increase the tax base with the possibility of incoming wind energy and other projects. The County Judge needs to be working actively to promote Floyd County and local business. It is harder to be "proactive" than "reactive" but that is what Floyd County deserves. Being reactive promotes an attitude of "we might" while being proactive promotes an attitude of "WE CAN!" I want to give back to Floyd County and the people for all that they have done for me. The County Judge Office is not supposed to be about "me," it is about

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU ARE ELECTED? I believe you need to make changes to progress and develop. Our farmers, educators and businesses in the county have made changes to keep up with modern technology and County Government must do the same. Changes need to be made with the thought of what is best for Floyd County both today and in the future. How will this change benefit Floyd County and is it necessary. Just to make a change without thinking it through is not beneficial to the people of the county. There are several things that I would like to do if elected County

Judge. Some of those things are: Develop a relationship between Floyd County, Floydada, Lockbenefit of all citizens. Building stronger communities and schools helps to promote local business, the local economy and Floyd County as a whole. Working together builds stronger bargaining when a project is looking at Floyd County. Work together for the benefit of all involved.

Work to build a working relationship between the Floyd County Commissioner's Court and

all the elected County Officials. A good working relationship between all the County Officials will benefit the county. It will make the County Government flow together and makes for a comfortable work place.

Create a transparent County Government. Transparent to County Officials and the people of the county. I believe that the actual audit report should be on the County website and not a summary as this will allow everyone to see if there is a problem. The County Commissioners are ultimately responsible for spending money in the County. It would be nice for them to know when there are penalties, overpayments and underpayments. Anybody can make a mistake, but it is how the mistake is handled that creates trust or suspicion.

Work to let the people of Floyd County know what a budget surplus is for. Having money in the bank is good and in most cases necessary. The County Judge should let the people of Floyd County know what the money is for. Is the money being held for projects, operating expenses or building maintenance? If the fund balance is just there so someone can say we have money in the bank then there is a problem. According to the 2013/2014 Budget the fund balance is over 93% of the projected tax revenue for the year. That is almost a year worth of taxes. Most people don't have almost a year worth of income in the bank. That is a lot of money for the people of Floyd County not to know what it is for. I don't believe tax money should be used just to pad a savings account.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALI-FICATIONS FOR THIS JOB? I have been on the Floydada ISD Board of Trustees for almost 8 years. I have served on the Board as a Member, Secretary and Vice President. I currently serve on the Floyd County Central Appraisal District Board. I have served on numerous Floyd County 4H Boards, Floyd County Livestock Show Association Board and the Floydada Junior Basketball Association Board. The main qualification that sets me apart from my opponents is that "I WANT TO BE YOUR JUDGE." I spent over 26 years serving as you as a State Trooper and I want to continue to serve the people of Floyd County. I retired from the DPS and I believe that the people of Floyd County deserve someone who will put them first. I am works to promote each other for the not looking for a retirement job and I am not looking for an easy position. I will work hard each day for the people of Floyd County and every decision that I make will be in the best interest of the county. I decided to run for the position of County Judge to give back to the people of Floyd County. I paid my filing fee and jumped in the race. I have been blessed by the people of Floyd County and I want to work for you. Thank you for your time.

# TEACHING MENTORING COMMUNITIES

TMC provides center-based, full day Head Start services to eligible migrant/seasonal children and their families at five center in the Panhandle. Full-time positions are eligible to participate in medical, dental, vision, and life insurance. All positions are eligible to participate in 401k plans.

The Floydada Texas center currently has the following openings:

**Center Manager Family Service Advocate Infant Toddler Teacher Bus Aides** 

# Minimum Qualifications:

**Center Manager** – Associate Degree in Business Administration. Management, Human Resources, Child Development, Early Childhood Development or related field, Professional Administrators Certificate, and/or as required by Texas Licensing. Two years of supervisory experience in a licensed child care setting. Meet Center Administrator's Day Care Licensing requirements.

Family Service Advocate- High School diploma or GED. Two years experience working in a social service agency. Bilingual in English and Spanish.

Teacher - AA/BA in Early Childhood Education or Child Development or AA/BA in related field (related field is defined by the Head Start Act of 2007 is a degree with 18 credit hours equivalent in Early Childhood Education).

Bus Aide - Experience working with preschool children in a Head Start program or day care setting. Must be 18 years of age and be able to read and write English and Spanish.

Applications received via email, FAX, or mail to Western Regional Office

> Coral Mabie, HR Manager 6104 45th Street, Suite A Lubbock TX 79407 806.763.4187 (P) 806.763.9136 (F) coral.mabie@mail.tmccentral.org

# Justice of the Peace Prec. 2 & 3 Candidates Profiled



**KELLY DUNBAR** 

FAMILY AND EDUCATION: I am married to Clipper and we have one son, Ian and two daughters, Haley and Shelby. Education: B.A. from University of Houston, Juris Doctor from Mississippi College School of Law, Military Law - Judge Adv. General's Corp, U.S. Army. I am a retired Captain, U.S. Army Advocate General's Corp.

WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE? I held this office from 2008-2012. I had to resign according to state law when I ran for county attorney. I would restore efficiency and effectiveness to the position if elected.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU ARE ELECTED? I want to restore efficiency in the office.

WHAT ARE YOUR QUALI-FICATIONS? I'm a licensed Texas attorney since 1989. I held this office for 4 years. I ran the office efficiently and effectively. This position has two

performing inquests, weddings, school truancies and magistrations. I believe I am the most qualified candidate for this office. I love the contact I will have with the public as well as state and local law enforcement if I am returned to this position.



**ED MARKS** 

FAMILY AND EDUCATION: I am married to Joyce. We have three kids. My education consists of one year of college at Western Texas College. I served my country in the United States Navy and National Guard. I am past president of the Pioneer Association. I am the Post Commander of American Legion Post #141. I also am in charge of the local Honor Guard. rendering military honors for the families of Floyd County and surrounding counties veterans who have passed. I

civil dockets and one criminal docket have also served on the Lockney Fire that have to run smoothly as well as Department. I am responsible for the Lockney Veterans Memorial Park, which serves as a backdrop for an annual memorial service that honors and remembers those who have fallen for our freedom.

> WHY DO YOU WANT THIS OFFICE? I want to finish the work I've started.

