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## 19th annual GALA provided entertainment, excitement

By Charles Keaton  
 The Hesperian-Beacon

In a night filled with the excitement of big hats, 'horseracing' and boot-tapping entertainment, the happiest person leaving the Unity Center at the end of the evening was Paul Schacht, winner of the \$1000 prize sponsored by Briscoe and Floyd County Farm Bureaus.

Over 300 people turned out to enjoy the "Triple Crown at Muncy Downs" in Muncy. A ribeye steak dinner along with entertainment from Mark Collins' High Lonesome Band filled the Unity Center. Floyd County 4-H members served drinks, salads and desserts. The steaks were cooked by Don Chesshir, Allen Akers, Will Foster, Jerry Chappell, Vance Lemons, Martin Stoerner and Dillon and Terra Chesshir. The steaks were sponsored by Lowe's Supermarket, Cargill Cattle Feeders, Delta & Pine Land Company and Tri-Star Chemical.

It was an evening that



Courtesy of Lesca Durham  
**Virginia Taylor was among the many that showed up sporting the best hat as the 19th Annual Floyd County Friends Unity Center GALA was held at Muncy.**

showed 'high style' can be found in Floyd County just as well as in Louisville, Ken., as the ladies (and some men) came out in the best and biggest hats.

Throughout the evening, audience members' names were drawn from the hopper to participate in the horse races with the first and second place advancing in the race for the \$1000 prize. Attendees also had the opportunity to 'bet' on the horses in each race and win, place



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon  
**Paul Schacht (L) accepts the \$1000 prize from Brad Yeary representing Briscoe and Floyd County Farm Bureaus. Schacht won the "Triple Crown at Muncy Downs" to go home with the top prize.**

and show winners received part of the 'bets' after each race.

Organizers for the annual GALA reported that approximately \$38,000 was raised this year. This included proceeds from the 'horse races', the silent auction and the live

auction.

As the High Lonesome Band took the stage, many enjoyed the opportunity to scoot a boot in front of the stage. The Band members include Mark Collins, Randy Miller, Jeremy Parker, Tom Cheyene, James Robertson,

John Folley and Dylan Anderson.

The highlight of the evening came as the remaining contestants entered the final race of the night and Paul Schacht's horse pulled away with the victory and the \$1000 prize for Schacht.

## 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.

### OLD SETTLER'S MEETING

The Old Settler's Association will have a meeting on Monday, April 7th at 7:15 p.m. in the First National Bank Community Room.

### LOCKNEY CHAMBER BANQUET

Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 12. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from any chamber member or at J & K Insurance.

### FLOYD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Floyd County Farm Bureau will be hosting a farm bill information meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014 at the Unity Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Steve Verett. More details will be available soon.

### FREE HEALTH FAIR

The Floydada Senior Citizen's Center (925 W. Crockett) will hold a 60+ Free Health Fair on Tuesday, April 22nd from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more info see the Floydada Senior Citizens News this week inside the Hesperian-Beacon.

### 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.

## Honored



Photo courtesy of Lucy Dean Record

**Lucy Dean Record was honored at the 18th Annual Will Rogers Cowboy Awards by the Academy of Western Artists as "Instrumentalist of the Year" in Western Swing on Saturday, March 29 in Irving, Texas.**

## Floydada Chamber Membership Dues

By Kim Perez  
 Floydada Chamber Manager

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce is an active and vital part of the community. It is a voluntary organization of business owners and citizens investing their time and money to improve the economic wellbeing of the community. Through collective efforts we organize

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## Cummings named new head football coach and AD at Hale Center

By Charles Keaton/  
 Skip Leon  
 The Hesperian-Beacon/  
 Plainview Herald Sports Editor

Lockney Alum Adam Cummings has been named the new head football coach and athletic director at Hale Center beating out 57 other candidates.

Cummings graduated from Lockney in 1998 and was the quarterback for the 1997 football team that made it to the state quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champions Stanton 21-20.

Cummings is replacing 18-year veteran coach Paul Chandler who resigned in February after being reassigned in the district. Cummings has spent the last 10 years at Canyon High School including the last four as the defensive coordinator for the Eagles. During his time at Canyon, he has also served as the boys' soccer coach for five years and the head boys track

coach for the past two years.

"Coach Chandler is a great husband, father and coach and has done a very good job over the past 18 years," Cummings said.

Cummings first day on the job will be April 14 but he is familiar with the community having spent time competing against them during his school boy days as well as attending basketball camps at Hale Center.

"I used to come to basketball camp here every summer," Cummings said. "I played baseball with Hale Center guys in the summer. And being from Lockney, they were in our district, so I competed against Hale Center."

As the new AD, Cummings will have the job of making the Hale Center kids competitive through hard work, discipline and having great character.

"It will be my job and our coaches' jobs to ensure that we give our kids the best opportunity to be



Photo courtesy of the Plainview Herald  
**Adam Cummings, 1998 graduate of Lockney High School, has been named the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for Hale Center ISD. Cummings has spent the past 10 years at Canyon High School including the last four as defensive coordinator.**

competitive," Cummings said. "In other words, give them the tools necessary to be successful. I believe in working hard, being disciplined and having great character - both in sports and in the classroom

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**PRAY FOR RAIN!**

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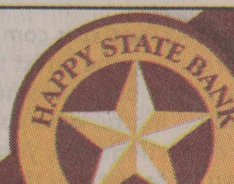


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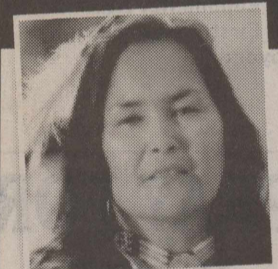
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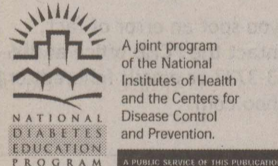


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## Deaths

### Jacqueline Yvonne Kemp Gregory

Jacqueline Yvonne Kemp Gregory, 90, of Lubbock, formerly of Floydada, went to her heavenly home on Monday, March 24, 2014.

Jackie was born on February 2, 1924 in Brice, Texas to J.R. and Vivian Wingrove Kemp. She married Howard Reid Gregory on January 22, 1942 in Lubbock, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Ruth Ann Jones, her husband, Howard (April 2, 2001) and a daughter, Vicki Jan Bunch (Oct. 6, 2013).

Jacqueline is survived by two daughters, Shirley Woodson of Georgetown and Lisa (Ricky) Mosley of Lubbock; two sons, Britt



JACQUELINE GREGORY

(Beverly) of Sunray and Jack (Zacha) of Clifton; son-in-law, Rodney Bunch of Carrollton; 16 grandchildren,

31 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Jim (Teva) Kemp of Lubbock, and many beloved family members and friends. She is also survived by two foreign exchange students and their families, Marleen (John) Packle-Kessels of the Netherlands and Migaku (Mari) Sato of Japan.

A memorial service was held Friday, March 28, 2014, at 2 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Burial followed in The City of Lubbock Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Lubbock or your favorite charity.

### Bert Grimes

Bert Grimes, 79 of Petersburg passed away on March 20, 2014.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2014 at the First United Method-

ist Church in Petersburg, Texas. Burial followed in the Petersburg Cemetery under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Bert was born on No-

vember 7, 1934 in Floydada, Texas to W. E. and Lilly Grimes.

Local survivors include his wife, Rose Grimes of Petersburg, Texas.

### Ofelia Ortegon

Ofelia Ortegon, age 54, of Lockney passed away, March 30, 2014 in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Floydada with Rev. Tim Askew officiating.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. Ofelia was born May 20,

1959 to Ramon and Anita (Aguirre) Ortegon in McAllen, Texas. She graduated from Lockney High School. Ofelia attended Wayland Baptist University where she graduated with a Bachelors of Arts; she was working towards her Masters. She was the Director of the Texas Migrant Council in Plainview.

She is preceded in death by her father, Ramon Ortegon, a brother, Meliton Gonzales and her in-laws, Anderson and Velma Coleman.

Ofelia was survived by four sons, Jacob Ortegon and wife, Jessica Ilene of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Jer-

emiah Ortegon of Los Angeles, California, Jonathan Coleman of Lockney, and Jason Coleman of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Justice Christine Ortegon, and Jevan Liam Ortegon; a sister, Vicky Zavala and husband, Richard of Lockney; three nieces, Ana Zavala, Mary Lou Graziano, and Cynthia Zavala, and a nephew, Greg Zavala.

Memorials may be made in Ofelia Ortegon's name to Texas Migrant Council, 1110 El Camino Street, Plainview, Texas 79072.

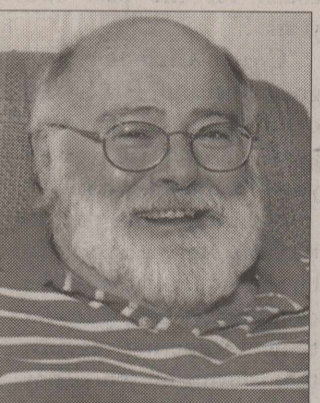
Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

### Bobby E. Rainer

Bobby E. Rainer, age 76, passed away Friday, March 28, 2014 at UMC in Lubbock. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Mike Holster and Wendell Horn officiating.

Interment was held at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada at 4 p.m.

Visitation was held from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Moore-



BOBBY RAINER

Rose Funeral Home.

Arrangements were under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

Bobby was born November 12, 1937 in Ft. Worth, Texas to Arel C. and Myrtice (Hancock) Rainer. Bobby played in

the Cowboy band at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. He married Noma Lou Hamilton on July 15, 1960 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Bobby is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

He was part of the Masonic Lodge 712 in Floydada. He was a member of the Floydada Chapter 31 Order of Eastern Star. He was a music minister at the First United Methodist in Floydada for 20 years. Bobby was also a music teacher at R.C. Andrews Elementary in Floydada. Music and Theater Arts was two of his passions.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Noma Lou Rainer, two brothers, Joe C. Rainer and Don H. Rainer, and sister, Pattie Davis.

Bobby is survived by two daughters, Kay Lyn Young and husband, Donny of Abernathy and Mary Ann Rainer of Lubbock; two brothers, John Davis of San Angelo and Mike Davis of Austin; sister-in-law, Becky Rainer of Floydada; and foreign exchange students, Anne Marie Sellier of France, Norman Langhoff of Germany and Kjeristi Tvinneriem of Norway.

Memorials may be made in Bobby Rainer's name to the American Diabetes Association 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311 or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moore-rose.com](http://www.moore-rose.com).

# The Paperboy An old wound festers

Just when you think Americans have grown past the hate-filled ridiculous notion of racism, here comes the Ku Klux Klan to remind us there are still small, misguided minds lurking around.

It seems the KKK is on a recruitment drive and has been dropping leaflets saying "The KKK wants you" in towns in Texas, Louisiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

The Texas town this occurred in was Rhome, between Decatur and Fort Worth.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

The fliers in Eunice, Louisiana, said, "Neighborhood Watch!!! The law abiding citizens of your community can sleep in peace knowing the Klan is awake! The KKK wants you." It was signed the "Loyal White Knights."

