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New M.D. comes to West Texas Family Medicine in Floydada

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

West Texas Family Medicine has named Monte Swanson, M.D. the clinic's new general practitioner.

Swanson may be new to West Texas Family Medicine, but he's not new to West Texas.

The Anton native and Anton high school grad, completed his undergraduate, medical school and residency in Texas Tech.

In fact, he farmed 3,200 acres in Anton while completing medical school and his residency at Tech.

His first official day at the

Floydada clinic was Monday, Dec. 15.

"We will offer area residents a full-service clinic," Swanson said, "and there will be no need to travel for medical care unless they want to."

Swanson will be the clinic's general practitioner and will offer medical care in every area except obstetrics.

Swanson has five children, ages 12-21.

The doctor noted that if you haven't gotten your flu shot, there's still time to come and get one, and to be sure and wash your hands during flu season.



Photo Kay Ellington/Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon
New general practitioner Monte Swanson, M.D., has joined West Texas Family Medicine in Floydada and will be in Floydada every day for local medical needs. Staff at the clinic shown: Laura Coursey, receptionist, Kristine Beck, receptionist, Mary Jane Jimenez, lab and medical assistant, Ashlee Weiser, LVN, Monte Swanson, M.D. and Kacey Powell, medical assistant.

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.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK "OPEN HOUSE"

First National Bank of Floydada will hold their annual Christmas Open House, Friday, December 19th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Community Room.

PROSPERITY BANK "OPEN HOUSE"

Prosperity Bank in Floydada will hold their annual Christmas Open House, Friday, December 19th from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FLOYDADA POST OFFICE

The Floydada Post Office will be hosting Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus on Monday, Dec. 22 from 12 noon - 3 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring their camera and take pictures of their children with Santa.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FLOYDADA

For more information about "Spirit of Christmas" meal, such as how you can participate or donate, contact Corey Johnston at cell 806-632-7586 or office 806-983-5704.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

A list of Christmas Eve services is located on the front page of this week's 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.

Correction

If you spot an error of fact, contact the FCHB office email: fchb.editor@yahoo.com

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FISD approves South Plains Wind Energy, LLC's application

The Floydada Independent School District board approved the South Plains Wind Energy, LLC's Application, in accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code in its regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees Monday, Dec. 8.

Board members present were: Lyle Miller, William Dean, Marty Lucke, Roger Hughes, Beverly Collins, Kay Brotherton, and Gracie Diaz. There was a quorum present.

In other action, the board recognized the following students and educators of the month:

- AB Duncan Elementary
- Students of the Month: Hagen Hinsley—Grade 03, Janeisi Garza—Grade 03
- Educator of the Month: Brooke Burson
- FJHS/FHS
- FJH Student of the Month: Gabriel Delafuente—Grade 08
- FHS Student of the Month: Delaney Lucke—Grade 11
- Educators of the Month: Justin Ogden, Rafael Gallastegui
- FISD Teachers of the Year (Sponsored by the VFW):
- Jan Beedy—ABD Elementary

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Council Awards Construction Project for New Water Well

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Lockney City Council members unanimously approved the awarding of a construction project to Amarillo Utility Contractors of Amarillo for \$456,793 to construct water well number seven for the city. The duration of the project should be no longer than 200 days. Funds for the well will be coming from the certificate of obligation approved earlier this year as well as a grant from the state of Texas.

The Council, meeting in regular session Dec. 11, also approved the revised Law Enforcement Service Contract with Floyd County for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, provided the County also approves the contract as written. In other action, the Council approved a resolution for the submission of a grant through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. If approved, the grant will provide funds for the City to address need street improvements in some areas of town.

In additional action, the Council approved renewing their contract with Pitney Bowes Global for the postage

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SANTA AND HIS HELPERS WERE SPOTTED AT DUNCAN ELEMENTARY ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10.



Courtesy Photo by Denise Doucette
Lindy Miller drops some change in the Red Kettle of the Salvation Army as volunteer bell ringer Denise Doucette waits outside Main Street Pizza to accept donations to assist the Lockney Salvation Army's efforts to provide for the needs of the citizens of Lockney.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

First United Methodist
Church of Floydada
December 24th - 6 p.m.
Christmas Candlelight Service
Everyone is invited.

Carr's Chapel
December 24th - 6:30 p.m.
108th Christmas Eve Service

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First United Methodist
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Deaths

Robert B. Colville

Robert B. Colville died Monday, December 8, 2014 at Rochelle Rehabilitation and Health Center.

He was born January 31, 1923 to James and Mary (Beedy) Colville in Floydada, Texas. He resided there until enlisting in the Army in 1942. He was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division and participated in both the Aleutian and Italian campaigns. After being discharged in 1945, he attended Washington State University for both undergraduate and graduate studies in horticulture. While there, he met his future wife, Yvonne Smith, and they were married December 29, 1951.

Upon leaving college, he was employed by Del Monte Corp. in agriculture research in Toppenish, Washington, Crystal City,

Texas and transferred to Rochelle in 1957. He retired in 1985 and became an active volunteer in community activities.

He and Yvonne were given the Community Leader Award for 1994. He was a member of the Rochelle United Methodist Church, American Legion, and a charter member of the Kiwanis Golden K.

Bob is predeceased by his son, James, in 1991 and his brothers, Lynn and John.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; daughters, Anne Colville (Kenneth Roberts) of Belleville, WI and Bette Colville (Paul Goellner) of Spooner, Wisconsin; daughter-in-law, Anne Colville (Steve Morrison) of Bettendorf, Iowa; foster daughter, Jennifer Thornton of Chicago, Illinois and grandchildren,

Andrew (Natalie) Colville of Hyattsville, Maryland and Lucy Colville of New Orleans, Louisiana.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Monday, December 15, 2014 at the Rochelle United Methodist Church, 709 4th Avenue, Rochelle. The visitation was from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral service.

Immediately following the service a luncheon was served at Hicks Hall.

Burial was held at 1:30 at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle.

The family requests memorials may be made to Rochelle United Methodist Church or Kiwanis Golden K.

Visit www.ungerhorner.com to sign the on line guest book.

Michael "Mike" Lynn Nance

Michael "Mike" Lynn Nance, 69, of Midland, passed away from numerous brain tumors on Sunday, December 7th, 2014.

The family received friends from 6 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the First Christian Church in Midland.

Mike was born on June 23, 1945 in Lockney, Texas, to Wiley and Lula Nance. He was the youngest of 8 children, and grew up on the Nance family farm outside of Lockney, Texas.

Although ten years younger than his nearest brother, and raised by parents, brothers and sisters much older than he, it is said that he didn't have to speak until he was 3 years old. Despite this, he resisted being spoiled, or so he claimed. He was raised by some of the most Godly, compassionate, and loving people on earth, which is evidenced by how he treated others.

He played baseball for Hardin-Simmons University for his first year of college and then moved to West Texas State University as an Agronomy major where he graduated with what he jokingly referred to as "without honors". He met his wife Brenda Maria Brenneman in September '66 and somehow convinced her to marry him in August of '67. This pair of very special people fell deeply in love and did everything in life together. Most people know them as "Mike and Brenda"....not just Mike or just Brenda.

After graduating, Mike went to work with Central Soya in San Antonio. The young couple were soon transferred to Yoakum, Texas where Mike then went to work at Yoakum Federal Savings and Loan. There they spent five wonderful years of hunting, fishing, and eating great bar-b-que across South Texas. In Yoakum they had both their favorite oldest and favorite youngest children (Andy and Robert).

In 1975, the Nance family moved to Midland where Mike went to work as Vice President of Loans at Citizen Savings and Loan. Upon returning to Midland, Mike joined Brenda's home church, First Christian Church.

Mike soon went to work for Weldon Taylor Appraisals, the beginning of a 30-year career. About the same time, he met a mortgage loan officer by the name of Mike Reveley who convinced he and Brenda that they should be volunteer ski patrollers at Sierra Blanca Ski Area in Ruidoso, New Mexico; thus beginning a simultaneous 30-year career in service at the ski area.

Not one to sit around, Mike devoted himself to continued development in his career, his service to ski patrol, and his service to the church where his growing faith and relationship with God molded the other areas of his life.

In the mid 1980's, Mike got his Broker's license and then formed Mike Nance Appraisals. He received his Society of Real Estate Appraiser designation from the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisals in 1990. During this time he served as President of the Texas Plains Chapter of the Appraisal Institute on two occasions.