> WHAT DO YOU WANT TO "DO" OR "CHANGE" IF YOU ARE ELECTED? Continue to process cases and serve the people

> WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFI-CATIONS? I have been doing this job for over a year. I have taken the mandatory 80 hours of training and received my certification to be a Texas Judge. One of my first tasks was to collect \$70,000 in unpaid traffic tickets. After collecting a large portion of these tickets, I am working on cleaning out the court docket of cases that went all the way back to 2002. I've been working with the Office of Court Administration in Austin and forming working relationships with area people and other Judges. I think substantial progress has been made and I have implemented an efficient collection system to ensure a timely process to collect adjudicated cases. I think I have brought respect, integrity and common sense to this office. The Justice court is now open to serve

In an advertisement {Floyd County Hesperian Beacon dated December 12, 2013}, Judge Penny Golightly stated that she had increased Floyd County's fund balance from \$774,336 {Audited Sept. 2006} to \$2,012,705 {Audited Sept. 2012.} These audits were completed during the 2005/2006 Budget and the 2011/2012 Budget. Judge Golightly stated that she did this by cutting expenses and obtaining grants.

{Budget information was obtained from the Floyd County Central Appraisal District and is public information.}

From the 2005/2006 Budget to the 2011/2012 Budget:

The TAX rate rose from \$0.48296 to \$0.63881 an

**INCREASE** of over 32%

The TAX levy rose from \$1,330,445 to \$1,919,809 an

**INCREASE of over 44%** 

Judge Golightly's Fund Balance increase:

Cutting expenses? / TAX INCREASE?

"The facts will speak for themselves. Credit them or not, but read!"

Ralph Chaplin

American Author & Activist

# MARTY LUCKE

for

# FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE

- **↓ I will work to build a relationship of TEAMWORK with all County Officials.**
- I will work to build a relationship of TRUST and RESPECT with the Citizens.
- **↓ I will work to PROMOTE the patronization of all businesses in the County.**
- **↓ I will work to IMPROVE all Emergency Services in the County.**
- **♦ I will work to have an OPEN and TRANSPARENT County Government.**
- **↓ I WILL WORK FOR YOU!**
- Early voting Tuesday, February 18, 2014 through Friday, February 28, 2014
- Republican Primary Tuesday, March 4, 2014
- In Lockney, you can vote at the Methodist Church.
- In Floydada, you can vote at the Courthouse Annex.
- You must vote in the Primary Election in order to be able to vote in a runoff.

Your VOTE, SUPPORT and INFLUENCE are appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

**Political Advertisement paid for by Marty Lucke** 

# AGRICULTURE

# HPWD Board meets with Lockney Rotary County Committees

Proposed revisions to the rules of the High Water Code. The Board anticipates adopting Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) were discussed during a Feb. 3 meeting of the district's County Advisory Committees in Lubbock.

More than 75 participants listened on as the five-member HPWD Board of Directors outlined proposed revisions to Rule 5, including an annual groundwater production rate (APR) of 18 inches of water (1.5 acre-feet per acre), several alternative methods of reporting groundwater use, and clarification of the definition of contiguous acres.

Each of the 16 counties within the HPWD service area has an active County Advisory Committee, which serves as a liaison between the district's Board of Directors and residents of their respective county.

"The input of County Advisory Committee members and the public is critical as the Board considers revisions to the district's rules. This is just one of many meetings being held throughout the district in early 2014 to gain input from all interested parties," said Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

A question and answer session on the proposed rule revisions encompassed most of the meeting. Among items discussed were different cropping scenarios under the proposed one irrigated crop certification, water banking, protection of private property rights, and groundwater issues to be discussed during the 84th Texas Legislature.

Tate added that the County Advisory Committee members are the first group to review and offer comments on a proposed set of revised rules that the Board is working to complete by April 1. The district will conduct rulemaking hearings as required by Chapter 36 of the Texas rule revisions later this year to be effective Jan.

"Nothing is set in stone at this time. The HPWD Board of Directors seek the advice, consent, and support of all stakeholders in the district as we work to develop a more flexible policy and set of rules that stakeholders can agree to. Once that is accomplished, we can then return to the business of water conservation,"Tate said.

Several County Advisory Committee mem-

"I appreciate the district's Board of Directors working to achieve the best solution. The one crop certification lets a producer make their own choice—instead of building a bureaucracy to do it for you," said Kevin Riley of Springlake.

"We must be pro-active when it comes to water issues. It's important that we come together as a family to take care of business here in the Panhandle-South Plains region," said Chris Grotegut of Dawn.

County Advisory Committee members also received an update on past, present, and future district policy goals from Precinct Five District Director Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg. HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman provided an overview of current district work programs and activities.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16-county service area. The High Plains Water District is the first underground water conservation district created in



Jim Doucette of the Lockney Rotary Club presents Ed Marks with a check to cover the cost of replacing the flags at the Memorial Park in Lockney.

# **Assignment: Texas**

# The Pig Explosion - Part 2

How a species went from obscure to a nuisance in a quarter century

ver the past three decades, the population reached a critical mass and everywhere pigs can live, pigs probably exist.

"There are but 2 kinds of landowners in Texas: Those with wild pigs and those

GRAVES

Wildlife and Fisheries
Specialist for the Texas Service in Overton. Dr. Higginbotham is on the front line in the war on feral pigs and the damage they cause by researching control methods and ways to mitigate hog populations and the damage they inherently cause.

His assessment on the landowners and the hog population, while simplistic, provides information on the breeding success of a species whose numbers continue to ex-

Historically, wild pigs were relegated to the rural areas of Texas. The prolific porcine, however, has continually expanded its range and now encroach inside city limits of small towns across the state as well as

"Pigs are a constant concern for us," says Ryan Mills who works for the municipal golf course in Childress, Texas. "We are always finding areas where they've rooted. They are attracted by the water we irrigate with and cause us a continual maintenance

"The funny thing is we never see them," he admits. "They come out and do their damage at night."

Wild pigs root up lawns and damage recreational areas while the wallows they leave behind provide a medium for standing water. The water can create breeding pools for mosquitoes - thus increasing the

risk for mosquito borne illnesses like West Nile virus. An increase in West Nile is noteworthy since Texas suffered 43 fatali-

ties in 2012 as a result of the disease. While pigs are difficult to count, best estimates place the statewide population at that are about to have wild pigs," says Billy
2.6 million animals - that's about a third
Higginbotham, Professor and Extension of the total U.S. wild pig population and about twice the number of domestic pigs found in Texas. Over the past three de-AgriLife Extension cades, wild pigs have slowly spread their range across Texas and now occupy nearly two-thirds of the state with the western Panhandle and far West Texas being the only places where hogs haven't spread to

"Several reasons converged to create the 'perfect storm' resulting in the population boom," says Higginbotham. "Indiscriminate stocking to new habitats by landowners and hunters facilitated rapid increase. This was done regularly, despite being illegal, in the 1970's thru the 1990's."