How comforting. This is not the time for hate. This is not the time for division. This is the time for the best of us to rise and lead.

The KKK needs to be done. The cowards need to climb back into their corner and wither and die.

This country is far from perfect, but conjuring up the hate from the past is the last thing we need.

Is Obamacare the biggest flop of any U.S. government program in history?

Well, since no one seems to know heads, tails, up, down or in-between, I guess it's impossible to tell. One thing is for sure, it is confusing and a sad joke.

Millions of confused Americans are now in peril as a result of the law. What was supposed to keep health-care costs down has successfully blown up in the faces of many politicians. And they thought Americans would forget the manner in which the bill was passed?

And what does Obama do to try and sell his defective product? He uses his clout and popularity to involve clueless movie stars and athletes to try and convince Americans to sign up for something which is far from anything pitched by the president or Democrats. As if the ones trying to sell it have a lifestyle where affordable healthcare is an issue.

History will tell how bad the bill is. I predict that the troubles are just beginning. I think the courts will be sorting out the details for a long time and that Americans will be forced to participate in a program they cannot afford and one that provides subpar healthcare when compared to the old system.

In retrospect, it would have been easier and much more popular had the bill attempted to make sure all children under 18 were insured first. But no, that makes far too much sense...

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## Social Security Launches New Expedited Disability Process for Veterans

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, today announced the launch of a new disability process to expedite disability claims filed by veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation rating of 100% Permanent & Total (P&T). Under the new process, Social Security will treat these veterans' applications as high priority and issue expedited decisions, similar to the way the agency currently handles disability claims from Wounded Warriors.

"We have reached another milestone for those who have sacrificed so much for our country and this process ensures they will get the benefits they need quickly," said Acting Commissioner Colvin. "While we can never fully repay them for their sacrifices, we can be sure we provide them with the quality of service that they deserve. This initiative is truly a lifeline for those who need it most."

"No one wants to put America's veterans through a bureaucratic runaround," said Maryland Congressman John Sarbanes, a leading proponent for increasing assistance to veterans. "As the baby boomer generation ages and more veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan need care, this common sense change will help reduce backlogs and cut through unnecessary red tape so that our most disabled veterans receive the benefits they've earned."

In order to receive the expedited service, veterans must tell Social Security they have a VA disability compensation rating of 100% P&T and show proof of their disability rating with their VA Notification Letter.

The VA rating only expedites Social Security disability claims processing and does not guarantee an approval for Social Security disability benefits. These veterans must still meet the strict eligibility requirements for a disability allowance.

For information about this service, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/disability-pt.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/disability-pt.htm).

For more about Social Security's handling of Wounded Warrior's disability claims, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

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# SOCIETY

## Business of the Month



The Floydada Chamber of Commerce has chosen South Plains Auto Parts - NAPA as their "March Business of the Month". Pictured is Mona Anderson, their dog, Penny, Peyton Anderson and Evan Martinez.

Courtesy Photo

## Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word

MENU  
April 7 - April 11

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be holding a 60+ FREE HEALTH FAIR on Tuesday, April 22nd from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The health fair is sponsored by South Plains Association of Governments, Area Agency on Aging. The booths that will be available at the health fair are: Medical Management, Blood Pressure, Home Safety, Bone Density Screening, Nutritional Screening, Cholesterol Screening, Hearing Screening, Diabetic Shoe Assessments.

There will also be a Benefits Counselor to help with applications for extra help for Prescription Drugs and Medicare Part B Premiums. For more info you can contact Sylvia Bueno at 806-983-2032.

**Monday** - Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce & pickle, broccoli raisin salad, pineapple delight, low-fat milk

**Tuesday** - Homestyle lasagna, garlic bread, brussel sprouts, pears, low-fat milk

**Wednesday** - Crispy chicken on bun, tomato & lettuce, mayonnaise, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low-fat milk

**Thursday** - BBQ chicken on bun, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, low-fat milk

**Friday** - Hot dog on bun, mustard, baked potato w/sour cream, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin, low-fat milk

## Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong

MENU  
April 7 - April 11

Family Night Fish Fry will be held Friday from 5-8 p.m. Dine in or carry out or call the Center, 652-2745 and we will have it ready for you. \$10 adults and \$5 children under 10

**Monday** - Baked potatoes

**Tuesday** - Enchiladas

**Wednesday** - BBQ chicken

**Thursday** - Spaghetti

**Friday** - Pork chops

## Notice to current and future patients of West Texas Family Medicine

Effective April 1, 2014, all of the West Texas Family Medicine Clinics including Plainview, Hale Center and Floydada will no longer accept Superior Chip and Superior Medicaid. The only exception will be Superior OB and Foster

Care.

This will not affect Medicare patients. If you wish to continue care at West Texas Family Medicine, please contact Maximus at 1-800-964-2777 and ask to discuss other Medicaid plans as we accept several

Medicaid insurance plans.

West Texas Family Medicine is served by Mark McClanahan, D.O., Craig Horton, M.D., John McClanahan, D.O., Travis King, M.D., Jon Watkins, M.D. and in Floydada, Kristin Zuniga, PA-C, MPAS.

West Texas Family Medicine is located at 901 W. Crockett at the old Cogdell Clinic in Floydada. Their hours are 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can call 806-402-4033 for an appointment or walk-ins are welcome.

Service provided include health steps, physicals, well child check-ups, sports injuries, immunizations, sports physicals, well woman care, urgent care, DOT physicals, obstetrical care, fracture management, in-house X-ray, family planning, allergy testing and immunotherapy.

## Museum Archives

# Floyd County Historical Museum, Memories, 1979

LONE STAR

The community that is now known as Lone Star had its beginning when a neighborhood was formed by those who homesteaded near each other.

Some early homesteaders were the families of Don Griffith, C Merrick, Walter Griffith, Joe Poole, Dave King, Jim Robbs, Bob Smith, Ed Foster, T. H. Baker, K. D. Reeves, Oscar Reeves, Tom Neaves, and Arch Prater.

Other families were the Cloyds, the Nobles, the Churches, the Childers, and the Howards, who had claims close enough to each other to form a community.

Community interest was strong enough that the families agreed together to have a school.

Two years after Floyd County was organized in 1890, the first one-room school house was built 2&1/2 miles east of where the present building is located.

The first school house was built by the permission of the Floyd County Commissioner's Court May 11, 1892. It had no other name than "District 14."

A second petition to the court two years later, resulted in consolidating District 13 with District 14 and forming the one district known as Lone Star District 14. Since that time the community has been known as the Lone Star Community.

About 1895, land was given for the school building to be moved to the northeast corner of the section owned by Jim Robbs. The location was across the road west from where it is now.

The teacher put down a half dug-out and lived in it while he taught.

Later, the school was moved to still another location when a new one-room building was built where the present building is now. Another room was added to it in 1915.

Still later, about 1920, a two-story brick building was built. That building burned about 1926.

The present building was built the next year. The Lone Star School was consolidated with Lockney in 1956. Now the Lone Star building stands empty.

The long list of teachers contributing to the education of Lone Star youth are Rose Ewing, Homer Howard, Delia Tedder, Fannie Rucker, Anne Fry, C. V. Young, T. V. Young, Frank Nix, Mary Applewhite, Myrt and Ada Wilkinson, Felicia Wallace, Ted Reid, Ruby Merrick, Lillie Wingo, Helen Walker, Waldermar Wallace, J. B. Alien, Elma Cummings, Ruth Hall, Connie McClure, Fred Hardage, and Evelyn Martin. Other names were Hogue, Finley, Curtis Evans, Conway, Autry, White, D. C. and Mrs. Tiner, Lottie Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.

Lone Star soon became the name the community was called. For many years the affairs of the community revolved around the school.

In 1912, the Santa Fe Railroad built a road dump from Lockney straight north to the Floyd County line and angled across Briscoe to Silverton. The dump ran along

the east side of the school property.

No rail tracks were ever laid on the road dump. It was never completed. Another route was chosen.

Baptist, Methodist, and Church of Christ as well as other denominations used the school building for a meeting place. "Literary" programs and debates were often in the school building. In 1920, C. Applewhite gave the Baptist and Methodist Churches building privileges on the southwest side of his farm. The Baptist Church was built there at the time. The Methodist was moved from Lockney.

A Church of Christ building was erected near the school property in 1922.

Lone Star branched out to real community life when J. A. Van built a community store in 1923. Harve Thomas, Bob Knox, Lloyd Reidheimer, Gyp Jarret, and Bob Finley each in his turn owned and operated the store.

Hubert Frizzell, as an independent operator, further added to the community when he built the fuel station in 1937. Consumers later purchased the business from him. During the Consumer ownership, Cloyce King established a residence nearby an operated the business until it closed in 1976.

Lone Star Chemical Incorporated is a Deanie Henderson business which is located 4 & 1/2 miles from the community center. His merchandise is fertilizer and herbicide.

I. O. Graves built his blacksmith in 1944. He had bought the land from Fred Sample and 1943. I. O. operated the shop until his death in 1953. His son, Weldon, operates the shop for his mother now. James Wiggington managed the shop for Mrs. Graves until 1958.

The Baptist and Methodist Churches were moved to Sterley from the C. Applewhite location when the railroad came to Sterley.

During the depression, three men bought the Church of Christ building at Lone Star, then owned by O. C. Bailey, for \$500. Jeff Word, Thruston Rankin, and C. Applewhite divided the \$500 between them and paid for the building.

Afterwards, the Baptist Church was moved back from Sterley and joined to the former Church of Christ building. A church parsonage was added.

Two gins and an elevator have been added to community facilities.

Barbara's Beauty Shop is now located on the property once owned by the store. Its owner is Barbara Cawley, beauty technician.

A mile of pavement leads off the highway into Lone Star. Children are bussed into town to school.

Today, the Lone Star Community is of about five or six miles square in area, but community activities have been shifted to larger populated centers as a whole. The active organization of the Baptist Church continues worship services with Frank Lorillard as pastor.

## April is Water Safety Month

Water Safety Campaign focused on preventing childhood drowning

**WHAT:** There is no better way to beat the heat on the South Plains than a family outing to the lake, or swimming pool but it only takes minutes for a child to drown when adults aren't paying close attention. Although many people expect a drowning child to splash and yell for help, these accidents often happen quietly. In the past 5 years, the South Plains Area has had 5 children who have died from drowning in pools, bathtubs, open bodies of water or even containers. These children ranged in age from 1 year to 9 years and the alarming fact is that all of these deaths were completely preventable. Texas is one of the leading states in the number of childhood drowning deaths each year but with your help we can change that statistic. Below are tips/resources on keeping children safe. Simply stated, watch kids around water at all times.

**HOW:**

Never leave small children alone near water inside or outside the house. This includes pools, lakes, bathtubs, 5 gallon buckets, or even toilets.

At a family gathering or party, never as-

sume someone else is watching the children.