Mike and Brenda really grew to love their times in Ski Patrol, the 5-hour drive to and from the mountain provided the family with some fantastic quality time and memories. They found the other volunteer patrollers to be compassionate, have great character, and people who Mike and Brenda have always considered extended family. In his service to Rocky Mountain Division of the National Ski Patrol, he earned his National Appointment No. 7653 in 1992, the Yellow Merit award in 1995, and served as patrol director to the newly renamed Ski Apache on two separate occasions.

Forever changed by their Emmaus experiences, Mike and Brenda became more involved in their church activities. Mike worked on multiple Emmaus walks and was a Lay director in the late 1990's. He soon became active in Community Bible Study, where he served on the leadership council. He was Prayer Chairman for the better part of the last decade and loved to cook at the leadership retreats.

At First Christian Church, his selfless service was deep and wide. He never said no when asked to serve the Lord. He was an elder; served as Chairman of Elders; Chairman of the Board on two occasions; member of multiple committees; found great enjoyment with working in Christians in Action (a.k.a Christmas in April); youth sponsor, cooked for Rock the Desert; planted trees at the church; cooked for Logos; and grew to love Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat where he served as a board member.

Mike was a humble and Godly man who was not interested in being recognized for his accomplishments. He was driven to serve and received great satisfaction out of helping others.

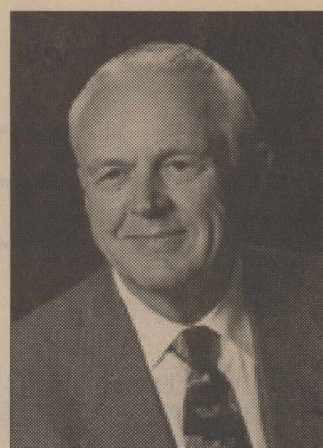
Mike is survived by his wife of 47 years, Brenda Nance of Midland, Texas; two sons, Andrew Nance and wife, Michelle of San Marcos, Texas and Robert Nance of Grand Canyon, Arizona; two wonderful grandchildren, Marco James and Amelia Lynn. He is also survived by brother, Joe Nance and his family, brother, Tom Nance and his wife, Mary and their families, sister-in-law, Lorraine Nance and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Marie Henderson, Mayme Harp, Bobbie Nance, and brothers, Wiley "Bud" Nance and Jim Nance.

A special thanks to Home Hospice, Home Nursing, and Home Healthcare Equipment for providing emotional, spiritual, and physical support to Mike. Many thanks to everyone for their support and prayers over the last eight years.

Donations may be made to First Christian Church (Endowment or Youth Fund), 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. Midland, Texas, 79701, or a local food bank in memory of Mike Nance of Midland, Texas.

These loving memories were written to best of our abilities by Brenda, Andy and Robert. If you experienced a chuckle, a smile, or a tear from reading about this man we truly loved, then to God be the Glory!



MICHAEL NANCE

Betty Jo Jackson

Betty Jo Jackson, age 84, of Lockney, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Tuesday, December 9, 2014 in Lockney.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the West College and Third St. Church of Christ in Lockney.

Interment followed at the Lockney Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2014 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Arrangements were under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Betty Jo was born August 16, 1930 in Lockney, Texas.

She lived in Lockney most of her life and graduated from Lockney High School in 1947. Betty graduated Lip-perts Business College and began working at the City National Bank of Plainview in 1949.

She met and married Kenneth Jackson September 10, 1949. They later moved to Arizona in 1953 with their three daughters. After 5 years in the Arizona mines they



BETTYE JACKSON

moved back to Texas to work on the Tule Ranch for the Cogdell's. They then moved to Dallas where Betty worked as the head teller for both Industrial National Bank and Grove State Bank. In 1972 they returned home to Lockney. Betty worked for the 1st National Bank of Lockney where she later retired. She was on the library board and a senior volunteer at the nursing home in Lockney.

She is preceded in death by

her parents, Doyle and Velma Harrison, her brother and sister in law, Leroy and Joneal Harrison, and a grandson, Jonas K. Rucks.

Betty is survived by her husband Kenneth Jackson; three daughters, Trisha and husband, Wylie Rucks, Marsha and husband, Ken Vanover, and Katy and husband, Allen Samuel; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Everyone in Lockney remembers Bettye's joyous laughter and the loving sparkle in her eyes. She will be greatly missed. HAVE FUN MAW MAW!

Memorials may be made in Bettye Jackson's name to the Lockney Senior Citizen, P.O. Box 82, Lockney, Texas 79241 and the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 387, Lockney, Texas 79241.

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SOCIETY

Business of the Month



Courtesy Photo

The Floydada Chamber has chosen the office of Dr. William Dean, DDS as their "December Business of the Month". Pictured are (front, l-r) Gracie Diaz and Jo Lynn Dean; (back l-r) Gay Terrell and Dr. Bill Dean.

Lockney Lions Club



Courtesy Photo by Jean Anne Williams

Lockney Lion's Club honored outgoing 2014 Queen Dixie Williams recently with a meal and party at Leal's Restaurant in Plainview. Members attending (Back L-R) Monty Teeter, Warren Mitchell, Eugene Tannahill and Lindan Morris. (Front L-R) Jerry Cooper, Bill McCarter, Dixie Williams, Archie Jones and Jean Anne Williams.



Courtesy Photo by Jean Anne Williams

Lockney Lion's Club recently honored outgoing 2014 Queen Dixie Williams (R) and incoming 2015 Queen Karis Carstensen with a meal and party at Leal's Restaurant in Plainview.

Carr's Chapel celebrates 109th Christmas Eve service

The historic Carr's Chapel, located in the southwest corner of Floyd county on farm to market highway 378, will celebrate its 109th Christmas Eve service.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on December 24, the program will consist of congregational singing of familiar Christmas hymns, the reading of the Christmas story from Luke, and a seasonal meditation. The children in attendance will be invited to present musical selections, poems, and readings.

An offering will be taken to be donated to the Carr's Cemetery Association.

Santa Claus will make his usual appearance to the congregation's singing of "Jingle Bells". He will listen to the children's Christmas wishes and help distribute sacks of candy and apples to the congregation. After which, Santa will leave to go on his traditional Christmas Eve rounds around the world.

Everyone in the surrounding communities is invited to help celebrate Carr's Chapel's 109th Christmas Eve observance.

1956 Study Club News

By Virginia Stringer

Floydada from Bakersfield, California, and Rhonda Guthrie of Floydada. Thank you for attending and hope you do meet again with us.

The 1956 Study Club met in the home of Sherry Hacker for the December meeting. The meeting was held on December 9, 2014.

Sherry's home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas holidays. It was so cozy and cheerful.

The meeting was called to order by Anne Carthel, President of the 1956 Study Club.

The roll call was answered by members naming their favorite Christmas carol. Some of the favorites were "Oh Holy Night", "Joy to the World", and "Come all Ye Faithful". The general consensus was that all carols are favorites.

The guests were welcomed and introduced. Guests were Lovina Hyatt, who has recently moved to

Sherry was hostess and Charline Hendrix was co-hostess. They had prepared a beautiful table buffet of food. Sherry had prepared an array of homemade candies, cookies, sandwiches and desserts. The members really enjoyed the fellowship and all the good food.

Members attending the December meeting were Sheryl Back, Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Sherry Hacker, Linda Harbin, Charline Hendrix, Janis Julian, Linda Matsler, Nina Sanders, Judy Schacht, Kay Dean Smith, Virginia Stringer and Jan Willson.

The January meeting will be January 13, 2015 in the home of Jan Willson. Jan is to be the hostess and co-hostess will be Susan Simpson.

The program for the January meeting is to be "Pack and Trek" by Pat Thornton of Travel World in Plainview, Texas.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Come and go or stay awhile to celebrate the Love, the Life, and the Wisdom of a very special 90 year old, our beautiful Mother, Maria Briones.

SURPRISE birthday party on Saturday, Dec. 20th at the Party Barn (406 E. Missouri, Floydada) at 5 p.m.