He says that the stockings were very successful in establishing populations across the state. Higginbotham also points out that supplemental feeding (usually aimed at feeding and attracting deer) benefits wild pigs. The higher level of nutrition promotes larger litter sizes and piglet survivability at birth. Since the species is the most reproductively prolific large mammal on earth, favorable environmental and nutritional conditions promote their reproductive efficiency - and the population soars.

"Population increases are not just a Texas phenomenon," Higginbotham advises. "For various reasons, populations have expanded in many states and now some 48 states have established wild pig popula-

The increase in numbers have also created an increase in pig and people encounters. While the pig's aggressiveness is generally overhyped on network television, the real danger of pigs comes in other ways.

# AgriLife Extension develops interactive online decision aid for producers

**By Kay Ledbetter** 

facing possible changes in their crop rotations due to water availability and other fluctuations in agriculture will soon have an online decision aid tool, according to DeDe Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service risk management specialist in Amarillo.

The interactive risk management spreadsheet allows input from producers to assist with crop budgets, break-even prices and yields, and to help choose optimal crop mixes under limited irrigation, Jones said.

"In the face of declining water tables and falling commodity prices, we felt like there was a need to develop a tool that would allow producers to make educated decisions under risky that will maximize profits."

The two-year project funded by the Texas Corn Producers Board is being conducted by a team of AgriLife Extension economists and a Texas A&M AgriLife Research engineer. In addition, an advisory committee of area corn farmers is providing input into the devel-

opment of the decision aid. "This tool will allow the producer to create and evaluate current dryland and irrigated crop budgets and different crop/share leasing arrangements by showing the return on investment between all parties," Jones said. "Once the is completely interactive, the budgets are established, they can calculate breakeven prices and yields."

conditions," she said. "This And while most of those caspreadsheet should help them pabilities are already available through other formats, she said this new tool has an added feature, a limited-input decision

> "This allows producers to input their irrigated acres and water availability and any water district restrictions," Jones said. "The model will then simulate what their most profitable cropping arrangement would be under the given irrigation parameters. Also, if they don't have enough water to fully irrigate, it will recommend the best dryland crop to plant in addition to the irrigated acre-

"Because the spreadsheet baseline numbers we have in there can be changed to whatever values accurately reflect the producer's operation. He can put in his own crop yields, prices and input costs," she said. "The result will be a customized risk management output on cropping arrangements and what he needs to breakeven."

Jones said the decision aid has been developed, but it is in the field test stage now and hasn't been released for mass download.

However, those ing to be a part of the testing phase should contact Jones at 806-677-5600 or DLJones@ ag.tamu.edu. The mass distribution is expected by Decem-

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# SPC, NRA sheds light on personal home protection with unique course

LEVELLAND - Providing a safe home environment is a high priority for members of a community. South Plains College and the National Rifle Association are pleased to bring the Personal Protection in the Home course back this spring.

The course is set to take place at 9 a.m. on Feb. 15 in the Law Enforcement building in Room 115. The cost is \$90.

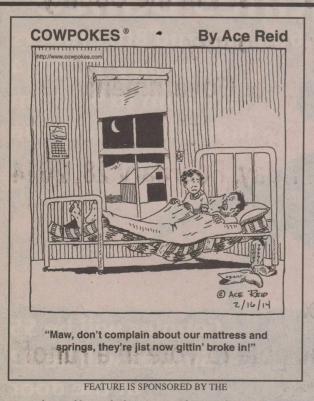
Participants can expect the eight-to-10 hour advanced pistol course to cover defensive shooting skills, firearms and the law, how to choose a handgun for self-defense and how to respond to a violent confrontation in the home. Each student is required to bring his or her personal pistol and 100 rounds of am-

This is not an introductory course. All par-

ticipants in the Personal Protection in the Home course must be law abiding, over the age of 21 and an experienced shooter. All shooters must be able to show mastery of basic skills in gun handling, shooting a group, zeroing the firearm and cleaning the firearm. Completion of a NRA Basic Pistol or a Concealed Handgun License course will serve as a qualification to participate in the Personal Protection in the Home course.

For anyone who has a Concealed Handgun License or keeps a pistol in the home for selfdefense, this course is vital.

To register for the course and for more information, call Kasey Reyes, administrative assistant for the Division of Continuing and Distance Education, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu.



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# Whirlwind News



# Signing the Next Chapter in Life

By Aaron Chavarria and **Tucker Lowrance** Staff Writers

National college signing day took place at the high school gym on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. At this event, seniors from all around the nation signed with a college committing to them for their future.

For most of the students, this is not only a new chapter in their lives but also a new chapter in the lives of their families.

"For a lot of our students they will be the first ones to go graduate high school and some will be the first ones to go to college," said high school principal, Wayne Morren. "Right now we know that learning beyond high school is critical for future employment and to provide for their families. We're celebrating this day to honor what all our kids have done."

of their children for the decision they are making to take that next step towards their

to go to college after high school and further her learning makes us very proud and happy," said parent, Jeff Prisk. "She's going into something that she wants to do and has been doing all along in school, so we are very proud."

The good thing about committing to a college with a signature is this day will always be one to remember heading into the future.

"I think it's very good that I've decided to go to TSTC for diesel technology because it's a good school to go to and it's affordable for most people," said senior, Pedro Guerrero. "Signing day here was very good, it gave us many looks at what we can do for our future."

College recruiters and col-Many parents are proud leges want nothing but the

best for the future of these students, and they too take this day very seriously.

"We're here just about op-"The fact that Emily wants portunity because we want more students to understand that college is not necessarily just about getting a four year degree and just coming in," said Interim president of TSTC Kyle Smith. "For us as a college, our focus is not necessarily on students coming in to take courses and transfer, but our real focus is to bring students in and get them employed."

> Adults and many young Americans witnessed national signing day across the nation. By allowing the younger generation to see the joy on the faces of parents and students when signing for a college, it brings motivation for them and their future. National signing day influences younger kids to strive towards making it a goal to attend and graduate college.