Never leave a baby alone in a bath for any reason. Get what you need before you start, and take the baby with you if you leave.

Warn babysitters or caregivers that young children need constant supervision near water.

Make sure that all doors and gates leading to a residential pool are secured so that toddlers cannot wander out of the house and into pools or hot tubs

Secure swimming pools with fences and self-closing and latching gates.

Don't leave toys in or near water where they may attract a small child. Don't assume young children will use good judgment around water.

Be ready for emergencies! Learn CPR and keep emergency phone numbers handy.

Find out if your child's friends or neighbors have pools and know these safety tips.

Water Safety Awareness Resources:  
<http://www.poolsafely.gov/>  
[www.watchkidsaroundwater.org](http://www.watchkidsaroundwater.org)  
[www.voicessa.org/watersafety.html](http://www.voicessa.org/watersafety.html)  
<http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/>

**You are invited to**  
**FLOYDADA COOPERATIVE GINS, INC.**  
42nd Annual Stockholders & Producers Meeting  
Thursday, April 10th, 2014 at 7 P.M.  
  
Floyd County Unity Center  
@ Muncy  
Business Meeting - Elect 3 Directors  
Door Prizes - Dividend Checks  
Catered by Danny's Fins & Hens  
SERVING BEGINS @ 6:30 P.M.

# FLOYDADA SCHOOL

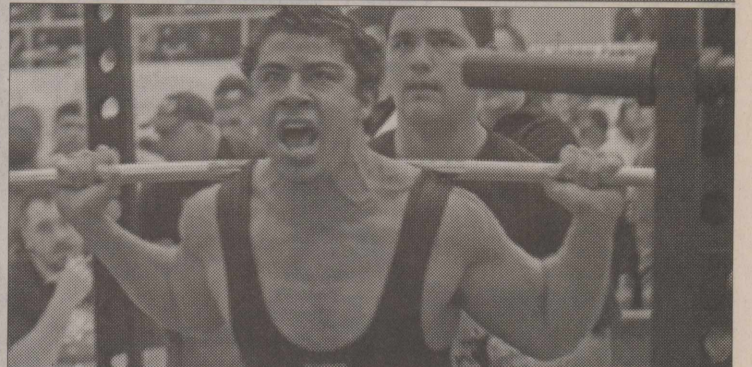
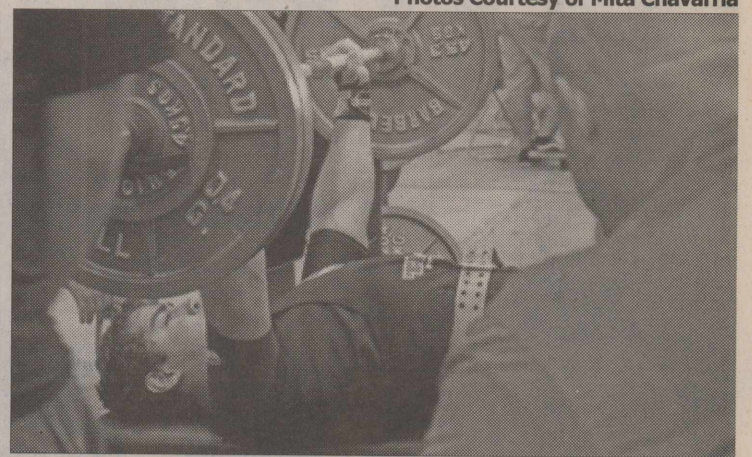
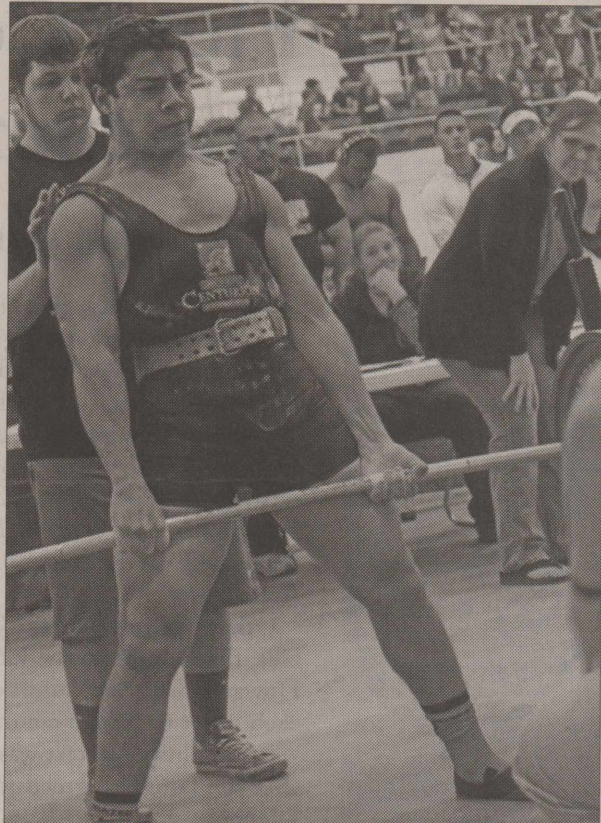
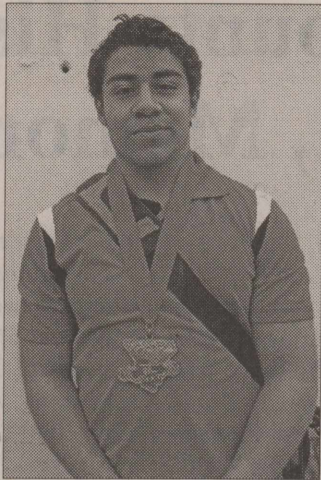
## Chavarria places 5<sup>th</sup> at powerlifting state meet

Aaron Chavarria competed in Abilene in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association state meet. He qualified two weeks before at the regional meet held in Sundown.

Aaron has competed in the 198-pound weight class all year long placing in every meet except one due to injury. At the state meet he was able to place fifth amongst 11 other lifters from across the state. "I know Aaron was hoping to win the competition, but I am extremely proud of his effort today", commented Coach Emery.

Besides bench pressing 355 pounds, Aaron was able to set personal records in the squat with a lift of 640 pounds, the deadlift at 565 pounds, and his overall total of 1560 pounds.

Congratulations to Aaron Chavarria for his accomplishment and representing the Whirlwinds at State.



Photos Courtesy of Mita Chavarria

## FISD Recognizes Students of the Month, Appoints Munoz as Administrative Consultant at AB Duncan

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

The Floydada Independent School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 11, 2014, to recognize several students, educators, and support staff for the month of March. For AB Duncan Elementary, Avery Bennett (pre-K), Sherese Covington and Rhanda Emery were recognized as educators of the month, and Penny Giesecke was recognized as support staff of the month. Floydada High School recognized the following State BPA Qualifiers as students of the month: Hunter Schwertner, Cristal Irlas, Samantha Caballero, Librado Chavarria, McKenna Johnson, Liz Morales, Rebekah Hall, Bethany Morales, Reagan Hughes, Dakota Whalen, Destiny Cabello, Macee Brotherton, Brooke Galvan, Karley Weems, Kaylee Morren, and Kirby Nixon. Educator of the month for FHS was Tasha Hughes.

The board adjourned to executive session for eight minutes to discuss certified personnel contracts for Sept. 1, 2014 through Aug. 31, 2015. Once reconvening in open session, trustee Roger Hughes made the motion to renew the ABD Elementary certified personnel contracts with the exception of Delinda Lucke for the period in question as recommended by Superintendent Trevino. The vote was unanimous in favor of his motion.

Then, trustee Lyle Miller made the motion to renew Delinda Lucke at AB Duncan Elementary as certified personnel for the above stated time period. Hughes seconded the motion; voting in favor were Miller, Hughes, Woelfel, Kay Brotherton, Gracie Diaz, and William Dean. Marty Lucke

abstained; the motion carried.

Lucke made the motion to approve Carlos Munoz as an administrative consultant at AB Duncan Elementary on a part-time basis until such time as he can serve as the full-time principal for that campus. Dean seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

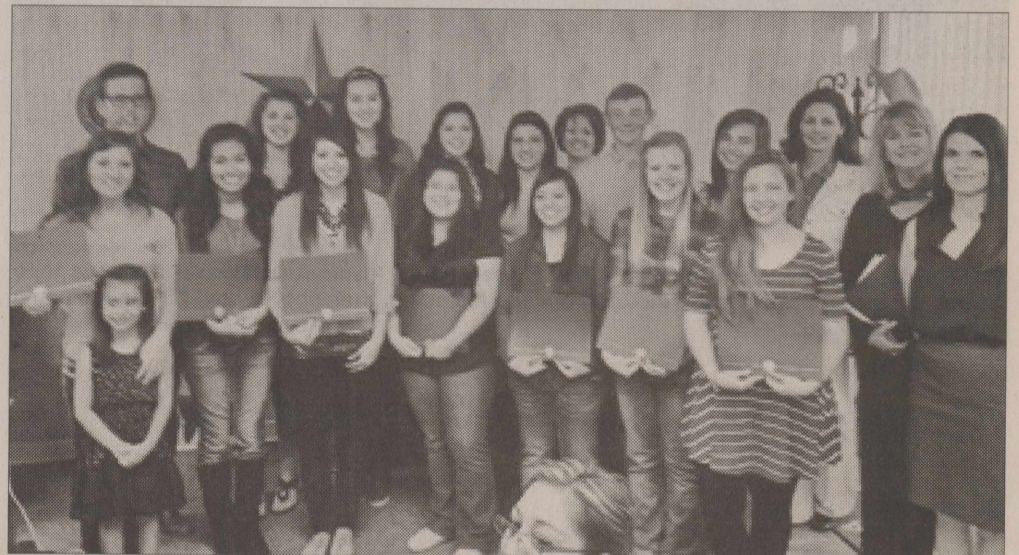
Lucke made the motion to renew the certified personnel contracts at FJHS/FHS for Sept. 1, 2014 through Aug. 31, 2015 and to non-renew the probationary contracts for the band director and assistant band director. The motion passed unanimously.

Lucke also made the motion to renew the certified personnel contracts of Salina Marks and Buffy Boger at the Special Programs Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean made the motion to confirm the resignation of De Chance as of July 1, 2014 and Buffy Boger. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Marty Lucke moved that the district approve the resolution, as presented, granting Cedar Cap Wind, LLC's request to extend the time period in which to take action on its application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Code, and extend such time period for up to an additional 60 days, and authorize Superintendent Trevino to provide notice of such extension. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board appointed a textbook committee as presented by Superintendent Gilbert Trevino. Those on the textbook committee for Floydada High School Science are Amanda Miller, Jennifer Emert, Pake Freeman and Wayne Morren. On the textbook committee for FHS Technology Applications are Tasha Hughes and Wayne Morren. On the



Courtesy Photo

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textbook committee for Floydada Junior High Science are Terra Chesshir, Melva Dorman and Wayne Morren. On the textbook committee for FJH Math are Sonya Glass, Nancy Trevino and Wayne Morren. On the textbook committee for FJH Technology Applications are Tasha Hughes and Wayne Morren. On the textbook committee for AB Duncan Science are Laura Nutt, Lily Maldonado, Kay Miller, Penny Taylor, Delinda Lucke, Kay Rainwater and Karol Rainwater. On the textbook committee for AB Duncan Math are Sherese Covington, Amanda Stapp, Maria Martinez, Sammy Bradley, Krystal Campbell, Jan Beedy and Rhanda Emery.