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FLOYDADA SCHOOL



Photo Courtesy of Patti Lowrance

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS – The Floydada Whirlwinds varsity basketball team played in the Anton Tournament last weekend and brought the championship trophy home. They played Lazbuddie on Thursday, Anton and Kingdom Prep Academy on Friday and the championship game against Tahoka was Saturday. The Whirlwinds won that game by 2 points at the final buzzer with a put back by DeAndre McCann. Members of the Whirlwind varsity team are (Top row, l-r) Josh Gonzales, Riki Cervera, JP Segura, Zach Martinez, Tucker Lowrance, DeAndre McCann, Tyler Equia; (Bottom row, l-r) Kyi Baker, Abraham Perez, Jesse Segura, Josh Castaneda, Albert De Hoyos. DeAndre McCann was named to All-Tournament Team and Tucker Lowrance was chosen as the Tournament MVP.

Holiday Schedule for Floydada I.S.D.

Floydada I.S.D. would like to wish everyone a wonderful time during their break to enjoy their families and friends. The following schedule will be followed by the school for next week and through the holidays.

December 17th students will be released at 1:30 p.m.

December 18th students will be released at 1:30 p.m.

December 19th students will be released

at 12:00 p.m.

December 22 - January 5 will be student holidays.

Teachers and staff will report on January 5th for a staff inservice day.

There will be no school until January 6, 2015. Classes will resume at regular times on the 6th.

Once again Floydada I.S.D. would like to wish each and everyone a wonderful Christmas break.

FISD From Page 1

Sallye Lyles—Floydada High School

Marty Lucke made the motion to approve the following Items of Consent. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Approve the Minutes from the November 11, 2014 Regular Meeting Set Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) on January 12, 2015 at 6:30 pmC. Approve January Board Meeting for January 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Review Payment of November 2014 Bills

Approve Board Meeting for January 15, 2015 for Level II Board Member Training at 6:00 p.m.

Business Manager Sharon Rainwater presented the Tax Report and Cash Flow Statement.

M&O Current Tax Roll \$3,126,210.72

Net Collections \$1,827,735.01

I&S Tax Roll \$378,778.98

Net Collections \$221,452.63

Percent of Current Roll Collected 58.47%

Taxes Collected as of November 30, 2013 76.95%

Lyle Miller announced attendance and training hours for each board member (see attached).

Marty Lucke made the motion to accept the annual audit report. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

A public hearing was opened at 7:51 p.m. on the Application of South Plains Wind Energy, LLC, for a Limitation on Appraised Value on Qualified Property, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. No action was

taken. The public hearing closed at 7:57 p.m.

Roger Hughes made the motion to approve the Resolution and Findings of Fact as presented relating to the Application of South Plains Wind Energy, LLC, for a Limitation of Appraised Value on Qualified Property, that such Findings, as presented, be executed by the Board President [or other appropriate trustee if President is unable or unavailable] and made a part of the Minutes of this meeting, and South Plains Wind Energy, LLC's Application be approved, all accordance with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

William Dean made the motion to approve the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with South Plains Wind Energy, LLC, authorize the Board President [or other appropriate trustee if President is unable or unavailable] to execute the Agreement on the District's behalf, and direct the Superintendent to take such other action as may be required under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code or the Comptroller's related rules. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Roger Hughes made the motion to appoint FISD Board Member William Dean to the Floyd County Appraisal Board of Directors. Floyd County Appraisal District representative, Jim Finley, attended the meeting and stated Appraisal Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, and board members serve a term of two years. Lyle Miller seconded the motion. The vote was

unanimous in favor of the motion.

Marty Lucke made the motion to approve the Floydada Junior High Campus Improvement plan associated with the Priority Schools Grant as presented. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 101 (see attached list of codes). Beverly Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

FISD Counselors Kathy Jahay, Nikki Smith and Amy Kellison provided the campus counseling services report to the board. No action was taken.

William Dean made the motion to purchase 370 student laptops and 80 staff laptops for Duncan Elementary students and district certified staff. Kay Brotherton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to accept Marty Lucke's resignation (At-Large seat) from the Floydada ISD Board of Trustees. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Roger Hughes made the motion to appoint Eric Smith to the open at-large seat on the FISD Board of Trustees. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Gracie Diaz made the motion to accept the resignation of Penny Taylor effective 12/31/2014. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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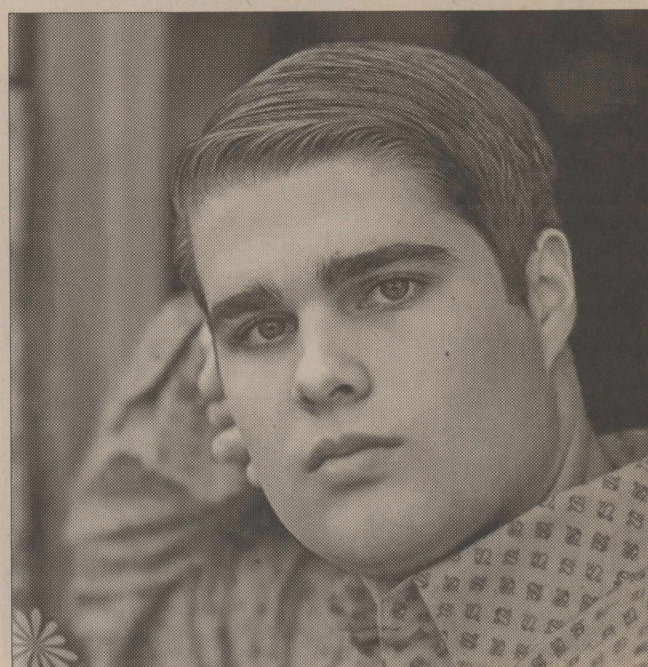
Sterling Allen named to 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program

The principal, Mark Cotton, of Stanton High School announced that Sterling Michael Allen has been named a Commended Student in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation for the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

Sterling is the son of Mike Allen of Tahoka and Jonama Myrick of Stanton and the grandson of Judy Thayer of Floydada. He is a senior at Stanton High School and plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in meteorology.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National



STERLING MICHAEL ALLEN

Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"This young man being named a Commended Student has demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success, commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "This student represents a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as

the key role their school play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellent in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden his educational opportunities ad encourage him as he continues his pursuit of academic success."

Floydada ISD Christmas Open House

As we celebrate the joyous Christmas season, please join us for a Christmas Open House.

The Open House will be on Thursday, December the 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

at the Floydada I.S.D. Central office located at 226 West California Street. You are welcomed to stop by and enjoy plenty of holiday foods, snacks and drinks. We look forward to seeing you there.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

G.A. AND ARTITIA McADA

Ardtia (Gordon) McAda came to Floyd County in 1915 with her large family. Her parents, Alfred and Artitia Gordon, and her 3 brothers and 7 sisters. We came out in a caravan of covered wagons. My dad, having such a large family, came from Wise County out to Floyd County so he would have more land to farm to help support his family.

The things I remember most about moving was that we had to cook our meals in a dutch oven over an open fire and using a blanket for our rest room. We took turns holding it up by its corners for protection. And as we were coming down in the canyon south of Floydada, my dad had his prize white leghorns, 12 hens and a rooster in a coup on back of his wagon and the wagon that was trailing rolled too fast and the tongue knocked the coup open and all the chickens escaped and we children had fun running them down as they could get in the brush and hills a lot faster than we kids could.

We located 5 miles east of Floydada in the Baker Community. We children went to a little two-room school house. The teachers were 2 pioneers which I am sure everyone in Floyd County knows. Miss Jessie Green and Miss Ruth Pitts. My dad farmed a farm that belonged to his cousin George Meriweather for 3 years. We then moved over to the Fairview Community to a larger farm.

While we were living there my 21 year old brother, Earnest, died with typhoid fever. He died the first day of January of 1923. We had no such things then at Floydada or Lockney as an ambulance. So we had to bring him into Lockney to the

Methodist Church across the back of a touring car. The weather was so cold it was so hard for us to get into town for his funeral but we had such good sweet neighbors that they all helped out in getting us all into town.

We moved from Fairview to Sunset which is now South Plains in 1924. That is where I met my husband G. A. McAda. We were married in 1927. We moved to Lynn County and stayed 3 years. Our only son, Gordon D. was born there close to Lubbock in 1929. We were never happy there so we came back home to Floyd County in 1932. We bought our first home in Sterley in 1935 and this will always be a high spot in our lives as we were the happiest we have ever been, because Gordon Derrell was such a happy little boy always on the go. And the people there were so precious to us, such good neighbors and friends.