# Aiming to Jumpstart a New Tradition Create your Future



By Bethany Morales Staff Writer

Advancing to playoffs for the first time in history last year was a huge accomplishment for the Lady Winds. Due to such an accomplishment, the team has set high expectations for themselves coming into this year's season. This past week the Lady Winds running in hopes of having another successful year.

to not only be in the playoffs but to compete to be district nior, Casandra Delgado.

coach, Armando Morales.

The new season begins with a new group of seniors leading the pack and hoping to set a classmen.

to work just as hard as we do and to go out there and show everybody what they can do," said senior, Tiara Villa.

The seniors are working diligently to make the playoffs the team as well.

"My goals for the team are Softball teams hit the diamond to work hard to win district and to advance further into the playoffs than we did last year. "We have high expectations I believe we have the team to achieve these goals," said se-

champions," said head softball By McKenna Johnson - Staff Writer

New inventions are designed and produced every day; some become famous and others fall flat. Now every student has the good example for the under- opportunity to create a product with the chance of receiving a scholarship for col-"I want the underclassmen lege. ScholarshipExperts.com will award one student with a \$1,500 scholarship for

creating his or her own new, creative invention. In 250 words or less, the student must describe the product, what it can do, and why it is needed. The most inventive and original product will be awarded the scholarship. For more information visit this website: https://sites.google.com/a/biola.edu/ scholarships/general-scholarships/nextbigthingscholarship

# **UIL Practice Meet** a tradition by setting goals not only for themselves, but for Leads to Improvement

By Mattie Sanders - Staff Writer

Everyone is wide-awake and ready for competitions of all kinds of academic standards. From suits and ties to reciting poems, students have filled up the Idalou Wildcat gym in hopes of receiving a medal for all their hard work.

The practice meet held Saturday, February 8, 2014, brought about great opportunities for high school students who are anxiously preparing for the district UIL meet.

"It's very important for students to participate in practice meets because it is impossible to simulate a contest at home," said UIL coordinator, Tasha Hughes. "It's an opportunity for a student to work out any problems specific to their event before district."

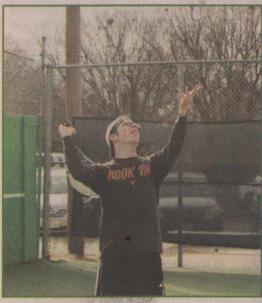
Floydada High School participates in many of these invitational meets prior to district,

which will be held this year on March 26, 2014 also at Idalou. The learning experience helps all those involved in this event to enhance their skill level each time.

"At every practice meet I learn how to improve as a competitor. Without these invitational meets, there would be no room for improvement because we would not know what to improve on," said senior, Hunter Schwertner.

Although everyone did well at the meet on Saturday, four different students rose above the rest. Hunter Schwertner received second in news writing. Mattie Sanders competed in feature writing and claimed the second place medal. McKenna Johnson was rewarded with sixth place for her hard work in extemporaneous persuasive speaking. Kaylee Morren also brought home a third place medal in science. Congratulations to all those who participated at the invitational meet!

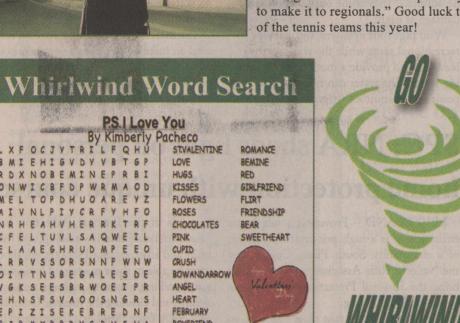
# **FHS Tennis Swings into Action**



"One of my expectations for this tennis season is to grow as a tennis player. Also, I want to have a great time at the meets with my friends and teammates," said junior, Kimberly Pacheco. "I am aiming for first place this year at the district meet."

Returners from last year are excited to play again and hope to have a wonderful season.

"Last year was my first year playing tennis in high school, and I enjoyed it very much. I love competition and intense games," said junior, Aimee Chavarria. "Due to my past mistakes, this year I plan on fixing those mistakes in the singles division and will push myself to make it to regionals." Good luck to all of the tennis teams this year!











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# Longhorn News

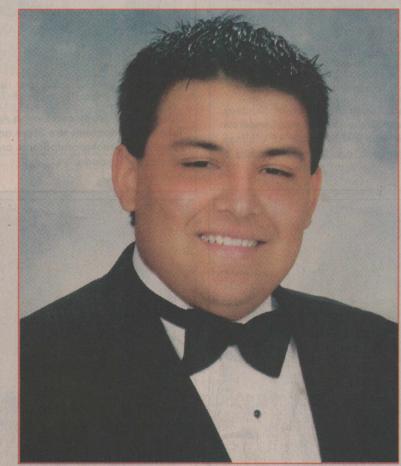


To celebrate the first 100 days of school at Lockney Elementary several teachers had various activities which involved counting to 100. Commemorating this milestone by stringing 100 Cheerios into a necklace was Mrs. Hunter's class. In Mrs. Miller's class the students were put in groups and counted to 100 by gluing the numbers in order. Happy 100 days of school!



# Senior Spotlights: Michael Dillon DeLeon & Paula Marie Cuellar

Michael Dillon De-Leon is the son of Amy and Michael DeLeon. He was born in Lockney and has lived here his entire life. Dillon has attended school in LISD since the age of 5. While attending Lockney High School he has participated in Athletics, Band, the National Honor Baseball, Society, Powerlifting, and has been Class Treasurer all four years of high school. Dillon has received second team all-district center and second team academic all-state honors in football while at LHS. He has also made the All-Region band his freshman, junior, and senior years of high school and has received a division one in state solo and ensemble contest. Dillon



plans to attend Texas Tech Uni- ing in Petroleum engineering or versity after high school major-

finance.



Paula Marie Cuellar is the daughter of Ricardo and Dominga Cuellar. She was born in Plainview and has attended school in Lockney since she was in elementary. Paula has participated in many activities while attending high school where she is the head drum major in the Longhorn Band.