In other business, the board discussed the summer school and summer food program plans and dates, and

unanimously approved the motion by trustee John Woelfel to certify that FISD meets all requirements for using the instructional materials allotment and that all instructional materials satisfy all TEKS requirements.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the tax report and cash flow statement. The M&O current tax roll is \$2,704,422.14, with net collections of \$2,581,267.05. I&S tax roll is \$318,682.71, with net collections of \$304,170.41. The percent of current roll collected is 95.45.

Approved by the board were the minutes from the Feb. 11, 2014 regular meeting, setting the April Board Meeting for the 15th, and payment of the February 2014 bills.

## Floydada School Menu

April 7 - April 11

### 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 variety

### Tuesday

Breakfast - Cheddar omelets 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



## ANIMAL CLINIC

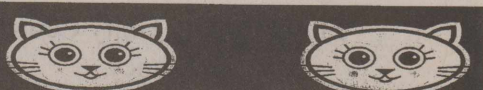
### APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

### 4-6PM

## AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER

**COME SHOW YOUR PETS SOME LOVE!!**  
**GET THEM VACCINATED!!**  
**A VACCINATED PET IS A HAPPY ONE!!**

DHL & Parvo & Rabies = \$30.00      Dist. & Parvo & Corona = \$30.00  
Parvo Shot Only = \$ 12.50  
Feline Dist. & Leukemia = \$25.00      Feline Dist. & Leukemia & Rabies = \$35.00  
ALL SHOTS \$10.00 EACH!! EXCEPT PARVO SHOT!!



Pray for Rain


BE SAFE. DRIVE SMART.




Give Trucks Space.  
Trucks need more space to stop or turn. Whether you're in front, beside, or behind a truck, leave plenty of space.



Pass Carefully.  
Only pass if it's legal and safe. Don't take unnecessary risks. On two-lane roads, never pass when the same vehicle is in your lane of travel.



Drive Now, Text Later.  
One in four crashes in Texas involves driver distraction. Give driving your full attention.



Drive to Conditions.  
Unsafe speed is the leading cause of crashes on Texas highways. Adjust your speed to allow for heavy traffic, bad weather, and construction.

DHS Save a Life

# LOCKNEY SCHOOL

## Lockney Track

# Lockney High School and Junior High Track Summary

By Coach Kyle Browne

### Olton High School Track Meet Results

Varsity Boys  
Daylen Gatica - First Triple Jump, Second Long Jump  
Ryan Poole - First Long Jump  
Tevin Phillips - Third Long Jump, Fourth place 4x100 Relay, Fifth 4x200 Relay  
Jaden Butler - Second Discus  
Ruben Ascensio - Fourth Shot Put  
Sergio Ascensio - Third 100M, Fourth 4x100 Relay  
Nic Sherman - Fourth 4x100 Relay, Fifth 4x200 Relay  
Trevor Ascensio - Fourth 4x100 Relay, Fifth 4x200 Relay  
Jake Bramlet - Fifth 4x200 Relay  
Wil Prayor - Fifth 3200M

### JV Boys

Tavien Walrath - Third Triple Jump, Fourth 100M, Fifth 200M  
Nathan Johnson - Second 100M  
JJ Rodriguez - Fifth 800M

### JH District Track Meet Results

Eighth Boys (District Champs)  
Long Jump - Kevin Lopez Second, Israel Cuellar Fourth, Nick Rendon Sixth  
Triple Jump - Jaden Rosales Second  
High Jump - Jaden Rosales First, Kevin Lopez Second

Shot Put - Cristo Martinez Sixth, Marco Urbina Fifth  
Discus - CJ Peralez Fifth  
4x100 Relay - Second Israel Cuellar, Kevin Lopez, Nick Rendon, Jaden Rosales  
800M - Tristan Schlueter Third, Julio Lara Fourth, Shawn Marquez Fifth  
100M - Israel Cuellar Third  
4x200 Relay - Second Diego Trenado, Raimundo Alvarado, Kevin Lopez, Ricky Cuellar  
400M - Jaden Rosales First,  
300M Hurdles - Nick Rendon Second  
200M - Ricky Cuellar Second, Diego Trenado Third, Raimundo Alvarado Fourth  
1600M - Joe Ochoa Fourth  
4x400 Relay - First Ricky Cuellar, Kevin Lopez, Israel Cuellar, Jaden Rosales

### Seventh Boys

Long Jump - Tyrell Egnew Third, Daniel Palomin Fifth  
Triple Jump - Bryson Walker Third  
Shot Put - Austin Ascencio Fifth  
4x100 Relay - Third Daniel Palomin, Tyrell Egnew, Fernando Valdez, Devin Deleon  
800M - Nathan Salazar Fourth, Bryson Hallmark Sixth  
110 Hurdles - Tyrell Egnew Second  
4x200 Relay - Second Daniel Palomin, Tyrell Egnew, Fernando Valdez, Devin Deleon  
300H - Daniel Palomin Third  
1600 - Fernando Valdez Second

## Lockney School Menu

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

### Tuesday

Breakfast - Cheddar omelets 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 Firefighter Academy has openings for fall 2014

LUBBOCK - South Plains College Fire Technology has 12 available slots for individuals interested in becoming Texas state-certified firefighters. Applications are being accepted to fill the next class.

The 2014-15 Basic Fire Academy class begins Aug. 25 and ends May 6, 2015.

Application packets can be picked up at the front desk or Office 151 at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q or download at [www.southplainscollege.edu/fireacademy](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/fireacademy). Individuals interested in trying out for the academy must submit the academy application which is different from the general SPC application required of all incoming SPC students. Fire Academy applications must be

submitted by 3 p.m. on June 6 (Friday).

This course is designed for anyone interested in a career as a firefighter in the municipal, state or federal fire service. It is an evening class that meets from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and every other Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for both semesters. After the completion of the academy and additional medical training, students will be eligible to test for state firefighter certification.

Individuals with prior military service, females and minority applicants are encouraged to apply. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

For more information, contact the program advisor Matt Hixson at (806) 716-4912.

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0010170001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** City of Floydada, 114 West Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas 79235, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0010170001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 500,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 128 acres of non-public access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. TCEQ received this application on September 30, 2013.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located 0.5 mile south of U.S. Highway 70 and approximately 1.5 miles east of Farm-to-Market Road 1958 in Floyd County, Texas 79235. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City of Floydada City Hall, 114 West Virginia Street, Floydada, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.973611&lng=-101.307222&zoom=13&type=r>

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public

comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on**

**an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

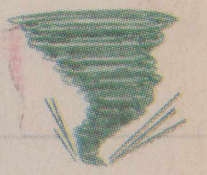
**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.TCEQ.texas.gov](http://www.TCEQ.texas.gov).

Further information may also be obtained from City of Floydada at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jack Alaniz at (806) 983-2834.

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# Whirlwind News



## A Show Stopping Performance

By Hunter Schwertner  
Assistant Editor

On Monday, March 24, 2014, the high school One Act Play competed at the district competition with their play Flowers for Algernon. Although the group did not advance to Area, they were extremely proud of their performance and even brought home several individual awards.

“As a freshman it was awesome to be recognized on the Honorable Mention All-Star cast,” said Macee Brotherton. “I worked hard to portray my character and it ended up paying off.”

For some, this was the last time competing as a student and with that in mind, it sparked many emotions.

“I was devastated to hear we did not move on,” said senior, Hunter Schwertner. “I have put so much time and effort into these past four years

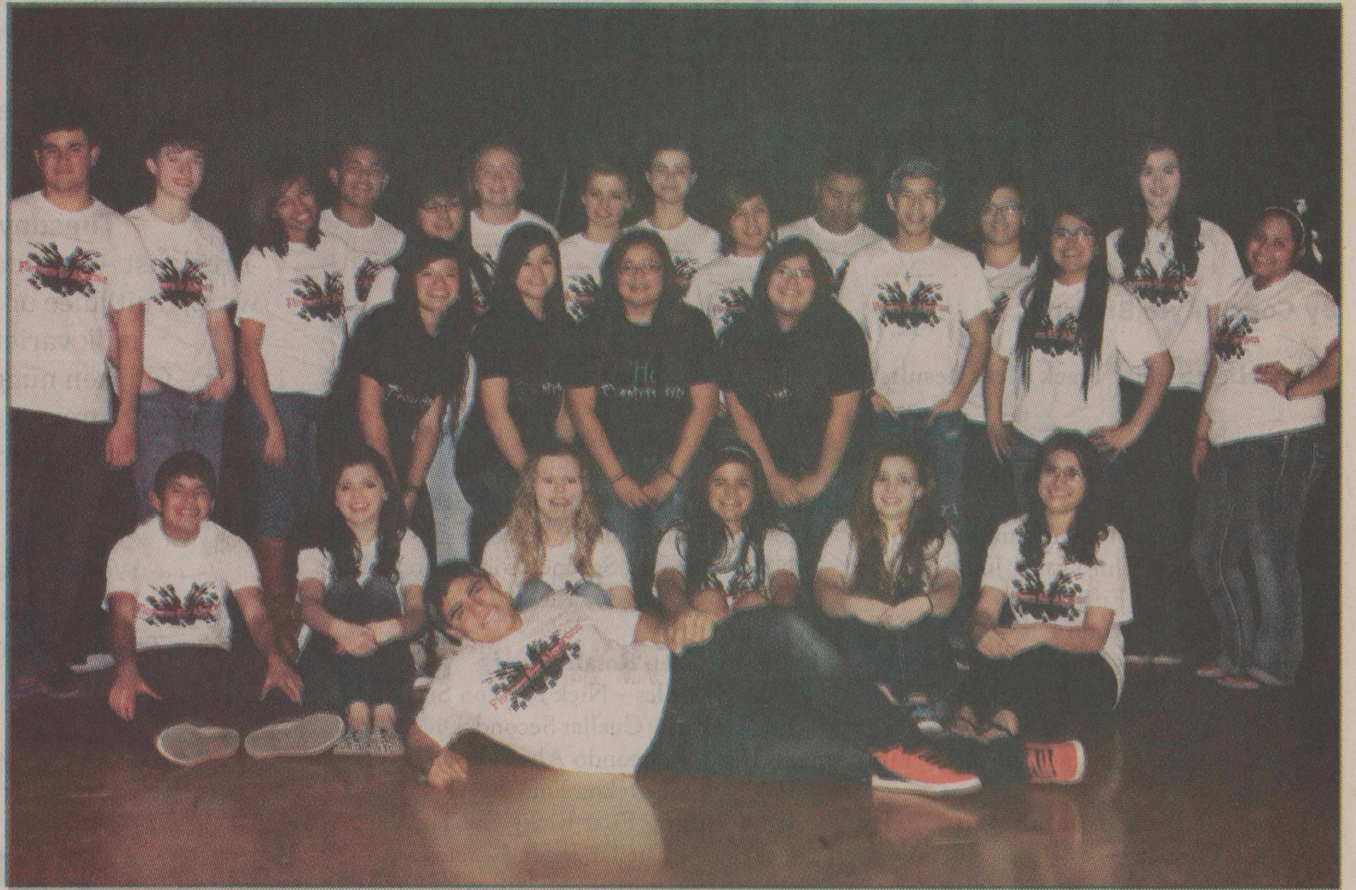
as an actor and it’s a horrible feeling knowing that I will never again get to do what I am most passionate about.”