Gordon took acute arthritis in 1945. So we sold our home and bought one here in Lockney so we could be close to the hospital and

doctors. He was in 15 different hospitals and have no idea how many doctors he had. Although he was bedfast for 21 years before his death in '67, we had a wonderful life as he was always a joy to be with. We adopted a sweet little girl, Kim, when she was only 23 months old and now she is a sophomore at Lockney High School and she has really been a blessing to us. She sure has helped to keep us young, as she is very active in the church and her school activities. We all three belong to the First United Methodist Church here in Lockney and are so thankful that our good health permits us to go to church and Sunday School most every Sunday.

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in September. It was such a wonderful day for us. One we will never forget.

We are so happy that we live in one of the most wonderful spots in the whole wide world, or at least it is for us. Wish everyone could just live in good old Floyd County for least part of their lifetime.

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LOCKNEY SCHOOL

Lockney School Board Accepts Resignations, Appoint New Board Member

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Meeting in regular session on Dec. 8, the Lockney School Board accepted the resignations of district Librarian Kathy Young and elementary custodians Santos and Mary Mariscal. All three are retiring as of Dec. 31. The Board also appointed to fill the vacant Board seat that was opened when Heath Rexrode resigned in the summer so that his wife, Jeri, could be employed by the district. Following the 180 waiting period as required by law, the Board members nominated to fill the seat with Heath Rexrode again.

In other action, the Board approved the annual audit report as presented by Greg Gilbert of Bolinger, Sears, Gilbert and Moss, LLP. Gilbert said there were no surprises or exceptions in the audit and gave the district a clean audit. He said that there were a few minor adjustments but nothing worth noting. He did note that the district had incurred over \$245,000 in deficit spending in 2013-14 and only had about four and one-half months of fund balance in the bank at the time of the audit. The current balance on hand, as of Nov. 30, including savings and investments was \$2,908,622.

The Board also approved Policy Update 101. The update had no major changes in any of the 33 policy updates listed. Board member, John Quebe, was reappointed to the Floyd County Appraisal District Board. The Board approved the 2014-2015 District Improvement Plan and Needs Assessment as required and as presented. The 2015-16 school calendar was also approved. The 2015 school year will begin Aug. 24 and end on May 26, 2016.

In other action, the Board approved budget amendments to pre-kindergarten funding, sick leave and maximum entitlement of federal funds.

Junior High seventh grade English and reading teacher, Cynthia Zavala gave a presentation about her first semester teaching. Zavala is a 2009 graduate of Lockney and a 2013 graduate of Eastern New Mexico University. She discussed her strategies in both classes she is teaching. In English, she

is putting emphasis on writing and grammar as well as critical thinking skills. In Reading, she is focusing on using the library with book reports or presentations about the books her students are reading.

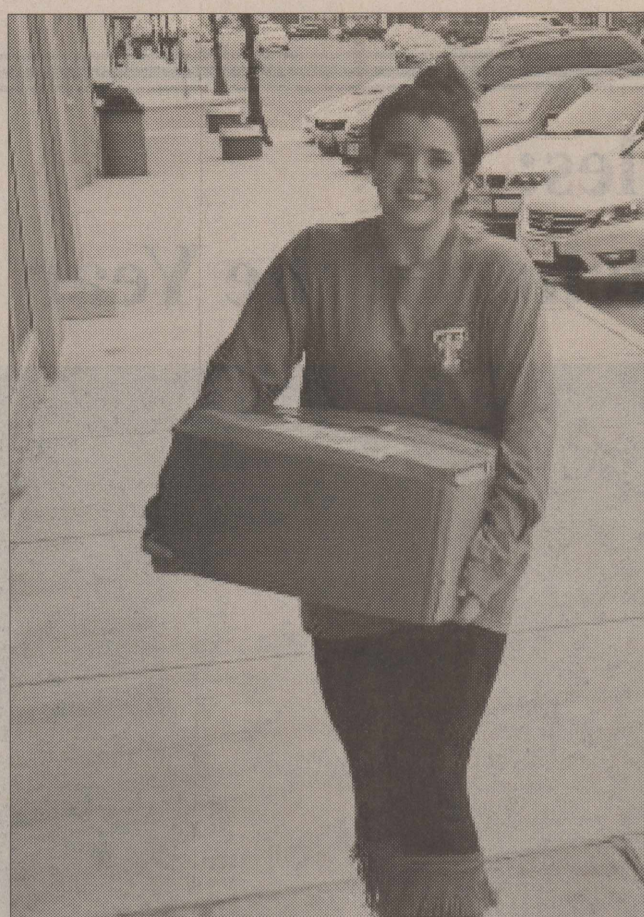
Superintendent Phil Cotham reported that construction was continuing on the Longhorn Wind Farm. He also discussed several issues that are factors leading to the financial hardship facing Lockney ISD. He listed six causes including: state cuts from 2010 have not been fully restored; revenue from fund balance interest has plummeted since 2008; small school weight (based on a districts size in square miles) is only .00025 where most other schools are at .0004; a continuing decline in student population and attendance; less than the maximum tax rate (currently rate is \$1.14 and maximum allowed is \$1.17); and a lack of substantial tax base.

Cotham then explained nine possible solutions that exist. They were: the Texas Supreme Court rules that school funding is unconstitutional and funding is increase (the decision probably won't happen until late in the summer of 2015); wind farms provide additional revenues; small school weight is changed to .0004; pass a bond package to purchase buses and complete needed renovations through out the district; raise the tax rate to \$1.17; increase attendance rates district wide; increase student population; continue staff reductions as enrollment declines; and as a last resort, begin cutting programs.

Cotham said that he hope the first three possible solutions would occur and there would be no need to pursue the other six possible solutions at this time.

Cotham explained to the Board that he was in discussion with the City of Lockney regarding the water bill for the baseball field. He explained that for the past 24 years, the two entities have had a gentleman's agreement about splitting the water bill in half since the field is actually owned by the City and the school maintains and uses it.

The next school board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 15, 2015.



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon
Darby Long of the Lockney High School National Honor Society helps unload some of the 1,097 cans that the students of Lockney High School collected. The cans were donated to the Salvation Army to assist with their needs through the holiday season.

NHS Canned Food Drive

By Carol Lane
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – This past Wednesday, the Lockney High School National Honor Society concluded its annual food drive with 1097 cans being collected. Students from each grade level donated cans to the local Salvation Army who will distribute these to families in need. The number of cans collected from each grade level was: Ninth – 107; 10th – 97; 11th – 544; and 12th – 328. Congratulations to the junior class for collecting the most cans! They were rewarded with a pizza party last Friday. Thank you to everyone who participated in this very worthy cause.



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Lockney High School's National Honor Society delivered 1,097 cans to the Lockney Salvation Army Store last Thursday. The NHS sponsored a competition between the four classes with the winning class receiving a pizza party. The Junior class won the party with 544 cans. Members delivering the cans included sponsor Carol Lane, Darby Long, John Salas, Daylen Gatica, Ozzy Mondragon, Nic Sherman, Sarah Carsensen, Dixie Williams, Stephen Setliff, Haley Dunbar, Camryn Diaz, Kennedy Hallmark and Isabella Roriguez. Teresa Gonzales received the cans on behalf of the Salvation Army.

Lockney JV Boys Basketball Roundup

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – In junior varsity action, the Lockney boys defeated Spur 38-28 on Dec. 9. The Longhorns held a 7-2 lead after the first quarter, 14-8 at halftime and 28-15

after three quarters. The JV were led in scoring by Kevin Lopez with nine points, Jaden Butler with eight points, Jonathan Rodriguez and Tristan Schlueter with six points each, Jeremiah Bernal with five points and Nick Rendon and Julio Lara with two points each.

Lockney Varsity Boys Basketball Roundup

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Jaden Rosales led the way as the Lockney Longhorns defeated the Spur Bulldogs in varsity basketball action on Dec. 9. Rosales scored 20 points as the Longhorns took a 78-35 victory to move to 7-2 on the season.

The Longhorns began the 2014-15 basketball season losing two straight, 49-48 to Paducah and 57-41 to Claude. Since that time they have defeated Hart 71-32, Bovina 78-54, Roosevelt 72-44, Haskell 50-30, Knox City 50-46 and Anson 59-49. The last three victories allowed them to claim the championship trophy at the Guthrie tournament.

Lockney held a 14-4 advantage after the first quarter and stretched the lead to 34-13 at halftime. After the third quarter, the Longhorns were up 55-22.