Along with her band activities, Paula has participated in athletics, FFA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and various UIL academic events. Paula is currently serving as secretary for the LHS National Honor Society where she has been elected to the National Society of High School Scholars. One of

her highest honors has been making it to the State competition in band Solo and Ensemble contest. Paula's plans after graduation are to attend **Texas Tech University and** major in Biochemistry and then get into medical school. She plans to be a Neuroscientist in the fu-





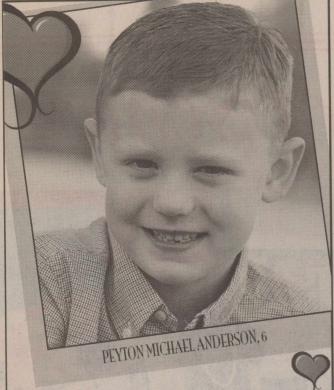








# valentine Brag Pic Pages



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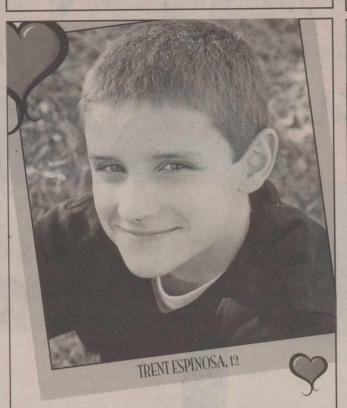
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Daughter of Sean and Ashley Ables of Idalou, Texas. Grandparents are Gerry and Vickie Norrell of Floydada and Pat and Donna Ables of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Harold and Charlene Norrell of Floydada, Inette Johnson of Tulia, Sherry Ables and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



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. Maddie and Parker are the children of Erin and Darryl McEndree of Millsap, Texas. Grandparents are Larry and Sandy Adrian of Lockney.



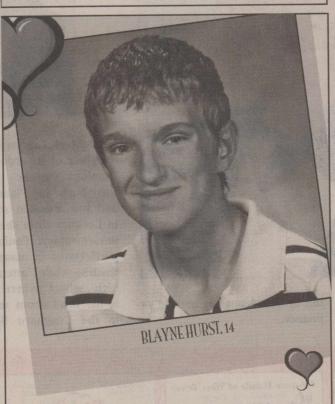
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Daughters of Brady and Donna Anderson of New Deal, Texas. Grandparents are Steve and Donna Anderson of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada.



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



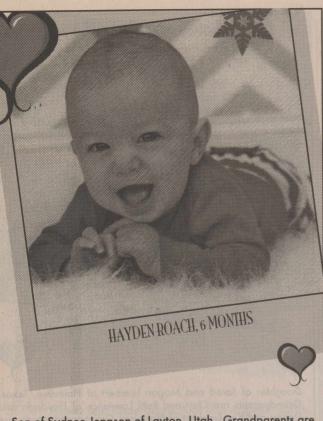
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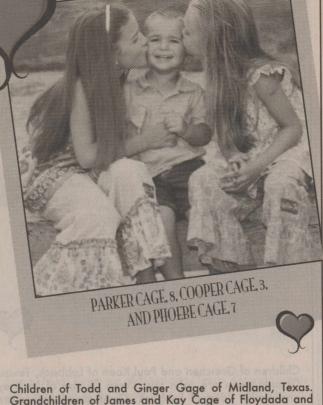
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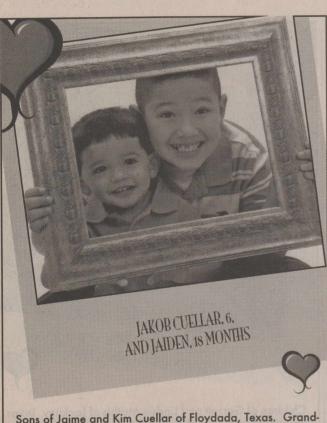
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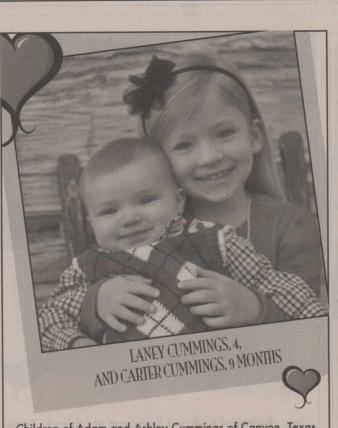
Son of Sydnee Jeppson of Layton, Utah. Grandparents are Jason and Stephanie Brown of Layton, Utah. Great-grandparents are Gary and Charlene Brown of Floydada. Great-great-grandmothers are Ismanell Gray of Clarendon and Sybil Brown of Groom.



Children of Todd and Ginger Gage of Midland, Texas. Grandchildren of James and Kay Cage of Floydada and Mike and Gen Turney of Kilgore.



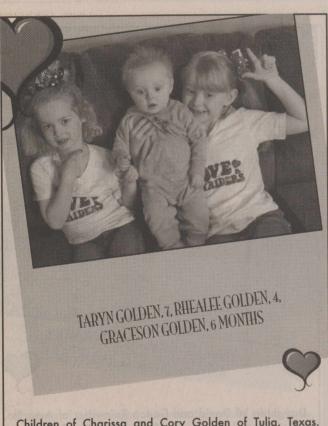
Sons of Jaime and Kim Cuellar of Floydada, Texas. Grand-parents are Jaime and Maria Cuellar and Harvey and Mar-tha Garza, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Dolo-res DeLaFuente of Floydada, Oscar and Cande Garza of Floydada, Dora Enriquez of Lubbock and Juan Garcia of North Carolina



Children of Adam and Ashley Cummings of Canyon, Texas. Grandchildren of Zach and Sandra Cummings of Lockney and Denzil Traylor and the late Sherry Traylor. Great-grandparents are Rochelle Dorman and the late John Dorman, Sterling and Gleynn Earle Cummings, Jane Traylor, Mr. & Mrs. Quincy Traylor, and Tina Hall.



Abigail and Hannah are the daughters of Ty and Brandi Flippin of Sanger, Texas. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ricky and Susan Flippin of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Bonnie Graham of Floydada, Wanda Flippin of Plainview and Faye Walker of Levelland. Chase is the son of Paul and Hillary Ross of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ron and Sherlyn Kuykendall of Wichita Falls. Great-grandmother is Bonnie Graham of Floydada. Graham of Floydada



Children of Charissa and Cory Golden of Tulia, Texas. Grandparents are Charles and Donna Keaton of Lockney and Joyce Golden of Brownfield. Great-grandmother is Mildred Keaton of Lockney.