“Even though this was only my second year acting, it had a great impact on me,” said senior, Samantha Caballero. “I will definitely miss the wonderful memories it has brought me and will take away so many things from all of it.”

Although the season was cut short, director Rita Cox cannot begin to express how proud she is of the students.

“It was the best show they have done thus far,” she said. “Regardless if we are moving on or not, they gave a phenomenal theatrical production and that’s all I could ever hope for.”

The FHS Theater Troupe will be performing for the public on Saturday, April 5 at 7:00pm at the Wayland Baptist Black Box Theater.



## Laughing Your Way into College

By McKenna Johnson – Staff Writer

Writing long essays and answering thoughtful questions is not the only way to win scholarship money to help pay for a college. Scholarshipexpert.com will award a \$1,500 scholarship to one student for the most creative and funniest incident that occurred in the writer’s life. The entree can be

fact or fiction and must be 250 words or less. The scholarship is available to all students that will attend a post-secondary institution of higher education by 2020 and must be by August 31, 2014. For more information over the scholarship visit <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/our-scholarships/make-me-laugh-scholarship>

## Kicking off STAAR Tests

The teacher reads off the rules: no cheating, no talking and if a student finishes they should raise their hands. Other rules accompany the test, of course, and as they’re read aloud the students in the room continue to mentally prepare themselves for the task ahead. It is time for the kids to take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exams.

Many students took the English STAAR test during last week, kicking off the series of exams grades first through eleventh must pass in order to move on next year. All of the students and teachers across the state of Texas spend their entire year preparing for these tests.

“Testing students’ skills is important because when they get into college or their career these skills are essential for making sure that they are successful,” said junior English teacher Rita Cox.

For test day, everything leading up to the exams are crucial. The students are reminded to keep a positive mind-set as they enter the classroom. For many, it is all about remembering that the tests are made up of information they’ve learned all year.

“The teachers have given us all we need to pass these tests, and if I can just do what I’ve learned to do, the results will come out in my favor,” said sophomore Dakota Whalen. “I just need to apply all the information I’ve been learning.”

Using the information that they have retained themselves as well as treating their bodies right is very important. Children need to take important steps to help them stay focused and be able to remember all that they’ve learned early in the morning on the tests.

“To improve my test score and my knowledge, I go to bed an hour or so earlier to allow my brain and muscles time to rest,” said junior Aimee Chavarria. “I also plan to get up early the next morning and fill my body up with a healthy and nutritious breakfast to improve my test taking skills.”

The test results will be revealed to the students between late May and early June. Until then, the kids will go on to take all STAAR tests they need to complete before school is out depending on their grade level. The journalism class wishes best luck to all students STAAR testing throughout the last months of school!

## Missed Opportunity Brings New Motivation

By Tucker Lowrance  
Staff Writer

On March 22, 2014, the city of Abilene, Texas hosted their yearly State Powerlifting meet. To qualify for this event you would of needed to place in the top 3 in the regional powerlifting meet. For junior, Aaron Chavarria, ever since his freshman year, he had dreamed of the opportunity of competing at state, and he got that opportunity by winning his regional meet and solidifying a spot in the state meet.

With hard work, passion and dedication Aaron was able to place fifth at the state meet, totaling 1560 total pounds. Although he was disappointed in the result, he was grateful for the experience.

“Although I didn’t reach my goal after placing fifth, it was overall a good experience

and I absolutely enjoyed it,” said Chavarria.

Aaron’s coach knows how hard he had worked to get the opportunity and realize that he has a very good chance of making it to state again next year.

“Aaron worked hard to get to state after winning regionals, he’s only a junior so he looks forward to winning state and we as coaches are here to help him in any way possible,” said powerlifting coach, Coby Emery.

After his experience and coming up short, Aaron looks to use it as motivation and he has only one thing in mind for next year.

“The good thing about the outcome is that now I have a goal to push forward to for my senior year and that goal is to win state,” said Chavarria.

Congratulations to Aaron on the hard work and placing fifth in the state meet.

## Great Success from UIL

Competing in UIL takes hard work and dedication in order to better prepare you for the tough competition. These following students achieved their goals of placing in the district meets.

The One Act Play production travelled to Post on March 24, 2014 where they placed fourth. Speaking Events took place on Thursday March 27, 2014 in Idalou while the other events took place on Wednesday March 26, 2014. The Calculator team placed second as a team with Senior Kyarah Pesina individually placing fifth. In Computer Applications Senior Hunter Schwertner placed third, Sophomore Reagan Hughes placed fourth, and Senior Michaela Jackson placed sixth placed. The Journalism team placed first at district with a placing in every journalism

event. Junior McKenna Johnson placed second in Editorial as well as Junior Aaron Chavarria who placed third. In Feature writing Senior Mattie Sanders placed fifth. Senior Hunter Schwertner placed first in Headline writing. In News writing Senior Hunter Schwertner placed third and Junior Rebekah Hall placed fourth. In Literary Criticism Junior Yareli Martinez placed first. Sophomore Angel Lorenzo placed sixth in Spelling and Vocabulary. In Informative Speaking Sophomore Rita Martinez placed sixth. Junior McKenna Johnson placed fifth in Persuasive Speaking. Freshmen Grant Potts placed third in Ready Writing and Freshmen Brooke Galvan placed fourth in Prose Interpretation.

Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to those who are advancing to regionals.

## Preparations for Mastering the STAAR Test

By Rebekah Hall—Staff Writer

The STAAR test is a stressful and important test in the lives of the students that attend Floydada High School. To relieve some stress and to help prepare you for your future tests here are some helpful tips:

1. Get a good night sleep.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Study materials that your teacher has given you.
4. Dress in layers. You might get cold or hot.
5. ALWAYS try your best.
6. ALWAYS have a positive attitude.
7. Take some practice tests on the Internet.
8. Don’t get nervous stay calm.
9. Plan to be early to school that day.
10. Make sure you understand the materials your teacher is teaching you.

### Whirlwind Word Search

FHS Track  
By Kimberly Pacheco

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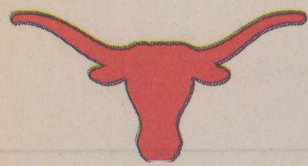
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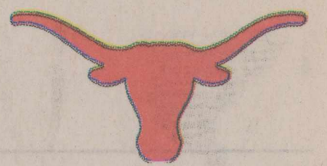
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# Longhorn News



## Lockney Wins District UIL Academic Meet

The District 3A Academic meet was hosted once again by Lockney High School on Tuesday, March 25.

Over 225 students from Crosbyton, Hale Center, Lockney, New Deal, Ralls, Quanah, Wheeler and Wellington competed in 25 contests with the following results:

Number Sense team of David Johnson, Kameron Hunt, Nic Sherman, Jake Moore and Ashley Roberts placed first. David finished 1st, Jake was 2nd, and Kameron was 3rd. Nic placed 6th. The team will advance to the Regional meet May 2 in Levelland at South Plains College. Pam Fulton is the coach for this team.

Science team placed first lead by Jace Klein's 1st place, Top Biology, Top Chemistry and Levi Kasner's 2nd place score and Top Physics. David Johnson finished 3rd and Luke Kasner is the Top Physics alternate. Hunter Thompson, Jake Bramlet and Lawson Sullivan are also on the Regional qualifying team. Racheal Kasner and D'Lyn Morris coach this team.

The Journalism team placed first with Sarah Carstensen winning News Writing, Ashley Roberts placing 1st in Editorial, John Salas placed 2nd in Editorial and Jace Klein placed 2nd in Headline and Wil Prayor earned 5th. Nic Sherman placed 6th in Feature. Lesha Woodard is the Journalism coach.

Literary Criticism finished 2nd with Jake Moore placing 1st and Darby Long placed

4th. Ashley Roberts, Jasmine Pena and Lizzie Belt are also on the team. Lesha Woodard coaches this team which will advance to the Regional meet as the Wildcard team.

The Current Issues and Events team of Jace Klein, Brenna Tidwell, Isa Rodriguez, and Mari Hernandez placed 2nd with Jace winning 1st place and Mari placing 5th. D'Lyn Morris coaches this team.

The Accounting team of Collin Fulton, Brittany Thompson, John Salas, Kameron Hunt placed 2nd. Pam Fulton is the accounting coach. John placed 5th, Kameron 7th, and Collin 8th.

The Computer Science team of Johnny Rose, Hunter Thompson, Jace Klein, and Levi Kasner placed second with Johnny's 4th place score and Levi's 5th place finish. This team is coached by D'Lyn Morris.

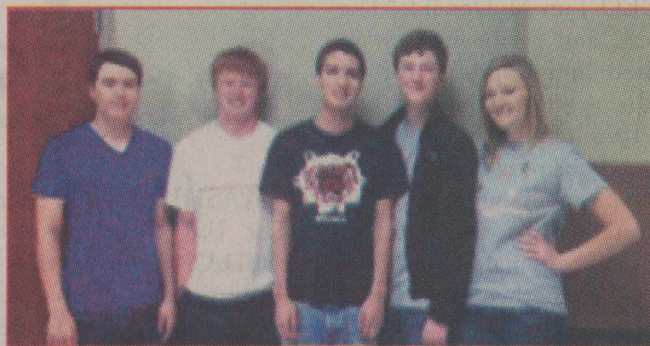
Jake Moore placed 5th in Calculator Apps. and is coached by Bobby Hon.

Nathan Caballero placed 3rd in Informative Speaking and Katie Jackson placed 3rd in Persuasive Speaking and will advance to the Regional meet. Dillon DeLeon placed 6th in Persuasive. Melanie Ragland coaches these events.

Levi Kasner placed 4th in Math. Bobby Hon coaches this event.

Darby Long finished 3rd in Poetry and will compete at the Regional meet. Desi Pharis and Tisa Whitfill coach this event.