On Dec. 12, the Horns defeated Plainview Christian 74-25 to extend their winning streak to eight games and move to an 8-2 record.

Others scoring in double figures included Daylen Gatica with 12 points and Mauricio Davila and Ruben Ascensio with 10 a piece.

Lockney took on Morton, Tuesday, Dec. 16 and will travel to Fritch to take on Sanford-Fritch Friday.



Courtesy Photo by Tracy Long
Mrs. Tracy Long's home room won the can drive contest by bringing 88 cans of food. Overall the elementary school collected 1,024 cans of food for the Salvation Army.

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

A few more reminders this week. If you all are reading the paper on Wednesday the menu that is in the paper is for the next week. The menus will stay a week ahead.

On Friday Night, December 19, we WILL have the Fish Fry. We will NOT have the Fish Fry on Friday, Dec. 26.

The Center will be CLOSED for Christmas, December 24, 25, and 26, and also on Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1st. Please note these dates.

A very special thanks to all of the Lockney Elementary kids. They helped decorate the Center for Christmas and if you haven't

been by to see them, please come by the Center to look at all the neat decorations. The 5th Grade won a prize for their beautiful quilt they made for us. Kathy Kellison and Sandra Cummings... your kids are very talented!!!!

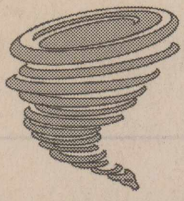
Hope you all have a great week and a MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

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Dec. 22 – Dec. 26

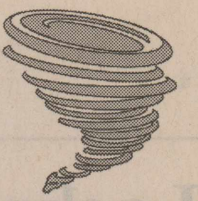
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- Wednesday** – CLOSED
- Thursday** – CLOSED
- Friday** – CLOSED



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Whirlwind News



Sallye Lyles: VFW Teacher of the Year

By Kimberly Pacheco
Staff Writer

Floydada High School and Floydada Junior High partnered with the Floyd County Veterans to participate in a writing challenge that yields rewards for the organization and for the participants who qualified above local and regional levels. Each school was given a patriotic topic and the best essays earned recognitions, rewards, and chances for hefty scholarships.

Friday Dec. 5, 2014. Bill Weir, Commander of the J. W. Harrison V. F. W. Post #5616, attended a special assembly held at the high school to announce the winners of the essay competition. It was during this event that he also announced the winner of the 'Teacher of the Year' Award. Mrs. Sallye Lyles, U.S. History teacher at Floydada High School, was honored with this award.

"I am very honored to be selected for this award. It is wonderful to be recognized by my peers," said Lyles in response to her selection.

Mrs. Lyles graduated from Norton High School in a class of merely eight peers. She began teaching in the fall of 1968 after graduating from Texas Tech University. Sallye has worked in the classroom for a total



of 43 years and expects her students to "be focused every day when they come to class, and to listen and work from bell to bell."

"I believe that my students are actively engaged in learning and this enables them to be successful," said Lyles of her classroom climate.

In her many years as an educator, Lyles has taught more than only U.S. History. She has also taught English, Speech, Government and

Texas History. Mrs. Lyles enjoys her students and believes that students need to have a goal for what they want to achieve. She instills the necessary urgency to achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

"I will teach as long as I feel that I can make a difference for my students. I am happiest when I am in my classroom, and I can't imagine ever doing anything else," said Lyles.

Seniors Plan for the Future



By Melissa Arizpe
Staff Writer

If you ask a senior how their senior year is going, the typical response is "great", but is that actually true? Although it is said that the senior year is the best of all four years of high school, it can also be the most stressful. They are now faced with what is beyond high school, and they begin looking to colleges and universities in hopes of attending. Current seniors are cherishing their time together and making plans for the years to come.

Kimberly Pacheco, a senior at Floydada High School, talks about her senior year and future plans. "It's turning out great, but it is going by fast, so I'm trying to work hard and make great memories with my classmates," said Pacheco. Kimberly has been looking in to Amarillo College because it is said to have one of the best dental programs. She plans to major in dental hygiene. Pacheco is very appreciative of her opportunities to enroll in dual credit courses for the duration of her senior year. "It was a great opportunity to get ahead once college starts. It's less expensive and

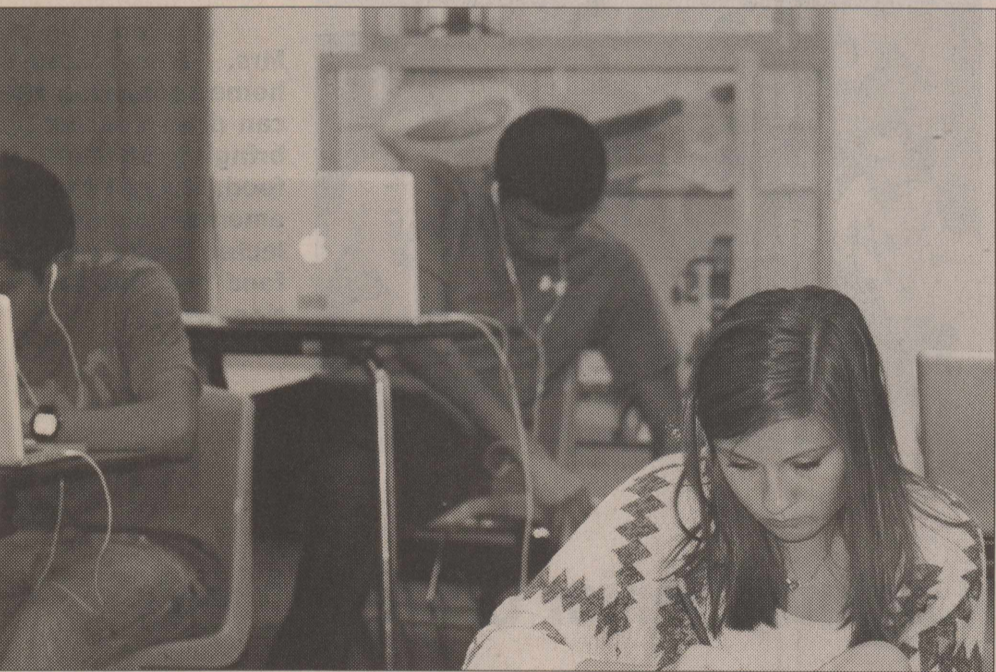
the faster. I can graduate from college and begin my career," she said. Kim's greatest reservation is not that she is unprepared, but that she will simply miss her home.

FHS senior Bethany Morales says her senior year is also turning out "great". Bethany has spent time researching universities such as Dallas Baptist, Angelo State, and Wayland. She plans on majoring in kinesiology with the intentions of eventually attending school for physical therapy.

Desiree Guerra, another senior this year, says her senior year is "not what [she] expected," but is going by "super fast". She has been looking into Texas Tech and Abilene Christian because of their medical programs. She wants to major in psychology with the "premed" concentration.

It is refreshing to hear from seniors about their plans. Many would suggest that 'plans change', but I would argue that having a plan is much better than being aimless. Many seniors are finding that numerous factors play into their futures, and preparedness - coupled with ideas about careers - are placing them one step closer to achievement in the real world.

STAAR and the Texas Success Initiative



By Alyson Perez
Staff Writer

Throughout people's schooling years, they are given examinations that determine if they are ready to proceed to the next grade, stage, or level. In the recent past, secondary students would be assessed by the TAKS test with end-of-course exams. However, more recently, the State of Texas created a new test called STAAR. In addition, they also created the TSI, or Texas Success Initiative, which is used by colleges to classify the placement and levels of advancement of students.

The STAAR, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, assesses core subjects such as mathematics, science, reading, writing, and social studies. The standardized tests are for students between the grade levels 3-10, and the amount of test taking each year depends on which year of school they are currently enrolled.

The TSI, much like the STAAR, is an as-

essment featuring varying levels of question at different ranges of complexity. This test allows the students to have an idea if they are actually 'college ready'. It also has an influence on the level of difficulty in the classes that they are enrolled in. The TSI is administered to juniors and seniors and is indicative of whether a student is eligible to enroll in dual credit courses, allowing them to obtain college hours while still in high school.

"A community college can not tell a student that they can not attend, but they can put a restriction on the courses that they are able to enroll in," said Mrs. Jahay, counselor at Floydada High School. A passing rate on the TSI is required to participate academically for college hours.