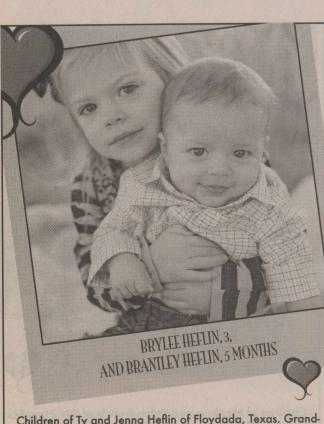


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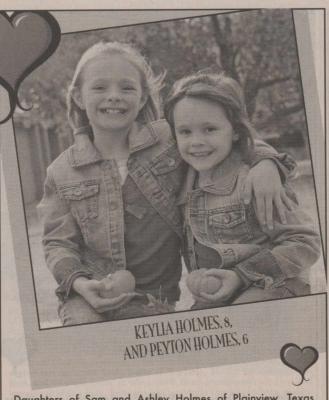
Alaina and Justin Golightly are the children of Rance and Kami Flores Golightly of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Dayne and Penny Golightly of Floydada and Jesse and Dionese Flores of Lubbock. Great-grandmother is Anna Maria Salas of Lubbock. Kelsea Crow and Grant Schilling are the children of Greg and Lacy Schilling of Slaton, Texas. Grandparents are Dayne and Penny Golightly of Floydada and Wayne and Mary Schilling of Slaton.



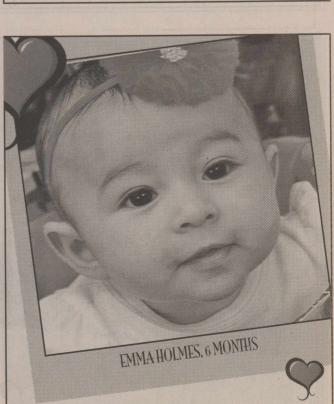
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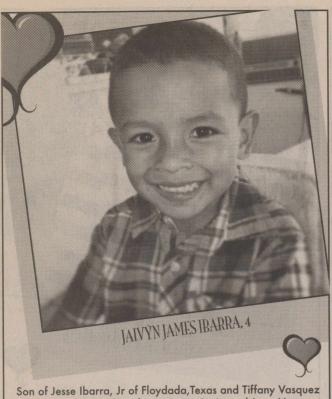
Children of Ty and Jenna Heflin of Floydada, Texas. Grand-parents are Bernie and Cindy Ford of Lockney and Rick and Brenda Heflin of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Rob and Edna Heflin of Plainview, Kay Hicks of Floydada, Car-ole Dyer of Dimmitt and Byron and the late Patsy Ford of



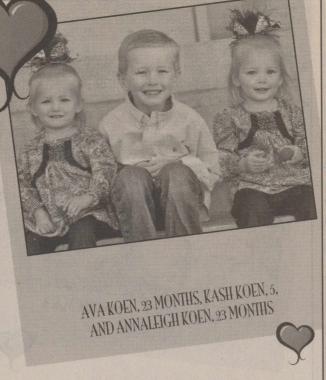
Daughters of Sam and Ashley Holmes of Plainview, Texas. Grandparents are Steve and Pam Holmes of Floydada and Danny and Kellie Borum of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Austin and Dovie Holmes of Floydada, Helen and the late Fred Lipham of Floydada, Roger and Kaye Phillips of Plainview and Grady and the late Nina Borum of Kress. Great-great-grandmother is Willie Mae Thomas of Floydada.



Daughter of Coy and Danita Holmes of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Steve and Pam Holmes of Floydada and Lupe and Josie Torrez of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Austin and Dovie Holmes of Floydada, Helen Lipham and the late Fred Lipham of Floydada, Ted Rodriguez and the late Jesusa Rodriguez of Floydada, the late Fabian and Angelita Torres and the late Frankie White. Great-great-grandmother is Willie Mae Thomas of Floydada.



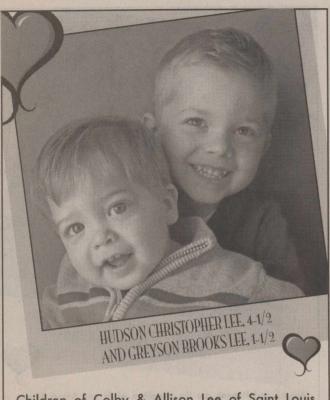
Son of Jesse Ibarra, Jr of Floydada, Texas and Tiffany Vasquez of Canyon, Texas. Grandparents are Lucio and Irma Vasquez and Jesse and Cindy Ibarra, all of Floydada. Great grandparents are Maria Briones, the late Luis and Juanita Vasquez, and Jesse and Irma Ibarra, all of Floydada and Servando and Luz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



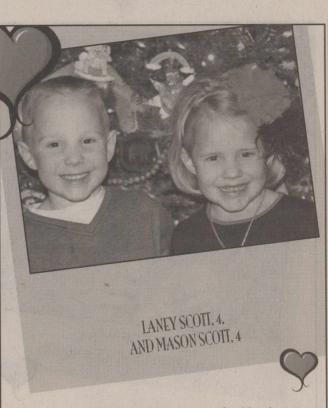
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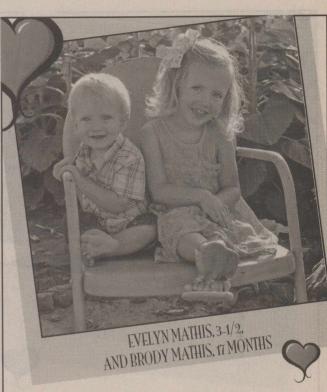
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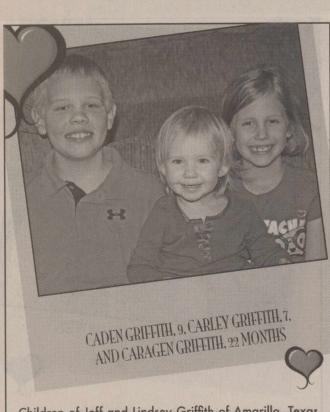
Children of Colby & Allison Lee of Saint Louis, Missouri. Grandparents are Dr. Gary and Brenda Mangold of Lockney and Danny and Kim Lee.



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 Barbara Mathis of Lockney, Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview and Tilden and Lorene Wilson of Humboldt, Kansas.