The LHS One Act Play advanced from District to Area



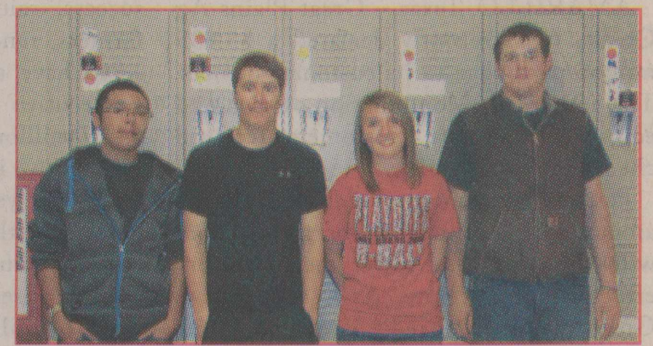
Numbers Sense Team



Science Team

contest on Thursday, March 27th. Paula Cuellar was chosen Best Actress. Nathan Caballero, Jake Moore, and Hunter Thompson were named to the All Star Cast and Darby Long earned Honorable Mention All Star cast honors. Lesha Woodard is the director. The Area contest will be held April 12 at Lubbock Christian University.

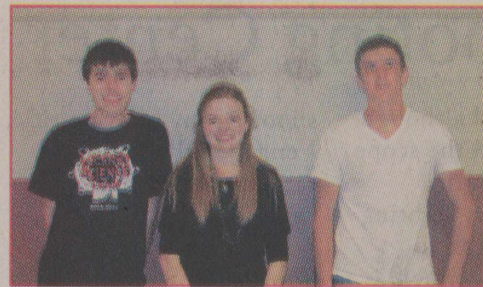
Congratulations to all these students and coaches for representing Lockney High extremely well at the district meet. With the points from OAP, LHS won the District Academic Spring Meet for the 2nd year in a row. Eighteen students will compete at the Regional meet on May 2 at South Plains College in Levelland.



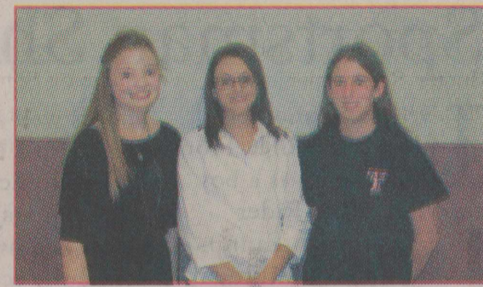
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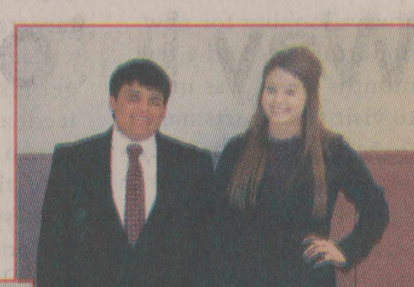
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Current Issues and Events Team



Literary Criticism Team



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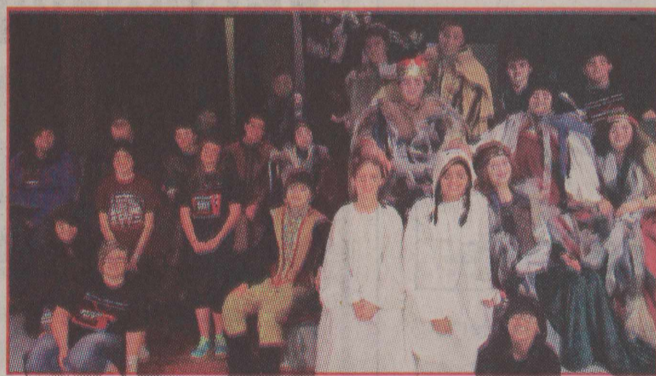


Best Actress

## Lockney High School presents Fortinbras

Lockney High School Theatre will perform their award winning UIL One Act Play, Lee Blessing's Fortinbras, Saturday, April 12th at LCU for Area One Act Play Competition. People interested in seeing the show in Lockney are invited to the public performance at the LHS Cafetorium on Thursday, April 10th at 7pm.

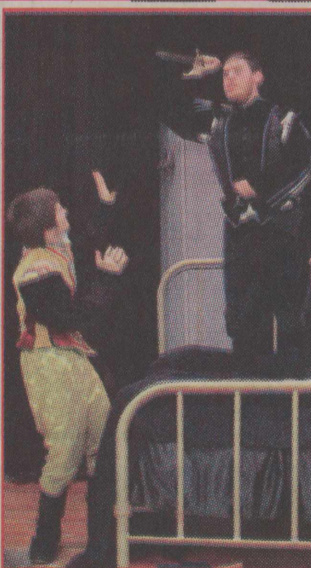
Fortinbras takes place in Elsinore Castle in Denmark just as Shakespeare's Hamlet is coming to an end; unlike Hamlet, however, Fortinbras is primarily a comedy. Directed by Lesha Woodard, Fortinbras begins as Hamlet, played by sophomore Jake Moore, is dying. He bequeaths his kingdom to the invading Fortinbras, senior Hunter Thompson, who proceeds to make a mess of it. Two of the only remaining living characters from Hamlet, advisor Horatio, senior Nathan Caballero, and servile Osric, senior Jasmine Pena, try to help Fortinbras rule his new kingdom and tell the truth about what happened to Hamlet, but Fortinbras refuses to listen and creates his own hilarious version of reality. He is troubled by a variety of dead characters from Hamlet who have returned as ghosts to try to influence him into telling



the story their way; Hamlet's old girlfriend, Ophelia, senior Paula Cuellar, creates an especially large amount of trouble for him.

Seniors Ashly Alvarado and David Johnson; Juniors Ignacio Ascencio, Andrew Palomin, and Darby Long; Sophomore Jace Klein; and Freshmen Luke Kasner, Hannah Kidd, and Valerie Hernandez round out the cast. They are supported by crew members Senior Stevie Karlin, Sophomores Lissa Hernandez and Leena Luna, and Freshmen Blanca Bueno and Shelby Dunbar. Sophomores Sher Keyser and Colton Verdine and Freshmen Alec Tambunga and Mya Garcia are alternates.

Fortinbras received 1st place at both zone and district competition, and the cast has also received many acting awards. Zone awards included All Star Cast Mem-

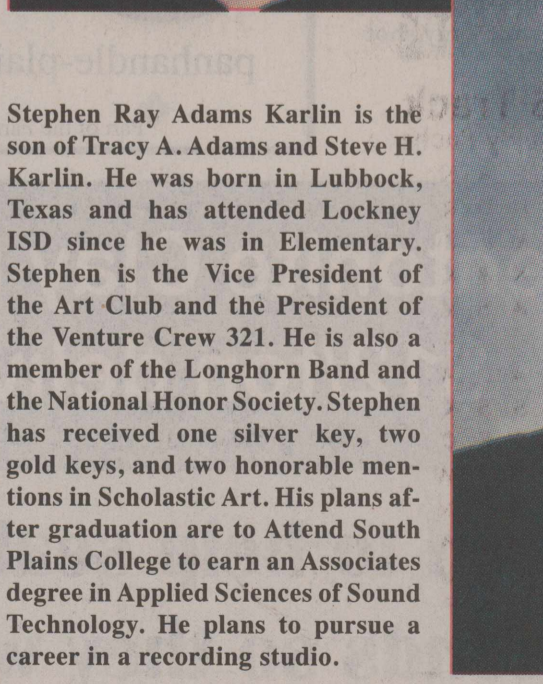


bers Hunter Thompson, Paula Cuellar, and Darby Long. Jake Moore and Nathan Caballero received Honorable Mention All Star Cast. At District, Paula Cuellar won Best Actress and All Star Cast Members included Hunter Thompson, Jake Moore, and Nathan Caballero. Darby Long received Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

## Senior Spotlights: Alexandra Kristina Lopez & Stephen Ray Adams Karlin



Alexandra Kristina Lopez is the daughter of Melissa Hernandez and Jonathan Lopez. She was born in Lockney and has attended school here her entire life. Alex participated in Band her freshman through junior years and played Softball last year along with being active in Art Club her freshman and sophomore years. She is undecided on her plans after graduation but is considering enlisting in the Air Force or attending South Plains College to become a Registered Nurse.



Stephen Ray Adams Karlin is the son of Tracy A. Adams and Steve H. Karlin. He was born in Lubbock, Texas and has attended Lockney ISD since he was in Elementary. Stephen is the Vice President of the Art Club and the President of the Venture Crew 321. He is also a member of the Longhorn Band and the National Honor Society. Stephen has received one silver key, two gold keys, and two honorable mentions in Scholastic Art. His plans after graduation are to Attend South Plains College to earn an Associates degree in Applied Sciences of Sound Technology. He plans to pursue a career in a recording studio.

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## Stockholders to Share in Association Profits

AMARILLO, Texas – Great Plains Ag Credit, ACA recently declared a \$5.035 million patronage to its customer-owners. The amount is a combination of cash and equity allocation. Customers received checks in mid-March.

Patronage payments are based on the amount of business a borrower does with the co-op and lower the borrowers' effective interest rate. As a cooperative, Great Plains Ag Credit is owned by its borrower/stockholders. When the co-op performs well, it shares its earnings with the stockholders.

"Great Plains Ag Credit serves some of the top agricultural producers of Texas in our 20 county territory. Their commitment to excellence is at the very core of our

success," said CEO Tim McDonald. "The farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses we serve have shared in our profits for 14 consecutive years – allocations totaling \$43.7 million. Teaming up with a lending cooperative is good business."

Of this year's payment, more than 70 percent of the total will be distributed to customers in cash. The remaining amount will be used to strengthen association capital until it is distributed at a future date.

Great Plains Ag Credit is a part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperatively owned rural lenders that have provided financing and related services for the agriculture industry since 1916.

## USDA Encourages Early Registration for FSA Programs

WASHINGTON, March 24, 2014 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today recommended that farmers and ranchers who plan to participate in FSA programs register in advance. Producers are encouraged to report farm records and business structure changes to a local FSA Service Center before April 15, 2014.

Enrollment for the disaster programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, including the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will begin by April 15, 2014.

"We expect significant interest in these programs," said Garcia. "Early registration should help improve the sign-up process and allow us to expedite implementation of the programs. I strongly encourage producers to complete their paperwork ahead of time."

Examples of updates or changes to report include:

New producers or producers who have not reported farm records to FSA.

Producers who have recently bought, sold or rented land. Those producers need to ensure that changes have been reported and properly recorded by local FSA county office personnel. Reports of purchased or sold property should include a copy of the land deed, and if land has been leased, then documentation should be provided that indicates the producer had/had control of the acreage.

Producers that have changed business structures (e.g. formed a partnership or LLC) need to ensure that these relationships and shares are properly recorded with FSA. Even family farms

that have records on file may want to ensure that this is recorded accurately as it may impact payment limits.

Farm records can be updated during business hours at FSA Service Centers that administer the county where the farm or ranch is located. Producers can contact their local FSA Service Center in advance to find out what paperwork they may need. In addition, bank account information should be supplied or updated if necessary to ensure that producers receive payments as quickly as possible through direct deposit.