Out of both of the mandated tests, students prefer to take the TSI because there isn't a time limit, allowing them the needed duration for concentration. Each test serves a different population of student while remaining a diagnostic tool for local schools and the state.

National News Update: The Status in Ferguson

By Destiny Cabello
Staff Writer

For most towns, traffic is the glaring conflict facing public servants before the holidays. In the city of Ferguson, civilians are responding to the recent act towards police officer Darrell Wilson. The unresolved reactions began after the shooting of Michael Brown on August 9, 2014. Brown was an 18 year old black man fatally shot by police officer Darrell Wilson, 28, a white authority. The dispute of the shooting and respondent protests were brought into US attention after the death of Michael Brown.

Brown and a friend were

walking in the middle of a street when police officer Wilson demanded they move to a sidewalk. A disagreement broke out that led to Brown and Wilson struggling through the window of the police car until Wilson's gun was fired. Brown fled the scene and Wilson chased after him, eventually firing his weapon 12 times. Brown was hit by 7-8 rounds and was killed. Witness statements were uncertain in stating whether Brown had his hands up or whether he was moving toward the car when the irrevocable shots were fired.

On Nov. 25, 2014 the grand jury, which consisted seven men and women, de-

cidated to not indict Darrell Wilson for the murder of Michael Brown. Chaos broke out the following Monday night in response to the freedom of Wilson. Many of the protests were peaceful but it was announced that nearly fifteen shots were heard and some business were seen in flames by the end of the day. Protests resulted in the closing of Interstate 44. Sparks and people were consuming the town, defying Michael Brown's parents' wishes for peace. All of the destruction taking place in the St. Louis area of Missouri is affiliated with the national debate of racial intolerance between officials and civilians.

Purchase Your Yearbook! A Note from the Staff

from the season before, it gives mAs of Monday, Dec. 15, the yearbook staff has only 50 copies left for sale of the 2014-2015 edition of the annual. This edition of 'The Whirlwind' will be released to buyers later in the Spring semester. After the remaining 50 copies are sold, avail-

ability for the yearbook will be gone. Because we only have a limited number of books remaining, they will be sold on a first-come-first serve basis. You may purchase your yearbook by picking up an order form in the office of either campus.

If you would like to speed

up the process of purchasing a book and skip the order form, you may visit fisdyearbook.com to purchase your yearbook. On this web site, you may order your yearbook using a debit card or a credit card.

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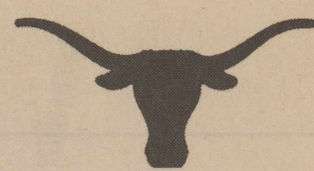
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Longhorn News



The Big Five: Literary Criticism

A half-semester coverage of Lockney's top five UIL events

By Jace Klein, Emiliee Encizo, and Sher Keyser

Literary criticism is an event that consists of four sections on a test that assesses a student's knowledge and comprehension of literary terms and devices. The first section tests the students' knowledge of literary terms and history. The second section consists of questions from a prescribed reading list that changes every year. The third section tests the student's knowledge and ability in literary criticism. The fourth and final section is the tie-breaking essay. The team is coached by Melanie Ragland. This is her first year to coach literary criticism at Lockney High School.

"The students are very committed and excited about their opportunities and the possibility of reclaiming the state title again," said Ragland.

The students involved in

Literary Criticism are seniors Ashely Roberts and Darby Long, junior Jake Moore, sophomore Lizzie Belt, and freshman Karissa Petty. All of the upperclassmen team members have been involved in Literary Criticism since their freshman year.

"It's definitely very time consuming and a lot of hard work, but I love my team," said senior Ashley Roberts. "They make the work fun and we've had so many fun times just practicing so the hard work is always worth it."

Last year, Literary Criticism placed fourth overall at state. Junior, Jake Moore, placed fourth as an individual.

This year the Lockney Literary Criticism team plans to return to state and take the title of state champions.

"I think we are determined to win this year and that we can destroy Quanah and Martin's Mill," said junior Jake Moore.

Lockney Math and Science Teams Attend Christmas at Tech

By Jace Klein, Emiliee Encizo

Saturday December 6th, the Lockney High School Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics, and Science teams competed at the annual Christmas at Tech Math and Science UIL Meet. There, they competed with other schools in the district and region. Lockney competed in the small school category, being placed against 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A schools.

The Number Sense team had many people win in their individual grade levels. Nic Sherman placed 10th in 12th grade, Jake Moore placed 2nd in 11th grade, Seattle Jackson placed 4th in 10th grade, and Freddie Bueno placed 5th in 9th grade.

"I feel like we're stepping up our game and that we are

constantly progressing," said sophomore Seattle Jackson.

Tabetha Bigham placed seventh in 10th grade mathematics.

The Science team placed first as a team and had many competitors place individually. Jace Klein placed first overall, and won top biology, top chemistry, and first place in the 11th grade. Levi Kasner placed second in the 11th grade and third place overall. Luke Kasner placed fifth in the 10th grade. Seattle Jackson placed in the 10th grade. Alec Tambunga placed ninth in 10th grade. Austen Rexrode placed first in the 9th grade.

"It was pretty fun other than waking up at 5:30am and leaving at 6:40am, but it was worth it," said freshman Austin Rexrode.

The next invitational meet will be at Texas Tech, January 17th.

The Big Five: Science

A half semester coverage of Lockney's top UIL events

By Jace Klein, Emiliee Encizo, and Sher Keyser

The science test consists of 60 multiple choice questions, 20 biology questions, 20 chemistry questions, and 20 physics questions. Students gain points for correct answers and lose points for incorrect answers. Students can win top biology, chemis-

try, and physics as well as top overall score.

The students who are involved in UIL Science are juniors Jace Klein and Levi Kasner, sophomores Luke Kasner, Seattle Jackson, Alec Tambunga, and Tabetha Bigham, and freshmen Austin Rexrode and Tristan Schluter.

"I feel like the competition won't be near as challenging

this year at state because the team that beat us has moved up to a larger district," said sophomore Luke Kasner.

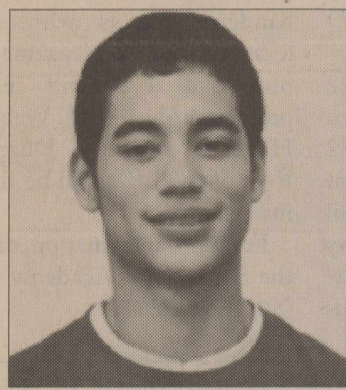
Last year, the science team advanced to the state level of competition where they placed second as a team. Jace Klein also won first overall and top biology.

Their plans this year for UIL Science are to advance to state again and hopefully win

the state championship title.

"I am very excited about the potential of the UIL Science team this year. We have great leadership from our juniors, including a returning champion, Jace Klein. We have great support from our sophomores and freshman," said Mrs. Kasner. "I am very optimistic that our team should bring home a state title this year."

Senior Spotlight: Mauricio Davila



By Alec Tambunga

Mauricio Davila was born in Plainview, Texas to Ana and Eleno Davila. He has lived in Lockney for 5 years and before coming to Lockney lived in Hale Center. During his time at Lockney high school, Davila has participated in football, basketball, baseball, and band (4 years), tennis (2 years), and cross country (1 year). After graduating from Lockney High School, Davila wants to go to college at South Plains or Amarillo College and eventually transfer to West Texas A&M and study to become a coach.

Semester Finals

Trevor Ascensio Semester finals are here, and Christmas is just around the corner. This also means the school year is almost half way over. Students are starting to stress out, with only 8 big tests standing between them and the break. It is truly a very busy week for both students and teachers.

English I and Yearbook

teacher Sarah Clement says, "Semester test are a good comprehensive check for both teachers and students," said English 1 and Yearbook teacher Sarah Clement. "With these tests, we can really gauge how much our students have learned and what still needs to be focused on."

Everybody is ready for

the holiday, to spend time with your family, relax, and even sleep in! Good luck to everybody taking test this week, and make sure to send Santa Clause your Christmas list.

1st SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY DEC. 17th 2014

1ST PERIOD TEST 8:00 - 9:15

2nd PERIOD TEST 9:20 - 10:35

3rd PERIOD TEST 10:40 - 12:00

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18th 2014

4th PERIOD TEST 8:00 - 9:15

6th PERIOD TEST 9:20 - 10:35

7th PERIOD TEST 10:40 - 12:00

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th 2014

5th PERIOD TEST 8:35 - 10:10

8th PERIOD TEST 10:15 - 12:00

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LHS Christmas Wish List

Most teachers and students here at Lockney High School don't want anything BIG for Christmas, but here are a few little things that some of them would like to receive.