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



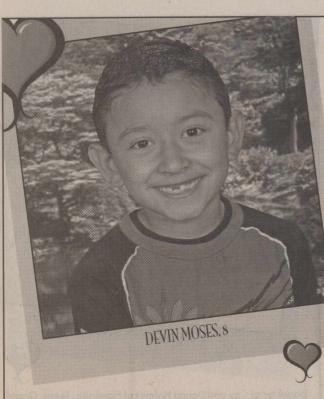
Children of Jeff and Lindsey Griffith of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Mike and Ginger Mathis of Lockney, and Ricky and Linda Griffith of Lockney. Great-grandparents are Barbara Mathis of Lockney, Deanie and Nita Henderson of Plainview and Julie Griffith of Lockney.



Mela is the daughter of Resa Mercado of Ruidoso, New Mexico and Charlie Martinez of San Angelo, Texas. Grandparents are Sammy and Olivia Mercado and Charles Martinez, Sr., all of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Madi is the daughter of Michael and Priscilla Mercado of Amarillo, Texas. Grandparents are Sammy and Olivia Mercado of Ruidoso, New Mexico and Johnny and Carmen Cruz of Denver City. Great-grandmother is Agustina Martinez of Floydada.



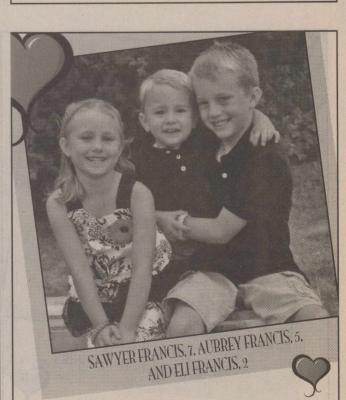
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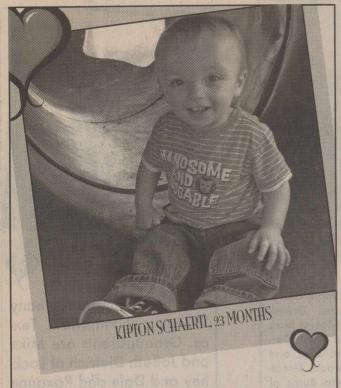
Son of Moises and Mary Ann Reyes of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Pedro and Florence Reyes and Robert and Gloria Cavazos, all of Floydada.



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. Greatgrandparents are Connie Sanders of South Plains, Sterling and Gleynn Earle Cummings of South Plains, and Louis and Ferne Anderson of Floydada.



Children of Matthew and Kylan Francis of Silverton, Texas. Grandparents are Mark and Dee Sanders of Floydada and Dan and Donna Francis of Silverton. Greatgrandparents are Sterling and Gleynn Earle Cummings of South Plains, Connie Sanders of South Plains and Denny and Johnnie Mack Quisenberry of Floydada.



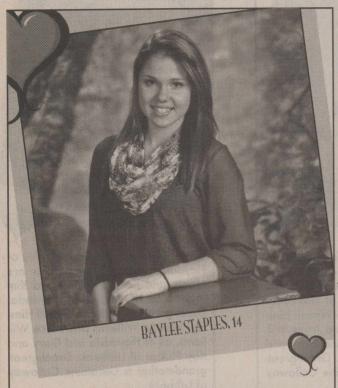
Son of Lindsey and Chad Schaertl of San Angelo, Texas. Grandparents are John and Dee Leatherman of Floydada and Dan and Laurinda Schaertl of Johnson City, Texas. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Martha Leatherman of Floydada, Ron and Bette Schaertl of Johnson City and Budje and Ann Smith of Blanco.



Son of Nikki Seymour of Floydada, Texas. Grandparents are Dean and Misty Seymour and Pete and Sara Segura, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Linda Seymour and Dennis and Ginger Morgan, all of Floydada.



Daughter of Kevin and Nelyn Staples of Fort Worth, Texas. Grandparents are Howard and Annelda Staples of South Plains.



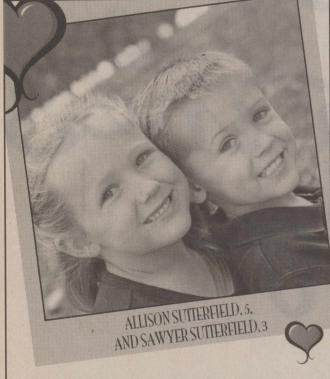
Daughter of Bill and Mika Staples of Waxahachie, Texas. Grandparents are Howard and Annelda Staples of South Plains.



Children of Heath and Cailey Stoerner of Plainivew, Texas. Grandparents are Martin and Robin Stoerner of Lockney and John and Chris Truitt of Bangs.



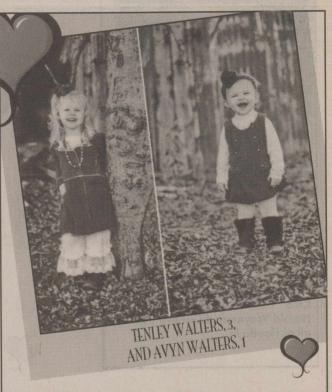
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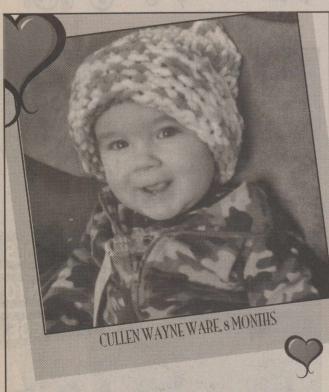
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Son of Cody and Jesse Ware of Logan, Kansas. Grandparents are Dare and Clinton Ware of Floydada, Louis and Rainell Voss of Logan, Kansas and Jerry and Glenna Wright of Hartley. Great-grandmothers are Peggy Garvin of Silverton and June Hale of Floydada.