While any producer may report farm records and business structure changes, it is especially important for producers who suffered livestock, livestock grazing, honeybee, farm-raised fish, or tree/vine losses for 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014, and may be eligible for assistance through one of the four disaster programs.

For further information about our disaster programs and USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit FSA's 2014 Farm Bill Web page. FSA Service Center locations can be found on the FSA website.

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## Assignment: Texas Sportsman Shooting Center

I've been a shooter most of my life. From the time I was a boy carrying a Red Rider BB gun through Fannin County fields until today, I've been enjoyed shooting sports. As such I am always looking for new opportunities and a few months ago, I was invited to visit the Sportsman

Shooting Center in Grapevine, Texas.

Sportsman Shooting Center is a fully enclosed indoor training center that provides the opportunity for shooters to practice on dynamic hunting scenarios inside an air conditioned live-fire cinema range using their own rifle and ammunition. The center occupies a newly built, state of the art 9,000 square foot range facility.

While the building is impressive, what's amazon is the center offers shooters access to an advanced three-part program which includes a fully enclosed 100 yard sighting tunnel, an interactive laser training simulator, and a live fire cinema range. With the exception of the simulator, the tunnel and cinema range are all live fire using your own firearm.

My first station is the fully enclosed, climate controlled 100 yard sighting tunnel. I hunt with a Savage Model 110 .243 rifle that my parents gave me for Christmas 25 years ago. That gun

shoots well and although I thought I had the scope dialed in nicely, the electronic target sighting system allowed to to refine the scope much more precisely than I could have using paper targets.

Each time I'd shoot, I'd get instantaneous shot feedback on a computer screen via sound wave detection technology. This system shows shot placement automatically on a flat screen display near the shooter for analysis by the instructor.

The next station was the interactive training simulator. It's a system that allows the shooter to engage computer-generated targets using a non-firing replica firearm fitted with an eye-safe laser emitter. The simulator mimics the trajectory of most popular cartridges and shot analysis is conducted via a 360 degree view of shot placement and real time barrel tracking. After a bit of time in the simulator, I know I became a better shot.

The final station is in the USA's first live-fire cinema range. The cinema range consists of four shooting stations that face a 12 foot tall by 30 foot wide screen where footage of real hunting scenarios are presented.

Using my own rifle and live ammunition, I shoot multiple scenarios of various hunting scenes from wild hogs to African game like kudu. Each time I shoot, the footage stops and reveals - via a red dot - my shot placement.

When I am done

shooting my hunting rifle, I engage Olympic style targets with an AR-style firearm.

In my mind, the Sportsman Shooting Center is the premier facility in which to train and refine your shooting technique. Randy Sykora and his staff do a great job in making you feel at home and making sure you get the most from your experience.

The technology at SSC is incredible and from talking with the other patrons in the center, they agree.



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# COACH

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and that will be the expectation for us at Hale Center."

Cummings said he recently began exploring avenues to athletic director and head coaching jobs.

"I kind of had a professional plan and my own timeline when I thought I'd be ready to be a head coach and athletic director," Cummings said. "My plan was a 10-year plan. I never applied anywhere for 10 years."

Cummings felt the Hale Center job would be a good fit and he felt he was ready.

"When the Hale Center job came open, I talked to my wife, we prayed about it and felt like God was leading us in this direction," Cummings said.

He said his interviews both with Hale Center Superintendent Carl Krug and with the search committee went well.

"I came for my initial interview with Mr. Krug and we had a great interview, a great discussion," Cummings said. "He showed me around the facilities and all the different campuses."

Krug said Cummings impressed him with a high-energy, positive attitude.

"Every time I met him he brought such energy and excitement," Krug said. "Every time, I saw

that same energy and excitement. That's what I want him to bring to this school. The committee saw the same thing in him that I saw. The important thing is transferring that to our kids and getting the program going with positive energy in the right direction."

Cummings will take over a Hale Center football team that made the playoffs last year for the first time since 2009. The Owls lost a shootout to Panhandle, 48-42, in the bi-district playoff game.

After realignment, Hale Center will compete in District 2-2A Division 1 with Abernathy, Floydada, Olton New Deal and Tahoka for the next two years.

Cummings said, "It's obviously a tough and competitive district. I don't know that you can say there is a favorite in the bunch. What I do know is that all we can control is how prepared we are week in and week out, and that through our pre-district schedule we develop and grow as a team and prepare ourselves for that challenging district stretch."

In basketball, Hale Center and Lockney will be in the same district along with Abernathy, Floydada, New Deal, Olton and Ralls, which will bring out some emotions for Cummings.

"I love Lockney - always have and always will,

so yeah, there would be some emotions involved," Cummings said. "But, I'm a Hale Center Owl, and it's my job to ensure our students' success. When that time comes, emotions aside, the Hale Center Owls will be ready to compete."

Cummings' family is excited that he and his wife Ashley and their children will be just a little bit closer. His parents, Zach and Sandra live in Lockney and his sister and brother, Courtney and Cagan live in Plainview.

"It will make our Friday night trips a lot shorter," Zach Cummings said, "And now the grandkids will be closer, too."

Cummings has been influenced by all the coaches he has worked with and played for over the years.

"There have been so many influential people in my coaching career that have impacted where I am today. To name a few, Coach Blake Bryant at Canyon High School, and Coach Jimmie Keeling and Alan Wartes at Hardin-Simmons University. But I definitely believe that Coach Malcom Moerbe at Lockney has influenced me the most in my coaching career," Cummings said. "He's the reason I got in to coaching in the first place. I can only hope that I positively impact the number of lives as he has over the years. Lockney is very blessed to have him."

Moerbe is happy that Cummings is getting his chance to show what he knows and can do.

"I told their superintendent that they had made an excellent choice," Moerbe said, "Hale Center got a lot better when they hired Adam."

# Rangeland management is key to surviving drought

AMARILLO - Improved management adapted to changing rangeland conditions will be a key to surviving three back-to-back years of drought, according to Tim Steffens, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service rangeland management specialist in Canyon.

"We have just had three of the driest growing seasons in recorded history in a row," said Steffens, who is also a West Texas A&M University assistant professor, spoke at the recent Panhandle Ranch Management event. "We've had one of the driest falls. We've had one of the driest winters."

"So this coming year, don't be in any hurry to increase numbers until we find out for sure how much rain we've got, and how much grass we're going to have that can respond to further rain showers later in the year."

Steffens warned that if grass starts in bad shape from last year, it probably will remain in trouble this year, even if it rains normally.

"If we don't get rain in the spring to get things started and have some grass growing by mid-June, it's probably not going to be a good year. So by early July, you need to assess the conditions and make decisions then. Then look again in the fall and determine if you have enough grass and if you have had enough rain to take care of the grass."

Steffens said keys to management include providing adequate recovery for grass before grazing, which means letting the plants get a full complement of leaves before cattle regrow a plant.

A grazing "system" that does not provide adequate recovery following grazing won't do much good, he said. Whatever management strategy a rancher chooses, adequate recovery for severely defoliated plants and leaving enough residue after a grazing period "is what is going to get you where you want to go."

Steffens said grazing decisions can prepare resources to respond favorably in the good times or

not go down so far when things are not good.

"Right now, I am not worried about weeds," he said. "If it will grow, I'm tickled to death. Get something to cover up that ground, provide some shade, protect it from the wind, keep it from eroding and provide some cover so that something can grow later."

A few other items on his management list include:

- Provide adequate regrowth for heavily defoliated plants, and do that every year, if possible.
- Improve distribution - get the animals away from the places they are overusing and get them to places they are underusing.
- Provide every opportunity for recruitment of new plants. Most plants in pastures reproduce vegetatively; they don't have to come up from seed. But some areas may need more seed. "If you have to have the seed, try to get some. But I wouldn't advise going out there and wasting money now trying to plant."
- Maintain stocking rate within carrying capacity. "If you are overstocked, I don't care what you do, you are a numerical failure going in."
- Maintain or improve resilience of the plant community. A variety of plants in unstable conditions is a positive thing; there's always something there to respond to rain.

Steffens said feeding hay on rangeland does not stop overgrazing, because if any grass does grow, the cattle will go to it before eating the hay.

"Get cattle out of abused areas and to areas that still have feed," he said. "If you have to continue to feed cattle, I suggest getting them into a pen and feeding them there, where they won't be overgrazing plants."

He said "planting fence posts and pipe" or dividing up pastures and allowing periods of rest for the grass may be more cost effective than planting or buying hay.

# CHAMBER

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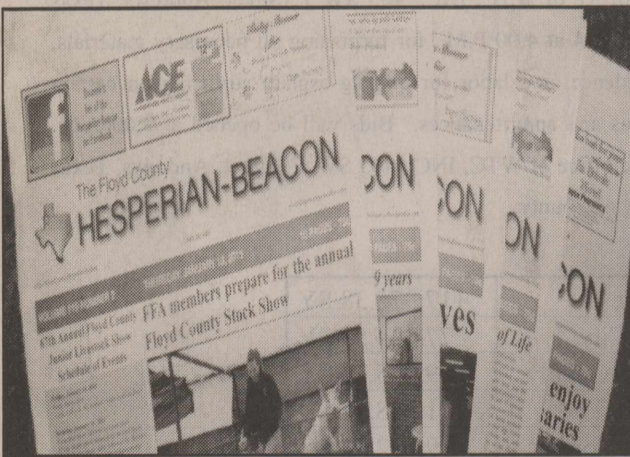
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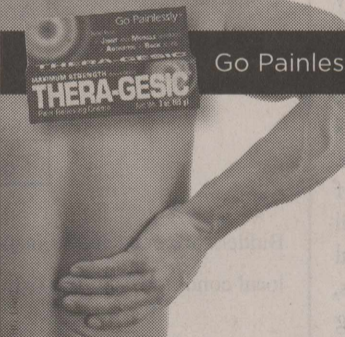
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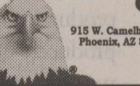


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# City of Floydada's Financial Audit Reported to Council

By Sara Sisemore  
Correspondent

Floydada's City Council met on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014 to hear the financial audit report.

Mayor Bobby Gilliland introduced George Meriwether, Davis Kinard & Co., PC representative, who presented the city's financial audit for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2013. Davis Kinard & Company's role is to express an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the city including the governmental activities (General Fund and Special Revenue Funds), business type activities (Water, Sewer, Electric, Sanitation Funds), the component unit (Economic Development Corporation) and others, and whether the changes occurring during the year conform to generally-accepted accounting principles of the United States.

After performing certain tests of compliance, they determined the financial statements are free of material misstatement and rendered an "unqualified" or "clean" opinion of the city which is the very best opinion that CPAs can render on financial statements. Meriwether stated that the city staff was doing a good job in keeping the financial records of the city and expressed his appreciation for their cooperation and helpfulness during the audit.

Councilmember Sam Green moved to accept the financial audit of the City of Floydada for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dana Crossland and carried unanimously.