Teachers or staff

- Mr. Hallmark- "I want for everyone to have a safe and merry Christmas with their families."
- Mrs. Ragland- "I would like new flooring in my kitchen and my living room."
- Coach Jackson- "I would like a meat grinder."
- Mr. Hon- "One thing I would like are some new running shoes."
- Mrs. Fulton- "I would like to just spend some needed family time."
- Mrs. Morris- "I would like to have a season pass to the Spurs game."
- Coach Harris - "I would love to have an Easy-Bake oven, because I've always wanted to be a baker."

LHS Students

- Sr. Javier Gurerrero- "I just want my pick up lowered."
- Sr. Micheal Gurerrero- "I would really love some new tail lights."
- Jr. Liz Salas- "I really want some clothes and shoes."
- Jr. Sergio Ascensio- "I want some new Jordan shoes."
- Soph. Trevor Ascensio- "I would like a car."
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AGRICULTURE

2015 Caprock Crop Production Conference to be held Jan. 21

The 2015 Caprock Crop Production Conference will be held on January 21, 2015 at the Muncy Friends Unity Center in Muncy with registration starting at 7 a.m. and the first speaker at 8 a.m. Cost is \$35 if you pre-register and \$45 at the door.

This yearly conference is a joint effort between Floyd and Crosby counties and is a great opportunity for producers to listen and learn from numerous speakers on a variety of topics currently affecting agriculture.

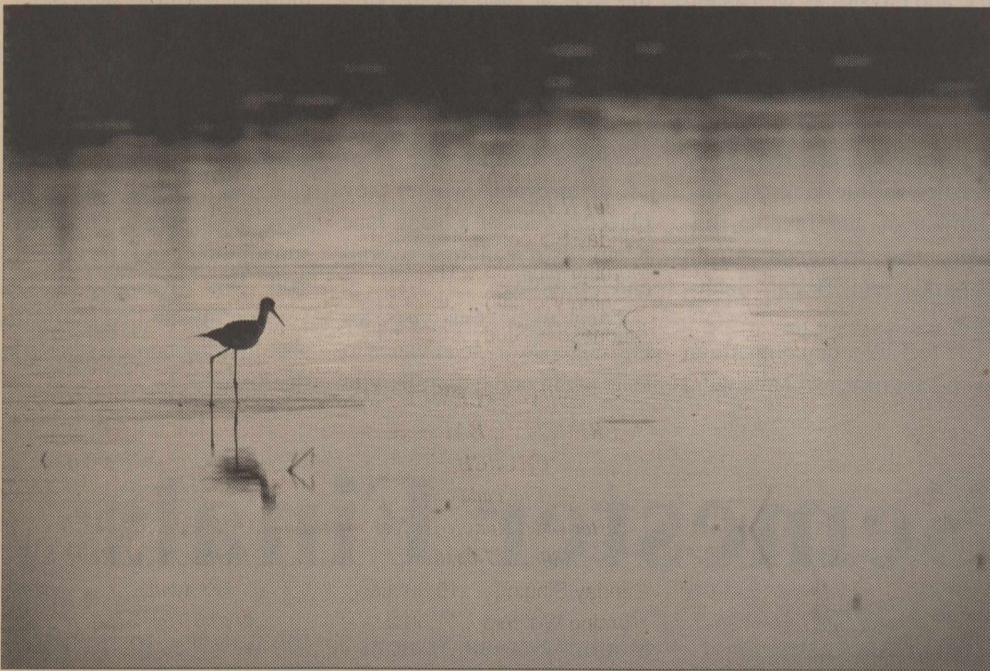
Tentative agenda items include Cotton

Variety Tests, Tax Strategies/Financial Planning, Grain Sorghum, Laws for Farm Equipment on Public Roadways, STAX and SCO Crop Insurance Options, Drift, Weed Management, and TDA Laws and Regulations.

7 CEU's will be offered, including: 4 General, 1 IPM, 1 Laws and Reg's and 1 Drift Minimization (Pending TDA Approval).

Please call the Floyd County Extension Office to pre-register or with any questions at 806-983-4912.

Assignment: Texas Playa Lakes - Part 2



For centuries, the wet-dry cycles of the high plains wetlands benefited wildlife and plant life alike. Since the Clovis period of 11,500 years ago, ancient people benefited from the lakes as well. Artifacts discovered in an ancient Roberts County playa (just a few miles southeast of here, near Miami) include spears and scrapers found in proximity to elephant bones. People of the Folsom period (10,900 - 10,000 years ago) supplemented their bison diet with various aquatic animals and ducks they captured from playas.

The term playa is Spanish in origin and literally means beach. Perhaps Francisco Coronado coined the term when he crossed the plains in search of the fabled Quivira — the lost city of gold. Pedro de Castañeda traveled with Coronado on the expedition and made note of the playas in the mid-1500s. "Occasionally there were found some ponds, round like plates, a stone's throw wider or larger," he wrote. "Some contained fresh water, others salt."

Throughout recorded history, the playas, which are the main water source on the plains, drew American Indians and 19th-century settlers. Comanche, and later hide hunters, knew that bison drank from the playas and often hunted them at the water holes. In fact, one of the theories that attempt to explain the origins of the playas suggests that bison wallowing in the mud over time caused the depressions. Still known as "buffalo wallows" by many contemporary plains residents, playas were actually formed by decaying organic matter that formed carbonic acid and dissolved the caliche soil layer. Once the caliche layer dissolved, various materials such as rock and organic matter permeated the soil and eventually formed a layer of clay in the bottom of the lakes that, when wet, is impermeable.

As more settlers moved into the Panhandle, farms and ranches sprang up around the playas. Over time, however, many playas were partially filled in or

entirely eliminated as the area evolved into the agricultural breadbasket of Texas. Bill Johnson, a biologist for the United States Fish & Wildlife Service based in the Panhandle, says that most playa degradation came from agricultural practices such as irrigation ditching and close-proximity plowing. Although the rate of destructive practices has slowed considerably, Johnson estimates that at least half of the playas that originally existed in Texas have been severely damaged or destroyed.

"Although they represent only two percent of the landscape in the Southern High Plains, playas are key to both floral and faunal diversity," explains Johnson. "They are the primary wetland feature in a very arid landscape — without functioning playas, both plant and animal diversity in the Texas High Plains would be very low." Johnson says that, during the peak of the winter, as many as half a million ducks are on the lakes in wet years. During the fall and spring migrations, that number increases substantially. "The numbers of ducks, geese, cranes and shorebirds that use playas during migration periods and winter can be quite impressive. Without functioning playas, it's not a stretch to say that waterfowl numbers would be affected on a continental level."

However, waterfowl and shorebirds aren't the only avian species that utilize playas. The Panhandle's premier game bird, the ring-necked pheasant, is inextricably tied to the shallow water lakes. According to Texas Tech University researchers, pheasants spend as much as 90 percent of their time around playa lakes during the nonbreeding season. Without playas, pheasant numbers and, ultimately, the local hunting economies would suffer. Towns like Hart and Nazareth host huge groups of pheasant hunters annually, and their presence is essential to maintaining a vigorous local hunting economy even when the broader agricultural economy is marginal.



Floyd County Judge honored for education efforts

Floyd County Judge Penny Golightly has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle her duties as county judge.

Judge Golightly was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy on Nov. 19, 2014, at a luncheon in Austin, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, during the 2014 Fall Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law

and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The educational program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.

South Plains College releases spring law enforcement courses

LEVELLAND — South Plains College's Law Enforcement Program announces Continuing Education Courses for spring 2015. The courses will be given at the SPC Law Enforcement Academy and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) credit will be provided for students who bring their TCOLE Personal Identification number.

Because of legislative changes, any officer holding an Intermediate Certificate or above is exempt from taking Cultural Diversity and Special Investigative Topics. All officers are required to take "Legislative Update" every two years and complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.

The following courses available at no charge:

Advanced Instructor 1017 will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 5-9 (40 hours). Sgt. Mike Webb of the Levelland Police Department (LPD) will be the instructor.

Intermediate Child Abuse 2105 will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 14-16 (24 hours). Sgt. Craig Hancock of the LPD will be the instructor.