Jaivyn James is the son of Jesse Ibarra of Floydada, Texas and Tiffany Vasquez of Canyon, Texas. Grandparents are Jesse and Cindy Ibarra, and Lucio and Irma Vasquez, all of Floydada. Great-grandparents are Jesse and Irma Ibarra of Floydada, Servando and Luz Maria Charles of Slaton, and Maria Brions of Floydada. Great-great-grandparents are Juan Ibarra of Floydada, and Juanita Charles of Silverton. Josiah Jay is the son of Jesse and Bianca Ibarra. Grandparents are Jesse and Cindy Ibarra of Floydada, Sandra Barrientos of Lubbock, and Balentine Riojas, Jr. of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Jesse and Irma Ibarra of Floydada, Servando and Luz Maria Charles of Slaton, and Ramona Barrientos of Floydada. Great-great-grandparents are Balentine Riojas, Sr. of Floydada, Rebecca Aleman of Floydada, Juan Ibarra of Floydada, and Juanita Charles of Silverton. Jazalyn Faith is the daughter of Elizabeth Ibarra and Francisco Rocha. Jr. of Floydada. Grandparents are Jesse and Cindy Ibarra of Floydada, Elena Contreras of Plainview, and Francisco Rocha, Sr. of Houston. Great-grandparents are Servando and Luz Maria of Slaton, Jesse Sr. and Irma Ibarra of Floydada, and Teresea Moreno of Crosbyton. Great-great-grandparents are Juan Ibarra of Floydada, and Juanita Charles of Silverton





Daughter of Shane Derryberry and Amber Bengoa, both of Lubbock, Texas. Grandparents are Earnest and Sheryl Back of Floydada and Dale and Vicki Derryberry of Lubbock. Greatgrandmother is Loretta Burns of Floydada.



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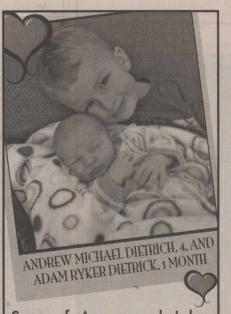
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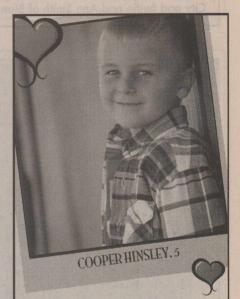
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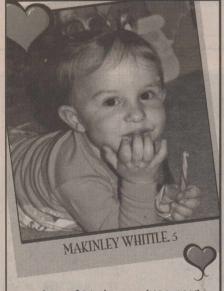
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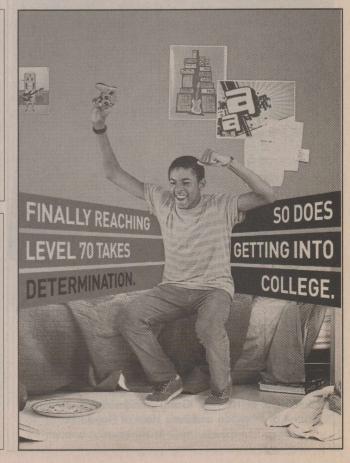
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Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship .. 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship .... 6:00 p.m Wednesday.....7:00 p.m

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CITY PARK **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Levi Sisemore, Minister Ivan Gomez, Minister

Floydada Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m. Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m. Evening Worship ....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Tim Franks, Pastor Terry Simmons,

Minister of Ed./Music Josh Burgett - Min. Students

Sunday School ......9:15 a.m. Morning Worship ...10:30 a.m Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study....6:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Lockney

Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min. Sunday School ...... 9:45 a.m.

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MAIN STREET **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Lockney

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> MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Floydada Rev. Timothy Askew

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> PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA

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Sunday Mass...... 11:30 a.m. Mon.Wed. Mass......6:30 p.m. Confession Sat......10-11 a.m. \*\*\*\*

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM Lockney

Rev. Joe Hernandez Sun. Prayer Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School ......9:45 p.m. Worship Service .... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Meeting ......7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Washington and 1st St. Sunday School ......9:45 a.m. Morning Worship .. 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship .... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service ......7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA Rev. Herman Martinez

308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School .....10:00 a.m. Evening Worship .....5:00 p.m. Tuesday.....7:30 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:30 p.m.

> TRINITY ASSEMBLY 500 W. Houston

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# Two new homes constructed in Floydada by Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance funding

By Brad Patrick
SPCAA Community Services
Director

Floyd County and South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) of Levelland are excited to announce the completed reconstruction of two new homes in Floydada. These reconstructed homes are located at 230 W. Crockett and 123 W. Hallie.

The two Floydada homes were reconstructed Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance (HRA) funding provided to Floyd County by the Texas Department of Housing and Community The HRA Affairs. Program assists lowincome Texas homeowners rehabilitate an existing home or reconstruct a new home, provided that their income is at or below 80 percent of the area's median family income level. In order for homeowners to qualify, the title to their home has to

be free and clear, and they are required to be current on all taxes. Based on the condition of the previous homes in Floydada, both were demolished and reconstructed with a spacious 2-bed/1-bath, 1,048 square foot brick home. TDHCA requires that funding not to exceed \$80,000 for the reconstruction of a new home, and in both cases, Qualls Company, Inc. of Abernathy was able to construct them for just under that amount.

Of the reconstruction process in Floydada, Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly says, "We are so proud and happy for the families. What a great Christmas gift. I want to thank South Plains Community Action, Bill, Brad, and Christy for helping me through this long process. We have finally seen this project through to fruition. Back in 2009, when Caprock Community Action merged with South Plains Community Action, we have been working towards building homes in Floyd County. Now

we are accomplishing our goal even thru some rough economic times for the Federal Government and even our state government which changed rules on us. So great to see!" Other communities in which SPCAA staff is overseeing similar reconstruction or rehabilitation include Brownfield, Cochran County, Smyer, Spur, Sundown, Tahoka, and Terry County among

Floyd County and SPCAA staff hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 230 W. Crockett in Floydada on Friday, January 31st at 11:30 a.m. Both homeowners, their families and friends attended this event. Food was provided by Atmos Energy, Happy State Bank, and SPCAA.

Further information on the TDHCA HRA Program may be obtained by contacting Brad Patrick, SPCAA Community Services Director, at: SPCAA Community Services Division, P.O. Box 610, Levelland, TX 79336, (806) 894-5153.



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The new Floydada homes were reconstructed with Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistant (HRA) funding. Those attending the open house were (I to r) SPCAA Board Member Rosie Rendon, SPCAA Executive Director Bill Powell, Homeowner Francisca Trevino, Floyd County Treasurer Jo Elliot, SPCAA Board President & Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly, and HOME Program Specialist Christy Vargas.



Floyd County and SPCAA staff held Open House and a ribbon cutting at the new Floydada reconstructed homes at 230 W. Crockett and 123 W. Hallie in Floydada. Those attending were (I to r) SPCAA Neighborhood Center Worker Dalia Arvizu, SPCAA Board Member Rosie Rendon, SPCAA Board President & Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly, Homeowners Pedro & Seledonia Salazar, SPCAA Executive Director Bill Powell, and HOME Program Specialist Christy Vargas.

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