In other business, the council heard from Jimmy Garcia, last year's coordinator of the adult softball program, concerning the 2014 Adult Softball Program at Annie Taylor Park. Garcia stated he had a very good year last year, having teams from Plainview and the surrounding areas participate. He noted that there were several leaders in the community who also participated and played in the games. Garcia said he was excited about the coming months and representing the softball program at the state level, then requested the opportunity to run the softball program again this year. The council unanimously awarded the adult softball program to Jimmy Garcia for 2014.

Chief of Police Darrell Gooch presented the 2013 Police Department Activity Report in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law. The activity is in line

with the 2010 census figures and shows the Floydada Police Department is acting in accordance with the law. According to the latest census figures, males comprise 48.1 percent of the city and females comprise 51.9 percent. Ethnic breakdown by percentage is: 24.3 Caucasian, 54.9 Hispanic, 3.9 African, 4.6 mixed races, and 12.3 other races. Total reported calls in 2013 were 2,434. Total violations were 425 and total citations given were 386. There were 59 arrests in 2013, and officers responded to 16 accidents. Council member Gabriel de la Fuente moved to accept the 2013 Activity Report for the Floydada Police Department; the motion carried unanimously.

Sgt. Reuben Ramon informed the council that the Planning & Zoning Committee had met and recommended the condemnation of two properties: 424 E. Grover Street - owned by Kenneth and Dorothy Coleman - and 601 E. Missouri Street - owned by Eloisa Fuentes. Sgt. Ramon gave specifics and showed pictures of the two properties. The council unanimously approved the P&Z Committee's recommendation to demolish both properties.

Earlier in the meeting, during the public forum, Kenneth Coleman had been present to address the council and stated he had promised to clean the property at 424 E. Grover Street before it was demolished by the city, but that due to the weather and illness he was not yet finished. Coleman requested additional time to clean said property.

City Manager Jeff Johnston requested the council revisit the topic of the Wayne Russell RV Park Fees, continuing to allow the two days of free parking and not do away with them. After some discussion, Green moved to allow the two free days of parking at the Wayne Russell RV Park. The motion was seconded by de la Fuente and carried unanimously.

After a short discussion, the council unanimously approved to continue waiving the utility bills for the Floydada Senior Citizens.

The council approved the Joint Election Agreement between the Floydada Independent School District, the City of Floydada, and the Caprock Hospital District for a joint polling place on Election Day at the Massie Activity Center.

In other business, the council approved the minutes of the last regular meeting held Jan. 21, 2014, and changed the date of the March council meeting from March 18th to March 25th due to spring break.

# The 501 No Danger, No Fun

Take all the risks out of a playground and what do you have? A safe playground. How dull.

Remember swings? Merry-go-rounds? Monkey bars? Tall slides? See-saws?

Those were the days.

I remember the thrill of swinging high and wondering what would happen if I went too high and fell out and landed on my head. Mother had told me about a child who went too high and lost his or her perch and hit his or her head on something and died instantly.

Or maybe that child was still gripping the chains to the swing and hit his or her head on the uppermost bar. Either way, I was

impressed.

"What's 'instantly'?" I asked her. She told me. I decided I wasn't ready to do myself in, not even instantly. Still I kept swinging. The danger made it all the more exciting.

The next time I encountered "instant" was in the comics. Someone had invented "instant" water. All you had to do was add water. I puzzled over the concept and then decided it was funny. I still think so. We digress.

Someone has just written a book about the dangers of danger-free playgrounds and such. She was on television this week to pitch her book and her concerns about the way today's children are being brought up. She caught my ear, and I started taking notes. Here's a paraphrase of her comments:

Playgrounds are boring. The risks are gone. Children are less creative. They are shielded from physical harm and emotional harm so they can be safe and happy all the time. They're watched all the time. They aren't learning to be independent and self-reliant. Children are being damaged. Parents should re-conceive their roles. They should be concerned about creating opportunities for children to grow and develop.

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The author's name and the title of her book didn't pop up for me in my cursory search, but one thing is evident - she's not the only one complaining about playgrounds that are too safe. Do a search for "boring playgrounds," and you'll see that people everywhere are unhappy about the way things have changed in the name of safety.

The capitalist part of my brain (damaged in just one playground concussion) just kicked in. Why not revive dangerous playground equipment and market it to parents who would like to let their children have fun and take risks and maybe even break a radius or an ulna or suffer a mild head injury? Or why not build an old-fashioned playground somewhere and make it a destination point for traveling families?

Fabrication should be easy. When nothing is plastic, you don't need molds. Everything I remember from my grade school playground was built of wood painted green and steel painted silver. The most complicated piece of equipment was the merry-go-round. The janitor no doubt kept the bearings greased.

Here's to a return to the good stuff for the good of children everywhere!

And may that woman's book be an instant hit.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

# RRC Production Statistics and Allowables for April 2014

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of March 21 was 854, representing about 49 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 724 million barrels of oil and 7.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for January 2014 is 69,927,674 barrels of crude oil and 566,491,596 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary January 2014 production totals of 59,767,243 barrels of crude oil and 467,981,492 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.1700 for crude oil and 1.2105 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas

or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported to the Commission for February 2014 was 175,146,849 Mcf compared to 316,329,677 Mcf in February 2013. The March 2014 gas storage estimate is 147,019,152 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial April 2014 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 7,979,774 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial April 2014 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for April 2014 is reported.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CITIES AND COUNTIES OF: Andrews, Seminole, Denver City, Cochran, Lockney

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayors, Councilmen, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Andrews, Seminole, Denver City, Cochran, and Lockney, will be received at the office of WTC, INC., 405 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Andrews, Texas 79714 until Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:00 P.M., for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for placing asphalt surfacing on certain streets, county roads, parking areas and appurtenances. Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M. Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the office of WTC, INC., 405 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Andrews, Texas 79714. Total square yards per City or County:

Seminole	117,375.38 SY
Denver City	77,324.53 SY
Andrews County	29,925.71 SY
Andrews	71,738.88 SY
Cochran County	9,682.33 SY
Lockney	13,695.65 SY
<b>Total</b>	<b>319,742.5 SY</b>

Bidders are expected to inspect the sites of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions and legislation concerning the wage rate and the payment of prevailing wage.

Plans, specifications, proposal, and contract forms may be seen and examined at the office of WTC, INC., 405 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Andrews, Texas 79714. An electronic PDF version is available on [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com) at no cost to the Contractor. However each Contractor must register and acknowledge that they have received a copy of Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents for the project, and sign into the Bidder's List.

Each bidder will be required to submit with his bid a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total of the bid submitted, made payable to the County of Andrews, Texas, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into contract and execute bond and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bids without the required check or bid bond will not be considered.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Andrews, Seminole, Denver City, Cochran, and Lockney

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive all technicalities and to accept the proposals they deem to be in their best interest.

Owner (Group) Representative- WTC, INC.

Rich Oller, P.E.  
Director of Engineering

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Dennis Butler, Pastor  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
810 S. 3rd, Floydada  
Darwin Robinson, Pastor  
983-5278

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**CALVARY'S CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP**  
Floydada  
Armando Morales, Pastor

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening7:00 p.m.  
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**CARR'S CHAPEL**  
Service Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship ....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
West College & Third,  
Lockney

Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship ..1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 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.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tim Franks, Pastor  
Terry Simmons,  
Minister of Ed./Music

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.  
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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
Lockney  
Jonathan Sullivan, Pastor  
Chad Cook, Youth Min.  
Phil Cothan, Music Min.

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship .... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Youth) . .7:15 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Les Hall, Pastor

Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.  
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.  
Youth (Wednesday)..6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lockney  
Rev. Ricky Carstensen  
Pastor

Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service .....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Jr. High .....5:30 p.m.  
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.  
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**GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH**  
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Joe Bennett, Pastor  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service.....7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday.....8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:30 p.m.  
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**MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Lockney

Beau A. Hart, Minister  
Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Floydada  
Rev. Timothy Askew

401 N 12th St (983-5805)  
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship .....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Study ...6:00 p.m.  
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Floydada

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Morning Worship ..11:00 a.m.  
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**OUT REACH HARVEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
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Floydada

Rev. David Ramos, Pastor  
Ester Ramos, Praise Leader  
Sunday Bible...10:00 a.m.  
Morning Praise..11:00 a.m.  
Evening Praise ....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship.... 7:00 p.m.

**POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor  
704 N. Main, Lockney

Sunday Services....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Lockney  
Jesus Caballero, Pastor

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ....11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship .....5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service .....7:00 p.m.  
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**PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA**  
Floydada

Rev. Toby Gonzales  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..10:40 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Evening.....7:00 p.m.  
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**SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Lockney

Jim McCartney, Pastor  
Wed. Communion....8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
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**SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Joe Weldon, Pastor

Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**TEMPLO GETSEMANI ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
701 W. Missouri  
Joe M.Hernandez  
983-5286 (church)

..... Sunday School .....  
English..... 9:45 a.m.  
Spanish..... 11:00 a.m.  
Spanish Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
English Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
EveningService.....5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.  
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**ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Floydada

Rev. Angelo Consemio  
Phone: 983-5878  
Sunday Mass..... 11:30 a.m.  
Mon.Wed. Mass .....6:30 p.m.  
Confession Sat.....10-11 a.m.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**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.  
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**TRINITY ASSEMBLY**  
500 W. Houston  
Henry Russell, Co-Pastor  
Vance Mitchell, Co-Pastor  
983-5499 or 983-2887

Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ...10:40 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....6:00 p.m.  
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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Providence Community  
on FM 2301 293-3009

Rev. Peter W. Harrington Minister  
Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service .....11:00 a.m.  
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**WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Floydada

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Sunday Worship ...10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening .....2:00 p.m.

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Courtesy of Lesca Durham  
**Monica Smith and Lesca Durham show off their hats at the annual GALA for the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. Many of the attendees came in their best hats for the “Triple Crown at Muncy Downs.”**



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon  
**Max Yeary and one of his granddaughters enjoyed the music of the High Lonesome Band as they took a turn on the dance floor to scoot a boot along with several other couples.**



Charles Keaton/The Hesperian-Beacon  
**Mark Collins’ High Lonesome Band provided the entertainment for the annual GALA on March 24 in Muncy. The Band provided toe-tapping entertainment with many popular tunes including some Bob Wills music.**



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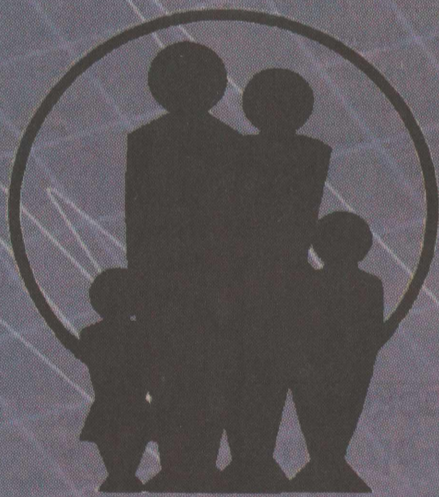
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