Special Investigative Topic 3232 will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 11 (8 hours). Sgt. Hancock of the LPD will be the instructor.

Cultural Diversity 3939 will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 18 (8 hours). Sgt. Hancock of the LPD will be the instructor.

Patrol Rifle School 3322 will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 23-25 (32 hours). Required equipment for the Patrol Rifle School (AR-15 semi auto only/duty handgun/ patrol duty belt/ tactical clothing/600 plus

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For more information, call the SPC Police Academy at (806) 716-2291.

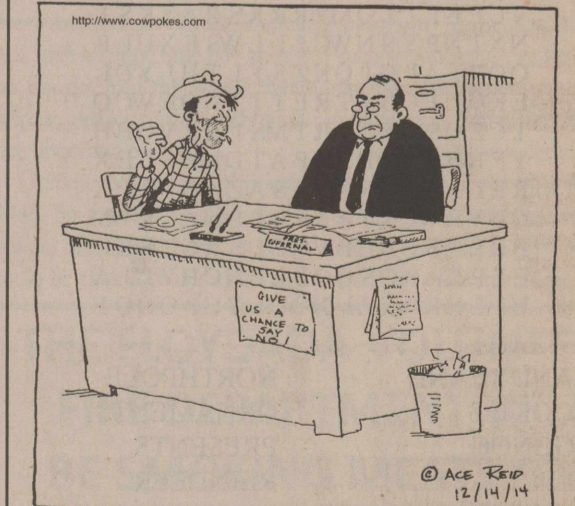
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Morning Worship ..10:50 a.m.
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Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:50 a.m.
Youth (Sunday).....5:00 p.m.
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Rev. Ricky Carstensen, Pastor
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Jr. High5:30 p.m.
Wed. High School... 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Matthew Benfield - Minister
Floydada
Sunday Bible Study..9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Terry Simmons, Minister of Ed./Music
Josh Burgett - Min. Students
Sunday School9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship ..10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.

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COUNCIL

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meter, reappointed Dennis Carter to the Floyd County Appraisal District Board and approved the first step in repairing and upgrading the City's animal control facility. After some discussion, the

Council accepted the idea of discontinuing animal control activities for the winter months while the facilities are remodeled. The Council tabled action on a few items including amending the budget, the disputed water bill with Lockney Schools, adopting new animal control procedures and standards and reimbursement for

damages and repair of the building located at 200 South Main. The sheriff's office reported the new Tahoe was in but still had to be outfitted prior to assigned to a deputy for patrol duties. Dickie McCarty reported they had done some patching of streets on the east side of town and he was waiting for a final

engineering inspection of the work that was done at the City farms before they receive final approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Administratively, councilman Shad Schlueter reported that the Council needs to discuss adjusting the service charges and deposits for water services.

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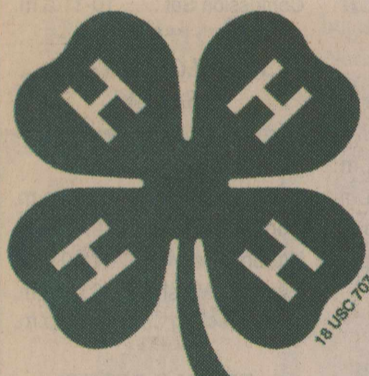
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- Ben Knox Gallery
- Bibi's Hair Cuts
- Bill Glass Family
- Billy Lefevre Family
- Black Forest Floral
- Bonnie McIntosh
- Burks Outlet
- Brown Implement
- C. J. Jacobs
- Caprock Motor Parts
- Carol Huggins
- Cathy's Floral & Gifts
- CHS, Johnny Dorman
- Clar Schacht Insurance
- Clay Golden Family
- Connie Barnett
- Crop Production Services
- D & J Gin
- Darty Gin
- Darla C. Chappell, CPA, P.C.
- Davis Lumber
- Delta Pine & Monsanto
- Dave's Custom Carts
- Don's Heating & Air Conditioning
- Doris Nixon
- Dr. & Mrs. Bill Dean
- Dr. & Mrs. Gary Mangold
- Dr. & Mrs. Randal Griffin
- FCS Credit Union
- Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon
- Floydada ISD
- Floydada Chamber of Commerce
- Floydada Coop Gin
- First National Bank, Floydada
- Fred Thayer
- Gary Nixon Family
- Ginger Morgan
- Gary & Charlene Brown
- Gebos
- Graham's OK Tire
- Grumps Grill
- Hair by Leigh

- Hamilton Ranch, Rob Hamilton
- Happy State Bank, Floydada
- Heart's Desire
- Helena Chemical
- Hometown Pharmacy
- Jimmy Dietrich
- Jill Bramlet
- J & K Insurance
- James Esty Family
- Jake Bramlet
- Jerry Miller Family
- Jim & Kay Martin
- Jimmy & June McLaugh
- John & Judy Dunlap
- Jon & Elaine LaBaume
- Judge Penny Golightly
- Judy Schacht, Schacht Catering
- Kaleidoscope
- Kay's Kuts
- Kelli Reddy
- Kenosis
- KFLP
- J & J Garden Mart
- Larry Bramlet Family
- Lesca Durham
- Lighthouse Electric
- Lockney Vet Clinic
- Lockney Coop
- Lloyd Payne, Purple Stuff
- Louis Bearden
- Lowe's Pay-N-Save
- Lubbock Indoor Archery
- Marty Lucke Family
- Mangold Memorial Hospital
- Lacy Phillips
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Nick & Melissa Long
- Leal's
- Kelli Childre
- Norma's Hair Studio
- Pauline Cooper
- Plainview Tire
- Payne's Pharmacy
- Probasco Flying Service
- Producer's Coop
- Pumpkin Pyle
- Quality Body Shop
- Raceway Fuel
- Ray Lee Equipment, Floydada

- Providence Farm Store
- Ray Lee Equipment, Plainview
- Renewable Energy System
- Ricky Carstensen, C&C Firearms
- Rene Armstrong
- Robert Hughes Family
- Ron Graham Family
- Robin's Nest Photography
- Ruth Kimball
- Sea World Texas
- Sandhill Elevator
- Margaret Schacht
- Shana Lee's Sweet Shop
- Stapp Body Shop
- State Farm Insurance, Nick Long
- Susan Patridge
- Shawn Hill, For Goodness Cake
- Texas Rangers
- Texas Plains Federal Credit Union
- Texas Tech University Athletic Ticket Operations
- Tractor Supply
- Tri Star Chemical
- Wayland Baptist University Bookstore
- Vikki Yeary
- Wesley Campbell Family
- Winfield Davenport Family
- Witches Hut
- Wright's Auto
- BUYERS**
- Amanda Miller
- Amanda Hinsley
- Amber Graves
- Annabell Bramlet
- Assiter & Associates
- Bill & Sonya Glass
- Bill McCarter
- Bill Morgan
- Billy & Kristy Lefevre
- Bob Bowden
- Boyd & Shana Jackson
- Brad & Molly Yeary
- Brent Sanders
- Bruce Lefevre
- C. J. Jacobs
- Charles & Donna Keaton
- Clar & Judy Schacht
- Cooter Durham
- Craig Setliff
- Dennis & Kathy Ross

- Don & Christina Chesshir
- Doris Nixon
- Dr. Bill Dean
- Eileen Thrasher
- Ginger Mathis
- Kathy Sterner
- Kenneth Peterson
- Jim & Kay Martin
- Jim & June McLaugh
- Jim & Carol Huggins
- Jon & Elaine LaBaume
- Justin Payne
- Larry Ogden
- Larry & Beth Bramlet
- Laura Turner
- Leslie & Doris Nixon
- Louis Bearden
- Lyn Campbell
- Martin Stoerner
- Marty & Delinda Lucke
- Max & Vikki Yeary
- Nancy Myrick
- Nick & Melissa Long
- Oralia & David Martinez
- Paul Ross
- Patrick & Jeana Carlson
- Patty Davenport
- Renee Armstrong
- Rob & Mary Hamilton
- Robbie Hilton
- Robin Nixon
- Ron & Jill Graham
- Ruth Kimball
- Becky Fortenberry
- Sammy & Sandra Bradley
- Sherre Green
- Susan Patridge
- Aaron & Tracy Esty
- Tracy Turner
- Trip Fortenberry
- Tyler & Ellie Chesshir
- Tyler & Lacy Phillips
- Wes Campbell
- Winfield Davenport